

John Doggett-Williams : Edge of Development

"My idea was to profile three households directly impacted by the intense land and housing development currently going on in the area. I think by telling personal stories simply and without fanfare we gain an insight into a bigger picture. We see how the ideas and plans of politicians and bureaucrats play out in the real world."

Edge of Development is a short video documenting the housing development near the intersection of Wollerts, Donnybrook and Epping Roads. There is currently a short window of opportunity to film those small farms and old houses that are about to make way for new housing developments. It is already close to the last chance to document the area and its open farmland. Conversely, the video is also a chance to film the birth of these new suburbs. Houses and schools are being built, roads laid, lighting and fixtures installed. In many streets the infrastructure is there but the residents are yet to move in.

This video provides an opportunity for residents and future residents to look at their land and see how it was in 2020. It will give them a connection to the area and their community through its cultural heritage.

Also in this exhibition on the small screen is an artist profile about Rosie Weiss. This was a project John completed after the edge of development work during 2021-22.

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