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Approachable Members Of Your Local Community Love Thy Neighbour

Artist: Approachable Members Of Your Local Community **EP**: Love Thy Neighbour

Tracks:

- Small Change
 Strangest Places
- 3. The Internet
- 4. Fanboy
- 5. Citrus Fruit
- 6. On + On

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For fans of: Vampire Weekend, Ra Ra Riot, Metronomy



"...the band return with dynamism and excitement." - Atwood Magazine

Australian indie-funk quartet **Approachable Members Of Your Local Community** prepare to release their insatiably addictive debut EP *Love Thy Neighbour* on **14th February 2020** via **AntiFragile**.

Not one to be pigeonholed, Approachable Members Of Your Local Community combine elements of indie, electro, funk and disco throughout the EP to create a sound that is unapologetically fun-filled. Catchy hooks soar above bright, pulsating chords and 80s funk-infused synths, resulting in spirited indie-pop soundscapes akin to the likes of **Vampire Weekend** and **Metronomy**. Upcoming single **Small Change** is no exception, as its hook-laden melodies take centre stage, blistering with energy throughout. The single's meaning is also incredibly poignant and more important that ever in the light of the ongoing Australian bushfire tragedies. "This summer has been challenging for so many we know and love, and especially for many whose experiences have been unimaginably traumatic and devastating," **Micky Fisher** (bass) explains. "In the face of a national crisis, the country has galvanised to take back tomorrow. With an outpouring of support for our firefighters and affected communities, it's clear that small change can have a big impact."

Love Thy Neighbour is all about the celebration of community. The EP came from the band's reflections about growing up, seeing their neighbourhoods change and gentrify and the internet become a more crazy and even a frightening place. The band elaborate, "It doesn't take a genius to point out that there is some serious social division and hardship across the world right now. The Community is facing a whole series of challenges that aren't easy, and aren't disappearing anytime soon. Love Thy Neighbour is a call for positivity and hope, which Small Change talks directly to. In traditional Approachable style, we've consulted our local Rabbi and summoned our biblical roots in naming this release Love Thy Neighbour. It's about empathy – to people, to places and the environment."

Having originally met at school in the south-side streets of Melbourne, the quartet reunited two years ago and it's been a rollercoaster ride of emotions ever since. They have already supported the likes of **Lime Cordiale**, **half-alive**, **Polish Club**, **Kira Puru** and **Joyride** to name a few, as well as having been announced as a **SXSW 2020**'s official showcase artist. Approachable Members Of Your Local Community have also enjoyed placements on influential alt-pop playlists such as **Apple Music**'s **Breaking Alternative** playlist and **Spotify**'s **Poprox** editorial playlist. They have also received coverage on numerous well-regarded publications including **Atwood Magazine**, **Pilerats** and **Triple J** to name a few.

Approachable Members will be raising funds for the bushfire relief efforts at all of their upcoming live shows. Details will be posted in the coming weeks.

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- Approachable Members of Your Local Community are available for interviews.
- EPK, photos and artwork available upon request.
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