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KATE ROBERTSON

Recording the medicinal plants of Siwai, Bougainville

From 4 May – 30 June 2017, Chapter House Lane presents *Recording the medicinal plants of Siwai, Bougainville*. A photographic series by Kate Robertson created in collaboration with community members of Kainake village, Siwai, Bougainville Island.

Robertson's images move beyond capturing a likeness. Her process draws out inherent chemical properties of plant specimens. The works record layered intricacies of both the residual form of flora local to Siwai, and the deep and living history of each specimen as a medicinal plant.

The series is the result of a community-led project that investigates new ways of engaging with traditional knowledge within Kainake village. Robertson uses analogue and digital photographic techniques to visually represent local history at risk of being lost.

The project was initiated and is supported by Chief Alex Dawia, Taa Lupumoiku Clan and Chief Jeffrey Noro, Rura Clan.

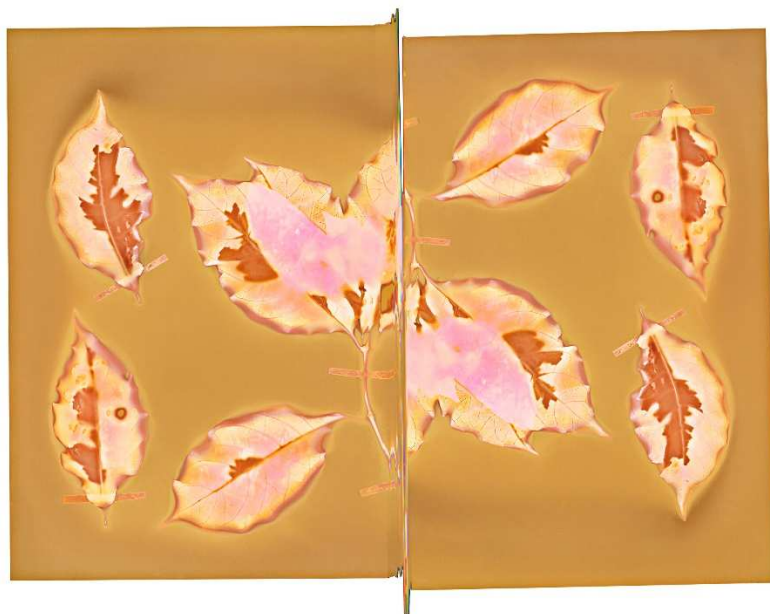


Image: Kate Robertson, SIGARATA (kang koring peu ahkarei koring / for white spots on skin, dandruff and nappy rash), 2016, pigment print, 16 x 21 cm



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About the artist:

Kate Robertson was born in 1981, Mount Gambier, Australia. She currently lives and works in Melbourne, Australia. Kate is a PhD candidate in Fine Art at RMIT. Her work has been exhibited at PhotoLondon, Australian Centre for Photography, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts, c3 contemporary art space, TCB and Firstdraft.

Visit Kate Robertson's artist website: kate-robertson.com

Exhibition: 4 May– 30 June 2017

Launch: Thursday 4 May, 6–8pm

Location: Chapter House Lane, entry via Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

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