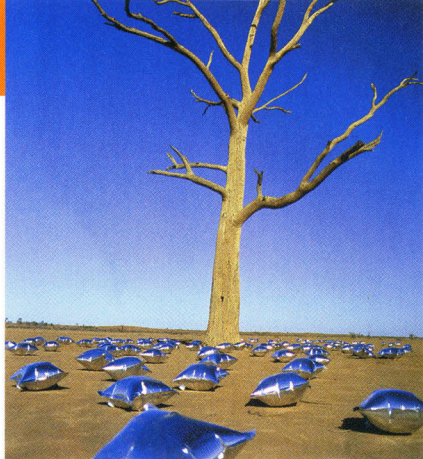


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A long time ago, when we were flush with water, life was sweet

THE BEST Coolibah Tree

Memory meets imagination and the environment in this exhibition by Jason Kimberley. Shot over 10 days at a remote station on the barren edges of the Flinders Ranges, it highlights the problems facing the Australian landscape. The sunburned reality is spectacularly juxtaposed with a series of surreal images. Serving as the common thread between the photos are blown-up Coolibah flagons (wine cask bags), which Kimberly holds up as a symbol of a time when water wasn't a precious commodity. "For anyone who grew up in the 1970s, memories of the backyard



BBQ are idyllic," he notes. "The lush lawn, the hose, the endless supply of cool water and the Coolibah flagon kicked around the yard." Coolibah Tree, Michael Carr Art Dealer, 124A Queen St, Woollahra. Wed Sept 28 to Sat 15 Oct. Call 9327 3011.

THE REST **Morris & Co** (Powerhouse Museum) This retrospective of furniture, carpets, tapestries and embroideries is a must for fans of 19th-century designer William Morris. Until 6 November. Tickets: 9217 0111.

Margaret Preston: Art and Life (Art Gallery of NSW) Brightly coloured, stylised and modernist, Preston's wood-block prints of Sydney and still-life subjects from the '20s and '30s are stunning. Until 23 Oct. Tickets: 9225 1744