



Left: Paul Quick, *Mayors of Melbourne*, 2018, greylead pencil, ink and pencil on paper, 76 x 56 cm  
 Right: Will Murray, *An Unknown Youth*, 2018, pastel on paper, 57 x 38.5cm

## UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

### FEBRUARY: PORTRAITS OF WILL + PLEASED TO MEET YOU

Dates | 8 February – 14 March 2020

Arts Project Australia launches the new year with two exhibitions: *Portraits of Will* and *Pleased to meet you*. Opening Saturday 8 February from 3-5pm, together they explore the creative energy and talent of emerging artists practising in Arts Project's studio.

*Portraits of Will* celebrates Will Murray's evocative pastel works while *Pleased to meet you* brings together artists who have recently joined Arts Project, presenting a tapestry of works from the early days of their artistic careers.

*Portraits of Will* is the emerging figurative artist's first solo show since joining Arts Project in 2016 and regularly exhibiting in annual group exhibitions. The exhibition features his works of various mediums on paper, including pastel, gouache, ink and graphite. With a penchant for soft pastels and portraiture, Murray's works possess a deep sense of character, the outlandish nature of the subject's posture and expression granting his artworks an air of mystery.

Coinciding with *Portraits of Will*, group exhibition *Pleased to Meet You* presents works by artists who are recent additions to Arts Project Australia. Curated by James McDonald, the exhibition celebrates the ever-evolving nature of the Arts Project's studio, showcasing the potential of a group of diverse and engaged individuals who are in the formative stages of their creative lives.

The exhibition features works by Suzanne Barnes, Michelle Coulson, Elizabeth Dunkley, Sam Forster, Lionel Grijalva, Will McConnell, Joanne Nethercote, Ross O'Meara, Paul Quick, and Jillian Richards.

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