

THE

STONY RISES

PROJECT



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

WE are 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  
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## CURATORS

LISA BYRNE

PROFESSOR HARRIET EDQUIST

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*The Stony Rises Project* was launched at RMIT Gallery, Melbourne in September 2010 and will tour to Warrnambool Art Gallery, Latrobe Regional Art Gallery, The Art Gallery of Ballarat and Horsham Regional Art Gallery in 2010-2011. Further details are available at: [www.netsvictoria.org.au](http://www.netsvictoria.org.au)

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