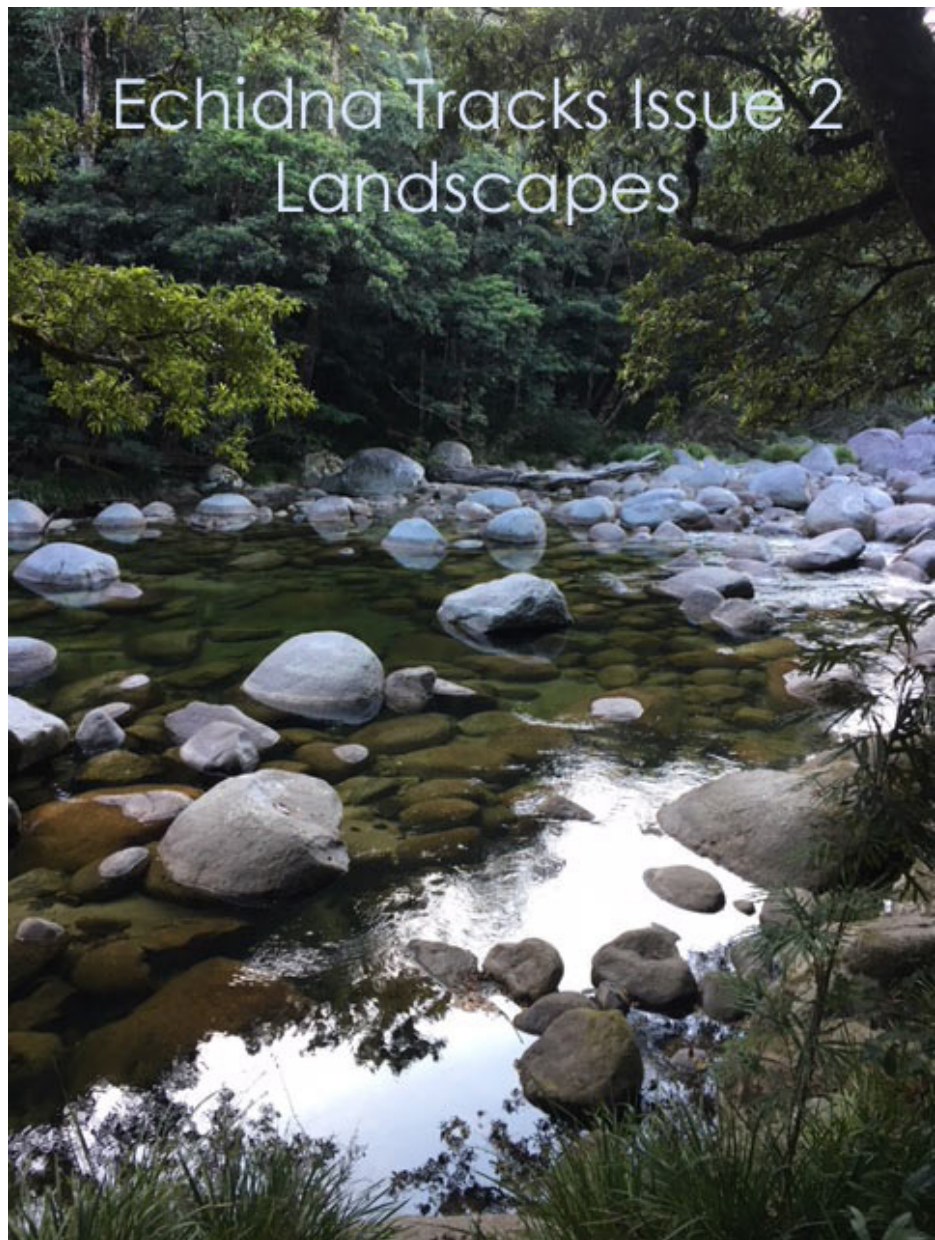


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Dreaming . . .  
the curved backs of echidnae  
grazing grassland

*Beverley George*

rural dawn  
every long shadow  
ends at a cow

*Jan Dobb*

cloudy morning  
cattle egrets  
await their herd

*Irene McGuire*

barbed wire fence  
the blue feathers  
of a Kookaburra

*Jeanie Axton*

rear paddocks  
etched with empty rills  
. . . searing sun

*Samantha Sirimanne Hyde*

home plains drought  
dust storms carry away  
father's farm

*Marilyn Humbert*

silt  
where the river ran  
bones bleaching

*Gavin Austin*

willows weeping  
into emptiness  
Narira Creek

*Pauline O'Carolan*

Old Hume bypass  
a wild apple tree  
covered in blossom

*Marietta McGregor*

dozy afternoon  
the bottle brush abuzz —  
native honey

*Kent Robinson*

school bus  
waiting for the herd  
to cross the road

*Lorraine Haig*

logging truck  
a wallaby's ear  
twitches

*Jan Dobb*

distant acres  
the stale wind through  
the gum tree's branches

*Robbie Coburn*

magpie flutes  
as shadows stretch  
across dry twigs

*Virginia Bird*

in the vineyard  
shorn sheep graze  
among pruned vines

*Irene McGuire*

sale yard  
herds of cattle  
stand in their shadows

*Hazel Hall*

drought  
the sun sinking  
through sheep ribs

*Quendryth Young*

windmill  
sunset blinking  
through broken blades

*Lorraine Haig*

the back road  
through stubbled fields  
harvest moon

*Gavin Austin*

settler's cabin  
palm trees  
in the wheat belt

*Maureen Sexton*

what remains of my childhood  
the dam eroded  
at its deepest point

*Robbie Coburn*

crescent moon  
a gravel road  
follows the curve of the bay

*Judith E.P. Johnson*

by the Scouts' boatshed  
oak trees  
just turning green

*Peter Macrow*

Wagonga Inlet  
the sea reclaims  
the sea

*Gregory Piko*

estuarine mudflat  
the dot art busyness  
of soldier crabs

*Mark Miller*

beachside cafe  
seagulls  
waiting on tables

*Myra King*

lakeside —  
one masked plover  
among the gulls

*Nathalie Buckland*

coastal lagoon  
through mist  
a black swan rises

*Gavin Austin*

seals and penguins  
beyond the morning mist  
Montague Island

*Gregory Piko*

our morning walk  
shadowed  
by pelicans

*Julia Wakefield*

warm white sand —  
salt breezes ripple  
the pelican's reflection

*Elizabeth Nicholls*

half-moon  
a single spinnaker  
cruising the inlet

*Jan Napier*

shipwreck coast  
caught in driftwood  
a mermaid's purse

*Vanessa Proctor*

careless artistry  
the sea sculpts a curve of sand  
washes it away

*Beverley George*

ginko therapy  
alone on the beach  
I find myself

*Barbara A. Taylor*

spring tide —  
a bloom of moon jellies  
washes ashore

*Liv Saint James*

salt wind  
rolls up the headland  
combing grass

*Lynette Arden*

rock fishing . . .  
the she-oak reels  
in the wind

*Cynthia Rowe*

reef walking  
a sea hare's ink diffuses  
through coral

*Vanessa Proctor*

bare feet . . .  
people and seagulls  
on warm sand

*Jan Dobb*

mangrove boardwalk  
the heron ignores  
our sidestep

*Cynthia Rowe*

tangled tea tree  
the bend where salt water  
becomes fresh

*Louise Hopewell*

mud flats  
an army of blue crabs  
this way — then that

*Nathalie Buckland*

black swans  
on the mudflat  
darkening sky

*Louise Hopewell*

train window  
wooded islands slant  
into river mist

*Beverley George*

river road  
late light  
softens the ranges

*Gavin Austin*

declaring  
all positions vacant  
galahs at dusk

*Hazel Hall*

Gold Coast postcard  
bangalow palm silhouettes  
orange sunset

*Simon Hanson*

dying day  
the lighthouse beam  
pulsating

*Quendryth Young*

night fishing . . .  
shafts of light ripple  
between mangrove roots

*Pamela Smith*

this valley filled  
with moon, mist, stars  
- who could sleep now?

*Duncan Richardson*

apple orchard  
the Sleeping Beauty Range  
against stars

*Judith E.P. Johnson*

Yarra trail  
lost in the bellbird's chimes  
the cyclist's tinkle

*Madhuri Pillai*

Carrum Carrum Swamp  
a flash of silver eel  
before the thunder

*Marisa Fazio*

wintry day —  
every she oak needle  
holds a raindrop

*Pamela Smith*

tingle forest  
out of the stillness  
a flash of red feathers

*Elizabeth Nicholls*

flame-like  
among the tree ferns  
wrens' wings

*Alice Wanderer*

angophoras  
decked in snow  
out of season

*Gail Hennessy*

spring festival  
jacaranda blooms  
carpet the avenue

*Irene McGuire*

wild geranium  
five tiny petals, each with  
seven purple stripes

*Owen Bullock*

morning yoga  
the gentle sway  
of tall green reeds

*Marisa Fazio*

oar splash  
under the bridge  
ripples circle shadows

*Lynette Arden*

over the bush  
a magpie repeats a phrase  
it's being taught to sing

*Peter Macrow*

tea tree plantation  
walking through  
its aroma . . .

*Nathalie Buckland*

cane country  
fruit bats fly over  
an apricot moon

*Quendryth Young*

rainforest pool  
glints of gold  
in the orb spider's web

*Lyn Reeves*

after rain  
the pungent aftertaste  
of the woods

*Owen Bullock*

thick vegetation  
a hint of a wallaby  
in the undergrowth

*Marina Bellini*

a mountain ash trunk  
under my hand  
the sound of water

*Alice Wanderer*

lost in the bush —  
the many pointing fingers  
of eucalypt

*Liv Saint James*

smoke haze . . .  
all that remains  
of tree-changers' dreams

*Lorin Ford*

too young  
to remember the fires  
forest saplings

*Jan Dobb*

dimpled bark  
on the gnarly gum —  
I return the smile

*Leanne Jaeger*

snowy mountains  
the slow movement  
of cloud

*Maureen Sexton*

icy wind —  
the old post and rail  
speckled with lichen

*Lyn Reeves*

Sphinx Rock  
snow flurries pound  
the cliff face

*Ron C. Moss*

late September  
rain blows from the grey mountain  
towards the grey sea

*Peter Macrow*

grey day —  
the stooped shoulders  
of the heron

*Leanne Jaeger*

a white butterfly  
and I . . .  
cliff edge

*Margaret Mahony*

driving to work  
the distant hills  
beckon

*Duncan Richardson*

mountain track reopened - old man ferns nod the way

*Jane Williams*

mountain track —  
christmas bells lifting  
the fog

*Carole Harrison*

cascade trail  
water clamour  
overlays forest songs

*Marilyn Humbert*

through mountain ash  
to the waterfall  
bellbirds

*Jennifer Sutherland*

mountain moss . . .  
gathers cloud pearls  
of stillness

*Carole Harrison*

sphagnum bog  
the sound of it  
in its own tongue

*Nathan Sidney*

dark mountain  
a skin of blue light  
on the tarn

*Ron C. Moss*

deep valley  
the mountain view  
lost in cloud

*Judith E.P. Johnson*

snowy slopes  
wombat leaves a path  
I can't follow

*Duncan Richardson*

ski season  
a flash of colour  
past the snow gums

*Jennifer Sutherland*

inland frost —  
all the shrubs sparkle  
with ice castles

*Keitha Keyes*

spinifex  
frozen explosions  
in the pindan

*Jan Napier*

red plains  
and a black poppet head  
mine scape

*Maeve Archibald*

north south  
the line of lode  
bisects this city

*Maeve Archibald*

ghost gum  
summer blossoms  
in white cockatoos

*Myra King*

cockatoo cries  
across the vast blue  
I ache for home

*Jahan Tyson*

outback heat . . .  
forging my own track  
in the wilderness

*Samantha Sirimanne Hyde*

bulldust deeper  
than a bush ute's roo bar  
Menindee sunrise

*Marietta McGregor*

cracked claypan  
tourists take selfies  
in the shell middens

*Mark Miller*

Kiandra gold fields  
this wealth  
of wildflowers

*Marietta McGregor*

red dirt road  
horizon bound  
to burnt sky

*Joshua Borja*

road train  
the sky turns red  
as it passes

*Lorraine Haig*

all of the sky  
back in the sky  
dry dam

*Jan Dobb*

coal train —  
the fire-blackened trunks  
of roadside trees

*Leanne Mumford*

the road  
the long road  
to Alice

*Joanne van Helvoort*

Simpson Desert —  
claws of Scorpio  
pinch the horizon

*Colleen Keating*

wind song  
between boulders —  
ochre handprints

*Leanne Mumford*

saltbush haze  
the rolling dust storm  
of a road train

*Mark Miller*

dust storm  
a mob of feral camels  
blending in

*Lorin Ford*

Karlu Karlu  
a granite boulder  
balances the moon

*Lorraine Haig*

whispering waves  
of an inland sea  
desert sand

*Judith E.P. Johnson*

outgoing tide  
rock pools  
in the Arafura sea

*Rose van Son*

Kimberley coast  
the flood tide erasing  
dinosaur footprints

*Leanne Mumford*

'Bay of Fires' —  
the tangerine lichen  
on granite boulders

*Samantha Sirimanne Hyde*

ancient middens  
orange lichen boulders  
glow in sunset

*Ron C. Moss*

high tide  
the waves heave  
with kelp

*Lorraine Haig*

big wet  
Kati Thanda  
fills with birds

*Simon Hanson*

birds and frogs  
harmonise at dawn  
Kakadu billabong

*Colleen Keating*

barramundi  
silver flashes  
eluding our lines

*Mike Greenacre*

fading sunset —  
foreshore banksia trees  
hold up their candles

*Lorin Ford*

night silence  
a snow-gum curved  
around the moon

*Ron C. Moss*

river of stars  
a gum nut caught  
in the eddy

*Lorin Ford*







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grazing grassland

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