



ENVIRONMENTAL ART COLLECTIVE

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## New Exhibition for 2008: Plight of the Urban Stream



After the success of our first exhibition in 2006, the Environmental Art Collective is launching a new and exciting exhibition in 2008 to rally support for the conservation of urban streams in Brisbane. All proceeds from artwork sold during the exhibition will go to the local community group SOWN (Save Our Waterways Now), to fund the revegetation of Ithaca Creek. Opening night is Tuesday 17th June at The Project Gallery, QCA, 226 Grey Street, Southbank. Family and friends welcome.

### Ithaca Creek

Ithaca Creek runs from the foothills of Mt Cootha and meanders its way through the suburbs of Bardon, Red Hill and Ashgrove. Home to bandicoots, wallabies, soft-spined sunfish and the purple spotted gudgeon this inner city waterway maintains a surprising array of native fauna.

The aim of SOWN's Ithaca Intact project is to create continuous intact habitat along the entire length of Ithaca Creek, to restore and protect the area for future generations to come. The EAC is proud to host an event to raise money and support for this worthy cause.



For more information about Ithaca Ck visit:  
[www.saveourwaterwaysnow.com.au](http://www.saveourwaterwaysnow.com.au)



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## Who Are We?



We are a group of artists, scientists and environmental professionals who's main aim is to use our creativity to foster environmental awareness in the community and contribute to the improvement of environmental standards in Australia.

We started out as a group of six who shared the same passion for both art and the environment. Over the last two years we have expanded to encompass a wide range of people from a variety of different backgrounds from government, universities, consultancies, non-profit organizations and the local community.

## What do we do?

We hold art exhibitions to raise awareness of environmental issues and rally support for conservation. We use art as a medium to engage a diverse range of people and promote the sharing of information beyond the scientific community.

### The Founders of the EAC:



Rozi

Manda

Leah

Bindy

Mary

Steph

**Rozina Suliman**  
**Amanda Carter**  
**Leah Hattendorf**  
**Belinda James**

**Mary Gellender**  
**Stephanie Davies**

B of Fine Arts in Digital Art & New Media  
B of Science in Ecology & Conservation (Hons)  
B of Environmental Science  
B of Environmental Management  
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B of Science in Ecology & Conservation  
B of International Business  
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## What have the EAC been up to?

The last six months we have been busy creating, volunteering and reaching out to the local community. We have been setting the stage for our upcoming exhibition and getting into gear with our long awaited, first official newsletter.

### Enviro-Art Workshops for kids



In conjunction with our new 2008 Exhibition the EAC held its first 'Enviro-art' workshop. We visited the Bardon Girl Guides to teach them about healthy and unhealthy streams and give them the opportunity to submit their own artwork in the upcoming exhibition. The day was a huge success. The girls surprised us with their knowledge and enthusiasm. Their sense of pride in Ithaca Creek and their local environment was evident in their artwork.

It was a rewarding experience for all involved. A big thank you to Belinda James for coordinating the workshop and to Leah Hattendorf and Stephanie Davies for assisting during the day. Also a big thank you to Margaret Miller for providing all art materials and of course to the Bardon Girl Guides for doing such a fantastic job with their artwork!



**Top Left:** Belinda supervising the workshop.  
**Top Right:** All done! The Bardon Girl Guides holding up their masterpieces.  
**Above:** Stephanie assisting with ideas.  
**Bottom Left:** Some of the fantastic artwork.



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## Clean Up Australia Day

The EAC took part in the Ithaca Creek clean up this year, organised by SOWN and Red Hill Bushcare Group. It was a fun day outdoors, mingling with the locals, planting trees and cleaning up around the creek.



**Above:** Leah and Belinda do their bit for Clean Up Australia Day.



**Top Left:** 'The Artists' Back Row L to R: Rozi Suliman, Glenda Orr, Rose Feely, Belinda James, Mary Gellender. Front Row L to R: Leah Hattendorf and Amanda Carter.



**Middle Left:** Local volunteers getting stuck in to work.



**Middle Right:** The team gets to work mulching newly planted trees along the creek.

**Bottom Left:** A job well done. Andrew and myself admiring the new riparian zone.



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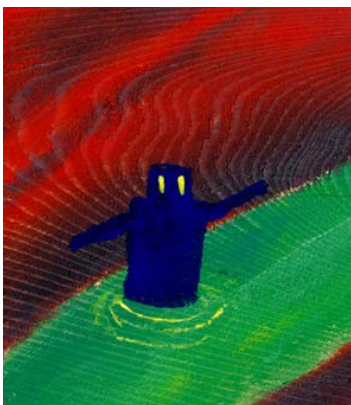


## Three Day Art Workshop in Nimbin

The EAC ventured south to find some inspiration from the tranquil forests of Nimbin. We got together for an informal three day workshop to get the creative juices flowing again after a long year away from art making.

### Getting Creative with Recycled Materials

Reverse Garbage have donated a range of various sized wooden panels for our 2008 exhibition. If you too would like to get creative on some wooden panels there are still some left! Call Amanda on 0421 501 520 or email us at: [environmentalartcollective@gmail.com](mailto:environmentalartcollective@gmail.com)



**Top Left:** "When the trollies that clog our creeks are gone, robots will replace them" by Tim Owen.  
**Top Right:** A quiet morning in Nimbin, perfect for creating.  
**Above Left:** Leah starts her masterpiece  
**Above Right:** Mary and Rozi doing some brainstorming  
**Bottom Left:** "Mini-Beast" by Amanda Carter



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## Welcome 2008 Artists!

Madonna Barraclough  
Sheldon Brown  
Mark Crocker  
Mary Gellender  
Marty Gowran  
Leah Hattendorf  
Councillor David Hinchliffe  
Tamara Ivastinovic  
Belinda James  
Jade Mia Hobbelen  
Ruth Hofer

Glenda Orr  
Timothy Owen  
Colin Peile  
Antonia Posada-Olaya  
Brad Mayger  
Gerard McMahon  
Myriam Raymond  
Rozi Suliman  
Dr Andrea Schmitt  
Todd Sowah  
Renee Treml

## Upcoming Events

**Friday 23rd May**  
**6pm to 9pm**

### **Kiln Exhibition**

Renee Treml is featuring work in an exhibition at the Kiln Gallery @ Paddington Substation, Crnr of Latrobe and Enoggera Tce, Paddington.

**Sunday 1st June**  
**9am til 12pm**

### **Due date for Artwork and Statement.**

You can drop your work off @ 33 Great George St, Paddington. We will be hosting some light food and coffee from 9am til 12pm and will give you a run down of opening night. It will be also a great opportunity to meet other artists before the exhibition.

**Tuesday 17th June**  
**6:30pm til late**

### ***Plight of the Urban Stream* Opening Night!!**

At the Project Gallery, Queensland College of Art  
226 Grey Street, Southbank.

For any information about the Environmental Art Collective or this years exhibition "Plight of the Urban Stream" please contact us on [environmentalartcollective@gmail.com](mailto:environmentalartcollective@gmail.com) or on 0421 501 520