

Press Release for immediate release

# John R Walker

## HAY PLAINS

Utopia Art Sydney, 72 Henderson Rd, Alexandria, 2015

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When: 3 - 26 August

Opening: Saturday 5th August

Gallery hours: Tues - Sat, 10 - 5 pm by appointment

**Everyone of a certain age can remember the epic journey across the Hay Plains.**

Almost a rite of passage, travelling Sydney to Adelaide demanded this crossing, a route with a reputation for boiled radiators, empty fuel tanks and speeding fines!

An unrelenting long straight road through wheat and sheep fields, a wide sky and a far horizon, leave plenty of time to contemplate this vast space.

John R Walker made this journey late last year, and although it was not the object of his excursion, the plains made their mark. Walker is not a driver, and these paintings are the moments only a passenger can capture. There is something of time standing still in these paintings, the fleeting moment held exquisitely.

**For further information, including interview requests & images**

Artist: John R Walker is available for interview

Director: Christopher Hodges is available for interview

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Hay Plains VIII, 2017, archival oil on polyester, 110 x 75 cm