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Libby Willems To Launch Debut Album 'GOODSIDE' At Neerim South

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Tickets are now on sale for the launch of local singer/songwriter, Libby Willems' debut solo album *GOODSIDE* at Algie Hall, Neerim South on Friday 8th September.

GOODSIDE is a rock/pop/country album influenced by the styles of iconic Australian artists such as Deborah Conway, Cold Chisel, Paul Kelly, and The Divinyls, and undeniable international legends like Linda Ronstadt and Creedence Clearwater Revival. Ten original tracks were chosen from a long list of Libby's music to curate an album that excites, stirs, and relaxes the listener across the journey of the album.

Libby has collaborated with experienced producer and musician, Geoff Peterkin, (The Breakers, Johnny Chester and The Lonesome Hearts, Ol' 55, The Hitmen), and multi instrumentalist Andy Colville, (The Breakers, Johnny Chester and The Lonesome Hearts, The Bushwackers), to create *GOODSIDE*.

A local community venue, Algie Hall Neerim South, will host the event. People are invited to book tickets and be part of the atmosphere of launching new Australian music. Under 16s can attend free provided they are with a responsible adult and have booked a ticket.

CDs of *GOODSIDE* are available for purchase on the night. Pre-order when you buy your ticket.

Libby is a popular performer in West Gippsland and you can find her at many of the live music venues in Warragul, Drouin, Neerim South, Noojee, and Willow Grove. In March 2023, Libby performed an original song "One By One" at the International Women's Day event at West Gippsland Arts Centre, drawing praise from the Guest Speaker and musician, Clare Bowditch. More recently, the Victorian Government's Regional Rail Revival project celebrated Libby's catchy song "Ridin' on The Gippsland Line" in a [promotional clip for works completed at Traralgon](#).

You may also know Libby Willems from her musical work with preschoolers at Fiddlesticks Performing Arts, Warragul, or as conductor of community choir Baw Baw Singers. For a list of other recorded works and collaborations, and to hear about upcoming releases, visit www.libbywillems.com or use @LibbyWillems to follow on Facebook and Instagram.

GOODSIDE Album launch

Date: Friday 8th September
Venue: Algie Hall, Neerim South
Tickets: visit www.Trybooking.com and search 'GOODSIDE'.
Adults \$27.50 inc. GST
Under 16 years free (must be accompanied by an adult).
BYO: Drinks and nibbles. Tea/coffee available.

Quotes attributable to Libby Willems

“The stories held within the songs come from a spectrum of light-to-dark places in my childhood, youth, young adulthood and middle age. They represent the stuff of living and learning and hopefully, some wisdom.”

“My deep thanks to every person who has encouraged my musical development over many years. Every dollar in the guitar case, or applause and cheer from the audience has powered this project. Without live audiences there is no live music. I'd love you to come and launch this album with me and share in the pride of making local, live music.”

Quote by GOODSIDE Producer and Engineer Geoff Peterkin, Pakart Productions

“Rarely does a rough diamond like Libby come along. With the voice of an angel and a batch of well crafted catchy original songs I was excited to get on board with the project. Andy and I are very proud to have helped Libby achieve the dream of seeing this album through. We put our hearts and souls into this one and wish Libby every success.”

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About Libby Willems

Singer/Songwriter Libby Willems has decades of musical experiences under her belt. Using her diverse knowledge of songs and her ability to connect with audiences and program participants in her teaching roles, Libby is a crowd favourite every time.

Raised on country and classical music, and matured in rock and blues, Libby's influences are broad. Her solid rhythm guitar skills are a backdrop for her rich vocals.

Libby Willems is about as 'West Gippsland' as you can get. Born and raised in Longwarry/Drouin, she spent a handful of years in the Melbourne suburbs before returning

with her children to share the rich pastoral lifestyle with them and connect with the community she loves so much.

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