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PRESS RELEASE

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BOXWORLD 5 June-18 July Mosman Art Gallery



From Left: BOXWORLD detail. Photograph © Dirk HR Spennemann 2008 (www.ausphoto.net), Installation shot.

BOXWORLD has arrived in Sydney! BOXWORLD is a spectacular miniature city made almost entirely of recycled materials. It is created by one man, Warren Thomas. Warren is an environmentalist and model maker, originally from Tasmania, who believes in the value of the three R's: Reduce, Re-Use and Recycle.

Warren was inspired to create BOXWORLD after taking his children to see a traveling 'Legoland' display. Fascinated by the tiny buildings he decided to create his own city. Warren said: "I wanted to use materials that weren't plastic, and that were free". A few milk cartons and cereal boxes later and BOXWORLD was born!

BOXWORLD has been 12 years in the making, and now covers an area approximately 200 square metres. On display will be spectacular highlights, including 5m high skyscrapers. The installation is not based on any real city but has its own unique elements. There are even references to corporate history such as a 'Onetel' building. BOXWORLD includes elements found in most cities such as a football ground, swimming pool, airport, hospital and factories.

Mosman Art Gallery is BOXWORLD's premier showing in Sydney. Previously it has toured Tasmania and Victoria.

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BOXWORLD transforms waste into something exciting to look at. Other materials used include cardboard, polystyrene, cans, straws and icecream sticks. The ferris wheel is made from a BMX bike wheel, the circus big top is made from an old carry bag and the spire on the cathedral is made from a tomato sauce bottle.

Warren stated: "I even tried to get BOXWORLD into the Worlds Guinness Record book as the world's largest city made from recycled materials but it was declared ineligible being a one off in the world!"

Warren Thomas is available for interview in Sydney Thursday 3 June, Friday 4 June & Saturday 5 June, before returning to Victoria.

Further images and information:

www.boxworld.com.au/

View BOXWORLD slideshow by Dirk HR Spennemann:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/heritagefutures/sets/72157607320546485/show/>

www.mosmanartgallery.org.au/

Public Programs

BOXWORLD UNPACKED

World Environment Day

Saturday 5 June, 10.30am-11.30am,

To celebrate World Environment Day, join Warren Thomas, environmentalist and modelmaker, as he reveals the processes behind the creation of BOXWORLD. Warren will discuss the way he has used recycled materials and demonstrate practical ways to work with them. Participants will have the opportunity to create their own BOXWORLD model.

Free. Bookings: Belinda Atkins 99784018

BOXWORLD Senior Art Lovers

Thursday 1 July, 10.30am-12.30pm

An entertaining exhibition tour and morning tea for over 55's.

Presented by the Mosman Art Gallery Guides.

Free. Bookings: 99784178

BOXWORLD and TAPA Exhibition Tour

Saturday 3 July, 11.00am

Free Guided Exhibition Tour

Presented by the Mosman Art Gallery Guides

BOXWORLD: ART ATTACK

Creative School Holiday Workshops for 5-12 years

Wednesday 7 July, 10.30am-12.30pm

Wednesday 7 July, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 14 July, 10.30am-12.30pm

Wednesday 14 July, 1.30am-3.30pm

Children will focus on using recycled materials to create sculptures and drawing, inspired by BOXWORLD. ART ATTACK aims to introduce children to a variety of art media in fun and creative ways. \$10 per child. Bookings open 15 June, 99784178

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(02) 9978 4178, www.mosmanartgallery.org.au, Open 7 days 10 – 5 (closed public holidays),

Admission free

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