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MEDIA RELEASE

BACK FROM THE BARKLY INTO BRISBANE

Prominent outback artist Lyn Barnes and renowned jeweller Alan Thomson will launch their eighth annual exhibition in Brisbane following their recent success in the Northern Territory at the Brunette Races on the Barkly Tableland. The Trackside Tribute Exhibition was part of the four day ABC Races centenary celebration in June which was attended record breaking crowds, all keen to be part of the legendary event.

Since returning from the north, both artists have been in a lather of creation producing pieces to go on show at New Farm's Graydon Gallery from Thursday 5 August. Coinciding with the two week Ekka activities, the exhibition continues to draw followers from both the city and the bush, becoming synonymous with the country focus Brisbane traditionally has at this time.

Drought breaking weather systems and greener pastures have set the backdrop for Lyn Barnes' recent works which continue to describe the vast landscapes of Queensland and the Northern Territory in vibrant pastels and oil on canvas. The latest collection features aerial depictions of the great inland river systems in flood as well as works which provide window views to the usually harsh landscapes, softened and made beautiful by the rain.

Alan Thomson's passion for Australian gems and attainment of perfection in all that he does, have earned him the reputation of being Australia's premier opal artisan. Today, contemporary and evocative jewellery in distinctive bold designs combine Kimberly diamonds, Broome pearls and Queensland sapphires into his opal jewellery, capturing the essence of the outback's natural beauty.

Alan is regularly commissioned to create special pieces all of which bear the Gold and Silversmiths Guild of Australia hallmark along with the grade and year stamp.

A preview of the exhibition from midday on Wednesday 4 August will provide a relaxed environment for valued clients to view the pieces and meet the artists before opening night celebrations commence at 6pm.

The exhibition is open to all members of the public and will run from 5 – 15 August. For more information on the works of Lyn Barnes and Alan Thomson visit www.oldexchangegallery.com and www.alanthomsondesign.com.au.

Who: Lyn Barnes & Alan Thomson

What: Exhibition of Outback Paintings & Jewellery

Where: Graydon Gallery, 29 Merthyr Road, New Farm

When: Official opening 6pm Wednesday 4 August (preview from noon)

Open to the Public 5 – 15 August 2010

For further information and photo opportunities, please contact:

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