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Island Welcome

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Modern Western culture is in large part the work of exiles, émigrés, refugees.

Edward Saïd, Reflections on Exile (1984)

Island Welcome is a group exhibition exploring contemporary jewellery as a gesture of welcome. Inspired by the welcome garlands of many traditional island cultures, a group of contemporary jewellers have made a neckpiece, lei or garland interpreting the theme of welcome and considering current Australian immigration and refugee policy.

Curator Belinda Newick explains the idea arose from a family holiday in Fiji, "I was struck by the open-heartedness, the sense of acknowledgement and ceremony to the moment of arrival".

Island Welcome aims to facilitate a quiet contemplative experience of adornment as a vehicle for political discourse, empathy and shared humanity.

The exhibition was first shown at Radiant Pavilion Melbourne Contemporary Jewellery and Object Biennial in 2017 and then Craft Victoria in 2018. In Sydney, Newick welcomes Lucy Simpson and Pennie Jagiello to add their voices to the conversation.

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List of Works

1	<i>Welcome Swallow</i> (2018)	Liv Boyle	\$1,590
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2	<i>Leftovers</i> (2017)	Jane Bowden	\$5,755
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3	<i>Garland for Azizeh</i> (2017)	Vicki Mason	\$1,560
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4	<i>Untitled</i> (2017)	Jess Dare	\$2,385
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5	<i>Welcome</i> (2017)	Michelle Cangiano	\$1,890
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6	<i>Groundfall Lei</i> (2018)	Melinda Young	\$2,400
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7	<i>Lei from the welcome mat</i> (2017)	Kath Inglis	NFS
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8	<i>Meat and Greet</i> (2018)	Anna Davern	\$1,835
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9	<i>Holding Us, Holding Oz, Holding You</i> (2018)	Manon van Kouswijk	\$2,570
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10	<i>Crossing the shoreline</i> (2018)	Alice Wish	\$1,800
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11	<i>Welcome warning promise of the beauty and the beast</i> (2019)	Pennie Jagiello	\$4,620
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12	<i>Girt</i> (2017)	Lauren Simeoni	\$800
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13	<i>Welcome / Un-welcome</i> (2018)	Sim Luttin	\$3,025
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14	<i>Gulay</i> (2019)	Lucy Simpson	\$1,320
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15	<i>Seaweed Lei</i> (2017)	Nicky Hepburn	NFS
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16	<i>Hope</i> (2017)	Belinda Newick	\$2,200
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