

This zine is a Soylent Spot and ARI Remix collaboration. It was built out of a DIY collective memory post that you can access online here: https://remix.org.au/representing-a-soylent-spot-slide-night-by-artist-erika-scott-and-ari-artist-colleagues-may-2020-a-collective-memory-in-progress

"I d like to thank everyone here from the bottom of my Soylent heart. To those who turned up, said yes, or have participated here in any capacity. I'm indebted to all the artists pictured, their generosity and enthusiasm to hang around, talk, share knowledge and plan along with me, and especially to those who dipped their toes in even though we hadn't previously met.

I just hope that there's been something in it for everyone, as I've learned a hell of a lot. I'm also thankful to a group of photographers who expertly stalked my events and gave their perspectives, whose talents made this shiny apocalyptic pinup possible (thank you: Marc Pricop, Louis Lim, Julia Scott-Green, Charlie Hillhouse and Cian Sanders).

This zine doesn't come at the end of anything. I'm still scheming, planning, making and living here. The zine does come at an interesting juncture in time, as events and situations unfold at a point very close to the year the film Soylent Green was set (2022) I don't heavily invest or make predictions about the future so much. It s just interesting to speculate on moments in time and how certain systems arrive at a tipping point.

I feel like The Soylent Spot operates on the edge of a lot of things: funding, time, rooftops, relationships, daylight, expectations etc, but at the same time I feel like there's a lot that's grounding, sustainable and age-old here too."

–Erika Scott, Interdisciplinary Artist and Director, The Soylent Spot ARI

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ALL FEATURED ARTISTS THANK YOU!:

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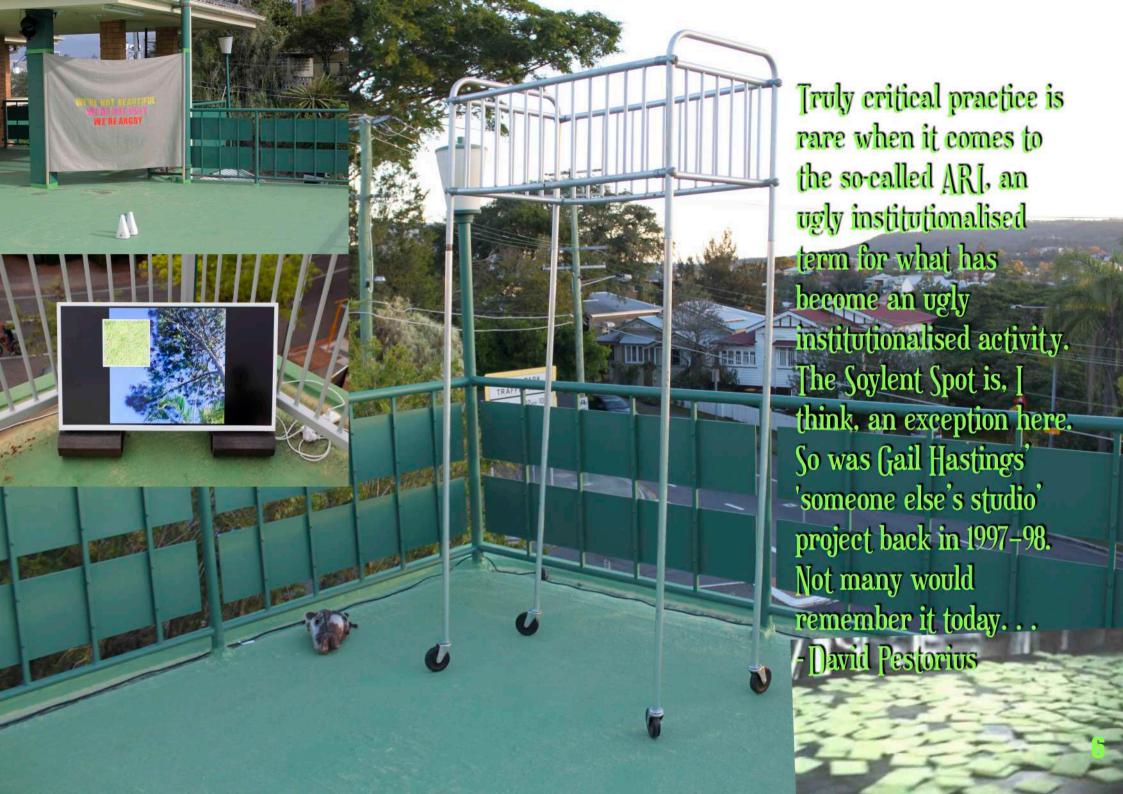






Hibe! Noon! The rooften sizeles, reminding us of where we are and what are books like on the outside. The blank black screen sucks in the ray's like a soldar panel in the desert. I hope it doesn't burn out like a dead star before the sun goes down! Tower cords wrap around the balkony rails like snakes warming their blood in the heat of the day. I m hot and nervous, everything is so alive at this temperature and my work is about death (and infinity (and life.) (and love). Noil about passes and a cold heer is on offer. The stairwell is a compart Zones a brick and mortar unbrella offering up a quiet moment to talk to an old friend before everyone else arrives. The view of the situsetting from the rooftoppie still burned outs my retinate it sat our the power line adorning the street for a while the face dropping further and further down towards the horizon. I like it there . 1 ilde the art he art here.







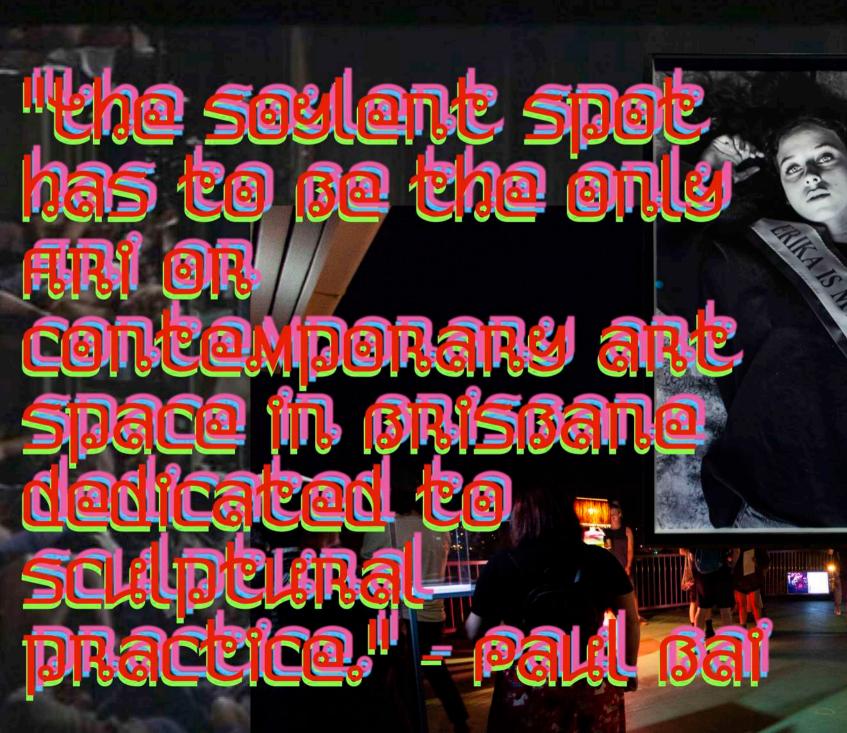












The Sovient Spot is a continuation of what i'm used to doing. which is trying to simulate experience of making art that continues feel easier

In the 1973 dystopian science fiction film *Soylent Green* (dir. Richard Fleischer), the NYPD detective Robert Thorn (Charlton Heston) conducts an investigation into a rations manufacturing company situated in an alternate New York City. In this NYC, food is scarce and the city is massively overpopulated. In the film's climax, Thorn discovers that the titular food substitute, billed as a revolutionary solution for public starvation, is in fact made from—*spoiler alert*—processed human meat. As Thorn is dragged away, he screams repeatedly, deranged and appalled by his discovery: *Soylent Green is PEOPLE*.

In the present day, most of the world is locked down as part of a police-enforced period of isolation. The global airline industry has collapsed after national borders close to contain a rampant pandemic: a deadly respiratory illness transmitted from bats, potentially via a 'wet market' in China. To date, over two million people are infected globally, 120,000 and counting have perished due to the disease. The world's scientists scramble to identify, test, and manufacture an effective vaccine. It may sound far-fetched, but here we are living our own dystopic reality. Instead of consuming human flesh, we avoid all interaction where possible with humans. Take away pizza joints advertise zero contact delivery. A fake-tanned septuagenarian reality TV host is the leader of one of the world's biggest superpowers. The right-wing Australian prime minister talks about re-nationalising the country's main air carrier and doubles welfare payments. Is it particularly sad to think that this latter point feels the least plausible amongst this real-life synopsis?

I crave a resolution. Someone to spoil for me the end of this strange plot, seemingly pulled from the offcut bin of a shitty part-time scriptwriter. I am left wondering, in a world where a contained space that attracts large crowds of people is anathema, is the future of public art spaces to be found, as it has been in the past, *outside*? Was Erika Scott, a Brisbane artist, fan of Fleischer's film, and main protagonist of the city's premier non-walled art space, *The Soylent Spot* spookily prescient? The rooftop space may be closed for now, but if art galleries have a future, might it be wrong to think of it looking similar to Scott's vision - where people and artists are valued and respected, where the art feels refreshing, where you feel the sun and air on your face, rather than the cold light of fluros and 19° industrial aircon. *Soylent Green* may have been people, but *The Soylent Spot* is *for* people. And though we currently can't go visit, it is somewhere I hope to go again in the not too distant future - Tim Riley Walsh





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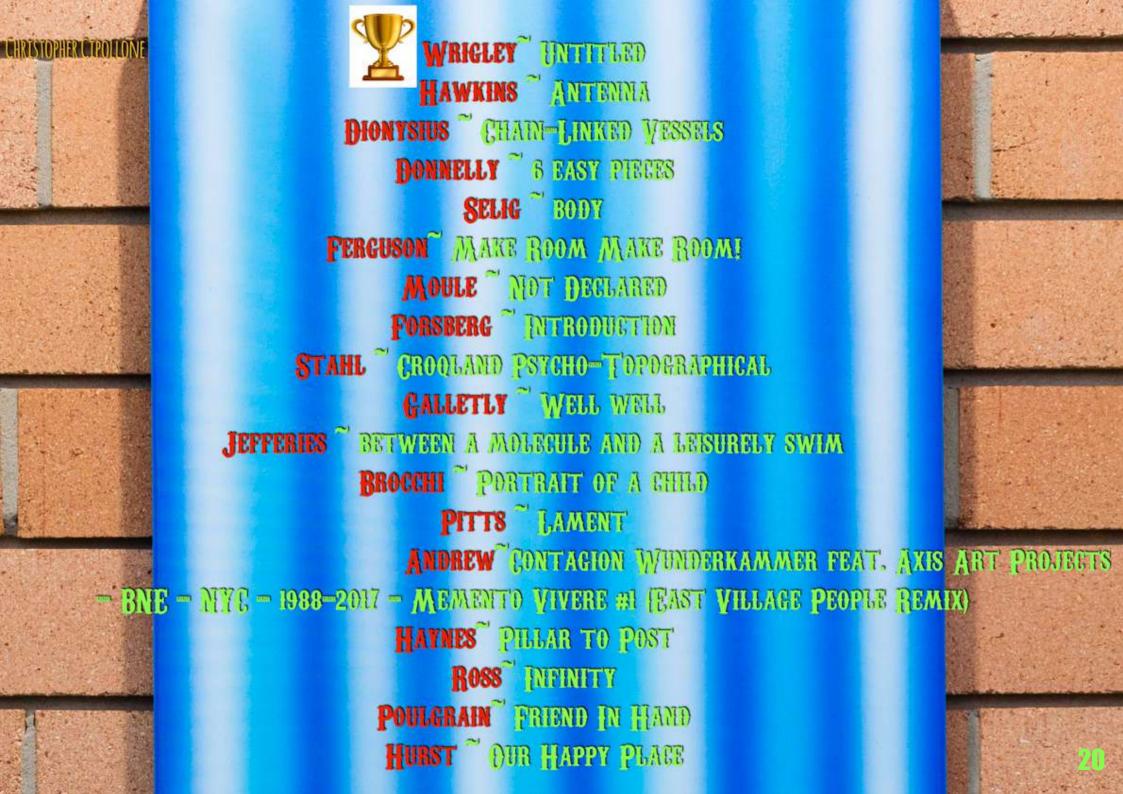


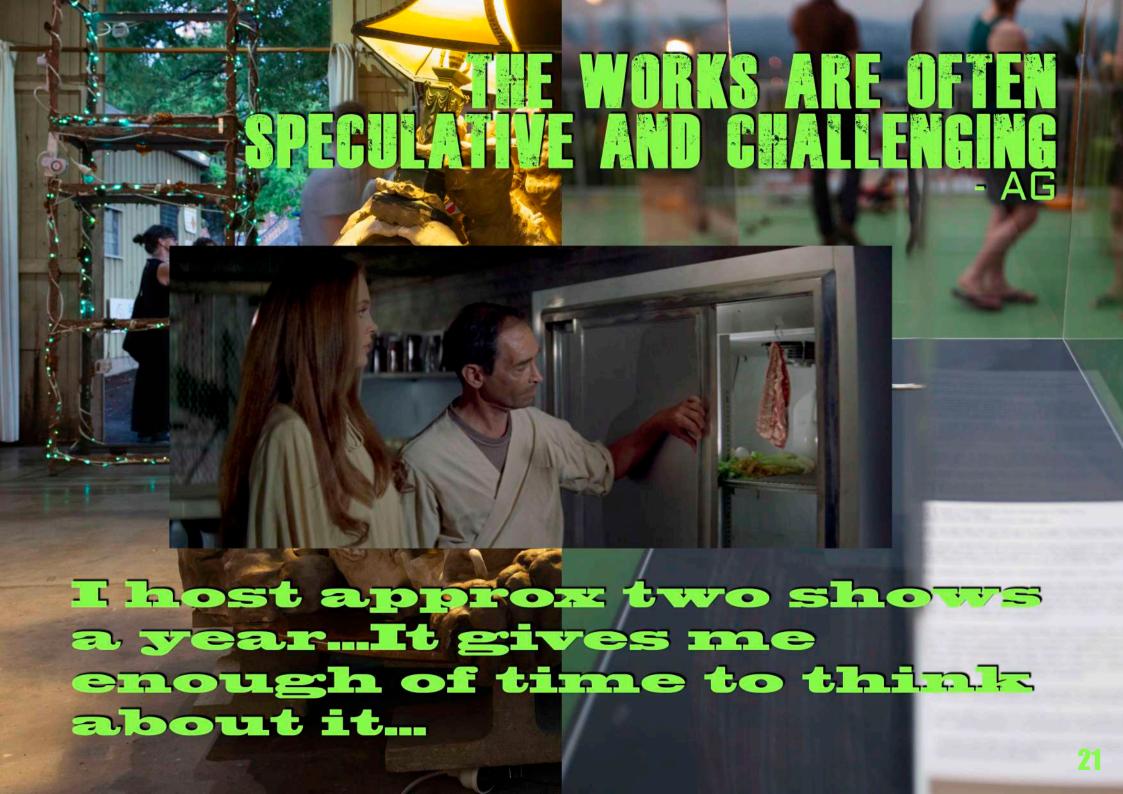


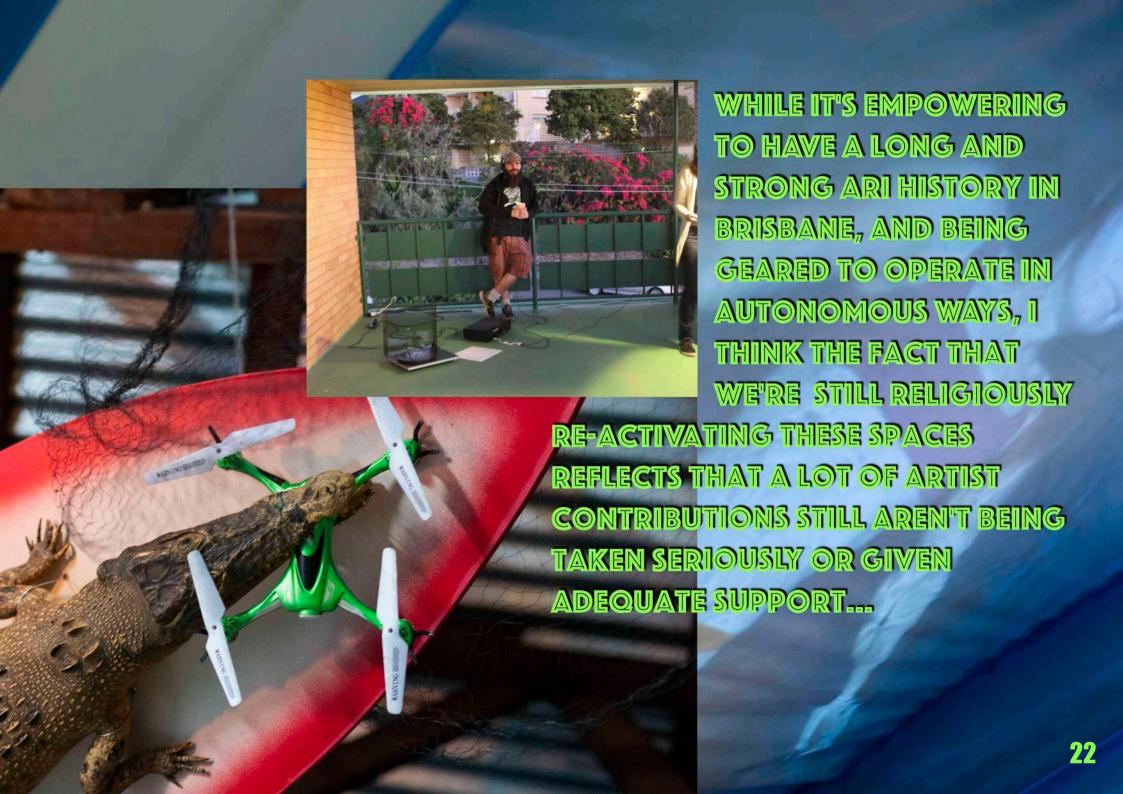




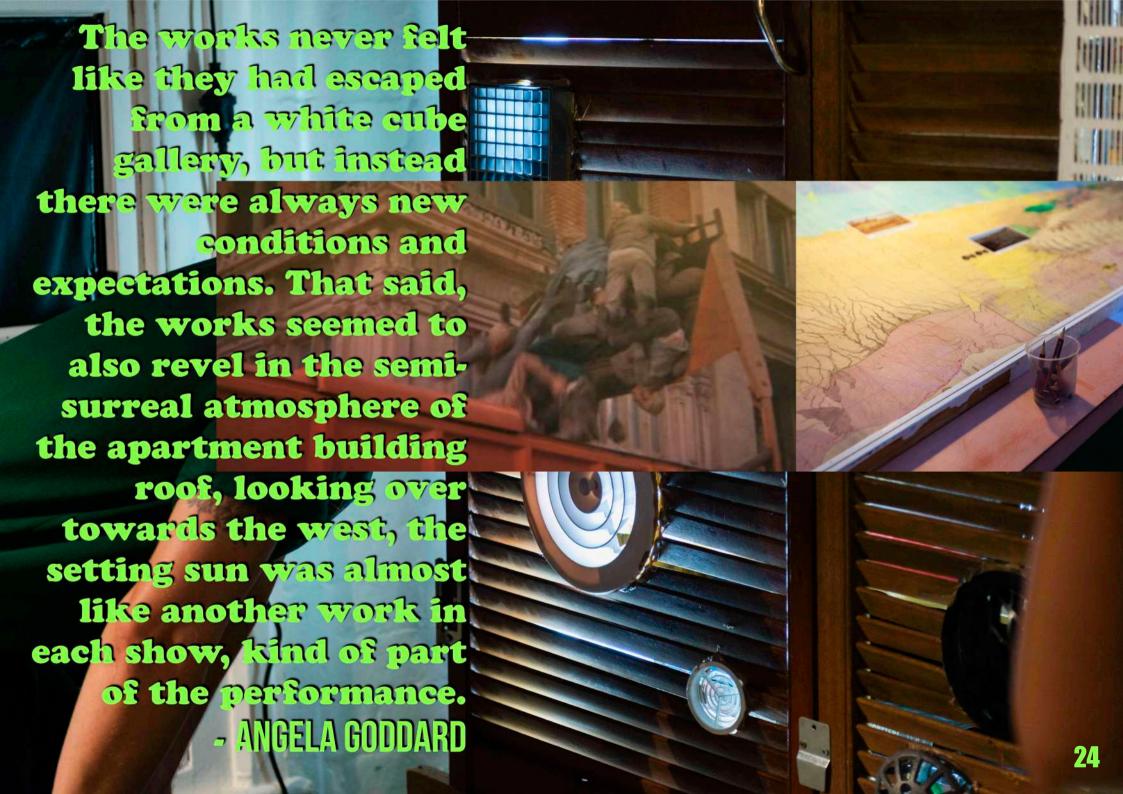
















THE SOYLENT SPOT IS AN INITIATIVE RUN BY ERIKA SCOTT ON THE ROOFTOP TERRACE OF A THREE-STORY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN RED HILL – A SUBURB NEIGHBOURING BRISBANE CBD IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THIS SPOT INCLUDE ITS DISTINCTIVE GREEN FLOOR, AND THE EXPANSIVE VIEW ACROSS THE CITY AND BEYOND.

ERIKA SCOTT IS AN ARTIST, AND AMONGST OTHER THINGS, AN AFICIONADO OF HORROR FILMS (B GRADE THROUGH TO THE CLASSICS).

EVIDENCE OF THIS INCLUDE THAT HER CAT IS NAMED 'CARRIE,' AND THE NAME OF THE INITIATIVE, 'THE SOYLENT SPOT,' IS IN REFERENCE TO 'SOYLENT GREEN' A 1973 DYSTOPIAN THRILLER FILM LOOSELY BASED ON THE SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL, 'MAKE ROOM!' BY HARRY HARRISON.¹

SPOILER ALERT... "SOYLENT GREEN IS PEOPLE!"

A DEFINING CHARACTERISTIC OF THE SOYLENT SPOT IS ERIKA SCOTT'S HOSPITALITY. IT IS AS MUCH ABOUT VISITING THE OPEN-AIR ROOFTOP TO ENCOUNTER THE ARTWORK ON OFFER, AS IT IS TO BE IN THE COMPANY OF ITS DIRECTOR. 26

IT IS PERHAPS PRUDENT TO THINK OF THIS INITIATIVE AS AN EXTENSION, NATURAL GROWTH, APPENDAGE (4TH OR 5TH LEG) OF ERIKA'S ART PRACTICE. THE WORK SHE MAKES - COLLAGES, PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES - ARE MARKED BY A HIGHLY PERSONALISED PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT. THIS IS DEFINED BY A PROCESS OF CONSTANTLY DECONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING HER MATERIALS TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT SHIFTS BETWEEN IMAGE AND



OBJECT, THE ORGANIC AND ARTIFICIAL, FORM AND ANTI-FORM.²
As director of the Soylent Spot, she has coordinated several (often-times) one-night group exhibitions since 2016. These have been occasions for a curious and regular mob of artists and associates to come together, to feel welcome (debate, talk pleasantries, shop, shit, and the news). And importantly see the work of artists framed by the context of this spot – a place that does not bow down to the professionalism often demanded or

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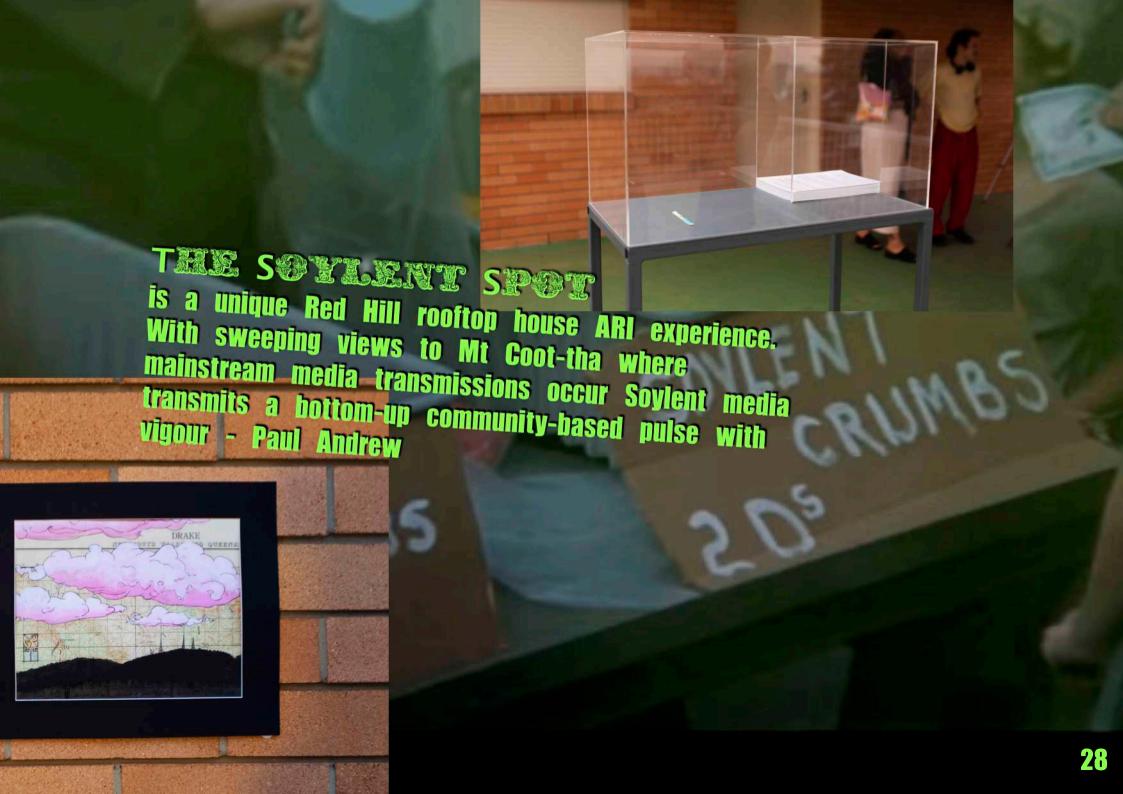
ASPIRED TO BY OTHER ENTERPRISES OF THIS KIND.

BROOKE FERGUSOR

1. Soylent Green - It combines both police procedural and science fiction genres: the investigation into the murder of a wealthy businessman; and a <u>dystopian</u> future of dying oceans and year-round humidity due to the greenhouse effect, resulting in suffering from pollution, poverty, overpopulation, euthanasia and depleted resources. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soylent_Green

2. See Erika Scott 22 April – 20 May, 2017 Pestorius Sweeney House, Brisbane

2017 Pestorius Sweeney House, Brisbane http://davidpestorius.com/archive.html







On the rooftop during install, we were waiting for the sun to set so my video projection would be more visible. It took longer than we thought so Erika POORS kindly made me a mug of Earl Grey tea with milk and left the tea bag in. It tasted good. The tea got stronger and darker as I drank it and so did the sky.

It was a windy evening on the roof top so Archie held onto my 1m wide helium balloon while I was looking for somewhere to secure it. He wondered if bats might swoop at the balloon.

Erika's font choices are exceptional.

If you need a moment's rest from the exhibition you can turn your back on it and look at the view. If you did this in a conventional gallery, you'd be looking at a blank wall.

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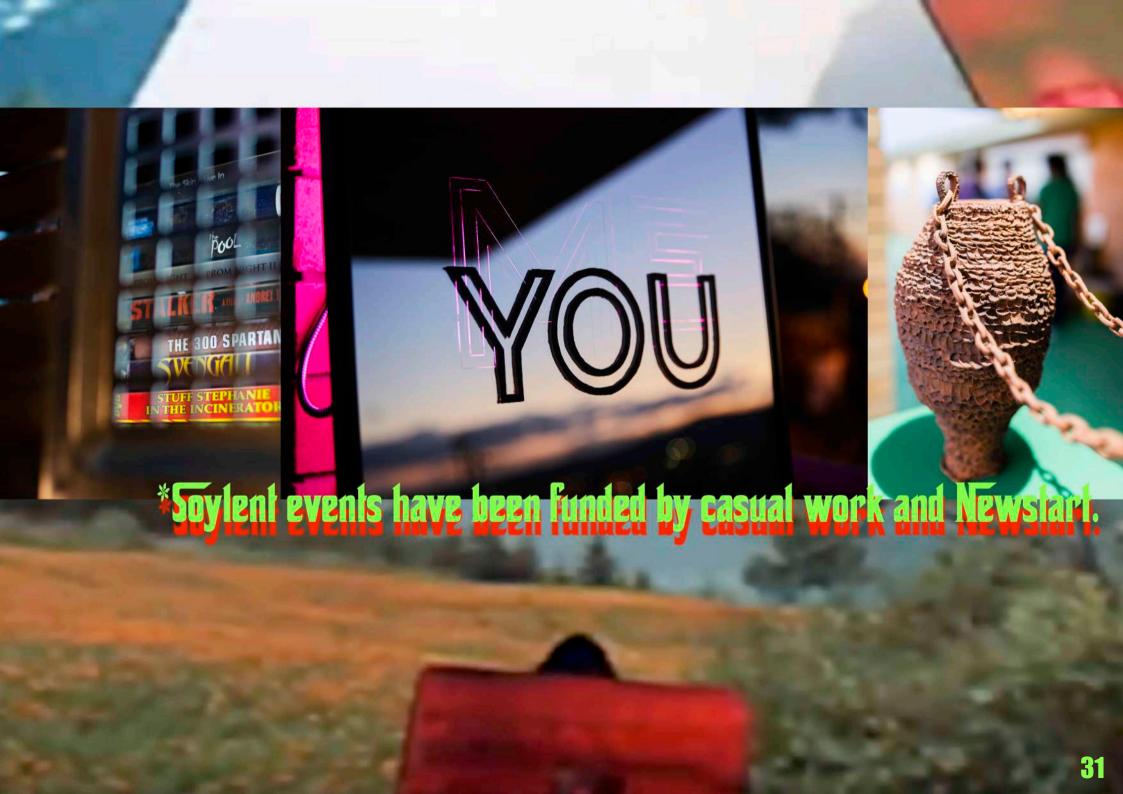
MOUNTAINS

STARS

OTHER PEOPLES ROOFTOPS

Art and people look small in an open space.

Generous. Helpings. Soylent. Spot.





Hove so much about The Soylent Spot. The choose your own adventure stairs - will you end up in the right place? The art that looks over the city, or that you have to look over the railing to see. The sometimes mismatched floor plan, that forces you to speak with another punter to find out if you're looking at the right work. Most of all love the energy of the space and the works on show - it's serious art, that doesn't take itself so seriously - COURTNEY COOMBS



THE *INSIDE* OF A VENUE TO GO OUTSIDE TO

SMOKE/DRINK/TALK...BECAUSE THE INSIDE OF A WHITE BOX IS JUST STUFFY AND STERILE
AND NOT MUCH FUN. SO IN THE SOYLENT SPOT

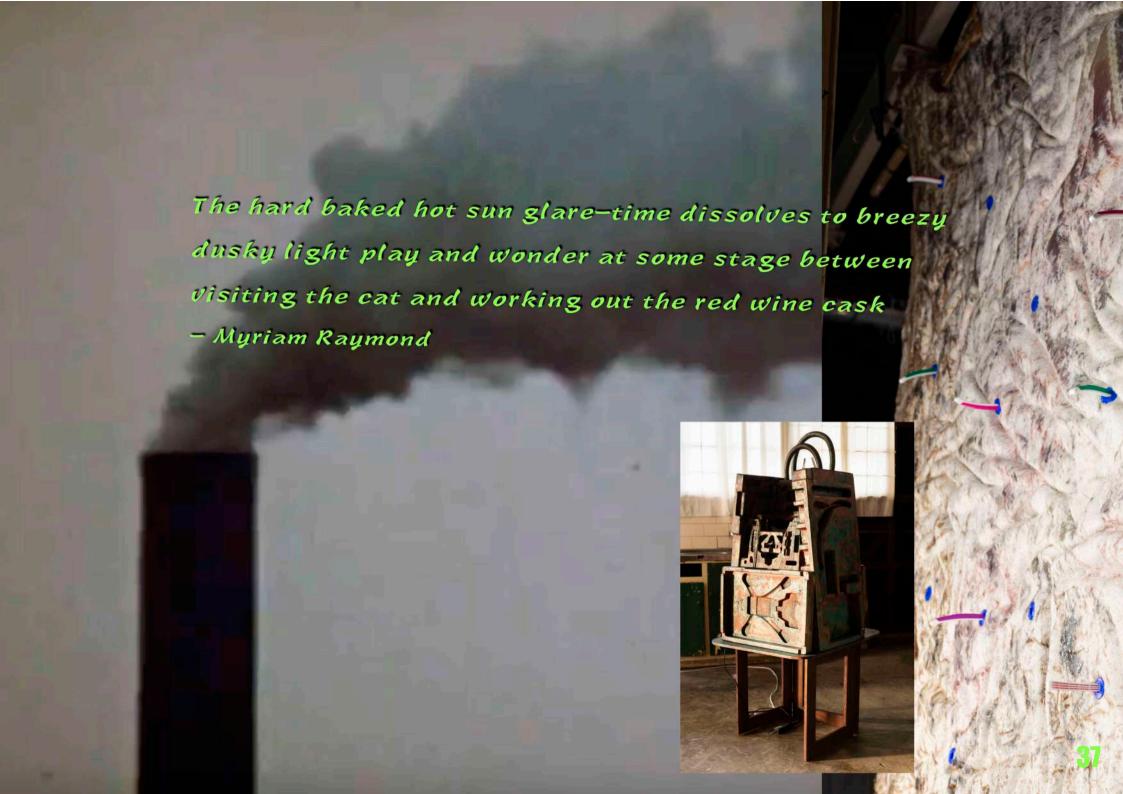
(AKA 'ON TOP OF THE WORLD') THESE TWO POLES ARE UNITED ON THE SAME GREEN.

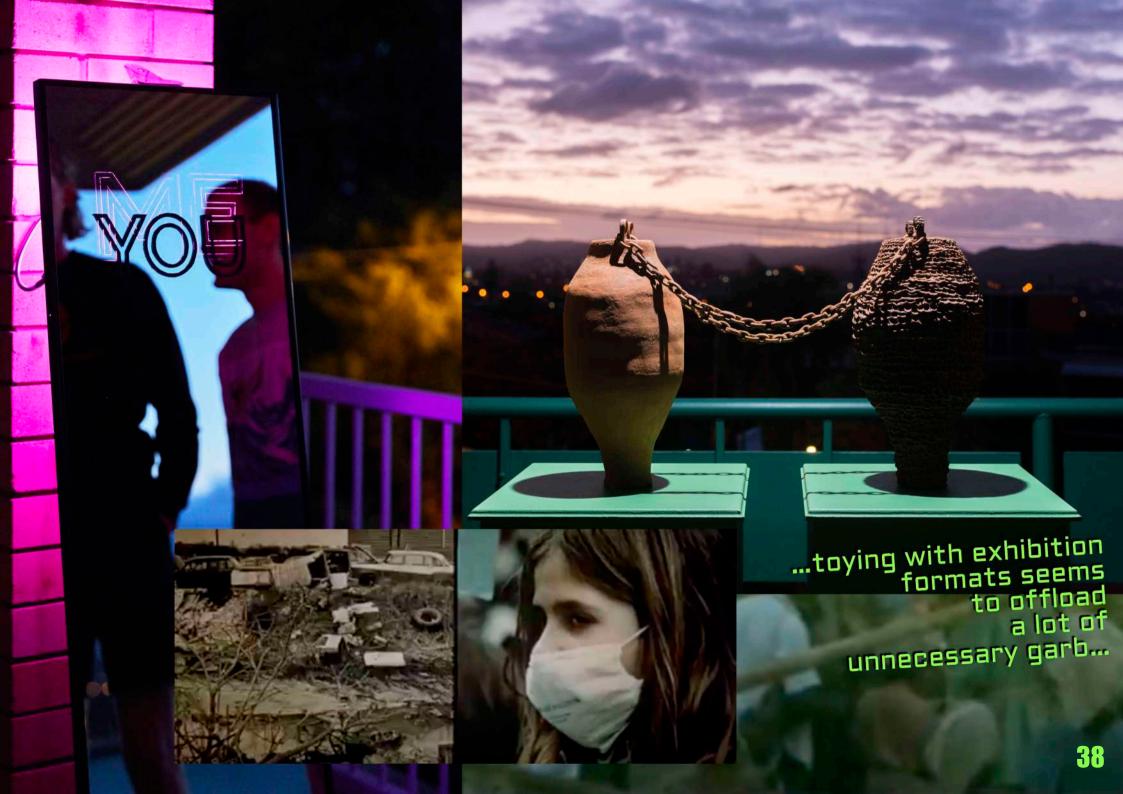
BRILLIANT - WALTER STAHL



1 just remember walking to yours and it was hot, can feel the heat coming up from the footpaths. When I'm walking there I feel exposed. Nervous and a bit hungover, I already can see Archie watching me from the top. Tennis court green, pretty happy to see you and happy as well that theres a reason I should be there, there will be some surprise and I'm curious about it but I'm also not fussed. - Stephen Russell







The Soylent Spot - a tight awkward entry from the stairway to the roof top - the green concrete floor grit under foot - the boundary of the roof and the boundless - the mountains fifty kilometres away - the day, twilight, and night - the glare of artificial light - the stars hundreds of millions miles away - foreground and background - up ground and down ground - the transitional and the transgressive - the green topped pedestal

made of blond bricks . Kim Machan







1 Shit My Pants, Hotes on the Soylent Spot

Firstly lets keep in mind that Brisbane is still a place where if you speak of community you may as well call your self a communist. The Soylent Spot apart from being a space for the experience of art is a place that supports and creates an opportunity for community and for communing through the activity of art.

Some context, experiences and institutions of art have been co-opted for the most part by nerds. And I don't mean the cool yet fictitious Revenge of the Nerds nerds, but priggish over educated, over institutionalised aesthetic fascists who felt left out by the cool kids in high school, and now it's their turn to tell everyone what's cool nerds. You know who I'm talking about. They are those that went to class and sucked up to the authorities. Those that did graduate courses in curatorial studies and arts administration.

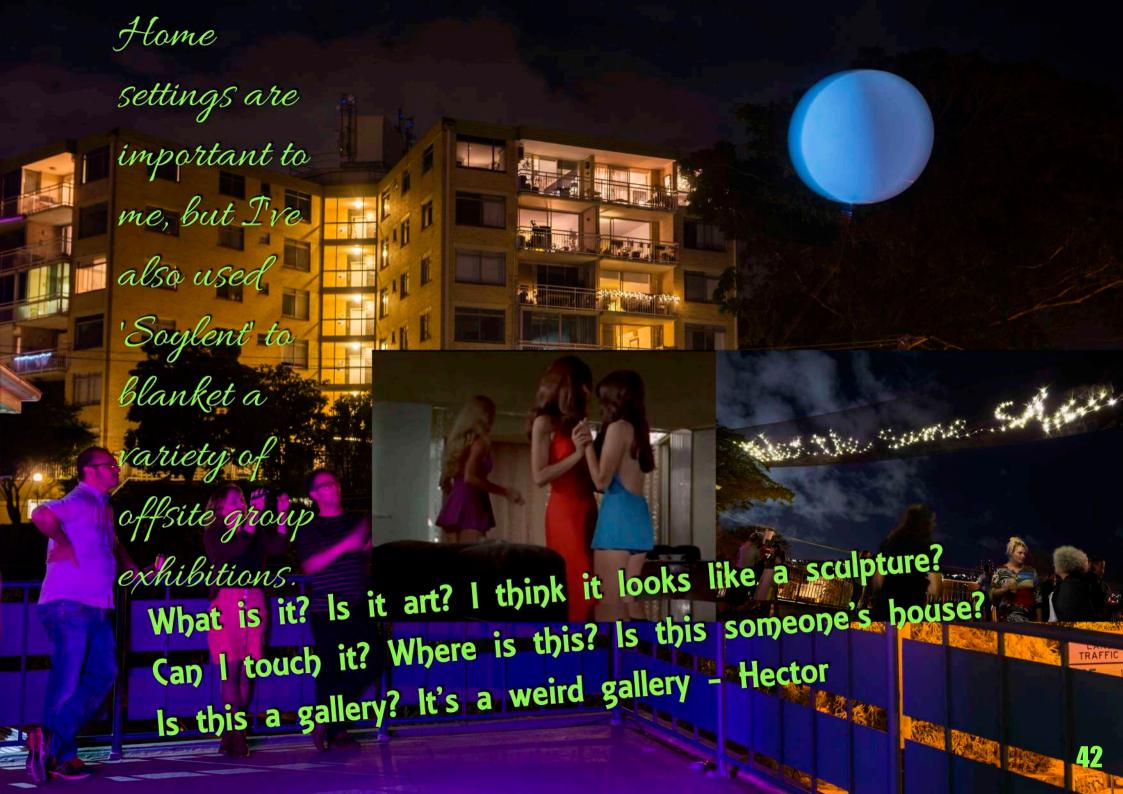
This is of course simply part of a conservative backlash that is made apparently necessary by the failures of late capitalism. Failures to provide time and opportunity to think, manage, care and understand our lives.

The other kind of nerds, the more dangerous ones by far, those that are completely afraid of other people and reside in silicon valley, have made social space a remote electronic video game. A kind of anti communal experience which is the ultimate cooption of the idea of community. The outcome of these kinds of experiences are an awareness of ones own inadequate and very ordinary aloneness.

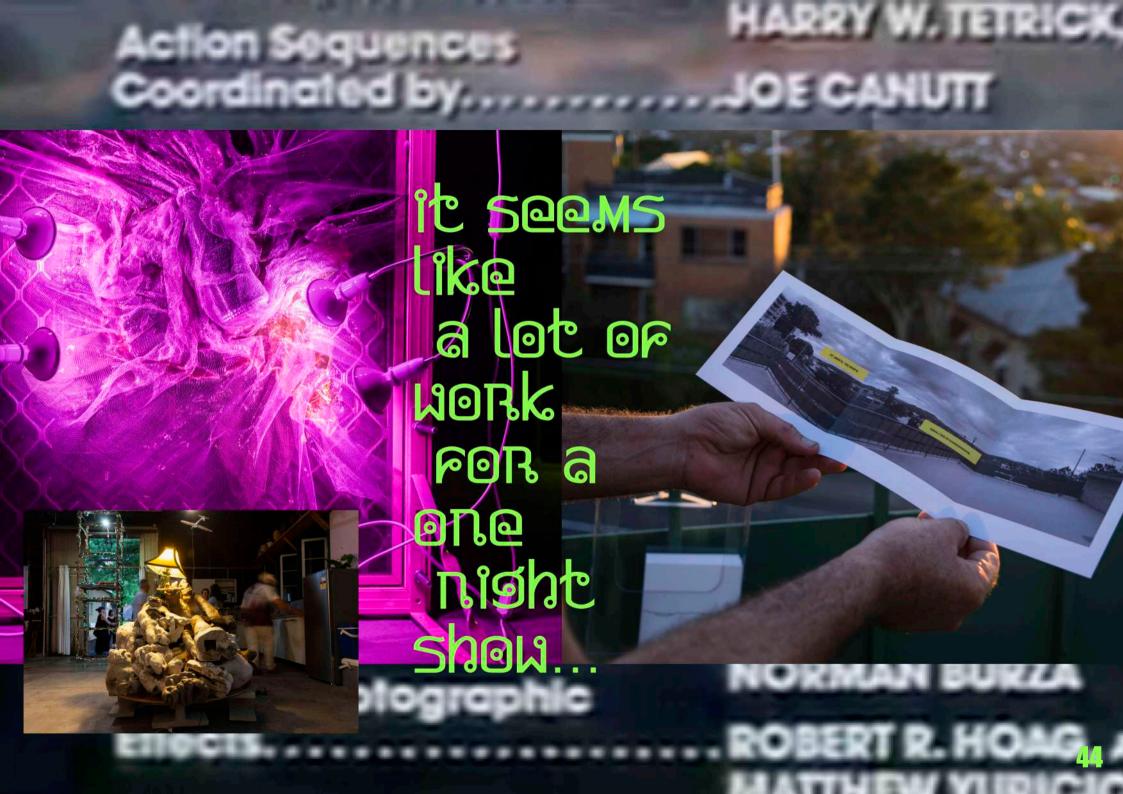


The Soylent Spot on the other hand is un-self consciously cool. It's simultaneously a space for art and a place to commune, it has 0 walls, well maybe 1. It's where people and art exist as equals at once diminished and elevated. The vital factor for me is that you cannot 'fax it in' you must be there, to be there. It coopts an entire City as the back drop for the art there, and you may just see something you have never seen before and will never see again.

Finally The Soylent spot is in someways the embodiment of the person(s) who make it happen and in this case the gallery manager, the curator and the board are the same person, Erika Scott without whom it would not happen. - David M Thomas 2020







If you don't go...you'll never never know...

I felt completely at home within the Soylent group.

A gallery demands an articulated packaged product.

An ARI creates space for ideas and projects in motion and transition.

Soylent Green. Soylent Green right here

An effective ARI functions as a compost heap where people ideas and the flotsam and jetsam of society become nutrient rich combustible culture generating heat, energy, artifacts and divergent perspectives.

The Soylent group on the rooftop or wherever you find them...is an effective dynamic ARI...

Looking forward to working with Soylent into the future...

JEANELLE HURST

Elevated Soylent Green platform Blazing Brisbane sunsets across the horizon Domestic in the most complicated and interesting sense Manages to be of the global art world in a thoroughly local way Seemingly unencumbered an ARI that's actually experimental - Louise Rollman









THE SUVIENT
SPOT

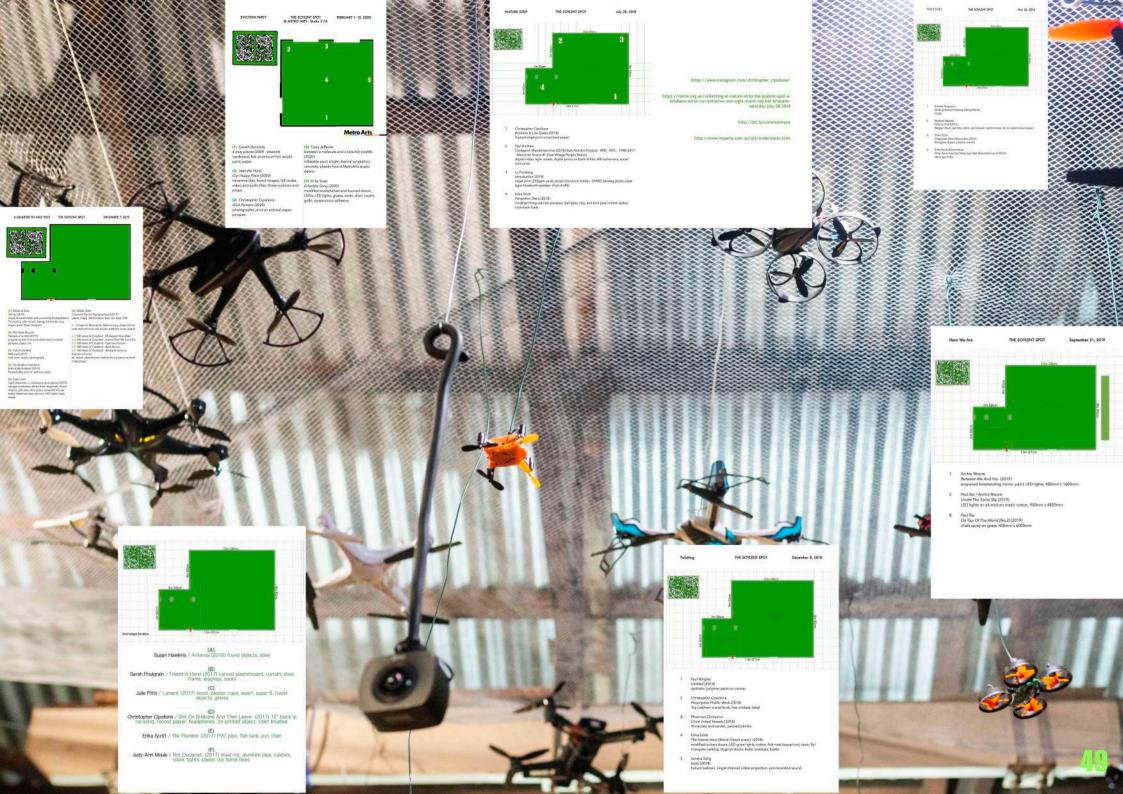
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SOYLENT SPOT DIY ZINE #1

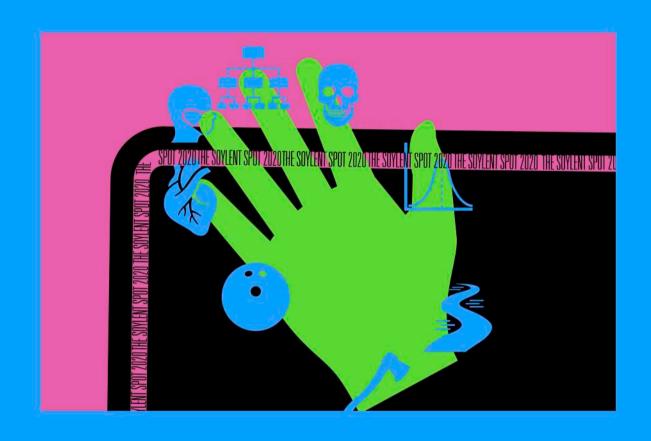
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- Collage: Top/left: Julie Pitts 'Lament', Bottom/Left: Paul Andrew Collaboration, Centre (Handshake): Brooke Ferguson 'Make Room!
- 4. Background/Top: Soylent Green Film still, Background/Bottom: Paul Bai 'On Top Of The World'
- Background: Soylent Green Film Still, Centre: Christopher Cipollone 'Prescriptive Phallic work'
- 6. Background: Judy-Ann Moule 'Not Declared', Top/Left: Rachael Haynes 'Pillar to Post' & below: Rebecca Ross 'Infinity'.
- 7. Background: Soylent Green Film Still, Centre: Location Shot @ 'Here We Are', Right: Social Shot feat, work by Erika Scott and Sandra Selig.
- 8. Background: Soylent Green Film Still, Top/Left: Julie Pitts, Centre: Nicholete Brocchi, Bottom: Paul Bai/Archie Moore collaboration.
- 9. Background: Social Shot @ 'A Quarter To Half Past', Centre: Soylent Green Film Still.
- 10. Background: Soylent Green Film Still and detail from Individual Medley (2015), Centre: Paul Andrew *Contagion Wunderkammer feat. Axis Art Projects BNE NYC 1988-2017 Memento Vivere #1 (East Village People Remix)*
- 11. Background: The Soylent Spot featuring: Dr. Dr. Walter, Dept of Metaphorical Geology and Esoteric Ecology, Croqland Research Institute, holding the 2019 H.P.

 Lovecraft lecture on the occasion of the Psycho-Topographical map of Croqland project being opened up to the scientist citizenry present, Centre: Soylent Green Film

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- 12. Background/Left: Soylent Green Film Still, Background/Right: Erika Scott 'Light Dispenser no.8 (Pleasure Apocalypse)'
- 13. Background: Soylent Green Film Still and Social Shot @ 'A Quarter To Half Past', Centre: Christopher Cipollone 'Erika Is My Gallerist'
- 14. Background/Left: Soylent Green Film Still, Background/Right: Rachael Haynes 'Pillar To Post'
- 15. Background: Soylent Green Film Still, Centre/Right: Erika Scott 'Individual Medley'
- 16. Background: Soylent Green Film Still, Bottom Left: Paul Bai installing 'On Top Of The World'
- 17. Background: Erika Scott 'Pimp Your Door Eye Peep Spy Hole Decoration no.4', Left: Social Shot @ 'Nature Strip', Centre: Soylent Green Film Still
- 18. Background: Social Photo @ Social Ghosts, Top/Left: Soylent Green Film Still, Right: Erika Scott 'Light Dispenser no.8 (Pleasure Apocalypse)'
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- 20. Background: Paul Wrigley 'Untitled'

- 21. Background/Left: Erika Scott 'Drone Jewellery Box', Centre: Soylent Green Film Still, Right: Nicholete Brocchi 'Portrait of a child'
- 22. Background/Left: Hermann Schraut 'Dronarium Suspense', Background/Right: Tiana Jefferies 'between a molecule and a leisurely swim', Centre: Christopher Cipollone 'Shit On Brisbane And Then Leave'
- 23. Background: Judy-Ann Moule performing 'Not Declared' & Susan Hawkins 'Antenna', Right: Soylent Green Film Still, Bottom/Right: Callum Galletly 'Well well'
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- 43. Background: Gareth Donnelly '6 easy pieces', Centre: Soylent Green Film Still
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- 47. Sovient Poster Gallery
- 48. Soylent Poster Gallery continues
- 49. Background: Hermann Schraut 'Dronarium Suspense' with collage of Soylent Mind Maps



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