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In Miami Beach, young galleries bring a blazing world to the Positions sector

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Vincent Namatjira, Vincent & Donald(The Handshake), 2018. Courtesy of the artist and This is no Fantasy, Melbourne.

Far away from the Lower East Side, Dianne Tanzer and Nicola Stein operate This is No Fantasy, one of Australia's most prominent champions of both local and international talents. In their Melbourne gallery, the two have been pursuing an eclectic program that eschews trendiness and gives fresh insights into Australia's art scene. In Miami Beach, the gallery will be showing paintings by Vincent Namatjira. In his canvases, public figures linked to the country's colonial history and current political tensions rub shoulders with Namatjira himself, often in oddly familiar situations. Humor is what dominates these pointedly naive portraits, enabling the artist to get 'a bit of cheeky revenge', to quote Namatjira himself.

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