

RAVEN & the DOVE

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Raven & the Dove are Cindy Lee & David Swift. Their eclectic and emotion-based songwriting weaves vocal and guitar harmonies with tales from deep within their life experience.

Indie Oz Rock 'n' Roots meets Shakespearean Psychedelia in Raven & the Dove's new album project with releases rolling out from February 2024. Their first single - following their 2021 debut album, 'The Valley' - is **'Power Poles'**: a couple is separated by their life on the road, from the big top end to the gulf below. Feel the power poles whooshing past as the sonic landscape of the music evokes the physical and emotional landscape of the song.

Hints of **Americana** influences, **blues, soul** and a peppering of **pop hooks** create an epic sound that evokes a physical, emotional and sonic landscape for listeners to enter into.

As a couple, Dave & Cindy can be found around the kitchen table of their rural home in **East Gippsland / Gunaikurnai Country**, strumming acoustics to find riffs and melodies that develop into fully realised electric and panoramic expressions. Add their carefully crafted yet playful lyrics of original stories and the journey of Raven & the Dove's dark & light takes flight.

THINK NANCY & LEE MEETS NICK CAVE

Playing as a duo that expands into a full band for larger shows and album recordings, Dave & Cindy are joined by bass master **Mike Park** and drum boss **Dominic Britten**.

In 2021 they released their **debut album, 'The Valley'**, which enjoyed airplay across Australia.

'The Valley' developed into the duo's **live audio-visual show** performed at two **East Gippsland Winter Festivals** and in the country's beloved **small halls**. Other memorable live events include **Bruthen Blues Festival, Songs from the East** and support act for **John Flanagan at Live at the Bundy**.

Raven & the Dove's latest live project was **'Cave Songs'**: 8 shows performed inside the Blackwood Chamber of **Buchan's Fairy Cave** with Dave & Cindy's original music written specifically for the show along with immersive visual projections, soundscapes and spoken word.

"(CAVE SONGS was) the most magical thing I've ever done, ever seen, in terms of musical experiences."

— Wendy Hargreaves Radio 3AW: Weekend Break with Grubby

PRAISE FOR 'THE VALLEY'

"There's a lot of really important tales in there"

— Jan 'Yarn' Wositzky (OAM)
Founder of The Bushwacker Band

"Aussie storytelling at its finest"
— Jenny Cannovan, Gippsland FM Breakfast

"Not a bad song on it (The Valley)"
— Kevin Janner, 3 Triple R

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wrote and performed 'Cave Songs', 8 shows inside the **Buchan Caves** for the **East Gippsland Winter Festival**. Original songs, spoken word and storytelling, composed soundscapes and created video projections.
- **Recipients of a Regional Arts Victoria Bushfire Recovery grant** recognising their songwriting and storytelling inspired by local and oral histories. The grant supported the writing of 'The Valley'.
- 'The Valley' developed into the duo's **live audio-visual show, 'Songs From the Valley'** performed at two East Gippsland Winter Festivals and in the country's beloved small halls.
- 'The Valley' tracks have enjoyed radio play across the country, from **Jacinta Parsons on ABC Melbourne to Mim Hook on ABC Gippsland, Tripe R, 3CR, 3PBS, 3SER** and more.
- Memorable events include festivals such as Bruthen Blues, every East Gippsland Winter Festival, Songs From the East and support act for John Flanagan at Live at the Bundy.



"We love these kind of shows. Genuine music lovers turn out to experience the storytelling and enthusiasm of artists performing their own creations. Some of the stories were so relatable that there were murmurings in the audience of genuine linkage."

— Brett Glover: Live at the Bundy (pic, Live at the Bundy support for John Flanagan full band)

MORE ON DAVE & CINDY

Originally from Melbourne both Dave and Cindy are no strangers to performing. Dave's decades of singing and lead guitar work in many Melbourne bands has helped craft some of those bluesy licks and tough rock hooks you'll hear on a Raven & the Dove album.

Cindy comes from a family of performers and her own theatre beginnings developed into multimedia projects, exhibitions and shows touring to festivals such as Glastonbury, raves in Budapest and St Petersburg, clubs such as Fabric, London and art residencies in Europe and Los Angeles. Dave and Cindy both relish their tree change and the nourishing music and creative community of their country home.

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CAVE SONGS in the Blackwood Chamber of Buchan's Fairy Cave - 2023 East Gippsland Winter Festival.

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