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is an exciting interactive exhibition of contemporary Australian computer, video and electronic experimental arts



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2 Booker Street Spotswood Victoria

Curated by Peter Morse, **Virtualites** showcases the work of some of Australia's foremost digital artists, including recent works from

John Colette, Moira Corby, Martine Corompt, Don't Shoot the Messenger, Ian Haig, Peter Hennessy, Felix Hude, Patricia Piccinini, Irene Proebsting and Barry Brown.



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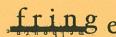












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Increasingly, artists are utilising computer technologies in their development of visual and audial art works.

The computer has become an invaluable tool in the pursuit of both aesthetic and intellectual enterprises, and has become central to the 'information revolution'. Artistic usage of these technologies often engages in a critical way with the significance and impact of computing: far from it being simply a medium in which to organise and process information, communicate, entertain or educate, computing and the way society engages with computers reveals a lot about how knowledge, imagination and vision are being changed and challenged.

The notion of 'virtual' spaces, virtual realities and virtual worlds are integral to the contemporary metaphors employed in current descriptions of visually-based computing. It is as if the screen of the computer is a window opening onto a world of possibilities: three-dimensionally modelled spaces, algorithmic dataspaces, non-linear narratives, fractual landscapes and so forth. However, these 'virtualities' are essentially quite unlike the 'real' world - laws of physics may appear to be transgressed, objects may 'morph' into other shapes and textures, artificial life can undergo guided evolution, algorithmic infinities can regress into unimaginable distances, landscapes of great and unexpected beauty can unfold. The paradox of this is that the computer - that symbol par excellence of the rational - can reveal fantastic and irrational spaces and interconnections between ideas and objects.

VIRTUALITIES engages with these issues in an informative, entertaining and educational way on many different levels: it is informative and entertaining for the novice and intellectually credible to the informed. It illustrates the significant impact that computer technologies are having in contemporary life, and the exciting and necessary possibilities raised by the work of contemporary artists in this field.

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