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TELL 'EM I'M DEAD Eden Menta Not titled 2015 Inkjet print on Chromajet 21  $\times$  30 cm Courtesy the artist & Arts Project Australia



*BE CAREFUL NOW – A Solo Show by Bronwyn Hack*Bronwyn Hack *Sheep skull* 2014 ceramic 13 x 16 x 12cm
Courtesy the artist & Arts Project Australia

### First two exhibitions of 2016 at Arts Project Australia A solo show by Bronwyn Hack and an apocalyptic group exhibition

6 FEBRUARY - 12 MARCH 2016

Arts Project Australia presents its first two exhibitions of 2016 in February—a solo exhibition by emerging artist Bronwyn Hack *Be careful now* and the group exhibition *Tell 'em I'm dead*, which has been supported by Creative Victoria. Both exhibitions open Saturday 6 February from 3-5pm at Arts Project Australia in Northcote.

Bronwyn Hack's solo exhibition *Be careful now* launches a recent collection of paintings and 3D artworks that focus on anatomy and the body. Hack is an emerging artist and this is her first solo exhibition.

Hack is a painter and 3D artist. Her work has centered on scenes of ardent attraction featuring fictionalised characters drawn from popular culture or her own imagination, which swoon and embrace under her hand. Her passion for representing figures in her work is reflected in her intense and fervent approach to drawing, resulting in a tension between the figures that remind us of the poignant and sometimes painful tensions of romance. More recently, Hack's interests have extended to representing animals, with a particular penchant for depicting dogs, both wild and domestic.

Coinciding with the solo exhibition is the group show *Tell 'em I'm dead*, which explores post-apocalyptic themes and artworks by various emerging and established Arts Project artists. Co-curated by emerging Arts Project studio artist Eden Menta and Arts Project staff Suzanne Brown and Peter Douglas, *Tell 'em I'm dead* brings together artists with a passion for all things dark and gruesome.

"Tell 'em I'm dead will be disturbing and comical all at the same time. It will be suggestive of the traditional dystopian notion of the Wunderkammer and the natural curiosities within it", say the exhibition curators.

Artists include Alvaro Alvarez, Michael Camakaris, Samraing Chea, Alan Constable, Bronwyn Hack, Kelvin Heffernan, Paul Hodges, Bobby Kyriakopolous, Adrian Lazzaro, Eden Menta, Terry Williams amongst others.

*Tell 'em I'm dead* has been supported by a Creative Victoria VicArts Grant.

Artists are available for interview. High-resolution images are available on request and artists can be photographed with their work. *Be careful now* and *Tell 'em I'm dead* will be on show at Arts Project Australia from Saturday 6 February to 12 March 2016 at 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070. The gallery is open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.

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#### QUICK REFERENCE DOCUMENT

WHERE: Arts Project Australia, 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070 Australia

**DATES:** OPENING: Saturday 6 February, from 3-5pm

**EXHIBITION:** 6 February – 12 March 2016

OPENED BY: Sue Roff, Executive Director, Arts Project Australia
GALLERY: Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm

MORE INFO: <u>Be careful now</u> and <u>Tell 'em I'm dead</u>

**WEBSITE:** <u>www.artsproject.org.au</u>

**ENTRY:** FREE

#### KEY MESSAGE

- **Be careful now** launches a collection of recent paintings and 3D artworks by emerging artist Bronwyn Hack that focus on anatomy and the body;
- **Be careful now** is Bronwyn Hack's first solo exhibition;
- *Tell 'em I'm dead* is a group exhibition that will explore post-apocalyptic themes and artworks by various emerging and established Arts Project artists;
- Tell 'em I'm dead features the work of 16 emerging and mid-career artists who work at Arts Project;
- Tell 'em I'm dead includes paintings, drawings, digital prints, photography, ceramics;
- *Tell 'em I'm dead* is supported by a Creative Victoria VicArts Grant;
- All artwork is available for sale at the exhibition;
- Arts Project Australia is a centre of excellence that supports artists with intellectual disabilities, promoting their work and advocating for inclusion within contemporary art practice.

#### KEY EVENTS

#### **EXHIBITION OPENING**

Saturday 6 February, 3-5pm

Join Arts Project Australia President Bronwyn Johnson and Executive Director Sue Roff to officially launch the exhibitions.

Cost FREE

#### MEDIA CONTACTS

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