NICOLA REAVLEY

THE LONG GARDEN

18 JULY – 15 AUGUST 2026

OPENING CELEBRATIONS SATURDAY 18 JULY 3.30 - 5.30PM

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“These paintings explore the interplay between architectural forms, memory, and atmosphere. They draw on real locations while reworking their representation through geometric shapes that reference the sun, moon and the built environment.

I use saturated, often improbable palettes to pull the paintings away from naturalism toward atmospheres that are felt before they are recognised. Drips, pours, and dissolving edges introduce a counter-logic to the architecture: solid forms bleed and lose their certainty, while geometric containment holds the surface together. The tension between structure and dissolution is part of the painting's argument and also references the act of painting itself.

In many of the works, I use light in ways that render the familiar strange. Doorways, windows, suns and moons appear as thresholds rather than backdrops, drawing the viewer through the image in multiple ways and simultaneously creating a sense of the familiar and the unknown. Nature is rarely passive in these paintings: trees grow through buildings, foliage outlasts windows, light leaks across edges that were meant to hold.

The locations are partly remembered, partly invented, partly dreamed, and the paintings make no attempt to resolve which.” Nicola Reavley

Bio:

Nicola Reavley is a Naarm/Melbourne-based painter born in the UK. The landscapes and architectural features in her paintings are informed by the atmospheres and memories that open up in the space between her birthplace and her adopted country. She has been painting for 15 years and developing this body of work since 2023, working in oil in the studio and in various locations in the field. Nicki is a public health researcher whose work on communities and place also informs her attention to environments. This is her fourth exhibition.

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Nicola Reavley
Boundary condition I, 2025
Oil on board
30 x 30 cm
$ 990.00

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Nicola Reavley
Measuring Light, 2025
Oil on board
50 x 60 cm
$ 1,900.00

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East Light, 2025
Oil on board
50 x 60 cm
$ 1,900.00

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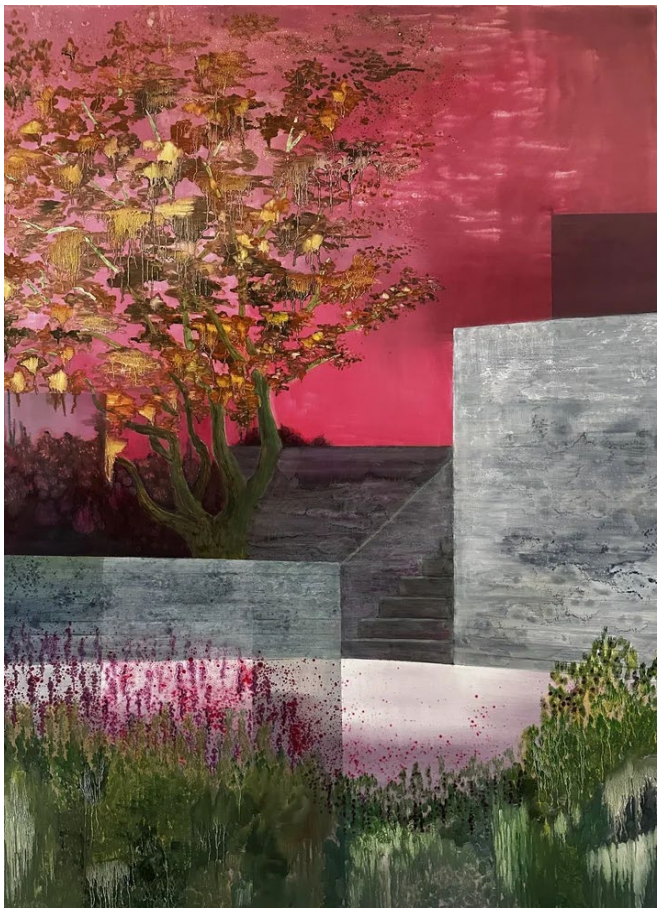

Nicola Reavley
Primavera, 2025
Oil on canvas
133 x 96 cm
$ 3,900.00

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Long Garden, 2026
Oil on canvas
133 x 96 cm
$ 3,900.00

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Sky Room, 2026
Oil on canvas
96 x 133 cm
$ 3,900.00

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Nicola Reavley
Moonside I, 2023
Oil on board
50 x 60 cm
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Nicola Reavley
Perigee I, 2023
Oil on board
35 x 40 cm
$ 1,300.00

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Perigee II, 2023
Oil on board
35 x 40 cm
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Nicola Reavley
Moon landing, 2024
Oil on board
45 x 50 cm
$ 1,600.00

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Nicola Reavley
Moonside II, 2024
Oil on board
50 x 60 cm
$ 1,900.00

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Nicola Reavley
Over the moon, 2024
Oil on board
55 x 60 cm
$ 1,950.00

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Nicola Reavley
Black Mountain, 2023
Oil on canvas
152 x 107 cm
$ 4,400.00

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Nicola Reavley
Moonframe, 2024
Oil on canvas
133 x 96 cm
$ 3,900.00

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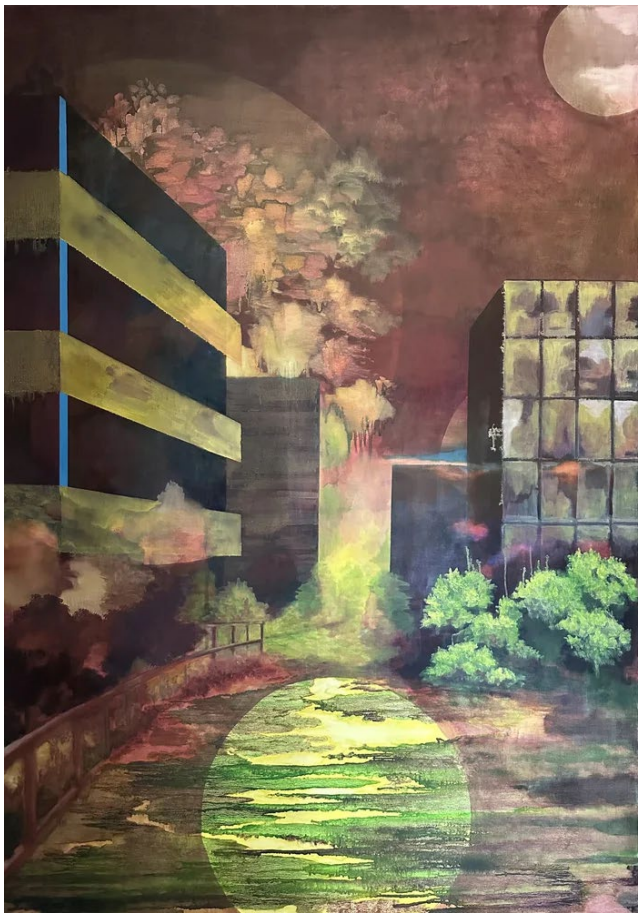

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North Bend, 2023
Oil on canvas
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Boundary condition III, 2025
Oil on board
30 x 30 cm
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Nicola Reavley
Boundary condition IV, 2025
Oil on board
33 x 30 cm
$ 990.00

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Nicola Reavley
Boundary condition II, 2025
Oil on board
30 x 30 cm
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Nicola Reavley
Hill End, 2023
Oil on board
70 x 60 cm
$ 2,200.00

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