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OSCAR PERRY AT CHAPTER HOUSE LANE: 'NEGATIVE GEARING'

This August, Chapter House Lane presents a new installation by Oscar Perry. Opening with drinks from 6-8pm, Thursday 7 August, the exhibition will run until 31 August 2014.

Builders, investors, developers, even your average Aussie Mum and Dad – there aren't many among them who couldn't have a stab at what the phrase 'negative gearing' means. But when a project goes bung? Well, that gives a different, more literal meaning to the term. In the great tradition of a property bust up / dust up, Perry looks to Ronnie Biggs and Christopher Skase for inspiration, and turning his gaze back on 'an art' he finds plenty in the refuse and remains of a builder's domain on which to peg hope and an aesthetic assessment of the creative process.

Perry writes in the accompanying text to his exhibition (which appears in full on our [website](#)):

"Negative Gearing picks up where Skase and Ronnie left off. Half measures, groove paneling, draught proofing, rodding, scaffolding, sanding, handling, halving joints, double glazing, re-wiring, curing, planing, tempering, tampering, prepping, priming, stripping, flashing, oiling, waxing, lacquering, liquoring, quoting, cladding and veneering. There's a bigger scene behind the backdrop, the roadies are having a party, open the slab, ping dogs and mixed Kebab. Imagine if every time you heard someone say 'I could do that!' They actually could do it, better, quicker and cheaper than the original."

Creating a builder's installation at Chapter House Lane, Perry takes up the challenge with his usual wit and dilettantism, creating a high-impact tableau.

Oscar Perry was born in Kent, United Kingdom in 1988. In 2010 Perry completed a Bachelor of Fine Art (Painting) at the Victorian College of the Arts, before undertaking a Post Graduate Diploma of Fine Arts (Painting) at RMIT in 2012. Perry has held a number of solo and group exhibitions since graduation, including shows at Utopian Slumps, Neon Park, Westspace, TCB, Fontanelle, Rearview and Tristian Koenig among other venues.

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We are thrilled to announce that we've been awarded funding from the Victorian Government through Arts Victoria. Their support will go toward the presentation of our annual arts program until mid-2015.

MORE INFORMATION, INTERVIEWS AND IMAGES

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