



## Hidden Shoal Recordings



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## Hidden Shoal Recordings » Tarcutta Signing

**Perth and Melbourne, Australia; March 16th, 2009. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the signing of Melbourne-based instrumental rock trio Tarcutta to its roster of artists.**

Tarcutta draw inspiration from rock, punk and post-rock to create their own distinctive and emotive blend. The subtle ebb and flow of their compositions, the complex interweaving of guitar, organ and drums, and the raw immediacy of the playing, captured live in the studio, distinguish Tarcutta as an essential band.

*“a truly lovely instrumental tapestry... bewitching and addictive” – Luna Kafe*

Inspired by Sonic Youth, Theodore Adorno and sporadic bushwalking, Tarcutta formed in North Fitzroy, Melbourne in late 2004. The band’s name is derived from guitarist Justin Buckley’s hometown, a truckstop halfway between Sydney and Melbourne on the Hume Highway, and a familiar place for touring musicians trekking between the two capitals.

Peter Barrett (drums), Justin Buckley (guitar) and Justin Wheelahan (Hammond organ, piano) played in several Melbourne bands before forming Tarcutta. They recorded their demo in 2005 with James Cecil (ex-Architecture In Helsinki) and Lachland Wooden, and have played live around Melbourne with bands such as Because Of Ghosts, City City City, Bury The Sound and High Pass Filter.

Their self-titled debut album was recorded live at Head Gap studio, Melbourne by Casey Rice – who has worked with Tortoise, Dirty Three and Hidden Shoal’s very own Fall Electric – and mixed at Rice’s Yarraville studio, Classixx. Album centrepiece ‘No Light No Shade’ also features vocalist Jess Cornelius (Teeth & Tongue).

*Tarcutta* is released by Hidden Shoal on June 23rd, preceded by the single ‘You Gotta Crawl Before You Walk Before You Waltz’ on May 19th.

Hidden Shoal Recordings is an Australia-based independent music label that has earned a reputation for releasing exciting and engaging new independent music that is not bound by genre or style. Hidden Shoal Recordings was chosen as one of the top ten favourite labels of 2007 by Textura magazine, and has been dubbed “This generation’s 4AD” by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo.

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**Tarcutta:** <http://www.myspace.com/tarcutta>