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BEAUTIFUL  
WOMEN

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MAPPING  
OUR OWN  
FUTURE.

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**Chris Mason**

ARTS PROJECT AUSTRALIA IS PROUD TO PRESENT

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Chris Mason is an accomplished artist working across the disciplines of painting, drawing, sculpture and ceramics. His practice involves extensive research, generating ideas that span across a wide range of subject matter with a particular focus on voluptuous female forms and animals such as snakes and fish. Idiosyncratic and humorous, Mason's works are often inspired by photographs and images collected by the artist. By extension and as part of his process, Mason also writes stories that relate directly to his thematic explorations. With a keen interest in animal rights, Mason has recently extended his practice to experimenting with the possibilities of cruelty-free taxidermy.

Chris Mason has worked in the Arts Project Australia studio since 1997. Solo exhibitions include Chris Mason Solo, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney, 2014; Michelle, Arts Project Australia Gallery, Melbourne, 2007; and The Chris Mason Show, Arts Project Australia Gallery, Melbourne, 2002. Group exhibitions include Spring1883, The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne, 2018; Auto Body Works (curated by Patrice Sharkey), Arts Project Australia Gallery, Melbourne, 2018; The Public Body, Artspace, Woolloomooloo, Sydney, 2017; The Museum of Everything, Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), Tasmania, 2017; Summer on the blue seat, West Space, Melbourne, 2016; and Outsiderism Fleisher Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, USA. Collections include the National Gallery of Australia (NGA), State Library of Victoria and National Gallery of Victoria (NGV).

*This exhibition coincides with the online group show '[Silver Linings](#)'.*

COVER IMAGE: Chris Mason, Nude obese built woman as a laugh a lot doll in standing pose, 017, acrylic paint and modelling material, 17 x 12 x 9 cm, CM3D17-0002, SOLD

Online now as part of  
our 2020 exhibition series  
**'Mapping Our Own Future'**

**Launched 23 April 2020**

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All artworks are available for sale <  
60% of sales go to directly to Chris Mason <  
40% of sales go to APA to support our studio and artists <

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***ARTWORK COLLECTION***

*All artworks can either be mailed, couriered or stored  
safely until we return, with in-person collection  
postponed until government restrictions are lifted.*

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**STRONG THEMES OF NUDITY**



## COLLAGE OF A CHUBBY WOMAN

2019

collage and pencil on paper

21 x 28 cm

CM19-0006

**\$190 unframed** + shipping

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GIRLS WITH BLUE OCEAN IN  
BACKGROUND

2019

gouache and pencil on paper

25 x 35 cm

CM19-0007

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## OBESSE LADY WITH A BOGAN TSHIRT

2018

gouache and pencil on paper

38 x 56 cm

CM18-00010

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SSBWS WITH EARLY 1980S  
KITCHENWARE

2018

gouache and pencil on paper

28 x 38 cm

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## OBESE LADIES IN THE NUDE

2018

pencil on paper

35 x 50 cm

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**"In general, the bigger and more voluptuous the women are, the more interested [Chris] is in referencing them...he aims in his work for specific dimensions, that he views as perfect proportions."**

- Anne Stonehouse, 2014  
From the publication 'So Far', in conversation  
with Chris Mason, Bernie Bedford and James  
McDonald, published by Arts Project Australia.



FATTY GIRL HANGING AROUND IN  
KITCHEN

2016

pastel on paper

56 x 38 cm

CM16-0005

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TWO SSBWS AGAINST EACH OTHERS  
TUMMIES

2017

acrylic on paper

76 x 56 cm

CM17-0009

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BBW ROYALTY WOMAN IN STANDING  
POSE

2016

pastel on paper

56.5 x 38 cm

CM16-0007

**\$360 unframed** + shipping

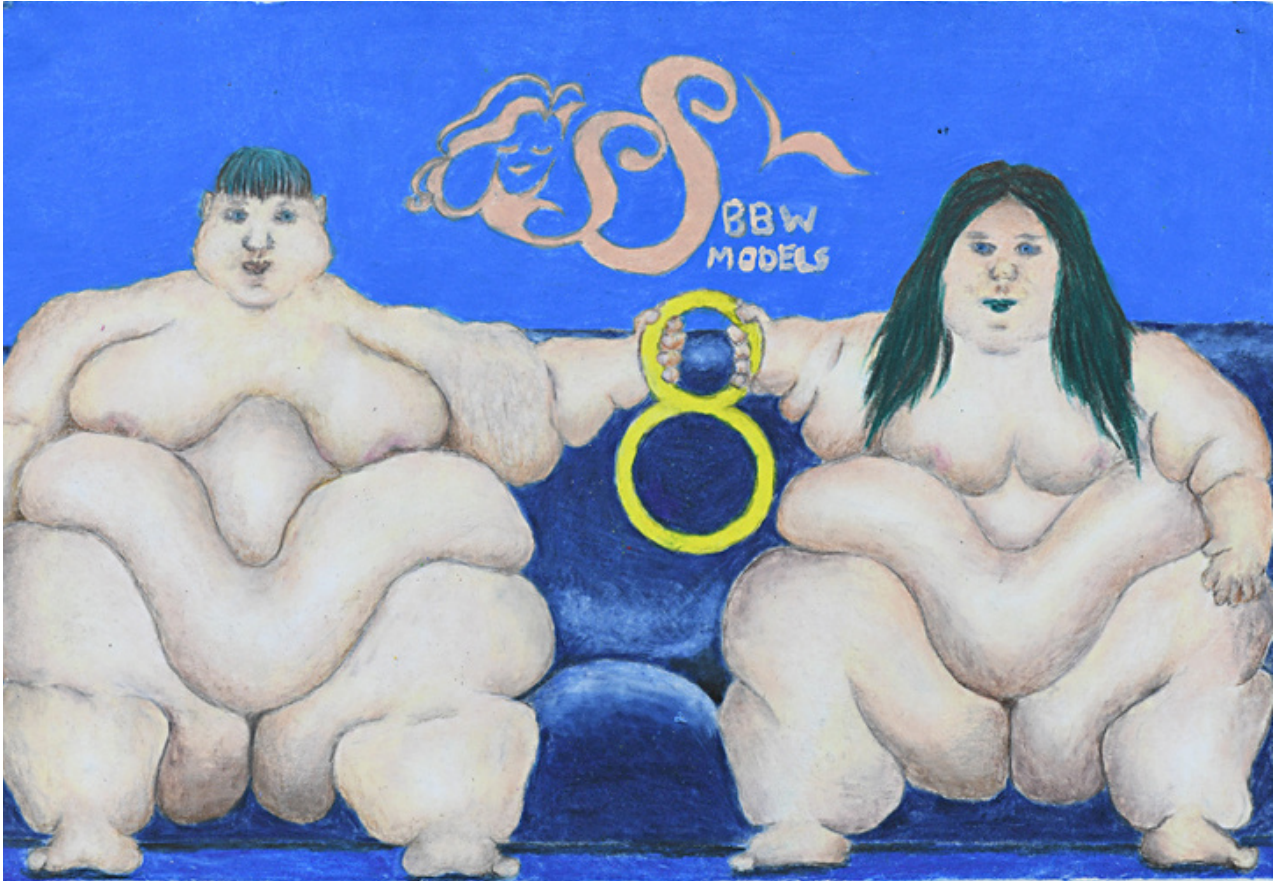
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SSBBWS WITH THE NUMBER 8 THEY  
HAVE COLOURED HAIR

2019

gouache and pencil on paper

19 x 28 cm

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### 3 NUDE SSBWS ENJOYING THEIR PIZZAS

2018

gouache and pencil on paper

38 x 56 cm

CM18-0004

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**"Chris has tapped into that fleshy quality [of ceramic]. You can't deny there's some sort of voyeuristic element to it as well...So his sense of volume and building those bodies is inherently tactile."**

- Glenn Barkley, 2019  
Artist and Independent curator



2 FEMALE OBESE NUDES WITH  
HALLOWEEN DOUGHNUTS, CHIPS AND  
HAMBURGER

2018  
acrylic paint, modelling material and wood  
15 x 20 x 30 cm  
CM3D18-0007

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NUDE OBESE WOMAN SCRATCHING HER  
BACK

2013

earthenware

20 x 26 x 23 cm

CMC13-0013

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NUDE FATTY WITH HER HAND ON HER  
BACK

2015

earthenware

26 x 32 x 24 cm

CMC15-0011

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NOT TITLED

2010

earthenware

17 x 23 x 22.5 cm

CMC10-0005

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2 NUDE OBESE WOMEN HOLDING EACH  
ROSE IN THEIR HANDS

2016

pastel on paper

37.5 x 55 cm

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**"Big is  
beautiful.  
No skinny  
minnies for  
me...."**

- Chris Mason, 2020







# Excerpt from our manifesto.

We believe that art is serious,  
but making it can be fun.

That individual creativity triumphs over  
conformity and divergent voices make life much  
more interesting. That art is about revealing  
ourselves and creating meaningful connections  
– between artists, staff and art lovers.

We believe in making a mark that matters.

We believe in art as it should be.

**Original.**  
**Unapologetic.**  
**True.**

And joyful in the making.

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