

The Faraday Salon – creating an energy of their own

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Take a two storey household in Carlton. Five males aged in their early to mid 20s and one female. Of varying professions and habits – one of them happens to be a lawyer. Take a room full of art materials and a clean surface. Draw, paint, sculpt. Whatever comes to mind. Hang your creation on the wall – enjoy your courage. Wait until each and every wall in the house is covered by various friends' and visitors' works and then have a party. Invite the neighbours, invite your friends, and their friends too. Add a jazz band, let 3RRR advertise you on radio, get Stoli to throw in a few cases of Ruskies, and before you know it you have one of the freshest art exhibitions seen in Melbourne.



Duncan, Ross, Damo, Lloyd, Dale and Lee have for some time now been inspiring their friends to express themselves. I was invited around for a Friday night session on a warm night in late September where I was presented with a beer and paintbrush. The salon was filled with tubes of paint, canvas, cardboard, paper, old running shoes, chicken wire, cheesecloth – basically anything that looked a bit useful or interesting..... You could paint, draw, sit, sculpt, watch or just chew the fat. By this stage there were already works up on the wall from previous sessions. As the evening progressed more people arrived and works evolved. It was an amazing sight to see the delight in the faces of people as they created, warmly encouraged by their generous hosts. Why don't we do more of this?



*Kate Johnson of the
Space Invaders*

At the end of this September session, the boys stood back and surveyed the work. Their house had become a living, breathing art exhibition. Why not celebrate? In true Faraday style, they organised assistance from Stoli, the Lemon Tree, 3RRR. The very funky local DJ, Mr Peabody, donated his time, as did superb local bands Clunk, Space Invaders and Dan Brodie and the Good 'Ol Boys, making this exhibition a true community based endeavour.



A fantastic night and a fantastic endeavour which should be applauded and actively encouraged. Us Young Lawyers need this sort of therapy.