

McATAMNEY GALLERY AND DESIGN STORE

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BRENT FORBES URBAN

At the McAtamney Gallery, Geraldine

Sunday March 15, 2 pm.

The roof tops and streets of Timaru inspired Brent Forbes to take three months off work last year and work on this collection of paintings - collectively known as "Urban"

Like his well known landscape paintings, Brent has found inspiration in examining and re-examining the familiar, resulting in an affectionate examination of what he found in front of him.

'These vistas are on my way to work' he says - "it's always about looking at the familiar over time"

Streets en-route to his work place, roof tops from car parking buildings and Timaru intersections all feature in the exhibition.

The changes in the way places look at the beginnings and ends of days are also important.

Brent finds the light 'more interesting' at these times, the long shadows in "Rooftops 3" and the streetlights in "Arthur Street" reveal a time of day where there are few people. It's not a deliberate device that no people appear in these relentlessly man made scenes - but the absence of people and dim palette add to the evocative moodiness of the works.

"Observing what's around you is in the nature of the artist" says Brent " you need to do it for your craft - to not be superficial about it"

Previously from Nelson, Brent Forbes has had numerous solo and group exhibitions since 1990 and his works are in private collections throughout New Zealand, Australia, Europe and the United States.

This exhibition is the first time his urban works will be on display and Brent will be attending the opening. With a pending Artist Floor talk on the Sunday 22 March if expressed interest.

"Urban" by Brent Forbes.
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