



## DEBORAH WILLIAMS

*Your Very Being Was Exquisite*

### MEDIA RELEASE

Exhibition Dates: 27 February - 18 March 2018  
28 Derby Street Collingwood VIC 3066  
Open 7 days 10am to 6pm

Deborah Williams is widely renowned for her dynamic and poignant representations of dogs. At the heart of Williams' bold and sensitive work is her deep connection to and respect for the unique nature of the canine. Through devoted attention she reveals the absolute essence of the animal, leading the viewer into powerful contemplation of each truly individual being. Williams works across a wide range of printmaking techniques with deft technical skill and a bold and refined sense of space and composition, revealing in her sophisticated works a profound respect for both her chosen medium and the animals she portrays.

*Your Very Being Was Exquisite* presents a stunning series of works including artist books, monoprints, intaglio prints, relief prints and large scale inkjet prints. This exhibition is dedicated to Deborah Williams' beloved dog Kish, who passed away in late 2017.

*'The Archangel Raphael was at the gates of heaven with his dog Kish, the soul who lead from this life to the next. It seemed a fitting name, albeit huge shoes to wear. So there was Kish. Often mistaken when introduced as Kitch, Quiche or even Kitzee. More often than not referred to by me as Kishy Noodles, Kishy La La or just La La. On rare occasions, Kiss my tuchus. I remember like it was yesterday, carrying you around in my jumper – to stores, cafes, even restaurants. Your little head under my chin, we were a perfect fit. You were beautiful, cheeky, inquisitive, protective, loving and defiant. We were each other's equal. We have travelled many pathways together, some challenges, and more often than not, immense joy. You brought into my life the greatest happiness. What a true blessing. It is the relationships I have had with both you and Ruby, as well as family dogs growing up, that solidifies my life long obsession of making pictures about dogs. I can't imagine my life without you. I simply cannot bear the thought. I don't know how I will, because, I love you more than I can possibly explain. Your very being was exquisite, your energy sublime. It is hard to breathe at the thought. I know though, the time we had together, was brilliant. Like Ruby though, I will always love you, and I will always hear you breathe.*

*RIP my darling, forever a part of me.*

*Kish Williams 12 July 2006 - 27 July 2017' - Deborah Williams, 2017*

*Your Very Being Was Exquisite* is current until 18 March 2018.

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