



EPISODE 9 » LIVE ON AIR FRIDAY 3 AUGUST, 12:30 – 4PM

# MARY FEATHERSTON: WONDER-FUL SCHOOLS?

**WORKAROUND** engages with a movement of women focused on advocacy and activism within an expanded field of architecture. Each of these practitioners works towards positive change in the built environment and its surrounding cultures.

**WORKAROUND** is an online broadcast and a program of live events. Fourteen Australian practitioners each present a critique, conversation, interview, workshop or performance that articulates their strategies and workarounds and reflects on their activist practice.

This episode – led by designer and activist Mary Featherston with teaching staff from Princes Hill Primary School – seeks to convey the essence of the ‘collective inquiry’ educational approach. Working with a filmmaker, students travel to Mary’s atelier and garden where they will undertake a studio-based learning experience. The children are invited to explore Mary’s life-long collection of natural objects – her personal ‘cabinet of curiosities’. On returning to Design Hub, the children discuss and unfold their experiences. Children and adults gather around Design Hub’s purpose-designed round table to discuss what this experience has meant to them, what sparked their sense of wonder and curiosity, what they find interesting and what are their passions. They explore how they pursue their own interests and how they can entice others to explore with them. In this way, the episode seeks to reveal how people like to learn.

## ROUND TABLE

12:30–2:30PM

with Esme Capp, Mary Featherston, Hannah Rother-Gelder and Princes Hill Primary School students

## REFLECTIVE DISCUSSION

3–4PM

Envisaging new paradigms for education with Suzie Attiwil, Esme Capp, Mary Featherston, Natalie Robinson, Hannah Rother-Gelder and Fleur Watson

Each of the episodes can be watched in real time as it occurs from the set at RMIT Design Hub, or viewed online via the Design Hub website.

Each event is free, but bookings are helpful. More details on each episode and bookings via RMIT Design Hub [eventbrite](#). Email [hello.designhub@rmit.edu.au](mailto:hello.designhub@rmit.edu.au) with any questions.

All events as part of **WORKAROUND** take place in Project Room 1, Level 2, RMIT Design Hub, corner Victoria and Swanston streets, Carlton.

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