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*Book launch and celebratory exhibition*

## JOHN HOWLEY

Exhibition Dates: 1 - 18 February 2018  
28 Derby Street Collingwood VIC 3066

For more than sixty five years John Howley has led the life of an artist, powerfully creative and expressive in his many roles as a painter, musician, designer and sculptor. Now well in his eighties, Howley still paints and exhibits regularly, interspersing big canvases with quirky compositions, drawings and studies for his own unique take on the world. John Howley has always wanted far more than the simple routine of the painter — he has lived the creative life in every facet of a long, exciting and productive life. For decades he was the popular face of the arts in Melbourne, bringing to a wider world his love of creativity, colour, words and music. Even more than commercial success, he has desired the opportunity to share his art freely with the community, his family, friends and many admirers.

A richly illustrated 180 page book by Gavin Fry tells of the life and art of one Melbourne's most loved and respected artists. At 85 years of age John Howley is still a force in Australian art, the creator of some of the most engaging and intriguing works of the last half century. An exhibition of works from the artist's personal collection will provide the opportunity to admire, and acquire, some of the most significant works from the artist's long career.

Open 7 days 10am to 6pm  
Current until Sunday 18 February 2018

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