

## MEDIA RELEASE

ARTIST: **LUCIE THORNE**  
SINGLE: **WHEOGO HILL**  
RELEASE DATE: **14th MAY 2019**  
LABEL: Little Secret Records

*Wheogo* [pronounced 'wee-oh-go'] *Hill* is the first song to be released from Lucie Thorne's extraordinary new art/pop concept album *Kitty & Frank*. To celebrate the song's release, Lucie Thorne will play a select run of intimate shows throughout June, in duet with legendary drummer and long-time collaborator Hamish Stuart.



*Kitty & Frank* traces the wild true stories of young frontier woman Kitty Walsh and her lover, the charismatic bandit and bushranger Frank Gardiner. In the 1860's, Gold Fever came to Wheogo NSW and, like *Deadwood*, it didn't end well.

Wheogo is where the Walsh family were peaceably farming cattle before the Gold Rush. It's where Kitty first met Frank. It's where they started their wild romance. And it's where they escaped from when the heat of the law hit fever pitch.

Painting landscapes with dream-soaked synths, irresistible beats, poetry and pathos, with *Kitty & Frank* Thorne has woven an astonishing arc of vignettes to create an album which is at once timeless and utterly modern. Inhabiting a sonic world that calls to mind a meeting of David Bowie's *Blackstar* and Kate Bush's *Hounds of Love*, via Grimes and Alice Coltrane, *Kitty & Frank* tells a tale of Shakespearean proportions. All this at the hands of one of Australia's finest song-poets who has ventured to triumphant new ground with staggering certitude.

'Wheogo Hill is the last song I wrote for the album. I wanted one more song - a simple song, that would hit that sweet spot between longing, desire and the feeling that everything's about to radically change. Which for Kitty - it sure was. I'd had the melody rattling round in my head for a while, and one night, imagining how the band would fly with a tune like this, i wrote that synth riff and the whole song flew in, fully formed'.

A soaringly gorgeous single to set the scene, *Wheogo Hill* is an enticing taste of what's to come, and features sublime playing from Thorne's A-team collaborators; Hamish Stuart (Drums), Chris Abrahams (synthesiser, piano) and Dave Symes (bass).

*"Thorne conjures a simple narrative flow that, like a Raymond Carver story, transforms everyday life into high art"* (The Canberra Times)

*"exquisitely impressionistic... poetry in motion"* (\*\*\*\* Rolling Stone)

### **LUCIE THORNE & HAMISH STUART - WHEOGO HILL Single Release Tour:**

Fri 7 June - Merri Creek Tavern - MELBOURNE  
Sat 8 June - Merri Creek Tavern - MELBOURNE  
Thu 13 June - Dusty Attic - LISMORE\*  
Fri 14 June - House Concert - DURANBAH\*  
Sun 16 June - House Concert - BRISBANE\*  
Fri 21 June - House Concert - MITTAGONG  
Sat 22 June - Smiths Alternative - CANBERRA  
Sun 23 June - Django @ Camelot - SYDNEY  
(\*LT solo shows)

KITTY & FRANK will be released internationally through Little Secret Records on 26th August 2019  
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