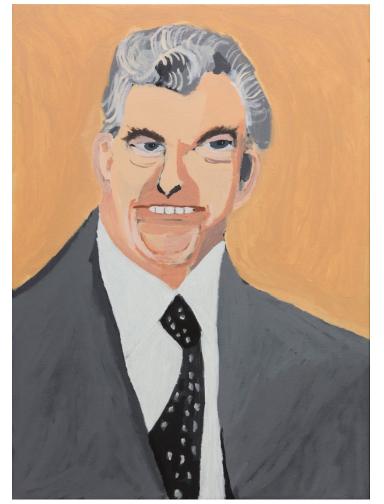
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Vincent Namatjira, *Bob Hawke*, 2016, acrylic on canvas, 91 x 67 cm. Courtesy: the artist and THIS IS NO FANTASY + dianne tanzer galler

Conversely, Vincent Namatjira's untitled suite of new portraits of Australian Prime Ministers infuses political history with wry wit. The seven portraits have their expressions of rote congeniality undone by Namatjira's blistering painterly style: the faces are transformed into cartoons, their smiles distorted into grimaces, as if held too long for a photograph.

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