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Artist's head in the clouds

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CREATING a tone "that doesn't come from a tube" excites artist Andrew McIlroy.

A painter in the "true tradition" of dutch glazing, McIlroy's exhibition *Breaking Light* opens at Axia Modern Art this week.

The series examines light in 'cloudscapes' from ethereal white puffs in the sky to the dense billowing of a firebreak.

"I try to leave out all evidence of human activity," McIlroy said. "Including it tends to create a narrative."

By excluding a 'story' he hopes viewers will lose themselves in observation "and feel the chill of a storm, or remember a moment they stood looking out (to the sky)".

The time-consuming glaze technique - means each painting takes up to 100 hours.

McIlroy "grew up in the back streets of Prahran" and said it was good to "come home".

"I feel this exhibition marks a high point in the development of my work."

Breaking Light opens at Axia Modern Art, 1010 High St, Armadale, at 6.30pm, Wednesday July 16, showing until July 27.

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Artist Andrew McIlroy.