

# **OVERVIEW**

### FROM THIS PLACE – INSPIRING WOMEN ARTISTS OF THE UPPER YARRA VALLEY

BOOK AND EXHIBITION by Lindy Schneider and Angela Rivas
(Official Project launch: Friday 1 September 2017)



The **From This Place** project reveals the unique stories and images of fourteen incredible local women that will inspire the artist in everyone. There are painters and poets, potters and scenographers, sculptors and authors and artists that have so many layers it's difficult to hold them in any one definition. These women are important, their work matters.

Lindy and Angela started this project more than two years ago in a moment of shared inspiration. They were curious why they lived among so many talented women artists and wanted to find out why. They also wanted to elevate fellow women artists, to raise their profiles in a world where it is often hard to cut through. One of the most telling statistics they found was that only 5% of artists hanging in permanent galleries worldwide were women. They decided to do something about it, and where better to start than in our own beautiful region?

**FROM THIS PLACE BOOK** – is approx. 128 pages hardcover (25 x 20 cm landscape) in full colour. This is a book of stories told in words and images – one could not exist without the other. Stories of courage, hope, love and togetherness. Stories of finally saying yes, of heartfelt longings set free to shape new lives, regardless of age, or stage, or medium.

# **Book Synopsis**

From This Place explores the inspirations and work of 14 unique women artists and how the natural beauty of the Upper Yarra Valley grounds their practice.

Featuring touching stories of the challenges and delights of giving in to the art that lives in us all – regardless of age, medium or history – stories that reignite a forgotten part of our own creative lives.

### FROM THIS PLACE EXHIBITION – THE ESSENCE PORTRAITS

Launching on Friday 1 September 2017.

The exhibition will feature 14 portraits from the 'essence' shoot. They are images you will fall into, and feel from the inside. They are creative, visionary and capture the uniqueness of each woman. They reveal a beauty that is essential, unequivocal, a gift to the world.

The exhibition will run for 5 weeks at the Upper Yarra Arts Centre Warburton and the book will be launched at 7pm. The exhibition will also run at the Yarra Valley Regional Museum in Lilydale in December and January (2018).

#### **ARTISTS FEATURED**

Belinda Rogers, Sioux Dollman, Marlee Nebauer, Jena Bedson, Maya Ward, Adrienne Kneebone, Kate Baker, Shlomit Moria, Indigo Perry, Gillian Farrow, Lucy Pierce, Jo Rothwell, Jenny Davis and Jeminah Alli Reidy. Profiles on www.fromthisplace.net

The project has generous funding from Yarra Ranges Council and the Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank® Branches.

# Links

## More info

www.fromthisplace.net

#### Pre order the book

https://pozible.com/project/from-this-place-book-exhibition-1 (June 6 to July 17)

### Connect with our community

www.facebook.com/fromthisplaceYarraValley IG fromthisplaceyv

#### Video

Promo video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0qgaJqpX6l&feature=youtu.be Pozible video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUmPN\_2HRZY

# **EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**

Friday 1 September to 3 October 2017 Warburton Arts Centre More info

LAUNCH – Friday 1 September from 6pm at the Warburton Arts Centre click here

5 October to late November 2017 Oscars by the Yarra for Yarra Valley Open Studios

26 November 2017 to 26 January 2018 - Yarra Rages Regional Museum Arts Centre

Lindy Schneider and Angela Rivas are now available for media interviews. Please contact Lindy on 0417 365 697. Images can be supplied on request.

# **WHO WE ARE**



Angela Rivas is a Commercial freelance and Portrait photographer with AIPP standing. She has worked for lifestyle magazines and photographic studios and has a BA in Visual Arts. She did specialist teaching and runs workshops empowering people with their cameras. At the moment, she has a special interest in supporting women to shine, and loves life. <a href="https://www.lunasolphotography.com">www.lunasolphotography.com</a>

Lindy Schneider is a freelance writer. Her most recent book is 'Visionary Man, Visionary Medicine - The story of Professor Avni Sali and Integrative Medicine'. She has a postgraduate qualification in writing, and is a qualified arts therapist. Her writing is devoted to 'elevating the feminine' and encouraging women to live wildly. She has a love for rescuing horses and human flourishing. www.lindyschneider.com.au

The project was conceptualised and developed in Warburton where Lindy and Angela live.