# Malleability

# Mark Smith

### Saturday 30 July 2022 to Sunday 11 September 2022

## About the exhibition

## Mark Smith’s works navigate the complexities of living with a disability. His early work deals with the physicality of the body and how it relates to the human condition. For Smith, the body becomes a non-negotiable starting point for existence.

## Smith's text-based soft sculptures and ceramics put emotional responses into words. The works are philosophical propositions that reflect on his state of being. Smith enjoys playing with words and a recent work called Always look on the bright side of life is typical of Mark's attitude to life. The soft sculptures are visceral and textured. They incorporate stuffing, threads, and rich fabrics to create a malleable form. Making soft sculptures is a slow process. The works therefor reflect ‘a quality of being’ and the capacity to be ‘shaped or extended’.

## 'Malleability' includes soft sculptures, ceramics, mixed-media paintings, photography and video.

## Mark Smith is an Arts Project Australia artist.

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## About the artist

Smith is a multidisciplinary artist who works across painting, ceramics, mixed media, video and soft sculpture. Working with emotion as a starting point, he is concerned with how the body relates to human nature and the human condition.

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## Artwork details

*Clockwise from entrance*

*Choice*, 2022

Material, stuffing, thread

47 x 240 x 20 cm

$2,000

*Attentive*, 2022

Material, stuffing, thread

28 x 250 x 10 cm

$2,500

*Listen*, 2022

Material, stuffing, thread

40 x 180 x 25 cm

$2,000

*Significant*, 2022

Material, stuffing, thread

40 x 480 x 13 cm

$2,500

*Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*, 2022

Material, stuffing, thread

17 x 650 x 11 cm

$3,900

*Heart*, 2022

Material, stuffing, thread

61 x 70 x 50 cm

$2,500

*Sweetheart*, 2020

Glaze, earthenware

3 x 112 x 20 cm

$500

*Relation-ship*, 2020

Glaze, earthenware

2 x 121 x 20 cm

$500

*Embryonic Fantasy Imaginings (Bubblings)*, 2020

Video

3:14

POA

*Hope*, 2020

Glaze, earthenware

3 x 33 x 10 cm

$400

*Increase*, 2021

Material, stuffing, thread

270 x 30 x 7 cm

$2,900

*Confidence*, 2020

Material, stuffing, thread

270 x 30 x 7 cm

$2,500

*Tension Teasing*, 2020

Video

4:22

POA

*Joy*, 2020

Glaze, earthenware

3.5 x 21 x 9.5 cm

$300