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Shapeshifters: 3D Printing the Future opens at Australian Design Centre

What if 3D printing gave you the ability to design your own life? With clothes being printed from desktop computers and organs being manufactured in labs, this rapidly evolving technology continues to revolutionise design as we know it.

The Australian Design Centre welcomes the exhibition *Shapeshifters: 3D Printing the Future* as a playful exploration of 3D printing. It's all about imagination, innovation and new methods of making, drawing on the high-tech and rapidly evolving world of 3D printers and fluid extrusion methodology.

The designers and makers included in *Shapeshifters* all begin with a real world idea that is translated into a digital something – a piece of code, a CAD model or perhaps a verse of music – before being transformed into the final physical form. By experimenting with digital fabrication technologies, the designers build on their traditional modes of making to create something entirely new.

Featuring works by eight Australian and one international maker with works ranging from jewellery, furniture, prosthetics, and digital interactive sound works; Louis Pratt, Michael Eden, Lousje Skala, Ryan Pennings, Dr David Ackland, Lukasz Karluk and XYZ Workshop (Kae Woie Lim & Elena Low).

Shapeshifters opens at the Australian Design Centre in Sydney until 20 July 2016. A series of public programs accompany the exhibition including hands-on opportunities for adults and children to design and print their own 3D objects. More information on public programs below.

Shapeshifters: 3D Printing the Future 5 May – 20 July 2016

Australian Design Centre 101 - 115 William St, Darlinghurst (corner Palmer St)

Open Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm **Free** exhibition entry

Website: <https://australiandesigncentre.com/shapeshifters/>

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**SHAPESHIFTERS PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS****Shapeshifters 3D Printing and CAD Workshops**

As part of the Australian Design Centre's exhibition, *Shapeshifters: 3D Printing the Future*, Modfab will be running a series of 3D Printing and CAD Workshops for anyone keen to discover and explore the relatively new technology of 3D design. Join us at the Australian Design Centre for the following workshops:

Immersion Day**25 June (general public)****5 and 8 July (school holiday program)****Suitable for primary and high school children**

A fun and engaging day exploring the 3D printing design cycle. Participants will come up with original product ideas and see them brought to life. You will learn how to model your designs in 3D CAD software and print them out.

Cost: \$30 per participant

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Maximum capacity: 20 participants

Introductory Course on 3D printing: 11 June (general public)

During this 3-hour workshop, participants will experience a short presentation showing the evolution of 3D printing in business and industry. You'll learn to use basic CAD software, create your own name tag, and learn how to export and prepare a 3D model for printing.

Cost: \$30 per participant

Time: 11.00am – 2.30pm (including 30 min lunch break)

Maximum capacity: 20 participants

Introduction to TinkerCad : 2 July (general public)

TinkerCAD is one of the easiest CAD softwares to learn. During this 3-hour workshop,

Modfab will take you through two projects, starting off with basic skills, and then delving into the full range of tools available in this program. As part of this program you will also design a project.

Cost: \$30 per participant

Time: 11.00am – 2.30pm

Maximum capacity: 10 participants

For more information on 3D workshops or to book tickets [please click here](#)

Presented as part of Vivid Ideas

Shapeshifters: 3D Printing the Future In Conversation

As part of Australian Design Centre's exhibition, *Shapeshifters: 3D Printing the Future*, Fenella Kernebone chats with featured artists Louis Pratt and Lousje Skala about how 3D printing can transform creative practice.

Tuesday 7 June, 6-8pm

Cost: \$15

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About Australian Design Centre

The Australian Design Centre is Australia's leading arts organisation dedicated exclusively to design. We believe making and design is core to human endeavour. We connect audiences to creative practice by showcasing innovation in craft and design.

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(Images: top Ryan Pennings, *Percy Stool* (detail), 2015, Polylactic Acid (PLC) below, exhibition installation photo from Western Plains Cultural Centre.



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