



# A LIGHT TOUCH

## TARRYN HANDCOCK

exhibition catalogue



## Artist statement

Presented as a part of the VAMFF Cultural Program 2016, *A Light Touch* is an evolving interdisciplinary body of work arising from Handcock's PhD research into relationships between human bodies, skin, and dress.

Visitors to the exhibition are invited to interact with haptic visual and tactile displays by examining the detailed surfaces of replicate bodies, manipulating materials, wearing pieces, and actively imagining alternative surfaces by rearranging malleable pieces in the space.

The exhibition explores the role of the human body in driving modes of dress forward. How might play and other embodied processes enable designers and wearers to conceptualise and create the things that we wear, and the bodies that we wear them on, now and into the future?

## List of works

Artwork Title: Hands

Dimensions: Variable

Medium: Plaster and Hydrostone body casts, polymer clay

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Artwork Title: Prosthetics

Dimensions: Variable

Medium: Liquid latex

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Artwork Title: Prosthetic Hands

Dimensions: Variable

Medium: Plaster and Hydrostone body casts, liquid latex

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Artwork Title: Fingers I

Dimensions: Variable

Medium: Plaster and Hydrostone body casts



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Artwork Title: Fingers II

Dimensions: Variable

Medium: Liquid latex

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Artwork Title: Fingers III

Dimensions: 594mm x 4000mm

Medium: Photo print

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Artwork Title: Re-skin (exterior surface)

Dimensions: 841mm X 1189mm

Medium: Photo print

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Artwork Title: Re-skin (interior surface)

Dimensions: 594mm x 4000mm

Medium: Photo print

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Artwork Title: [A Light Touch]

Artist Credits:

Video + Production - Good John

Design – Tarryn Handcock

Talent – Hana Schlesinger

Dimensions: Variable

Medium: film, iPads

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## Event Information

**Opening Event:** 13 February 2016, 5-9pm

**Exhibition Dates:** 13-18 February 2016

**Venue:** Melbourne Arts Club Gallery  
1/176-180 High Street, Preston  
melbournartsclub.com

**Gallery Hours:** Sat-Sun 12.00pm – 5.00pm,  
Tues – Fri 12.00pm – 4.00pm

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