

Nerida Cuddy is an evocative singer-songwriter whose works reflect emotional depth, breathing the landscape of rural Australia.

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Nerida Cuddy's story-based concerts create a space for connection and reflection, humour and enjoyment. As a writer, Nerida lives and breathes the landscape of Australia – but the themes are universal. Described as "a central west Mary Black", Nerida has been writing and performing for 30 years, in many and diverse situations.

REVIEWS: Nerida is a well-established performer in the Central West of NSW. Nerida writes well-crafted songs that explore a range of topics, spanning across subjects from the deep metaphysical to the humourous. As a seasoned performer, Nerida constantly strives for excellence in her work. Dr Tracey Callinan, CEO, Regional Arts NSW

Nerida Cuddy is a highly talented musician, singersongwriter and entertainer who approaches her craft in a professional and ethical manner. Her music is original and has a strong focus on Australian themes while highlighting the important contribution of women to events in our history... Paul Kelly (not THE P.K.), <u>www.jamorange.com.au</u>



BIO: Although Nerida is well aware of the devastating impact of the Covid years, this time actually opened many doors for Nerida, coinciding with her children growing to independence. She learned to make song films in 2020, and especially enjoyed sharing her beautiful local landscapes as settings for her songs (eg. <u>Spring song</u>). Nerida pivoted to online performances in 2020-2022, playing <u>Youtube concerts</u> & weekly & monthly song-sharing sessions in Scotland, Cornwall, Wales, Boston, New Zealand and various parts of Australia. Her <u>Virtual Folk Club</u> song was recorded for an album made by Arts Outwest in 2021, & Nerida was one of two artists chosen to perform in the zoom launch. Also in 2021, her 5th album, <u>Woven</u>, was released (<u>samples on film here</u>). Nerida is looking forward to meeting zooming friends in her first UK tour in 2023. She's also planning a "Strength of Stories" regional tour to small towns in NW NSW for March 24. Nerida was thankful to receive a ten day songwriting residency at the beautiful Corridor Project at Darby's Falls. The Australian natural environment flavours her work.

In the past year, Nerida has performed live at the Gulgong Folk Festival, Sydney Folk Festival, the Yass Irish & Celtic Festival, and at events hosted by the NSW Folk Federation, Illawarra Folk Club, Hornsby-Kuringai Folk Club, Jam Orange, Cowra Civic Centre, and several concerts as a featured artist in Arts Outwest's regional arts recovery series. She has enjoyed shared concerts in Canowindra and Orange with Enda Kenny, Bruce Watson, Snez, Fred Smith and Craig Sinclair.

Nerida has loved teaching K-6 music (among other things) at a primary school in the beautiful nearby town of Eugowra for the last 7 years; and is soon to launch a pop up choir & introductory guitar lessons for adults there, following the terrible floods of Nov 2022.