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WELCOME

TO THE 2025 CASTLEMAINE FRINGE FESTIVAL!

What an absolute privilege it is to work, dance and play on the gorgeous lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung. We pay respect to our local Elders and leaders past and present, send strength and solidarity to all our First Nations community and give thanks for the caretaking of this land that we are so blessed to live on.

The Festival is a culmination of many hours of hard work and much fun. There is an amazing team of dedicated workers behind the scenes, from grant writing to fundraising, writing policy to stage management. Thanks to everyone who makes this magic possible, and to all the amazing artists presenting their work in this bumper collection of theatre, music, visual arts and more. This program is EPIC!!

This year's theme Castlemaine Fringe Is... was entirely open to interpretation for what Fringe means to you, our wonderful community. Thanks to everyone who entered our poster competition and congratulations to winner Randi Wagner! Randi's fabulous design symbolises the many facets of Castlemaine Fringe that come together and form a dynamic whole: each ring tells a story, representing the individuality that makes our Festival so very special.

For me, Fringe is fun, colour, connection and celebration and is about us as a community. I hope you'll find it representative, thoughtful, fun, engaging and welcoming and are as excited to get out and about into town as I am!

Much Love

Azzy Jay
Festival Director





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MEET THE TEAM

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& Azzy Jay.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

All of our partners, sponsors,
artists and volunteers involved in
making Fringe a vibrant part of the
Castlemaine community calendar.

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How & where
to buy tickets

TICKET INFO

Tickets for all events
are available on the
Castlemaine Fringe website
castlemainefringe.org.au

Alternatively, you can pick up
tickets, info and merch at the
Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub at the
Castlemaine Senior Citizens
Centre, in Mechanics Lane.

Please double check event dates
& times on the Fringe website
prior to booking. Information is
correct at time of printing, but
subject to change.

Support Fringe

Become a Fringe Member online
or at the Fringe Hub and enjoy
discounted ticket prices and the
warm fuzzy feeling of being part
of the Fringe community.



EVENT DETAILS

See all event details
and map references
on each listing.

VENUE	Theatre Royal 30 Hargraves St Castlemaine
MAP REF	B3
TIME	2pm
DURATION	60 minutes
PRICE	\$35/\$30
AGE RANGE	18+

See what dates events are
happening on each listing

MAR	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	APR	T	W	T	F	S	S
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		1	2	3	4	5	6

Accessibility &

Fringe is pleased to present free, inclusive
events as part of our programming. We
accept concessions, companion cards
and have opportunities for volunteering
in exchange for event tickets. Venues with
both physical access and an accessible
bathroom are noted with the symbol above.

*Note

The Arts Trail is presented
at independant galleries
and artist studios, please
check with them for specific
accessibility information.

DAILY PLANNER

VISIT 50+ EXHIBITIONS & OPEN STUDIOS

Explore visual art exhibitions throughout the Festival. Visit artists in their studios over two massive weekends 29 & 30 March and 5 & 6 April* as part of the Castlemaine Fringe Arts Trail. See page 56 onwards.

* Check dates and times for each exhibition and open studio as some vary.

LEGEND

 MUSIC

 THEATRE & FABULOUS THEATRICALS
















 SOCIAL IMPACT

 FILM & LITERATURE

 COMEDY

 WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY 22 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
 Fringe Binge: Talking Walls	10:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$15	\$10	p54
 Ceramics Workshop Kids (4-8yrs)	10:00	62 Bowden Street	\$40		p53
 Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
 Fringe Binge: Talking Walls	14:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$15	\$10	p54
 Open Mic PoetiCas	14:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p34
 Wild Vacancies	15:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
 Northern Books presents Books & Bubbles	13:30	Northern Books HQ	\$60	\$55	p34
 Live Art Painting	16:00	Mechanics Lane	FREE		p52
 Opening Night Street Party - Kids	16:00	Lyttleton Street and surrounds	FREE		p15
 The Bridge Hotel's Roving Rickshaw	17:00	The Bridge Hotel	FREE		p29
 Silent Disco	18:00	Mechanics Lane	FREE		p43
 Opening Night Street Party Spectacular!	18:00	Lyttleton Street and surrounds	FREE		p15
 Yes Lycra Yes Lights with the Rural Hot Bitches 80's dance workshop	19:00	Mechanics Lane	FREE		p55
 Ms Onur Kurt & the Kismet Project & DJ Lugman	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$20	\$15	p28
 Silent Disco	21:30	Mechanics Lane	\$20	\$15	p43

DAILY PLANNER

23 – 28 MARCH

SUNDAY 23 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Artists Market	10:00	Western Reserve	FREE		p77
✂ Ceramics Workshop Adults	10:00	62 Bowden Street	\$70	\$65	p53
✂ Dancing with water	10:30	Castlemaine Fitness Centre	\$22	\$17	p54
✂ Dancing with water	12:00	Castlemaine Fitness Centre	\$22	\$17	p54
✂ Visible Older Women: Crate Women Workshops	13:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p54
🎵 Estudiantina of Melbourne	13:30	Theatre Royal	\$41		p27
🎵 Garden Seat presents Sunday Sessions	14:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$15	\$10	p23
🍷 Northern Books presents Christabel Blackman in Conversation	14:00	Castlemaine Art Museum	\$25	\$20	p34
🍷 Sunday Secret Movie Matinee	14:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p35
🌿 Wild Vacancies	15:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
♥ Sacred Sound Bath Healing Meditation	16:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$40	\$35	p50
🌿 Wild Vacancies	18:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
🎵 Les Thomas Duo	18:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$20	\$15	p28
✨ The Art of Seeking Attention	18:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p45
🎵 The Sea Devils present Ocean Songs featuring Kate Bush's The Ninth Wave	19:30	The Taproom	\$25	\$20	p23
♥ Life's 2 Short-Our Mums are Dead	19:30	Thompson Family Funerals	\$15	\$10	p50
✨ Kieran Bullock presents IKEA Wars	19:45	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p47
✨ Jeremy Dooley presents The First One	21:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p47









MONDAY 24 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
🌿 Crones of the Acropolis present Medea Film Screening	17:30	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$12	\$10	p34
🌿 Acceptance is the door to freedom	19:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	FREE		p41








TUESDAY 25 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
♥ My Temporary Name Was Refugee! Chapter 1 Poetry Reading	19:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$20	\$15	p48















WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
 Dancing in water	10:30	Castlemaine Fitness Centre	\$22	\$17	p54
 Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
 Newspaper Puppetry Workshop	14:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$55	\$50	p55
 Comic Making Workshop	18:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$40	\$25	p53
 Bec Matthews and Jamie Swann present Backyard Utopia	19:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$20	\$15	p24
 Crones of the Acropolis present Medea A Theatrical Exploration	19:30	Wesley Hill Hall	\$22	\$18	p39
 Limitless Possibilities: Tabletop Newspaper Puppetry Show	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$10	\$8	p42
 David Juriansz - Back in this Flow	20:00	The Taproom	FREE		p27

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
 Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
 Maine-ly Ukes	16:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p54
 I Got Bit By A Monkey Once	19:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$20	\$15	p47
 Dignified Anger: Stories for a Perilous Now	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$30	\$25	p39
 Nai Palm	19:30	Theatre Royal	\$52		p22
 WORDSPOKEN	19:30	lot19 Tram	\$30	\$25	p43
 Thao Cao presents Confessions of a Comedian	21:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p46



















FRIDAY 28 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
 Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
 Visible Older Women: The Pedestal Project Workshop	13:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p43
 Constellations	18:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
 Wild Vacancies	18:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
 Tales of the Olive Trees	18:00	The Albion Castlemaine	FREE		p50
 Scrabble Battle Showdown	19:00	The Salvage Yard	\$30	\$25	p35
 Bliss Bombs Burlesque	19:00	Uniting Church	\$30	\$25	p46
 Dignified Anger: Stories for a Perilous Now	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$30	\$25	p39
 WALA - Is Life: African Drum and Dance Ensemble	19:30	Theatre Royal	\$43	\$38	p32
 WORDSPOKEN	19:30	lot19 Tram	\$30	\$25	p43
 The Art of Seeking Attention	20:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p45
 Frida Friday Fiesta with Son Quba	20:00	The Taproom	\$15	\$10	p21
 The Brighton Whiteley Synthetic Cabaret Hour	21:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p36
 Silent Disco	23:00	Mechanics Lane	\$20	\$15	p43



SATURDAY 29 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
Visible Older Women: The Pedestal Project Roving Performance	9:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	FREE		p43
Ceramics Workshop Kids (8-12yrs)	10:00	62 Bowden Street	\$40		p53
Waaman - Cultural Tours of Castlemaine	10:00	Tour starts in the Market Building	\$120	\$100	p49
Zines: Imposters Anonymous	10:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	FREE		p55
Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
Pete the Plumber rides the Water Cycle	12:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$15	\$10	p29
Halaqa Gathering	12:00	The Albion Castlemaine	FREE		p50
Sam Hargreaves presents Confessions of a Railway Enthusiast	17:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$30	\$25	p45
Under the Paris Sky	14:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p38
Comic Making Workshop	14:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$40	\$25	p53
Amp It Up	14:00	The Taproom	\$10	\$5	p20
Wild Vacancies	15:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
Unladylike	17:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$25	\$20	p44
Sam Hargreaves presents Confessions of a Railway Enthusiast	17:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$30	\$25	p45
Club Unity	17:00	lot19	\$20	\$15	p26
Silent Disco	17:30	Mechanics Lane	\$20	\$15	p43
Constellations	18:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
West Coast Revival Featuring The Complete Unknowns	19:00	Mechanics Lane	FREE		p32
Bliss Bombs Burlesque	19:00	Uniting Church	\$30	\$25	p46
Creative Juices	19:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$30	\$25	p42
Dignified Anger: Stories for a Perilous Now	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$30	\$25	p39
Under the Paris Sky	20:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p38
Duncan Graham has been Lying For A Living	20:30	The Taproom	\$20	\$15	p21
Earworm	22:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	FREE		p27

SUNDAY 30 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
 A Pack of Failures: Philosophy X (Witch) Craft Workshop	10:00	lot19 Tram	\$45	\$25	p53
 Ceramics Workshop Adults	10:00	62 Bowden Street	\$70	\$65	p53
 Visible Older Women: Crate Women Workshops	10:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p54
 Welcome To Us	12:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$28	\$25	p40
 Under the Paris Sky	14:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p38
 Constellations	14:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
 Comic Making Workshop	14:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$40	\$25	p53
 Garden Seat presents Sunday Sessions	14:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$15	\$10	p23
 Sunday Secret Movie Matinee	14:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p35
 The Black Sorrows	15:00	Theatre Royal	\$60		p25
 Wild Vacancies	15:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
 Country Struts	15:30	Castlemaine Town Hall	\$20	\$15	p53
 Kids Cabaret	16:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$30	\$25	p42
 Punctum presents PROTOlounge	16:00	Punctum ICU	\$15	\$10	p40
 Sam Hargreaves presents Confessions of a Railway Enthusiast	17:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$30	\$25	p45
 Todd Cook	17:00	The Taproom	FREE		p32
 Dave Warner Holds Court	18:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$25	\$20	p26
 Under the Paris Sky	18:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p38

MONDAY 31 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
 Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
 Stories of a Friend	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$20	\$15	p43

TUESDAY 1 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
 Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
 Music under the stars!	18:00	146 Finnings Lane, Elphinstone	\$15	\$10	p28
 Fringe Binge: Talking Walls	19:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$15	\$10	p54

DAILY PLANNER

2 – 6 APRIL

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
✂ Dancing with water	10:30	Castlemaine Fitness Centre	\$22	\$17	p54
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre – Foyer	FREE		p49
📰 Newspaper Puppetry Workshop	14:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$55	\$50	p55
🎵 Remembrance Rave	18:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	FREE		p31
📰 Crones of the Acropolis present Medea A Theatrical Exploration	19:30	Wesley Hill Hall	\$22	\$18	p39
📰 Limitless Possibilities: Tabletop Newspaper Puppetry Show	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$10	\$8	p42
🎵 Babooshka: The Best of Kate Bush	20:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$35	\$30	p20
🎵 Grassy Strings	20:00	The Taproom	\$20	\$15	p27

THURSDAY 3 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre – Foyer	FREE		p49
✂ Maine-ly Ukes	16:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p54
📰 Welcome To Us	18:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$28	\$25	p40
🍷 Who Stole My Milk? Book Launch	18:00	The Taproom	FREE		p35
🎵 Sweet Patooties	19:30	The Albion Castlemaine	\$15	\$10	p24
📰 Stories of a Friend	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$20	\$15	p43
🎵 The New King Cols and Friends	20:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$10	\$8	p29

FRIDAY 4 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre – Foyer	FREE		p49
📰 198 (4)	13:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$35	\$28	p37
📰 Welcome To Us	17:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$28	\$25	p40
📰 Constellations	18:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
🎵 Cam Robbins Trio	18:00	The Albion Castlemaine	FREE		p25
🎵 Breakneck Road	18:30	Mechanics Lane	FREE		p25
🎵 Stiletto Sisters	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$25	\$20	p31
📰 WORDSPOKEN	19:30	lot19 Tram	\$30	\$25	p43
📰 198 (4)	20:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$35	\$28	p37
📰 Boklesque by Lauren Bok	20:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$30	\$25	p41
🎵 Charlie Needs Braces	20:00	The Taproom	FREE		p26
📰 The Brighton Whiteley Synthetic Cabaret Hour	21:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p36

SATURDAY 5 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
✂ Fringe Binge: Talking Walls	10:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	FREE		p54
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
✂ Tits and Bits ceramic cup making workshop	14:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$75	\$65	p55
🎵 When Pigs Fly to Castlemaine Festival	14:00	Theatre Royal	\$77		p32
🌱 Acceptance is the door to freedom	16:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	FREE		p41
✂ Tits and Bits ceramic cup making workshop	16:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$75	\$65	p55
🌱 Constellations	18:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
🎵 Natural Language	19:00	The Albion Castlemaine	\$10	\$10	p28
🎵 Brazazul	19:30	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p25
🎵 Dave Graney & Clare Moore	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$30	\$25	p26
🌱 WORDSPOKEN	19:30	lot19 Tram	\$30	\$25	p43
🎵 Babooshka: The Best of Kate Bush	20:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$35	\$30	p20
🌱 Boklesque by Lauren Bok	20:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$30	\$25	p41
🎵 The Presbyterians	20:00	The Red Hill Hotel	FREE		p29
🎵 aplegate	20:00	The Taproom	\$10		p24

SUNDAY 6 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
🌱 Silent Disco	13:30	Mechanics Lane	\$20	\$15	p43
🌱 Constellations	14:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
🎵 Garden Seat presents Sunday Sessions	14:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$15	\$10	p23
🎵 Monster Mash Alien Crash	14:00	Jaara (Victory) Park	FREE		p17
🍷 Dave Graney & Clare Moore host Sunday Secret Movie	14:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p35
🎵 Rebecca O'Connor "Simply The Best" As Tina Turner show	15:30	Theatre Royal	\$62		p31
🌱 Visible Older Woman: Crate Women	18:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$32	\$26	p42
🎵 Pianos at Large Grand Finale Concert	18:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$20	\$15	p30
🎵 Smokers Run Faster and Fringe Wrap party	19:00	The Taproom	FREE		p31



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Space themed costumes, picnics and blankets encouraged! It'll be out of this world!

Brought to you by Castlemaine Fringe and Maldon District Community Bank.

SUN 6 APRIL

LOCATION	Jaara (Victory) Park Castlemaine	8
MAP REF	B3	
TIME	2pm	
DURATION	4 hours	
PRICE	FREE	
AGE RANGE	All ages	



THAT'S PARTY A WRAP

SUN 6 APRIL

Join Fringe Festival artists, volunteers, supporters and sponsors at the Taproom for a final dance and glass of bubbles as the curtain falls on Fringe 2025! With very special guest performances from a whole host of our Fringe friends including Smokers Run Faster, pop up performances, DJs and more!

VENUE	The Taproom The Mill 9 Walker St	17
MAP REF	A2	
TIME	7pm	
DURATION	150 minutes	
PRICE	FREE	
AGE RANGE	All ages*	

* Under 18s with guardian

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THE FLAMIN' GALAH FESTIVAL BAR IS HERE!



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FRINGE HUB

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AMP IT UP

CALLING ALL TEENS!

Leave your grown-ups at home and come down to the Taproom for this ALL AGES live music gig, VIP line up of local and state-wide bands, 3 solid hours of noise and fun. Check website for more details.

VENUE

The Taproom
The Mill 9 Walker St

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MAP REF

A2

TIME

2pm

DURATION

180 minutes

PRICE

\$10 over 18, \$5 under 18

AGE RANGE

12-25



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The KB Band Presents

BABOOSHKA: THE BEST OF KATE BUSH

Catch the premiere of this Kate Bush showcase featuring some of her greatest music. This dynamic performance is brought to you by the purposely formed 'KB Band'. Prepare to feel moved and inspired by this retrospective. Two nights only, don't miss out!

VENUE

Phee Broadway Theatre
Mechanics Lane

12

MAP REF

B3

TIME

8pm

DURATION

90 minutes

PRICE

\$35/\$30

AGE RANGE

All ages



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DUNCAN GRAHAM

Has Been LYING FOR A LIVING

Duncan first performed at Fringe 18 years ago & has since played the Maine on 100s of occasions. Joined by trio Duncan Graham's Small Circle and the quintet Duncan Graham And The Way In, you'll enjoy stories, songs and crackerjack musicians to create a one-off delight.

VENUE	The Taproom The Mill 9 Walker St
MAP REF	A2
TIME	8.30pm
DURATION	90 minutes
PRICE	\$20/\$15
AGE RANGE	18+*



* Note: Under 18s with guardian

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FRIDA FRIDAY FIESTA

with SON QUBA

Celebrate Frida Fiesta with Shedshaker!

Enjoy a special Mex inspired menu followed by salsa dance lessons, and round the night off with Cuban dance music masters Son Quba. Live large and celebrate the Latin way. Viva Frida, Friday Fiesta!

VENUE	The Taproom The Mill 9 Walker St
MAP REF	A2
TIME	Mex food fest from 6pm Dance classes from 8pm Live music from 8.30pm
DURATION	120 minutes
PRICE	\$15/\$10
AGE RANGE	All ages*



* Note: Under 18s with guardian

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MECHANICS LANE EVENTS

With pop-up performances, presentations from the Castlemaine Secondary College Music program, pre-show tunes and post show DJs, Mechanics Lane is playing host to all sorts of fun activities across the Fringe program. Keep your eye on the Fringe and Mount Alexander Shire socials for more info!

VENUE	Mechanics Lane Castlemaine	10
MAP REF	B3	
AGE RANGE	All ages	



Image: Craig Gaston

EVENTS	
Live Art Painting – Workshop – Saturday 22 March, 4pm	See page 52
Street Party Activations – Saturday 22 March, 5pm till late	See page 15
YES LYCRA YES LIGHTS – Dance workshop – Saturday 22 March, 7pm	See page 55
West Coast Revival featuring The Complete Unknowns – Music – Saturday 29 March, 7pm	See page 32
Breakneck Road – Music – Friday 4 April, 6.30pm	See page 25
Silent Disco – Dance – Various dates and times	See page 43

NAI PALM

Nai Palm, front-woman of Hiatus Kaiyote, is revered as one of the defining soul artists of the 21st century.

This spellbinding, captivating and intimate solo show is not to be missed!

VENUE	Theatre Royal	18
	30 Hargraves St, Castlemaine	
MAP REF	B3	
TIME	7.30pm	
DURATION	90 minutes	
PRICE	\$52	
AGE RANGE	18+	



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The Sea Devils presents

OCEAN SONGS

FEATURING KATE BUSH'S

THE NINTH WAVE

The Sea Devils perform songs about and inspired by the sea. The centrepiece of this show is a complete performance of Kate Bush's The Ninth Wave by an eleven piece ensemble.

VENUE	
The Taproom	
The Mill 9 Walker St	
MAP REF	
A2	
TIME	
7.30pm	
DURATION	
90 minutes	
PRICE	
\$25/\$20	
AGE RANGE	
All ages *	



* Note: Under 18s with guardian

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Garden Seat presents

SUNDAY

SESSIONS

Local legend, label and producer Garden Seat presents Sunday Sessions in the Red Hill Hotel beer garden! With a curated line up of DJs and live acts, plus a very special Grunge Gallery party on Sun 30 March at 8pm featuring Garden Seat and special guests.

VENUE	
The Red Hill Hotel	
163 Main Rd, Chewton	
MAP REF	
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TIME	
2pm	
DURATION	
180 minutes	
PRICE	
\$15/\$10	
AGE RANGE	
All ages	



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SWEET PATOOTIES

The Sweet Patooties, five ladies who should know better, will entertain you with quirky songs, cheeky humour and joie de vivre.

VENUE	
The Albion	
152 Duke St, Castlemaine	2
MAP REF	C3
TIME	7.30pm
DURATION	90 minutes
PRICE	\$15/\$10
AGE RANGE	18+



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ALEGATE

aplegate is a local 5-piece band, drawing inspiration from psychedelic rock, jazz and the experimental jam band scene. Their live improvisation, interwoven with arrangements melodic and moving, draws its energy from the audience and is equally at home in a venue or a bush doof.

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VENUE
The Taproom
The Mill 9 Walker St

MAP REF	A2
TIME	8pm
DURATION	120 minutes
PRICE	\$10
AGE RANGE	All ages*

* Under 18s with guardian



Bec Matthews and Jamie Swann present

BACKYARD UTOPIA

Bec Matthews and Jamie Swann bring to the stage an intriguing, contemplative and meditative music repertoire. Featuring the Kora (21 string West African Harp), Kamelngoni (West African harp), Banjo and Guitar. Incorporating modern influences with ancient strings and quirky storytelling vibes.

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VENUE
Flamin' Galah
Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane

MAP REF	B3
TIME	7pm
DURATION	60 minutes
PRICE	\$20/\$15
AGE RANGE	All ages





THE BLACK SORROWS

The Black Sorrows are back on the road celebrating their 40th Anniversary and new album *The Way We Do Business!* This massive tour brings Sorrows' hits and tomorrow's classics to cities and towns nationwide.

VENUE
Theatre Royal
30 Hargraves St,
Castlemaine

18

MAP REF B3
TIME 3pm
DURATION 150 minutes
PRICE \$60
AGE RANGE 18+

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BRAZAZUL

Castlemaine-based ensemble Brazazul specialise in forró, a vibrant, joyful vocal music and dance from north-eastern Brazil led by Wendy Rowlands.

VENUE
Phee Broadway
Theatre - Foyer
Mechanics Lane

12

MAP REF B3
TIME 7.30pm
DURATION 20 minutes
PRICE FREE
AGE RANGE All ages

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BREAKNECK ROAD

Breakneck Road are a local 3-piece band showcasing the best of rock rhythm and blues with some classy original tunes. Popular all ages.

VENUE
Mechanics Lane

10

MAP REF B3
TIME 6.30pm
DURATION 75 minutes
PRICE FREE
AGE RANGE All ages

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CAM ROBBINS TRIO

Cam Robbins is joined by top Jazz players in every iteration of the Cam Robbins Trio's monthly shows at The Albion Castlemaine. If you are a jazz head or a music lover in general, do not miss this one!

VENUE
The Albion
152 Duke St, Castlemaine

2

MAP REF C3
TIME 6pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE FREE
AGE RANGE 18+

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CHARLIE NEEDS BRACES

Charlie Needs Braces is the work of Naarm musician Charlie Woods, a proud GuriNgai woman. Her uplifting and energetic live performance with little sister Miri features songs and language inspired by their mob - filled with dance routines and the celebration of First Nations cultures.

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VENUE
The Taproom
The Mill 9 Walker St

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MAP REF A2

TIME 8pm

DURATION 120 minutes

PRICE FREE

AGE RANGE All ages*

* Under 18s with guardian

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CLUB UNITY

Club Unity is a party series showcasing DJ sets and Live acts, launched in Naarm with the next one being at lot19 in Castlemaine!

We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung as the custodians of the land this event will be hosted on.

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VENUE
lot19
19 Mcshanag Rd,
Castlemaine

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MAP REF A4

TIME 5pm

DURATION 7 hours

PRICE \$20/\$15

AGE RANGE 18+

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DAVE GRANEY & CLARE MOORE

Dave Graney+Clare Moore journey through inner and outer worlds with jazz voicings, vibes, keys, guitars, harp and rhythm machines. This concert draws on their vast songbook including 2024's albums (strangely) (emotional), I Passed Through Minor Chord In A Morning. It's never like anybody else.

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VENUE
The Coolroom
at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St
Castlemaine

7

MAP REF B2

TIME 7.30pm

DURATION 120 minutes

PRICE \$30/\$25

AGE RANGE 18+

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DAVE WARNER

Holds Court

A Pretty Petty Session of Songs & Stories from the Suburbs. Suburban legend Dave Warner (of 'From the Suburbs' fame) takes us on an up close and personal journey through his five decades of music, writing and astute social commentary during this special show.

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VENUE
The Coolroom
at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St
Castlemaine

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MAP REF B2

TIME 6pm

DURATION 120 minutes

PRICE \$25/\$20

AGE RANGE 18+

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DAVID JURIANSZ

Back in this Flow

It's the 25-year anniversary of Juriansz's first album *In this Flow*. David took a performing hiatus to produce 5Rhythms conscious dance music. A songwriting award winner at Port Fairy, he returns to his Folk-roots acoustic guitar in this show, featuring songs old and new.

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VENUE
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The Mill, 9 Walker St
Castlemaine

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MAP REF A2

TIME 8pm

DURATION 120 minutes

PRICE FREE

AGE RANGE 18+*

* Under 18s with guardian

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EARWORM

EARWORM are an electro-pop trio utilising classic early nineties drum machine samples blended with mellow electronica, guitars and lush harmonies.

VENUE
Flamin' Galah
Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3

TIME 10pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE FREE

AGE RANGE 18+

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ESTUDIANTINA OF MELBOURNE

Estudiantina of Melbourne - translates to students of Melbourne. A Greek ensemble that brings new light to traditional Greek music. The ensemble focuses on a style of Greek music called Smyrneika - Greek Turkish music from Asia Minor from the 1920's & 1930's.

VENUE
Theatre Royal
30 Hargraves St
Castlemaine

18

MAP REF B3

TIME 1.30pm

DURATION 120 minutes

PRICE \$41

AGE RANGE 18+

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GRASSY STRINGS

On tour from India, Grassy Strings weave traditional bluegrass with the essence of American folk and swing, blending guitar and mandolin in traditional tunes and bluegrass standards, with Indian songs for a truly unique global sound.

VENUE
The Taproom
The Mill 9 Walker St

17

MAP REF A2

TIME 8pm

DURATION 90 minutes

PRICE \$20/\$15

AGE RANGE All ages*

* Under 18s with guardian

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LES THOMAS DUO

Les Thomas is a Melbourne-born country-folk troubadour, a singer-songwriter, and a sonic storyteller, an activist bard, and a lyrical luminary with a knack for connecting with audiences wherever he goes. Les follows in a long tradition using music as medicine, solidarity and sustenance.

VENUE
The Coolroom at
Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St
Castlemaine

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MAP REF B2
TIME 6pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE \$20/\$15
AGE RANGE All ages

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MS ONUR KURT

*and the Kismet Project
& DJ Luqman*

Transport yourself to a night filled with a mix of classical and Anatolian Psychedelic remixes. Ms Onur returns to The Coolroom with her soulful voice and music that reflect her Turkish roots and Western influences. Luqman is Syrian/Lebanese DJ & Live Electronics act.

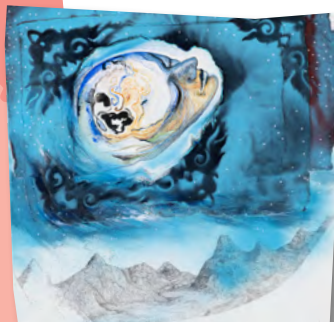
VENUE
The Coolroom at
Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St
Castlemaine

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TIME 7.30pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE \$20/\$15
AGE RANGE All ages

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MUSIC UNDER THE STARS!

A very special all acoustic event! Join Duncan Graham's Small Circle (The Goddamn Shirelles), Baroquial, Darling Tom Woodward and VIP guests under the stars sharing a wonderful combination of music from Baroque to folk and heart breaking balladry.

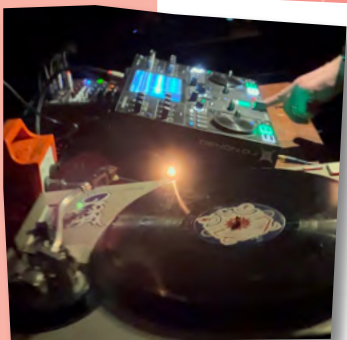
LOCATION
146 Finnings Rd
Elphinstone

TIME 6pm
DURATION 4 hours
PRICE \$15/\$10
AGE RANGE All ages

* Bring a chair, a rug
and a picnic

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NATURAL LANGUAGE

Natural Language is an event focused on showcasing Live Electronics as well as DJ set performances.

VENUE
The Albion
152 Duke St, Castlemaine

2

MAP REF C3
TIME 7pm
DURATION 180 minutes
PRICE \$10
AGE RANGE 18+

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THE NEW KING COLS *and Friends*

Three songwriting amigos will perform songs of their own creation. Songs to make you laugh, cry and cry harder. Raised out of the dust, mines and forests of Central Victoria and songs schooled in the pubs and clubs of Castlemaine.

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VENUE
Flamin' Galah
Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3
TIME 8pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE \$10/\$8
AGE RANGE 18+

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PETE THE PLUMBER *rides the Water Cycle*

Pete the Plumber loves water and has a pet drop of water, Droppo, who brings stories of travels round the Water Cycle. Pete loves music and makes instruments from pipes, gloves, tubes and water. Pete loves fun, and sharing the fun.

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VENUE
Phee Broadway
Theatre, Mechanics Lane

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MAP REF B3
TIME 12pm
DURATION 50 minutes
PRICE \$15/\$10
AGE RANGE All ages

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THE PRESBYTERIANS

Hark all ye aching for dancing salvation! The Presbyterians are a tasty six piece feed featuring live acts of outrageous impropriety and dancing, providing a pleasurable party platter of danceable disco, ecclesiastic electro and rock & roll rumbler!

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VENUE
The Red Hill Hotel
163 Main Rd, Chewton

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MAP REF C3
TIME 8pm
DURATION 90 minutes
PRICE FREE
AGE RANGE 18+

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The Bridge Hotel's ROVING RICKSHAW

Keep your eyes and ears open for the Bridge Hotel's Roving Rickshaw, with flashy flights and solar sound system powered by Central Spark! The Rickshaw will be ferrying punters between the Bridge Hotel and the Opening Night Street Party Spectacular! BEEP BEEP!

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TIME 5pm
DURATION 6 hours
PRICE FREE
AGE RANGE All ages

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Launch Fundraiser Concert

MAINE PIANO GUERRILLAS

We launch the MPG's Maine Piano Guerrillas onto the world. Join us and our four 'Pianists-at-Large', for a concert as we launch the 14 days of musical mortars on Castlemaine's streets as the latest aboveground, underground, piano movement. Fundraising raffle, and concert.

VENUE	
The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel 359 Barker St Castlemaine	
	
MAP REF	B2
DATE	Friday 21 March*
TIME	7.30pm
DURATION	120 minutes
PRICE	\$20/\$15
AGE RANGE	All ages

* Pre-festival dates



ROVING PERFORMANCES

PIANOS AT LARGE

The Maine Piano Guerrillas (MPG) emerge from the jungle to arrive in Castlemaine. Throughout Fringe you will find pianos and piano music in some unlikely places. Our 'Pianists-at-Large', will pop up as will other musical groups to play MPG pianos for Castlemaine's latest on the streets, above ground, underground, movement.


Scan QR code for a guide to piano locations and MPG Piano Program or visit bit.ly/pianoquerrillas



PIANOS AT LARGE

Grand Finale Concert

The Maine Piano Guerrillas celebrate 14 heady days and nights of underground, aboveground upright piano mayhem with a final Pianos at Large Grand Concert at The Coolroom. The concert will feature the best of Fringe piano action plus planned musical mortars. All welcome. Bar open.

VENUE	
The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel 359 Barker St Castlemaine	
	
MAP REF	B2
TIME	6pm
DURATION	120 minutes
PRICE	\$20/\$15
AGE RANGE	All ages



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"You want some action? I'll give you some action!" Tina Turner

as Tina Turner show REBECCA O'CONNOR "SIMPLY THE BEST"

This ultimate Tina Turner experience is a high-octane tribute to the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll that sets the stage ablaze with powerhouse vocals, magnetic stage presence and celebration of Tina's indomitable spirit.

VENUE
Theatre Royal
30 Hargraves St
Castlemaine

18

MAP REF B3
TIME 3.30pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE \$62
AGE RANGE 18+

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GOOD GRIEF Art-full Living

REMEMBRANCE RAVE

A DJ-led Community music and dance Good Grief event to play songs that conjure memories and celebrate someone or something you have lost. Local Death Café Founder Hayley West will be your DJ to facilitate the 2-hour event, together with a Grief Counsellor.

VENUE
Flamin' Galah
Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3
TIME 6pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE FREE
AGE RANGE All ages

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SMOKERS RUN FASTER

Back by popular demand, again, Castlemaine's most entertaining electric blues, soul and rock band playing tunes to make you feel good, shake your good thing and belt out those choruses. Now with added horns.

VENUE
The Taproom
The Mill, 9 Walker St
Castlemaine

17

MAP REF A2
TIME 7pm
DURATION 60 minutes
PRICE FREE
AGE RANGE 18+*

* Note: Under 18s with guardian

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THE STILETTO SISTERS

For fifteen years The Stiletto Sisters have been wowing Melbourne audiences, with seductive blend of Hungarian, Jewish, gypsy, tango love songs from around the world. Led by Hope Csutoros (My Friend the Chocolate Cake) the trio also features Judy Gunson (Cosmo Cosmolino) and Jo To.

VENUE
The Coolroom
at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St,
Castlemaine

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MAP REF B2
TIME 7.30pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE \$25/\$20
AGE RANGE 18+

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TODD COOK

Gippsland based touring artist Todd Cook is bringing his emotive lyrics and earthy tones to Castlemaine. His songs float from intricate fingerpicking to driving rhythms that stir the soul and tell stories of Australian landscapes and people. Todd will be accompanied on stage with mesmerising instrumentation to bring a depth that always engages and entertains.

VENUE
The Taproom
The Mill 9 Walker St

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MAP REF A2
TIME 5pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE FREE
AGE RANGE All ages*

* Under 18s with guardian

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African Drum and Dance Ensemble

WALA - IS LIFE

An explosive powerful show! 12 drums played with hands, feet, sticks, soaring vocal harmonies, flutes, and spectacular dancing. Traditional polyrhythmic music repertoire of Jazz roots rhythms from Palm Wine and Highlife songs with their own original arrangements. Supporting act Mamba Negra opening the show.

VENUE
Theatre Royal
30 Hargraves St
Castlemaine

18

MAP REF B3
TIME 7.30pm
DURATION 150 minutes
PRICE \$43/\$38*
AGE RANGE 18+

* Tickets on the door if still available \$45 / \$40

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WEST COAST REVIVAL

Featuring
The Complete Unknowns

Take a musical journey to the West Coast and experience the sounds of The Eagles, Linda Ronstadt, Doobie Brothers, Joni Mitchell and Fleetwood Mac.

VENUE
Mechanics Lane

10

MAP REF B3
TIME 7pm
DURATION 60 minutes
PRICE FREE
AGE RANGE All ages

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WHEN PIGS FLY Festival TO CASTLEMAINE

Soak up the last rays of summer with a grand celebration in one of the finest locations this state has to offer, Castlemaine! 17 incredible acts spread across the iconic Theatre Royal and Love Shack Brewing, you'll be dancing and prancing from day to night!

VENUE
Theatre Royal & Love
Shack Brewing
Hargraves St
Castlemaine

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MAP REF B3
TIME 2pm
DURATION 10 hours
PRICE \$77
AGE RANGE 18+

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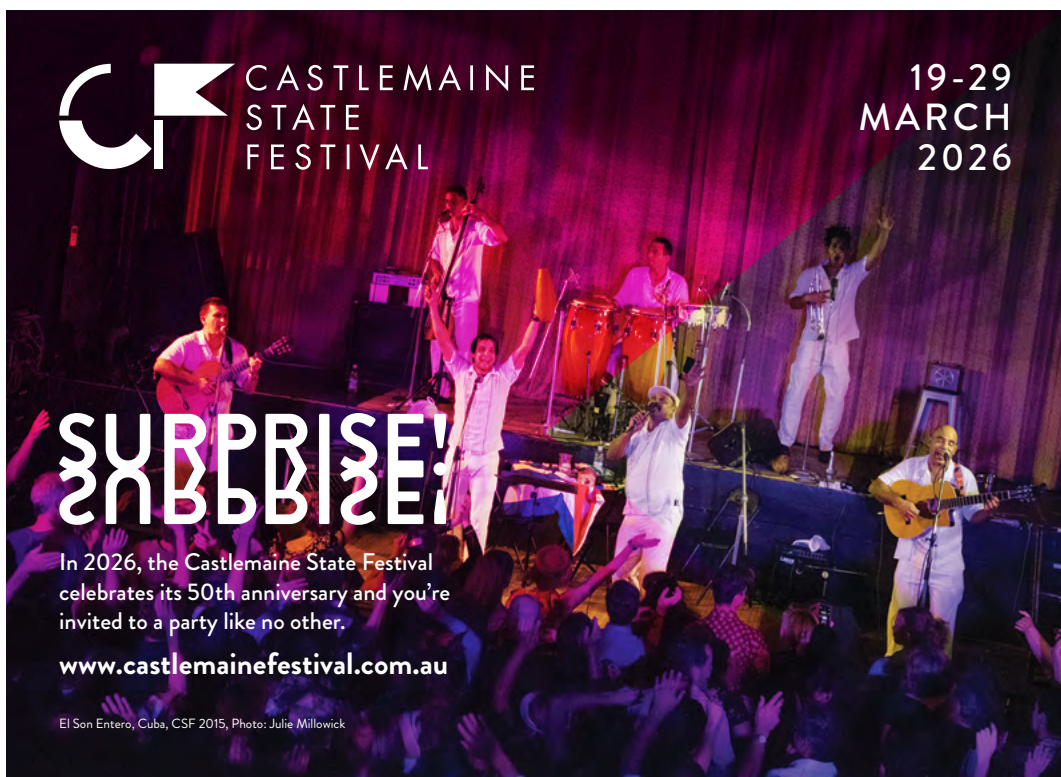





BOOMTOWN
WINE

A local winery, cellar bar, bistro and event space located at The Mill in Castlemaine. A place to gather and share local food and wines, grown and made by us and our friends here on Djaara Country.

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 THU & SUN: 11 - 5
 FRI & SAT: 11 - late
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**CASTLEMAINE
STATE
FESTIVAL**

**19-29
MARCH
2026**

SURPRISE!

In 2026, the Castlemaine State Festival celebrates its 50th anniversary and you're invited to a party like no other.

www.castlemainefestival.com.au

El Son Entero, Cuba, CSF 2015, Photo: Julie Millowick

Northern Books presents

BOOKS & BUBBLES

Kristin Gill and Catherine Greer discuss invisibility, reinvention, friendship and baking for the soul in an exclusive salon-style event at Northern Books HQ. Enjoy a glass of bubbles, some seriously delicious baked goodies and a lot of laughs. We promise this will be a treat!

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VENUE
Northern Books HQ
19 View St, Castlemaine

MAP REF A3
TIME 3.30pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE \$60/\$55*
AGE RANGE 25+

*Ticket price includes a signed copy of the author's book.

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Northern Books presents

CHRISTABEL IN BLACKMAN CONVERSATION

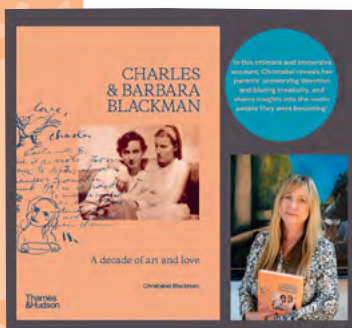
Join Christabel Blackman in conversation with Emma Busowsky about her iconic parents, Charles and Barbara Blackman, and their contribution to the burgeoning cultural art scene of 1950s Melbourne – a time of blazing creativity that ultimately led to the formation of the Heide group.

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VENUE
Castlemaine Art Museum, 14 Lyttleton St
Castlemaine

MAP REF B3
TIME 2pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE \$25/\$20
AGE RANGE 25+

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Crones of the Acropolis present

MEDEA FILM SCREENING

We Crones, being tragically Greek, have been led to Medea, the woman who murdered her children or did she? Crones of the Apocalypse are Bev Geldard, Bridget Haylock and Sue Ingleton. We present a screening of Pier Paolo Pasolini's *Medea* (1969), starring Maria Callas in her only film role, based on Euripides' play *Medea*.

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VENUE
Phee Broadway Theatre
Mechanics Lane,
Castlemaine

MAP REF B3
TIME 5.30pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE \$12/\$10
AGE RANGE 15+

Warning: Film contains human sacrifice scene



*Medea – a theatrical exploration details, see page 39

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OPEN MIC POETICAS at The Coolroom

The program involves a feature reader sharing their work, and an open section. \$5 donation at the door much appreciated. Open section limited to 3 minutes per reader. So buy a drink from the bar, all Welcome! Contact: poeticaspoeticas@outlook.com

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VENUE
The Coolroom
at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St, Castlemaine

MAP REF B2
TIME 2.30pm
DURATION 120 minutes
PRICE FREE
AGE RANGE All ages

*May contains swearing & audience interaction

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SCRABBLE BATTLE *SHOWDOWN*

Calling all word nerds, Scrabble lovers and fans of all things oversized to join us, the Dept. of Alphabology for another epic evening of giant scrabble in Castlemaine, the scrabble capital of the world! Featuring pizzas, beers and lots of fun (and Scrabble).

VENUE

The Salvage Yard
6 Lewis Dr, Castlemaine

16

MAP REF

A4

TIME

7pm

DURATION

240 minutes

PRICE

\$30/\$25

AGE RANGE

12+

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** Bookings essential*

SUNDAY *Dave Graney & Clare Moore host* SECRET MOVIE

Dave Graney and Clare Moore will be presenting our Secret Sunday Movie. A movie that could tantalise, titillate or terrify. After the movie we'll also delve into the importance of music soundtracks when Glenn Williams hosts a Q&A.

VENUE

The Coolroom
at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St, Castlemaine

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MAP REF

B2

TIME

2.30pm

DURATION

150 minutes

PRICE

FREE*

AGE RANGE

18+

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** Bookings essential*

SUNDAY SECRET MOVIE MATINEE

Super Cinema on Sunday here at The Coolroom Cinema. Voyages in cinema history, always interesting. All welcome. For those unfamiliar with The Coolroom Cinema it is a lounge type cinema. Join us for a drink from the bar to watch cool cinema.

VENUE

The Coolroom
at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St, Castlemaine

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MAP REF

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TIME

2.30pm

DURATION

150 minutes

PRICE

FREE*

AGE RANGE

18+

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WHO STOLE MY MILK? *Book Launch*

Edited by Suzanne Donisthorpe & Jacqueline Millner

Living in share houses is a wild, messy, excruciating and transformative rite of passage. 'Who stole my milk?' is an anthology of stories from diverse writers from Castlemaine and beyond reflecting on their share house experiences, ranging from the hilarious to the poignant.

VENUE

The Taproom
9 Walker St, Castlemaine

17

MAP REF

A2

TIME

6pm

DURATION

120 minutes

PRICE

FREE

AGE RANGE

All ages

* May contains swearing & audience interaction

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The Brighton Whiteley **SYNTHETIC** Cabaret Hour

Welcome to the world of
synthetic cabaret – the cabaret
phenomenon of the 21st century!

Joined by his extended family,
Brett Whiteley's development
of the synthetic cabaret hour
combines the floorshow of
cabaret past with the synthetic
future of music.

VENUE
Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3

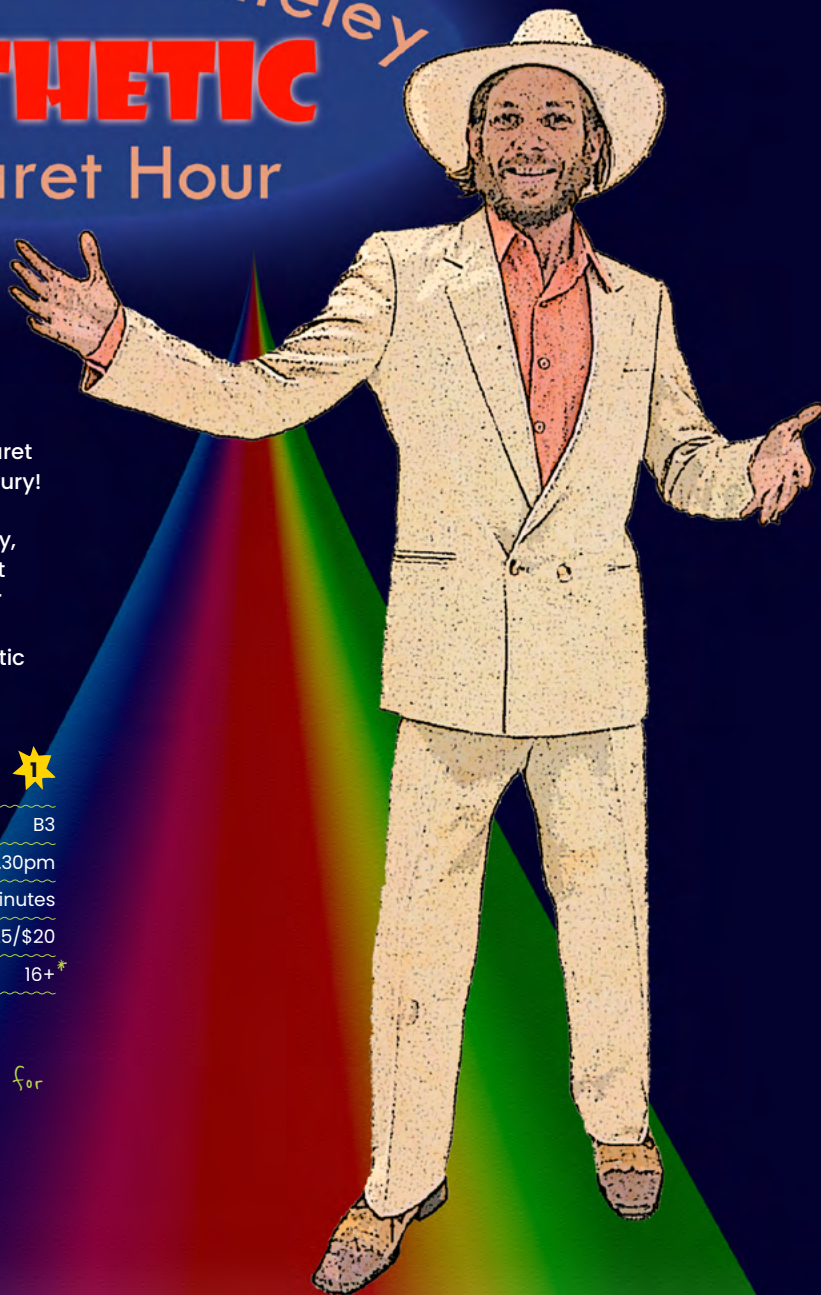
TIME 9.30pm

DURATION 90 minutes

PRICE \$25/\$20

AGE RANGE 16+*

* Family friendly context -
possibly not as interesting for
younger people though



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198 (4)

198 (4) written by award-winning playwright Dr Christine Davey and presented by award-winning Skin of our Teeth Productions - a spellbinding, stark, beautiful and visually stunning theatrical adaptation of George Orwell's classic tale of trust, honesty, betrayal and above all - hope.

VENUE

Phoe Broadway Theatre
Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine

12

MAP REF

B3

TIME

1pm & 8pm

DURATION

120 minutes

PRICE

\$35/\$28

AGE RANGE

12+ *



* Note: The play contains themes of stylised violence and death.

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CONSTELLATIONS

Constellations by Nick Payne explores themes of love, free will, ethical dilemmas related to illness and end-of-life decisions. Black Stitch Players prompts audiences to consider their own values and beliefs regarding these issues. Q&A with actors and health professionals conducted post-performance, on Sundays.

VENUE

Wesley Hill Hall
149 Pyrenees Hwy, Castlemaine

21

MAP REF

C3

TIMES

Fri, Sat - 6pm
Sun - 2pm

DURATION

60 minutes

PRICE

\$30/\$25

AGE RANGE

15+



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UNDER THE PARIS SKY

French Song & Comedy Cabaret - 'Under the Paris Sky' a glittering musical covering Piaf, Pink Martini, Zaz ... a mix of well-known beloved songs and contemporary hits, for those who adore the language of love ... and you don't even need to speak French!

VENUE
Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3

TIMES 29th - 2pm & 8pm
30th - 2pm & 6.30pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE \$25/\$20

AGE RANGE 18+

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DIGNIFIED ANGER

STORIES FOR A PERILOUS NOW

A storytelling-theatre-music show from Jan 'Yarn' Wositzky and Penny Glass, in which they humorously debunk established stories such as 'survival of the fittest' and that humans should 'rule over' the world, and tell alternative stories from Australia, 14th Century Europe and Latin America.

VENUE
The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St Castlemaine

MAP REF B2

TIME 7.30pm

DURATION 90 minutes

PRICE \$30/\$25

AGE RANGE 15+



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Crones of the Acropolis present

MEDEA

A THEATRICAL EXPLORATION

We Crones, being tragically Greek, have been led to Medea, the woman who murdered her children or did she? Crones of the Apocalypse are Bev Geldard, Bridget Haylock and Sue Ingleton. We present an exploration of Euripides' *Medea* in two theatrical events wherein we freely interrogate the play.

VENUE
Wesley Hill Hall
149 Pyrenees Hwy, Castlemaine

MAP REF C3

TIME 7.30pm

DURATION 80 minutes

PRICE \$22/\$18

AGE RANGE 12+



- * Note: May contain swearing & audience interaction
- * Medea film screening details, see page 34

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Punctum presents

PROTOLOUNGE

Itching to try out new performance material with a lively audience?

In Punctum's PROTOlounge, artists serve their latest ideas and audiences offer feedback.

Short pieces, a variety of forms, light touch curating, refreshments, prizes, and eyes on the surprise.

VENUE

Punctum ICU
Basement, 1 Halford St, Castlemaine

13

MAP REF

B1

TIME

4pm

DURATION

180 minutes*

PRICE

\$15/\$10

AGE RANGE

15+



* This event is durational. People can come and go throughout the 180 minutes.

Note: May contain swearing & audience interaction

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WELCOME TO US

Welcome to Us is a deep dive into relationships. A comedy that deals with all the issues of modern marriage, kids, and the challenge of what to do on the weekend. It's up close, it's dark, it's funny and it's a little bit real.

VENUE

Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine



MAP REF

B3

TIMES

Sun - 12.30pm
Thurs - 6pm
Fri - 5.30pm

DURATION

60 minutes

PRICE

\$28/\$25

AGE RANGE

15+



* Note: May contain swearing & audience interaction

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WILD VACANCIES

Sally Guildford invites you to turn off your technology and take a walk in deep silence to a mystery location.

Discover a heightened awareness of nature, through a unique combination of moving meditation, observation and performance art. Explore the unexpected wild spaces in your town - and in yourself.

VENUE	Phoe Broadway Foyer, Mechanics Lane	12
MAP REF	B3	
TIMES	22,23,29 & 30 - 3pm 23 & 28 - 6pm	
DURATION	60 minutes	
PRICE	\$22/\$17	
AGE RANGE	12+	



* Note: Contains audience interaction

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ACCEPTANCE

is the door to freedom

In this special performance by local french clarinet player Benoit Oury, and renowned local artist Petrus Spronk, Petrus will share the story of his experience with cancer and how he overcame it until Mr Parkinson's tripped him up.

VENUE	Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub Mechanics Lane	★
MAP REF	B3	
TIMES	Mon - 7pm Sat - 4pm	
DURATION	60 minutes	
PRICE	FREE	
AGE RANGE	12+	

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* Contains swearing & nudity

BOKLESQUE by LAUREN BOK XX

Welcome to Boklesque! Be delighted and devoured by a stunning array of the finest vaudeville acts from all around award-winning comedian and burlesque jester Lauren Bok's brain!

★★★★½ "Fierce, proudly feminine, and funny as hell." - Lilithia Reviews

VENUE	Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub Mechanics Lane	★
MAP REF	B3	
TIME	8pm	
DURATION	55 minutes	
PRICE	\$30/\$25	
AGE RANGE	18+	

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THEATRE & FABULOUS THEATRICALS



Local women are invited to participate
See VOW: Crate Women Workshop page 54.

Visible Older Woman presents **CRATE WOMEN**

VOW: Crate Women interrogates and celebrates older women's experience of ageing, the seen and unseen. Playful, poignant, personal and political, the work shines a light on the achievements of Victorian women, while highlighting the under-representation of women in the civic realm.

VENUE
Phee Broadway
Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine

MAP REF B3

TIME 6pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE \$32/\$25

AGE RANGE 40+

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CREATIVE JUICES

Art and comedy in a highly interactive experience where you're not just watching, you're creating!

Expect laughter, UV paint, and your own masterpieces destined for a magnet on the fridge. No experience needed, just come ready to play!

VENUE
The Red Hill Hotel
163 Main Rd, Chewton

MAP REF C3

TIME 7pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE \$30/\$25

AGE RANGE 18+

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* Contains swearing
& audience interaction

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KIDS CABARET

Kids Cabaret is a variety-style performance showcasing the amazing talents of Castlemaine's young performers (ages 8-17)! Each act is carefully crafted by the kids themselves, with guidance and mentorship by Stephanie Harrison.

VENUE
Phee Broadway
Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine

MAP REF B3

TIME 4pm

DURATION 75 minutes

PRICE \$30/\$25

AGE RANGE All ages

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LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES

of Tabletop Newspaper
Puppetry

Visual Theatre & Newspaper Puppetry. Come and watch a performance of a story hand-made in a day with newspaper puppets.

See details of the puppet making workshops on page 55.

VENUE
The Coolroom
at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St, Castlemaine

MAP REF B2

TIME 7.30pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE \$10/\$8

AGE RANGE 18+

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Visible Older Women presents



THE PEDESTAL PROJECT

The Pedestal Project invites older women to gather and share their stories of ageing. The workshop and roving performance will explore (in)visibility, and the underrepresentation of women in public records and public space. The roving performance in the town centre is optional.

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VENUE
Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3

TIME Workshop Fri - 1pm
Performance Sat - 9.30am

DURATION 120 minutes

PRICE \$25/\$20*

AGE RANGE 50+

* Roving performance is FREE!

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SILENT DISCO

Join Ice-Ice Baby, San FranDisco, and Will-e Dance on the D-Tour of joyful dance and laughter, busting moves in and on local landmarks! Whether you're a silver fox, a slow mover or a speedy groovster, this is a safe atmosphere to let your guard down and express yourself freely!

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VENUE
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3

TIMES Fri - 11pm
Sat - 5.30pm
Sun - 1.30pm

DURATION 50 minutes

PRICE \$20/\$15

AGE RANGE 5+

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STORIES OF A FRIEND

Liminal Slide, comprising visual artist, writer, composer/musicians, Paul Ryan, and Victor O. Circumstances use digital piano, and recorded sounds to explore original poems, musical landscapes based on a range of themes, traversing fanciful, poignant and sometimes surreal spaces of imagination.

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VENUE
The Coolroom
at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St, Castlemaine



MAP REF B2

TIME 7.30pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE \$20/\$15

AGE RANGE 18+

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WORDSPOKEN

WORDSPOKEN is a live theatrical experience where story, music, slow circus, and poetry meet in an old Melbourne tram. A lo-fi, full-presence event, WORDSPOKEN will usher you mischievously into the night. Celebrating local artists, each show will bring a new voice to the fore.

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VENUE
lot19 Tram
19 Mcshanag Rd,
Castlemaine



MAP REF A4

TIME 7.30pm

DURATION 120 minutes

PRICE \$30/\$25

AGE RANGE All ages

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UNLADYLIKE

Nicky Barry and Lucy Best host a magnificent banquet of Melbourne's funniest and feistiest femme comedians with all the trimmings. This truly delicious feast will satisfy everyone with a healthy appetite for naughtiness.

**Warning: We'll probably use our fingers.*

VENUE		12
Phee Broadway Theatre		
Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine		
MAP REF	B3	
TIME	5pm	
DURATION	120 minutes	
PRICE	\$25/\$20	
AGE RANGE	18+	

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Lady Whisper presents

THE ART OF SEEKING ATTENTION

Get ready for a sidesplitting, soul-baring extravaganza! Lady Whisper spills the tea, sings her heart out, and stumbles through life's awkward moments in this hilarious and heartfelt musical comedy cabaret.

VENUE

Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine



MAP REF

B3

TIME

Sun - 6.30pm
Fri - 8pm

DURATION

60 minutes

PRICE

\$25/\$20

AGE RANGE

18+



* Contains swearing & audience interaction

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Sam Hargreaves presents

CONFESSIONS OF A RAILWAY ENTHUSIAST

Join comedian, Sam Hargreaves, as he shares hilarious stories from his life as a passenger and volunteer on heritage trains. A must-see for anyone who has had a special interest or worked in customer service. He is joined by piano accompanist, Rebekah Bennetts.

VENUE

Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine



MAP REF

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TIMES

Sat - 12.30pm & 5pm
Sun - 5pm

DURATION

45 minutes

PRICE

\$30/\$25

AGE RANGE

All ages



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COMEDY

David Mark Farrington presents

THE SINGLE BED OF LIFE

1. INSTALLATION

Drop-in and experience the vibes!
It's FREE!

2. LIVE PERFORMANCES

A goofy immersive astrological game-show exploring the universe of being single. Participate in this interactive game of eccentric cosmic chance for those curious about love.

See the Fringe website for location, dates and times.

www.castlemainefringe.org.au



Bookings essential

BLISS BOMBS BURLESQUE

"A sumptuous and hilarious night out!"

Tongue-in-cheek Comedy Cabaret Burlesque from the queens of tease. Book a table, dress to impress - make the night a real occasion. Drinks available at bar and patrons may bring their own grazing platter.

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VENUE
Uniting Church Hall 8-12
Lyttleton St, Castlemaine

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MAP REF A3
TIME 7pm
DURATION 165 minutes
PRICE \$30/\$25
AGE RANGE 18+

* Contains audience interaction

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Thao Cao presents

CONFESSIONS OF A COMEDIAN

Do you enjoy watching true crime shows? Do you spend too much time on TikTok? Do you have a tattoo you regret? If you answered YES to any of these questions then you will enjoy this comedy show, filled with stories, jokes and confessions.

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VENUE
Flamin' Galah
Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane

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MAP REF B3
TIMES 9pm
DURATION 50 minutes
PRICE \$25/\$20
AGE RANGE 16+

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Jeremy Dooley presents

THE FIRST ONE

Last time Jeremy Dooley was in Castlemaine, he burnt his tongue on a pie, then accidentally dropped it down his shirt.

This time he'll ^{*}simply tell jokes and stories to make you laugh.

^{*}He'll probably still get a pie

VENUE
Flamin' Galah
Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3

TIMES 9pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE \$25/\$20

AGE RANGE 18+

^{*} Contains swearing
& audience interaction

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I GOT BIT BY A MONKEY ONCE

Award-winning comedian Matt Harvey brings four true stories: a monkey bite; a long bus trip; an arrest; and a mugging.

★★★★ "an amazing hour" - Winning at failing

"Consistently entertaining... the show will end before you are ready to say goodbye."

- San Diego Union-Tribune

VENUE
Flamin' Galah
Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3

TIMES 7.30pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE \$20/\$15

AGE RANGE 15+

^{*} Contains swearing

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Kieran Bullock presents

IKEA WARS

Ikea Wars is a high-octane comedy game show pitting two performers against each other in the ultimate home improvement indignity: building Ikea furniture in front of a live audience. Build the furniture, survive the sabotages, and claim glory for Sweden. Let's build!

VENUE
Flamin' Galah
Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3

TIME 7.45pm

DURATION 55 minutes

PRICE \$25/\$20

AGE RANGE 15+

^{*} Contains swearing
& audience interaction

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ROVING PERFORMANCE

THE PLOT CHICKENS

There is a chicken on the loose in Castlemaine. We have no idea who they are or where they came from.



MY TEMPORARY NAME WAS REFUGEE!

CHAPTER 1 POETRY READING

Join Somali refugee Mohamed for a heartfelt poetry reading. Explore childhood in Mogadishu, war under Siad Barre, and a journey to a Kenyan refugee camp. Through vivid storytelling, Mo shares resilience, culture, and hope. Reserve your seat for an inspiring and human experience.

VENUE
Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane



MAP REF B3

TIME 7pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE \$20/\$15

AGE RANGE 19+

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THOUGHT EXCHANGE

Threads of Us is a roaming Thought Box that gathers your ideas and wonders, weaving them into a shared conversation. Watch out for the Thought Box pop-up activities across the Fringe Program to create something new—using your thoughts as prompts and the Fringe's vibrant spirit as inspiration.

VENUE

Phoe Broadway Theatre - Foyer
Mechanics Lane

12

MAP REF

B3

TIME

11am

DURATION

5 hours

PRICE

FREE

AGE RANGE

All ages



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WAAMAN

Cultural Tours of Castlemaine

Embark on an enriching journey with Uncle Rick Nelson, revered Jaara Elder, as he guides you through the heart of Jaara Country. Waaman cultural tours offer authentic immersion into ancient traditions and practices, visits to boundary trees, scar trees and ancient giants and a captivating collection of Indigenous artefacts.

Tour starts at the Castlemaine Visitor Information Centre, Market Building, 44 Mostyn St, Castlemaine

TIME

10am

DURATION

120 minutes

PRICE

\$120/\$100

AGE RANGE

All ages

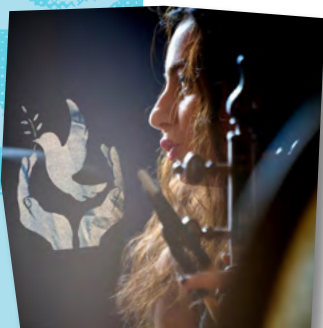


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HALAQA GATHERING

Halaqa Gathering is an immersive cultural event celebrating music, art, and storytelling from the Middle East and beyond. Fostering creativity, connection, and cultural exchange the gathering features live music with Middle Eastern, Sumatran, Persian, Jewish, and Arabic melodies, alongside poetry, an exhibition, tea and sweets.

VENUE
The Albion
152 Duke St, Castlemaine

MAP REF C3

TIME 12pm

DURATION 120 minutes

PRICE FREE

AGE RANGE 18+

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LIFE'S 2 SHORT

Our Mums are Dead

Having lived more than three quarters of their lives already, Beryl and George take a light-hearted and yet deadly serious look at the grand exit. Cremation is not the only burning issue in this thought provoking debut performance. There will be music and juggling.

VENUE
Thompsons Family
Funerals, 123 Mostyn St
Castlemaine

MAP REF B3

TIME 7.30pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE \$15/\$10

AGE RANGE 13+

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SACRED SOUND BATH HEALING MEDITATION

Experience a sound meditation to nourish you, release emotions, clear the mind, and expand consciousness with Maiaveda Founder, Marye O'Brien. A relaxing multi-instrumental journey through nature's healing elements; connects you to Gong, Crystal Bowls, Meditation Chimes, Tibetan Bowls, Sacred Chants in ancient languages and more.

VENUE
Wesley Hill Hall
149 Pyrenees Hwy
Castlemaine

MAP REF C3

TIME 4pm

DURATION 90 minutes

PRICE \$40/\$35

AGE RANGE 12+

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TALES OF THE OLIVE TREES

Tales of the Olive Trees is a night of art and DJ music and will feature works focused on Palestinian narratives, with all proceeds supporting Palestinian artists and charitable causes. This exhibition enhances the Halaqa Gathering event, creating a valuable cultural experience for attendees.

VENUE
The Albion
152 Duke St, Castlemaine

MAP REF C3

TIME 6pm

DURATION 180 minutes

PRICE FREE

AGE RANGE 18+

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WORKSHOPS

FORGET-ME-NOT

Led by Debra Goldsmith

Join caring artists and counsellors at this 'Good Grief' workshop. You will be supported to make a flower from upcycled materials in celebration of a loved one or something you have lost. The flowers will be installed in the lawns around Castlemaine's Market Building.

VENUE

The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St, Castlemaine



MAP REF

B2

PRE-FESTIVAL DATES

Sat 1, 8 & 15 March

TIME

11am

DURATION

120 minutes

PRICE

FREE

AGE RANGE

All ages

GOOD GRIEF

Art-full Living

* Note: These workshops are in the lead-up to the Fringe Festival. Mark them in your diary!
Installation ceremony on Saturday 22 March, 11am.

LIVE ART PAINTING

Ned Middleton and Tobias Richardson invite you to be part of this larger-than-life painting experience as part of the Castlemaine Fringe Street Party. Drop in during the afternoon, grab an apron and paint your favorite pop star on the huge, shared canvas, filling the empty disco with messy fun. All ages and abilities welcome.

Proudly supported by Mount Alexander Shire Council and Regional Arts Victoria.

VENUE

Mechanics Lane



MAP REF

B3

TIME

4pm

DURATION

4 hours

PRICE

FREE

AGE RANGE

All ages



* Note: Once complete, the painting will hang in the Theatre Royal Beer Garden as part of the Castlemaine Fringe Arts Trail. See page 61.

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A PACK OF FAILURES *Philosophy X (Witch) Craft Workshop*

Sick of grinning through the apocalypse? Come fly below the radar and discover alternatives to rampant positivity. This 3 hour workshop is anchored in the Queer Art of Failure. It's not therapeutic but it might change your mind.

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VENUE	The Tram at lot19 19 Mcshanag Rd
MAP REF	A4
TIME	10am
DURATION	180 minutes
PRICE	\$45/\$25*
AGE RANGE	18+

* Free for First Nations Folks

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* Online bookings essential

CERAMICS WORKSHOPS

Make your own hand built cup in the clay workshop with Ann Ferguson and Kaori Fujimoto. Cups will be fired and glazed for you to pick up later. Ann and Kaori's studio will remain open for visitors after workshops. See page 70 for details.

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ADDRESS	62 Bowden St
MAP REF	A2
TIMES *	22 - Kids (4-8yrs) - 10-11am 23 - Adults - 10-12noon 29 - Kids (8-12yrs) - 10-11am 30 - Adults - 10-12noon
PRICE	Adults \$70/\$65 Kids \$40

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COMIC MAKING WORKSHOPS

A fun comic workshop with all materials, guidance and snacks provided. Create a fictional story or immortalise lived experience (with or without embellishments) in a four-panel comic. You'll leave with a smile and a mini zine with a story you'll want to share.

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VENUE	Sac'O'Suds Launderette 231 Barker St, Castlemaine
MAP REF	B3
TIMES	Wed - 6:30pm Sat & Sun - 2pm
DURATION	150 minutes
PRICE	\$40/\$25
AGE RANGE	15+

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Boot Scootin' Classes

Country Struts

Boot Scootin' Class



COUNTRY STRUTS

Saddle up with Country Struts Boot Scooting! Beginner-friendly line dancing classes that'll guarantee you a giggle and a workout. Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned strutter - Everyone is welcome!

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VENUE	Castlemaine Town Hall 25 Lyttleton St
MAP REF	B3
TIME	3.30pm
DURATION	90 minutes
PRICE	\$20
AGE RANGE	12+

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WORKSHOPS



Visible Older Women presents **CRATE WOMEN WORKSHOP**

VOW: Crate Women workshops invite older women to gather and explore Improvised Performance making. Join these safe and fun sessions to explore your stories through movement, voice and text, and learn the skills of spontaneous theatre making. No previous experience required.

VENUE
Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane

MAP REF B3

TIMES 23rd - 1pm
30th - 10am

DURATION 120 minutes

PRICE \$25/\$20

AGE RANGE 40+

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DANCING IN WATER

Make a splash and unleash your inner dancer with 'DANCING IN WATER'! This 1-hour aquatic dance party is the perfect way to get your body moving, your heart pumping, and your spirit soaring!

* Kids 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

VENUE
Castlemaine Fitness Centre
23a Lyttleton St, Castlemaine

MAP REF B3

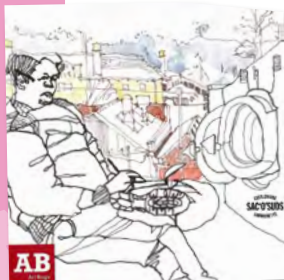
TIMES Sun - 10:30am & 12pm
Wed - 10:30am

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE \$22/\$17

AGE RANGE All ages

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Talking Walls **FRINGE BINGE**

Creatively mapping Castlemaine's architectural and social history, artist Emily Fong and writer Laura Keogh are hosting drawing expeditions and creative interviews, giving voices and faces to Castlemaine's architectural gems and the people who have graced their walls, and building a live exhibition within the Launderette.

VENUE
Sac'O'Suds Launderette
231 Barker St, Castlemaine

MAP REF B3

SKETCHING TOURS
22 - 10am-12:30pm & 2pm-4:30pm
1 - 7pm-9:30pm

INTERVIEWS & EXHIBITION VIEWING
5 - 10am-5pm

PRICE Sketching tours - \$15/\$10*

AGE RANGE All ages

* Exhibition viewing on 5th April is FREE

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MAINE-LY UKES

Thursday afternoons at the Northern Arts Hotel are dedicated to Ukulele, early in the afternoon we welcome beginners whilst later you join a structured session. Maine-ly Ukes have a wide repertoire, camaraderie that suits everyone!! Other string instruments, vocalists and audience are also welcome.

VENUE
The Coolroom
at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St, Castlemaine

MAP REF B2

TIME 4pm

DURATION 90 minutes

PRICE FREE

AGE RANGE All ages

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NEWSPAPER PUPPETRY *Workshop*

Visual Theatre & Newspaper Puppetry. Create, make, perform a story in a day with newspaper puppets. Presenter Helen Sandercoe. Only 2-dates limited numbers. Cost includes workshop, dinner, performance. Participants must commit to full program.

VENUE
The Coolroom
at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St, Castlemaine

MAP REF B2

TIME 2pm

PRICE \$55/\$50

AGE RANGE 18+

* 1 hour performance only
at 7:30pm just \$10 see page 42.

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TITS AND BITS

Ceramic cup making workshop

Come along and decorate your very own ceramic cup with tits and bits! We'll teach you how to sculpt and decorate a ready made cup with your choice of tits or bits. All materials provided and firing costs included.

* See page 73 for Dusty Pats open studio

VENUE
The Red Hill Hotel
163 Main Rd, Chewton

MAP REF C3

TIMES 2pm & 4pm

DURATION 90 minutes

PRICE \$75/\$65

AGE RANGE 18+

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YES LYCRA YES LIGHTS *80's dance workshop*

Release ya inner 80's dance passion. Learn an easy & explosive dance to 'Pour Some Sugar' by Def Leppard with the Rural Hot Bitches dance troupe! Dress 80's then join us onstage to perform your new routine to the masses at the Street Party.

VENUE
Mechanics Lane

MAP REF B3

TIME 7pm

DURATION 60 minutes

PRICE FREE

AGE RANGE 18+

* May contain swearing & audience interaction

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ZINES *Imposters Anonymous*

Who among us hasn't felt too small for their boots sometimes? At Imposters Anonymous we creatively challenge Imposter Syndrome using the playful medium of zines: small handmade booklets for self-expression, sharing ideas, and connecting with community. No experience required; all materials provided.

VENUE
Sac'O'Suds Launderette
231 Barker St
Castlemaine

MAP REF B3

TIME 10am

DURATION 120 minutes

PRICE FREE

AGE RANGE 18+

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ARTS TRAIL

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VISIT 50+
EXHIBITIONS &
OPEN STUDIOS

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Explore visual art exhibitions throughout the Festival. Visit artists in their studios over two massive weekends 29 & 30 March and 5 & 6 April* as part of the Castlemaine Fringe Arts Trail.

** Check dates and times for each exhibition and open studio as some vary.*

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Meet and chat with artists in their own spaces, view and purchase a variety of work from painting, sculpture, printmaking, jewellery, ceramics, installations and more.

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FRINGE & FRIDA

An exhibition in conversation with
the life and art of Frida Kahlo.

*A luminous exhibition from
artists near and far!*

VENUE
Market Building
44 Mostyn St, Castlemaine

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MAP REF B3

OPENING Friday 21 March 5–7pm

OPEN 9–5pm

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SIR LESLIE THORNTON

CASTLEMAINE ART MUSEUM'S FIRST BLOCKBUSTER

CAM is excited to present a retrospective of the works of Leslie Thornton. Sir Les has developed a distinctive style of painting capturing contemporary life in Central Victoria in all its uncanny strangeness. His carefully painted works have a surrealist humor but are also often poignant and unsettling.

Visit castlemaineartmuseum.org.au for information about talks and workshops.

VENUE

Castlemaine Art Museum
14 Lyttleton St, Castlemaine

MAP REF

24

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OPENING Saturday 22 March, 2pm

OPEN Thur-Sat 11am - 4pm
Sun 12pm - 4pm

Credit: Leslie Thornton, CAM Director's Rooftop Pleasure Garden, 2015, acrylic on canvas, Private Collection. Image: supplied.

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DEPARTURE POINT

GROUP EXHIBITION

Departure Point is a live, visual conversation across mediums between established artists Melinda Harper, Zoe Amor, Michael Wolfe and Dale Cox with raconteur Suzanne Donisthorpe delving into the finer points of their art, life and work at the lot19 Gallery on Jaara Country.

VENUE

lot19 Gallery
19 Mcshanag Rd, Castlemaine

25

MAP REF

A4

OPENING Thursday 20 March 4-6pm
with artists in conversation with
Suzanne Donisthorpe.

OPEN

11-4pm



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EVERYTHING IS HOLY

JEWELLERY EXHIBITION

Jewellery is one of humankind's earliest examples of symbolic thinking. everything is holy presents the work of Australian and international makers who play with the idea of sacred through contemporary jewellery. From the precious to the quotidian, materials are used in traditional and in surprising ways.

Visit castlemaineartmuseum.org.au for information about talks and workshops.

VENUE

Castlemaine Art Museum
14 Lyttleton St, Castlemaine

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MAP REF

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OPENING Saturday 8 March, 2pm

OPEN Thur-Sat 11am - 4pm
Sun 12pm - 4pm



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Credit: Manon van Kouswijk No Worry beads, 2012 porcelain, glaze, thread. Collection, the artist. Image supplied.



FLEETING FIELDS

SCULPTURE PARK

A pop up sculpture park in the grounds of the old Newstead railway, created by YOU! A free, family friendly event. All welcome. Come and create your own instant sculptures in the landscape. Using natural, found or recycled materials.

VENUE
Newstead Arts Hub
8a Tivey St, Newstead

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OPEN 12-4pm

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE UNFORESEEN

MELISSA PROPOSCH

A show about what we don't see coming, with new work exploring blind spots, soft edges and shadows.

Artist Talk: Sunday 30 March 3pm

VENUE
Artpuff, Studio 38,
The Mill, 9 Walker St

27

MAP REF A2

OPENING Fri 21 March
5-7pm

OPEN 11-5pm

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I AM SOMEONE

LIFE ON THE FRINGE

Life On The Fringe showcases Steve Argent's stunning street photography, capturing global stories of life and art. All profits support children in I Am Someone schools and villages across Uganda, Kenya, and Sierra Leone. Witness art with purpose!

VENUE
The Taproom
9 Walker St

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MAP REF A2

OPENING
Wed 19 March, 6-8pm

OPEN 12-11pm

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INKWARENY ARTISTS

INKWARENY ARTISTS OF YUELAMU

This is Inkwareny Artists from Yuelamu, Northern Territory. We are a new Anmatyerr Art Centre. 'Inkwareny' means honey ant in Anmatyerr - we are from Inkwareny country. We bring to you our art from our country about our Anangkerr (dreaming).

VENUE

The Albion
152 Duke St
Castlemaine

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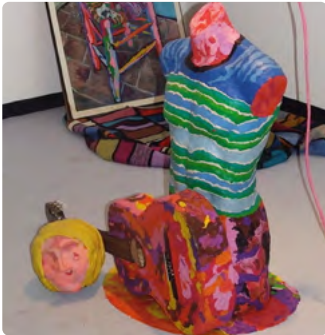
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OPENING 19th Mar, 6pm

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Sat-Sun 11-late

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THE GRUNGE GALLERY

The Grunge Gallery is a Fringe Festival Cult Classic showcasing Multi Disciplinary, Local Artists exhibiting Raw and Grungy Art throughout the entire venue. Local Music Label and Legends "Garden Seat" will curate an atmospheric-epic-grunge to the front-party, to celebrate the opening of The Grunge Gallery on the 30th.

VENUE

The Red Hill Hotel
163 Main Rd
Chewton

30

MAP REF

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OPENING 30th, 8pm

OPEN 12-9pm

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NED MIDDLETON

LIVE ART PAINTING

View the pop star live art painting created by Ned Middleton, Tobias Richardson and the community. For more details see the workshop on page 52.

See another example of Ned's large scale work onstage at lot19.

VENUE

Theatre Royal
Beer Garden
30 Hargraves St
Castlemaine

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OPEN 4pm-late

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NOIBLA

ART BASED SHENANIGANS

Travellers enter the art portal.

18+ and under 18 if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

VENUE

The Albion
152 Duke St
Castlemaine

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MAP REF

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OPEN Mon-Fri 5-late
Sat-Sun 11-late

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EXHIBITIONS



ONLY CONNECT

SOUND AND INSTALLATION

How might I create a more than surface connection to this land I have birthed and buried love upon? Or how might I not create that connection? can I? Should I? Is it ok? Only Connect. Sound and installation work by Helen Mathwin.

VENUE

Wide Open Road Art
Corner of Hargraves St
& Mostyn St

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RUDDERLESS

REBEKAH PRYOR & MELISSA O'ROURKE

This exhibition is an experiment in process and possibility. Combining video and theatre, Pryor and O'Rourke play with Proto-Renaissance artworks of women at sea to understand how inherited cultural motifs and patterns of movement persist to shape personal and political realities.

VENUE

Newstead Arts Hub
8a Tivey St, Newstead

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OPENING

Sat 4 April
2pm

OPEN

10-4pm

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SMALL WORLD SCULPTURE PRIZE

SCULPTURE PRIZE & EXHIBITION

The Newstead Arts Hub is proud to host the Small World Sculpture Prize & Exhibition. A fabulous, diverse collection of works in 3D by artists near and far. Creating a space to stop, reflect and focus on small things that can inspire big ideas.

VENUE

Newstead Arts Hub
8a Tivey St, Newstead

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OPENING

Sat 8 March
2pm

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SMERKIN.MERKINS

WINDOW DISPLAY

A community-sourced exhibition of imaginative merkins. Historically, pubic wigs (merkins) were worn to hide scars from STDs or to replicate hair that was removed to avoid lice. Merkins are still used today on films sets.

VENUE

Sac'O'Suds
Launderette,
231 Barker St

33

MAP REF

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LAUNCH 23 March, 4pm

CLIMAX 5 April, 5pm

VIEWABLE

24 hours

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TARADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL EXHIBITION

A colourful and creative collection of mixed media work by the superstar artists of Taradale Primary! Plus delicious treats, coffee and pizza care of Taradale Wine and Produce to enjoy while you are checking out their work!

VENUE
Taradale Wine and Produce
120 High St, Taradale

MAP REF C3

OPEN
Thur 4:30–6:30pm
Fri 4–10pm
Sat 11 am–6pm
Sun 11 am–8pm

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WHO THE BLOODY HELL ARE YOU?!

GROUP SHOW

A group show of artists who were invited to portray the things around them in their umwelt, that have shaped their identity?

VENUE
CASPA
Above Stonemans
101 Mostyn St

MAP REF B3

OPENING Fri 7 March
6pm

OPEN 11–4pm

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WIMBLE ST WALL PROJECTIONS

Every night as the sun goes down the Wimble Street wall next to the Northern Arts Hotel comes to life. Frank Veldze creates images that are quirky, poignant and often mesmerising. Whether it's washing machines self-imploding or Surfers hanging ten above the cars.

VENUE
Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St
Castlemaine

MAP REF B2

VIEWABLE Nightly

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WORLD VIEWS

BRIAN HEYDON

This exhibition of oil on canvas explores beautiful landscapes from Australia and Europe. The paintings depict pristine landscapes without human forms or cultural modifications, representing idealised natural environments free of the clutter of daily urban life.

VENUE
Phee Broadway
Theatre Foyer
Mechanics Lane

MAP REF B3

OPEN
Mon–Fri 10 – 5.30pm
Sat 9.30–2pm

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CHRIS GUEST
FREE THE WINDHORSE

10 drawings along a path out of mental illness. Inspired by the ancient Chinese 'Ten Ox-Herding Pictures', and the teachings of Chogyam Trungpa, "By letting go, you can harness basic goodness, ride the untamed windhorse, and radiate tremendous power in your life."

ADDRESS
1 Bull St, Caslemaine



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OPEN 11-4pm

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CALAN STANLEY

PAINTING

Visit Calan Stanley in his home studio for a rare opportunity to purchase recent still life and landscape oil paintings. His work is vibrant, directly painted and focuses on tone, texture and colour. 50% of any works sold during Fringe will be donated to GIVIT to help people in need.

ADDRESS

16 Mitchell Street, Chewton

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OPEN

11-4pm



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CATHERINE O'LEARY

MULTI MEDIA & SCULPTURE

Award winning international artist Catherine O'Leary will be having her studio open to the public for the Fringe Festival. A rare opportunity to purchase new art work. There will be 2D and 3D pieces. Meet the artist and see the art!

ADDRESS

281 Barker St, Castlemaine

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OPEN

11-4pm



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DALE COX
SCULPTURE, PAINTING
& PRINTS

Dale Cox opens up his lovely studio to the public! Rumors abound of another hoard of Mickey Mouse warriors being currently unearthed! A range of new artworks to preview as well as framed prints etc. Come on over for a preview of new finds and artwork!

ADDRESS
96 Farnsworth St
Castlemaine



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OPEN 11-4pm

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DAMIAN CALLANAN
PAINTING, DRAWING & PRINTS

Come and visit my new studio at Studio 8, lot19. In this display for the Fringe Arts Trail is a collection of original oil paintings, drawings and prints exploring interiors, en plein air paintings and still life from the recent past.

ADDRESS
Studio 8 , lot19
19 Mcshanags Rd, Castlemaine



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OPEN 10-5pm

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DAVID MOORE

PAINTING

I am opening my studio in Castlemaine. There will be framed and unframed oil paintings and gouaches for sale. The subject matter will vary from landscapes to still life.

ADDRESS

50 Hargraves St, Castlemaine

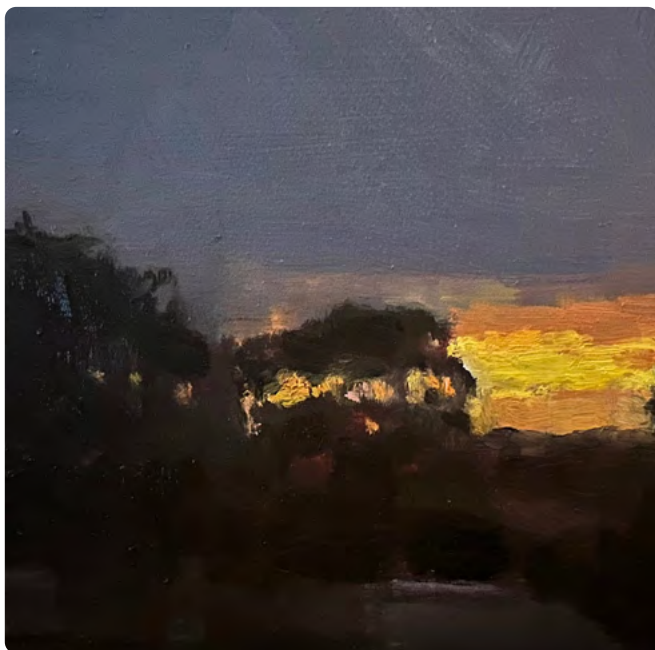
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11-4pm



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GRAEME GALLOWAY
STUDIO 146

PAINTING

Small painted panels reminiscent of the early 9 x 5 impressionists. Local views.

ADDRESS

146 Richards Rd, Castlemaine

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11-4pm



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JULIE SHAW
& JUDY WILD
STUDIO 77

Julie Shaw exhibits her colourful mosaics, which are waterproof and can hang outside.
Judy Wild is a realist artist. Her work ranges from botanical to still life, landscapes & seascapes. Using watercolour, coloured pencils, oils & acrylics.

Studio 77 can open outside of these dates and times by appointment. Contact juliemshaw52@gmail.com

ADDRESS
77 Hunter St, Castlemaine

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OPEN 11-4pm

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MICHAEL WOLFE
PAINTING

You're invited to visit the garden, gallery and studio of well known national and internationally exhibited, award winning landscape artist Michael Wolfe. "I'm always looking for the sensual and lyrical, providing a window to enjoy nuance, colour, gesture and the interplay between forms and marks."

ADDRESS
16 Doveton St, Castlemaine

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PALOMA WHITE

PAINTING

My name is Paloma White and I have been a practising visual artist for thirty years. Inspired by botany, and exploring the landscapes of this beautiful country, I am excited to share my studio and offer an insight into my process and inspirations.

ADDRESS

43a Mcgrath St, Castlemaine

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OPEN

11-4pm



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PENNY PECKHAM

PRINTMAKING

Penny Peckham, will open her studio to visitors, offering gelplate printing demonstrations and the experience of a working print studio. You can chat with the artist and perhaps see her working on an artist book or adding stitched details to a unique print.

ADDRESS

Rear 16 Carol St, Castlemaine

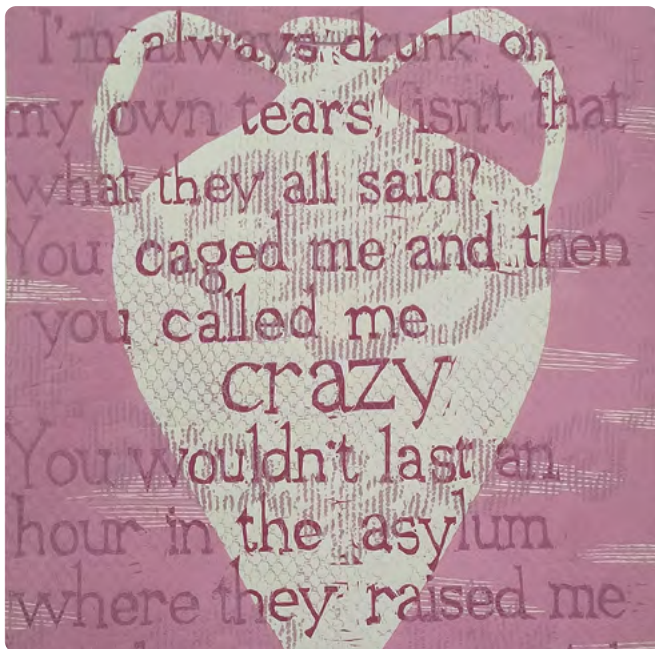
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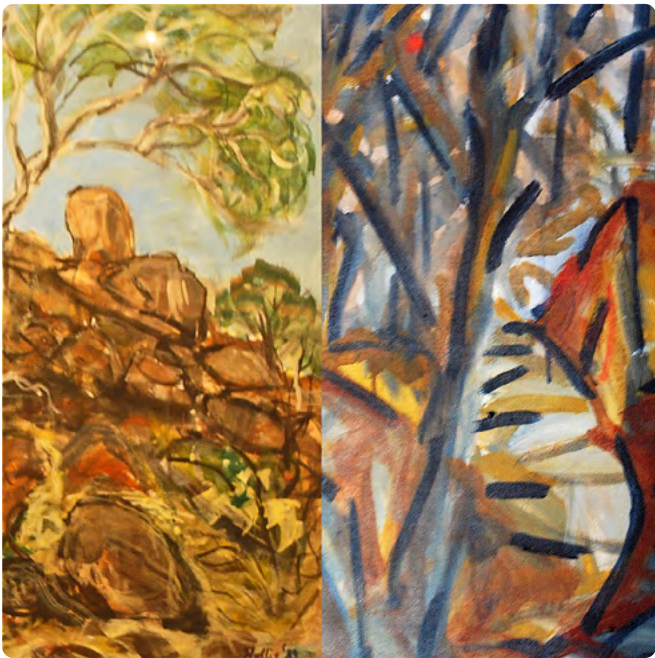
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RICHARD HOLLIS
& MICHAEL RIGG

CASTLEMAINE WALKS

Richard Hollis and Michael Rigg are mixed media Intuitive artists inspired by nature, shapes, colour and life. Exhibition showcases landscapes of Castlemaine, Central Victoria and the desert regions of Australia. Art journals, preparatory drawings and studies are included in the exhibition.

ADDRESS
35 Campbell St, Castlemaine

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OPEN 11-4pm

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ALISTAR ROBERTSON

PAINTING

Drawing inspiration from many painters and using my own imagination I create narrative paintings, landscapes and portraits. I develop ideas for paintings using a variety of sources and after preliminary sketches produce large, clear, colourful and detailed canvases.

ADDRESS
79 Bowden St
Castlemaine

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OPEN 11-4pm

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ANN FERGUSON
& KAORI FUJIMOTO

CERAMICS

Handbuilt ceramic workshops for children and adults will take place in the mornings in the open studio of Ann Ferguson where handbuilt ceramics by Ann Ferguson and Kaori Fujimoto will be on display and for sale to the public over the weekends of the festival.

ADDRESS
62 Bowden St
Castlemaine

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OPEN 10-4pm

See page 53 for workshop details.

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OPEN STUDIOS



BELINDA & TREFOR PREST DRAWING & SCULPTURE

Come and see the drawings of Belinda Prest, recently featured in the book "Six Peaks Speak" by Barry Golding and sculpture by Trefor Prest. Trefors' work and studio featured in the Paul Cox film "Force of Destiny" starring David Wenham.

ADDRESS
136 Daylesford-
Newstead Rd
Strangways

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BEN LAYCOCK PAINTING

Ben Laycock began drawing the natural world around him from a very early age. As a painter his main focus is the environment and his work is influenced by his extensive travels throughout Australia and the surroundings of his hand made house in Barkers Creek.

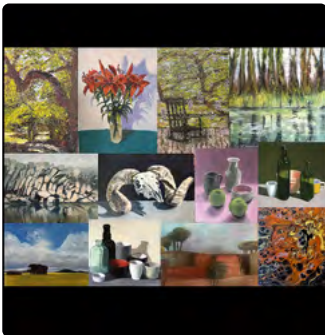
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101 Mostyn St
Castlemaine

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BLAKELEY ART STUDIO COLLECTIVE GROUP SHOW

Blakeley Art Collective studio is in a beautiful bush setting and is exhibiting the work of four artists. Painting, printmaking, drawing, landscape, portraits, still life, abstract and textile design will be exhibited and available for purchase.

ADDRESS
271 Blakeley Rd
Barkers Creek

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OPEN 11-4pm

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CAROLE KERNOHAN & MICHELLE GUEST

We create using various techniques, dyeing, spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, silversmithing. We use a variety of materials, silk, wool, glass, metal, wood and more. Inspired by our conversations, the rural environment of Taradale, life experiences and the material itself to create and explore.

ADDRESS
90 Davy St
Taradale

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OPEN 11-4pm

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CASTLEMAINE PRESS

PRINTMAKING

Castlemaine Press is a community access printmaking studio located in the Lot 19 precinct. Come and see printmakers in action, together with a variety of works created at press workshops and exhibitions. Look out for special demonstrations on the Castlemaine Press website.

ADDRESS

lot19
19 McShanag Rd
Castlemaine

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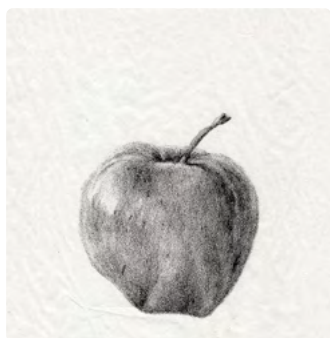
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CATHERINE PILGRIM

DRAWINGS, LITHOGRAPHS & ZINES

Meticulous drawing is the basis for Catherine's practice encompassing lithographs, drawings and sometimes textiles – with absence, contemporary still life and historical narratives influencing her subject matter. Catherine has exhibited widely since 1994, when she returned to Australia after studying in Washington DC.

ADDRESS

87 Farnsworth St
Castlemaine

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CLAYTON TREMLETT

PRINTMAKING

Clayton Tremlett is a renowned contemporary artist/printmaker who exhibits regularly in public and regional galleries. He is distinguished for his linocut portraiture; however, he also works with etching and screen printing to produce wallpapers, artist's books, installations and editioned prints.

ADDRESS

5 Blakeley Rd
Castlemaine

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COLLEEN JONES & BRIAN BAINBRIDGE

TEXTILES & MIXED MEDIA

Colleen's textile, mixed media and assemblage is inspired by folklore, fable, nostalgia and allusion. Brian's watercolour, pen and ink, printing and photography is inspired by ecology.

ADDRESS

1602 Calder Hwy
Taradale

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DEB LEMCKE, KATHY LANDVOGT & LORENA CARRINGTON

GROUP SHOW

Deb Lemcke, Kathy Landvogt and Lorena Carrington will be sharing our latest work: think textures, whimsy, kindness and connection. Works for sale, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

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ADDRESS
17 Richards Rd
Castlemaine

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OPEN 11-4pm



DIVINE FOOLS FAFF

GROUP SHOW

Divine Fool Fine Art Feet'n'Frou-Frou showing Spooky Little Talismans - a selection of figural sculpture and art jewellery in porcelain and other media, plus spoken word readings, recent pearls, unearthed wisdom by Indija Mahjoeddin and friends and other local writers.

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ADDRESS
Redhaus Artist
Cottage, 82 Duke St
Castlemaine

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OPEN 3-11pm



DUSTY POTS

POTTERY

There are four words that perfectly sum up the pottery of Dusty Pots: fun, colourful, and unapologetically feminist. Combining feminine colours and designs with strong feminist messages, Dusty Pots aims to show that femininity and strength are not mutually exclusive.

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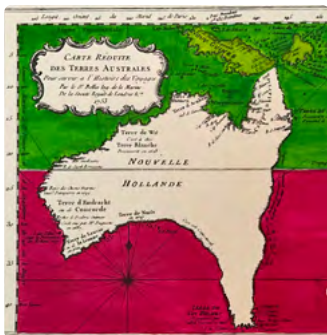
ADDRESS
1 Maldon Rd
Castlemaine

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OPEN 11-4pm

See page 55 for Tits & Bits workshops on 5 April



ELIZA TREE

Visual Narrative revealing the latest chapter of my ongoing research into Colonial Invasion of Australia via Botany Bay.

Paintings, Images, Maps and Text, from Captain Cooks 'Secret Instructions' to find 'Terra Australis', to the deliberate denial of First Nations sophisticated Cultures, and cultivation of Country.

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ADDRESS
137 Mostyn St
Castlemaine

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OPEN 11-4pm



ELLEN ELIZABETH
PAINTING, MULTIMEDIA & EMBROIDERY

Kate is a multi-disciplinary artist, working from her studio amidst the beautiful Muckleford Forest. Kate works with paint, multimedia and embroidery. Inspired by her experience with nature and emotion, Kate explores this in small, intimate pieces and large shouts of colour and shape.

ADDRESS
76 Pullans Rd
Gower



MAP REF A4

OPEN 10-4pm

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EVA MILLER
PAINTING

My preferred genre is contemporary/ abstract painting. My most recent works explore the way I can manipulate shape and movement on canvas. I work intuitively and search for shape/form and layer the paint so the brush marks and previous layers remain.

ADDRESS
2 Doveton St
Castlemaine



MAP REF B2

OPEN 11-3pm

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FLUXED EARTH
CERAMICS

Fluxed earth is the collaborative ceramic practice of Rye Senjen and Kirstie Murdoch. Our current focus is on vessels with highly textured surfaces referencing insect activity and fungal and plant growth patterns, and sculptural works reflecting on ancient protectors and ritual vessels.

ADDRESS
7 Matheson Rd
Castlemaine



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HELEN GILFILLAN
PRINTMAKING, PAINTING & DRAWING

A salon-style representation of recent printmaking works on paper, landscape paintings and drawing.

Turn left in The Paddock driveway and follow signs to the shed.

ADDRESS
The Paddock
19 Reckleben St
Castlemaine



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OPEN STUDIOS



JODIE PARKER THE RANDOM CREATIVE

All I want to do is CREATE.

Check out my first open studio and first solo exhibition, *Well, that was emotional*.

ADDRESS
1871 Calder Hwy
Taradale

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OPENING Fri 4 April
5-7pm

OPEN 11-4pm

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JODY GALVIN SCULPTURE

"Where the wild things grow" is a new show by local wire knitter/sculptor Jody Galvin. Inspired by the magical colours that nature provides, Galvin has created a wilderness of wonder for all to enjoy. BYO imagination!

ADDRESS
2 Etty St
Castlemaine
Entry via Redfearn St

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KAREN HOLLAND PAINTING

When you enter my studio you will see a wide range of subject matter painted in oils on canvas or linen. I am a contemporary realist artist and I just love using lots of colour to paint still life subjects, birds and the occasional landscape.

ADDRESS
6 Nolan St
Castlemaine

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PAUL CAVELL ABSTRACT PAINTINGS

Paul Cavell, painter and printmaker, has exhibited widely since 1973. He has won a number of arts prizes. Hundreds of his works are represented in public, corporate and private collections, nationally and internationally, and several regional art galleries.

ADDRESS
47 Weynton Rd
Castlemaine

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RON HOLDEN

THE LEFT BANK GALLERY

The LEFT BANK Gallery / Open Studio is in the heart of Castlemaine. Housed in the 1861 Oriental Bank is a beautifully ornate front chamber that contrasts and complements the contemporary art work.

ADDRESS
155 Barker St
Castlemaine

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SARAH FOWLER

JEWELLERY

Sarah Fowler's work is created entirely by hand, the passion for design and fine craftsmanship has given her a reputation for superb quality. Sarah uses traditional silversmithing techniques to create jewellery that is boldly contemporary and embedded in fundamental techniques and timeless influences.

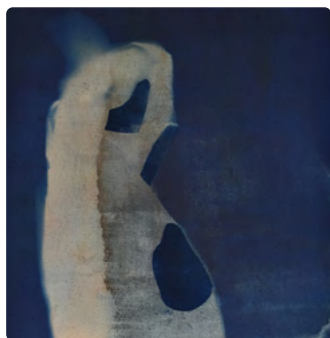
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12 Doveton St
Castlemaine

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STUDIO LEWIS

PRINTMAKING, ARTIST BOOKS, CYANOTYPES, PAINTINGS

Studio Lewis will be open and Malini will be working, most likely making either prints or artist books. Come for a look, a chat or a browse - lots of artwork for sale too.

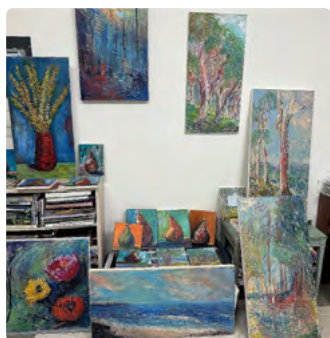
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32 Greenhill Ave
Castlemaine

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WENDY COLE

PAINTING

I have been painting in this art studio for the last two years having returned from Boston USA. I paint in an impressionist and abstract style mainly in acrylics. I take most of my inspiration from the environments in which I have lived.

ADDRESS
Shed 81, The Mill
9 Walker St
Castlemaine

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CASTLEMAINE ARTISTS MARKET

ART • CRAFT • FOOD

Sunday 23rd March
10am-2pm

Western Reserve, Castlemaine

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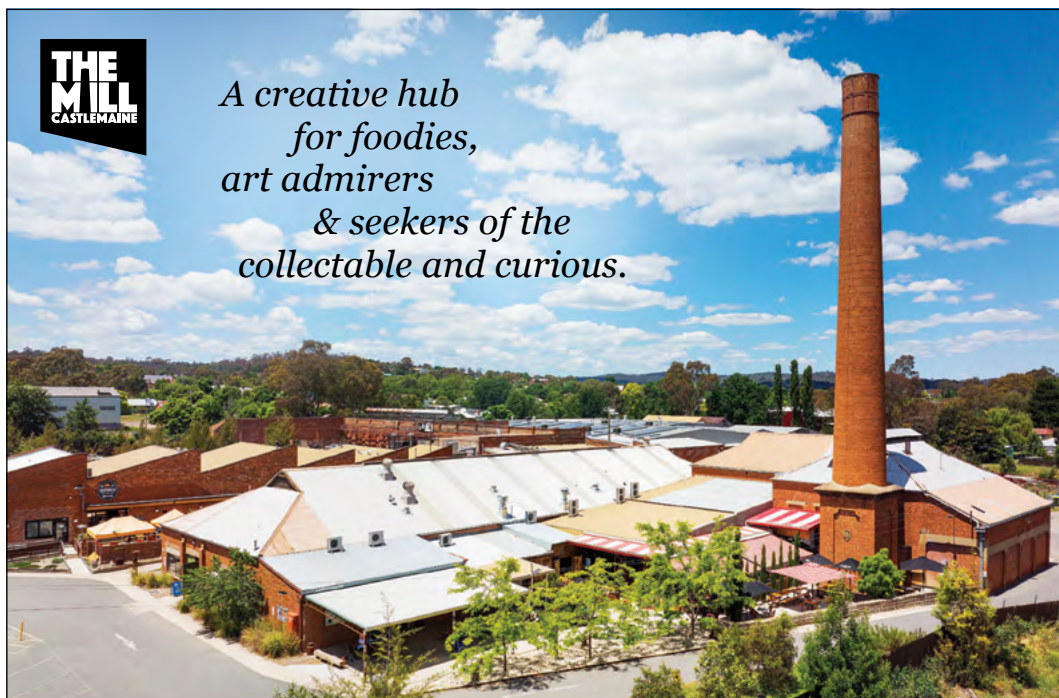
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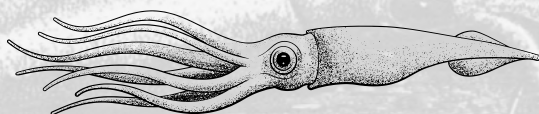
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Castlemaine Pride

Castlemaine Pride is a community-led initiative that organises local events and activities to bring people together, amplifying LGBTQIA+ voices and celebrating the culture, history, and creativity of the LGBTQIA+ community in Mount Alexander Shire. Mark your calendar for our Pride Picnic on Saturday, 14 November 2025!

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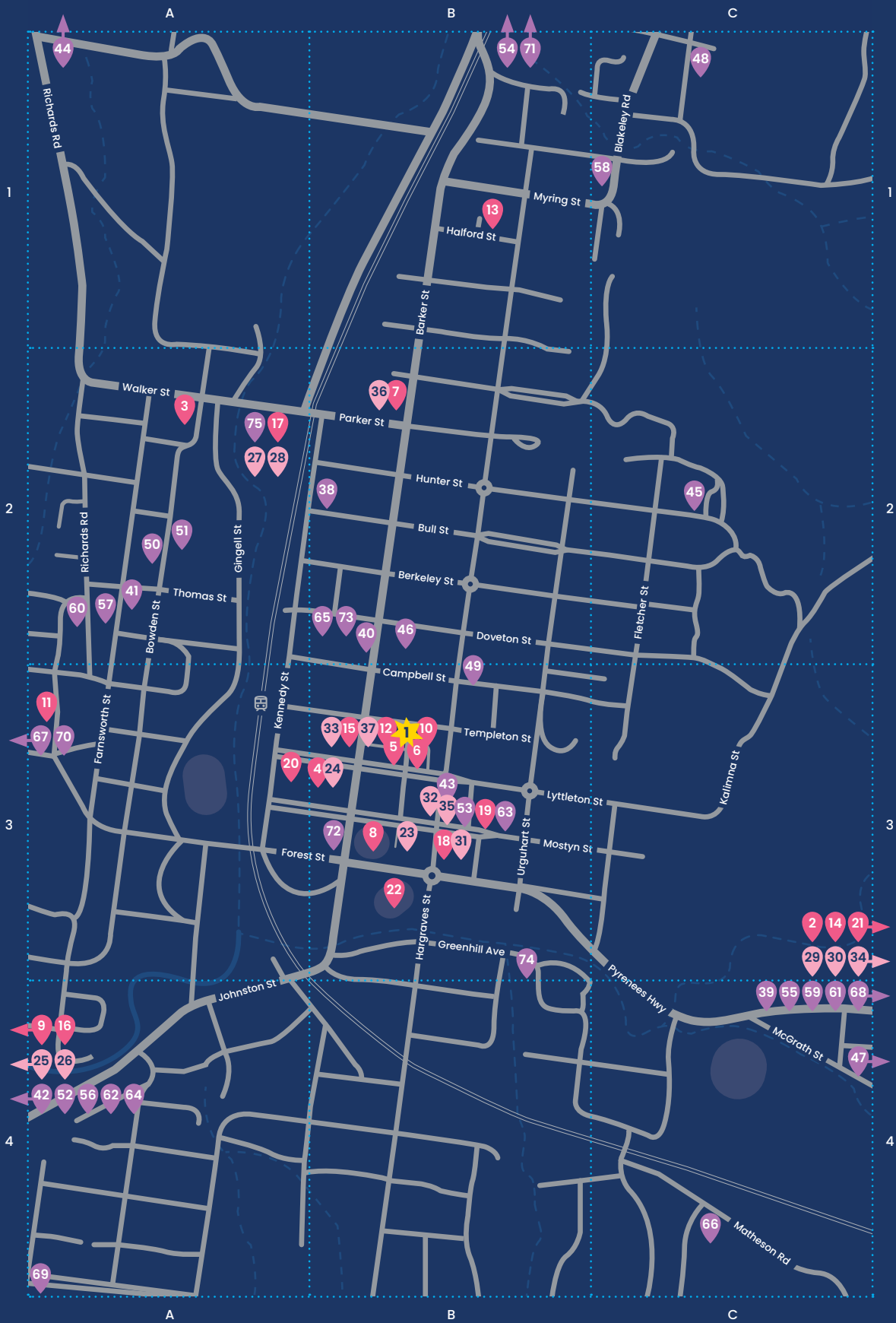


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EVENT VENUES



B3 Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub
Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine



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C3 The Albion
152 Duke St, Castlemaine

3

A2 The Bridge Hotel
21 Walker St, Castlemaine

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B3 Castlemaine Art Museum
14 Lyttleton St, Castlemaine



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B3 Castlemaine Fitness Centre
23A Lyttleton St, Castlemaine



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B3 Castlemaine Town Hall
25 Lyttleton St, Castlemaine



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B2 The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St, Castlemaine



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B3 Jaara (Victory) Park
Lyttleton St, Castlemaine



9

A4 lot19
19 Mcshanag Rd, Castlemaine



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B3 Mechanics Lane
Castlemaine



11

A3 Northern Books HQ
19 View St, Castlemaine



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B3 Phee Broadway Theatre
Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine



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B1 Punctum ICU
1 Halford St, Castlemaine



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C3 The Red Hill Hotel
163 Main Rd, Chewton

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B3 Sac'O'suds Launderette
231 Barker St, Castlemaine

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A4 The Salvage Yard
6 Lewis Dr, Castlemaine



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A2 The Taproom
9 Walker St, Castlemaine



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B3 Theatre Royal
30 Hargraves St, Castlemaine

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B3 Thompson Family Funerals
123 Mostyn St, Castlemaine



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A3 Uniting Church Hall
8-12 Lyttleton St, Castlemaine



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C3 Wesley Hill Hall
149 Pyrenees Hwy, Castlemaine

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B3 Western Reserve
Castlemaine


ARTS TRAIL


EXHIBITIONS

23 B3 Fringe & Frida 
Market Building, 44 Mostyn St

24 B3 Sir Les Thornton and Everything is Holy 
Castlemaine Art Museum
14 Lyttleton St

25 A4 Departure Point
Melinda Harper, Zoe Amor, Michael Wolfe and Dale Cox
lot19, 19 Mcshanag Rd

26 A4 Fleeting Fields, Rudderless and Small World Sculpture Prize 
Newstead Arts Hub
8a Tivey St, Newstead


27 A2 Everything You Need to Know About The Unforeseen 
by Melissa Proposch
Artpuff, Studio 38, The Mill,
9 Walker St

28 A2 I Am Someone 
The Taproom
The Mill, 9 Walker St

29 C3 Inkwareny Artists and NOIBLA
The Albion Hotel 152 Duke St

30 C3 The Grunge Gallery
Red Hill Hotel
163 Main Rd, Chewton


31 B3 Ned Middleton
Theatre Royal Beer Garden
30 Hargraves St, Castlemaine


32 B3 Only Connect 
Wide Open Road Art
Corner of Hargraves St & Mostyn St

33 B3 Smerkin.Merkins
Sac'O'Suds Laundrette
231 Barker St

34 C3 Taradale Primary Exhibition
Taradale Wine and Produce
120 High St, Taradale

35 B3 Who The Bloody Hell Are You?!
CASPA, 101 Mostyn St

36 B2 Wimble St Wall Projections 
The Northern Arts Hotel
359 Barker St

37 B3 World Views 
Phee Broadway Foyer
Mechanics Lane

OPEN STUDIOS

38 B2 Chris Guest
Free the Windhorse
1 Bull St

39 C4 Calan Stanley
16 Mitchell St, Chewton

40 B2 Catherine O'Leary
281 Barker St

41 A2 Dale Cox
96 Farnsworth St

42 A4 Damian Callanan
Studio 8, lot19
19 Mcshanags Rd

43 B3 David Moore
50 Hargraves St

44 A1 Graeme Galloway
Studio 146, 146 Richards Rd

45 C2 Julie Shaw & Judy Wild
Studio 77, 77 Hunter St

46 B2 Michael Wolfe
16 Doveton St

47 C4 Paloma White
43A Mcgrath St

48 C1 Penny Peckam
16 Carol St

49 B3 Richard Hollis & Michael Rigg
Castlemaine Walks
35 Campbell St

50 A2 Alistar Robertson
79 Bowden St

51 A2 Ann Ferguson & Kaori Fujimoto
62 Bowden St

52 A4 Belinda and Trefor Prest
136 Daylesford-Newstead Rd,
Strangways

53 B3 Ben Laycock
CASPA, 101 Mostyn St

54 B1 Blakeley Art Studio Collective
271 Blakeley Rd, Barkers Creek

**55 C4 Carole Kernohan
& Michelle Guest**
90 Davy St, Taradale

56 A4 Castlemaine Press
lot19, 19 McShanag Rd

57 A2 Catherine Pilgrim
87 Farnsworth St (Rear)

58 C1 Clayton Tremlett
5 Blakeley Rd

**59 C4 Colleen Jones
& Brian Bainbridge**
1602 Calder Hwy, Taradale

**60 A2 Deb Lemcke, Kathy Landvogt
& Lorena Carrington** 17 Richards Rd

61 C4 Divine Fools Faff
Redhaus Artist Cottage 82 Duke St

62 A4 Dusty Pots
1 Maldon Rd

63 B3 Eliza Tree
137 Mostyn St

64 A4 Ellen Elizabeth
76 Pullans Rd, Gower

65 B2 Eva Miller
2 Doveton St

66 C4 Fluxed Earth
7 Matheson Rd

67 A3 Helen Gilfillan
The Paddock, 19 Reckleben St

68 C4 Jodie Parker
The Random Creative
1871 Calder Hwy, Taradale

69 A4 Jody Galvin
2 Etty St

70 A3 Karen Holland
6 Nolan St

71 B1 Paul Cavell
47 Weynton Rd

72 B3 Ron Holden
The LEFT BANK Gallery
155 Barker St

73 B2 Sarah Fowler Jewellery
12 Doveton St

74 B3 Studio Lewis
32 Greenhill Ave

75 A2 Wendy Cole
Shed 81, The Mill, 9 Walker St

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