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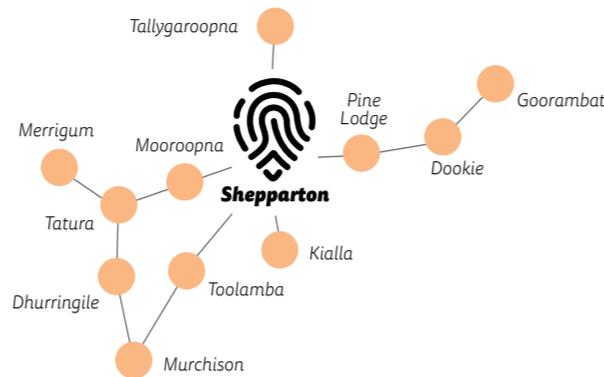
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13-29 March

# EVOLVE 2020

**17** days    **60+** events    **250+** artists    **40** venues

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the place now called Greater Shepparton, and all First Peoples living and working on this land. We recognise and celebrate the cultural heritage, creative contributions, and stories of the First Peoples of Australia. We pay respect to Elders of today, emerging Elders of tomorrow and Elders of the past.



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# CALL TO EVOLVE

*John F Kennedy: 'Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.'*

Or, in other words: evolve or die. As melodramatic as it sounds, this is something I relate to deeply.

When I realised I had the privilege of choosing the theme for the 2020 Shepparton Festival, I initially felt overwhelmed. How could I possibly select one idea to define the festival? Then one day, as I drove past the new Shepparton Art Museum site, 'evolve or die' came to me with enormous clarity. EVOLVE or die!

To evolve is to embrace life. It is human nature. It is life itself. The call to evolve transcends beliefs, religion, and circumstance. Positive or negative, as our surroundings change, we are required to respond. How we react is the point at which personal evolution begins. Will we become stagnant, or will we grab life with both hands?

Our region is bursting with creativity. It always has. It's one of the reasons the Shepparton Festival is now in its 24th year, and I truly hope you can feel the electricity in these pages. This is a new and exciting Shepparton Festival built from the ground up, and it is truly collaborative. Creatives from far and wide tell our region's story through their interpretations of the theme EVOLVE. It is a celebration of our community, for us all to enjoy.

When we plant a tree we do so knowing we may not live to enjoy its shade. So I sincerely thank all who have contributed to the Shepparton Festival over its 24 year history. And to those making this year's festival possible - I thank you too. You are now part of the rich history of the arts in regional Victoria, and the Shepparton Festival. A heartfelt thanks also to our team of board members,



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**Jamie Lea**  
Shepparton Festival, Creative Director

staff and volunteers. I sincerely appreciate everything you do. Your efforts nourish us so that future generations may bask in the shade of your labour.

As our community embraces change I feel enormous pride in the place that we call home, and an even deeper pride in being able to participate and contribute. It is my hope that no matter your role in our community that you know how sincerely welcome you are to engage, experience and enjoy Shepparton Festival. A festival made for, and about you. May you be inspired to contribute to the positive evolution of our town, and to Shepparton Festival in 2021 when we celebrate 25 years.

# WELCOME



**Martin Foley**  
Minister for  
Creative Industries

Welcome to the 2020 Shepparton Festival – an event that proves that creativity has the power to bring an entire community together.

This year the program dives into a rich theme – EVOLVE – a fitting exploration for one of regional Victoria's longest running festivals.

What began as an open invitation to come and share a love of creativity has evolved over 24 years into a 17-day program of events spanning visual art, music, dance, comedy, food, writing and film.

This evolution continues to be driven by passionate and determined locals – more than 100 of whom are playing a vital role in the delivery of this year's event.

The festival brings together people of all ages and backgrounds and is serious about supporting its talent – more than 250 local and visiting artists will feature in the 2020 program.

From the seed of an idea, planted by a few locals more than two decades ago, to a flourishing celebration – this festival captures the spirit and creativity of the Shepparton community.



**Seema Abdullah**  
Mayor of Greater Shepparton

Greater Shepparton City Council is thrilled to sponsoring the Shepparton Festival once again in 2020.

The festival, in its 24th year, is one of the major highlights in our region's event calendar and attracts visitors from right across the state.

The theme for this year's Shepparton Festival is EVOLVE, and our creative art and cultural landscape is certainly evolving. How pleasing it is to see that with each passing day we are evolving into a more inclusive and dynamic community!

There are so many positive things happening currently in Greater Shepparton and this festival encourages us to identify them and shine a bright light on our region.

Council is committed to the Shepparton Festival and acknowledges the way it has continued to enrich our region. We would like to congratulate the stakeholders who have been working hard behind the scenes to make this festival a success once again.

We encourage attendees of the festival to embrace, celebrate and connect with the many artistic expressions that will be showcased in the festival.

Soak in the vibrancy and diversity Greater Shepparton has to offer and please enjoy the Shepparton Festival.



**Professor John Dewar**  
Vice-Chancellor,  
La Trobe University

La Trobe University is proud to be a principal partner of the 2020 Shepparton Festival.

This is the ninth year that La Trobe has sponsored the Festival. It's become an important part of our engagement with the Shepparton community.

At La Trobe, we take our role in regional communities very seriously. We're proud to bring educational opportunities to communities that would not have them but for the presence of our campuses.

We also recognise that the arts and culture are crucial components of thriving communities. The La Trobe Art Institute has set an ambitious plan to be a national leader in regional arts. Working in partnership with programs in Shepparton will be a key element in its success.

Just as the 2020 Shepparton Festival theme of EVOLVE challenges artists, community groups and organisations to expand their practice across professional boundaries, at La Trobe we are embracing change. We aspire to be 'All Kinds of Clever', which acknowledges the way that we are building on our traditional strengths by adapting and thinking differently to address the big issues that are facing the world.

I am delighted that La Trobe University is part of this superb event. I wish the people of Shepparton and surrounding regions an enjoyable 24th Shepparton Festival.

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# AT A GLANCE



Wheelchair accessible



Child friendly



Free event

For more information on how to purchase tickets, visit [sheppartonfestival.org.au](http://sheppartonfestival.org.au)  
Event calendar and venues are subject to change - follow us on Facebook for updates.

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29 Mar	<b>Festival Finale</b> <i>Junction Hotel, Toolamba</i>	\$5 - \$60	9
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27 Mar	<b>2020 Shepp Got Soul</b> <i>The Vault</i>	\$16 - \$21	20
<b>COMEDY</b>			
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21 Mar	<b>Blak Cabaret</b> <i>Rumbalara Football Netball Club</i>	\$15	23
26 Mar	<b>Ovariacting: A Period Drama</b> <i>La Trobe University</i>	\$25	23
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20 Mar	<b>St Georges Road Community Fun Night</b> <i>Victory Park</i>	FREE	24
22 Mar	<b>Albanian Harvest Festival</b> <i>Shepparton Showgrounds</i>	Gold coin	25
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25 Mar	<b>Auroa Circus Oz</b> <i>Riverlinks Westside</i>	\$32 - \$115	29
<b>KIDS</b>			
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19 Mar	<b>River Weaving Workshop</b> <i>Junction of Goulburn &amp; Broken Rivers</i>	FREE	39
19, 25 & 26 Mar	<b>Craft and Coffee</b> <i>Libraries in the GV</i>	Gold coin	39
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21 Mar	<b>Ceramics Along the River</b> <i>Australian Botanic Gardens</i>	FREE	41
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25 Mar	<b>Cheese &amp; Cider Tastings</b> <i>Fryers Street Food Store</i>	\$60	44

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Festival Opening

Shepparton Festival

Friday 13 March  
6pm - 7pm  
Maude St Mall Stage  
Maude St Mall,  
Shepparton



All are invited to the Opening of the Festival which this year will take place in the heart of the CBD, Maude St Mall. On display will be the various artworks that local artists have produced to encapsulate this year's theme EVOLVE. Our Creative Director, Jamie Lea, will give you a few tips about how you can get the most out of this year's festival.

***"There's no better way to start the festival than to join us at the Festival Opening Celebration! It's a great way to meet people and it gives you a flavour of what is to come, and what to look out for, and what to be sure to attend," Jamie Lea.***

For the visually stimulated, you can come and see the artwork produced by Shepparton's emerging artists as a response to our Call to Create - comprising the entries created for our guide cover for 2020. But for the aurally focussed, we also have the creative writing responses to the artwork in our second Call to Create which entails the authors from GV Writers Group reading their works. This is a great place to celebrate what promises to be a fabulous 17 days for everyone associated with the festival: artists, punters, organisers, sponsors and performers.

Afterwards we will stroll down Maude St to #108, where we look forward to viewing the exhibition of Life Drawing Exhibition at their opening.



## Human Book Club

Everybody has a story

Tuesday 17 March  
6pm - 8pm  
Shepparton Library  
41 Marungi St,  
Shepparton  
Register at the  
Shepparton Library  
or call 1300 374765



For the Shepparton Festival theme EVOLVE the Human Book Club will present the topic: 'my fabulous career change'. This topic will look at the changing face of the workforce, and the expectations and demands that shape the decisions about when, how and where we work.

A job or career for life is no longer the expectation or reality of anyone in the workforce. The Human Book Club will give participants a chance to tell their stories, or hear the stories of others, and give these stories about work and career evolution a human face.

## Culture Conversations

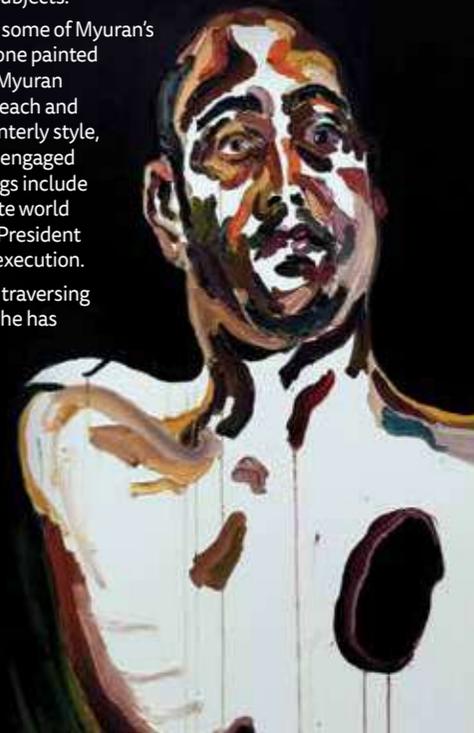
A world without the death penalty

Join barrister Julian McMahon who, with others, represented members of the accused Bali Nine (Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukamaran), in conversation with SAM (Shepparton Art Museum) Director Rebecca Coates, to discuss his work representing those facing the death penalty, his mission to bring state sponsored killings to an end, and the power of art to offer a language to talk about such difficult subjects.

La Trobe University and SAM are proud to present some of Myuran's last portraits completed before his death in 2015, one painted on the day he received news of certain execution. Myuran was taught by Ben Quilty who travelled to Bali to teach and mentor him. Quilty is known for his expressive painterly style, and for advocating for change through his socially engaged painting practice. The subjects of Myuran's paintings include self-portraits, those who were part of his immediate world including Julian McMahon, alongside a portrait of President Widodo painted on the day of the news of certain execution.

Julian McMahon AC SC has a lifetime's experience traversing city and regional Australia. For more than 17 years he has worked for prisoners facing the death penalty. He is President of the Capital Punishment Justice Project and a human rights advocate.

Wednesday 18 March  
6pm - 7pm, followed by refreshments  
La Trobe University, 210 Fryers St, Shepparton  
Cost: \$10  
Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10816](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10816)

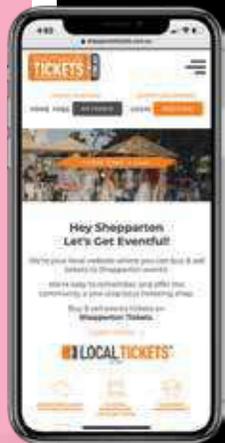


## BOOK YOUR FESTIVAL TICKETS NOW

Reserving a spot at your favourite events is easy.

You can register your interest to a free event and purchase tickets online at [sheppartontickets.com.au](http://sheppartontickets.com.au)

Events are selling fast, don't miss out, book your tickets now.



Open your phone camera and hover over this app code. Then press the link.

## Shepparton Festival Podcast

Tenielle McKenzie in conversation with guests



Thursday 19 March  
7pm  
Terminus Hotel  
212 High St, Shepparton  
Cost: \$20

Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10681](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10681)



ATTENTION MEDIA

Are you a fan of post-dinner conversation? You know, the kind that only kicks in 3 wines deep and after the sun has set?

Be a part of the SheppFest Podcast as we dive into what it means to EVOLVE looking at the role of the arts within both community and self-evolution. With a superstar panel of special guests and performances led by Tenielle McKenzie, this is a night worth leaving the dinner table for. Tenielle is a songwriter, performer and podcaster dedicated to the art of storytelling. Whatever the form, Tenielle's art shines a light on the human suffering which unifies mankind, yet amongst the pathos, Tenielle's trademark incisive humour will leave you smiling.

Tune in to our pre-festival podcast from February!  
Follow us on Facebook for details.



## Let's Draw with Mandy Ord

Shepparton Library and Graphic Artist, Mandy Ord

Learn from one of the brightest faces in comic art – Mandy Ord. Mandy is an illustrator and cartoonist with a wealth of published work, including children's books and comics for various publications, including *The Age*. She has a passion for teaching, delivering lectures and leading workshops across Australia and internationally.

Learn illustrative techniques, build your confidence and create your own work, all in a relaxed and fun environment, with separate workshops for children and adults.

Tuesday 24 March  
11am (kids) & 4pm (adults)  
Shepparton Library, 41 Marungi St, Shepparton  
Cost: Gold coin donation  
Register at the Shepparton Library or call 1300 374 765



Skuzz - a family trio

## Festival Finale

Closing party not to be missed!



Sunday 29 March  
2pm

Junction Hotel  
24 Wren St, Toolamba  
Cost: \$50 (\$60 with bus)  
U16 \$5 (\$10 with bus)

Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10685](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10685)

Everyone is invited! Join us as we close out SheppFest 2020 in the lush outdoor setting of the "The Back Paddock" at Toolamba's iconic Junction Hotel.

Featuring music by Skuzz, a family trio that have played throughout the Goulburn Valley and beyond for the last 15 years. Skuzz are renowned for their harmonies mixed with smooth acoustic guitar playing and the best song choices. They will be joined by a surprise and stellar line up of local musicians, guaranteeing an afternoon of dancing, singing and good times.

Relax and enjoy the music or dance the afternoon away. With Shepparton Festival revealing the 2021 festival theme, this is a closing party not to be missed!

\*Bus leaves Shepparton Library at 1.30pm  
Return bus leaves Junction Hotel at 6.00pm

Kristen Retallick

# Sensing Place

An evolving exhibition about nostalgia and the senses

**Mobile Exhibition**

Friday 13 March to Sunday 29 March  
Follow SheppFest on social media for updates

**Window Installation**

Friday 13 March to Sunday 29 March  
Fryers St Food Store, 53 Fryers St, Shepparton

**Exhibition Closing Party**

Thursday 26 March  
6.30pm

The Vault, 168R Maude St, Shepparton

Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10684](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10684)



FREE



Photo credit: Sara Retallick

Sensing Place, a visual arts project conceptualised and delivered by Kristen Retallick.

Kristen has collaborated with perfumer, Rebecca Young to create an art experience for the senses inside a converted caravan that will appear at various locations and events throughout the festival. The van is a mobile exhibition space and the work inside intends to spark nostalgic memory through the combination of abstract artwork and scent. Viewers will be asked to write or draw a response to Sensing Place after they have experienced the work, which will then be added to an installation in the window at Fryers St Food Store. The window installation will be viewable day and night from outside the café.

To bring together all the elements of the project, the van will be parked at The Vault for a closing party, including an artist talk and a final chance to experience the work and view the finished exhibition including the viewer contributions.

# sam.

Shepparton Art Museum

**SAM goes local in March and beyond after the excellent response in previous years. Watch SAM transform with 5 exhibitions dedicated to spotlighting artistic creativity in our community.**

**SAM Local: Best of Friends**

13 March - 3 May

Are you a creative? Are you a Friend of SAM? Showcasing painting, printmaking, drawing, textiles, ceramics and photography this open access exhibition celebrates the diversity and strength of local creatives in the Goulburn Valley region.



SAM Local: Best of Friends opening night 2019.

**SAM Local: Spotlight, Madeline Wright**

13 March - 3 May

SAM Local: Spotlight is an exhibition supporting a local artist from the region, chosen from an open call-out process. Shepparton born and Arcadia raised, Madeline Wright is the 2020 SAM Local: Spotlight artist. Madeline's exhibition A Field Guide to Utopia will see her make multiple trips back to her home town to create works which she describes as 'assemblages of Acadia'. The exhibition includes works in metal, ceramics, glass and the materials of the Goulburn River.

**SAM eduLAB: Nadia Hernández**

13 March - 3 May

SAM's 2020 Education Laboratory (eduLAB) artist Nadia Hernández works with students, teachers, and the general public to create an immersive, vibrant and interactive exhibition that will transform SAM's gallery space over a period of five weeks. School sessions are artist led, and we encourage schools and community groups to book in. Don't miss out! In partnership with La Trobe University.



SAM eduLAB: Nadia Hernandez - Nadia Hernandez, *Nosotros Somos*, 2019, paper cut, 71 x 90cm, framed. Courtesy of artist.

**Showcase #25: Sandra Bowkett**

7 February - 6 May

Showcase artist #25 Sandra Bowkett is a Ceramicist based in Tallarook. She presents a collection of ceramic vessels that explore and make visible the energy of wood-firing on earthen materials. Sandra's pieces will be available for purchase at the SAM shop.

**Drawing Wall #38: Troy Firebrace**

3 April - 27 May

The SAM Drawing Wall is an ongoing series of commissioned, temporary wall-base drawings enlivening the foyer space at the entrance to SAM. Troy Firebrace is a local Yorta Yorta artist and educator, and will be the 38th SAM Drawing Wall artist. Troy's works draw from his culture, identity, the environment, life experience and inspiration found in street art. His continued experimentation with vibrant colours amplify intricate and detailed designs.



SAM Local: Spotlight artist Madeline Wright. Photo, Amina Barolli.

# Kaiela Spirit

## Bush face sculpture

March to June  
10am - 5pm Saturday & Sunday  
(Longleat Winery Opening Hours)  
Longleat Winery  
105 Old Weir Rd, Murchison

• FREE



Kaiela Spirit is a bamboo sculpture within a bush land setting on the banks of the Kaiela (Goulburn River) at Longleat Winery, Murchison. The sculpture represents the cultural heritage and of the spirit of the land.

Kaiela Spirit is made by John Head with bamboo donated by Ian Christoe and the assistance of Sandra and Guido Vazzoler, Sonny Cooper and the 'Goats' Cycling Club.



Photo credit: Ginger and Mint

## Festival Wall

### Shepparton secondary schools' canvas

The Festival Wall is an exciting collaboration between the Shepparton Festival, local accounting firm Stubbs Wallace and the students from secondary schools in Greater Shepparton.

Asking students to respond to the festival theme EVOLVE this outdoor temporary art space is where local and emerging artists can be supported, commissioned and curated as part of the Festival program.

This year's works will be available to view for an entire year, starting at the 2020 Shepparton Festival!

From Friday 13 March  
Available to view anytime  
Stubbs Wallace car park  
160 Welsford St, Shepparton

• FREE



## Photography Exhibition

### Presented by ConnectGV

Focused on the theme of EVOLVE, this exhibition aims to capture the changing landscape, culture, and people of Shepparton from the perspective of local people with a disability. Featuring a mixture of black and white, and colour photography, this exhibition promotes inclusion in all ways in the Shepparton community.

This project is made possible through support from Shepparton Festival and Riverlinks.

Friday 13 March to Sunday 29 March  
10am - 5pm  
Riverlinks Eastbank  
70 Welsford St, Shepparton

• FREE



## Rust & Wine

### Tank & Tobin @ Tallis

Friday 13 March to Sunday 29 March  
Exhibition open during  
cellar door hours.

Tuesday to Thursday 11am - 4pm  
Friday to Sunday 11am - 5pm  
Closed Mondays

Tallis Wine Cellar Door  
195 Major Plains Rd, Dookie  
0437 825 547

Tank Art  
TALLIS Wine

• FREE

RUST & WINE is an exhibition of large-scale sculptures scattered around the Tallis Wine cellar door landscape. This is a rare opportunity to experience a collaboration of works between well-known, local artists Tank and Steve Tobin set within the spectacular landscape at Tallis Cellar door.



## Dookie Nomadic Silos

*Dookie's unique take on silo art*

Friday 13 March to Sunday 29 March  
Available to view anytime  
Dookie

The silo art trend is infusing Australians with newfound energy and enthusiasm. Dookie's Nomadic Silos are a quirky response to this iconic project. A collection of mobile bins and silos have been converted into a series of nomadic artworks, using a variety of mediums. For the duration of the festival, these nomadic artworks will be located in the Dookie township.



Photo credit: Liz Evans

## Silo Exhibition

*Dookie Artists Tree and various local artists*

Sometimes considered a work of art in themselves, decommissioned silos are a popular canvas for visual art in country towns, changing the way we think about the land and our surroundings. This exhibition explores the many different ways of looking at silos, featuring many artists using many different mediums, including sculpture, photography, drawing, painting, and anything else silo-related.

**Exhibition Opening:** Saturday 14 March  
5pm

**Exhibition:** Saturday 14 to Sunday 29 March  
10am - 5:30pm daily  
Dookie Artists Tree, 64 Mary St, Dookie



FREE



*Featured in this event will be the artworks created in the Children's Silo Designs event on 29 February, page 32.*



Photo credit: John Russell

## Life Drawing Exhibition

*Shepparton Life Drawing Group*

Exploring the evolution of the diverse and vibrant work of the Shepparton Life Drawing group, with old and new members, some working continuously over 21 years. From a floating participation group of around 20, works in charcoal, pastel, pencil, ink, oils and watercolours regularly thrill with vibrance, intensity and energy.

**Exhibition opening:**

Friday 13 March  
7:30pm

**Exhibition:**

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 March  
11am - 5pm  
'Maude', 108 Maude St, Shepparton

FREE



## Australian Muslim Artists Exhibition

*La Trobe University and Islamic Museum of Australia*

**Exhibition Opening and Floor Talk**

Saturday 14 March 2pm - 4pm

Opening registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10817](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10817)

**Exhibition**

Saturday 14 March to Friday 10 April

Monday to Friday 9am - 4:30pm

La Trobe University, 210 Fryers St, Shepparton



FREE



La Trobe University at the Shepparton Campus are proud to display some of the shortlisted works from the Australian Muslim Artists Exhibition, hosted by the Islamic Museum of Australia and sponsored by La Trobe University, featuring 2011 Archibald finalist and recipient of the inaugural \$15,000 Art Prize, artist Abdul Abdullah.

We are delighted to welcome some of the artists who will be joining us at the Opening.



Photo credit: Serana Hunt-Hughes

## EVOLVE with Textile Art

Shepparton Textile Artists Inc.

Shepparton Textile Artists are putting on a week-long exhibition exploring the constantly evolving world of fibre and thread. The exhibition will feature textile art that uses techniques such as embroidery, dyeing, weaving, sewing, beading, and painting. Every piece is a unique work of art. Be enthralled!

Saturday 14 to Saturday 21 March  
9am - 4pm each day  
Alex Rigg Foyer, Eastbank  
70 Welsford St, Shepparton  
Cost: \$3 at the door



Go on, throw it!

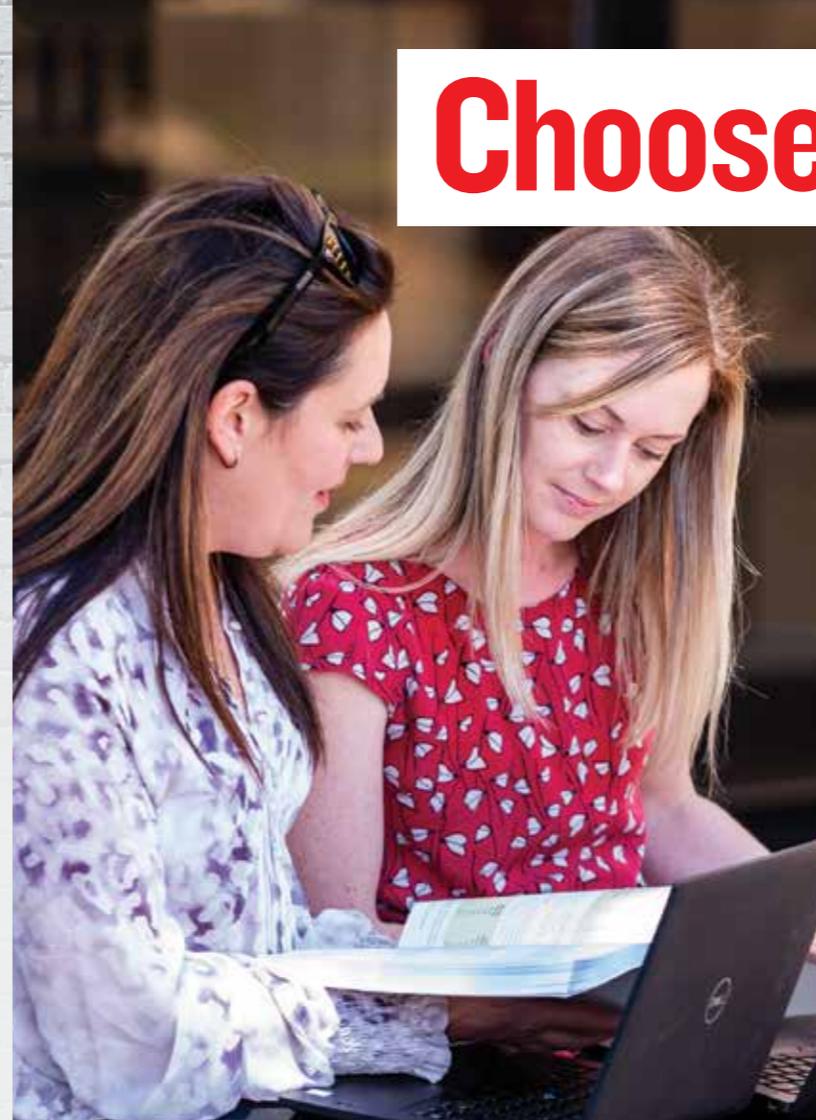
# Artwork Evolution

Word and Mouth & Tank

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 March  
10am - 3pm  
SPC Factory Sales  
Rowe St, Shepparton

Presented by Word and Mouth, Artwork Evolution is a free public art activity that encourages everyone to join in the creativity. A public mural will be created by throwing paint filled balloons at a wall, evolving throughout the festival as more and more are thrown! All are encouraged to participate! Local artist Tank will be there to guide the creation of this community masterpiece.

**FREE**



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# Quarry Chorus

An all-body sensory experience



Photo credit: Peter Fogarty

Saturday 14 March  
7pm  
Dookie Quarry  
Baldock St, Dookie  
Registrations:  
shepparontickets.com.au/event/10792



• FREE



Experience the power of sound, light and movement in one of the most magical spaces right on our doorstep. This will be a multilayered spectacular at Goulburn Valley's best kept secret location, the Dookie Quarry.

In this incredible amphitheatre, the audience will be surrounded by a choir (directed by Ryan Black) singing harmoniously in the round, an all-body sensory experience.

Performing alongside the choir will be singer-songwriter Scott Darlow, a mainstay of Australia's Indigenous and independent music industry. With acoustic guitar in hand, Scott will share with us originals that cross the spectrum from country to heartland rock, to more traditional pop, all unified by Scott's passionate, anthemic approach.

After two successful years with the Shepparton Festival, Awaken Dance Theatre Company (directed by Kyla McGregor) will return to delight the audience with a unique theatrical experience as the sun sets. Using the textured red stone faces of the quarry as a canvas, dancers will perform contemporary piece "For the One" in conjunction with atmospheric lighting, projection and shadow effects.

The evening will close with music from experimental duo, Wildebeest.

The Dookie Quarry is a truly breathtaking space, making this another unique event in an unusual place.

Refreshments will be available for purchase or BYO picnic.

Registrations are essential.

# Affinity Quartet

Next generation of Australian classical superstars

Melbourne based Affinity Quartet explores diverse histories in the string quartet to bring classical music to wider audiences. Comprising musicians from the country's leading orchestras and ensembles, this group has been described as the 'next generation of Australian classical superstars' (Play On Music). This one-hour concert allows music-lovers to hear and see the quartet up close.

Affinity Quartet's ode to the string quartet is not to be missed!

Saturday 14 March  
7pm - 8pm  
St Alban's Anglican Church  
15 - 17 Young St, Mooroopna  
Sunday 15 March  
2pm - 3pm  
La Trobe University  
210 Fryers St, Shepparton  
Registrations: shepparontickets.com.au/event/10827

• FREE



'Nicholas Waters, violin, Ioana Tache, violin, William Clark, viola, and Mee Na Lojewski, cello, comprise what is one of the most exciting young ensembles to make their mark on Melbourne's classical music scene.' (Classic Melbourne)



# Shepparton Brass and Wind

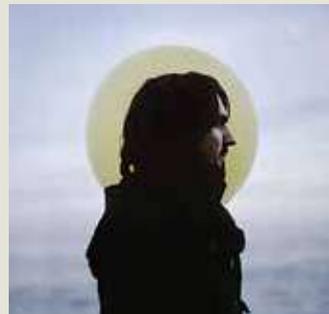
Chapel on Maude

Come along to Chapel on Maude to see the Shepparton Brass and Wind showcase the region's many talented musicians, in an evening of music to delight all. With up to 30 members ranging in ages from 10 to 70, and performing regularly at a variety of community events and festivals, Shepparton Brass and Wind are a mainstay of the Shepparton music community.

Bring the family and be invigorated by the experience of a live concert band for the cost of a gold coin donation.

Wednesday 18 March  
7.30pm  
Chapel on Maude, 160 Maude St, Shepparton  
Cost: Gold coin donation





## Interactive Artist in Residence

Ryan Meeking

Locally raised and internationally successful musician Ryan Meeking will explore the festival theme EVOLVE through music by writing, creating, performing, and upskilling during week two of the festival! The charming Chapel on Maude will host Ryan for the week when he will create and hone a new musical creation.

Ryan will invite the public to observe part of the writing, recording, and development process. Each day at midday the public can take their lunchbreak in a unique way by watching Ryan perform his most recent addition to his festival masterpiece plus originals and some of his all-time favourite covers. Audiences can keep up to date on the progress of Ryan's EVOLVE creation via an online blog and by live streaming.

In an exciting and rare opportunity, Ryan will also offer a series of hour long, one-on-one sessions with young people who wish to develop their music writing skills.

Monday 23 to Friday 27 March  
10am - 5pm

**Live performance:** 12pm  
Chapel on Maude, 160 Maude St, Shepparton  
Bookings are required for the one-on-one sessions  
Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10801](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10801)



## 2020 Shepp Got Soul

The Offtopics & The Deans of Soul

Friday 27 March  
7pm - 10.30pm

The Vault  
168R Maude St, Shepparton  
Cost: \$16 General Admission  
\$21 Reserved seat  
Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10856](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10856)

Two great bands to make you laugh, dance and clap your hands to the evolution of groove. This night takes you on a musical journey through original songs in the style of 60s Northern Soul, Southern Rock, New Orleans Funk, Ska, Rocksteady from The Offtopics followed by the smooth 70s Grooves and Modern Disco of The Deans of Soul.

**The Deans of Soul**  
Winners of The Age Music Victoria Award for Best Indigenous Act 2014.  
Nominated for "Band of the Year" in the prestigious Deadly Awards in 2007

Here's what people have to say about The Offtopics:

*"They are a... GREAT, little band. They put on SUCH a good show!"*

*Vince Peach (Legendary 3PBS Soul DJ)*

*"They're like the orgiastic love ritual of Frank Zappa, Charles Bradley and the Doobie Brothers!"*  
*Arik Bluhm (Music Project Officer, Multicultural Arts Victoria)*



## EVOLVE COLLAGE

guide cover

Rachel Doller



My work is a celebration of the evolution of this amazing place we call home, into a truly diverse and exciting region.

The mixed media collage is a harmonious collection of elements: geometric and organic shapes, bold colour combinations and expressive pattern, line and texture. The work aims to honour this place of opportunity, community and culture and the people that inhabit it. The artwork inspires fun and a child-like creative energy but above all aims to explore the evolution of our region's modern landscape with its dynamic mix of people, places and experiences.

SHEPPARTON  
FESTIVAL

# WINTER FESTIVAL

Coming July

Featuring  
'Hello Shepparton'  
Hannie Rayson

Keep an eye on Shepparton  
Festival Facebook and website  
for more information

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**Sam Coats**

## Women of the White House

*Make cabaret great again!*

Friday 20 March  
7pm  
La Trobe University  
210 Fryers St, Shepparton  
Full \$25 / Concession \$20 / Unwaged \$10  
Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10776](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10776)



Women of the White House is an all-singing, all-dancing, part drag, all wigs, tell-all exposé of true facts, fake news, and modern-day right-wing conservative feminism from inside the big orange world of Trump.



## Blak Cabaret

*Australia's finest Indigenous musicians, comedians and dancers*

Saturday 21 March  
6pm  
Rumbalara Football Netball Club Social Room  
20 Mercury Dve, Shepparton  
Cost: \$15  
Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10775](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10775)



Blak Cabaret is a raucous addition to Shepparton Festival. Hosted by Rumbalara Football Netball Club (RFNC) and Malthouse Theatre, you will be captivated by a night of sparkling variety that assembles some of Australia's finest Indigenous musicians, comedians and dancers on stage in RFNC's social room.

With cabaret table-style seating, refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the evening to keep the good times flowing. What better way to celebrate the opening of the footy/netball season than an uproarious and subversive party that lights up the night with music, comedy and dance!

**Jamie Boiskin**

## Ovariacting: A Period Drama

*A riotous cabaret about periods and endometriosis*

Jamie Boiskin's a menstrual activist. Wait, wait, come back, I promise it's okay!

Jamie's on a mission: to stop men backing away from the word 'period'. And could we chat about Endo? Informative, riotous, this cabaret fights period stigma with slut drops, tampon bullets, and a RuPaul inspired uterus.

Thursday 26 March  
7pm  
La Trobe University  
210 Fryers St, Shepparton  
Cost: \$25  
Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10809](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10809)





## St Georges Road Community Fun Night

*Celebrate exciting and varied traditions*

Friday 20 March  
5pm - 8pm  
Victory Park  
St Georges Rd, Shepparton

FREE  



The St Georges Road Community invites you to an evening of family friendly fun. Featuring cultural games and activities, including soccer, bocce, egg and spoon races, henna painting and much more. Come and eat delicious food, connect with your neighbour, and experience the exciting and varied traditions of those that live here. Kindly supported by the Ethnic Council.



## Albanian Harvest Festival

*Music, dancing and cuisine*

The Shepparton Albanian Harvest Festival showcases the Albanian culture unlike any other event in Australia. The Harvest Festival will entertain audiences with traditional Albanian music, dancing and cuisine. The Harvest Festival features traditional Albanian food available for purchase. There is also plenty of entertainment for the family with jumping castles, kids' giant games and face painting.

Sunday 22 March  
11am - 4pm  
Shepparton Show Grounds  
High St, Shepparton  
Cost: Gold coin donation

## Honouring our Stories

*Bangerang Cultural Centre*

Come and celebrate the Aboriginal culture at this unique evening. Immerse yourself in history as Elders guide you through the significant Bangerang Cultural Centre collection, the extent of which will amaze you! Be fascinated by the stories behind the artefacts and blown away by their antiquity. Traditional dance and food tastings make this evening a truly special one.

Monday 23 March  
6pm  
Bangerang Cultural Centre  
1 Evergreen Way, Shepparton  
Cost: \$20  
Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10802](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10802)

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Ginger and Mint





## The Longest Art Table

One super-long canvas will EVOLVE

In the mode of *The Longest Morning Tea*, Splinter Contemporary Artists present *The Longest Art Table* during the Converge on the Goulburn festival. With art materials supplied, adults and children can paint, draw, print or stencil their images to show their own journeys. These could be physical journeys to get here, or their journey in life. Over time one super-long canvas will evolve, telling the collective stories of those that participated.

Saturday 28 March  
4pm  
Converge on the Goulburn  
Victoria Park Lake  
Tom Collins Drive, Shepparton



# Converge on the Goulburn

Greater Shepparton's largest free community event

Saturday 28 March  
4pm - 10pm

Victoria Park Lake  
Tom Collins Drive,  
Shepparton



Photo credit: Jim Gow

Come along and enjoy the harmonious mixture of sound, colour, movement and taste at Converge on the Goulburn.

Held at the picturesque Victoria Park Lake, Converge celebrates and shares the stories of the many multicultural and indigenous cultures which make up the Greater Shepparton community.

Enjoy great stage entertainment of traditional and contemporary performances. Explore the vibrant marketplace offering crafts, visual arts and cultural activities. Send your taste buds on a journey around the globe with endless options of authentic flavoursome foods to try.

This year, a special feature will be joining the Converge program: The Country Fire Authority Rural and Urban Championships will present a light relay around the lake. More than 600 participants with lamps in hand will march in uniform just after dusk, creating a beautiful ambiance for the festival to move into the night time celebrations.

This is a free, inclusive, zero alcohol, family event.

Converge is proudly supported by Greater Shepparton City Council and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.



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Furphy  
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Whether you want to tell your life story or pen a fictional masterpiece, everyone can write at least one good story!

The Furphy Literary Award has been established to promote and extend the tradition of story-telling, both factual and fictional, that is so much part of Australian life.

### OPEN CATEGORY

1st prize of \$15,000

Short stories of 5,000 words

### JUNIOR & YOUTH CATEGORY

Prize pool of \$1,350

Entries for short stories and poetry

Entries will be accepted from February 1 to April 30, 2020, head to [www.furphyliteraryaward.com.au](http://www.furphyliteraryaward.com.au) to find out more!

Discover 'How to write the story of your life' with Hannie Rayson and Michael Cathcart on page 36.

## 10 in Ten

Shepparton Theatre Arts Group Inc

Shepparton Theatre Arts Group's favourite ten-minute play festival, 10 in Ten is coming back to the Bakehouse Black Box Theatre as part of the Shepparton Festival. Responding to the Festival theme EVOLVE, audiences will be treated to a wide range of plays put together by Shepparton's most talented performers and directors.

From amnesia, to crooked financial advisors, struggling relationships, to a ghost trying to reach the afterlife, these ten plays thoroughly explore what it means to evolve, in every sense of the word.

**Schmattes** by Alison Knight

**Perfect Ponzi Picture**  
by John Head

**Cocoon** by Lenka Schirmer

**Teaching for Dummies**  
by Katie Lee

**You Were Ex-spectre-ing Me?**  
by Cindy Doherty

**Red** by Paula Armstrong

**Ev-Love** by Kelly Elder

**I've Got Something to Say**  
by Vern Wall

**Chrysalis** by Neroli Cochrane

**The Don Juan of Doncaster**  
by Cindy Abbey



Friday 20 & Saturday 21 March  
7pm

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 March  
2pm

Shepparton Theatre Arts Group  
Bakehouse BlackBox Theatre  
17 Wheeler St, Shepparton

Cost: \$15  
Tickets: sheppartontickets.  
com.au/event/10917



Photo credit: Liz Arcus

## Yurri Wala Woka

Fresh Water Country

Saturday 21 to Monday 23 March  
6pm

Meet at The Connection  
7287 Midland Hwy, Shepparton  
Cost: \$199

Tickets: sheppartontickets.  
com.au/event/10793



Yurri Wala Woka is an immersive performance that combines visual art and design, music, and storytelling. It combines the ancient with the contemporary, telling the stories of the flow of Yurri Walla - fresh water and its people - from the making of the Rivers, Kaiela and Dungala (Goulburn and Murray River), and stories of The Flats.

Yurri Walla Woka begins when a small audience arrives at The Connection. You, as part of this audience will be treated to an Indigenous inspired meal and introduced to the local history by an Elder before departing together on foot to the secret performance location. Featuring artworks and performances by members of Kaiela Arts, Yurri Wala Woka is an immersive and visceral introduction into local Aboriginal history and culture.



Photo credit: Rob Blackburn

## Aurora

Circus Oz

Dive into a realm of stunning visual projections, jaw-dropping acrobatics and awe-inspiring artistry with Aurora. The latest creation by Circus Oz to grace the Big Top draws on the pristine beauty of the elements, exploring what was, what is, and what could be.

From impossibly intricate foot-juggling to hair-raising balances, breathtaking hula hooping to physical comedy that will leave you speechless, Aurora is proof that for this ensemble of adventurers, the sky's the limit.

Wednesday 25 March  
1pm & 7.30pm

Riverlinks Westside, Cnr Echuca Rd & Homewood Dr, Mooroopna  
Cost: Full \$51 / Concession \$46 / Riverlinks Member Full \$45  
Riverlinks Member Concession \$42 / Group (6+) \$44  
Family (4) \$115 / U18 \$32

Tickets: riverlinksvenues.com.au





Photo credit: Liz Evans

## Children's Silo Designs

*Be part of the Festival Silo Exhibition*

Saturday 29 February  
10.30am - 12pm or 2pm - 3.30pm

Dookie Artists Tree  
64 Mary St, Dookie

Registrations: Please call Liz  
Evans on 0427 091 399



Children are invited to experiment with a variety of mediums to design their own silo art. Their work will then become part of the silo exhibition for the Shepparton Festival.

Children 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

*Artwork created will become part of the festival event, Silo Exhibition on page 14.*

**FREE  
EVENT**  
Book for your  
school now!

## Close to the Bone

*A travelling evolution extravaganza!*

Nam is a zoologist, so evolution means Darwin. With boxes crammed with skulls and dead animal parts, Nam will host a travelling evolution extravaganza!

As betrayed by the title and the photograph, this activity addresses the theme EVOLVE in two ways. First and foremost, the Darwinian view of evolution of species is tackled in a practical way: through interpretation of skeletons, especially skulls. Second, the concept of personal development and one's role in the world is challenged, through the humbling and close-to-the-bone realisation of who and what we are descended from.

In short, we discover who we are.

*If your school is interested in hosting this curriculum-friendly show then please email Nam to book.*



Photo credit: Andrew Hamilton

Friday 13 to Sunday 29 March  
Duration: 60 - 90 mins  
(depending on age group)

Primary & Secondary Schools  
in the Goulburn Valley

To book a show email  
namnotimah@gmail.com



## Plant Pot Decorating

*Creating in the garden*

Join us for some outdoor, decorating and planting fun! Create your own beautifully colourful pot and then plant a lovely flower to take home, nurture and admire.

No registrations are required. Just bring a sunhat, a drink and your creativity!

Suitable for children up to 8 years old.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday 15 March  
10.30am - 11.30am  
Dookie CWA Gardens  
Mary St, Dookie





## Storytime in the Park

Sing along to children's classics

Enjoy the fresh air and the opportunity to listen and sing along to some classic children's stories and rhymes while enjoying the outdoors. No registrations are required. Just bring a sunhat and your singing voice.

Friday 20 March  
10.30am - 11.30am  
Riverbank Gardens  
Stevenson St, Murchison



## Jurassic Art Attack

Attention all dinosaur fans

Put on your explorer hat and join SAM in a 'learn and play' morning at KidsTown! Kids will enjoy sensory play, mummification and excavation that will cater to budding archaeologist and Dino fans alike.

Please bring a hat, sunscreen and a willingness to get messy!  
Bookings are essential.

Saturday 21 March  
10am - 1pm  
KidsTown  
7287 Midland Hwy, Mooroopna  
Registrations: sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10830



## My Boomerang Won't Come Back

Learn about, paint and mark your own

Do all boomerangs come back? During the Converge on the Goulburn festival, come and find out about the different designs and purposes for a boomerang. Learn about how each man's boomerang was marked, and then paint and mark your own decorative boomerang with your own symbolic story. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by adult. No registrations are required.

Saturday 28 March  
4.30pm - 6.30pm  
Converge, Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton



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## Furphy the Water Cart and the Word

From Shepparton business, to national idiom

Monday 16 March  
7pm - 7.30pm

University of Melbourne,  
Department of Rural Health  
Graham St, Shepparton

Registrations:  
[sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10772](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10772)



• FREE

**"GOOD, BETTER, BEST - NEVER LET IT REST - TILL YOUR GOOD IS BETTER - AND YOUR BETTER, BEST."**

Furphy have been a part of Shepparton and the Goulburn Valley since the mid 1870s. Founded by John Furphy, a son of Irish immigrants, the company grew out of a blacksmith's shop and over the years has grown and adapted to the demands of change and progress. The water cart was one of their most successful inventions and has made the family name particularly well known. Once a soldier's slang, it is now a part of the Australian vocabulary, but how many of us use the word "Furphy" and know its origins?

Come and find out at this film's advanced preview.

Diana Fisk, Home-grown Producer

# True Vision

A documentary of inspiration and hope

**Blind screening**  
Tuesday 17 March

Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10687](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10687)

**Regular screening**  
Tuesday 24 March

Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10688](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10688)

6.30pm - 8pm

GOTAFE

152-200 Fryers St, Shepparton

• FREE

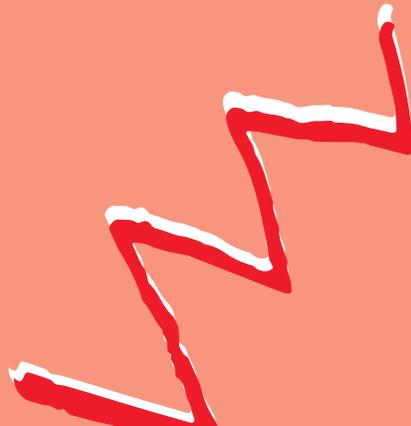


True Vision is a documentary about Alfie. It is the story of a little boy who was born with an impossible diagnosis, and his mother who was determined not to let it define him. Follow home-grown producer Diana Fisk on a journey to create a film of inspiration and hope.

Challenge your senses and experience the screening of 'True Vision' blind-folded to explore diagnosis, disability and perceptions around disability. Or if you would rather, come a week later to see the film in a more traditional setting.

This event will spark conversation and expand the idea of what is possible for someone living with a disability.

Film workshop with home-grown producer, Diana Fisk on page 38.



## How to Write the Story of Your Life

Join playwright/screenwriter  
Hannie Rayson and  
theatre director/historian  
Michael Cathcart



Saturday 14 March  
10am - 2.30pm  
La Trobe University  
210 Fryers St, Shepparton  
Cost: \$10

A light lunch will be provided  
Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10834](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10834)



This is a popular writing workshop for anyone who wants to write their own life story, or to write a family history. You'll discover how to structure your story. What to include and what to leave out. And how to engage your reader by bringing your own perspective and insights to your work. You'll also develop simple techniques to overcome writers' block.

This event will also give you a sneak preview of our major winter event, *Hello, Shepparton!* – an exciting story-telling show which you and your friends are invited to join in.

Hannie Rayson is an award-winning playwright, screenwriter and columnist. She is the author of the best-selling memoir, *Hello, Beautiful!*

Michael Cathcart is a theatre director and award-winning historian. Michael presents The Stage Show on ABC Radio National.

**Please bring:**

A pen and writing pad – or a laptop if that's how you prefer to work.

A photograph of someone who changed your life.

An object which you associate with a key person – or a key event – in your life.

## Community Textiles Workshops

Create a textile artwork



Photo credit: Serena Hunt-Hughes

Saturday 14 to Saturday 21 March  
Half Day (2 hours) Starting 10.30am or 1.30pm  
Cost: \$15 + cost of kit

Whole Day (5 hours) Starting 10.30am  
Cost: \$30 + cost of kit

Held at various locations

See STA website [sheppartontextileartists.com](http://sheppartontextileartists.com) or  
Shepparton Festival website for full details of  
workshop program and cost of various kits.

To register please SMS 0408 585 348  
or email [gilliansch@gmail.com](mailto:gilliansch@gmail.com)

Tutors from Shepparton Textile Artists are holding community workshops, giving participants the opportunity to create a textile artwork using a wide variety of techniques including the magic of printing on fabric, gorgeous felting, working with wire, eye-catching boro, exquisite beading, creative embroidery, textile collage, fabric manipulation and layering, and working with beautiful yarn. Come and learn a new skill and make something beautiful to take home.



## Nature Photography At the Australian Botanic Gardens

Want to hone your photography skills to capture the beauty of our local environment? RiverConnect and Shepparton Camera Club invite you to a nature photography session at the Australian Botanic Gardens. BYO camera.

Registrations are essential.

Saturday 14 March  
5.30pm - 7pm  
Australian Botanic Gardens, Botanic Gardens Ave, Kialla  
Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10709](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10709)

FREE





## Affinity Quartet Workshops

Join musicians from the country's leading orchestras

Sunday 15 March  
10am - 12pm

La Trobe University  
210 Fryers St, Shepparton

Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10682](https://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10682)

Melbourne based Affinity Quartet explores diverse histories in the string quartet to bring classical music to wider audiences. Comprising musicians from the country's leading orchestras and ensembles, this group has been described as the 'next generation of Australian classical superstars' (Play On Music).

Come along to this 2 hour workshop to learn from the best of the best.

• FREE

[Affinity Quartet concert on page 19.](#)



## Film Workshops

With home-grown producer, Diana Fisk

Come together as digital creatives and production wizards to be part of the team who writes, designs and creates the community clip for the Shepp Festival 25 year celebration in 2021.

Hear from film-producer Diana Fisk and local writer-director Michael Hudson as we plan the content and brainstorm the process.

The finished product will be screened publicly with behind the scenes snippets shared on social media throughout the year. Be a part of documenting the real humans of the GV.

**Wednesday 18 March**

Follow Shepparton Festival on Facebook for venue and times.

**Wednesday 25 March**

Follow Shepparton Festival on Facebook for venue and times.

Or go to [sheppartonfestival.org.au](https://sheppartonfestival.org.au) and join the mailing list for updates.

Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10773](https://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10773)

• FREE



'True Vision: A documentary of inspiration and hope' produced by Diana Fisk on page 35.



Amie Brûlée & Cecily Davis

## Drawing the Versailles Woman

Explore the evolution of French fashion

Explore the evolution of fashion with this 18th century French themed drawing workshop focusing on fabric and form. With each pose, an additional layer of clothing will be added to the Versailles Woman, building upon the silhouette to reveal different parts of the dress, textures, and shapes. Develop your observational drawing skills through a series of guided exercises. (Includes drink and nibbles).

Thursday 19 March

7pm - 9pm

Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10788](https://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10788)

Sunday 22 March

2pm - 4pm

Tickets: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10789](https://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10789)

The Collective - Teller, 55 Fryers St, Shepparton

Cost: \$45

Ticket includes art supplies, 1 drink on arrival and finger food



## River Weaving Workshop

An introduction to coil weaving

As the Kaiela (Goulburn River) weaves its way through the landscape of our environment and carries the dreams of many generations through our dream state, so does the gentle art of fibre weaving as practiced by the first peoples of this place. Join with fibre weavers from Kaiela Arts for an introduction to coil weaving in the cool tranquillity of the evening. Suitable for women of all ages.

Registrations are essential.

Thursday 19 March

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Junction of the Goulburn & Broken Rivers

Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10732](https://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10732)

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## Craft and Coffee

Mooroopna, Tatura and Shepparton libraries

Craft and Coffee is coming to Shepparton Festival! Come and learn new skills at our Mooroopna, Tatura and Shepparton library branches. Take home a beautiful craft piece for your home or to give to a friend. Check the GV library website [gvlibraries.com.au/events](https://gvlibraries.com.au/events) for further Craft and Coffee sessions at your local branch. Registrations are essential.

**Shepparton Library** 41 Marungi St, Shepparton

Thursday 19 March

10.30am - 12.30pm

**Tatura Library** 155 Hogan St, Tatura

Wednesday 25 March

1pm - 3pm

**Mooroopna Library** 9 Morrell St, Mooroopna

Thursday 26 March

10.30am - 12.30pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

Registrations: At the library

or call 1300 374 765





## Bush Verse

*Learn how to write and perform*

What do Banjo Patterson, Dorothea Mackellar, Henry Lawson and a score of talented writers and orators all over Australia have in common? A love of Bush Poetry!

RiverConnect and the Kyabram Bush Verse Group invite you to learn the elements of two separate art forms: writing and performing bush verse.

Participants will also discover great Australian writers and enjoy a performance from local poet Mick Coventry.

Please bring a notebook, a pen and a creative brain!

Thursday 19 March  
1pm - 2pm  
Shepparton Heritage Centre Museum  
154 Welsford St, Shepparton  
Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10780](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10780)



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Shepparton Art Museum

Saturday 21 March  
10am - 2pm  
SAM Workshop  
Shepparton Art Museum  
Welsford St, Shepparton  
Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10686](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10686)

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# Where Fashion and Culture Collide

#FACEofShepp

#FACEofShepp (Fashion and Cultural Event) is an opportunity for young people of a multi-cultural background to realise their creativity in the field of fashion and design.

Got an idea to design something to wear? Come along and participate in this exciting project starting with a workshop facilitated by local fashion designer Stacey Popovski. Participants will be mentored over 12 months to develop their vision and build new skills in the world of fashion, design as well as business. This will contribute to a Certificate in Fashion & Design. The participants will produce a collective showcase of work for the 2021 Shepparton Festival and be able to launch an exciting new career or nurture your hobby.

For more information contact Kathy Fuller 0404 091 758 or Fiona Smolenaars 0407 517 998. Numbers will be limited so register your interest today.



Kaye Poulton, Local Artist

## Ceramics Along the River

*Create a nature inspired masterpiece*

Back by popular demand, Ceramics Along the River with local artist Kaye Poulton. Create a nature inspired masterpiece in the ambience of the Australian Botanic Gardens.

Saturday 21 March  
9am - 12pm  
Australian Botanic Gardens  
Botanic Gardens Ave, Kialla  
Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10779](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10779)

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## History Walk with Accredited Guides

*Learn about local art, parks and history*

Join accredited guides from the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre on this free walking tour. Shepparton's Public Art and History guided walking tour will both surprise and delight you. Explore, hear the stories and absorb the 'Many Great Things' about Shepparton whilst learning about our local art, parks and history. Registrations are essential.

Sunday 22 March  
10am - 11.30am  
Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre  
33-35 Nixon St, Shepparton  
Registrations: Please call (03) 5832 9330

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## Signs and Symbols

*Stories told through ancient Aboriginal methods*

Signs and symbols of the land, scratched into the earth, left as messages for others to discover. Learn how to read a story told through ancient Aboriginal signs and symbols then create your own message to leave in the earth. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by adult.

Thursday 26 March  
5.30pm - 7pm  
Jordan's Bend  
Registrations: [sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10778](http://sheppartontickets.com.au/event/10778)

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# FESTIVAL FEASTS



## Whisky Masterclasses

March is whisky month at Thornebridge

Two vibrant Victorian Distillers will take you through a taste experience in Thornebridge's unique and amazing cellar. Josh Walker is inspired by Timboon's local colourful and illicit distilling history to produce high quality Australian single malt whisky. Join Josh as he imparts his passion for whisky making and walks through his whiskies in a fun filled masterclass. David Baker from Bakery Hill Distillery in Bayswater has proven great single malt whisky can be made in Australia. You will experience a truly unique entertaining experience. A regional platter that compliments the whisky will be served to nibble at during the event.

### Thornebridge will host Timboon Distillery

Saturday 14 March  
 Tickets: [shepparontickets.com.au/event/10741](http://shepparontickets.com.au/event/10741)

### Thornebridge will host Bakery Hill Distillery

Saturday 21 March  
 Tickets: [shepparontickets.com.au/event/10742](http://shepparontickets.com.au/event/10742)  
 2pm - 5pm  
 Thornebridge, 10 High Rd, Murchison  
 Cost: \$95



## Gin Revolution

Gin making masterclass

Learn about the evolution of Australia's current favourite spirit, gin. Through guided tastings, in-depth discussion on the history and evolution of spirit making and gin making in the Australian climate, you'll learn from the experts what makes their products unique. Includes paired food tastings. Learn about and discuss the gin industry's revolution.

Wednesday 18 March  
 6.30pm - 9pm  
 Fryers Street Food Store  
 53 Fryers St, Shepparton  
 Cost: \$80  
 Tickets: [shepparontickets.com.au/event/10845](http://shepparontickets.com.au/event/10845)



## Goorambat Silo Magic

ConnectGV annual gala evening

Friday 20 March  
 7pm - 11.20pm  
 Goorambat Silos  
 Cost: \$150  
 Tickets: Please call  
 5821 2466 or email  
[reception@connectgv.com.au](mailto:reception@connectgv.com.au)



ConnectGV Annual Gala Evening will be a unique dining experience with the backdrop of the painted silos at Goorambat. Guests will enjoy an all-inclusive three-course meal, drinks and live music under our beautiful southern stars.

Proceeds from the evening will assist in the purchase of specialised equipment within the new facility being built.

Bus travel to the venue is included in the price. The bus will leave from behind Council offices, near the library, on Nixon St side at 6pm sharp. Bookings are essential.

Connect GV wish to acknowledge their many fundraising partners who make this evening possible. This year Foott Waste Solutions are the major sponsor.



## La Scampagnata

Escape to the vineyard

Saturday 21 March  
 12.30pm - 1pm start  
 Longleat Winery  
 105 Old Weir Rd, Murchison  
 Lunch only: \$99 pp, includes a complimentary drink on arrival  
 Lunch & Transport: \$115 pp, includes return bus, departing 12pm at the Shepparton Library  
 Tickets: [shepparontickets.com.au/event/10808](http://shepparontickets.com.au/event/10808)



'La scampagnata' means an escape, to somewhere away from the hustle and bustle, a long lunch in the countryside with friends. 2 Michelin Star chef, Luca Ciano is once again heading to the vineyard to create a degustation lunch showcasing the Goulburn Valley's regional products. Come to Longleat to enjoy "La Scampagnata" - great wines and delicious food shared in the company of friends.

Please note this is an outdoor marquee event with a set menu, Italian degustation style. Please include any dietary requirements when purchasing your ticket, we will cater to the best of our ability.





## Literary Lunch with Jill Barclay

*The Barn at Buchanan's Ridge*

Murchison Book Club invite you to a Literary Lunch with author Jill Barclay. *The Illustrator* is based on Jill's grandmother, Eileen, a woman who just disappears. All her life, she has been sure of one thing – her love of drawing and the desire to be a commercial artist. In the 1920s, Eileen's talents are well recognised in the Goulburn Valley where she is a farmer's daughter, but this is a place and time when women can only be wives, mothers and homemakers. The delightful and rustic setting of the Barn at Buchanan's Ridge makes this an event not to be missed!

Tuesday 24 March  
11.30am - 2.30pm  
The Barn at Buchanan's Ridge, 165 Smith Rd, Murchison  
Cost: \$35, lunch provided by Longleat Wines with a complimentary glass of sparkling on arrival.  
Tickets: [shepparontickets.com.au/event/10852](http://shepparontickets.com.au/event/10852)  
Please include any dietary requirements when purchasing your ticket and we will cater to the best of our ability.

## Cheese & Cider Tastings

*What's old is new again*

Enjoy guided tastings of cheese and ciders with their makers. New generations are now following centuries old traditions and techniques, and planting heritage varieties of apples. Pairing cider and cheese is only natural as these two practices traditionally go hand in hand. Participants will enjoy local ciders paired with farmhouse cheeses, with cider makers and an expert from Calendar Cheese leading detailed discussion on the process of making the products, the history, and modern applications.

Wednesday 25 March  
6.30pm - 9pm

Fryers Street Food Store  
53 Fryers St, Shepparton

Cost: \$60

Tickets: [shepparontickets.com.au/event/10846](http://shepparontickets.com.au/event/10846)



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The Shepparton Festival, now its 24th year, has launched an exciting program for 2020. Titled EVOLVE, the festival runs over 17 days, from 13 to 29 March. Watch the Goulburn Valley unfold as it hosts over 60 events, showcasing more than 250 artists in 40 venues.

The program delivers a diverse range of events including visual arts, comedy, music, workshops, films, performance, feasts and a line-up of unique events you won't want to miss. Whether you crave a taste of culture, want to experience unusual places, are keen to explore art through your senses or simply love time with friends and family, EVOLVE has something for you.

The Goulburn Valley has a thriving creative community, and with Shepparton as the arts epicentre, EVOLVE includes regional highlights from Toolamba to Dookie, Tatura to Murchison and many in between, showcasing all the region has to offer.

### The Team

**Creative Director:** Jamie Lea

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Karen Parker

John Lewis

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