

## MEDIA RELEASE

# NIKULINSKY UNFOLDED XANTHORRHOEA

by **PHILIPPA NIKULINSKY**

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Take a walk with internationally renowned artist Philippa Nikulinsky through the Great Victoria Desert. In an artwork painted on a continuous piece of Japanese kozo paper, Nikulinsky depicts the regeneration process of the iconic grass tree (*Xanthorrhoea thorntonii*). It unfolds through time to show the elegance of unburnt leaves, and in contrast the stark drama of bushfire-wrought sand dunes.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Arid landscapes, regeneration after fire and the resilience of Western Australia's plant, bird and animal life have captivated Philippa Nikulinsky throughout her long artistic career. From her many journeys around Western Australia, she has produced, most notably, six books, twenty-two years of cover illustrations for *LANDSCOPE* magazine and numerous successful ranges of dinnerware for Australian Fine China. In 2016, Philippa was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her significant service to the visual arts.

### KEY POINTS

- Philippa's work is in an exhibition of fifty years work at the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery and coincides with the University of Western Australia's recognition of Philippa's outstanding achievements by conferring a degree of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*).
- Philippa is a bestselling artist and author whose previous titles include *Cape Arid*, *Soul of the Desert* and *Firewood Banksia*.
- She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from UWA in 2019 and is an Ambassador for National parks and a patron of the Kwongon Foundation.

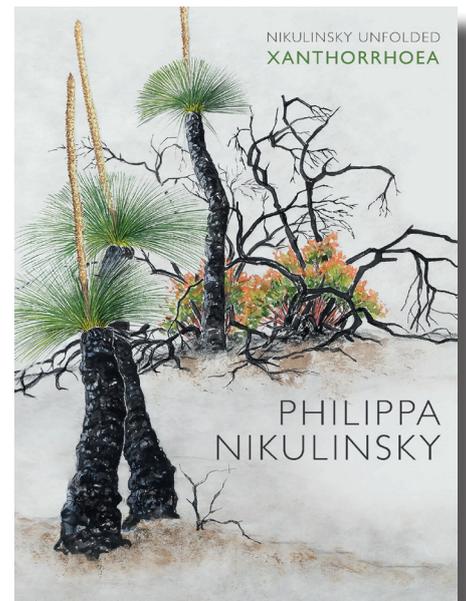
### PRAISE FOR PHILIPPA NIKULINSKY

'It's obvious a lifetime of honouring the flora and fauna of WA in watercolour has not dimmed Nikulinsky's enthusiasm ... her unstinting commitment to her subject is very much alive and well.'

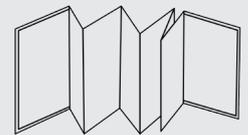
*Artist's Chronicle*

'... an exquisite pictorial record of this little-known wilderness ...'  
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