

The heat is in our hands explores the relationship between Humans and coral bleaching in the Great Barrier Reef.

In my Work, I have visually represented the process of coral bleaching and expressed a cry for help in order to raise awareness and encourage discussions. We as humans can make small changes in decreasing our green house emissions to slow down the effects of global warming, and help the survival of our reefs.

The body suit is produced with organically woven Paper raffia. During the making process, there is no planned structure to making the garment- it is not neat or tightly woven. The end result was to emulate the live movement of the coral life in the sea.

Each weaving session was effected by time limitations, my light of day or night, and my surrounding environment. Time and environment altered the weaving that was produced. The making processes is a pure reflection on how the coral reefs are changing rapidly due to the external environmental factors.

The piece is a full body suit to shine light- that this is a human issue. We as humans hold the power to help curb global warming by reducing our green house gas emissions, which intern may reduce the raising water temperatures and help slow down the effect of coral bleaching.

Coral bleaching occurs when the coral animals are stressed and release the plant cells that lives inside them , bleaching the coral of the colour and nutrients.

This is represented with the stark white skeleton neck piece that emerges from the navel of the body suit. Like a cry for help the rigid white stems radiate upwards emerging from the vibrant coloured body , encasing the neck area as though strangling the air supply- representing the stress of the corals.

The body suit is painted as a pure reflection of the luminous beauty of the coral reef in a healthy state. Parallel to that, encased in the human form are the colours represented in thermal imaging photos. Visually representing how humans may control the amount of heat contributed to the raised water temperature in the Great Barrier Reef.

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