
Media Release: Exhibition

new design 2007



L – R Liam Ryan, *Beryl Chair*, 2006, plywood assembled chair and assorted flatpack sections including hammer. Photo: courtesy the artist; Frag Woodall, *Everglide*, 2006, bicycle that packs into a backpack. Photo: courtesy the artist; Jessica Dudgeon, *Papillon de Nuit Look 1*, 2006, silk and leather. Photo courtesy the artist

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To be a finalist in Object's annual *new design* exhibition is one of the most hotly sought-after goals of final-year design students across Australia. As in the past, the outstanding graduates in *new design 2007* will be keenly watched by the industry, inspire the next generation of students and provide a new outlook for the public. This year, *new design* looks to friends and family of the new designers for a fresh perspective. Through insightful dialogue and witty humour these relationships reveal the stories behind each design and introduce these final-year design students as Australia's designers of the future.

Each year, a handful of design graduates are selected from universities across Australia to be a part of *new design*. From among these finalists, a panel of prestigious judges select winners for the Object Award for Studio-based Practice or the Object Award for Design for Manufacture, each carrying a cash prize of \$2,000. The prizes catapult winners into the public eye, earning them acclaim and exceptional professional opportunities. Past winners include Kasia Bilinski (2006), Gragory Scott (2005) and Trent Jansen (2004).

This year's new design finalists are: **Tanya Abrahams** (RMIT); **Kate Baker** (University of Canberra); **Owen Bawden** (UTS); **Claire Brooks** (Curtin University); **Cobi Cockburn** (ANU); **Jessica Dudgeon** (UTS); **Jessica Mitchell** (Curtin University of Technology); **Nell Oliver** (RMIT); **Shannon O'Loughlin** (SCA); **Sarah O'Sullivan** (National Art School); **Liam Ryan** (UTS); **Kacey Smits** (Monash University); **Daniel Szczechowicz** (COFA); **Frag Woodall** (UTS); **Michelle Moore** (SASA).

After the success of *new design's* inaugural tour last year, Object is pleased to announce that *new design 2007* will again tour to the Melbourne Museum. As Australia's only touring exhibition of student design, *new design 2007* will expose the best new talent to an unprecedented national audience.

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