

THE STONY RISES PROJECT



A NETS Victoria touring exhibition developed by the RMIT Design Research Institute

The Warrnambool Art Gallery is pleased to present *The Stony Rises Project* which brings together ten contemporary artists and designers in an investigation of the rich, layered histories of the Western District of Victoria, in an exhibition developed by RMIT Design Research Institute managed by National Exhibitions Touring Support (NETS) Victoria.

Following a four-day artists' camp in April 2009, works were made in response to the area to the southeast, south and southwest of Lake Corangamite distinguished by the basalt rocks erupting from the landscape forming Stony Rises, as well as volcanic cones and crater lakes. Designers, artists, curators and community members were able to interact with and learn from each other in order to create informed works.

The resulting exhibition focuses on the histories of the area, the intricate relationships of people with place, foreigners on new lands, and colonial and Indigenous narratives. This exhibition has facilitated a unique collaboration and intersection of creative practices – the artist, the designer, the architect, the landscape architect, the historian, the geologist, and the landscape archeologist.

The Stony Rises Project is a NETS Victoria exhibition that will tour Victoria from late 2010–2011. NETS Victoria is the peak body for visual arts touring in the state of Victoria and provides opportunities for regional communities to access and engage with the best contemporary art, craft and design.

ARTISTS & DESIGNERS

VICKI COUZENS
JENNY LOWE

LESLEY DUXBURY
MARION MANIFOLD

RUTH JOHNSTONE
LAURENE VAUGHAN

SETH KEEN
KIT WISE

GINI LEE
CARMEL WALLACE

CURATORS

LISA BYRNE

PROFESSOR HARRIET EDQUIST

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LAURENE VAUGHAN

The Stony Rises Project is on public display at Warrnambool Art Gallery until 30 January 2011.

Warrnambool Art Gallery
26 Liebig Street, Warrnambool
Open: Weekdays 10am – 5pm

Weekends & public holidays noon – 5pm, closed Christmas Day & Good Friday

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