



April you call this? It's just about May awreddy. Good then... in a week or so, we'll be putting out our May newsletter. So the first item on the agenda is...

Do you have anything you would like to contribute to our May 2019 Newsletter?

Starting from the next newsletter, we'll make a specific NOTICE BORED or something less stupid sounding, where people can read stuff if they're bored and publish stuff if they want to attract notice.

Maybe you want to seek others to start a club at Softys (movie club, talking about chickens etc.). You might like to raise an important issue or tell a story or share a picture of your bum* or something.

You can send any contributions or ideas by email to **softy@softysclubhouse.club** or even slip something through the mail slot in the front door @ Softys.

*actually, on second thoughts, don't send us pictures of your bum - we all have our own bums if we want to look at one.

NOTICE
BORED





I'm not sure whether this will come to fruition or not regarding our venue, but for a little more info on what NENA is all about see their website here... neweconomy.org.au/ You can also chat to me or keep an eye on facebook to see how you can get involved.

Lastly, do you have an idea for a project that would benefit your community? The NSW government are currently advertising their 'my community project' offer of grants between \$20'000 and \$200'000 for successful applicants through a competitive procedure that includes a public vote.

Applications are open now and close on the 15th of May. Organisations like Softys may be able to manage this grant money for/with you (as you need to be supported by an organisation). If you have a great idea and want to see it through this process, get in touch with us and we may be able to help.

All the best with what little of the month remains, see you at Gumball?

Mc  xx

PHOTO TOP LEFT : Michael trying on a fetching pink jumpsuit at the recent Mega Clothes Swaperoo @ Softys.

Now a word from El Presidente...

Howdy, McDonut here, I have just a couple of quick things to share with everyone.

Firstly, we had a lot of fun earlier this week putting together Episode 1 of Between Two Ferns with Councillor Mackenzie. Go check it out on our facebook page if you're up for some laughs and a too-late message about enrolling to vote on time. This was a funny night, and hopefully there'll be an episode two at some stage, or at least some more unnecessary ribbon cutting as the election campaign heats up.

Secondly, I am now a member of NENA's (New Economy Network Australia) emerging Newcastle, Hunter, and Central Coast hub, through connections at the university, and I hope to show them through our funky space shortly to open the possibility of holding our first event at Softys in late May or early June. The event would be a workshop on 'localism' and highlight some current projects in the area which are reimagining how we do business and live together.



BETWEEN TWO FERNS

Stuff happening at Softys...

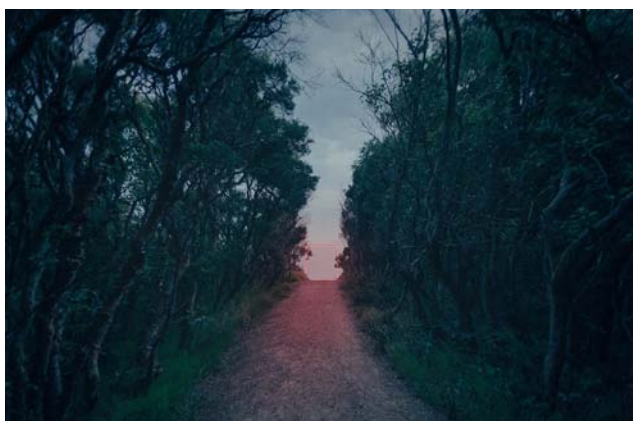
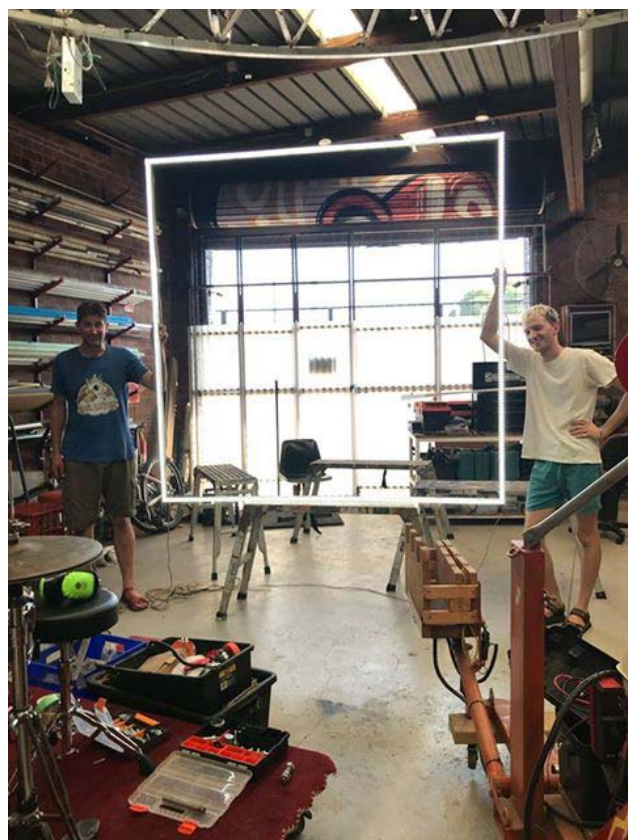


PRODUCTION SHOTS FROM EXODUS

EXODUS - a word from Dave Fulham...

From everyone at Exodus: The Endless Valley, we want to extend our gratitude and appreciation for Jamie and Rachel at Softys. Jamie designed and built one of our practical light pieces that features as a gateway in our fantasy/sci-fi short film. Jamie dedicated a lot of his time and materials to the project and without his expertise and generosity we would have not been able to produce the custom design. The light is a battery powered square frame made from steel and LED strip lights and appears to stand freely on the ground when dug into place. It worked so well in the film and was a highlight of the visuals for myself (cinematographer) and the crew.

The Newcastle based film is currently in post-production and you can read more about it at facebook.com/ExodusTheEndlessValley/



GREEN SCREEN

FUKUSHIMA DEATH FISH

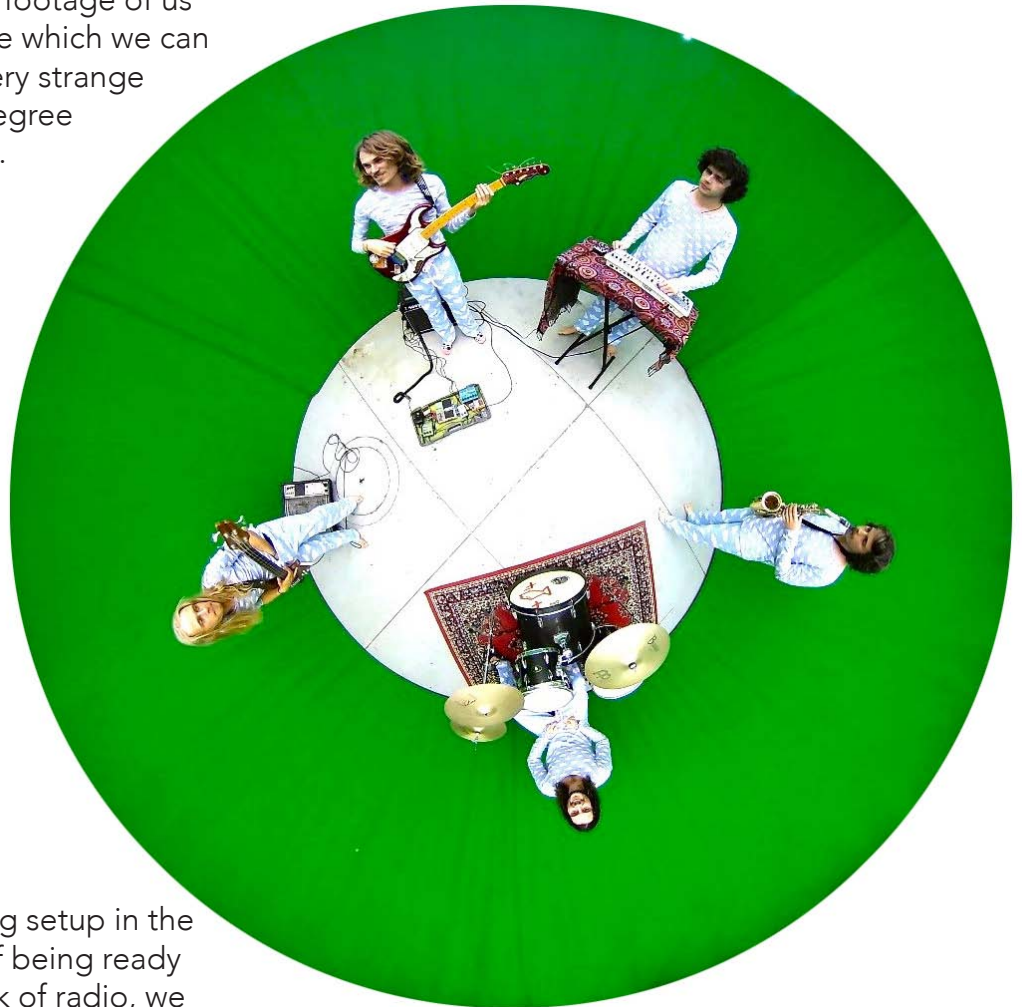
Salutations gentle creatures! On behalf of the band known as Fukushima Death Fish, I wish to write about our recent experience of filming with the 360 green screen at Softys. Simply put, we had a blast.

Now we have a cornucopia of footage of us goofing around in green space which we can enmesh and intertwine into very strange permutations... in FULL 360 degree hyperspace, no less. very cool.

L.J. Harvey

If anybody wants to have a go filming some shizz against the greenscreen - email softy@softysclubhouse.club

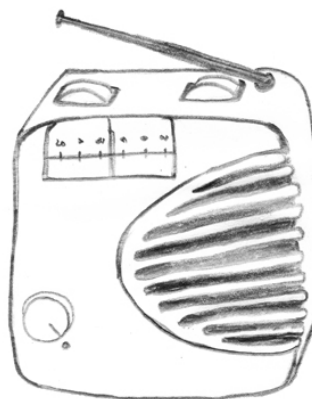
GREENSCREEN SHENANIGANS WITH
FUKUSHIMA DEATH FISH



SOFTYS RADIO PROJECT

We now have a basic recording setup in the front room at Softys. Ahead of being ready to do a full 24 hour 7 day week of radio, we will be broadcasting one-off shows whenever they are ready. The front room is not sound proof, but good for doing interviews and stuff where you want to have a few guests and/or a small live audience. Works for on camera stuff too.

If you want to produce a radio show in the radio room, get in touch and book your show in. There's no \$charge, no hassle - we're all just trying to get this radio baby off the tarmac. There's scope to open out onto the street. There's a badly tuned piano and a drum kit, a couple of mics, a box of Louie's wool - dunno... stuff. Just get into it. xx



DR SKETCHY'S

Founded in 2005 by artists Molly Crabapple and A.V. Phibe in a dive bar in Brooklyn, Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art school is the world's premier alternative drawing movement which has now spread to over 100 cities around the world.

Burlesque performer, Ana Seethe, runs Dr Sketchy's Newcastle in the workshop at Softys every couple of months.

If you're keen on drawing, you might want to check it out sometime...

facebook.com/Dr-Sketchys-Newcastle-Australia-1219857301482931/

The next event will be June 16th ~ \$20 for Softy's Clubhouse members ~ \$25 for non members. Details will be posted shortly.



DR SKETCHY'S BUNNI LAMBADA & LOUIE THE SHEEP COMPARE PLUMAGE

BOARD POSITIONS VACANT

Softys Clubhouse is looking to fill two roles on the board; **SECRETARY** and **TREASURER**.

As a relatively new organisation, we do not have a lot of experience, so for these two positions, we are hoping to find people who have been a Secretary or Treasurer before and can boss us around as appropriate.

These are both unpaid roles. There isn't a huge workload, as we only are required to have one official AGM per year. Though we do intend to apply for funding, so the Treasurer may have some extra tasks relating to the management of funds if any of our applications are successful.

Seriously, we mean it about looking for people who can boss us around on these matters :)

If this sounds like you **please get in touch**. If you know somebody who fits the bill, talk them into it. There's lots of fun stuff going on here all the time, so if you ever wanted to be a Secretary or Treasurer of an organisation, Softys Clubhouse is the one to pick.

SOFTYS CLUBHOUSE VIMEO CHANNEL

Softys Clubhouse has its own Vimeo channel. We chose to go with Vimeo over YouTube because it has greater 360° capabilities and overall better quality.

The downside is Vimeo is less ubiquitous and videos lag a bit while loading.

If you haven't tried the Vimeo app on your phone, give it a go. With the 360° videos, when you hold your phone up like an idiot and spin around in a circle, you get the full 3D effect.

360° VR

We have been filming gigs here in 360° for a while and we also have VR goggles. There is potential to develop this into an additional income stream for bands, so we're very keen to keep playing about with this stuff.

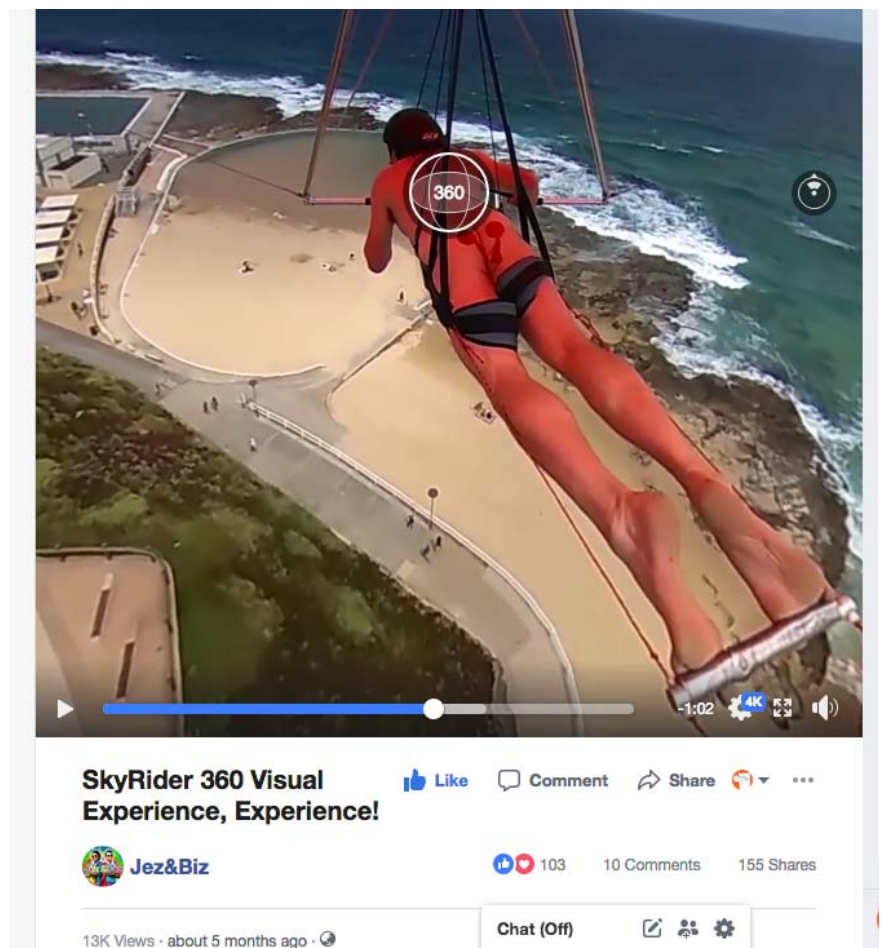
If you have any interest in getting involved with 360° projects or other filming/editing, get in touch.

We are pursuing this stuff for the mutual benefit of bands, video tech crew and any other people who end up involved. We have a certain amount of gear available to use, but no \$ - though it is entirely possible for us to apply for grants or instigate projects which may generate income. As with everything we do, anything involving \$ is done in an ethical and fully transparent manner. Aint no \$ now - but you know, the future etc...

check out our Vimeo channel
vimeo.com/softysclubhouse

Byren Sawell edited this fab 360° video clip for the Jez&Biz hit song SkyRider, featuring Jamie flying the spectacular Newy coast. It looks best on Vimeo, but the Facebook post got 13k views!!!!

check this
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13k views!!
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COMING UP!

INDIA AND THE JOURNEY TO THE EAST

Ahoy! It's India here.

I've got some incredibly exciting news to share with you all. India and the Journey to the East, are about to release our first EP, titled; The Sun, The Moon, The Truth.

It's a five track EP featuring our favourite songs; Teenage Crime, Abundantina, Disappointment Daughter, I've Been Wondering and Execution of Anatta. We've decided to launch the EP at Softys on the 15th of June! The gig will feature some of Newcastle's most talented female singer-songwriters as well as our very own President of Softys Clubhouse; Michael McDonagh.

There will also be a very special performance by a small ensemble choir, so if you're into creative collaboration, this is the gig for you! We will be selling the EP CD's for \$10, as well as Shirts for \$20!

The event will be **members only**. Once you become a member, you will be sent the Softys Newsletters (like this one!) and you'll be able to put on your own events, clubs or whatever you're into, at Softys. This event is a safe space for all ages. The Facebook event will be released soon and line-up will be announced! I can't wait to show you all what we have in store for this gig.

P.S. if anyone reading this has experience in making music videos and working with greenscreen, please email me at indiaseddoncallaghan@gmail.com if you want to get involved!

India xx

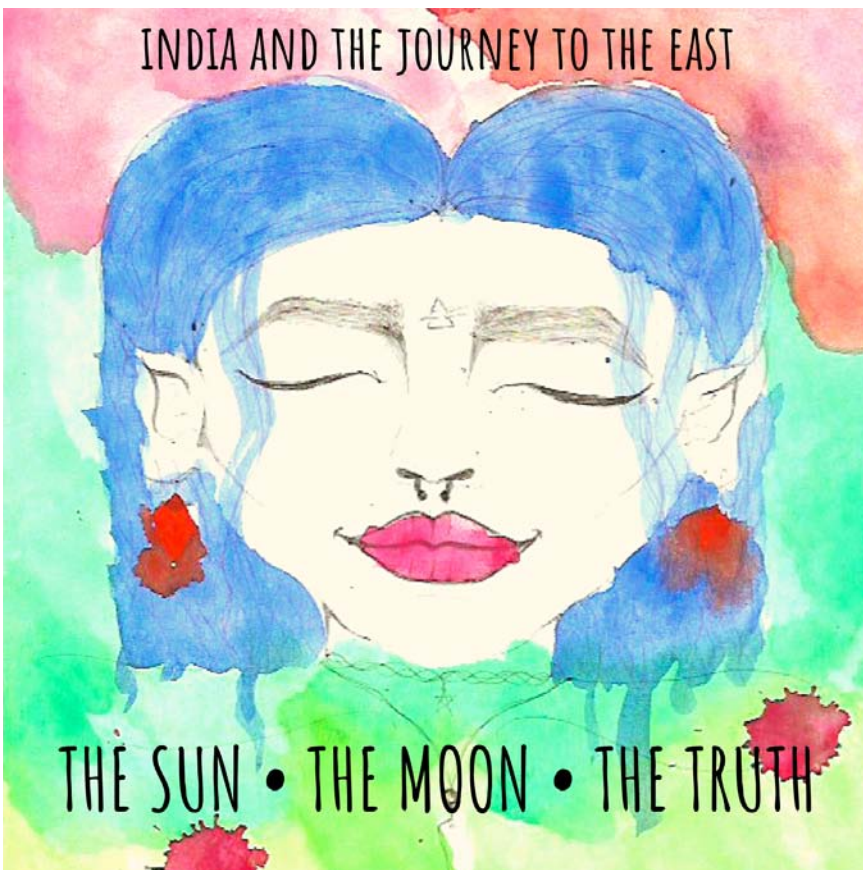
THINGS AND STUFF...

If you want to host your own something at Softys, you just need to tick a few boxes...

- are you a member?
- can you organise stuff?
- do you have enough people to do all the work?
- is it a friendly thing?
- can we trust you with security and safety?

The best way for us to get to know and trust you is if you volunteer to help out with somebody else's project first.

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INDIA AND THE JOURNEY TO THE EAST - UPCOMING EP