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Learning by Making exhibition

Two impressive exhibits highlighting the design excellence of students from the University of Tasmania's School of Architecture and Design will feature in an exhibition to be opened on Thursday in Burnie.

The exhibits will be displayed at the Makers' Space gallery in the Makers' Workshop as part of the University's month-long Future/Maker design event.

The two major projects featured in this exhibition have been selected for the importance they play in representing the overall ethos of the Learning by Making (LBM) program championed over the past 20 years by the School of Architecture and Design at the University of Tasmania.

- Design Time Line – a three dimensional sculptural representation of 25 years of the LBM program at the University of Tasmania
- The Castle – models of a micro-dwelling project, designed to combat youth homelessness

LBM is an approach and attitude to teaching design, which aims to forge conceptual links between the original design idea, the fabrication process and the overall teaching practice. It also demonstrates that the type of learning achieved through being immersed in the making process is different from learning through the conventional lecture-tutorial set-up.

LBM projects fit into one of two categories - those where students design and make a small project, and those where the design is provided and the focus is on detail resolution and making.

Professor Stephen Loo from the University of Tasmania's School of Architecture and Design said that the Learning By Making program has become a distinctive and enduring part of the curriculum.

"Students learn collaboratively in supportive environments where they are given the freedom to discover and test many ideas through trial and error," Professor Loo said.

"Tasmanians are likely to be familiar with some of the students' LBM projects which can be found in national parks, forestry reserves, schools and shopping centres. They include Bus stops, skate parks, playgrounds, stage sets, outdoor shelters and furniture."

LMB now represents one of the longest standing commitments to design and making in architecture and design education in Australasia and is recognised internationally for both its scope and innovation.

This exhibition has been brought to the North West as part of the University of Tasmania's 125 Anniversary celebrations.

WHAT: A History of Learning by Making - A special exhibition from the School of Architecture and Design, as part of our Future/Maker design event and the University of Tasmania's 125th Anniversary celebrations.

WHERE: Makers' Space Gallery, Makers' Workshop, West Park, Burnie.

WHEN: 5pm, Thursday 20 August 2015.

This event will be opened by Professor Stephen Loo, University of Tasmania, School of Architecture and Design.

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