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DARK SNOW: *An Environmental Exhibition by John Brookes*

"A Dark Snow is Coming..." that's the warning of a new exhibition tackling climate change, especially in the ACT area.

Showing at the Belconnen Community Gallery on weekdays, 9-5pm from 23rd October to 8th December, the starting point for this exhibition is a series of images taken during recent heavy snow fall around the Snowy Mountains area.

Artist John Brookes said: "I intended to publish them as is - however, one thing I noticed was that the further one got from the isolation of the pristine snowfall and the nearer to human habitation: the less stunningly white the snow. It became dug up by feet, skis and snowboards and tainted by emissions, black in certain places: behind cafes, pubs and other hostelryes. Ironically spoiling the very vistas people go there for.

"It occurred to me that this is a common bond that ties humanity together wherever they are – a love of nature, paradoxically combined with the less positive bond of global climate change, and bespoiling of that nature.

"Therefore, I reversed out the images to turn the bright snow whites to black and grey; a glimpse of a future where humans have destroyed the very nature they claim to love so much. These will be shown alongside the original images for contrast.

"As I said this is a starting point – leading up to and throughout the exhibition I wish to reach out and include the ACT community and local environmental groups. Attendees and online visitors are encouraged to submit their own images of the deadly impact of climate change on Canberra and its surrounds, to be featured on an online Gallery on www.darksnowproject.weebly.com . There will be a Prize for the top Community Choice based on public votes."

Images can be submitted via email: darksnow@mail.com

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