

Swelter
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The Palm House, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney

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Swelter, a series of site-specific installations by 8 artists, reflected on the history of Australia's first botanic gardens. It followed my own 1996 work Ground Zero on that site.

The project was located in the Old Palm House in Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens. The structure was erected in the 1830s and was the first public greenhouse in the state of New South Wales.

The Palm House is part of the First Farm Display, presented by the Gardens as a theme park dealing with the efforts of the first European settlers to cultivate the land, circa 1788.

The Swelter series included critical, personal and more esoteric responses from some of Australia's foremost installation artists.

Image selection shown.