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Yalukit Willam Clan of the Boon
Wurrung as the Traditional Custodians
of the land upon which Gasworks Arts
Park is located

Point of Departure

Neil McIrvine

Angela Roberts-Bird Gallery
August 8th - 27th 2023



Gasworks Arts Park

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My latest body of work began from what I call the Point of Departure. Every artist needs a starting point, an armature or motif if you like, and mine is the Melbourne Skyline, I fell in love with it the first time I saw it over thirty years ago. Monet had his haystacks, the London series, Rouen Cathedral, and of course his waterlilies and garden, all of which he painted in different ways, at different times of the day, during different seasons using different palettes. Picasso had his Blue period, Rose period, African mask period, Cubism and many more.

I have an uninterrupted view of the city skyline from my apartment and am continually mesmerized by it. Some days I can hardly see it for the fog or rain, but most days it is visible in varying degrees depending on the famously unpredictable Melbourne weather. From clear blue skies to ominous overcast dark clouds,

the city constantly changes colour and definition with the help of Mother Nature. And, of course, there are the ubiquitous cranes adding another element of interest to the skyline.

As I pushed, pulled, and stretched the Melbourne skyline it took me on a journey of size, colour, and angles. Along this journey I also raised my point of view to an aerial perspective, giving everything a fresh and wondrous panorama.

- Neil McIrvine 2023

The Bat Building #2 (Melbourne Central)

Watercolour
49cm x 24cm
\$500



Point of Departure



Melbourne Sunrise #4

Watercolour
49cm x 67cm
\$800



The Bat Building #1 (Melbourne Central)

Watercolour
31cm x 39cm
\$500



Melbourne Skyline Aerial #3

Watercolour
41cm x 51cm
\$600

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River Thames London #1

Watercolour

68cm x 88cm

\$1200

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Melbourne Skyline Aerial #1

Watercolour
39cm x 49cm

\$600



River Thames London #2

Watercolour
36cm x 49cm

\$600



Melbourne Sunrise #5

Watercolour
45cm x 62cm

\$800



Melbourne Sunrise #3

Watercolour
40cm x 50cm

\$600

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**Melbourne Skyline with
Maribyrnong River**

Watercolour
39cm x 64cm
\$800



**Melbourne Skyline
Grey Haze**

Watercolour
39cm x 49cm
\$600



Melbourne Skyline Spring #2

Watercolour
48cm x 67cm
\$600

Point of Departure



Melbourne Sunrise #7
Watercolour
31cm x 38cm
\$500



Melbourne Skyline Aerial #2
Watercolour
41cm x 51cm
\$600



Westgate Bridge #2
Watercolour
35cm x 63cm
\$600



Westgate Bridge #1
Watercolour
30cm x 45cm
\$500



↑ **Melbourne Sunrise #6**
Watercolour
39cm x 49cm
\$600

↓ **Melbourne Skyline with
Maribyrnong River #2**
Watercolour
48cm x 67cm
\$800



↑ **Melbourne Skyline with
Yarra River**
Watercolour
40cm x 50cm
\$600

↓ **Melbourne Skyline
Aerial #4**
Watercolour
48cm x 67cm
\$800



↑ **Melbourne Sunrise #2**
Watercolour
40cm x 50cm
\$600

↓ **Melbourne Sunrise #8**
Watercolour
41cm x 51cm
\$600





Melbourne Skyline inc. State Trustees Building

Watercolour

21cm x 46cm

\$500



Melbourne Skyline Purple Haze

Watercolour

23cm x 48cm

\$500



Melbourne Skyline #1

Watercolour

39cm x 86cm

\$700

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Melbourne Skyline Winter #2

Watercolour
31cm x 39cm
\$500



Melbourne Skyline Morning Haze

Watercolour
26cm x 34cm
\$500



Melbourne Skyline Spring

Watercolour
31cm x 39cm
\$500



Melbourne Skyline Winter #1

Watercolour
31cm x 39cm
\$500



Melbourne Skyline Autumn

Watercolour
31cm x 39cm
\$500

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Melbourne Skyline from Little Francis Pier

Watercolour
37cm x 47cm
\$600



Melbourne Skyline from Port Melbourne

Watercolour
41cm x 51cm
\$600



Melbourne Sunrise #1

Watercolour
39cm x 49cm
\$600



Lakes Entrance #1

Watercolour
48cm x 67cm
\$800



Lakes Entrance #2

Watercolour
41cm x 69cm
\$800

ARTIST BIO - I am a contemporary artist, living in Melbourne, Australia, working in oil and watercolour. I have a studio on the banks of the Maribyrnong River and I go Plein Air as often as possible, sketching and painting in the city streets or surrounding countryside. I also mentor a group of wonderful artists on a weekly basis.

I am a member of the Victorian Artists Society and the Watercolour Society of Victoria, and a proud Archibald Portrait Prize Finalist. My work is also in the National Gallery of Victoria's contemporary art collection.



GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 Victorian Artists Society 9x5 exhibition, East Melbourne, Victoria
2023 Rex-Livingston Gallery, Katoomba, Blue Mountains, NSW
2023 Victorian Artists Society, East Melbourne, Victoria
2021 Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park, Victoria
2020 Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park, Victoria
2019 Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park, Victoria
2019 Sorrento Art Show, Sorrento, Victoria
2007 Paintbox Fine Art, Fulham, London, UK
2007 Paintbox Fine Art, Braddon, ACT
2007 Wall Gallery, Ascot Vale, Victoria
2007 Delshan, Armadale, Victoria
2007 Green-Wood Gallery, South Melbourne, Victoria
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2006 Wall Gallery, Ascot Vale, Victoria
2006 Green-Wood Gallery, South Melbourne, Victoria
2005 Wall Gallery, Ascot Vale, Victoria
2005 Discovery Art Show, Gasworks Art Park, Albert Park, Victoria
2005 Rex-Livingston Art Dealer, Surry Hills, NSW
2005 Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Victoria
2005 Manyung Gallery, Mt Eliza, Victoria
2004 The Lab Gallery, Lexington Avenue, New York City
2004 Cromwell's Art Prize, Sydney, Melbourne, Washington USA
2004 Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Victoria
2004 Toyota HQ, Port Melbourne, Victoria
2004 Manyung Gallery, Mt Eliza, Victoria
2003 Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Victoria

2003 Affordable Art Show, Sydney, NSW
2003 Artists For Kids Trust, Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Victoria
2003 Manyung Gallery, Mt Eliza, Victoria
2002 Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Victoria
2002 Contemporary Art Society of Victoria, Melbourne
2002 Artists For Kids Trust, Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Victoria
2002 Manyung Gallery, Mt Eliza, Victoria
2001 Agora Gallery, Soho, New York City
2001 Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Victoria
2001 Contemporary Art Society of Victoria, Melbourne
2001 Southside Arts, offices of the Hon John Thwaites, Deputy Premier of Victoria
2001 Manyung Gallery, Mt Eliza, Victoria
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1999 Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Victoria
1999 Contemporary Art Society of Victoria, Victoria
1996 Roar Gallery, Fitzroy, Victoria
1995 Emerging Artists Group Show, Mile End, SA
1995 Art Images, Norwood, SA
1990 Contemporary Art Society of Dundee, Dundee Museum, Dundee, Scotland
1989 Contemporary Art Society of Dundee, Roseangle, Dundee, Scotland
1988 Contemporary Art Society of Dundee, Roseangle, Dundee, Scotland

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park, Victoria
2007 Delshan Gallery, Armadale, Victoria
2006 Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Victoria
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2005 Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Victoria
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PRIZES

2023 Show Your Westside, Footscray, Victoria
2023 Camberwell Art Show Plein Air, Camberwell, Victoria
2023 Brunswick Street Gallery 50 Squared, Melbourne, Victoria
2023 Lethbridge Gallery Small Works Salon de Refuses, Paddington, Queensland
2019 Southern Buoy Studios Portrait Prize finalist, Mornington, Victoria
2008 Archibald Portrait Prize finalist
2006 Shirley Hannan National Portrait Prize finalist
2005 Discovery Art Show, Gasworks Art Park, Melbourne - Winner Best Oil Painting
2004 Cromwell's Art Prize, Rex-Livingston Gallery, Sydney NSW - Winner

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Thank you
for viewing!



Melbourne Skyline

Green Haze

Watercolour

22cm x 47cm

\$500