

Jan Murphy Gallery, &  
Sophie Gannon Gallery, Melbourne present:

## Michael Muir *Under Water*

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Moana Project Space, Perth

Michael Muir's forthcoming exhibition *Under water* presents a new body of work continuing the artist's fascination with the seascape. Often inspired by his own everyday experiences travelling, Muir re-lives his memories of holidays at the beach through his children.

"We still had a lot of memorable holidays during summer up and down the coast. I think those memories of the water and being outdoors still holds weight in terms of how I choose to live and in particular how it applies to my artwork."

Michael Muir - 2014

Perception and judgement are also key in context of Muir's work. When viewed from afar the works look flat, however upon closer reflection texture is revealed. This discord is deliberate, allowing for the artist to portray hard edges of interlocking and tonal colours in order to flatten the picture plain.

Michael Muir's is found in public and private collections, internationally and nationally. A finalist in a number of award exhibitions over the past decade including The Mosman Art Prize, The Metro 5, Sulman and Fleurieu Art Prize, Michael Muir's sense of pleasure in paint invites a fresh-eyed response.