

Blue Jeans Jungle Greens: revisiting the sixties and seventies



Professionally designed and produced, *Blue Jeans Jungle Greens* has been well received in community venues around South Australia since it began touring in 2008. There are no fees involved in hosting these displays.

The sixties and seventies was a time of great political and social turmoil, generational division and intense personal passion and commitment.

Blue Jeans Jungle Greens examines both the conflict in Vietnam, including the part played by South Australians in the war, and the anti-war campaign on the home front. For some, the period was defined by the experience of the year long 'tour of duty' in Vietnam. For others, it was the exhilaration of activism in the Moratorium Movement, or causes such as women's liberation or Aboriginal rights. The travelling display draws on the stories – and the photo albums – of South Australians from the country and the city, giving a vivid and sometimes poignant insight into what was for many a life-changing time. Ordinary people's stories serve as a reminder of the power of the past in the present in people's lives, every day. They also suggest that the past was not simpler than the present, that differing points of view cannot always be reconciled, and that time does not heal all wounds.

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