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## Satellite: it is not Rocket Science

While the world has been captivated by Curiosity's landing on Mars, sculpture students from the UTAS Tasmanian School of Art have been busy investigating and responding to ideas of "Satellite".

The results will be shown at a new exhibition called *Satellite: It is not Rocket Science* at Kelly's Garden, off Kelly's Lane, in Salamanca.

The artworks present diverse interpretations of the satellite theme, including celestial bodies, artificial intelligence collection, orbits and gravitational force, indexation, seed dispersal and outposts as forms of satellite.

Head of Sculpture, Mr John Vella, said the exhibition showcases the talent of 2012's second-year Sculpture students.

"The Satellite program is a significant opportunity for sculpture students to develop their work, explore site specific practice and engage in a professional public context," Mr Vella said.

Student Averill Lawler said the project has been a great opportunity to think laterally and provide some quirky responses to the theme of Satellite.

"Working within Kelly's Garden means we need to think about how the sculpture and installation works can be presented in the space in a dynamic way," Ms Lawler said.

**The exhibition opens at 6pm on Friday 17 August 2012 at Kelly's Garden, Salamanca Arts Centre and will run until Sunday 21 August 2012.**

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