



GLENN MORGAN

Fletcher Jones Project

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Exhibition Dates: 23 October - 11 November 2018
35 Derby Street Collingwood VIC 3066
Open 7 days 10am to 6pm

There is a refreshing openness and honesty to Glenn Morgan's unique and engaging sculptural work. At the heart of Morgan's creative process is his desire to tell a story, which he achieves through an instantly recognisable visual language of vibrant paintwork, wood, metal, wire and screws, masterfully combined to create three dimensional dioramas.

This exhibition showcases an exciting new body of work the artist has made to reflect and honour the legacy of highly regarded Warrnambool businessman Fletcher Jones (FJ). Sir Fletcher Jones was born and raised in Bendigo and came to Warrnambool after he served in World War I. During his long and prosperous career he became a clothing manufacturer and retailer and a pioneer in workforce participation. Both his name and that of his infamous Pleasant Hill factory became synonymous with his adopted and much beloved hometown.

Glenn Morgan's recent body of work is his contribution to a larger initiative, the *FJ Stories Project*, which was established by artists and community groups to engage with and document the profound impression FJ left on the thousands of people he employed and the immense role he played in the prosperity of Warrnambool.

Morgan masterfully illustrates stories from Fletcher Jones' life through quirky and cartoonish figures whose interactions are punctuated by speech bubbles and expressive physical gestures. His keenly observed and charming vignettes of rural Australian streets and bushland, wartime shopfronts, vintage cars and the women and men of the Warrnambool workforce are candid, evocative and thoroughly memorable. Each story is contained within its own striking frame adorned with metal screws and nails, the artist's homage to the elaborate frames of the Old Masters. Directly informed from historical stories, documents and photographs, this exhibition paints a rich and vivid portrait of the life of this incredible man and his ongoing legacy.

Fletcher Jones Project is current until 11 November 2018.

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