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BRUCE PETTY

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Exhibition Dates: 30 May - 18 June 2017
15 Royston Street Paddington NSW 2021
Open 7 days 10am to 6pm

Born in Melbourne in 1929, Bruce Petty is highly celebrated as one of Australia's most influential political artists. Best known in Australia as a bold, witty and highly prolific political satirist and cartoonist, Petty's remarkable volume of artworks includes cartoons, animations, sculpture, script, assemblage, film and printmaking.

Petty's highly expressive and sharply observed drawings have featured in *The New Yorker*, Sydney's *Daily Mirror*, *The Australian* and most notably in *The Age*, where his poignant and unflinching political cartoons were published for four decades, since 1976. Throughout his remarkable career Petty won an Oscar in 1978 for the short animation film *Leisure* and in 2010 was awarded Melbourne Press Club's Quill Awards' Lifetime Achievement Award for journalism.

Petty was quoted in the *Australian* in 1999 and his statement continues to ring true;

"The aim is to be alarming, funny and correct at the same time. Of course, it's pretty hard to alarm now we are globally connected to the world's maddest events.

We draw the politicians, but these days the politicians have largely given up on old ideas like equity, redistribution of wealth and service. They do sell-offs and safety nets. Governments will always get it wrong, they are trying to please people who generate wealth and people who haven't got any. We draw them getting it wrong."

Australian Galleries is honoured to exhibit for the first time in our Sydney gallery Bruce Petty's recent series of works including original drawings, works on paper and animated sculptural works. Petty's works are engaging, expressive and highly emotive. He deftly explores complex social and political issues, summarising global themes with intelligence, wit and uncompromising honesty.

This exhibition is current until Sunday 18 June 2017.

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