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Ionisation smoke alarms contain a small quantity of radioactive material. The material ionises the air inside a metal chamber, generating a constant electrical current. When smoke enters the chamber, the current is interrupted and the alarm sounds.

These are paintings, first of all.

Paintings for a room at risk of burning (which is all rooms).

Paintings hung in anticipation of a future event (which may be right now).

The event resembles a diagram or a decoration or some terrible fate.

It drifts between symptom, image and signal without settling into any one of them.

Read Wes Hill's review of Tim Woodward's Melbourne exhibition with Animal House Fine Art, *A shadow boils in the small hours*, for Artforum [here](#).



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Smoke Alarm Paintings 2026
installation view



Cans batteries medicine (October) 2026
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, ink, oil stick, wood
120 x 93 x 7 cm
\$5,200.00



Cans batteries medicine (October) 2026 (detail)
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, ink, oil stick, wood
120 x 93 x 7 cm
\$5,200.00



Cooling furniture (November) 2026
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, ink, pencil, wood
120 x 93 x 7 cm
\$5,200.00



Cooling furniture (November) 2026 (detail)
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, ink, pencil, wood
120 x 93 x 7 cm
\$5,200.00



Figures in a landscape (December) 2026
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, ink, ceiling render, wood
120 x 93 x 7 cm
\$5,200.00



Figures in a landscape (December) 2026 (detail)
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, ink, ceiling render, wood
120 x 93 x 7 cm
\$5,200.00



First green (September) 2026
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, polyurethane, wood
120 x 93 x 7 cm
\$5,200.00



First green (September) 2026 (detail)
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, polyurethane, wood
120 x 93 x 7 cm
\$5,200.00



Untitled (Ascending dose) 2026
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, polyurethane, wood
65.5 x 47.5 x 7 cm
\$2,600.00



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Untitled (Specks, fragments, chunks, notes) 2026
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, pencil, polyurethane, wood
65.5 x 47.5 x 7cm
\$2,600.00



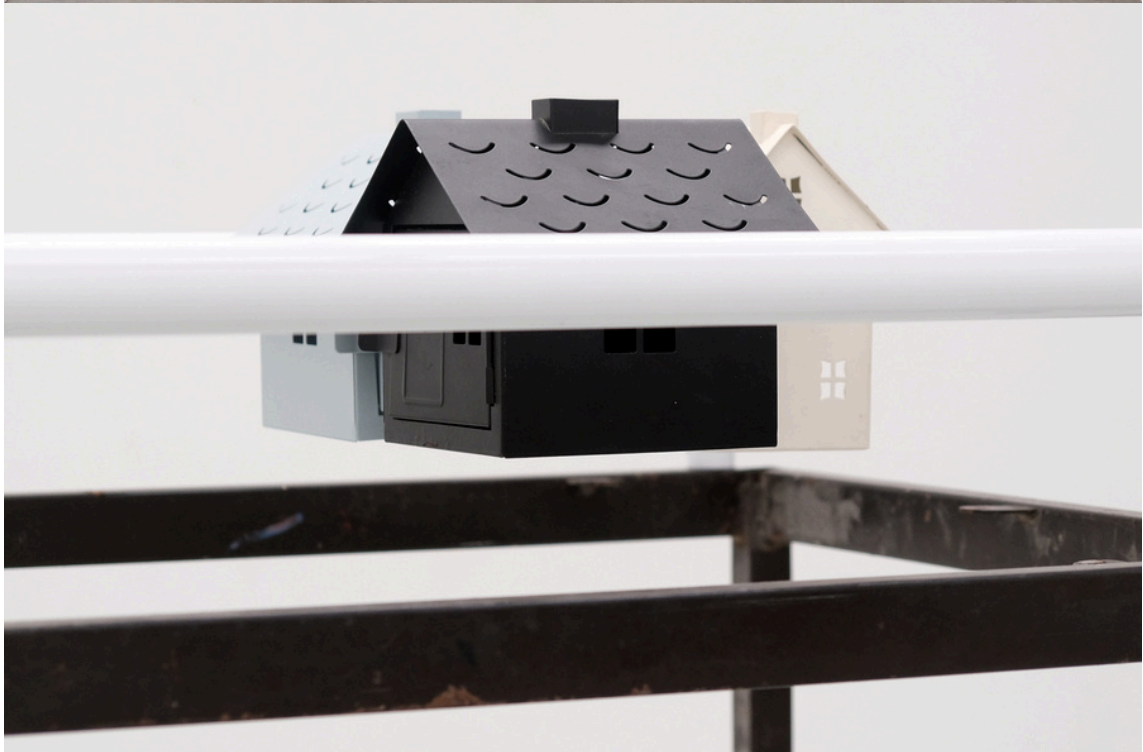
Untitled (Winter) 2026
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, pencil, light fixture, polyurethane, paper, wood
65.5 x 47.5 x 7cm
\$2,600.00



Untitled (Peace Square) 2026
smoke alarms, ceiling paint, polyurethane, wood
65.5 x 47.5 x 7cm
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Horizon 2026 (and detail)
steel table base, found objects, heated towel rail
57 x 138 x 56 cm
\$4,500.00



Vases 2026
hydroformed steel, 3 pieces
of variable dimensions
\$2,500.00



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