

# The Repair Workshops

## Expression of Interest for Collaborators

*The Repair Workshops* is a five day collaborative exploration of the concept of 'repair'. The workshops will be run as part of the 2011 State of Design festival held in Melbourne in the last week of July. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from artists, designers, scientists and engineers to be involved in this exciting project that has received funding support from the City of Melbourne.

This project will bring together three artists/designers and four scientists/engineers to collaborate on a repair project of their choice. The selected collaborators will create the theme for a repair 'Hub' which they will run and where the public will be invited to interact and repair items throughout the course of the festival.

The project will run for 5 days, with the first two days being a closed collaboration between the collaborators which will be followed by open public workshops whereby people can interact with the hubs and bring along their broken items for repair.

We are looking for people who are passionate about collaborating through an innovative examination of the ideas and practicalities of repairing, reimagining and repurposing broken objects, not only in a direct way (re-installing functionality to the design), but also in a conceptual manner - exploring repairing as a way of creating value, functionality and beauty in de-valued broken items.

Selected participants will be awarded \$1,000 payment for their contribution<sup>1</sup> to the project.

### Requirements:

Participants must be available 10am – 5pm between the 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 and will also be required to attend 3 two hour workshops during March – June 2011.

Participants must be over 18 years of age.

People who classify themselves as scientists and engineers are strongly encouraged to apply

### Submission guidelines

Send us a 1 to 2 page document outlining the following things:

- Tell us a bit about yourself (what do you do, are you a designer/scientist? etc)
- What interests you about 'repairing'?
- Why do you want to be a part of the Repair Workshops?
- If you were selected to be a part of The Repair Workshops, what would like to do? (pitch us your repair idea)

**Submissions due by:** 5pm, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011

More information available from the website: [www.repairworkshops.com.au](http://www.repairworkshops.com.au)

### Send submissions to:

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125 Swanston street, Melbourne 3000  
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<sup>1</sup> This will be paid upon completion of the project. Estimated time contribution is 45 – 50 hours.