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## MICHAEL FITZJAMES

*Around the traps*

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35 Derby Street Collingwood VIC 3066

Open 7 days 10am to 6pm

“If anywhere is ‘home’ in the sense of where you come from, then Melbourne is it. But we (the family) and me the absconding adolescent moved house constantly. I knew the ‘burbs and, later, the inner city well. Revisiting and ambling around old haunts I find around every corner a memory and a mood invoked.

We’re all nomads; at least wandering is in our genes. Literally or metaphorically, terrestrially or in our minds where we are all over the place. Proust’s Madeleine famously excited his memory and brought forth a remembered world which, when lived, was often mysterious and baffling. Older (wiser?) he understands or can see clearly what he didn’t then. So this gets to the question of the remembered and the ‘real’ past.

I think I shall call my work “Un-Realism” combining as it does what is conjured from the past and what, amazingly, is before my eyes”. Michael Fitzjames, 2017

Michael Fitzjames’ profound paintings do not simply record a location but deeply convey a sense of place. His masterful brushwork conveys a deep reverence for both subject matter and medium. Subtle tonal gestures and a minimal use of pigment convey the artist’s nostalgia for his childhood and adolescent roamings in Melbourne. Whether a place changes or we change, there is something comforting, uplifting and poignant about a return journey home.

*Around the traps* is current until 9 April 2017.

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