

## Media Release

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### RealArt Works: *This is not what it appears*

A unique adventure in expanding the boundaries of art and the concepts of ability will be launched at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery on Friday 3 August. ***This is not what it appears*** is a collaborative, immersive multimedia installation, featuring audio and visual work interrogating the nature of objects and the self. Artists based in the Northern Rivers region, with and without disability, have created a forest of moving and static images that transform the audience's point of view.

***This is not what it appears*** is brought to Wagga Wagga by RealArtWorks, a Lismore-based non-profit organisation dedicated to developing arts projects utilising the skills of artists of all abilities, fostering creative culture and encouraging social awareness. The exhibition evolved from a series of workshops, in which pairs of professional artists and emerging artists who identify as having a disability worked together in the collaborative creation of audio-visual and multimedia works.

Zeb Schulz, artistic director of RealArtWorks and coordinator of the ***This is not what it appears*** project, says "RealArtWorks have a long history of creating interesting and original projects with artists of varying abilities in regional Australia, from a show in a circus tent in Wagga, to building a massive bright orange maze in Horsham during the Awakening Festival. It feels great, if a little different, to be creating work in a gallery for a change. RealArtWorks are proud to be creating this exhibition with this talented bunch of eclectic artists."

Zeb has previously worked with local artists in Wagga Wagga, for projects such as *Rip Out Your Labels* in 2005. While ***This is not what it appears*** is on display, Zeb will be conducting further collaborative workshops with these artists, in which new artworks will be created to be included in the exhibition.

The artists and groups whose work features in ***This is not what it appears*** include: Amoonda Nelson, Amy Serone, Doug Snug, David Batten, John Ceislak, Kerrie Divett, Michael Ragowski, Michael White, Ray Parry, Rohan Langford, Ryan Andersen, Tra La La Blip and Zeb Schulz.

***This is not what it appears*** will be launched on Friday 3 August, from 6pm until 8pm. The exhibition will be on display in the Margaret Carnegie Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery from Saturday 4 August until Sunday 30 September.

#### Exhibition Launch:

**When:** Friday, 3 August 2012, 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
**Where:** Wagga Wagga Art Gallery  
**Cost:** Free

**Exhibition Dates:** Saturday 4 August – Sunday 30 September, 2012