

PERIPHERAL

Beth Shorter

11 April - 17 May 2009



Peripheral presents a series of works based on light and shadow which explore the play of light that exists in the domestic environment in Tropical North Queensland. I have documented these 'non-places' found highlighted in spaces of one's home, and how they transform an ordinary wall into a backdrop for a stage of eye catching dancing light.

The quality and appearance of light in the Far North is distinguishable, particularly in a Queenslander where dappled patterns emerge through louvres or palm fronds. I have captured the ephemeral rays via camera, to bring the momentary visual incidents into an observable realm.

Three houses in particular have provided much inspiration for this exhibition. Many photos taken in my homes over the past several years form the basis of this show. The images have been developed into paintings, a short film and digital prints. In keeping with my love of ceramics and interactive art, there is an additional piece which welcomes viewer participation. The viewer is invited to become the artist and create their own shadow and light play within the confines of the gallery walls.

This work aims to expose our locality's distinct but unobserved light to give local viewers a quiet sense of cultural pride in our region.

Beth Shorter – Artist.

ARTIST TALK **Friday 17 April – 5:30pm**

Local artist Beth Shorter will discuss the ideas portrayed in this series of paintings and digital artworks.

EXHIBITION LAUNCH **Friday 17 April – 6.30pm**

Peripheral will be officially opened by Jill Chism

This is a joint exhibition launch with *This is Cassowary Country*

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