

Elbury (Brisbane, Australia) – band bio (September 2023)

Songwriting and storytelling lie at the core of Brisbane-based alternative folk group, Elbury. Born in a brick-and-concrete pillbox on the side of Red Hill - an acoustic folk duo making awkward tunes in minor keys, trying to mark out a piece of original territory. Through the churn of the low-profile original folk scene, Elbury persisted – knowing that a band can find their own sound and beat a path forward on their own terms.

With the introduction of bass, drums and piano in recent years, the band have shifted from traditional acoustic folk to a fuller alt-folk-rock sound, including progressive and ambient elements. In this line-up, Elbury have been compared to acts like Augie March, Belle and Sebastian and The Head and the Heart.

But the music remains the same: honest observations, translated into verse, and multiple musical elements jostled into occasional cooperation. The band defy easy categorisation, shifting between mellow jazz interludes, jagged guitar lines, rollicking folk-rock triumphs and intricate Baroque passages. Without the power and bombast of harder styles of music, the beauty of the phrase and the arrangement becomes make-or-break.

In concert, Elbury's music is energetic, surprising and engaging. Songs (and sets) that lead the listener through moods, through lightness and darkness, through lush warmth and brittle emptiness. Deceptive complexity that rewards close attention. And even the odd danceable number!

Elbury released their second long-player – *A Life in Stages* – in November 2021. Post-second album and the time is right for experimentation. Through 2023, the band will release a series of singles recorded in the home studio, testing the waters with new directions.

Mountains (2023)

I've run out of rhymes. All of my good ideas are watered down by fear...

Mountains is our second single in 2023 and is another home recording job, with professional help on the mixing and mastering. *Mountains* is about the creative process - where to find inspiration when your own reservoir, for the moment, has dried up. Find something real about yourself and begin again!

We'll push for one more single this year - look out for more in December/January!