



Corner Plenty View Drive and Marlow Court, South Morang 2010, type C print edition: 6



Former Janefield Psychiatric Hospital Site, Bundoora 2010, type C print edition: 6



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There is an empty paved road leading nowhere through native grassland dotted with River Red Gums between Plenty Road and McDonalds Road Mill Park.

In the middle distance on one side is a new unoccupied shopping mall behind a cyclone fence, on the other side is a scattered group of warehouse shells.

There is an air of expectation; that everything is going to change.

These photographs taken along the margins of Plenty Road between Bundoora and South Morang mark the beginning of a project that will ultimately extend from Preston to Whittlesea.

Plenty Road is a virtual timeline of Melbourne's urban development from the 1940's to the present. The work in this exhibition is located at the epicenter of current urban expansion and reveals a landscape undergoing rapid change as the

urban edge extends into the grassy eucalypt woodlands of the Victorian Volcanic Plain. There is a tension between: opportunity for new residents to create homes in the world's largest houses^[1], relics of farms from when this was the beginning of the countryside, and loss of significant environment.

This work is located in the tradition of topographic landscape photography ranging from Atget and Evans to

Ruscha and the Bechers. Its aim is to reveal through photographic observation rather than to proselytise, acknowledging the complex relationship of the landscape's occupants to its form, and their roles in shaping it.

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[1] Home Truths: Australia Trumps US when it comes to McMansions, Sydney Morning Herald, November 30, 2009.



Playing Tree near Wealthiland Drive, Mill Park 2010, type C print edition: 6



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Triple Fronted Brick Veneer, Plenty Road, South Morang 2010, type C print edition: 6