

spaced 2 future recall

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION SHOWCASES NEW VISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Crossing the boundaries of art and community, *spaced 2: future recall*, a new exhibition coming to the Western Australian Museum, Perth, invites you to rediscover regional Western Australia from the viewpoint of 14 acclaimed international and Australian contemporary artists.

This international group exhibition showcases the artistic, cultural and social outcomes of the second edition of *spaced*, a recurring international event of socially engaged art that was established in Perth in 2009. *Spaced* celebrates the distinctive nature of Western Australian communities, whilst actively connecting them to national and international contemporary cultural production.

The *spaced 2: future recall* exhibition draws together works made by Australian and overseas artists who lived and worked for extended periods in Western Australian rural and remote communities throughout 2013-14, developing new works based on an engagement with local residents, histories and landscapes.

With new works in sculpture, photography, painting, installation, video and digital media brought together for the first time at the Western Australian Museum, Perth, *spaced 2: future recall* is presented by International Art Space in partnership with the Western Australian Museum and as a part of the 2015 Perth International Arts Festival (PIAF).

International Art Space Artistic Director Dr Marco Marcon said the strategic partnership formed with the Museum to present *spaced 2: future recall* allowed each project to develop from a multi-disciplinary approach, reflecting the synthesis of community, artistic, historical and scientific perspectives.

"*spaced* takes artists out of their studios to put them in touch with our state's rich and diverse natural and cultural heritage, the same heritage that Western Australian Museum researches, interprets, preserves and displays," Marcon said.

WA Museum CEO Alec Coles described *spaced 2: future recall* as much more than an exhibition. "It is a powerful collaboration between artists and our regional communities and that is why we are so pleased to be hosting it," he said.

"The WA Museum is committed to inspiring people to explore issues of identity, culture and creativity. *spaced 2: future recall* is a great example of this involving, as it does, people from right across WA, and artists from all over the world."

Complementing the *spaced 2: future recall* exhibition at WAM will be the *spaced* symposium on Saturday 21 February, a day of discussions that will address the relationship between museums, contemporary art and communities. The keynote speaker will be Joanna Sandell, the Director of Botkyrka Konsthall, Stockholm.

Participating artists: Michael Bullock (VIC), Erin Coates & Anna Nazzari (WA), Archana Hande (India), Lily Hibberd (VIC), Jay Koh (Singapore/Germany), Pia Lanzinger (Germany), Maddie Leach (New Zealand), Tea Mäkipää (Finland), Daphne Major (The Netherlands), John Mateer (WA), Daniel Peltz (USA), Ruben Santiago (Spain).

Participating communities: Albany, Bangalore (India), Cervantes, Cocos Islands/Katanning, Derby, Esperance, Geraldton, Karratha, Laverton, Mandurah, Tom Price, Western Desert communities.

Exhibition Details:

spaced 2: future recall

19 February – 29 March 2015

Open daily 9:30am – 5:00pm

Free entry

Symposium Details:

spaced symposium

Saturday 21 February 2015, 10am – 4pm

Tunnel Theatre, Western Australian Museum, Perth Cultural Centre

Free entry, RSVP essential: admin@spaced.org.au or 08 9228 2444

About *spaced*

spaced is a recurring event of Australian and international socially engaged art that showcases newly commissioned artworks developed in response to the distinctiveness of Western Australian sites and communities. Conceived and coordinated by International Art Space (formerly IASKA) *spaced* brings together international and Australian artists with communities throughout Western Australia to explore the relationship between globalisation and local identity. Since its inception in 1998 International Art Space has run over 100 residency-based projects by artists from over 20 countries, and organised four national touring exhibitions.

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