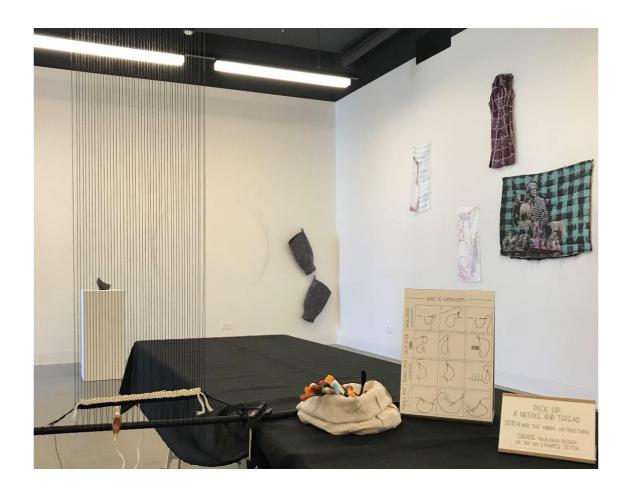


**EXHIBITION CELEBRATION: 5-7pm Thursday 23 March** 

From With(in)
Helvi Apted, Britt Salt and Shannon Slee



**From With(in)** presents the work of three artists whose practices are connected by a shared workspace and language of materials, using textile methodologies as a springboard for broader research. The artists invite visitors to take part in textile actions alongside them as they expand, transform and multiply artworks over the course of the exhibition.

IMAGE: Helvi Apted, Shannon Slee and Britt Salt, From With(in) Installation detail. George Paton Gallery, March 2023

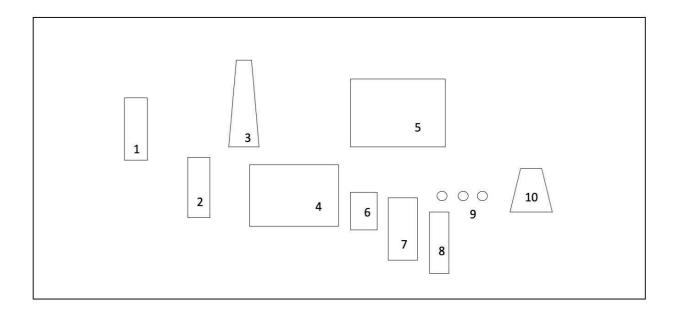
We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this show takes place, the Wurundjeri people. We acknowledge that this is stolen land, and that sovereignty has never been ceded. It always was and always will be, Aboriginal land.

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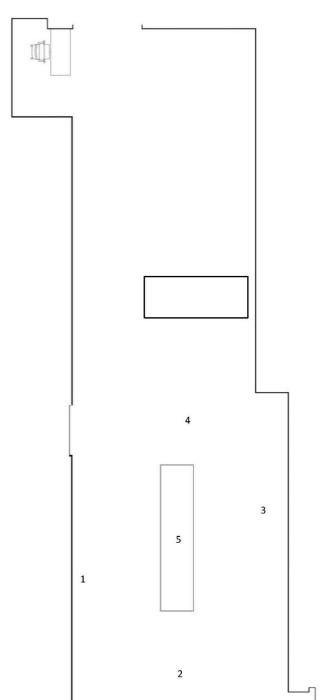
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## **LIST OF WORKS**

- 1. Shannon Slee, see below for arrangement of works
- 2. Helvi Apted, Sleeve Drawings, felt, thread, elastic, wax crayons, 2023.
- 3. Britt Salt, Two Water Pipes Reflected onto the Wall of a Gallery, 2023,
- 4. Britt Salt, *Six Vertical Threads Over Six Horizontal Threads*, 2022, wool and cotton, 94 x 98 cm
- 5. Helvi Apted, Britt Salt, Shannon Slee and participants, *Textile Action*, 2023, linen, thread, yarn, n cotton, wood, needles, embroidery hoops, cardboard ..., dimensions and duration variable.



- Shannon Slee, Silk Banner #1
   Digital print on silk, 33cm x 75cm, 2023.
- 2. Shannon Slee, *Silk Banner #2*Digital print on silk, 33cm x 75cm, 2023.
- 3. Yvonne's dress, on loan.
- 4. Shannon Slee, *On the Back of Her Skirt*Digital print on linen and cotton drill, thread, batting, found skirt, 100cm x 71cm, 2023.
- 5. Shannon Slee, *Quilting for Gerry*Digital print on cotton drill, thread, fabric remnants, batting, 106cm x 80cm, 2022.
- 6. Shannon Slee, *Embroidery for Barb*Cotton embroidery thread on artists own silk remnant, 37cm x 27cm, 2022.
- 7. Shannon Slee, *Weaving for Yvonne*Twill wool weaving from 4-shaft loom, 30cm x 70cm, 2022.
- 8. Shannon Slee, *Silk Banner #3*Digital print on silk, 33cm x 75cm, 2023.
- 9. Shannon Slee, *Peace Badges #4, #5 & #6* Embroidery thread on denim, 9.5 cm diameter, 2023.
- 10. Barb's silk embroidered shirt, on loan.



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Shannon would like to thank key contributors to her work Yvonne Crofts, Barbara Slee and Gerry Baker for kindly sharing their experiences of protesting in Naarm/ Melbourne in the early 1970s.

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Where Britt's work recalls formalism and architectural spatiality, Shannon looks to the political and historical significance of textiles and Helvi experiments with wearable sculptures that are at once playful and political. However, in From With(In), these three artists blooks beyond their divergent practices and conceptual underlyinnings towards a speculative future of collaboration.

What runs from the inception of their meeting into this future is a thread. While a singular thread may be indiscernible from another, when united with others it carries the potential to be anything a shirty blanker, tapestry. This multiplicity is at the core of Ursula le Guink essay the Carrier bag Theory of Fiction (1986), in which Le Guin contemplates if it is the woven bag, rather than the spear, that propelled human development. In contrast to the spear's destructive, linear tendencies, she finds an overlooked power in the carrier bag. Theory of Fiction (1986), in which Le Guin contemplates if it is the woven bag, rather than the spear, that propelled human development. In contrast to the spear's destructive, linear tendencies, she finds an overlooked power in the carrier bag. Theory of Fiction (1986), in which Le Guin contemplates if it is the woven bag, rather than the spear, that propelled human devel