

Mark Naismith-Beeley is a Sydney-based painter and a recent finalist in the Lane Cove Art Prize and the Fisher's Ghost Art Prize. He has exhibited widely in group shows in Sydney, Melbourne, and London.

Highly influenced by Impressionist and Post-Impressionist traditions, Mark's practice focuses on the transformative power of strong light, simplified form, and a sense of quiet optimism. Water and working harbours are recurring themes in his art, which explores the delicate interplay between built edges and moving water in both modern and historical coastal environments.

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland, Mark's relationship with the sea began at five years old, observing the world from the deck of a cargo ship where his father served as a merchant naval officer. This journey left a lasting impression, establishing a lifelong fascination with the everyday rhythms of maritime life and the quiet narratives of vessels at rest. In 2001, he relocated to Sydney, building a life and career beside the water, a connection that subtly shapes the atmospheric calm of his work.

After a successful career in finance and law, Mark returned to his easel in 2020 with a deeply renewed focus. His professional background and the analytical discipline required for a close reading of complex systems translates directly to his observational painting. Mark strips away literal detail on the canvas to find the essential, poetic structure of a scene.

Mark is currently developing a new body of work exploring the working harbour and vibrant industrial waterways of New South Wales, capturing the decommissioned vessels and preserved cranes where industry and water have reached a long and settled accommodation with each other.

Solo Exhibitions *(Recent Selected)*

2026	NSW Parliament House, Sydney, NSW, Australia
2024	Corner Gallery, Stanmore, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Group Exhibitions *(Recent Selected)*

2024, 23	<i>Finalist exhibition</i> , Fisher's Ghost Art Prize, Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW, Australia.
2024	<i>Finalist exhibition</i> , Lane Cove Art Prize, Gallery Lane Cove, NSW, Australia
2024	ArtExtra, Gallery Lane Cove, Sydney, NSW, Australia
	Reflections Part II Gallery 371, Sydney, NSW, Australia
2023	Boomer Gallery, Tower Bridge, London, UK
	<i>Finalist exhibition</i> , Small Works Art Prize, Melbourne, VIC, Australia

COLLECTIONS

Private Collections: Australia and internationally.

REPRESENTED

Mark Naismith-Beeley is represented in Australia by Artsite Contemporary, Sydney.

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