

Landscape Photographs of South-East Australia

*An exhibition of black and white landscape photography
by David Houlder*

Tuggeranong Arts Centre

corner of Cowlshaw & Reed St. Greenway

14 August - 2 September 2008

Opening 5:30PM Thursday 14 August

9AM-5PM weekdays, 1-4PM weekends

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About this exhibition



These images are a product of about ten years of my landscape photography around the Canberra region, mainly in Kosciuszko National Park and the south coast of New South Wales.

I captured all the images on large-format black-and-white film, using a Tachihara 4x5 wood field camera (pictured). At first glance, the timber and metal construction may seem outdated, but these cameras are still being made, use modern multicoated lenses and are well regarded by landscape photographers around the world.

Each negative is about 100mm X 120mm in size. This results in images with both very fine detail and very smooth tonal rendition - in digital terms, something in the order of one hundred "SLR quality" megapixels.

I process the film using standard black and white chemistry and, for this exhibition, I've printed the images using traditional darkroom techniques too. I've used museum-weight fibre-base paper (Forté Polywarmtone) and selenium toned each print. Fibre-base paper is generally regarded as the most stable medium for printing black and white images. The toning process increases the print density slightly (producing deeper blacks), and provides archival-grade image permanence.

The prints are framed in 535mmX790mm brown-black timber frames using a slightly off-white mat. The images themselves are just under 400mmX500mm. None of the images have been exhibited before.

For more examples of my work, please visit <http://davidhoulder.com/>.

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Aragunnu Sunrise

Mimosa Rocks National Park

Selenium toned fibre base silver gelatin print

\$450 framed



Aragunnu Twilight

Mimosa Rocks National Park

Selenium toned fibre base silver gelatin print

\$450 framed



Forest Stream

Tantawangalo

Selenium toned fibre base silver gelatin print

\$450 framed



Four Trees

Namadgi National Park

Selenium toned fibre base silver gelatin print

\$450 framed



Last Light on Watsons Crags

Kosciuszko National Park

Selenium toned fibre base silver gelatin print

\$450 framed



Looking North from Albina Lake

Kosciuszko National Park

Selenium toned fibre base silver gelatin print

\$450 framed



Muellers Peak

Kosciuszko National Park

Selenium toned fibre base silver gelatin print

\$450 framed



Rock Formation

Mimosa Rocks National Park

Selenium toned fibre base silver gelatin print

\$450 framed



**Snowy River near Seamans Hut
Kosciuszko National Park**

Selenium toned fibre base silver gelatin print

\$450 framed



**View from Abbott Ridge
Kosciuszko National Park**

Selenium toned fibre base silver gelatin print

\$450 framed