



Celebrating the 25th annual Shepparton Festival 11-27 June 2021

**17** days **50+** events **200+** artists **25+** venues

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unique events  
unusual places

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COVID-19: Shepparton Festival may cancel an event to ensure compliance with updated Government restrictions. Shepparton Festival will offer a full refund to ticket holders who are unable to attend as a result.

# CALL TO UNIFY

When considering the theme for the 2021 Festival it was impossible to avoid reflecting on the year that was. Fear, isolation and uncertainty were all realities of 2020, but we also saw great strength, innovation, and unity rise up within both our local and global communities. It was from this contemplation that this year's theme arose, and thus I am extremely proud to introduce the 2021 Shepparton Festival theme: UNIFY.

The critic calls into question the relevance of the arts in the current world. I look to the individual: the parent who became a teacher overnight, the teenager who picked up a sewing needle for the first time, those who cooked, gardened, painted, sang, wrote, and danced... Creativity has played a vital role in our ability to survive and engage on a deeper level that I believe, despite the chaos, will ultimately better our society. UNIFY is a celebration of this.

For 25 years now, the Shepparton Festival has provided motivation for artists to create, connect and hold a mirror up to humanity. I have seen the positive effects that this has had on the arts and cultural scene. It is an exciting time to be at the helm of the Shepparton Festival, as I confidently steer us forward, not only resting soundly on the sturdy foundations established by the



**Jamie Lea**  
Shepparton Festival Creative Director

*Photo credit: Aleesha McQuilton.*

work of the brilliant women and men that have come before me but also thankful to all who have contributed to this year's UNIFY program. You are all an invaluable part of shaping arts in our community.

For the first time in our history, the festival will be held during winter. This adds a fresh perspective. The cooler weather and longer evenings have provided opportunities for different and exciting events that take advantage of the dark, as well as providing a cosy backdrop for our food and drink events. The trail of murals and projections, and our spectacular event at the multi-storey carpark in the Shepparton CBD are particularly exciting additions this year.

We now invite you to all to rug up and get ready to be uplifted, energised, and inspired by the diverse and dynamic program we have in store.

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## ABOUT SHEPPARTON FESTIVAL

Watch the Goulburn Valley unfold as it hosts over 50 events, showcasing more than 200 artists in 25 venues. The program delivers a diverse range of events including visual arts, music, workshops, performance, conversations 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, UNIFY has something for you. The Goulburn Valley has a thriving creative community, and with Shepparton as the arts epicentre, UNIFY includes regional highlights from Tatura to Dookie and many in between, showcasing all the region has to offer.

This year the Shepparton Festival turns 25. To celebrate this incredible milestone the festival has launched an exciting Winter program kicking off on the long weekend in June. The 17-day program runs from 11 to 27 June 2021. Festival Chair, Kirsten Green says "25 years is an amazing achievement for a grass roots, community run festival. I am so very grateful to the community members who had the tenacity to start the Festival - and to those who have worked hard to ensure it has continued over the last 25 years."

# WELCOME



**Danny Pearson MP**  
*Minister for  
Creative Industries*

Welcome to the 25th anniversary of Shepparton Festival - a beacon of optimism and inspiration with art at its core.

The theme of this year's festival is 'UNIFY' and it couldn't come at a better time as we come back together after the challenges of 2020.

Like many cultural events the world over, last year's festival was forced into hiatus due to the global pandemic. It returns stronger than ever - in a new timeslot - thanks to the hard work and determination of the festival staff, artists and the Shepparton community.

Shepparton Festival was established in 1997 by a small group of passionate locals who had the vision of making arts and culture more central to their community. This vision remains at the heart of the festival, which continues to grow in profile, ambition and reach.

A quarter of a century later, it is now an enduring part of Shepparton's civic identity and Victoria's cultural calendar.

This year, the festival brings together an exciting, COVID-safe and diverse program that spans visual art, music, dance, special events, workshops and more.

It reflects Shepparton's unique character through exceptional cultural experiences, re-activated civic spaces and unifying celebrations.

Prepare to be inspired, surprised and be uplifted by the 2021 Shepparton Festival.



**Kim O'Keefe**  
*Mayor of  
Greater Shepparton*

Greater Shepparton City Council is delighted to be sponsoring the Shepparton Festival once again.

The festival is one of the major highlights in our region's event calendar and is a significant drawcard for both residents and visitors.

This year marks an impressive milestone, the 25th year of celebrating creativity in our region.

The theme is UNIFY which is a fitting reflection of the unified and diverse community we have here in Greater Shepparton. It is pleasing to see this diversity recognised and celebrated on such a large scale.

For the first time ever the festival is being held in winter. This is an exciting change and a chance for us all to get cosy, rug up and enjoy the vast program.

A range of artists, art organisations, venues and businesses are contributing this year and I applaud these locals for coming together to showcase the positive things happening in our region's creative space.

Council will continue to support the Shepparton Festival and acknowledges the way it has unified the community over the past 25 years.

Please enjoy the program, help shine a light on our region and celebrate the creativity that is entrenched here in Greater Shepparton.



**Travis Heeney**  
GOTAFE Chief  
Executive Officer

It has been 25 years since GOTAFE proudly sponsored the inaugural Shepparton Festival. Since then, both organisations have worked together to celebrate and promote the wonderful creative achievements of our community.

GOTAFE is the largest vocational education provider in North East Victoria and is an intrinsic part of the communities we serve. We recognise that art and culture are vital to the heart of all communities: it brings people together, creates space for reflection, and allows us to be part of something new and exciting.

GOTAFE is pleased to help facilitate creativity for the Goulburn Valley. Over the years many of our staff and students have contributed to making Shepparton Festival such a superb event. We have also enjoyed hosting several fantastic performances and exhibitions. This year we are thrilled that GOTAFE staff member Marion Langford's creativity is celebrated in this year's UNIFY branding, and we invite you through the doors of our Shepparton Campus to be part of a unique event that UNIFIES our vibrant community (see page 9 for more information).

I am delighted that GOTAFE is part of the 25th Festival and excited about our new partnership with Shepparton Festival. I encourage everyone to immerse yourself in, and be inspired by the 2021 Festival experience!

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# AT A GLANCE

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26 June	<b>Unify the Senses</b> <i>Care Park (the multi-deck)</i>	\$10	10
12 June	<b>Converge on the Goulburn</b> <i>Shepparton Showgrounds</i>	FREE	11

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**VISUAL ART**  
See any day  
throughout  
the festival



 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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27 June	<b>Affinity Quartet</b> <i>Chapel on Maude, Shepparton and Victory Hall, Tatura</i>	FREE	19
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22 - 23 June	<b>RAV in Residence</b> <i>Red Truck Café (networking event) and La Trobe University (one to one meetings)</i>	FREE	21
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<b>PERFORMANCE</b>			
12 - 13 June	<b>Within</b> <i>Riverlinks Westside</i>	\$15 - \$25	24
18 - 20 June	<b>10 in Ten</b> <i>Bakehouse BlackBox Theatre, Shepparton Theatre Arts Group</i>	\$15	25

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18 - 27 June	<b>Entwined Community Workshops</b> <i>Various studios</i>	\$25 - \$55	27
19 June	<b>SAM Makes: What makes you... you?</b> <i>Wesley Hall</i>	FREE	28
19 June	<b>Understanding Aboriginal Signs and Symbols Workshop</b> <i>Kaiela Arts (within SAM)</i>	FREE	28
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22 June	<b>Art and Ale with Tank</b> <i>Shepparton Brewery</i>	\$100	29
25 June	<b>Weaving Workshop</b> <i>Kaiela Arts (within SAM)</i>	FREE	30
26 June	<b>Story Seeds</b> <i>La Trobe University</i>	\$20	30
26 June	<b>Turtle Muster Workshop</b> <i>Kaiela Arts (within SAM)</i>	FREE	31

# SPECIAL EVENTS



Photos credit: Serana Hunt-Hughes.

## Opening Night Celebrations

*Shepparton Festival turns 25!*

Friday 11 June  
6pm – 7pm  
Shepparton Showgrounds  
Grandstand  
High Street, Shepparton  
Registrations: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/12715](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/12715)

• FREE



The Festival Opening this year will also be a birthday celebration! Come and toast the beginning of another exciting program, and celebrate the 25 years that have been. Shepparton Festival is one of the longest-running annual arts festivals in regional Victoria, and we think that's something to celebrate. Enjoy food and drink by local producers, hear from special guests, and look forward to a spectacular program. Whether you were there in the beginning, or you're a newbie to Shepp Fest, all are welcome!

This is a free event but registrations are required. Drinks will be available at bar prices.



Photo credit: Jenna Rattray.

# Unify: Fabrics from our Society

## A large community weaving with Marion Langford

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 June  
 Anytime from 10am to 3pm  
 GOTAFE Shepparton Campus,  
 Basketball Court  
 152-200 Fryers St, Shepparton  
 Registrations on the day

This is an outdoor event, for  
 wet weather updates check the  
 Festival Facebook page.

**FREE**

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Join this year's *Call to Create* artist Marion Langford to create a large community weaving at the GoTafe Shepparton Campus in Fryers Street. No weaving experience needed!

Come down and meet with others in the community, and work together to create a large artwork called "Unify: Fabrics from our Society". Using recycled materials and fabrics, you will be able to contribute to a large, collaborative weaving piece, using the canvas of the wire mesh surrounding the basketball court. If you have half an hour or a couple of hours, come and join in!

All backgrounds, ages and abilities welcome. Registrations will be taken on the day. Be sure to wear warm clothes as this is an outdoor event.



## UNIFY: The fabric of our society

Marion Langford

The Festival is proud to announce Marion Langford as the chosen artist for this year's Winter festival. Her textile piece 'Unify: The Fabric of our society' was born out of an opportunity for the chosen Call to Create artist herself to reconnect and unite with other creatives after a challenging year. The weaving beautifully captures the meaning of unify. The coming together, the threads of our lives, of community, our story line, our sense of place, and how we are all interconnected. As the chosen artist, Marion's piece has formed the basis for the Festival branding. It reflects a winter colour palette of dark nights, big blue skies and fireside glow. The soft and inviting fabrics weave to create the perfect platform for a Winter festival.





# Unify the Senses

Photos credit: PluginHUMAN.

Sound, light and movement will collide in a truly spectacular finale to the 25th Shepparton Festival. Under the darkness of night-time, this will be a sensory experience like no other.

Performances from local artists, and Melbourne-based PluginHUMAN will combine to create an immersive journey that plays on the senses, the mind, and the body. As the audience moves through each level of the multi-storey carpark in the Shepparton CBD, they will encounter a combination of performances and installation.

An experimental dance troupe will be led by local performer and choreographer Robert Baxter. The community choir that debuted at the 2020 Festival's Quarry Chorus will return, once again under the direction of Ryan Black. PluginHUMAN's installation and performance 'DREAM 2.2' will bring dreams to life.

This will be an experience to unify the senses, and finish the 25th Shepparton Festival in an unforgettable way.

Food and drink will be available to purchase.

Saturday 26 June

Three sessions: 5.30pm, 8pm and 10.30pm

Care Park (the multi-deck)

14-40 Stewart St, Shepparton

Cost: \$10

Audience will be admitted in 2-hour sessions to reduce capacity and allow for physical distancing.

Tickets: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/12716](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/12716)



 PluginHUMAN



# Converge on the Goulburn

*Greater Shepparton's largest free community event*

Converge on the Goulburn is back, and just as vibrant as ever. Come along and enjoy the mixture of music, movement, colour and taste at one of Greater Shepparton's largest free community events.

Taking place this year at the Shepparton Showgrounds, Converge on the Goulburn is a celebration of the region's diversity and creative vibrancy. It will be a colourful showcase of the many stories and cultures of the Greater Shepparton region, bringing together food, music, arts and crafts from the many Aboriginal and multicultural groups that make up the community.

Enjoy stage entertainment of traditional and contemporary music and dance performances. Come and gain an understanding about different cultures through different mediums and activities. Or give your tastebuds a treat from the food court made up of local community groups and businesses, serving up authentic and delicious food from around the globe.

Saturday 12 June 4pm - 8pm  
Shepparton Showgrounds  
High St, Shepparton  
This is an alcohol free event.

FREE



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## BOOK YOUR FESTIVAL TICKETS NOW

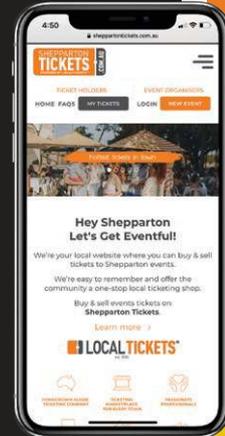
Reserving a spot at your favourite events is easy.

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.



# Visual Art

## Shine on Greater Shepp

### Shining a light on local artists

For the duration of the Festival, Greater Shepparton will light up like never before. Projections, murals and pastes-ups will brighten dark walls and corners with light and colour. Featuring the works of internationally renowned and local artists. Why not go on a treasure hunt to find all the hidden gems?

Friday 11 - Sunday 27 June  
Anytime

Various locations around Shepparton.  
Check the QR code for the festival map page for updates.



Check the festival map for updates by hovering your camera over the code and click the link.

Every effort has been made to include all the current wall art around the CBD on our map. Be in touch if you think we have missed any and we will add them to our online version.



**Davidson Lopes**  
Bowls Shop  
and Schnitz  
Fryers St



**Dery Theodoros**  
O'Dea's Saddlery  
92 High St



**Joel Parnell**  
STY Fencing Wall  
Hoskin St



**Monique Allan**  
Surprise pop ups.  
Watch our socials  
for more info!



**Rachel Doller**  
Scots Church  
Stewart St and  
path near cinema



**Sophie Wilson**  
Surprise pop ups.  
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**Tom Harding**  
Riverlinks  
projection  
Welsford St



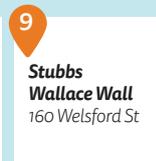
**Moorina Bonini**  
Wildlife Brewery  
projection  
Maude St



**William Kelly**  
SAM wall  
projection  
Wyndham St



**GSSC Students**  
'What makes us,  
us' in the alleyway  
between Fryers  
and Stewart St



**Stubbs  
Wallace Wall**  
160 Welsford St



## Existing Street Art

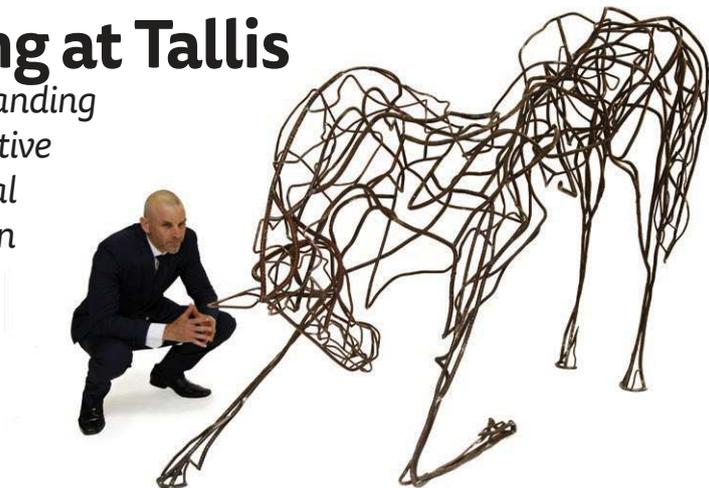
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| 1  | 172 Welsford St                                      | 11 | Mechanics Institute<br>127 Wyndham St<br>(semi hidden)              |
| 2  | Fryers St (between<br>Maude & Corio)                 | 12 | Star Bowl Back<br>Entrance - Stewart St                             |
| 3  | 70 Welsford St                                       | 13 | Shepparton<br>Workwear and Safety<br>189 High St                    |
| 4  | Corner Hayes St<br>and Georges Rd                    | 14 | Osteo 360<br>190 Corio St   |
| 5  | 26 Fryers St   | 15 | Hot & Cold Shop<br>7965 GV Highway                                  |
| 6  | St Georges Rd  | 16 | GOTAFE - Fryers St<br>(basketball court and<br>wall opposite Gouge) |
| 7  | 151 High St  | 17 | Rowe St (behind<br>Coles)   |
| 8  | Aussie Hotel - Maude St<br>(old Bottleshop)          | 18 | Alleyway between<br>Fryers and Stewart St                           |
| 9  | Tunnel under High St<br>(near Heritage Museum)       |    |   |
| 10 | Welsford St Carpark<br>(back of Tirana<br>City Walk) |    |   |

## Existing Indoor Street Art

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|----|---|----|-------------------------------|
| 19 | Library Courtyard   | 23 | Nedal Kebabas<br>132 High St  |
| 20 | IntoRec - 19 Welsford St  | 24 | The Pizza Place<br>64 High St |
| 21 | Headspace Carpark<br>(entry via Simply Stems<br>alleyway on Corio St) | 25 | Aloi Thai<br>399 Wyndham St   |
| 22 | Terminus Beer Garden  |    |                               |

# Wild Horses Rising at Tallis

A commanding  
and emotive  
sculptural  
exhibition



Friday 11 – Sunday 27 June  
Exhibition open during  
cellar door hours.

Wednesday to Thursday  
11am - 4pm

Friday to Sunday  
11am - 5pm

Tallis Wine Cellar Door  
195 Major Plains Rd, Dookie

To reserve a table please visit  
[talliswine.com.au/onlinebooking](http://talliswine.com.au/onlinebooking)

• FREE



A rare opportunity exists to experience *Wild Horses Rising*, by Australian-based, Shepparton sculptor Mark Niglia. Presented for the first time in the spectacular natural landscape at Tallis Wine cellar door, this is a commanding and emotive sculptural exhibition. Driven by a desire to communicate emotion, Mark creates movement and life that allows others to interpret feeling through sculpture. Mark's sculptures are predominantly made from the energy of distorted metals, charred wood and fragmented concrete to instinctively create life-size sculptures. Discover these wonderful pieces up close and book a table to view from a distance.

MARK NIGLIA  
SCULPTURE

TALLIS Wine



Photo credit: Zoe Martin.

## The Matchbox Show

Keeping ceramics alive

Come and create your own microscopic masterpiece in this travelling exhibition and workshop. Created by Michael Ciavarella, who grew up in Shepparton, this is a fun and interactive experience for all ages. In these workshops, you'll be able to create your own tiny ceramic artwork in a matchbox – you can then keep it, or it can become part of the exhibition. The Matchbox Show truly demonstrates the potential of art and community to unite, with each tiny contribution creating a larger, fascinating whole piece.

If your school is interested in hosting a workshop please email Michael on: [thematchboxshow@gmail.com](mailto:thematchboxshow@gmail.com)

**Exhibition launch party:**

Saturday 12 June 5pm

**Exhibition:**

Friday 11 - Friday 18 June 9am - 5pm

Shepparton Uniting Church,  
134/140 Fryers St, Shepparton

• FREE



# PROUD

An exhibition of work by artists from the LGBTQIA+ community and their friends.

Friday 11 – Saturday 26 June  
Open Thursday to Saturday  
11am – 4pm  
The G.R.A.I.N. Store  
26 Blake Street, Nathalia



PROUD is an opportunity for members and allies of the local rainbow community to express pride in identity and be celebrated by the local community. Hosted by the G.R.A.I.N Store in Nathalia, this will be a group show featuring local artists of a range of ages and backgrounds, using a variety of mediums.



## Containment

An installation by Splinter Contemporary Artists

Permanent installation.  
View anytime during business hours.

**Launch event:**  
Saturday 26 June 2pm  
Monday to Thursday 9am – 5.30pm  
Friday 9am – 7pm  
Saturday & Sunday 10am – 5pm  
Harris Scarfe Plaza  
70 Fryers St, Shepparton



Containment invites you to experience a familiar place in a new light. Created by a suspension of handmade forms, this conceptual work speaks of containment and barriers and what they can mean, individually and collectively. Created by Goulburn Valley-based Splinter Contemporary Artists specifically for the glass-dome ceiling of the Harris Scarfe Plaza, this will be a permanent installation, so you can view it any time while wandering through or doing your shopping. All you have to do is look up!



Photo credit: Kaye Poulton.

## Potters in the Shed

An exhibition of ceramic art made during 2020-21

**Exhibition:** Monday 7 -  
Wednesday 30 June  
9am – 3pm weekdays

Saturday 19 June  
1.30pm – 4.30pm

Sunday 20 June  
10am – 4.30pm

**Meet the Artists:**

Saturday 19 June 2pm

Mooroopna Education  
& Activity Centre

23 Alexandra St, Mooroopna

• FREE



Kaye Poulton's Shed in Mooroopna is usually a hive of activity on Wednesday and Thursday mornings with the *Potters in the Shed* learning skills and making ceramic art. Despite the challenges of 2020, the Potters kept on communicating and creating - with words of support, photographs and online tuition from Kaye. This exhibition at MEAC will show the variety of approaches and methods used by these artists and their fascination with clay.



Photo credit: Daniel Bovalino.

## COVID Collaborations: A Shared Step on a Long Journey

Art that crosses boundaries

Friday 11 – Sunday 27 June  
Night time

SAM (exhibition July – August)  
530 Wyndham St, Shepparton

CBD Pop-ups. Check  
the Festival Facebook  
page for updates.

• FREE



**sam.**

Shepparton Art Museum



The Peace Project

Art that crosses boundaries. Art that shares values. Artists that share their hopes. This is behind the making of *COVID Collaborations*, an exhibition facilitated by internationally-renowned, local artist William Kelly.

Shepparton is a home for many language groups and art is the universal language. These artworks, made in collaboration with Goulburn Valley artists and artists from as far away as India, New York, Tehran and Casablanca speak this universal language here on Shepparton's walls. Together we build bridges, together we 'UNIFY'.

For the duration of the festival, selected artworks from the series will be featured as projections on the side of the new Shepparton Art Museum building. The full exhibition will be available to view from July 31st at Shepparton Art Museum.



Photo credit: Serana Hunt-Hughes.

## Entwined

*A multi-venue textile art exhibition  
by Shepparton Textile Artists*

Friday 18 – Sunday 27 June  
10am – 4pm Daily  
Judith's Studio  
18 Bowe Street, Shepparton  
Studio Handwerk  
8 Clive Street, Shepparton

• FREE



STA presents ENTWINED, an exhibition unifying fibre and thread in glorious textile art that uses a variety of techniques to highlight each artist's use of design, texture, colour, pattern and shape. This is a multi-venue exhibition held in various venues across Shepparton including local artists' studios.



# SHEPPARTON News

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# Music



## Nyanak Baiyiya, Nyanak Nanyubak, Nyanak Woka

*We are Song, We are Dreaming, We are Country, presented by Still Here*

Tuesday 15 June  
Time: 6pm

Shepparton Brewery  
15 Edward St, Shepparton

Cost: \$30

Tickets: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13086](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13086)

Nyanak Baiyiya, Nyanak Nanyubak, Nyanak Woka means *We are Song, We are Dreaming, We are Country* in Yorta Yorta. Presented by Still Here, this event will present song and story facilitated by Yorta Yorta man, Neil Morris. Featuring a compelling blend of performance, story and conversation, this special evening will evoke further reflection about the position First Peoples, Song, and Story have in the present.

Featuring special performances and conversation with Yorta Yorta musicians and community members speaking to the themes expressed within *Nyanak Baiyiya, Nyanak Nanyubak, Nyanak Woka*.





## Goulburn Valley Concert Orchestra's Annual Concert

Showcasing musical talent in the community

The Goulburn Valley Concert Orchestra is a community orchestra based in Shepparton that provides an avenue to showcase the great musical talent that exists within our community, combining the young and old, the professional and the amateur, into one uniform group of people who share a passion for music.

Join the orchestra for the annual concert and delight in the talents of local musicians.

Saturday 19 June 2pm

Eastbank  
70 Welsford St Shepparton

Cost: Full price \$29 / Riverlinks member full \$25  
Concession or Riverlinks member Concession \$23  
Student U18 \$13

Tickets: [www.riverlinksvenues.com.au](http://www.riverlinksvenues.com.au)



RIVERLINKS

# Affinity Quartet

Next generation of Australian classical superstars

Sunday 27 June 1.30pm

Chapel on Maude  
160 Maude St, Shepparton  
Sunday 27 June 3pm

Victory Hall  
75/81 Hogan St, Tatura

Registrations: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13013](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13013)



Learn from these classical superstars,  
see Affinity Quartet and GV Concert  
Orchestra event on page 29.



Affinity Quartet shows how music can explore its own diversity and relevance by responding to the choices and moods of the audience. In the lead up to these performances, the public will be invited to select a playlist from the Shepp Fest website. They will be able read about, watch and listen to pre-recorded excerpts to help them decide. The provided playlists will describe moods, themes and inspirations and will be drawn from the rich history of string quartet repertoire. Voting will close 30 minutes before the performance and the quartet will delight the audience with the winning playlist.

[www.affinityquartet.com.au](http://www.affinityquartet.com.au)

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# Conversations

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Lucy Forster.



## SAM Talks: Australian Melting Pot

*In conversation with artist Moorina Bonini  
and SAM curator Belinda Briggs*

Friday 18 June 6pm – 6.45pm

Wesley Hall

156 Maude St, Shepparton

Bookings essential via the SAM website

[www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au](http://www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au)



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*Australian Melting Pot* (2018) examines the complexity of living between multiple cultures in Australia. Join artist Moorina Bonini and SAM Curator Belinda Briggs as they discuss the artwork and the multifaceted perspectives that contribute to the construction of Australian identity.

*Turn to page 12 to discover where you can view the artwork projection this talk supports.*

# RAV In Residence

Regional Arts Victoria is in  
the neighbourhood!



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Serana Hunt-Hughes.

#### Networking Event:

Tuesday 22 June 6pm – 7:30pm  
Red Truck Café, 317 Maude St, Shepparton

#### One-to-one:

Tuesday 22 June 12:30pm – 5pm  
Wednesday 23 June 9am – 3pm

La Trobe University, 210 Fryers St, Shepparton  
Appointments can be booked in 1.25 hour blocks

Registrations: [www.rav.net.au/your-artistic-development/rav-in-residence](http://www.rav.net.au/your-artistic-development/rav-in-residence)



RAV staff will be in residence for the 2021 Shepparton Festival and are excited about spending time with you. Reserve a time to chat with them about anything creative: funding opportunities, special projects, your creative practice or career, business planning for your organisation, or any other creative topic you have on your mind.

Meetings of up 1.25 hours will be available and a networking event will be held on the evening of Tuesday 22nd of June at 6pm.





Photo credit: Detail of Ponch Hawkes photograph.

# Flesh After Fifty: in Conversation

*A talk about changing images of older women in art*

Friday 25 June  
12pm

Mooroopna Education & Activity Centre  
23 Alexandra St, Mooroopna

Cost: \$20

Tickets: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/12909](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/12909)

Limited capacity to allow for physical  
distancing requirements.

Project under auspice of the Royal Women's Hospital  
Foundation, and funded by Creative Victoria.

Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre (MEAC) is pleased to have Jane Scott (Lead Curator and Program Manager) and Ponch (Photographer) speak about the wonderful exhibition *Flesh After Fifty*.

Jane and Ponch will talk about this project and discuss curatorial discourse and the impact around the construction of images of older women, perceptions, expectations, and the appreciation of the older female form. *Flesh After Fifty* explores and challenges negative stereotypes of aging while celebrating and promoting positive images of older women through art. Boxed lunch will be provided.



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# Performance



Presented by Awaken Dance Theatre Company

Saturday 12 June 7.30pm

Sunday 13 June 2.30pm

Riverlinks Westside

141-179 Echuca Road, Mooroopna

\$25 Adult | \$20 Concession

\$15 Child (12 & under)

Tickets: [www.riverlinksvenues.com.au](http://www.riverlinksvenues.com.au)



Awaken Dance Theatre Company are thrilled to return with another powerful piece of dance theatre, in partnership with The Australian Ballet Education and Outreach. This collaborative, contemporary piece explores our personal journeys through the unknown from a raw, urgent and inward perspective and champions the strength *Within* to propel forward, navigating through the cycle of normal, abnormal and the new normal. When the consistencies of life are taken away, who and what matters most to us? Who we are, comes from *Within*. How we respond, comes from *Within*. Adaptation and the strength to endure, comes from *Within*.

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# 10 in Ten

## Shepparton Theatre Arts Group's 10-minute play festival



Shepparton Theatre Arts Group's 10 in Ten is returning to the festival program. Featuring new works by local, interstate, and international playwrights, this ten-minute play festival is an opportunity for local directors and performers to try out their skills. Responding to the theme UNIFY, 10 in Ten is set to be a thoroughly entertaining exploration of this year's Festival theme.

Friday 18 June 7pm

Saturday 19 June 2pm & 7pm

Sunday 20 June 2pm

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

Cost: \$15

Tickets: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/12928](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/12928)



### Plays:

1. Chin Up by Guy R Newsham
2. Covid Covered by John Head
3. Dancin' Cheek to Cheek by Susan Corrie
4. Letters from the Front by Neroli Cochrane
5. Lexicography by Neroli Cochrane
6. Of an Island by Hayley Lawson-Smith
7. Sand Castles by John Lewis
8. Tatts Nice by Cenarth Fox
9. The Villainous Deeds of Professor McPhee (and their sidekick Alexis) by Lenka Schirmer
10. Touchless by Paula Armstrong



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# WORKSHOPS



## #FACEofShepp

*Where fashion and culture collide*

Saturday 12 June  
10am - 2pm

African House

54 Poplar Ave, Shepparton

Registrations: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13016](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13016)



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#FACEofShepp (Fashion and Cultural Event) is an opportunity for young people of diverse backgrounds to explore their creativity in the field of fashion and design. Got an idea for a design for something to wear? Come along and participate in this exciting project starting with a workshop facilitated by a local fashion designer, Stacey Popovski. Participants will be mentored over 12 months to develop their vision and build skills in the world of fashion and design, as well as business. This will contribute to a Certificate in Fashion and Design. The participants will produce a collective showcase of work for a future Shepparton Festival, and have the chance to nurture an exciting new career or hobby.

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ST PAUL'S AFRICAN HOUSE



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## Watercolourlust

### Botanical art painting

Sunday 13 & 27 June  
12pm – 4pm

Shingo's Lounge  
173 Corio St, Shepparton  
\$60 lunch included

Tickets: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13078](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13078)



@art\_by\_sophletta

Have you ever wanted to dive into the magic world of watercolour?

This guided workshop by local artist Sophletta will focus on a range of easy yet effective techniques and applying these to bring to life your own vibrant botanical art painting that honours the beauty of nature!

## Entwined Community Workshops

### Join the Shepparton Textile Artists

Friday 18 – Sunday 27 June  
10am – 4pm daily

Held at various artist studios  
around Shepparton

\$25 - \$55 per workshop

To book please contact  
Shepparton Textile Artists  
[okimdarma@gmail.com](mailto:okimdarma@gmail.com)

Shepparton Textile Artists are offering a number of workshops this year. Come along and create a wonderful piece of textile art using a variety of remarkable techniques. Try your hand at the magic of printing on fabric, felting, working with wire, beading, embroidery, textile collage, fabric manipulation and layering, or working with yarn. These workshops will be held in local artists' studios.





## SAM Makes: What makes you... you?

*A workshop for kids and families led by artist Moorina Bonini*

Saturday 19 June  
10am - 12pm

Wesley Hall  
156 Maude St, Shepparton

Bookings essential via the SAM website  
[www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au](http://www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au)



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What makes you, you? Is it your fingers or toes?  
Is it where you come from or where you're going?  
In this workshop, join artist Moorina Bonini  
in exploring your own identity and create an  
imaginative artwork that matches your findings.

*Turn to page 12 to discover where you can view  
the artwork projection this workshop supports.*



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## Understanding Aboriginal Signs and Symbols Workshop

*Stories told through ancient  
Aboriginal methods*

An intimate workshop experience with an artist  
from Kaiela Arts, this session will take you into the  
world of art and symbolic meaning embedded  
in artwork produced by local Aboriginal Artists.  
The workshop will include a tour and talk about  
the artworks on exhibition at Kaiela Arts.

Saturday 19 June 10am - 12pm  
Kaiela Arts (within SAM)

530 Wyndham St, Shepparton

Registrations: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13214](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13214)





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# Affinity Quartet & Goulburn Valley Concert Orchestra

*A side-by-side rehearsal and presentation concert*

Sunday 20 June

Rehearsal: 12pm - 3pm

Presentation concert: 4pm

Chapel on Maude

160 Maude St, Shepparton

Registrations: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13075](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13075)

• FREE



Melbourne based Affinity Quartet will be partnering with the Goulburn Valley Concert Orchestra, offering the Orchestra's string players a rare opportunity to learn from some of the country's best musicians. The group will rehearse carefully selected pieces covering a range of styles and techniques, providing an opportunity to develop a range of skills. The day will end with a short presentation concert for the friends and family of participants, in a showcase of everything learned over the day.

*See the Affinity Quartet perform in their own event on page 19.*



## Art & Ale with Tank

*A night of painting and beer*

What better way to spend an evening than with a paintbrush and a cold beer in hand? Join local artist Tank in this painting workshop and appreciate a locally brewed beverage at the same time. Beer, tucker and art materials will be supplied.

Tuesday 22 June

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Shepparton Brewery

15 Edward St, Shepparton

Cost: \$100

Tickets: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13273](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13273)



Tank Art





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## Weaving Workshop

### Join fibre weavers from Kaiela Arts

Enjoy the sun setting over the lake as you sit in the warmth of the new Kaiela Arts in the SAM Building. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat as you learn some traditional weaving stitches with Kaiela Artists and create your own woven masterpiece to take home.

Suitable for women of all ages.

Friday 25 June  
6pm - 8pm

Kaiela Arts Workshop  
530 Wyndham St Shepparton

Registrations: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13213](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13213)

• FREE



# Story Seeds

## Creative prompts to grow narratives

Saturday 26 June 10am – 12pm

La Trobe University  
210 Fryers Street, Shepparton

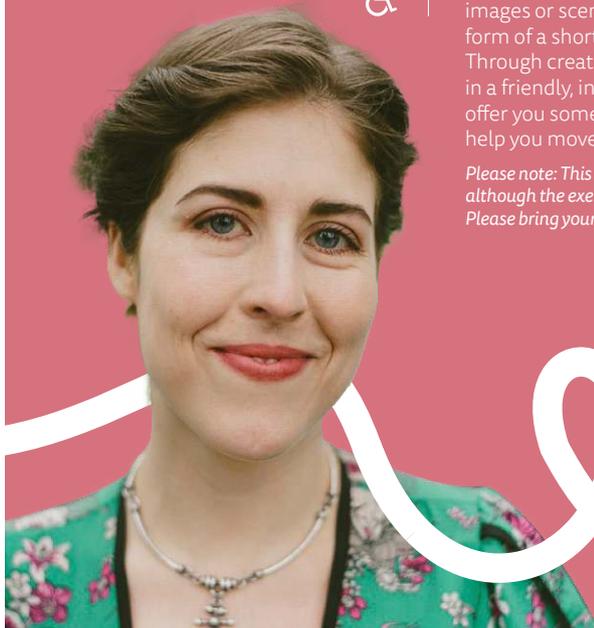
Cost: \$20

Tickets: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13265](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13265)



Join writer and creative researcher Ruby Todd in exploring how strategic writing exercises can help you to grow and develop a story, and a personal creative practice, while also sharpening your practical writing skills. Inspired by this year's theme of 'UNIFY', this workshop considers the challenge of finding a means of bringing together disparate fragments (of ideas, images or scenes), to create a unified whole in the form of a short story, poem, personal essay, or novel. Through creative exercises and shared discussion in a friendly, inclusive setting, this workshop will offer you some concrete, accessible methods to help you move forward in the craft of story writing.

*Please note: This workshop's focus will be on the short story, although the exercises offered are useful across other forms. Please bring your preferred writing materials or laptop.*



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# Turtle Muster Workshop

## Make your own clay turtle tile

Saturday 26 June  
10am - 12pm

Kaiela Arts (within SAM)  
530 Wyndham St, Shepparton

Registrations: [www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13215](http://www.sheppartontickets.com.au/event/13215)



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Create your own clay turtle tile with an artist at Kaiela Arts and learn about fresh-water turtles at the same time. You will also learn about the Long Necked Broad Shelled Turtle, which is the totem of the Yorta Yorta Nations. There will also be a turtle story or two to be told.



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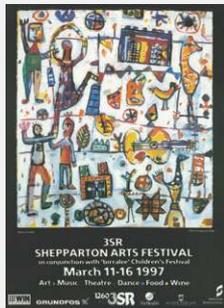
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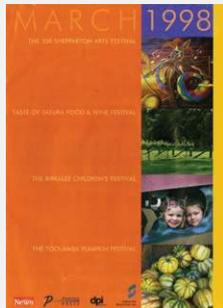
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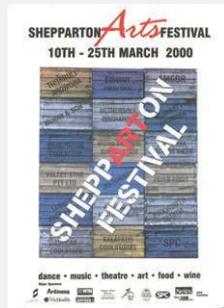
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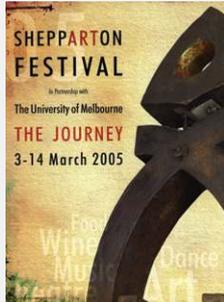
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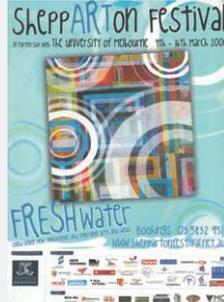
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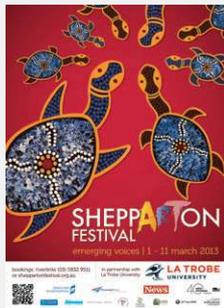
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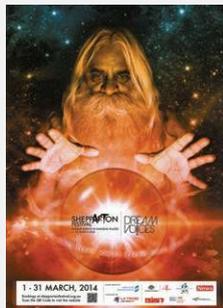
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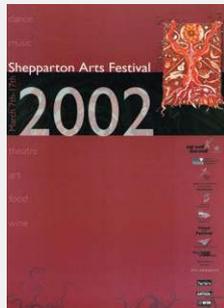
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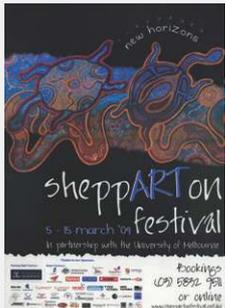
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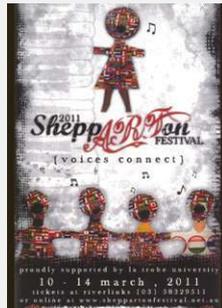
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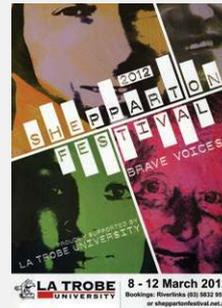
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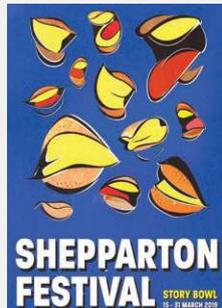
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## Returning to March in 2022

2022 Festival theme to be announced at the end of the 2021 festival.



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# We are thrilled to announce that the Shepparton Festival has a new podcasting channel!

Celebrate 25 years of the Festival by listening to One FM presenter, Terri Crowley, interview 25 committee members as they share their memories of what makes this festival such a special offering to our region. You can also hear our three episode mini-series for our StoryLab initiative, where we speak to creative industry experts about their work and get a few tips and resources that artists can access to build connections and get their work seen. Listen through Spotify, Google and Apple podcasts, or the Shepp News website.



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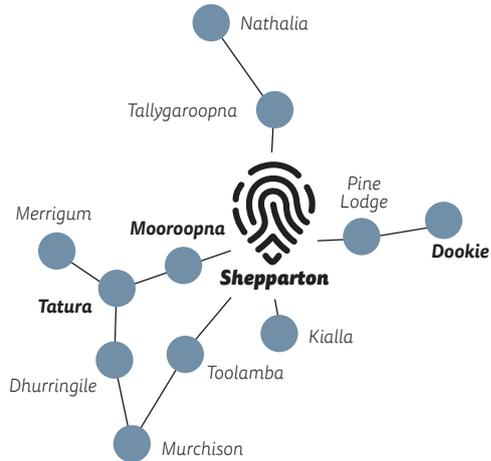


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