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# Made. Creative Space Reflection 2022

## About made. Creative Space Toowoomba

Founded in February 2011 by artists Alex Stalling and Elysha Rei (nee Gould), made. Creative Space offered up-skilling, public exposure and networking for local artists and acted a voice for the artistic community of Toowoomba. While housed in a multi-roomed gallery above the vibrant restaurant strip of Margaret Street, made. presented many high-quality exhibitions by artists with links to Toowoomba, especially those who went through the school of Creative Arts at the University of Southern Queensland. made. Creative Space retired as an entity in November 2013, with its former site now demolished. Its former Co-Directors are now busy running their own businesses in Toowoomba ([www.alexstalling.com](http://www.alexstalling.com)) and Thailand ([www.elysharei.com](http://www.elysharei.com) and [www.samritresidency.com](http://www.samritresidency.com))

## Upon reflection

Setting up and running this ARI was an incredible opportunity to grow professionally, creatively and personally. The informal structure with two Co-Directors allowed us the freedom to experiment with ideas and take risks without consequences (aside from chipping in extra for rent that month). The idea started as a one-year project which started just after the floods ravaged through Toowoomba in January 2011. When the doors opened the community embraced a new cultural hub, flocking to the exhibition openings every three weeks and supporting the space through group and solo exhibitions, and curated projects. The artistic and community ties nurtured during the three-year lifespan are still called upon to this day. The skills in event management, exhibition management, and community engagement have all been valuably transferable in many aspects of an arts career since.

Although there were moments of high financial pressure, I'll always look back on these ARI days with fondness, and nostalgic memories of parties, painting walls, innovative problem solving and pure artistic freedom.

## Current archive of made. Creative Space Toowoomba:

<https://www.facebook.com/madecreativespace>

<https://www.instagram.com/made.creative.space>

Submitted by: Elysha Rei

## Be part of a 12 month project in Toowoomba:

Artists Elysha Gould and Alex Isaacson are taking on an ambitious space promoting a cultural hub in Toowoomba.

The space includes four separate galleries starting from \$240 for a 3 week show, one of which is suitable for experimental, installation and new media works.

The gallery also has one studio space for our resident artist. The studio over looks metropolitan Toowoomba with two large windows, lockable door and access to the galleries private balcony. The resident artist will receive the benefit of their own self-curated exhibition space, for the duration of their lease, featured in the gallery reception. They also receive 24hour access with their own private car park in the heart of Toowoomba CBD. Basic kitchen and amenities are also available.

All exhibiting and resident artists will be promoted by the gallery with street level signage, local media, email newsletters and the gallery website.

The space itself is located in the heart of Toowoomba CBD beside the Tatts Hotel. It has prominent signage visible to both pedestrians and drivers on Margaret Street.

The gallery will be open 3 days a week plus your initial staffed opening night.

Works can be available for sale and there will be no commission taken.

As we said this is set to be a 12 month project so take advantage of this exciting opportunity as it may or may not be around for another year. This is the initial call out for artists before we advertise to the general public so get in quick to secure your spot.

For more information please email either

elysha\_gould@hotmail.com  
or  
alex.isaacson@hotmail.com

We can't wait to hear from you!

Screen shot of the initial call out to artistic network in October 2010 – 4 months before made.  
Creative Space opened. Image credit: Elysha Rei

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## Exhibiting at **made.**

### **About the Space:**

**made.** Creative Space is funky mix of gallery swagger and current culture trends, a hub, a hive and an ever changing plethora of exhibitions - there is so much going all the time. With a reputation for transforming the place with every show that opens, **made.** has made its mark as an exciting and all-inclusive arts hub of Toowoomba.

Located in the vibrant heart of Toowoomba on Margaret Street across from the popular Bon Amici Cafe and beside the Tattersails Hotel **made** has its own private 1st floor and amenities with two separate exhibition spaces available for rent in 2012.

**made** is proud to offer an array of opportunities and benefits with each exhibition:

- Venue hire and utilities of the gallery as outlined in the floor plan.
- Five staffed open days to the public every week. Wed- Fri 10-2pm, Sat and Sun 1-4pm. Artists are not required to man their show.
- A staffed opening night on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the show.
- 30 hard-copy invites to the artist
- 190 hard-copy invites distributed to local arts and culture businesses.
- Featured in **made.**'s Half Yearly printed program of events
- An e-invite distributed to the gallery's mailing list and an event posted on the gallery's Facebook page
- Handling of artwork sales
- Catering of 2 platters, 10 bottles of white wine, 6 bottles of red wine, 4L of orange juice and kitchen facilities.
- Copy of exhibition summary including the number of visitors to your show and copies of any articles or reviews.
- Website and Facebook promotion.
- Installation and de-mount of the exhibition (installation and wall painting works are the responsibility of the artist).
- Labels and didactics
- Professional documentation of the exhibition uploaded and archived on the **made** website
- Opportunities for workshops and artist talks (please specify your interest about public programs on your application form).

Screenshot of page 1 of the 2012 Exhibition Application package for artists to exhibit. Image credit: Elysha Rei

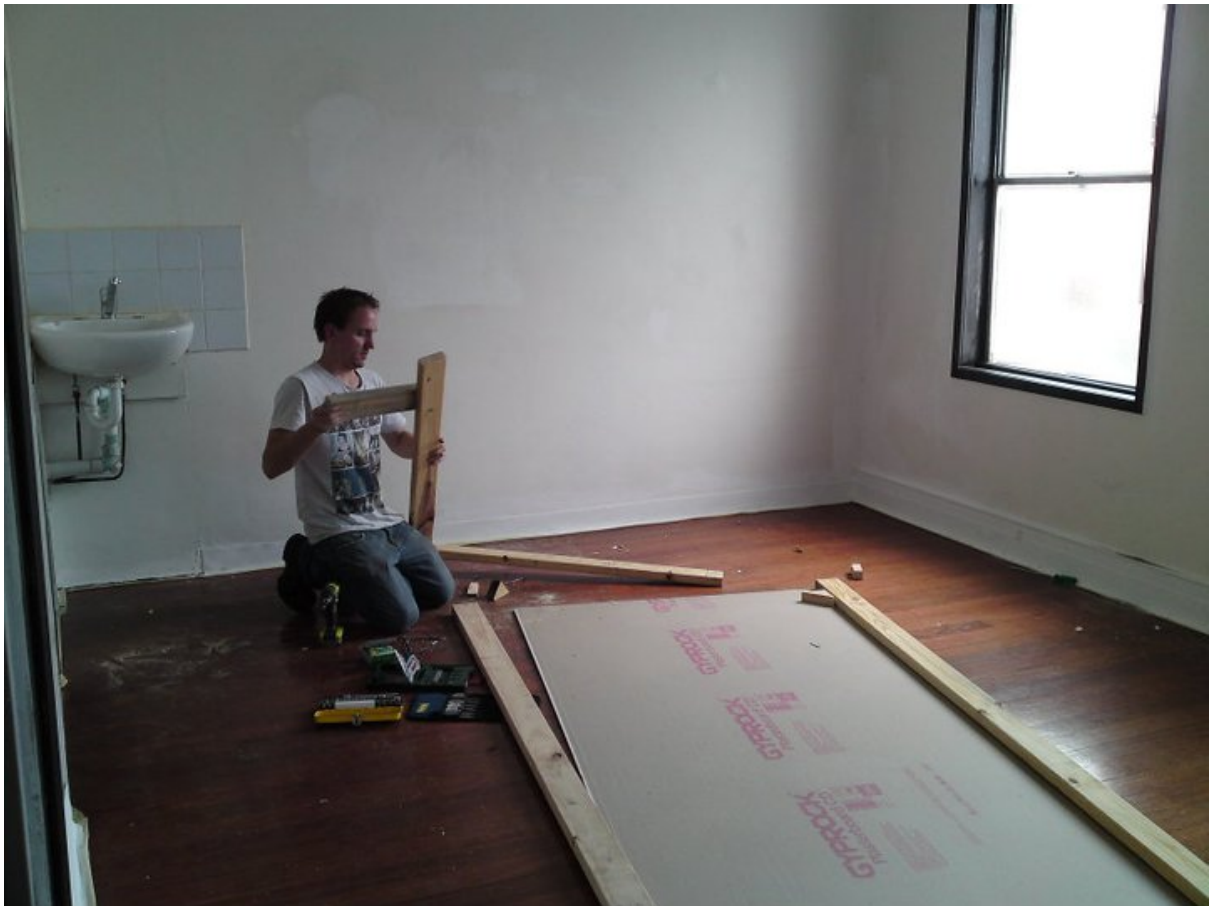


made. Creative Space Co-Directors Alex Stalling and Elysha Rei (nee Gould), January 2011.  
Image credit: Cindy Laine





Entrance to made. Creative Space, 174 Margaret Street Toowoomba, April 2011. Image credit: Elysha Rei



Handyman Aaron Stalling fitting our made. Creative Space, January 2011. Image credit: Alex Stalling.



Gallery One February 2011 exhibition 'Black and White: kalos + eidos' curated by Alex Stalling and Elysha Rei, picturing works by Adam Armstrong and Sandra Jarrett. Image credit: Elysha Rei





Gallery Two exhibition, April 2011, picturing work by Christian Low. Image credit: Elysha Rei



Gallery One exhibition May 2011 'The Studio Project', curated by Elysha Rei, work pictured by Damien Kamholtz. Image credit: Elysha Rei



Gallery Two 'Artist in Residence May 2011 with Stephen Spurrier and David Usher', pictured is Stephen Spurrier working in studio. Image credit: Elysha Rei



Gallery Two exhibition September 2011 'Project: Art Journal'. Image credit: Elysha Rei





Gallery One exhibition October 2011 'The world can wait' by Maryanne Oliver. Image credit: Elysha Rei

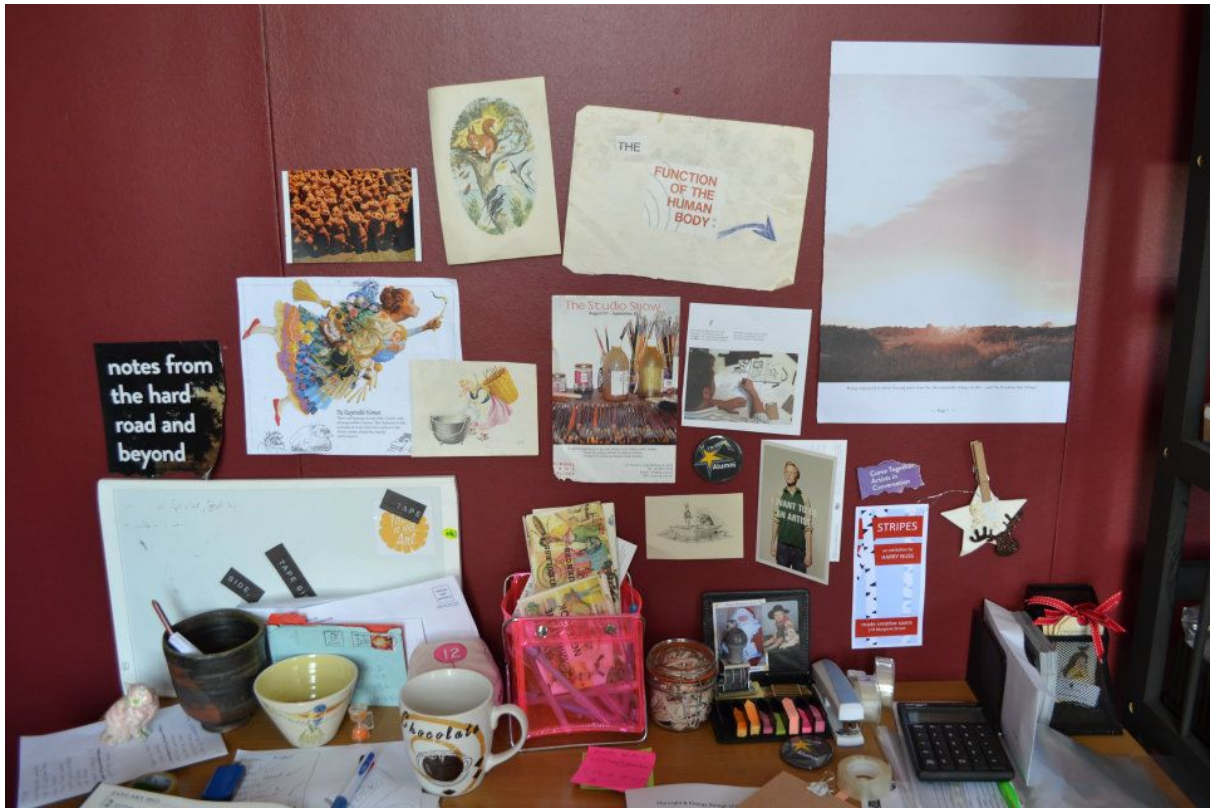




Gallery Three exhibition November 2011 'Stripes' by Harry Nuss. Image credit: Elysha Rei



Gallery One exhibition January 2012 'Boat and Boat' by Alister Karl and Craig R Cole. Image credit: Elysha Rei



Director's desk January 2012. Image credit: Elysha Rei



Sound Lounge Session May 2012 featuring 'Inigo'. Image credit: Elysha Rei





**Black and White: Kalos + Eidos**

Curated By  
Alex Isaacson  
Elysha Gould

Aaron Hill  
Adam Armstrong  
Anthony Farrell  
Cara-Ann Simpson  
Georgina Cullum  
Megan Keating  
Michael Schlitz  
Sandra Jarrett

Excerpts of exhibition catalogue, February 2011 'Black and white: kalos + eidos', curated by  
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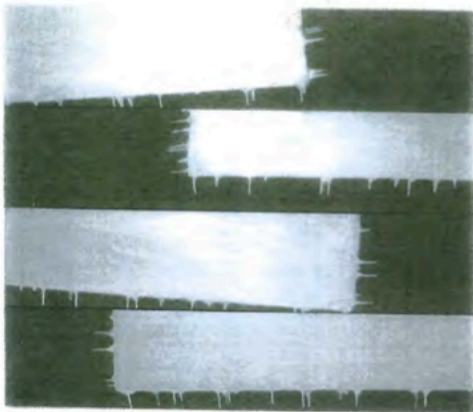




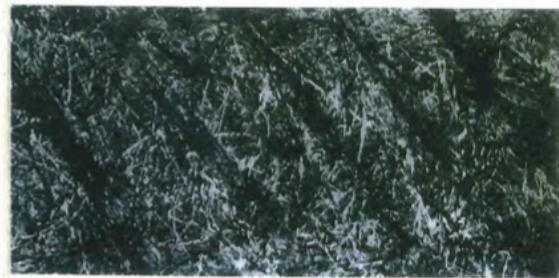
Selleys Shoes Sandra Jarrett



Dual Tonal: Johnston Street Cara Ann Simpson



Restretch #22 Anthony Farrell  
Acrylic on canvas 2009



Number 155 Adam Armstrong  
Acrylic on canvas 2011

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Dangerous Flower Michael Schlitz  
Woodblock



The Money Shot Megan Keating  
Acrylic on canvas

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## reunion show

**Commemorating a decade since  
made. Creative Space through a  
showcase of artists who exhibited in  
shows and projects during 2011-2013**

To be officially opened by  
Stephen Spurrier and David Usher on:

**Saturday 3 July, 11am**

*Bookings essential*

Exhibition open  
Tuesday 5 July 10am-2pm  
Friday 9 July 3pm-5pm  
at 76 Russell Street, Toowoomba



Elysha Rei and Alex Stalling talking with Paul Andrew at the made. reunion show, July 2021.  
Image credit: Evan Hollis



Made. reunion show opening, July 2021 featuring Alex Stalling, Elysha Rei and David Usher.  
Image credit: Kylie Ellis





Made. reunion show opening, Jul 2021. Image credit: Elysha Rei

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Creative Space

Toowoomba

Art Gallery

Gallery Shop

Art Library

OPEN

Wed-Fri 10am - 2pm

Sat- Sun 1pm - 4pm