



Gavin Coote

Untitled – The Corner Store Gallery

March 15 - 26

Gavin Coote is a painter, printmaker and journalist regional New South Wales and currently based in Sydney. His work blends abstract expressionism with imagery associated with street art, advertising and cartoons, to explore themes of class, climate change, the environment and geographical identity. His work has exhibited in regional galleries including Orange, Broken Hill, Bathurst, Gunnedah and Wollongong.

2023 is the year when everything feels different but at the same time, completely the same as yesteryear. Cost-of-living concerns are mounting, and the lingering effects of the pandemic threaten to delay a return to the apparent normality we once enjoyed. Parallel systems of facts and ideas are playing out, where charming prawn-like televangelists conquer talk show spots and spout all manner of opinions, while nondescript monsters roam the streets in dog-shaped motorcycle helmets, or slouch on beanbags pretending to take an interest in their peers. It's as uncertain a time as ever, and what better way to meditate on this than through a few anthropomorphic characters living on the margins.