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NAOMI ELLER: IF NOT BONES, THEN STONES

Opening 6 June 2015, *If not bones, then stones* will showcase Melbourne artist Naomi Eller's clay sculptures inspired by nature, myth and the human condition.

The latest in an ongoing series of artist project exhibitions in the Kerry Gardner & Andrew Myer Project Gallery at Heide, this exhibition will present a new body of work that sees a shift in Eller's formerly figurative practice towards the production of objects that are more enigmatic and numinous—organic forms either found, adapted or handmade that have been tinkered with and pieced together, and invested with a new energy and psychological charge.



The remains of once living things are activated in a sensual and sometimes sexual way: the hollowed pelvis-shaped bones are penetrated by long waxy sticks, while the 'tools' are like phalluses, weapons or playthings complete with decorative and interchangeable heads. Primordial in appearance they carry the residues of memory and the weight of the passage of time, yet also the magic of the talisman. It is the 'heavy funny business', as Eller describes it, of death in life and the life that can be found in death.

**Artist Naomi Eller and curator Lesley Harding are available for interview.
High res images are available upon request.**

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EXHIBITION

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Saturday June 6 – Sunday 18 October

RELATED PROGRAM

ART TALK WITH NAOMI ELLER

Saturday 6 June, 2pm

Artist Naomi Eller talks with curator Lesley Harding about her enigmatic sculptures that reflect her interests in antiquity, and the passage through time of the natural and man-made worlds.

FREE with admission

Image captions:

Naomi Eller | **Resting Limbs 1** 2015 | 73 x 29 x 38 cm | ceramic, branch, oil paint, wax and shellac | Collection of the artist | © the artist

Naomi Eller | **Tools Group A** 2015 | series of 3 with 5 optional heads | dimensions variable | ceramic, found branches, oil paint, wax and shellac | Collection of the artist | © the artist

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