

# The Legless Lizards

<b>Robert Jackson</b>	<b>Guitar</b>
<b>Jagdeep Shergill</b>	<b>Tabla</b>
<b>Radha Claridge</b>	<b>Saxophone</b>



Now into his 4th decade in the Arts, **Robert Jackson** is an innovative musician on guitar and saxophone, a composer, producer and a painter. His recent work is inspired by landscape.

**Jagdeep (Jag) Shergill** is an accomplished Indian percussionist and composer, with foundations in Indian classical and Jazz training, Jagdeep gets inspiration from the music of the world, natural rhythms and melodies. His style of playing is visually inspired, invoking images of old India and urban Melbourne where he has grown up.

**Radha Claridge** began her performing career in 1982, busking in Europe. She has played jazz, reggae, African dance music and Balkan/Kurdish jazz fusion. Her work was included in the 1994 Composing Women's Festival and in the 2000 Women's Jazz Festival. She currently performs with the Moreland City Band, teaches woodwinds and is raising a family.



The Legless Lizards create spacious, evocative music inspired by the landscape of Melbourne's Western Plains and multi-cultural urban life.

The band was formed in 2007 following Robert Jackson's period as Artist-in-Residence for Brimbank Council. Realising the area's uniqueness, beauty and threatened nature, The Legless Lizards connect with, describe and explore this fragile landscape through music.

In 1824, when explorers Hume and Hovell first traversed Melbourne's western plains, they described it as the most beautiful place they had ever been. Tussocky grasslands extending beyond the horizon, a profusion of wildflowers, clumps of she-oak, red gum lined creeks and rivers carving their path through the volcanic terrain. This critically endangered ecosystem has greater biodiversity than Kakadu, and is home to the Striped Legless Lizard, *Delma impar*. The area is also home to the most culturally diverse human population in Australia. Listen to this unique beauty expressed through the music of The Legless Lizards.

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