

Colin Abbott photos capture iconic Australia in new book 'Waiting Under Southern Skies'

Readings Bookstore Carlton is the latest retailer to feature the recently released book by Colin Abbott 'Waiting Under Southern Skies'.

'Waiting Under Southern Skies' is a selection of evocative, and previously unpublished photographs, from Colin Abbott's personal archive of over 45+ years documenting Australian life, as it presented to him.

Curated and published by Gianni Frinzi of T & G Publishing, 'Waiting Under Southern Skies' is an intimate narrative of people and places captured in photos during a period of immense social change in Australia from the now almost mythical 1970's to the present day.

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Since taking up the camera in Sydney in the early 1970s, Abbott progressed his photography skills by moving to Melbourne, studying at the Prahran College of Advanced Education.

The photographs in this book were all taken in the South Eastern part of Australia, from Sydney and southern NSW to Melbourne and Victoria. This region in Australia is where some 50%+ of Australians reside.

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Well known Australian photographer Andrew Chapman spoke at the official launch of 'Waiting Under Southern Skies' that was held at Magnet Galleries Melbourne.

A copy of 'Waiting Under Southern Skies' was later presented as a gift and memento to Norwegian Ambassador HE Mr. Paul Gelleik Larsen to acknowledge a quote in the book by Norwegian author Lars Mytting.

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