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Extra Extra 011110

13 artists respond to the news of the day from The Age newspaper on 1 November 2010 in an exhibition, ***Extra Extra 011110*** at The Library Artspace, opening Wednesday 8 June until Saturday 2 July 2011.

Each of the artists in this exhibition work at Arts Project Australia, the Northcote based studio supporting artists with disabilities.

'The paper we chose to respond to was The Age on 1 November 2010. It was a random date with random events and there was no knowing of what to expect', says artists & co-curators Elyss McCleary and Jakob Schmitt. '***Extra Extra 011110*** will involve works from a diverse range of mediums, which will be connected through this one newspaper'.

This starting point', they continued, 'one newspaper on 1 November 2010 determined our responses and we decided to respond to everything or anything that took our fancy. In this digital age, everything is at our fingertips and we rarely allow ourselves the luxury of sitting down and thoroughly perusing the paper'.

'There is a certain ritual attached to reading the paper, which you can't experience on the Internet. The paper is very versatile in its process, it gives open opportunity to rip up, cut up, and manipulate the text and the overall appreciation of the general aesthetic'.

All participants are also contributing to a group installation – *Exquisite Horse* as part of this exhibition. This is a group sculpture again inspired by the Age newspaper of 1 November 2010 and the game "Exquisite Corpse". Made popular by the Surrealist Art practitioners in the 1920's, Exquisite Corpse has artists contributing different segments of a piece of writing, music or drawing without knowing what the others have contributed. Similarly *Exquisite Horse* will be constructed by the individual artists each working independently.

Extra Extra 011110 evolved naturally within Arts Project and through the collective interest in art, each artists practice and an opportunity to collaborate.

Participating artists, some of whom are arts workers while others have administrative and curatorial roles at Arts Project include: Pierrette Boustany, Emily Bissland, Rachael Guy, Christina Hayes, Penelope Hunt, Katie Jacobs, Sim Luttin, Elyss McCleary, James McDonald, Melissa Petty, Bernadette Trench-Thiedeman, Anne Warren and Lynette Young.

Each of the artists are available for interview.

Extra Extra 011110 opens The Library Artspace, 100 Barkly Street, Fitzroy, Wednesday 8 June until Saturday 2 July 2011. Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 12-5pm. Entry free. www.thelibraryartspace.blogspot.com

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