

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Richard Bell: Imagining Victory

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*Imagining Victory* is a significant solo exhibition by leading Australian artist Richard Bell, centred on a trilogy of recent video projects. The exhibition, developed by Artspace and toured by Museums & Galleries of NSW, presents the artist's highly acclaimed and provocative works *Scratch an Aussie* (2008) and *Broken English* (2009) as well as the series' culminating new work *The Dinner Party* (2013).

The works expand upon narratives and concepts developed within Bell's artistic practice that draw heavily upon the mechanisms of activism. Hilarious and at times deeply disturbing, Bells' work attempts to dig beneath the veneer of cultural integration to expose how racism can be deeply lodged and passed on to future generations.

Richard Bell has been a leading force within the field of contemporary Australian art since the 1990s, making provocative gestures and works that confront the histories and present issues surrounding race relations. The artist frequently integrates expressions of political, cultural, social and economic disenchantment emerging out of the uneasy relationship between Aboriginal peoples and colonial migrants to Australia.



Richard Bell, *Scratch an Aussie*, 2008, still from HD video, 10 minutes. Courtesy of the artist and Milani Gallery, Brisbane

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7 August 2015 – 20 September 2015  
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19 December 2015 – 24 January 2016  
11 March 2016 – 23 April 2016  
28 May 2016 – 17 July 2016

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please visit: <http://mgsw.org.au/sector/exhibitions/now-showing/richard-bell-imagining-victory/>



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