

# RONewa

## ART PROJECTS

### MICHAEL DELL

Born:  
1960 in Banks Peninsula, New Zealand

Lives:  
Nelson, New Zealand

Education:  
1994 BFA, University of Canterbury  
School of Fine Arts, Christchurch,  
New Zealand

Michael Dell's paintings and drawings shift between abstraction and representation. His works have been described as having an ambivalent everyday quality, equally unremarkable in lack of narrative and simplicity, as they are absorbing in stillness and otherness.

The single-image photograph has long been a source material for Dell and his paintings and drawings often mimic the analogue failures of film negatives and discarded film prints. His paintings, both abstract and landscapes, bear evident attention to the picture surface, creating a static tension between materiality, depth and subject.

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *Above Below / Tempelhofer Feld*, The Suter Gallery, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2024 *Backlit Fields*, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2024 *Distant Pictures*, Ronewa Art Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2023 *Material Object*, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2022 *Sunday Morning*, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2021 *Late Frequency*, Viewfinder Installation, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2020 *Recent Work*, online viewing room, Ronewa Art Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *Even Now*, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2020 *Endless Days*, The Suter Gallery, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2018 *Nature in My Mind*, NKB Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2018 *Before/Now*, G Space Gallery, Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2016 *Between Nature and Nothing*, NKB Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2008 *Surface Nature*, Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2005 *In Between*, McPherson Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2005 *Paintings & Works on Paper*, City Art Depot, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2005 *In Between*, Peter Rae Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2004 *Recent Work*, McPherson Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2002 *Recent Work*, Studio Works Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1999 *Drawings*, Chartwell Gallery, Artspost, Hamilton, New Zealand
- 1998 *Drawings*, The Drawings Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1996 *Drawings From The Inside*, Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1995 *Arranging the Object*, Moray Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand

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- 1993 *Vignettes*, Solutions Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand  
1993 *Vignettes*, CSA Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand  
1992 *Excavation/Extraction*, W S A Gallery, Hamilton, New Zealand

### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Traces*, Ronewa Art Projects, Berlin, Germany  
2024 *Eternally Temporary*, Te Uru, Auckland, New Zealand  
2024 *Still Life – In the Old Genre*, The Suter Gallery, Nelson, New Zealand  
2023 *Night Work*, The Suter Gallery, Nelson, New Zealand  
2022 *Place Holder*, The Suter Gallery, Nelson, New Zealand  
2022 *Caught in the Briars*, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand  
2021 *Dell + Kube*, Duo exhibition, Föenander Galleries, Queenstown, New Zealand  
2019 *Huu Haa*, JB Contemporary, Wellington, New Zealand  
2019 Parkin Drawing Prize, NZ Academy of Fine Arts, Wellington, New Zealand  
2019 *Sharks and Still Lives*, The Suter Art Museum, Nelson, New Zealand  
2017 *3 Artists From The Parkin Prize*, The Suter Art Museum, Nelson, New Zealand  
2017 Parkin Drawing Prize, NZ Academy of Fine Arts, Wellington, New Zealand  
2016 *Worth*, Refinery Art Space, Nelson, New Zealand  
2009 *WTF*, Paul Neache Gallery, Gisborne, New Zealand  
2005 *Ape to Zip*, Christchurch City Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand  
2005 *Art Event*, Christchurch City Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand  
1997 CB Drawing Award, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand  
1996 *Drawing Out of Context*, Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch, New Zealand  
1994 *Recent Acquisitions*, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand  
1993 Cranleigh Barton Drawing Award, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand  
1993 *Print and Paper*, Kurashiki Public Art Gallery, Kurashiki, Japan, New Zealand

### Art Fairs

- 2023 Aotearoa Art Fair, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand  
2021 TENT, Aotearoa Art Fair, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand  
2021 Auckland Art Fair, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand

### Selected Awards

- 2019 Parkin Drawing Prize, First place, Wellington

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2017 Parkin Drawing Prize, Merit, Wellington  
1993 Cranleigh Barton National Drawing Award Christchurch 1993  
1990 Gallagher Group National Art Award Hamilton 1990

### Public and Selected Private Collections

Christchurch City Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū  
Waikato Museum of Art and History Te Whare Taonga o Waikato  
The University of Auckland Art Collection Waipapa Taumata Rau  
The Suter Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū  
Te Pūkenya Whanganui  
Parkin Drawing Collection  
The Kelliher Arts Trust Collection  
Ballin Art Collection  
National Bank of New Zealand Art Collection  
Tokyo Bank  
The Arts House Trust

### Publications

*Sunday Morning - Michael Dell*, Anchor Print, 2023  
*Endless Days - Michael Dell*, The Suter Gallery, Anchor Print, 2020  
*The Collections*, Christchurch Art City Gallery, Spectrum Print, 2003  
*Bulletin 129*, The Drawing Collection, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, 2002  
*A Concise History of Art in Canterbury 1850 - 2000*, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Rainbow Print, 2000