



## Matt Tsourdalakis

**ACU - Making film**

Won the Frankston Arts Centre artist developmental award for his short film *I Hate This and... Everybody's Gotta Learn Sometime and... I Wake Up Every day*. Shot frame by frame, almost 6000 images were used to create a disjointed time effect.

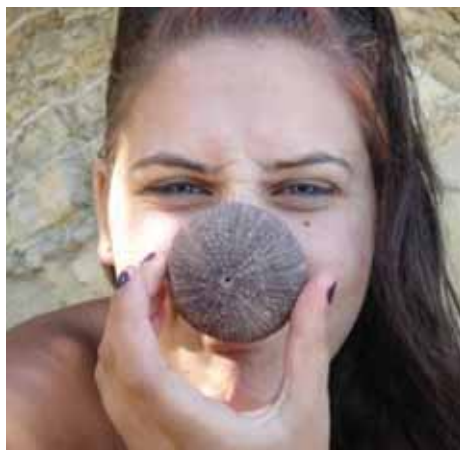
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPU5LuSzis0>



## Jason Deacon, Ebony Holmberg

**RMIT - Advertising**

The first Australians to win the Cannes Future Lions student advertising competition with their entry, *The Great Expedia Warm Up*.



## Maria Makripoulis

**VU - Travelling**

Selected for a once in a lifetime trip to the UK courtesy of My Overseas Experience for her creative video submission outlining why she should be a part of the inaugural myOE UK University tour.

## Erica Dobson

**La Trobe - UN intern**

Awarded internship with the United Nations travelling to New York to work in the Drugs and Crime Unit for three months.

# Young Victorian of the Year

**M**onash student Thom Woodroffe has been named the 2009 Young Victorian of the Year.

At a ceremony in Melbourne, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle presented Thom with the award in recognition of his work in encouraging youth participation across the community.

Thom is the founder of Left Right Think Tank, Australia's first independent and non-partisan think tank for young people.

Publicly launched earlier this year, it was developed to provide young Australians with the opportunity to contribute to government policy.

Thom said he hoped to change the way many groups engage with young people.

"There is a culture of tokenism in many organisations' approaches to youth participation that is more about bottom line than about encouraging and promoting the voices and ideas of young people, which many young people are often unknowingly seduced by," he said.

Left Right has already expanded across four states, engaged thousands in its network and rolled-out innovative programs such as a Fellowships course for high-school students.

"The organisation is all about providing the platform for young people with great ideas to research them, discuss them and ultimately to link them with policymakers outside of the partisan political process that many are frankly bored with," Thom said.



## Bill Irving, Carmen Knox

**RMIT/Monash - Films to save lives**

The two winners of the Transport Accident Commission's 2009 *Make a Film, Make a Difference* competition. They now get the chance to work with respected film industry mentors as they prepare their ideas for the big screen.

## James Docking

**Swinburne - Business value**

Realising the value of businesses with a social focus has earned him the annual Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop scholarship, worth \$3000.

## Student team

**Swinburne - Baby drinks**

Awarded the Licensing Executive Society International's Global Award at a ceremony in Montreal for their plan to bring single-use, ready-to-drink infant beverages to the globe using a revolutionary packaging system.

## Ching Tan

**Swinburne - Watering gardens**

Won an Award of Excellence in the Australasian Student Design Competition for his design *Aqua Anytime*, a water management system that gives community gardens equal and timely access to a shared water supply.

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