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ART|PLAY|SCIENCE 2009 Opening Night SMASH!

ART|PLAY|SCIENCE is the 3rd installment in a series of annual community art exhibitions co-ordinated by the Environmental Art Collective. This year the EAC wanted to bring to light the fabulous world of science and fuse it with creativity and a fun learning experience. The result - an opening night gallery full of sumptuous 'just wanna touch it' art, interactive displays and the BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ of science knowledge! Including our very own people - sized honeycomb. A very big thank you to all the participating artists and our volunteers for all your efforts and creative brilliance. The opening night was great success, with wall-to-wall visitors joining in our love of art, learning and a passion for the environment.

Images: Top Right: ART|PLAY|SCIENCE Promotional Flyer. **Below:** Information Booklet, By Rozina Suliman and Anna Cooke



Fun Fusion

ART|PLAY|SCIENCE Explored concepts such as 'learning through play' and 'how playful art can aid us in communicating scientific ideas'.

An important aim of the exhibition is to engage our local community in art and environmental education. Viewers were guided and encouraged to interact, draw inspiration and learn from the artworks presented.



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ART|PLAY|SCIENCE was curated by our dedicated 2009 co-ordinator Rozina Suliman and officially opened by guest speaker Drew Hutton. The wine flowed and the live music got us mingling.



Images:Top Left: Co-ordinator Rozi Suliman welcomes our guests
Above: Guests explore AR|PLAY|SCIENCE at White Canvas Gallery
Top Right: Artists Sally Hattendorff and Leah Hattendorff



Images: Left: The EAC Team enjoy a well deserved bubbly: Belinda, Mary, Steph, Amanda, Leah and Rozi. **Above:** Artists Mary Gellender-Timms and Sarah Bee



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Lost Bees in The Biosphere

This work (Right) by Rozina Suliman and Anna Cooke is an interactive aural, tactile and visual installation that represents a bee's honeycomb. Their piece draws attention to the mysterious 'colony collapse syndrome' a condition threatening bee colonies around the world. The condition (cause unknown) could have serious negative repercussions for the agriculture industry and the way we produce our food.



Flock of Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos

This is a work (Left) by Renee Trelm and Antonia Posada. These birds feed only on the seeds from three different species of trees. As these trees are lost to forest clearing and development, the number of birds is declining and they are at risk of extinction. This exhibit examined the plight of species extinction due to habitat loss.

Loud 'n' Local

Drew Hutton (Left), well known activist, academic, campaigner and past political candidate for the Queensland Greens gave his opening speech with passion. His words were an encouragement to all our local citizens that are active and aware about environmental problems. The biggest changes often come about due to the hard work and relentless voices of you and your local community. So get out there!





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NEWS and EVENTS



EAC Website Launch

The EAC is now ONLINE! Launched in August 2009, if you have not visited the site yet, we welcome you to drop by, or even drop us a line through our 'Contact Us' function. Newly added - an online gallery of our most recent exhibition ART|PLAY|SCIENCE.

Upcoming Event & Art Competition: Green Earth Festival

A free community event which aims to stimulate awareness by bringing environmental, health and lifestyle, cruelty-free, recycling and sustainability issues into the public eye. The festival is hosting an art competition, entries close 28th of February 2010. Or volunteer with the street team, see website for details (right)



Image: courtesy of www.greenearthfestival.net

Saturday 13th of March
City Botanic Gardens, Brisbane
From 10am



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Another quick thankyou note to our contributing artists and volunteers.

It is always exciting to see a lot of old faces returning to our events and continually supporting us, but it's just as great to see new faces, joining in our vision and sharing our goals.

Keep up the great work and spread the good word to continue raising environmental awareness in your community and networks.

The EAC Team...



Rozi



Manda



Leah



Bindy



Mary



Steph



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The Environmental Art Collective is a group of artists, scientists and environmental professionals. Our aim is to use our experience and creative energies to foster environmental awareness in the community and contribute to the improvement of environmental standards in Australia. We use art as a medium to engage a diverse range of people and promote the sharing of information beyond the scientific community.