The meaning of place in our lives is one of those things that we carry with us, often without much immediate consciousness, yet it can influence our lives in quite profound ways. When events, sometimes unexpected, conspire to bring it into focus, we can be quite surprised at just how strong an influence it has been.

A long period of severe drought that brought about the almost total collapse of the Lower Murray Lakes and Coorong ecological systems has been such an event for me. The world of my childhood and growing up years, and the world that generations of my family have been associated with came under dire threat.

My response to these events has been to try to tell the story of these places through my work and this exhibition gathers together my reflections on this place that continues to hold onto me so strongly”.

Jeffery Mincham AM, March 2012