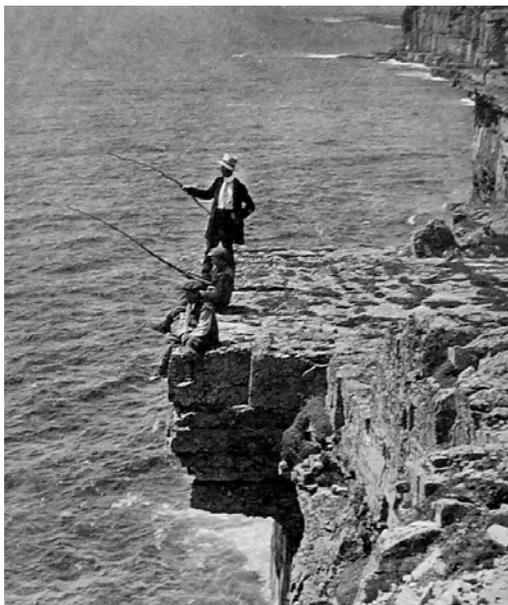


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The centre piece of the Autumn/Winter 2017 collection is the *New Aran Fisherman's sweater* — The result of a collaboration with *Sphere One*.

The tradition of the Aran workwear sweater where island women folk knitted sweaters for their fishermen husbands and family is well known. For this collection Inis Meáin challenged Lucy Downes of *Sphere One*, a modern knit design label, to come up with a new Aran. While the intricate cabling of traditional Aran has been often copied, she felt that what made the original Aran so special was caring aspect of making a piece of clothing for a loved one, to provide warmth, protection and comfort, knowing their needs out fishing.

*Sphere One* focused on what Inis Meáin could do today to advance the comfort that a knitter in the 1950's might not have been able to achieve. The piece, technically challenging to knit and construct, is a truly original new Aran befitting a hard-working fisherman today.

The result is a high back neck, not a hoodie, which would restrict critical visibility, lined with cashmere for warmth at an exposed area. It features a light underarm gusset with pointelles for aeration in extra soft cashmere fabric,

which could be replaced by the knitter more easily than reknitting an entire garment. It's seams and label to the outside for comfort and reduced friction. At the neck area, prone to wetting in inclement weather, is a shoulder yoke in oiled (*lanolin*) wool as well as an extra padded protection for the forearm when pulling lobster pots.

The *New Aran Fisherman's* is offered with and without the heavy oiled yoke and forearm patches and in high-visibility contrasting cashmere gussets and neck lining as well as more tonal colours.

Other collection highlights feature a large selection of jackets and workwear. The pub jacket in various options and the Storm Jacket. A selection of workwear and classic Aran sweaters in a new Super Geelong Merino and in Merino/Cashmere and 100% Cashmere as well as Baby Alpaca and Silk.

New items for women include a cropped boatbuilder in fisherman's rib and some long flowing cardigans with purl rib detail, all in Cashmere/Super Fine Merino.







