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A first for Belconnen Arts Centre

Artists' talk: 2pm Sunday 6 September

***Anxiety Scrambled* sculpture exhibition
Exhibition runs from 28 August – 13 September
Gallery hours: Tuesday – Sunday 10am – 6pm**

Observant members of the Belco community will have noticed the array of five arresting sculptures in the Outdoor Gallery of Belconnen Arts Centre – and those who attended the Centre's Open Day on 29 August will have had the chance to view them up close.

This Sunday 6 September at 2pm, ANU School of Art sculpture graduates Joel Bliss and Dan Stewart-Moore will give artists' talks on their exhibition, *Anxiety Scrambled*, which explores a number of concerns of Generation X. While both artists explore their ideas through the use of materials including steel, wood and rope - the issues being discussed are diverse - encompassing changing gender roles, global warming and the post apocalyptic.

Artist Dan Stewart-Moore, as a stay-at-home father of two children is particularly concerned with changing gender roles, and with the gender role stereotypes he encounters from both men and women. His works, *Battle of the Sexists*, and *Egg Cubed* are the result of these reflections, while *Curried Egg Sandwich* reflects on global warming. For Stewart-Moore, eggs represent reproduction and therefore the issues which emerge from having children. For contemporary parents, the issue of global warming and the future their children will face, come into stark relief.

Environmental concerns link the work of the two artists and are pivotal to Joel Bliss' current work. Bliss says of his work: 'My sculptures depict an imagined post apocalyptic landscape. The materials used are raw and rough, representative of the harsh reality of a degraded Australian environment. Imposing in scale, my sculptures create a feeling of an impending threat and serve as a warning against environmental neglect.'

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