



Australian exotica

An MGA travelling exhibition
The Boyd Gallery

Friday 20 July – Sunday 23 September 2018

Australian exotica draws on Monash Gallery of Art's nationally significant collection of Australian photographs and showcases a range of photographic work that engages with the theme of the exotic antipodes.

Ever since the fifteenth century, when European cartographers began including the contour of *Terra Australis Incognita* ('the unknown land of the south') in their speculative maps of the globe, the continent of Australia has been thought of as an exotic place. For many of the artists in this exhibition, this European vision is something that needs to be subverted and critiqued. For others, the idea of living in an eccentric environment, with surreal undertows, continues to inform a distinctively Australian sense of place.

Artists include Brook Andrew, Michael Cook, Destiny Deacon, Peter Dombrovskis, Marian Drew, Leah King-Smith, Joseph McGlennon, Tracey Moffatt, Darren Siwes, Robyn Stacey and Christian Bumbarra Thompson.

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Peter Dombrovskis

Lake Oberon, Western Arthur Range, south-west Tasmania 1988
pigment ink-jet print, 74.5 × 94.2cm

Monash Gallery of Art, City of Monash Collection, courtesy of the estate of Peter Dombrovskis