

Wolfgang Sievers

Stuart Bailey, Curator at Glen Eira City Council Gallery talks about the upcoming retrospective of Wolfgang Sievers that includes 7 works from the MGA collection.

Wolfgang Sievers is one of Australia's most significant photographers and Glen Eira City Council Gallery is excited to present a retrospective exhibition spanning his remarkable career.

Born in Berlin in 1913, Wolfgang Sievers fled to England and finally Australia to avoid being called to serve in the Nazi Luftwaffe. During WW2 he served four years in the Australian Army and in 1946 re-opened his own studio in central Melbourne. His images of post war industrialisation helped shift ideas associated with Australian identity, away from a land 'running on the sheep's back' towards an industrialised nation of heavy industry and manufacturing. His architectural photography threw off the vestiges of British colonialism and presented Australia as an emerging site of International Modernism. Sievers is one of Australia's most important modernist photographers and our greatest industrial photographer.

The Glen Eira City Council Gallery retrospective will focus on Sievers' dramatic and fastidious approach to photographing Australian heavy industry and manufacturing in conjunction with his architectural photographs of significant buildings throughout Melbourne and Australia. The Glen Eira City Council Collection features a suite of architectural photographs depicting one of Australia's first modernist suburban residences, the Fooks House in Caulfield. The majority of the works on exhibition will be drawn from the collections of the NGV, The State Library of Victoria and Monash University Museum of Art. A significant contribution of important works has been generously loaned from the Monash Gallery of Art Collection. These images will make a vital contribution to what promises to be a comprehensive exhibition of Sievers' contribution to Australian photography.

Friends of the Gallery and other regular Monash Gallery of Art visitors are encouraged to attend this fine exhibition.

— STUART BAILEY



WOLFGANG SIEVERS
VACUUM OIL, AMP BUILDINGS, MELBOURNE 1960
PHOTOGRAPHY
65.5 X 47 CM

Glen Eira City Council Gallery

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WOLFGANG SIEVERS
ALUMINIUM BILLETS AFTER CASTING AT COMALCO, BELL BAY 1965
PHOTOGRAPHY
59.7 X 48.5



WOLFGANG SIEVERS
SHIFT CHANGE AT KELLY AND LEWIS, SPRINGVALE 1949
PHOTOGRAPHY
35.5 X 44 CM



WOLFGANG SIEVERS
SWEATSHOP, MELBOURNE 1958
PHOTOGRAPHY
31.5 X 57.5 CM