



Gecko Studio Gallery Newsletter

January ~ February 2020

Gecko Studio Gallery presents...



Lana De Jager - Measuring Up - photopolymer etching

GECKO STUDIO GALLERY
PRESENTS

un(civilisation)
LANA DE JAGER

23 Jan ~ 17 Feb

opening event
24 JAN 6-8PM

15 FALLS RD FISH CREEK
PH 03 5683 2481
GECKOSTUDIOGALLERY.COM.AU
OPEN THUR-MON 9-4



ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Lana de Jager emigrated from South Africa to Australia in 1998 and settled in Melbourne. Having obtained a BA Honours Degree in advertising and visual communication in 1994, she followed her degree with 2 years as a lecturer [1995-1996] at Potchefstroom University and the East London Technical College [South Africa], teaching Graphic Design History & Techniques, History of Art and Still Life & Figure Drawing. She was also responsible for organising and advertising student exhibitions. until 2016 she followed a career in Graphic Design.

In 2015 she lost three immediate family members, including her mother. It overwhelmed Lana's optimistic constitution and she experienced depression. The miracle that came from the subsequent therapy was a decision to make art fulltime.

Printmaking, of all the arts, lies the closest to graphic design training. It is disciplined and the editioning of a fine art print develops meticulous self-restraint: exactly the haven that her mind needed. The result has been 17 gallery exhibitions since February 2017, including 5 solo exhibitions.

Lana uses solar polymer etching plates for intaglio printing, with a preference for less-toxic processes.
@lanadejagerfineart #lanadejagerfineart

ARTIST STATEMENT FOR (UN)CIVILISATION

'Modern civilisation' feels like an oxymoron in an age where inhumanity seems to be more widespread than ever before. Within the broader culture of our civilisation, our sub-cultures can serve as havens from cruelty, but are sometimes also places of even more pressure. These pressures are applied in subtle and not so subtle ways within family, work or social groups.

We face a daily negotiation of the rules and structures within our sub-culture to ensure we fit somewhere in this civilisation. Combine that with our individual experience of our upbringing as well as a personalised relationship with social & corporate media and it becomes clear just how complex our environments are.

Privately, we have an 'internal civilisation' - ways we believe the world works, fits together and what refinement looks like. Publicly, it's as if there's a script and we've all agreed to act from it together. Even to rebel against it has a script-like feel. It has become increasingly difficult to identify non essential behaviour proposed as essential by our sub-culture. It's a disappointment to discover that 'following the rules' often doesn't lead to fulfillment, but instead serves someone else's interests.

Part of the feeling we get from the grind of our specific sub-culture, is that we are helpless to break away from that grind. That we're somehow trapped in it. We make all sorts of excuses not to have to think for ourselves or fight for a new way that would benefit us and ultimately others caught in this grind. We are held hostage by a culture to which we contribute. We take part in rituals that might ultimately exploit us. In this collection of works, I've magnified or objectified objects in the way that the media or an advertising poster would. These are some of the pressures of my 'internal civilisation'. These are things that make me wonder: how do you dismantle an internal civilisation without being irresponsible or undoing yourself?



Lana De Jager - My Stuff Cooks Better Than Your Stuff - solarplate etching



Lana De Jager - The Weight of Gender Expectations - solarplate etching

Go to <https://www.geckostudiogallery.com.au/uncivilisation-lana-de-jager/#.XiURGW5uJPY> for more

Gecko Studio Gallery news

15 Falls Rd, Fish Creek (the Gecko Studio Gallery property) is FOR SALE

3996 website - <https://www.inverloch3996.com/hotproperties/15-falls-road-fish-creek> for all the information you need.

After almost 13 years of Gecko, we have decided to put our beloved property on the market. Since renovating in 2017 to install the cafe into the mix, we have worked extra hard to ensure Gecko has remained vibrant and unique, and we now feel we are ready to let go of the reins to pursue our art and artisan careers on a more full-time basis. Whilst we will be sad to say goodbye to the property, we intend to keep our framing business operating from our home in Fish Creek East (otherwise known as Foster North)...along with new ventures yet to be realised.

Below is the wording scripted for the real estate advert....please feel free to share this around...

"Set in heart of Fish Creek this landmark building offers its new owners a myriad of opportunities. Described by Back Roads host Heather Ewart as "a whimsical town straight from a story book, home to children's book authors and illustrators, world renowned botanical artists, musicians and sculptors". 15 Falls Road is currently being run as a business, Gecko Studio Gallery, offering exhibitions, framing, art materials and a busy cafe catering to locals and the many tourists who pass through the town on their way to Wilsons's Promontory. The property is to be sold as a blank canvas to the new owners without the Gecko Studio Gallery business, leaving unlimited opportunities for the entrepreneurial spirit.

As well as the large gallery space with huge double frontage windows, a spacious and luxurious apartment with North facing deck is situated at the rear, along with gorgeous mature gardens with a curved path leading down to your very own huge art studio - complete with its own wood heater and two cavernous storage rooms.

Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the scope of what's on offer here."

15 FALLS ROAD FISH CREEK



THE ABOVE PLAN IS AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION ONLY, IT INCLUDES ELEMENTS THAT ARE FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES ONLY AND MAY NOT BE TO SCALE. LANDSCAPING SHOWN IS INDICATIVE ONLY. DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.

Go to Inverloch



Kerry and Michael

South Gippsland tourism and the bushfires here are a couple of links to stories related to the aftermath of the East Gippsland bushfires

- <http://bit.ly/2uaeK8i> a South Gippsland Sentinel Times report
- <http://bit.ly/2tnS70e> a report from 3AW
- <http://bit.ly/2G2JA5I> a report by the Age newspaper

Please be aware that in South Gippsland we are hundreds of kilometres from the fires in East Gippsland.

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Gecko Café news



It's salad time.....and focaccia time and smashed avo time...and time to come in and check out our menu. We serve a unique wood roasted artisan coffee from Melbourne (Ricci Coffee); delicious teas (Calmer Sutra) including fresh chai; hot chocolates and cold drinks. Gecko has a range of sweet and savoury foods to dine in or takeaway.

Keep an eye on the Gecko Studio Gallery Facebook page and on Instagram.

Open 9am to 4pm, Thursday through to Monday, i.e. closed Tuesday & Wednesday. Open 7 days during January.

Local Art Venues and Events

Art Aid All money raised will be donated to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) to help support those who have lost their homes and property in the devastating East Gippsland bushfires.

Go to <https://www.gippslandartgallery.com/exhibition/art-aid-for-gippsland/> for all information about Art Aid

THE ART AID EXHIBITION - The Art Aid Gippsland exhibition will be held at the Gippsland Art Gallery from **Saturday 15 February to Sunday 15 March**. There will be an **opening preview on Friday 14 February at 6.00pm**, as part of our opening for new exhibitions by **Peter Cole, Susan Purdy, and Simon Deere**. Guest speakers on the night will be curator and writer **Robert Lindsay** (for Peter Cole), and **Mayor Wellington Shire Council, Cr Alan Hall** (for Art Aid). There will be complementary refreshments prior to speeches but on commencement of speeches the bar will close (about 6.30pm). There will be no access to the Gallery spaces prior to the conclusion of speeches. It will be a busy night so if you'd prefer to look at the Art Aid exhibition without the crowds and without being rushed, I would strongly recommend visiting during normal opening hours.

Update 13/1/20 - DROP OFF LOCATIONS

The preferred option for those in Melbourne is to deliver directly to the IAS (International Art Services) depot in Tullamarine. Please email melbourne@iasdas.com.au to arrange drop off and for address details. If you can't make it to Tullamarine IAS will be picking up from the following seven locations across Melbourne:

BAYSWATER

Address: Art Tree Creations, 1/15 Newcastle Road, Bayswater VIC 3153

Contact: Tamara McLeish

Ph. 0439 326 333

Email. tam@arttreecreations.com.au

Instructions: Deliveries can be made Mon-Fri, 10.00am-4.30pm, from now to 5 February. Please call Tamara for delivery outside hours

BRUNSWICK

Address: The Pea Green Boat Studios, 31 Tinning Street, Brunswick VIC 3056

Contact: Sandra Tobias

Ph. 0415 521 072

Email. sandratobias2016@gmail.com

Instructions: Deliveries can be made Mon-Sat, 10.00am-4.00pm, from 20 January to 25 January

EPPING

Address: Art Spectrum, Newmarket Business Park, Building 2, 43 Scanlon Drive, Epping VIC 3076

Contact: Tamara McGuane

Ph. 03 9387 9799

Email. tamara@artspectrum.com.au

Instructions: Deliveries can be made Mon-Fri, 8.30am-4.30pm, from now until 5 February. Please deliver to the office (look for the sign)

MELBOURNE

Address: Energetiq, Level 27, 303 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Contact: Adam Kierce

Ph. 0410 498 828

Email. adam.kierce@energetiq.com.au

Instructions: Deliveries can be made Mon-Fri, 9.00am-5.00pm, from now until 5 February. Please note that this is a CBD address and there will be very limited parking.

RICHMOND

Address: Private address corner Bridge Road and Burnley Streets, with 48 and 75 Trams passing by. Specific address will be given on contact with Alisa.

Contact: Alisa Tanaka-King

Text. 0400 664 832

Email. alisatanakaking@gmail.com

Instructions: Deliveries can be made Wed 5.30pm-8.30pm; Thu 5.30pm-8.30pm; Sun 4.00pm-8.30pm, from 15 January to 5 February

ST KILDA

Address: Linden New Art, 26 Acland Street, St Kilda VIC 3182

Contact: Juliette

Ph. 03 9534 0099

Email. curator@lindenarts.org

Instructions: Deliveries can be made Tue-Fri, 10.00am-4.30pm, from 28 to 31 January only. Please note doorway is domestic size (H 210 x W 86cm)

WEST MELBOURNE

Address: The Blender Studios, 33-35 Dudley Street, West Melbourne VIC 3003

Contact: Autumn

Ph. 0416 971 707

Email. info@theblenderstudios.com

Instructions: Deliveries can be made on Sunday 2nd February 11.00am-2.00pm, and Monday 3rd February 11.00am-2.00pm only. Please enter the studios via Maloney Lane.

In addition to the seven locations in Melbourne, there are three drop off locations in Gippsland:

YARRAGON

Address: Town & Country Gallery, 111 Princes Highway, Yarragon VIC 3823

Contact: Jo & John Wolswinkel

Ph. 03 5634 2229

Email. info@townandcountrygallery.com.au

Instructions: Deliveries can be made daily between 10.00am and 5.00pm from now until 12 noon, Friday 7 February

BAIRNSDALE

Address: East Gippsland Art Gallery, 2 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale VIC 3875

Contact: Crystal Stubbs

Ph. 03 5153 1988

Email. info@eastgippslandartgallery.org.au

Instructions: Deliveries can be made Tues-Fri 10.00am-4.00pm, and Saturdays 10.00am-2.00pm, from now until Wednesday 5 February

MEENIYAN

Address: Meeniyart Art Gallery, 84 Whitelaw Street, Meeniyart VIC 3956

Contact: Jenny Montford

Ph. 03 5664 0101 or Jenny's personal mobile, 0428 891 350

Email. info@meeniyartgallery.com.au

Instructions: Deliveries can be made during Gallery opening hours, 10.00am-4.00pm every day (including weekends) EXCEPT Tuesdays when they are closed, from now until 12 noon, Friday 7 February.

If you're in West or South Gippsland but you can't get to one of the drop off points, please contact Gippsland Art Couriers, Wayne Foenander on 0407 399 664, who may be able to help out.

The Alison Lester Shop Prints, Books, Cards & Gifts – 1 Falls Road, Fish Creek, Victoria 5683 2352.

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for when Alison will be in-store for book signings and other special events. Facebook <https://goo.gl/gTTLmq> Web <http://alisonlester.com/> (Psst...all the prints and canvases in the Alison Lester Shop are framed by Gecko Studio Gallery) Check out the new range of Robert Gordon pottery featuring Alison's designs. Also, Alison's circular images are now available in circular frames.

Stefani Hilltop Gallery Artist-in-residence **Bianca Biesuz-Stefani**. 39 Keane's Rd, Fish Creek. Ph 5683 2253. http://members.dcsi.net.au/hilltop_gallery/ Open Thursday to Monday or by appointment.

Ride the Wild Goat Workshop & Gallery 5 Falls Rd, Fish Creek. Ph 5683 2661. Paintings and one-off handmade furniture & objects by **Andrew McPherson**. Open Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon – 10.30 – 4.30pm. 0417 370 596 <http://ridethewildgoat.com.au/> Check out Andy's out there Christmas tree

The Celia Rosser Gallery and Banksia Café Promontory Rd, Fish Creek. Open hours: Fri, Sat, Sun 10am – 4pm or by appointment. Ph 5683 2628. andrew@celiarossergallery.com.au
www.celiarossergallery.com.au/index.htm

Michael Pitt Photography 11 Falls Rd, Fish Creek (between Gibsons Cafe and the Fish Creek Memorial Hall). Photography, large format printing, studio, portraiture, pets, process and printing of your photos – anything but weddings. Also, wanted to buy – old cameras, photos, film negs, glass slides, negatives – anything photographic. Hobby, not part of the business. Contact Michael Pitts 0418 508 392 michael@pptime.com.au

The Hub - Fish Creek 10am to 3pm

• **Houndog** – beautiful handcrafted timber furniture and objects by **Peter Bassett**.
27 Falls Rd, Fish Creek (between the Fish Creek General Store and the Post Office)

The HandMakers Store – a craft collective. Features the work of local makers. Follow them on FB and Instagram. thehandmakersstore@gmail.com Facebook: thehandmakersstore 17 Falls Rd, Fish Creek 0407 543 371

Roland Harvey - Renowned children's book author and illustrator **Roland Harvey** has opened a studio/gallery in Fish Creek. There are books and cards for sale along with original artwork and limited edition prints. Facebook: Roland Harvey Art Web: <http://rolandharvey.com.au/> 31 Falls Rd, Fish Creek

Art Classes – children's book illustrator/author **Roland Harvey** is now running drawing/watercolour classes at his Fish Creek studio/gallery, 33 Falls Rd, Fish Creek. Minimum 4, maximum 6 people. Adults, kids (min. 10 years) and mixed aged. School Holiday introductory offer - \$50/ 2 hours. Saturday & Sunday 10 – 12 & 2 to 4pm. Weekdays before 10am or after 4.30pm (gallery opening hours). For more information contact Annabel 0429 801 776 annabellouise@bigpond.com

The Fish Creek Hotel Artspaces – Exhibition space in the art hub of Fish Creek.

• Current exhibition – Leongatha Painters Group – Anne Todd Foulds, Elizabeth Dunlop, Pauline Farries, Peg Elliot, Kellie Smith, Helen Broad, Irene McConville, Robyn Henn, Bev Mithchell-Symons, Vera Derrick, Colleen Touzel, Florence Crighton, Trish Rosel – January 1 to March 31

Fish Creek Hotel/Motel 1 Old Waratah Road, Fish Creek 3959. Ph 5683 2404.
<http://www.fishcreekhotel.com.au/>

The Outer Space Meeniyán 140B Whitelaw St, Meeniyán, VIC 3956 0427 375 020 9am – 4pm. The Outer Space sculpture park features the work of fourteen local artists and artisans in a park-like setting. <http://theouterspacemeeniyán.com.au/> Facebook: outerspacemeeniyán
Helen Wilkinson and Grant Flather (plus a cast of thousands) Friday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm

Stockyard Gallery

• **Megacosm** – Sue Gilford and Sharon Monk until January 27

• **“Objects of Desire and Menace”** - a group exhibition featuring: a little bit of douglas, prophet motif, earth emperess and michael BLAIR scott Friday, January 31, 6-7:30.

• **“Scenic”** - Leigh Fraser - February 27 to March 23. Opening event Friday, February 28, 6-7:30.

Gallery open 10 am to 4 pm daily Phone: 5682 1125 www.facebook.com/pages/Stockyard-Gallery/205686259540514

YEPgallery Anne Roussac-Hoyne Ph 0408 871 370

Thirsty Work Gallery 45 River Drive, Tarwin Lower. 0408 241 973. Also, Life drawing classes, Tuesdays evenings - Thirsty Work Studio Gallery

Meeniyán Art Gallery

Exhibition in January:

Exhibitions in February

Gallery One - **Collective Notions - Still**

Gallery Two - **Anne Miller – Promland**

Gallery Three - **Bruce Plant - My Lyrical Abstraction**

• 84 Whitelaw St, Meeniyan. Wednesday to Monday (closed Tuesday) 10 – 4pm. Saturday & Sunday 11 – 5pm. Ph 5664 0101 Exhibition bookings - curator@meenianartgallery.com.au

Gallery One – **Sarah Hope – A Beautiful Chaos:** an exploration of creative passions

Gallery Two – **Sharon Anderson – Exploring the Mindscape**

Gallery Three – **Susan Hall**

The ArtSpace Mirboo North

81B Ridgway Mirboo Nth (Between Mirboo Nth Hardware & The Grand Ridge Brewery)
ArtSpace Hours Wed-Sun 10-4pm www.facebook.com/TheArtSpaceinMirbooNorth/

ArtSpace Wonthaggi

The Centennial Centre, 1 Bent Street, Wonthaggi 3995 (opposite Aldi). Tel: (03) 5672 5767. Hours: Thursday - Monday 10-4

Gippsland Art Gallery Louisa Waters – Erasure - until Feb 2, 2020 / **Nick Mount** - Hot Glass – until Feb 2, 2020 / **Simon Deere** - The Nature of Decay – Feb 1 to Mar 15, 2020 / **Susan Purdy** - Australia Phoenix: A Cosmology – Feb 1 to April 19, 2020 / **Peter Cole** – The Circus of Life – Feb 15 to May 3, 2020

70 Foster Street, Sale. HOURS: Monday – Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm / Saturday – Sunday 10.00am - 4.00pm / Public Holidays 10.00am - 4.00pm

Arc Yinnar

arc Yinnar is open Tuesday to Friday 12 noon-4pm, Saturday 11am-3pm. Main Street Yinnar. Ph 5163 1310

Clayworkers Studio. Learn how to create functional and decorative objects from clay in classes suitable for all skill levels. Also offering studio access sessions for experienced ceramic artists and potters. Find the term program details and book at www.trybooking.com/eventlist/clayworkers or phone 0473 912 704. Rescue Station Arts, West Area Rd Wonthaggi.

Kate Stuart - Co-ordinator, Clayworkers Studio. SCM Rescue Station Arts Inc, 95 W Area Rd, Wonthaggi Vic 3995. Ph 0473912704 clayworkers.rescuestationarts@gmail.com
www.rescuestationarts.org

Toora Village Studio Gallery

Toora Village Studio Gallery - open Thursdays to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. 25 Stanley Street, Toora
<https://goo.gl/FCV4Np>

Saraghi Gallery Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10am - 3pm. Saraghi Gallery - behind Cafe Lugano, 71 Thompson Ave, Cowes

Bob Hickman - Painting classes 5x2 hour classes in Koonwarra studio, Tuesday afternoons 1-4pm \$35 per session and Wednesday evening 6-8pm, \$100 for a five week block. Also, printmaking and hebel stone carving weekend workshops throughout the year. Check out www.bobhickman.blogspot.com.au or contact Bob on 0439 303 244 for more information.

Loch Arts Council - www.facebook.com/Loch-Arts-Council-581762918549744/timeline?ref=page_internal

Korumburra Arts Group The Arts Group meets about once every 2 months and welcomes artists and art supporters to become part of the group. For further information about the exhibition or the Arts Group contact Jane Brocklesby 0427 472 117, Neil Coxon 5655 2107, Tony Parisi 0407 219 639.
<http://korumburracommunity.org.au/>

The Boobook Art Studio in South Gippsland - committed to providing enriching, high quality art instruction to children & teenagers. **Jacqui Dinsbergs.** Studio address: 84 Whitelaw St, Meeniyan, Vic 3956 Postal address: PO Box 252, Foster, Vic 3960 <http://boobookartstudio.com.au/>

Drawing Classes run by **Ann Parry.** First and third Fridays at Port Franklin schoolhouse. 10.30am – 2.30pm. Tea & coffee provided, take your own lunch. Some art materials provided or take your own. \$35 each session, \$50 when there is a life model. Contact Ann 0448 390 785 or 5664 6558.

Art Blast Studio - Creative, fun art classes for children held after school and on Saturday mornings in Foster. Quality art materials, expert tuition and delicious snack \$25 per session, family discounts apply. Contact Janie Frith 0437 120 948

Freestone Press Gillian Kline 0408514560 [email](mailto:) <http://freestonepressprintmakingstudio.com/>

Switchback Gallery - Building 6S, Northways Road, Churchill VIC 3842. Bryce Ives. Phone: 5122 6261 Mon to Fri: 9am–5pm. Closed on public holidays. Disabled access

South Gippsland - Arts & Events - www.facebook.com/SouthGippslandArtsandEvents/

Creative Gippsland - <https://creativegippsland.com.au/>

South Gippsland Musicians and Gigs <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sgmusicians/>

Amazigh Cultural Tours Morocco and Lithuania <http://bit.ly/2IqWaxc>

Prom Coast Film Society -

Next Screening: look out for new years program

Join at www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=451888&

First Friday of each month - 7:30pm, Fish Creek Memorial Hall

Annual Subscription - \$60, 3 Months - \$25, Subscription Only, no Single Tickets

Arts/Culture/Tourism/Community newsletters (send us info if you have a newsletter to add)

- **South Gippsland Arts Network Update** - administered by Sophie Dixon, Community Strengthening Support Officer, South Gippsland Shire Council. Categories are: exhibitions on now / festivals / music & performance / film / coming soon / download information / galleries of South Gippsland. Contact Sophie to have your info included sophied@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

- **Art Space Gallery Wonthaggi** – monthly newsletter covering events at the gallery and in the region. Ph 5672 5767 Email artspaceenquiries@gmail.com Web www.artspacewonthaggi.com.au

- **Bass Coast Shire Council Free Arts News**

- **Stockyard Gallery** –email them at info@stockyardgallery.org.au and ask for their newsletter

- **Regional Arts Victoria, Gippsland** - monthly newsletter

- **ArtSpace Newsletter** – send email to artspacemoney@gmail.com

- **Meeniyah Motel Newsletter** [Meeniyah Motel email newsletter](#)

- **Craft Victoria** - Craft Almanac e-news go to [Craft Victoria website](#) and find the subscribe area at the bottom of the page. [Craft Victoria subscription](#)

- **Fishy News** – The newsletter for Fish Creek. Available from Fish Creek post office and various outlets around town. Editor: Helen Ritt. Email fishynews2@gmail.com

- **Venus Bay/Tarwin community newsletter** [“Matter of Fact”](#)

Lyrebird Arts Council

- ~~Hiss Golden Messenger~~ **CANCELLED**



Saturday, January 25th, 2020. Doors: 7 pm, Show 8pm. Tickets \$60
<https://youtu.be/nDGYV82IAFI>

Describing the Durham-based Hiss Golden Messenger is like trying to grasp a forgotten word: It’s always on the tip of your tongue, but hard to speak. Songwriter and bandleader M.C. Taylor’s music is at once familiar, yet impossible to categorize: Elements from the American songbook—the steady, churning acoustic guitar and mandolin, the gospel emotion, the eerie steel guitar tracings, the bobbing and weaving organ and electric

piano—provide the bedrock for Taylor’s existential ruminations about parenthood, joy, hope, and

loneliness—our delicate, tightrope balance of dark and light—that offer fully engaged contemporary commentary on the present. And then there’s an indescribable spirit and movement: Hiss Golden Messenger’s music grooves. There’s nothing else quite like it.

For over ten years, Taylor has spearheaded this prolific, perpetually evolving group. He’s toured and recorded relentlessly, earning devotees along the roads, deep in festival pits, and across the seas, delivering earnest performances that morph from jammy freakout to private prayer in a matter of measures.

“The work that I do requires me to be in a certain emotional place,” says Taylor. “My music depends first and foremost on being in a heightened emotional state and putting my vulnerability on display.” This vulnerability is also central to Taylor’s steadily growing fanbase, which continues to discover universal themes in his deeply personal work. The critical acclaim and attention for Hiss Golden Messenger—including features in *The Atlantic* and *The New Yorker*, glowing album and live reviews in *Pitchfork*, *Rolling Stone*, and *Consequence of Sound*, and barn-burning performances on *Late Show with David Letterman* and *Late Night with Seth Meyers*—affirm the emotional power of Taylor’s work.



- **Patty Griffin** **SOLD OUT**

Sunday, March 1, 2020. Doors: 7 pm, Show 8pm. Tickets \$80 [WATCH](#)
Iconic singer-songwriter PATTY GRIFFIN has announced her highly anticipated return to Australia. Last here in 2008 for sold-out shows, the Texan performer has attracted a cult-following with her intimately passionate performance style, telling heartfelt stories with her vivid, powerful vocal.

“Patty Griffin is an absolute inspiration to every songwriter who’s fortunate enough to come across her music.” - Missy Higgins

“I would go anywhere, anytime to hear Patty Griffin sing her extraordinary songs.” - Emmylou Harris

Over the course of two decades, the GRAMMY Award-winner— and seven-time nominee — has crafted nine classic studio albums and two live collections, a remarkable body of work that prompted the *New York Times* to hail her for “[writing] cameo-carved songs that create complete emotional portraits of specific people...(her) songs have independent lives that continue in your head when the music ends.” Widely regarded among the best singer-songwriters of her era, this year’s self-titled album, PATTY GRIFFIN collects songs written during her battle with cancer.

Chronicling love and death, heartache and joy, connection and detachment, Patty Griffin continues with her uncanny perception, and ever-increasing ingenuity. A starkly beautiful live show, the return of this pillar of Americana is not to be missed.



- **Eilen Jewell** **SELLING FAST**

March 20, 2020 Tickets \$65 <http://www.eilenjewell.com/video-2/>

Lyrebird are very pleased to announce Eilen Jewell and her band will be back at Meeniyon Town hall on Friday 20th March 2020 for a very special show in support of her latest album *Gypsy*.

The reigning Queen of the Minor Key, Jewell leads a tight quartet that blends influences of surf-noir, early blues, classic country, folk, and 1960s era rock ‘n’ roll. For well over a decade, they’ve toured relentlessly for legions of fans from Boston to Boise and Madrid to Melbourne, playing large festivals, theatres, rock clubs, and coffeehouses and have shared stages with the likes of Lucinda Williams, Loretta Lynn, Mavis Staples, Wanda Jackson, George Jones, Emmylou Harris, and Blind Boys of Alabama.



- **Cedric Burnside** **SELLING FAST**

Saturday March 21, 2020 Tickets \$50.00 https://youtu.be/J_5wtJPaG88

The Grammy-nominated 39-year-old still lives on several acres not far from the Holly Springs, Mississippi, home where he was raised by “Big Daddy,” his grandfather, the late singer/songwriter/guitarist R.L. Burnside whom Cedric famously played with, just as his own father, drummer Calvin Jackson, did. Cedric was literally born to the blues, more specifically, the “rhythmically unorthodox” Hill country variant which emerged from Mississippi, where he grew up surrounded (and influenced)

by Junior Kimbrough, Jessie May Hemphill and Otha Turner, as well as delta musicians T-Model Ford and Paul “Wine” Jones.



Seeker Lover Keeper SOLD OUT

Friday 27th March, 2020 Tickets \$52

<https://youtu.be/pnFMqYqOeF4>

Seeker Lover Keeper is the collaborative project of three of Australia’s most beloved musicians; Sarah Blasko, Holly Throsby and Sally Seltmann. The band originated, as many things do, from a conversation at a pub. In 2007, Sarah and Holly went to see Sally play a show in Sydney, and the three ended up drinking and talking well into the night. At some point during the night a plan arose: wouldn’t it be fun to tour together sometime? Sally suggested they should start a band. Without hesitation, Sarah and Holly said yes.

After releasing their now-iconic and much-loved self-titled debut album in 2011 Seeker Lover Keeper undertook multiple tours and then went their

separate ways. Since then Sarah released three records, composed for film and television, and had a son; Holly wrote two novels, released an album, and had a daughter; and Sally relocated with her family to LA for a time, released an album, wrote a novel, and composed for television.

It wasn’t until recently that they decided to come together again, 12 years after they first met and 8 years since they last played together. The album Wild Seeds with the extraordinary singles Superstar, Wild Seeds and Let it Out was released in 2019 to unanimous critical acclaim, it’s a dazzling display of virtuosic song-writing, harmony and melody. Fans around the country flocked to their recent sold-out Australian tour. The next chapter in the musical lives of these extraordinary artists has only just begun.

• **The War & Treaty SELLING FAST**

Thursday April 16, 2020 Tickets \$65 <https://youtu.be/PfkPgfuVAc>

As The War and Treaty, Michael and Tanya Trotter serve up healing and pain robbing with freewheeling joy on their new full-length album, Healing Tide. Funky bass lines, keys, lap steel, acoustic strings, and stripped-down percussion create a swampy Southern soul bed for the couple’s transcendent vocals. A tour-de-force produced by Buddy Miller, the collection swaggers with confidence only gained by artists who are wholly, proudly, themselves.

Michael is a wounded warrior who found his voice while serving in Iraq, when he was pulled from the frontlines to write songs for the fallen. Tanya is a lifelong artist, drawn to singing’s power to take another’s pain away. “You have to have a deep place of love within yourself to be vulnerable,” Tanya says. “With The War and Treaty, we allow people to see two people that are not perfect. We get

on stage. We sweat. We’re overweight. We yell. We get ugly, we scream! My hair comes loose. We’re vulnerable--naked--in front of people, and it’s a chain reaction. It allows them to be vulnerable, too.” The War and Treaty’s music and stories bring tears and goosebumps, but ultimately, more is at work. “I want people to feel like we care,” Michael says. “When you think about artists, you don’t think about that.” He pauses and grins broadly. “But that’s the way I want the world to feel about The War and Treaty.”

• **Purchase tickets** online via <https://goo.gl/Dpne9h>

Book tickets via [email](#) Local ticket outlets (cash only): **Gecko Studio Gallery**, Fish Creek; Duck Hutt, Meeniyan; the Rusty Windmill, Leongatha, Main Street Revelations, Foster; Books & Massage, Inverloch; UpBeet Juice Bar, Wonthaggi.

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Walking Tracks

• **The Great Southern Rail Trail** <https://goo.gl/PJwauA> www.gsrt.com.au When you ride or walk through Fish Creek, don’t forget to break your journey for a coffee and lunch at Headquarters Café in Gecko Studio Gallery. Plus, all of what Fish Creek has to offer.

• **The Hoddle Mountain Trail** and **The Loader Track**
www.visitpromcountry.com.au/uploads_files/hoddle-mountain-trail-1.pdf
www.visitpromcountry.com.au/walking-cycling/hoddle-mountain-trail

• **Prom Country Walking Trails** www.visitpromcountry.com.au/pdf/Prom-Country-Walking-Trails.pdf
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Fish Creek

- **Fishy News** – The newsletter for Fish Creek. Editor – Helen Ritt. Published at the beginning of the month. Email fishynews2@gmail.com
 - **Gibson's Café** – 9 Falls Rd, Fish Creek. Ph 5683 2593 Facebook: gibsonsfcc Hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9am to 4pm
 - **The Paddock** – coffee/produce/wares. 2 Old Waratah Rd, Fish Creek (where the KO Bar used to be until recently. Opening hours initially will be 8am - 4pm, closed Monday & Tuesday Contact Jarl on 0424 645 813 Facebook: thepaddockcoffeehouse
 - **Fish Creek Hotel** - 1 Old Waratah Rd, Fish Creek VIC 3959. ph: 5683 2404 bigfish@fishcreekhotel.com.au <http://fishcreekhotel.com.au/>
 - **Fish Creek Community Development Group** – membership is only \$5. Have your say as to how Fish Creek develops. Meetings are monthly at present. Membership enquiries to Michael Lester 0421 209 878 info@geckostudiogallery.com.au
 - **Hoddle Mountain Trail Management Group** PO Box 90, Fish Creek, VIC. 3959 Secretary: Tony Walker hoddletrail@gmail.com
 - **Saturday Yoga with Howard** (0499 202 409) 8- 9am Calligraphy Yoga; 9- 10am Synergy Yoga. \$15 / \$10 conc. All at Fish Creek Memorial Hall.
 - **Tiliqua – Fish Creek** - Tiliqua is a self-contained holiday home accommodating up to 4 people and is located on the very edge of the Fish Creek township. The living areas offer spectacular panoramic views across the countryside. Bookings : via Airbnb
 - **Fish Creek Cottage** – holiday accommodation - 39 Old Waratah Rd, Fish Creek. Bookings: www.stayz.com.au/121861
 - **Fish Creek Discount Pharmacy (and General Store)** - 25 Falls Rd, Fish Creek. Ph 5683 2226. Hours: Friday 7am–5:30pm/Saturday 7:30am–4pm/Sunday 8am–1pm/Monday 7am–5:30pm/Tuesday 7am–5:30pm/Wednesday 7am–5:30pm/Thursday 7am–5:30pm
 - **Promontory Gourmet Foods** - PO Box 25 Fish Creek 3959. Ph 5683 2313.
 - **Fish Creek Post Office** 29 Falls Road, Fish Creek VIC 3959. Ph 5683 2461. Mon – Fri 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9am - 12pm
 - **Fish Creek & District CFA Fire & Rescue** - www.facebook.com/fishcreekcfa/?ref=py_c
- Foster North Promontory Restaurant & Winery** – 23 O'Gradys Ridge Rd, Foster North. Ph 5682 1538 cgarms@bigpond.com Restaurant, Functions, Café, Cellar Door. Chris

Walkerville South • Bear Gully Coastal Cottages - waterfront accommodation overlooking Waratah Bay with views to Wilson's Promontory. 35 Maitland Court, Walkerville South. Ph 5663 2364 www.beargullycottages.com.au/

Walkerville North • Walkerville Caravan Park - 3 Loop Road, Walkerville North, VIC 3956 Ph 5663 2224. <https://goo.gl/Vjrzmh>

Meeniyan

- **moo's at meeniyan** 89 Whitelaw St, Meeniyan. Ph 5664 0010, fax 5664 0050. Open Monday 8:30am - 4:30pm / Tuesday & Wednesday – Closed / Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm / Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm | 6pm dinner / Saturday 8:30am - 4:30pm | 6pm dinner / Sunday 8:30am - 4:30pm
- **Meeniyan Pantry & Cellar** - We have gathered and cooked exquisite foods and wines from across the globe....as well as our own kitchen... for all your dining needs. Make up your own antipasto plates (cheese from France, cured meats from Italy?), choose your delicious main (how does 8 hour smoked brisket sound?), and finish the meal with a delectable dessert! Choose one, or a few, wines from around the world and you have an unforgettable meal for the family or the guests from out of town. Open 7 Days, Mon-Sat 10am-7pm (8pm Fri), Sun 10-5pm. 82 Whitelaw St, Meeniyan 3956 Ph 5602 2124 www.meeniyanpantryandcellar.com.au
- **Sandy Point Music Club** - A group of interested residents have banded together to form the Sandy Point Music Club. Their aim is to enhance the village atmosphere of Sandy Point by organising regular events at the Community Centre. The Music Group would love to hear from people with ideas and "special requests" for future events. For more information please email sandypointmusic@gmail.com BYO nibbles and drinks. Bookings: www.trybooking.com

Foster

- **Aherns Fruit Market & Fine Foods** - 29 Toora Road, Foster Vic 3960. Phone: 5682 2095
<http://aherns.com.au/> Open: Monday to Friday 9 – 5.30, Saturday 8.30 – 12.30
- **Café Max** – Comfort Inn, 3800 South Gippsland Hwy, Foster. Ph 5682 2022
info@comfortinnfoster.com.au
- **Cow Cow Foster** café 4 Station Road, Foster 0408 871 379 Facebook: Cow Cow Foster
- **Main Street Revelations** - New & Gently Used Quality Goods - 31 Main Street, Foster. Phone 5682 1381 www.mainstreetrevelations.com.au/
- **Winchester Rise** holiday accommodation - 5/8 Winchester St, Foster – Helen Wilkinson and Grant Flather (0427 375 020) - www.airbnb.com.au/rooms/15707293
- **Gurneys Cidery** - 343 Fish Creek Foster Road, Foster, 3960. Open Saturday & Sunday 10am – 5pm. Open Public Holidays. Ph 0423 039 863 j.gurnett23@gmail.com <https://gurneyscider.com.au/>
Our heritage apple orchard allows us to produce unique small batch ciders full of flavour and character. All apples are pressed, fermented, aged and bottled on the farm resulting in distinct products that differs from anything you would have tried previously.

Yanakie • Coastal View Cabins - 150 Foley Road, Yanakie, Wilson's Promontory Ph 5687 1248 Mobile 0433 772 713 www.coastalviewcabins.com.au/ Mark and Craig

- Prom Country Attraction - **Promhelis** is now operating in Yanakie. Offering helicopter tours over Wilsons Prom and the coastline, Promhelis is a great new attraction. Witness Australia's southernmost point from the air. Rugged granite, elevated terrain and breathtaking coastal views combine to provide a flying experience that will never be forgotten. Open 7 days a week during peak season. Enquires 0459 318 888. Yanakie Airfield 3510 Meeniyah-Promontory Road, Yanakie. Bookings / Enquiries:
info@promhelis.com.au

Tarwin Lower

- **The Bird & The Wolf** - Breakfast & brunch restaurant · Coffee shop · Burger restaurant. Hrs 8am – 9pm. 43 River Drive, Tarwin Lower. 0403 292 528 fb: TheBirdAndTheWolf

Tidal River, Wilsons Promontory

- **Tidal River Open Air Cinema** - 1 Melbourne Road, Tidal River, Wilsons Promontory
<https://www.facebook.com/tidalrivercinema/> starts up again in December

Local Radio

- Catch **"Shaggy Baggy"**, a music show that samples new releases as well as favorites that never date in the folk, blues, alt country and world music genres. Presented by **Tony Walker** at 6pm Thursdays.
- **Ramamlama Ding Dong** with **Denis, Dave & Nang** 8pm - 11pm most Friday nights. Apparently, the show doesn't happen if there is a particularly interesting footy match on TV.
Local FM station 3mFM – 88.1, 89.1 and 89.5 on the dial www.3mfm.com.au/ - Friday 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Music based program featuring alternate themes each week based around Soul, Funk, Disco & Rock N' Roll music. Also check out the 3MFM website as it is now possible to stream 3mFM via the internet

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