

ReeToxA Rocks The Boat With Debut Album Pines Salad



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Get ready to dig into a fresh serving of rock with a side of nostalgia as **ReeToxA**, the brainchild of Melbourne's Jason McKee, drops his debut album **Pines Salad** on 31st March, 2025. This isn't just another rock record, it's a 14-track feast, hand-picked from three decades of songwriting, blending the gritty spirit of the '90s with a sharp modern edge. Think Pearl Jam meets Olivia Rodrigo, but with a distinctly Aussie twist.

Hailing from Naarm/Melbourne, the music capital of Australia, **McKee** has been crafting songs since he was a 15-year-old kid in 1995, inspired by the raw energy of Kurt Cobain and the pop prowess of Taylor Swift. After years of honing his craft, including a surreal moment when he played a demo for Jeff Buckley in the '90s, **McKee's** finally stepping into the spotlight. **Pines Salad** is the result, a labor of love produced by renowned Australian heavyweight Simon Moro and featuring some of the country's finest players: Kit Riley (Michael Bubl , Savage Garden) on bass, James Ryan (King Canyon) on guitar, and Peter Marin (Jet) on drums.

The album's title, **Pines Salad**, is a cheeky nod to Frankston slang for a bag of weed, setting the tone for **McKee's** clever, unfiltered lyricism. Lead single **Bobbie** cuts deep, born from the pain of losing his mother while he was locked up for six months. Across the record, most tracks wrestle with his self-described "*confusion with women*," delivered with a raw honesty that's both relatable and disarming. His favorite lyric is from the track **Amber**, "*I feel like a donkey in a thoroughbred show*," a line that captures his outsider charm in a world of polished perfection.

"Finally, after 30 years of songwriting, I am able to release my music to the world," **McKee** says, and it's clear this isn't a rushed debut. It's a carefully curated collection, with **Amber** dating back to his teenage years and newer cuts reflecting his evolution as a songwriter who always puts the song first. The collaboration with Australia's musical elite was a game-changer, elevating his vision to new heights. *"Working with some of Australia's best musicians was a privilege and got the best results for my songs possible,"* he adds.

The journey kicks off with a music video for **Bobbie**, offering a visual glimpse into the emotional core of **Pines Salad**. This is rock with roots, heart, and a little bit of mischief, **ReeToxA's** ready to shake up the scene, one cleverly twisted lyric at a time. Mark your calendars for March 31st, 2025, and prepare to toss this **Pines Salad** into your playlist.

Influences

Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Pixies, White Stripes, Elliott Smith

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