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***Luminous kinship,
sentient kingdom***

Animals rule our world.

Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom examines the many faceted and unique relationships we have with animals through work created by artists at Arts Project Australia.

Image: Alan Constable, *Not titled*, 1995, work on paper, 66 x 50cm

Exhibition: 4 February – 11 March 2017

Opening Saturday 4 February at Arts Project Australia *Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom* investigates the complex and immeasurable role animals play within our world by considering how animals are aestheticised, and experienced, as spiritual, domestic and ecological symbols.

Curated by Melissa Petty, the exhibition displays animals as galvanising symbols of family, wildness and the otherworldly and speaks to our enduring fascination with their striking physicality and how their distinct behaviours continue to shape our culture.

Exhibition Curator Melissa Petty states “The exhibition explores the re-imaginings and representations of animals in contemporary art by seeking to understand animals as a constant source of fascination and inspiration for many artists.

“There’s an incredibly diverse selection of works appearing in the exhibition, which seek to understand animals as domestic and comforting, as symbolic and spiritual, and as the imagination of wildness, with the interplay of these three aspects encouraging complex emotional, social and ethical acknowledgements”.

Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom will be opened by Abi Crompton, founder and CEO of Third Drawer Down, and the opening will further mark the soft launch of AUSTRALIANA which sees Third Drawer Down Studio, in collaboration with Arts Projects Australia and supported by The National Gallery of Victoria, presenting an iconic collection featuring the art of Lisa Reid, Cathy Staughton, Julian Martin, Patrick Francis, Valerio Ciccone and Peter Ben.

The *Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom* exhibition will display the work of Arts Project Australia artists including Lygin Ang, Dionne Canzano, Alan Constable, Katie Foster, Bronwyn Hack, John Huggins, Jodie Noble, Anthony Romagnano and Megan Sloan amongst others, and further spans drawing, painting and ceramic works.

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The exhibition is kindly supported by Leonard Joel Auctions and Art Guide Australia.

Melissa Petty and included artists are available for interviews. High-resolution images are available on request and artists can be photographed with their work.

Arts Project Australia is a centre of excellence that supports artists with intellectual disabilities, promoting their work and advocating for inclusion within contemporary art practice.

VENUE INFO & DATES

VENUE:	Arts Project Australia , 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070 Australia
OPENING:	Saturday 4 February, from 3-5pm
SPEAKER:	Abi Crompton, founder and CEO of Third Drawer Down
EXHIBITION:	4 February – 11 March 2017
TIMES:	Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm
MORE INFO:	www.artsproject.org.au
ENTRY:	FREE

KEY MESSAGES

- ***Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom*** explores the role of animals in contemporary art and speaks to their enduring aesthetic fascination and representation;
- ***Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom*** thinks of animals in three distinct, yet interrelated, ways; as domestic and affective symbols, as icons of the otherworldly and as imaginings of wildness;
- ***Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom*** is curated by Melissa Petty and includes works by Lygin Ang, Dionne Canzano, Alan Constable, Katie Foster, Bronwyn Hack, John Huggins, Jodie Noble, Anthony Romagnano and Megan Sloan;
- ***Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom*** will include painting, drawing and ceramics;
- ***Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom*** includes artwork that is available for sale;
- ***Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom*** is supported by Leonard Joel and Art Guide Australia;
- ***Arts Project Australia*** is a centre of excellence that supports artists with intellectual disabilities, promoting their work and advocating for inclusion within contemporary art practice.

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