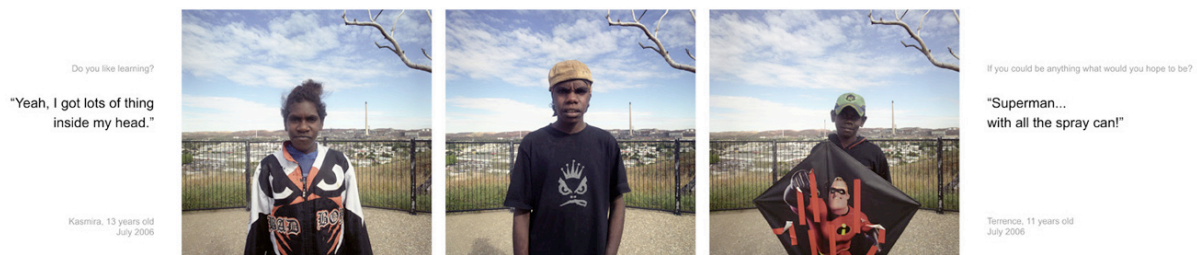


Kidspeak *We're Talking... Anyone Listening?*

ANGELA BLAKELY & DAVID LLOYD



Do you think you'll get to be an old man in Mount Isa, Terrence? No, because I'll be sniffin'. What will that do? It'll burn your brains up. How old do you think you'll be when that happens? I dunno. Do you think you'll live until one hundred? No. Fifty? No. Thirty? [Shakes head] Twenty? Yeah. Is that long enough? Yeah. Long enough to do all you want to do? Yeah. Long enough to be Superman? Yeah. Terrence, 11yrs old, July 2006

Text from Angela Blakely/David Lloyd Terrence 2006

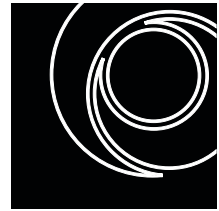
Concise, poignant and at times confronting, *KidSpeak* combines colour portraits by Brisbane-based documentary photographers Angela Blakely and David Lloyd with the words of their subjects - the young Indigenous people of Mount Isa.

Working with a number of government and non-government organisations the photographers met and documented the children who have become the collateral damage of a nation unable, or unwilling, to come to grips with its past and of a multinational corporation intent on maximising its profits while minimising its social obligations.

"The kids are bright, sassy and full of potential" says Blakely and Lloyd speaking about their experience of meeting and photographing their subjects, "but it's a potential that may never be realised. As their hopes fade their abuse grows. Statistically, they too will enter prisons, abusive relationships and die early. And we, the nation, will blame them."

IMAGE © Angela Blakely and David Lloyd Terrence, Kieran & Kasmira at the Lookout 2006

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