

LA25 Libris Awards

The Australian Artists Book Prize



WINNER Category 1. Daly Bay National Artists Book Award (acquisitive) \$10,000:

Jude TAGGART ROBERTS *Less than 2 degrees* 2025, drawing, relief print on Hosho with paperclay, 160.0 x 46.0 x 4.0 cm (open). Images courtesy the artist.

Implementing print and drawing practices serves to disseminate history and reveal the interconnectedness of water and land systems. Although these marks originate from a karst terrace of fossilised coral at Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia, they resonate with reef stories worldwide.

As global temperatures rise due to climate change, even an increase of less than 2 degrees Celsius threatens irreversible, catastrophic consequences for oceans, rivers, and groundwater systems.

A roll of paper is placed over the ancient reef, and a rubbing is taken, capturing the textures and forms of the calcareous structures. This frottage method transfers the geography of the object, its history and aura onto the material surface. The cumulative process of mark-making becomes visible with each drawn line, not concealing history but instead revealing how past actions continue to shape the present.

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