

Rod McNicol

Memento mori



**Large
Print**

Rod McNicol's photographic practice has always concentrated on portraiture as a genre that highlights mortality. For over three decades McNicol has been inviting people from his inner-city community to put their lives on pause for a few moments and stare into the lens of his camera. The portraits that McNicol has captured in the stillness of his studio are both tender and brazen; they are faces that function as witnesses to the inescapable passing of time. This exhibition will survey McNicol's extended portrait project, from his early black-and-white prints through to his most recent colour portraits.

Rod McNICOL

born Australia 1946

Peter blue lips: the troubled soul 2014

Marlene: the working girl 2010

Patrick: the Franciscan Monk 2011

Phillip: the writer and opiate eater 2010

from the series Pillars of my village

four ink-jet prints

collection of the artist

Rod McNICOL

born Australia 1946

Stewart 1978

Kent 1978

from the series Permanent mirrors

two gelatin silver prints

Monash Gallery of Art, City of Monash Collection
acquired 2013

MGA 2013.030; MGA 2013.029

Rod McNICOL

born Australia 1946

Irene 1984

Mark 1983

Carol 1985

Ramesh 1983

Nanette 1984

Chris 1984

from the series A portrait 1980–86

six gelatin silver prints

Monash Gallery of Art, City of Monash Collection

acquired 1986

MGA 1986.02–07

Rod McNICOL

born Australia 1946

Pam 1989

Pam holding photograph 1989

Mr Burns 1989

Mr Burns holding photograph 1989

from the series Portraits from the Cancer
Ward

four gelatin silver prints

collection of the artist

These photographs were produced during an artist-in-residency program in the Cancer Ward of the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Melbourne. This project was instigated by Dr. John Salzberg, Senior Oncologist at the hospital and was funded by the Australia Council.

Rod McNICOL

born Australia 1946

Rebecca 1998

Tim 1998

Aurora 1998

Douglas 1998

Phoenix 1998

Andrew 1998

Meg 1998

Rod 1998

Cathy 1998

Roger 1998

from the series Portraits from last century

10 ink-jet prints

collection of the artist

Rod McNICOL

born Australia 1946

Vanessa 2004

Paul 2004

Gabrielle 2004

Noah 2004

Claudia 2004

from the series Portraits from my village

five ink-jet prints

collection of the artist

Rod McNICOL

born Australia 1946

Jack 2006

Debbie 2006

Eddi 2006

Poli 2006

Dennis 2006

Irene 2006

Peter 2006

Ron 2006

from the series A portrait revisited 1986–2006

eight ink-jet prints

collection of the artist

Rod McNICOL

born Australia 1946

Maryan 2011

Kirat 2011

Ansophie 2011

Seiya 2011

Tariro 2011

from the series Newcomers to my village

five ink-jet prints

collection of the artist