

### A BIT ABOUT ME

### I AM ...

- ...Zara Ali Monteith
- ...a Brisbane-based graphic designer
- ...a communicator
- ...a quick learner
- ...an enthusiastic, hard working individual
- ...in awe of colour, in all its forms and combinations
- ...in love with typography, any language, any script
- ...perceptive and inquisitive about the world around me
- ...a transport tragic, maps, trains, signs, number plates...
- ...a crafty, hands-on worker, I always have new craft projects in progress
- ...dedicated to creating the best solution for the problem at hand
- ...obsessed with understanding how systems work, and how they work best
- ...adaptable, having worked and florished in a large variety of industries
- ...working to make the world a better place
- ...always looking for the next challenge

### **ARTWORKERS**

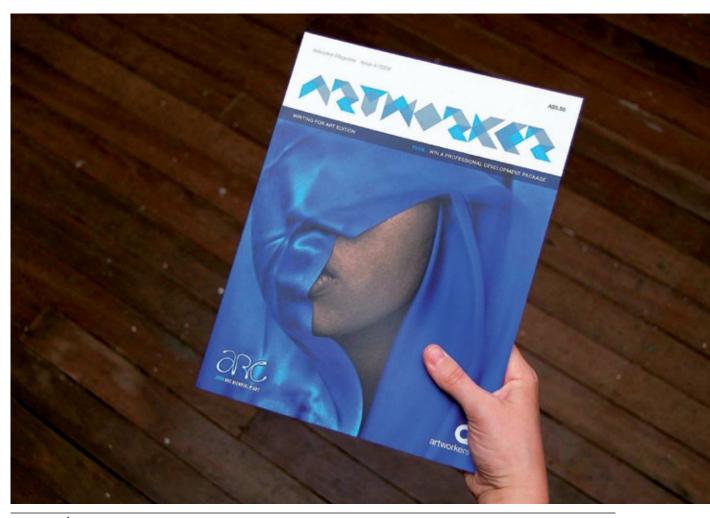
MAGAZINE DESIGN + TYPOGRAPHY - 2009

Artworkers Alliance is a network to support creatives working in visual art, craft and design industries in Queensland. In conjunction with their annual ARC Biennial, they were looking for a fresh look to facilitate the launch of a new issue of their magazine, Artworker.

I utilised my typographic knowledge and skill to create a unique and striking masthead (Fig 1) within the art magazine market.

This geometric and structured approach was continued throughout the magazine's contents. I created a simple typeface (Fig 2,3 & 4) for the article headings in response to the masthead style and digital focus of the feature articles.

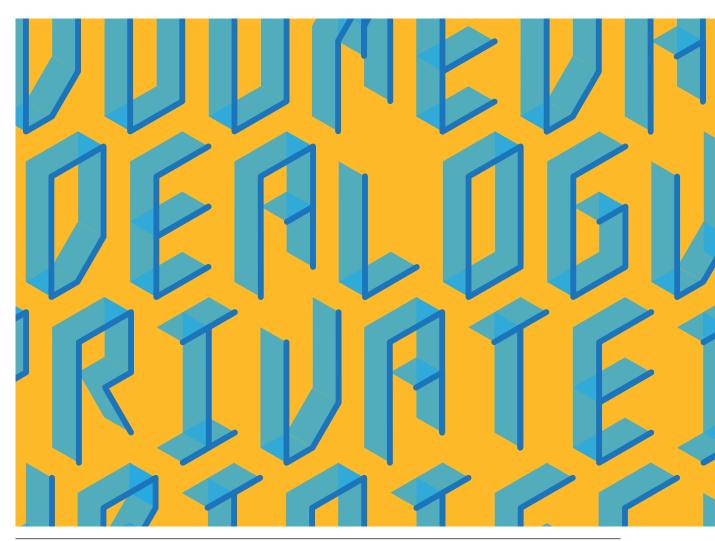
I designed and produced the entire magazine at Liveworm Studio at Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, South Bank.



### 1. Artworkers magazine cover



2. Inside spread of magazine using Doomed typeface (see figure 3 & 4)



3. Doomed typeface

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### **QWEEKEND**

#### MAGAZINE LAYOUT + FOOD STYLING - 2012

While working at News Queensland, I was a designer at The Saturday Courier-Mail's QWeekend magazine.

I followed the production process from concept to publication, creating and preparing content for print. This involved creating and executing concepts based on the articles to visually communicate the focus of the article, all while following QWeekend style (Fig 1 & 2).

I was also responsible for styling food photography shoots for the recipe pages (Fig 3, 4 & 5).

It was my task to prepare, organise, style and supervise the photography shoot at Sirromet Winery, whilst working in conjunction with the photographers and chef to produce the end result.

Photography by David Kelly and Russell Shakespeare.











1. Recipe layout and photography







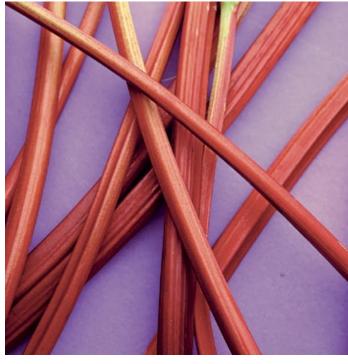




2. Feature article layouts







3. Food photography







4. Food photography







### LAT27 - CLIENT WORK

DOCUMENT DESIGN - 2015-17

Working as part of the Lat27 studio, I have worked on many public and internal documents for governments, councils and private firms.

I am the lead for designing the document and templates for clients, often adhering to guidelines and/or other requirements like accessability criteria.

I also work internally, creating proposals and internal documentation for projects, requiring graphics, layout, colour and typography to communicate our design work, all whilst considering our varied target audiences from project to project.

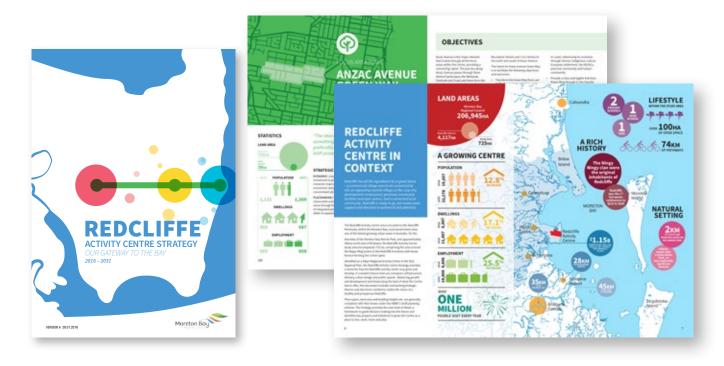
I work collaboratively with my colleagues on these documents, advising on colour, typography and form. I also am the go to for technical advice in Adobe products.

I have also worked on many projects themselves, creating environmental

graphics like signage and patterns for surface treatments, furniture and structures. Much of the work I do is commercial in confidence, and most is still under construction/in progress so unfortunately most documents and project work I have completed can't be shown at this time.

Figure 1 is the Redcliffe Activity Centre Strategy, a large strategy document for Moreton Bay Regional Council requiring the production of many information graphics and maps.

Figure 2 is the Queen's Wharf PDA Public Realm and Movement Network Planning and Design Guideline. I worked with the Economic Development Queensland team to design this document to State Government guidelines, including the branding of the key categories for the guideline.



1. 'Redcliffe Activity Centre Strategy' document design



2. 'Queen's Wharf PDA Public Realm and Movement Network Planning and Design Guideline' document design

### **SUPER A-MART CATALOGUES**

PRINT DESIGN - 2013-15

Working as part of the Super A-Mart Marketing department, my team was responsible for all print and environmental design across the 50 stores in Australia.

In addition to the core branding, we designed the monthly sales campaign across catalogues, advertising, web and in-store applications. We also worked on packaging, internal communications and the yearly Conference.

A key achievement while at Super A-Mart was helping to direct the steady evolution of the visual voice of the brand. When I started, the direction was loud, brash and in your face – you couldn't ignore what they had to sell.

Market research and competitor observation showed a simpler, clean approach whilst still being bold, could herald a larger target market and potentially more customers.

Our goal was to evolve the brand to include this new target market without alienating our current customers.

A combination of incremental changes, changing to a unified typographic voice and re-thinking the structure and core message of our output helped start the evolution into the Amart Furniture brand around today.

I played a key role in researching, advising and deciding on the new typeface for Super A-Mart. Gotham was chosen for its modern design, practical features and friendly yet confident voice.

This typeface change led to a more streamlined direction for the catalogue, steering away from a new look every month, to a rotating program of campaigns to help cement the brand in the market.



### **ELEMENT PHOTO & VIDEO**

BRANDING - 2012

Starting out as a one-man operation, Lachlan Ryan Video Productions wanted to re-brand as Element Photo & Video Productions to reflect the larger and more professional business they had become.

Element wanted their brand to appeal to a broader and more professional audience. They want to move up in the marketplace, cover larger events and eventually aim to produce short films.

Element has a niche in the marketplace, covering sporting and special events such

as triathlons, mountain bike racing, boxing and concerts. Element maintained their brand was to target this market, whilst not alienating others.

The brand has been created on-par with their desired competition in the Brisbane marketplace and with their future ambitions in mind.

A simple yet striking graphic of the aperture of a lens in the shape of an 'e' communicates the focus of their business and a connection to their name (Fig 1).



# ELEMENT PHOTO & VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

1. Main logo





2. Alternate 'line' logo

3. Alternate 'solid' logo



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4. Element business card

### PIA 'QUEENSLAND PLANNER'

PUBLICATION - 2013-2017

I was approached by Planning Institute of Australia, Queensland Division, to design the covers for their quarterly industry journal.

They were seeking a more unified and graphic approach to the cover, to increase readership amongst its members and industry colleagues.

In response to the Winter 2013 edition's theme, "Changing planning culture" the cover (Fig 1) was created to highlight the elephant in the room, the red tape that restricts the industry and how the Institute is addressing this issue.

Spring 2013 (Fig 2) focused on Mackay and surrounds as an accompaniment to the State Conference, highlighting key themes and focal points for the event.

Autumn 2014 (Fig 3) covers Diversity in planning, using typefaces as symbolism for challenges unique to Queensland.

Winter 2014 (Fig 4) & Summer 2016/17 (Fig 8) are some photographic solutions.

Spring 2015 (Fig 5) uses road signage as a metaphor for how language directs the conversation in all different ways.

Autumn 2016 (Fig 6) reflects on the future and the unknown pathways that lie ahead.

Winter 2016 (Fig 7) uses the iconic London Underground map to symbolise the state's transport needs and desires.

I conceptualised and created all the graphic covers from scratch, and also photographed occasionally for the perfect cover shot.

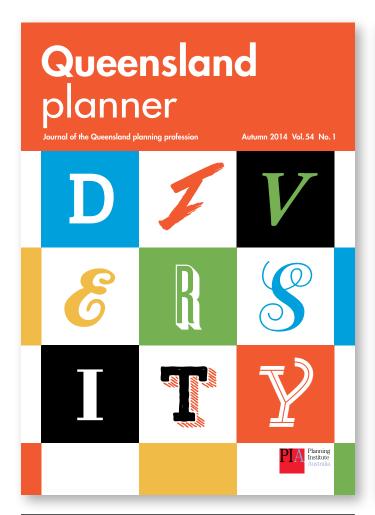
Feedback from the Institute and its members has been very positive. Readers have responded, noting how striking the journal is, and has increased readership among the Institute's members.

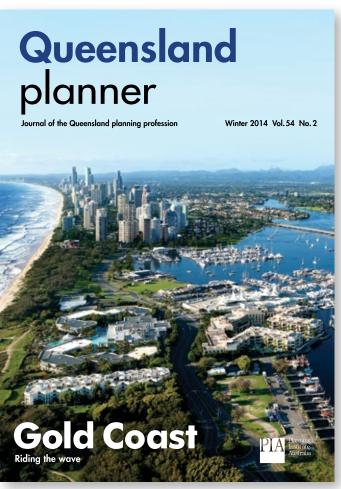


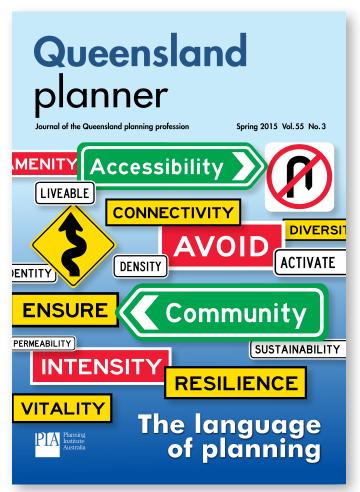


1. Cover design, Winter 2013

2. Cover design, Spring 2013

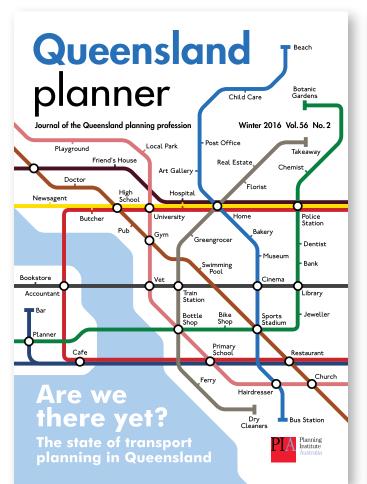




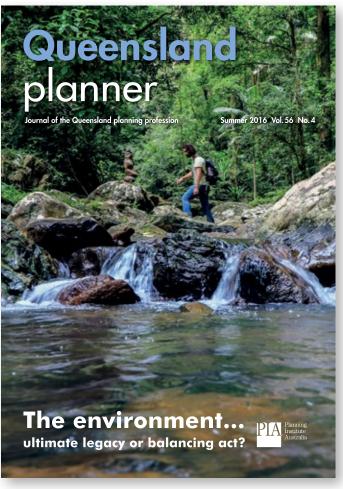




5. Cover design, Spring 2015



6. Cover design, Autumn 2016



### **VOLUNTEERING QLD**

BRANDING + DIGITAL BROCHURES - 2015

Volunteering QLD is a state-wide organisation connecting volunteers with people in need. They operate numerous programs and initiatives across a broad range of areas in the community including homelessness, women's development, disaster relief and education.

Beginning in 2011, the Innovate Symposium brings individuals committed to social justice and sustainable communities together. Participants are taught to challenge traditional approaches to social action and community development with new ways of thinking and use these new tools to innovate in their own area of expertise.

I was approached to re-brand (Fig 1 & 2) The Innovate Symposium in 2015 to better visually reflect the expertise and complex subjects the Symposium addresses.

In addition, I designed a digital brochure (Fig 3) for a series of community development workshops by Volunteering QLD. Once again I was charged with creating a visually engaging yet professional design, reflective of the expertise of the teachers and target audience.

# SYMPOSIUM • 2015

### Griffith University EcoCentre Nathan Campus • 19-20 February, 2015

1. 'Innovate' logo





### **BRANDING**

VARIOUS BRANDS & LOGOS - 2009-2013

A variety of branding and logos I have produced over many years, in response to a diverse range of businesses, publications and charities.

- 1. Artworkers Magazine Artworkers Alliance masthead 2009
- 2. Hummingbird Brisbane charity helping connect people 2012
- 3. Element Photo & Video Productions Outdoor focused photography and videography 2012
- 4. Grow Your Own Sustainable food brand for the average consumer 2009
- 5. Burn Fitness Personal Training 2013
- 6. Mike Molloy IT specialist 2010
- 7. Laser & Survey Solutions Survey equipment & servicing 2009
- 8. Mountain Bikes Direct Online mountain bikes & equipment distributor 2012
- 9. Lost Boys Theatre Company Small Brisbane theatre company 2012
- 10. Adriana Melissa Hairdressing Home service hairdresser 2013



1. Artworker magazine masthead



2. Hummingbird



3. Element



4. Grow Your Own

BURN FITNESS

5. Burn Fitness



6. Mike Molloy



7. Laser & Survey Solutions



8. Mountain Bikes Direct



9. Lost Boys Theatre Company



10. Adriana Melissa Hairdressing

### **NEWSPAPER INVITATION**

WEDDING INVITATION - 2010

This invitation was designed for the nuptials of Jenny and Michael. They requested a simple yet quirky invitation which expressed the couple's unique character traits and interests. The bride's family has a strong family connection to the Queensland newspaper industry. I decided a newspaper style invitation would be the best invitation to reflect and communicate the couple's unique relationship.

The wedding was simple and classic with the bride wearing a 1920's inspired

dress. I mimicked the style and writing of The Courier-Mail from the 1920's and hid references to special dates, the groom's bicycle business, family and friends in the surrounding text. Instead of a gift registry, the couple arranged a World Vision registry, which fit in as an advertisement on the reverse (Fig 1).

This was printed on newspaper stock and torn to resemble a tear-out from an actual newspaper, and proved to be a convincing outcome for many guests.

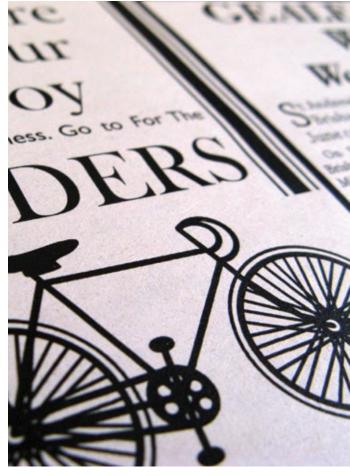












### LOST BOYS THEATRE CO.

BRANDING, POSTERS + BROCHURES - 2012

Lost Boys is a small, quirky Brisbanebased theatre company. I produced collateral for their two shows, 'A Very Potter Musical' and 'How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying'.

Their first production 'A Very Potter Musical', a parody of the Harry Potter novels. I designed the program, referencing style and elements from the novels and movies, heavily featuring the Marauder's Map (Fig 2).

Their second production 'How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying' was given a modern twist with the use of technology throughout. I designed, handmade and photographed a pixelated New York skyline, as the play is set in New York, as the centre concept for the poster (Fig 3).

I used this concept for the campaign and paired it with Art Deco inspired typography referencing the origins of the original production.

The execution of the Lost Boys existing brand left room for improvement and was accurate in reflecting their quirky and generous style. I took the opportunity to re-fresh their logo in a simpler format (Fig 1).



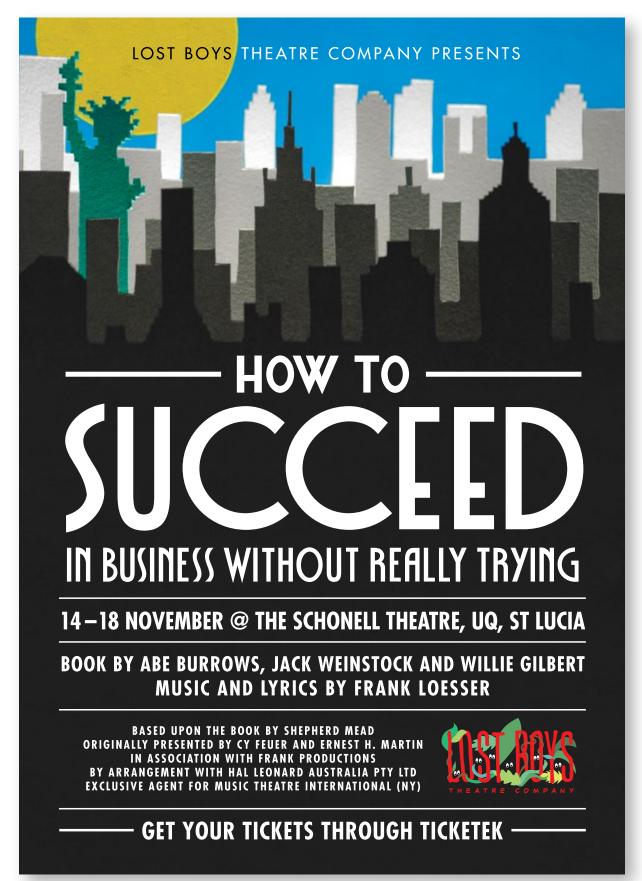


THEATRE COMPANY

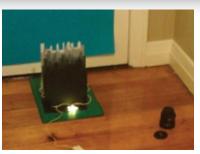
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1. LBTC logo & business card











### **MOUNTAIN BIKES DIRECT**

ADVERTISING - 2013-2014

Mountain Bikes Direct is a Gold Coast based online store for mountain bike enthusiasts. They separate themselves from the competition with their Australian owned and operated business, providing low prices and quality service.

I have created print advertisements for their business for publication in Australian Mountain Bike magazine and Revolution magazine (Fig 1).

The design is simple, patriotic and eyecatching, with plenty of space for pricing, in an effort to stand out in the overseas dominated mountain bike market. We progressed our message with a photographic dominated advertisement (Fig 2) aiming to connect with the customer through the culture of mountain biking, instead of focusing on their competitive pricing.

More recently, to address local and overseas competition, I designed an advertisement (Fig 3) to showcase the new local Gold Coast warehouse and the benefits of buying from Mountain Bikes Direct, a proud Australian Owned business.





1. Mountain Bikes Direct, Revolution magazine advertisement, February 2013.

2. Mountain Bikes Direct, Revolution magazine advertisement, June 2013.



3. Mountain Bikes Direct, Revolution magazine advertisement, May 2014.

### **LETTERPRESS**

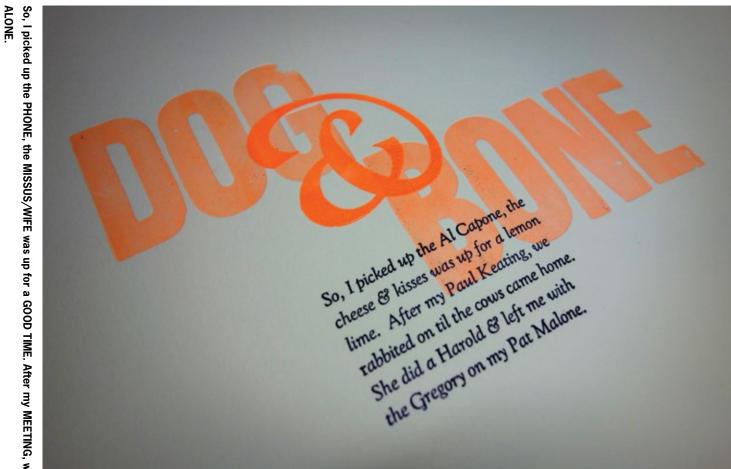
POSTER - PRODUCTION + DESIGN - 2013

As part of a four-week letterpress course at Design College Australia, I produced in partnership with Chloe Koklas, a letterpress piece about Australia and it's unique language.

Using Australian rhyming slang which originated in East London, commonly

referred to as 'Cockney', we wrote and produced a piece titled 'Dog & Bone'.

The comically cryptic piece recounts the events of last night, as told by an Australian man to his friend over the telephone (Dog & Bone).









1. 'Dog & Bone' final poster and letterpress production

## **MOCK BLUE REGULAR**

TYPEFACE - DESIGN + IMPLEMENTATION - 2009

The newly formed "Out of the Blue" choir currently resides under the Queensland Youth Choir brand. Their quirky and unique style called for their own identity to separate the choir from their more uniform counterparts.

In response, typeface (Fig 1) was created for the choir for use across a variety of collateral and promotional material.

Each performance is branded, using unique ligatures (Fig 2) to enhance the theme and visually unify their work.

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1. Mock Blue Regular character set



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