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Guest speaker invitation - Auckland Art Gallery

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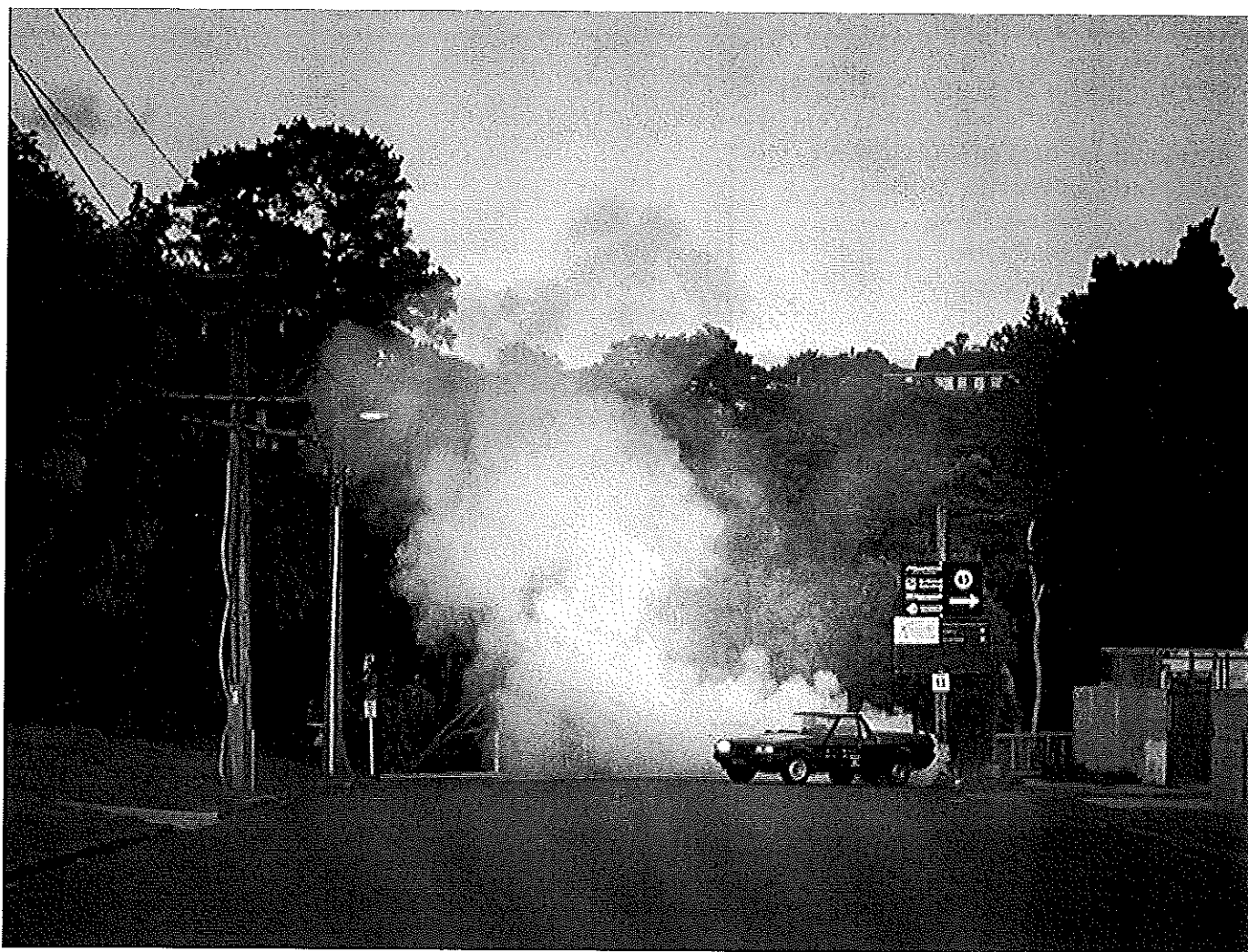
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Dear Dave

I would very much like to invite to you to be a guest presenter in the public programme I am currently designing for our up and coming exhibition Freedom Farmer which opens on 26 October and is curated by Natasha Conland.

The exhibition is essentially a survey of current art practise and the concerns of contemporary artists.

One of the artists, Steve Carr (see attached) has a video installation titled *Burn Out* which is typical of his concerns around working class suburban lives.



A recent statement on this work - "*Burn Out* continues a long-running trend in Carr's practice to tap into the predominantly male youth cultures of boy racers, bogans and heavy metal. Representing a return to his southern roots, *Burn Out* is an ode to the South Island bogan: 'That romantic bogan who listened to Guns 'n' Roses but also read Richard Bach's Jonathan Livingston Seagull and played chess. That is very much a South Island bogan.'"

I must admit to hearing your impressive and entertaining interview a couple of weeks ago on Nine to Noon with Catherine Ryan and agree with our curator and assistant curator that a talk by you in front or near Steve's work is a must for the exhibition's

programme.

The talk would ideally be set on a Sunday afternoon to maximise an audience, be relaxed in format and around 40 to 50 minutes in duration plus question and answer time.

The date and time I have in mind is **Sunday 15 December at 1pm or 3pm.**

I would also be promoting a purchase and signing session of your book at the end of your talk, which of course you would be paid for.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

Kim

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