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Michael Cook's elegiac visual poems use a rich palette of moody greys to shape contemporary attitudes.... a genuine, and persuasive, voice. **Michael Desmond**

Wistful Humour: Michael Cook's Antipodean Garden Of Eden

unDiscovered  
photographic works by Michael Cook

Produced by the Australian National Maritime Museum

# Exhibition for Hire



**Undiscovered** offers visitors a contemporary Indigenous perspective on European settlement in Australia through the photographic works of celebrated Aboriginal artist Michael Cook.

The 10 striking large scale images shift roles and perspectives around the notion of European 'discovery' of Australia, a land already inhabited by its original people, and reflect on our habitual ways of thinking and seeing our history.

The exhibition questions who really discovered Australia while making reference to what was here, what has been introduced and the effect this had on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their country and culture.

The images are set on the shoreline looking out to sea, the site that brought the first ships to Australia, and the photos depict an Aboriginal man role-switching with his colonisers.

## Exhibition content

- 10 x Photographic Works (display dimensions: 1410h x 1100w x 45mm)
- Theme, Interpretive and Object Labels

## Audience

- Photography
- History
- Indigenous Culture

## Display period

From 3 months

## Size

50-60 lineal wall metres

## Supporting materials

- Media Release
- Installation Manual
- Educational Resources
- Marketing Materials

## Visitation

141,000



Artist Michael Cook

## Previously exhibited

- Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney Australia
- South Australian Maritime Museum, Adelaide Australia
- Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin Australia
- Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Art and Culture Centre, Katherine Australia
- Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs Australia
- Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo Australia

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