



**FRINJ**

**Nati Biennale**

**3 - 5 Nov 2017**

**PROGRAMME**



# Nati Frinj Biennale 2017

Could this be the best one yet? I know, I know, I always think that but I really think it could be. 17 years the Frinj has been going and what a trip! This year we've had Crowdfunding for the first time and it was truly heartwarming to see our wonderful supporters contribute to the first silo show since 2011. Nati Frinj; the best little, big festival around. Thanks to absolutely everyone involved, it really couldn't have happened without you.

Most especially the incredible support and skills of the Frinj Production Manager Hannah French, our special debrief/sounding board Martin Bride, ACT General Manager Greg Pritchard, Lynne Quick, Mary French, Dave Jones, Jillian Pearce, Sarah Natali, Robbie Millar, Carolynne Hamdorf, Kane Hendy, Jess Hartridge, Oz, Adam Demmert, Lousie Shepherd, Bec Hopkins, Alison Eggleton, Elaine Uebergang, Simey, Marion Matthews, and so many more folk on the ground and in the air, up ladders and banging in star pickets.

Thank you and have a great festival, see you out there.

Kate Finnerty  
2017 Festival Director

## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Nati Frinj is a celebration of art, creativity and the Natimuk community.

It's a festival that encourages both artists and audiences to try something new – and there's always something to surprise and challenge us in its diverse program.

Nati Frinj showcases local creative talent and attracts artists from across the region, across Victoria and further afield. It's a wonderful example of what a small community can achieve when it thinks big and reflects the rich creative and cultural life that we enjoy across our state.

The Victorian Government is a proud partner and supporter of Nati Frinj. Enjoy this year's festival!

Martin Foley Minister for Creative Industries

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Facebook**



# Ticket Sales

Major performances might charge an entry fee, mentioned in the blurb if this is the case. This fee helps to cover some of the artist's costs such as transport, lights and PA hire. We thank you for your support. Sometimes tickets will be sold at the door and sometimes events/workshops will have to be prebooked through online ticketing or at the Frinj HUB prior to the event.

**Ticket sales online from Oct 5 at [natifrinj.com](http://natifrinj.com) or at the Frinj HUB from Nov 2.**

Call in to the Frinj HUB and talk to one of our lovely volunteers if you have any questions.

## Frinj HUB

**10am - 5pm SAT and SUN**

Outta-towners and locals alike should head down to the Frinj HUB at NC2 for a number of fantastic performances but also programme updates and additions, maps, Frinj T-Shirts, local and regional information as well as lost clothing and children.

Limited Edition LOW IMPACT 2017 Frinj T-Shirts and Bags  
Organic and 90% Carbon Neutral T-shirts and bags with 100% citrus  
and soy based screen recycling process. Yay!

## How to get here

Natimuk is located 324 kms north-west of Melbourne on the Wimmera Highway. If you are coming on public transport the Vline bus/train travels daily from Melbourne's Southern Cross Station and arrives in Horsham. From Horsham to Natimuk you can.....make your own way? We are hoping to charter some buses, check the website for further info on this.

Fuel up before you arrive because there is no petrol in Natimuk.

## Accommodation

There is good camping at Mt Arapiles 8kms west of town and world-class rock climbing!

Camping is also available 3kms out of town at the Natimuk Lake Caravan Park 0407 800 753.

Bring a bike and torch for getting in and out! There is hotel accommodation at the Natimuk National Hotel but it is usually booked out well in advance of Frinj. Horsham (26kms east), Edenhope (60kms west), Nhill (70kms north) also have hotels.

The Natimuk Showground Committee are offering camping in Natimuk township! \$15 adult, per night and \$10 under 16 yrs per night. Bookings will be taken directly by the Showground Committee please ring Travis on 0407 874 238.

## Glamping

This year we have you covered! Quite literally, with a luxury tent package from Undersky camping.

Glamping is the new big thing don't you know? Undersky will provide everything you need for a stylish Frinj experience close to the action. For more details and to book your tent please contact [hello@undersky.com.au](mailto:hello@undersky.com.au).

# Food and Bars

Food! Yum, the back-bone of any good festival. While there will be a variety of eating establishments we still suggest you come somewhat prepared with some snacks and easy meals. Horsham (26kms east) has large supermarkets.

## **Natimuk Cafe**

Fri, Sat and Sun 8:30am- 10:30pm. Licensed from 11am  
Breakfast 8.30am-12pm, Lunch then Dinner 6.30- kitchen closes 9pm

## **National Hotel**

Fri, Sat and Sun  
Bistro Open 12pm-2pm and 6pm-9pm Sun 8pm  
Pig on the Spit on Saturday at 6pm. Bar open 11am till late. ATM facilities

## **Nati Arapiles Shop**

7:45am- 7:30pm  
Milk Bar, small general store, fish and chips, hamburgers and pizza's

## **Final Frinj Fling at the Bowls Club**

Sun 6pm. Bar, food and live music till late  
Bit of an international theme, vegetarian option

## **Frinj Food Market**

Fri from 6pm, Saturday and Sunday  
Various options throughout the weekend including pancakes, sausage sizzle, cakes and slices, kebabs, sausages and gourmet kranksies, coffee cart and veg options

## **Natimuk Farmers' Market Plus**

Sun 10am-1:30pm  
Sausage sizzle, sweet and savoury pancakes with both gluten free and vegan options  
Tea & coffee. Bacon and eggs available from 8am to 10am

# The Emporium

"Best Garage in Town"

Intermittent times, from midday Fri till late Sun. But when there's dusk and dancing it's on!  
The lo-fi pop up liquor and good time palace pit stop.  
Go Go dancing workshop and Throbbing Gristle, live music  
and other shenanigans. Check schedule for event times.



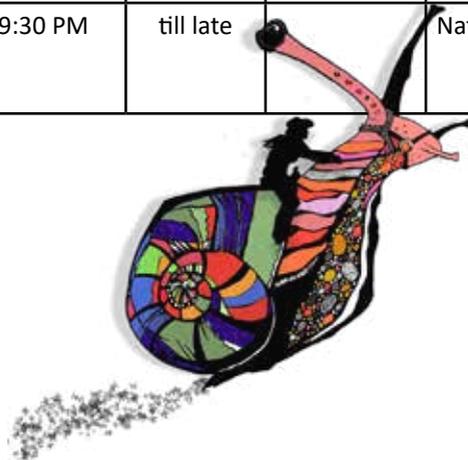
## **TOAST Bar and Grill**

Sat 4 Nov, 12 midday- 8pm and Sun 5 Nov, 12 midday- 6pm  
Join us for a toast, eat some deliciously topped toast  
or even get toasted...all to some relaxing vibes and eclectic entertainment.  
Menu available at Frinj HUB. Check schedule for event times.

# Friday 3 November

More information regarding the listed events are to be found on the following pages

EVENT	START	FINISH	DURATION	VENUE
<b>Hay and Thespian Parade Registration</b>	5 PM	6 PM	1 hour	Uebergangs, top end of Main Street
<b>Hay and Thespian Parade</b>	6 PM	6:12(ish) PM	12 mins, (give or take 2.34 mins)	Service Road beside Main Street
<b>Frinj Food Market</b>	6 PM	7 PM	1 hour	Natimuk Market Square
<b>Parade Prize Giving (and maybe a short speech or two)</b>	6:15 PM	6:30 PM	15 mins	Natimuk Market Square
<b>Snail Racing</b>	6:30 PM	7:15 PM	45 mins	Natimuk National Hotel
<b>Natimuk Brass Band</b>	6:30 PM	7:45 PM	1 hour and a bit extra!	Natimuk Market Square
<b>The Clitterati Exhibition Opening</b>	7 PM	8 PM	1 hour	Goat Gallery
<b>Cosmic Speed Dating with Guru Dudu</b>	7:30 PM	9 PM	1.5 hours	Soldier's Memorial Hall Please book online or at Frinj HUB
<b>Dusk</b>	9:07 PM	9:37 PM	30 mins	Natimuk GrainCorp Silos Book online
<b>Music from Lily and King</b>	9:30 PM	till late		Natimuk National Hotel



# Saturday 4 November- Morning

More information regarding the listed events are to be found on the following pages

EVENT	START	FINISH	DURATION	VENUE
<b>Yoga</b>	8 AM	9:30 AM	90 mins	Lutheran Church Hall Donation on the door
<b>Saturday Morning Pick - me - Up</b>	9 AM	11 AM	2 hours	The Emporium
<b>Magnetica</b>	10 AM	11 AM	1 hour	Skate Park (Soldiers Memorial Hall if wet)
<b>Complimentary Caravan</b>	10 AM	12 midday	Drop in	The Verj
<b>The Great Natimuk Clothes Swap</b>	11 AM	12 midday	Drop in	Band Rotunda (NC2 if wet) Bring a Frinj Fread (thread) for swapsies, feathers welcome!
<b>Itchy Scabs Workshop</b>	11 AM	1 PM	2 hrs	Soldier's Memorial Hall Supper Room Please book online or at Frinj HUB
<b>Discover your alter ego with Ophelia Sol</b>	12 midday	1 PM	1 hour	RSL Hall
<b>Barbershop</b>	12 midday	2 PM	20 min shows	Old Chemist (opposite Frinj HUB) Tickets sold on the door
<b>B.A.R.E</b>	1 PM	1:30 PM	30 mins	The Verj (Truck Stage)
<b>Aikido Iwama Ryu Demonstration</b>	1 PM	2 PM	1 hour	Soldiers Memorial Hall
<b>MiNfo - Made in Natimuk Forum</b>	1 PM	2 PM	1 hour	Frinj HUB (NC2)
<b>Silent Disco Walking Tour</b>	2 PM	3 PM	1 hour	Start at Frinj HUB (NC2) Book tickets online or at Frinj HUB. Limited numbers
<b>Go Go Dancing Workshop</b>	2 PM	3 PM	1 hour	The Emporium
<b>Frinjy Films</b>	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	1 hour	Frinj HUB (NC2)
<b>Spookmaster</b>	3 PM	3:50 PM	50 mins	Soldiers Memorial Hall Book online or at Frinj HUB
<b>Complimentary Caravan</b>	3 PM	5 PM	Drop in	The Verj

# Saturday 4 November - Afternoon and Evening

More information regarding the listed events are to be found on the following pages

EVENT	START	FINISH	DURATION	VENUE
<b>The Crossing Part 1</b>	3:30 PM	4 PM	30 mins	TOAST Bar and Grill (Caela's Shed)
<b>Songs of Transformation The Fearless Note</b>	3:30 PM	4:15 PM	45 mins	Lutheran Church Hall Tickets Sales on the Door
<b>Kane's Backyard</b>	4 PM	5:30 PM	1.5 hours	Kane's back yard Please book online or at Frinj HUB
<b>Lollipop Ladies</b>	4 PM	7 PM	Roving	Natimuk
<b>No Longer a Wandering Spirit</b>	4:30 PM	4:45 PM	15 mins	Frinj HUB (NC2)
<b>Music from Victoriana Gaye</b>	5 PM	5:45 PM	45 mins	TOAST Bar and Grill (Caela's Shed)
<b>Barbershop</b>	5 PM	7 PM	20 min shows	Old Chemist (opposite Frinj HUB) Tickets sold on the door
<b>Music from Miles and Simone</b>	6 PM	6:45 PM	45 mins	The Verj (Truck Stage)
<b>LadyCake</b>	7 PM	7:50 PM	50 mins	Soldiers Memorial Hall Tickets sold on the door
<b>Storytime with the Thing</b>	8 PM	8:30 PM	30 mins	The Verj (The Thing)
<b>Dusk</b>	9:08	9:38 PM	30 mins	Natimuk GrainCorp Silos Book online
<b>Disco Damo</b>	9:45 PM	11:45 PM	2 hours	Roving
<b>Insultations</b>	10 PM	10:30 PM	30 mins	Soldier's Memorial Hall Supper Room Tickets sold on the door
<b>The Birth of the Unicorn Mermaid</b>	10 PM	10:45 PM	45 mins	RSL Hall Please book online or at Frinj HUB
<b>Insultations</b>	11 PM	11:30 PM	30 mins	Soldier's Memorial Hall Supper Room Tickets sold on the door
<b>Throbbing Gristle (7b+)</b>	11 PM	12:30 AM	1 hour and then some..	The Emporium

# Sunday 5 November - Morning

More information regarding the listed events are to be found on the following pages

EVENT	START	FINISH	DURATION	VENUE
<b>Yoga</b>	8 AM	9:30 AM	90 mins	Lutheran Church Hall Donation on the door
<b>Sunday Morning Put - me - Down</b>	9 AM	11 AM	2 hours	The Emporium
<b>Natty Things Art Market</b>	9:30 AM	3 PM	5.5 hours	Old Garage
<b>Frinjy Films</b>	10 AM	11 AM	1 hour	Frinj HUB (NC2)
<b>The Hysterical History of the Trojan War</b>	10 AM	10:45 AM	45 mins	Soldier's Memorial Hall Donation on the door
<b>Silent Disco Walking Tour</b>	10 AM	11 AM	1 hour	Start at Frinj HUB (NC2) Book tickets online or at Frinj HUB. Limited numbers
<b>Lollipop Ladies</b>	10 AM	1 PM	Roving	Natimuk
<b>Farmers' Market</b>	10 AM	1:30 PM	3.5 hours	Natimuk Market Square
<b>Barbershop</b>	10 AM	12 midday	20 min shows	Old Chemist (opposite Frinj HUB) Tickets sold on the door
<b>B.A.R.E</b>	11:30 AM	12 midday	30 mins	The Verj (Truck Stage)
<b>Empty Sky Song Workshop</b>	11:30 AM	1 PM	1.5 hour	Lutheran Church Hall
<b>Music from Victoriana Gaye</b>	12 midday	12:45 PM	45 mins	The Emporium
<b>Magnetica</b>	12 midday	1 PM	1 hour	Skate Park (Soldiers Memorial Hall if wet)
<b>Music and other cool stuff with the Itchy Scabs</b>	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	1 hour	The Verj (Truck Stage)
<b>Possible Not</b>	1:30 PM	2 PM	30 mins	Soldier's Memorial Hall
<b>No Longer a Wandering Spirit</b>	2 PM	2:15 PM	15 mins	Frinj HUB (NC2)
<b>Miles and Simone</b>	2 PM	2 :45 PM	45 mins	The Emporium

# Sunday 5 November - Afternoon and Evening

More information regarding the listed events are to be found on the following pages

EVENT	START	FINISH	DURATION	VENUE
<b>Swelter</b>	2 PM	5 PM	Drop in	Dave's Shed
<b>Complimentary Caravan</b>	2 PM	4 PM	Drop in	The Verj
<b>Go Show Escargot</b>	2:30 PM	3 PM	30 mins	Frinj HUB (NC2)
<b>Golden Needle Yarn Bomb Guided Tour</b>	3 PM	3:15 PM	15 mins	Start from Frinj HUB (NC2)
<b>Spookmaster</b>	3 PM	3:50 PM	50 mins	Soldier's Memorial Hall Book online or at Frinj HUB
<b>The Crossing Part 2</b>	4 PM	4:30 PM	30 mins	TOAST Bar and Grill (Caela's Shed)
<b>Barbershop</b>	4 PM	6 PM	20min shows	Old Chemist (opposite Frinj HUB) Tickets sold on the door
<b>Kane's Backyard</b>	4 PM	5:30 PM	1.5 hours	Kane's back yard Please book online or at Frinj HUB
<b>The Wimmera Speaks</b>	5 PM	5:45 PM	45 mins	Soldier's Memorial Hall Supper Room Donation on the door
<b>LadyCake</b>	7 PM	7:50 PM	50 mins	Soldiers Memorial Hall Tickets sold on the door
<b>The Great Natimuk Clothes Swap</b>	7 PM	8 PM	Drop in	Bowls Club Bring a Frinj Fread (thread) for swapsies, feathers welcome!
<b>Music from Beatroute and the Nang Nangs</b>	8:15 PM	9 PM	45 mins	Bowls Club Book online or at Frinj HUB. Door tickets also available
<b>The Birth of the Unicorn Mermaid</b>	9 PM	9:45 PM	45 mins	RSL Hall Please book online or at Frinj HUB
<b>Dusk</b>	9:09 PM	9:39 PM	30 mins	Natimuk GrainCorp Silos Book online
<b>Music from Tek Tek</b>	9:30 PM	11:15 PM	The final flinj, give it all you got!	Bowls Club Book online or at Frinj HUB. Door tickets also available

# Performances and Events



**Sat 4 Nov, 1pm**

**Sun 5 Nov, 11:30am**

**The Verj - Truck Stage**

## B.A.R.E

The Body Appliance Revival Experience (B.A.R.E.) is a participatory dance performance embodying domestic appliances of the past, present and future. If a washing machine were a dance move, what would it look like? Come and follow the moves! B.A.R.E is a Revival Experience for those who have witnessed the power appliances have gained over our lives, and who want to take the power back. You will be gently led through a dance-based interpretation of the appliances that inhabit our domestic worlds. From the machines of the past, to the smarter devices of the future, B.A.R.E. celebrates the physical impacts of appliances on our human lives.



**Sat 4 Nov** 12pm, 12:30pm, 1pm, 1:30pm. 5pm, 5:30pm, 6pm, 6:30pm

**Sun 5 Nov** 10am, 10:30am, 11am, 11:30am. 4pm, 4:30pm, 5pm, 5:30pm

**Old Chemist**

**Tickets \$10**

\* Ticket sales on the door

## Barbershop

Brush that shopping list, vacuum that shower, water the dog, iron the cat, paint the car – STRESS LEVEL 3000. Stoppppp!!! Take a moment to sit back, breathe out and treat yourself to something just for YOU. Those voices aren't in your head. It's us, serenading you as we style, in this Hairdressing Experience with Pizzazz. Book in for an appointment now and feel invigorated as your hair is transformed while we sing. This is for everyone with or without hair, no judgement in this all inclusive sing-song salon!

(PS: No scissors will be used...unless you really want us to!)



**Sat 4 Nov, 10am - 12pm**

**3pm - 5pm**

**Sun 5 Nov, 2pm - 4pm**

**The Verj**

## Complimentary Caravan

“I can live for two months on a good compliment”. (Mark Twain)

To compliment someone is to give a gift, a congratulatory kiss, a sign of approval. Yes! You’ve made an excellent decision. You’re dancing in the right direction. Your footwork is impeccable!

Step inside Rose Turtle Ertler’s Complimentary Caravan and absorb a soundtrack of spoken compliments recently recorded by local Natimuk folk. ‘Bathe’ in relentless words of encouragement and appreciation. This is an ongoing project that explores the ‘power of words’ through a collection of compliments and insults. (See also Insultations in the festival programme)



**Friday 3 Nov 7:30pm**

**Soldiers Memorial Hall**

**Tickets \$15/\$10 concession**

Limited spaces.

Book online or at Frinj HUB

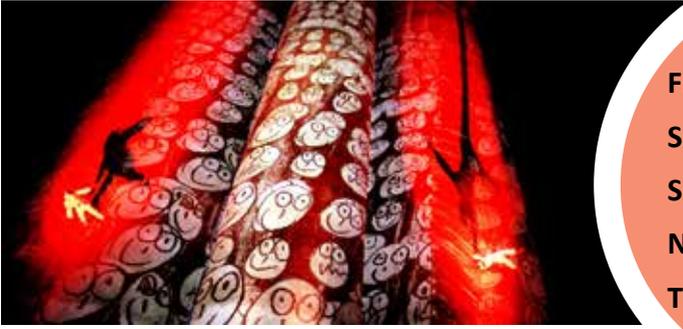
\*NO ticket sales on the door

## Cosmic Speed Dating

A fun event for singles to meet, or for anyone to come and interact and play with some new folk – just for the fun of it!

Guru Dudu takes you on an hilarious walk through time from the ‘Big Bang’ until the present day, inviting you to stop along the way and meet lots of the interesting time-travellers who are accompanying you on your journey. He creates lots of interesting points of contact and facilitated interaction for you to meet new friends in pairs, trios and small groups.

This is a fun and playful workshop where you will find out lots of interesting things about each other and maybe even yourself. Open to all people whether single, partnered and inclusive of all sexual preferences.



**Friday 3 Nov, 9:07pm**

**Saturday 4 Nov, 9:08pm**

**Sunday 5 Nov, 9:09pm**

**Natimuk GrainCorp Silo**

**Tickets Book online**

## Dusk

Three spectacular outdoor Silo performances every evening at astronomical twilight. Each Dusk event is different as we reflect the day that was at the Nati Frinj Biennale. Aerialists and circus theatre, interactive projections, live interviews with the moon, light paintings, community photography, musicians, poetry, shadow play and mystery elements plucked daily from the festival, all combine to become a nightly reflection that captures and celebrates the experience of the Nati Frinj.

Y Space Producer/Director Jillian Pearce will lead a collaborative team of local artists Dave Jones, Mary French and Greg Pritchard, Clunes based Asking for Trouble, Canadian based performers Julia Carr and Abby Watkins and you!

*Dusk is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria and the Horsham Town Hall.*

**TICKETS** Per person \$5 or \$10 for three shows. Per Family \$20 or \$50 for three shows. Book online or at the door (gap in the fence). Thank you for your support.



## Insultations

Insultations is an installation/performance where you can take your time to compose a well-considered insult, to be as offensive as you like with a string of nasty words that you'd love to say to someone but would never dare.

It's a place where you can rid yourself of a toxic feeling, dispose of a bad mood lingering in your bones and convert a rotting thought into glowing lightness. Live music by five electric guitarists. This is a continuation of Rose Turtle Ertler's work that explores the power of words through a collection of insults and compliments. (See also Complimentary Caravan in festival programme.)

**LAUNGUAGE WARNING: Swearing will be let loose.**

*This project was made possible by the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund, which supports the arts in regional and remote Australia.*

**Sat 4 Nov, 10pm & 11pm**

**Soldiers Memorial Hall  
Supper Room**

**Tickets \$10**

*\*Ticket Sales on the door*



**Sunday 5 Nov**

**12:30pm - 1:30pm**

**The Verj - Truck Stage**

## Itchy Scabs

Bad music for good children. Oi kids! The Itchy Scabs do family friendly garage punk. Their songs are about cool stuff like robots & dinosaurs and the show has stunts, monsters and other stupid stuff. Come along and do the pogo with the only kids band that hates school as much you do. See workshop programme for more with the Itchy Scabs.

It's a grouse gig for the groms!



**Sat 4 Nov, 7pm**

**Sun 5 Nov, 7pm**

**Soldiers Memorial Hall**

**Tickets \$15 /\$10 concession**

\*Ticket Sales on the door

## LadyCake

Marie Antoinette – teen icon, loving mother, draconian villain, murdered queen.  
How easy is it to tear a woman from her throne?

LadyCake is a modern re-fashioning of the myths surrounding the infamous last queen of France- Marie Antoinette- who lived like a rock star against the backdrop of a blood-thirsty revolution. An electrifying and darkly witty piece that sees a flamboyant collision between 18th century France and the modern day,

LadyCake contends with the way speculation, gossip, assumption and physical criticism can cruelly undermine a woman. Using Marie Antoinette as the leading lady, Three Birds Theatre dives into a colourful and captivating world of luxury, revolt and too much cake.



**Sat 4 Nov, 4pm - 7pm**  
**Sun 5 Nov, 10am - 1pm**  
**About Town**

## Lollipop Ladies

Crowd Control at it's funniest! Be led across a randomly appearing zebra crossings, revolve around spontaneous roundabouts made of unsuspecting people, obey bizarre street signs or suffer undignified punishment, and make sure you don't step on the cracks!!!! Watch the hilarious comedy unfold with you in it ..... Where were you going anyway?

## Possible Not

Two local groups come together to tackle the impossible...

Asking for Trouble direct the Wimmera Women's Circus and local youth gymnasts in a physical theatre show exploring our perceptions of what is possible for ourselves and asks where did that belief come from? When do we believe we can't do something? Is it an ultimate truth, a law of physics or learned behaviour? Possible Not unpacks our perceptions of boundaries using circus as a metaphor for human potential. Playful, fun and impressive.

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**Sun 5 Nov, 1:30pm**  
**Soldiers Memorial Hall**

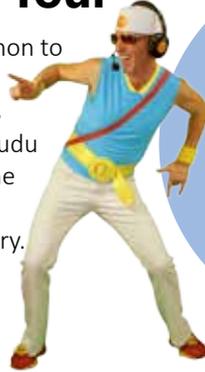
## Arts House REFUGE

The Natimuk outlier to Arts House North Melbourne Refuge will step back into the question of the idea of refuge. Is it only disasters we need refuge from? Maybe you just need a safe place to recover after too much fun at the Frinj. We will erect a safe place in a large tent, somewhere you can rest, chat, and think about the idea of refuge, over a cup of tea. At times, this conversation will be facilitated, at other times it is self-directed. You might even be challenged to make some art, heaven forbid!

**Various Times**  
**The Verj**

# Silent Disco Walking Tour

Guru Dudu takes the Silent Disco phenomenon to a whole new level with his Silent Disco Walking Tours. Everyone wears headphones and can hear the commentary from Guru Dudu and the dance-mix of uplifting faves from the 70's, 80's & 90's. It's all about spontaneous Flash Mob dancing and hilarious commentary. Throw in a spot of interpretative dancing around local landmarks and lots of crazy impro- its guaranteed to open the 'laughter meridians'



**Sat 4 Nov, 2pm**

**Sun 5 Nov, 10am**

**Starts Frinj HUB (NC2)**

**Tickets \$10**

Book online or at Frinj HUB

# Snail Racing

Wimmera snails are among the fastest in the world, well maybe not the fastest but almost in the top 234 fastest snails in the world.....almost. Local snail enthusiast Sarah Natali has joined forces with well renown groomer and trainer Ben Grey to coach an elite team of snails bred for the racing circuit. They are showcasing this formidable group in Natimuk! A professional auctioneer from Rodwells, Horsham will oversee the auction of the snails before the race, and commentators will ensure that none of the action is missed. The bets are on!

**Fri 3 Nov, 6:30pm**

**National Hotel**



**Sat 4 Nov, 3pm**

**Sun 5 Nov, 3pm**

**Soldiers Memorial Hall**

**Tickets \$10/\$5 concession**

Book online or at Frinj HUB

\* NO ticket sales on the door

# Spookmaster

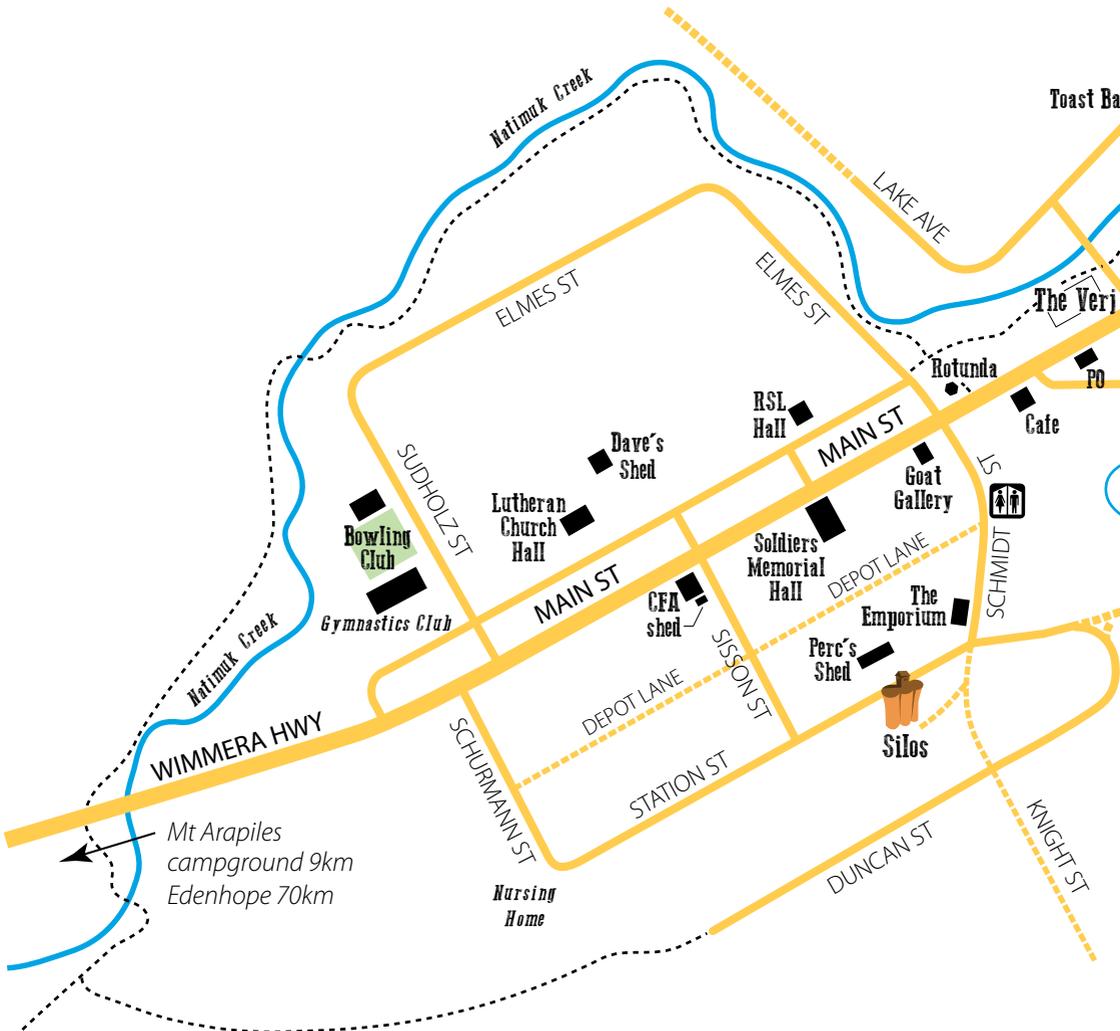
Mixing performance, puppetry and digital projection, Mark Penzak enacts a humorous, touching and enjoyably spooky story about a boy who confronts The Spookmaster in his dreams and learns to master his fears. An engaging, uplifting story about families, facing problems and growing up. **Age 5+**

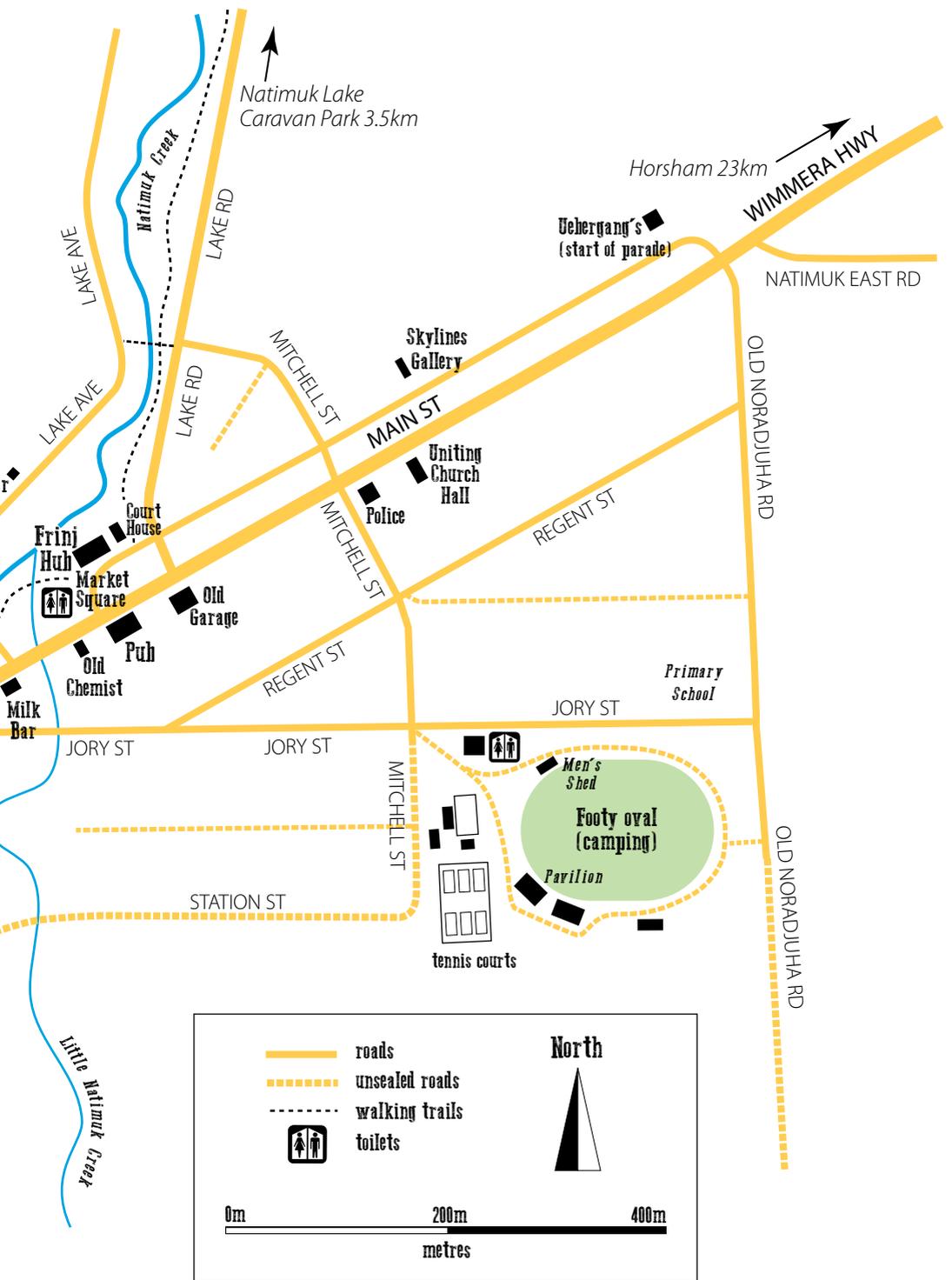
'A brilliant performer' The Evening Times.

# Natimuk Frinj 2017

## Welcome to the land of the Wotjobaluk.

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting, their Elders past and present and Elders here today. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the five Traditional Owner groups of the Wimmera Region; the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk people.







**Sat 4 Nov, 8pm**

**The Verj**

**BYO rug and cushions**

## Storytime with the Thing

As shadows lengthen along the Natimuk Main Street and the evening draws in, gather together with the Thing and listen to his tale of wonder and adventure under the night sky. What do Things do when darkness falls? Relax under the stars with a hot chocolate and find out.



**Sun 5 Nov, 2pm - 5pm**

**Dave's Shed**

## Swelter

In a tactile exploration of an extreme-heat scenario, Dave Jones and a team of young collaborators have constructed a room-sized model city and are subjecting it to a halogen heatwave. As the space heats up, how will residents respond?

And how can you help to keep the houses cool?

What will you do if the residents have to be rescued?

## The Hysterical History of the Trojan War

Nati Youth Theatre presents its first play! Join them as they re-enact the Trojan War with Helen and Paris, some girl called Cassandra that no one listens to and a random chap called Achilles who gets shot in the heel. A history lesson like no other. The Nati Youth Theatre have also created all the set, props and costumes for the show.

**Sun 5 Nov, 10am**

**Soldiers Memorial Hall**

**Tickets Donation**



**Sat 4 Nov, 10pm**

**Sun 5 Nov, 9pm**

**RSL Hall**

**Tickets \$15/\$10 concession**

Book online of at Frinj HUB

\*NO ticket sales on the door

## The Birth of the Unicorn Mermaid

The one and only fabulously flamboyant Ophelia Sol invites you to the baby shower of the year where you will witness the spectacular birth of the Unicorn Mermaid! A world driven by competitiveness, filled with glitter and yummy mummies, dance numbers and hairy monsters. Ophelia will explore her fears and desires surrounding motherhood, dissecting perfectionism in a pink plastic world.

**\*Not for the younger ones! +16yrs**

## The Crossing

On an overnight ferry

In the deep waters off Sumatra epicentre of earthquake and tsunamis. Where the earth's tectonic plates collide

Drunk

On his honeymoon

A man falls overboard  
into pitch darkness

Based on a true story, The Crossing uses lyrical text, projection and movement to explore the contours of surrender and survival, light and shadow, unconsciousness and awakening.

A true story told in two parts - Part 1 Saturday and Part 2 Sunday.

**Sat 4 Nov, PART 1 3:30pm**

**Sun 5 Nov, PART 2 4pm**

**Toast Bar and Grill**

**(Caela's Shed)**

## The Great Natimuk Clothes Swap

All around Natimuk, black plastic bags of cast off clothes appear throughout the year, on verandas, beside back doors and even as offerings at pot luck dinners.

The Great Natimuk Clothes Swap invites all festival goers to experience this intimate phenomenon, bring something to swap and walk out a new (and some would say improved) Nati Frinj attendee. Local "shop assistants" will be on hand to offer some obscure and eccentric fashion advice (quite frankly not to be trusted, but friendly all the same).

**Sat 4 Nov, 11am**

**Band Rotunda**

(Frinj HUB if wet)

**Sun 5 Nov, 7pm**

**Bowls Club**

# The Wimmera Speaks

An exploration of D'Arcy Molan's matrilineal connection to the Wimmera region through spoken word, live music, pre-recorded music and projected landscape photos. The work presents material themed around people and place, the ethics of non-Indigenous belonging, and the multiple histories of spaces. While Melbourne born and raised, D'Arcy grew up performing the saxophone with his jazz pianist grandmother Audrey Huntly from the Apsley/Edenhope area.

**Sun 5 Nov, 5pm**

**Soldiers Memorial Hall  
Supper Room**

**Tickets Donation**

## Music



**Sun 5 Nov, 8:15pm**

**Bowls Club**

**Tickets \$10**

Book online or at Frinj HUB  
Ticket sales on the door  
also available

# Beatroute and the Nang Nangs

A highly energetic and fun band of local musicians. Combining gypsy pirate, folk and funk with some good old rock riffs. This all original 6 piece will have you dancing your feet off. See you there!

# Disco Damo

It just wouldn't be a Frinj without Disco Damo, remember the Rotunda Party and the Step Back in time Disco? Well it's time to dust on the glitter and get on down with your bad self!

**Pick me Up - Sat 4 Nov @ The Emporium, 9am**

Forget the Berocco, Damo's tunes will support mental sharpness and promote physical energy for the day ahead.

**Put Me Down - Sun 5 Nov @ The Emporium, 9am**

Some gentle tunes to guide you into a state of consciousness most beneficial for another day of Frinjing.

**Roving Pop Up Party - Sat 4 Nov, approx 9:45pm**

**Sat 4 Nov, 9am**

**Sun 5 Nov, 9am**

**The Emporium**

**Sat 4 Nov, 9:45pm**

**Roving**



**Sat 4 Nov, 4pm**

**Sun 5 Nov, 4pm**

**Kane's Backyard**

**Tickets \$10**

Book online or at Frinj HUB

\* NO ticket sales on the door

## Kane's Backyard

Need to escape the hustle and bustle of Frinj fired Natimuk? Come over, pull up a couch and relax in Kane's back yard. Enjoy a cocktail & snacks while you bliss out to an intimate acoustic jam session with random musicians. Two exclusive afternoons not to be missed!



**Fri 3 Nov, 9:30pm**

**Natimuk National Hotel**

## Lily and King

Lily and King are a quirky, musical junkyard from Melbourne. Their aim is to use all of their limbs for making music at the one time. Lily and King create rousingly catchy music that sits somewhere between a captivating 40's nightclub routine and the raw, rambunctious spirit of New Orleans street buskers.

Dixieland punk, sailor songs, weird carnie show tunes and the odd bit of curious pop, their music is joyful, beautiful and a bit dirty and wicked too. Their act is a lilting, luring, sensual haze of smoky opiate vocals that transport the captivated audience to a redly lit burlesque bar from the 1940s, where the smoke curled thickly in the air and people only ever drank whiskey.

With trombone, sweet and sassy vocals, toy piano, guitar, half a drum kit and an abundance of foot stomping, their melodies are infused with wild exuberance and joie de vivre - a Lily and King gig is a truly wild and joyful experience.



## Miles and Simone

Heartbreaker alt-country duo Miles and Simone weave their lonesome seaside lullabies and ballads with restraint- two sublime voices, gentle melodies, poetic lyrics and hilarious banter. Their first single, She and I, off upcoming EP is produced by acclaimed producer Dan Luscombe (The Drones, Courtney Barnett) who has drawn out the darkness from the pair's sweet and mournful love ballads. With Pete Luscombe (Paul Kelly) driving the rhythm train on an old snare drum, Dan working his magic on a slide guitar and Jules Pascoe (Jazz Party) bringing up the bottom end on his upright double bass, the outcome is a hollering freight train of a song, screamin down the line towards The Heartbreak Hotel.

**Sat 4 Nov, 6pm**

**The Verj, Truck Stage**

**Sun 5 Nov, 2pm**

**The Emporium**



## Natimuk Brass Band

The Natimuk Brass Band plays everything from marches to John Lennon's "Imagine". They're a part of Natimuk's history and it wouldn't be a Nati event without the Brass Band under the direction of long-term Bandmaster Bob White. Relax into the Nati Frinj with the sounds of the longest running band in Natimuk!

**Fri 3 Nov, 6:30pm**

**Market Square**

## Stage, Truck Stage - The Verj

Worthwhile to note that we have a truck stage on the Verj. And not just any old truck stage, a 1963 converted Bedford Truck Stage. Local DJ, school kid and drummer Mitch Haustorfer will be playing some old faves at various times over the weekend and we have programmed some other cool stuff for your listening and viewing pleasure, but there will also be a busking board so you can programme yourself. Or dob in your buddy who is a wizz on the old musical saw!



**Sat 4 Nov, 3:30pm**

**Lutheran Church Hall**

**Tickets \$15**

\* Ticket sales on the door

## Songs of Transformation

“A power and presence that’s beyond words” Colum Sands  
ARIA award winner and songbird Kavisha Mazzella original song’s lyrical ingredients include humour, poetry, social justice and the spiritual. Singing in English and Italian and combining this prowess with the voice of an angel, you have the experience of a Kavisha concert.



**Sun 5 Nov, 9:30pm**

**Bowls Club**

**Tickets \$10**

Book online or at Frinj HUB

\*Ticket sales on the door  
also available

## Tek Tek

TEK TEK perform virtuosic and original music inspired by tropical jungles, late night Balkan weddings, 1960s chic, and shamanistic desert rituals.

The balance of three guys and three girls captivate audiences with exclamatory trumpet; hedonistic violins and organ; deeply pulsating drums and bass; wild psychedelic electric guitar and synthesizer; and a rich smearing of harmonized singing (and wailing) thrown on top.

Tek Tek are going to draw the 2017 Nati Frinj to a close with some seriously outlandish outfits. Do you feel like your clothes really reflect your vibe? If in doubt come to the Great Natimuk Clothes Swap before the bands @ 7pm, there might even be an impromptu ‘gothic disco aerobics’ class to warm you up!

An evening meal will be an additional cost, and of course the Bowls Club bar will be open for business.

## Throbbing Gristle 7b+

DJ > dancing > superfood drinks.  
Sounds like a good combo to me!

Sat 4 Nov, 11:30pm

The Emporium



Sat 4 Nov, 5pm

TOAST Bar and Grill

(Caela's Shed)

Sun 5 Nov, 12 midday

The Emporium

## Victoriana Gaye

Art rockers Victoriana Gaye don't particularly sound like anybody else.

Soft core prog meets shoe gaze folk. Strong acoustic rhythms, kooky electric guitar, Burt Bacharach style trumpet, shared harmony/lead vocals.

It's 8 years and 5 albums since they formed. They have played all around the world and many times at Natimuk. We love em, don't miss them.

# Random Happenings

## Aikido Iwama Ryu Demonstration

Aikido Demonstration by members of Grampians Aikido, Horsham Dojo and Seikatsu Aikido Dojo (Melbourne).

A vibrant, powerful, graceful, traditional Japanese martial art, Iwama Ryu Aikido blends open hand technique with weapons (sword and staff). A demonstration of traditional technique and etiquette.

Sat 4 Nov, 1pm

Soldiers

Memorial Hall

## Go Show Escargot

Forget the real deal (too slimy). What can you create a snail from?

A competition to create a snail from any medium (felt, knitting, sculpture crochet, clay or anything really). A show and tell event with highly trained and easily bribed judges. Winners of the Golden Needle Yarn Bomb exhibits will also be announced.

Golden Needle Guided Tour at 3pm, meet at NC2

Sun 5 Nov, 2:30pm

Frinj HUB (NC2)



**Look for the frames  
around town**

## **Draw what you see, draw what you think you see**

Have you found a picture frame in town? Sit yourself down, grab the clipboard and take a moment to draw what you see, or even better, what you think you see through the frame\*. Drop off your artwork at the Frinj Hub when you are done. Artworks will be shared online after the festival.

\*No excuses of 'I can't draw' allowed – looking at you grown-ups.



**Fri 3 Nov**

**Registration 5pm**

Uebergangs, top end  
of Main Street

**Parade Starts 6pm**

Finishes Market  
Square

## **Hay and Thespian Mardi Gras**

Not just good, this is the Nati Frinj at it's very best. Random dogs and strange outfits, kids in control of a causal wander down the street. What could possible go wrong?

Hey, did someone mention a drought breaker?

## **Natimuk Farmers Market Plus**

Showcasing Local & Regional Produce

A People's market comprising of three distinct sections:

The Farmer's Market, Left Bank Artist section and Picnic Craft areas.

And FOOD! Community groups provide sausage sizzle, farm fresh turkey and gluten free beef sausages. There will be sweet and savoury pancakes with both gluten free and vegan options and tea & coffee. There will be bacon and eggs available from 8am to 10am.

**Sun 5 Nov, 10am**

**Market Square**



## Wings

These large winged flightless creatures flock to dark spaces. They thrive in the hidden corners of Natimuk streets. If you are quiet and respectful, you might just catch a glimpse.

**Various times  
Roving**

# Films and Forums



**Sat 4 Nov, 2:30pm  
Sun 5 Nov, 10am  
Frinj HUB (NC2)**

## Frinj Films

The latest and greatest short films from this side of Melbourne.

## MiNfo - Made in Natimuk Forum

MiNfo is a mini performing arts market within the Nati Frinj Biennale. Come and sample the unique work created for and/or Made in Natimuk that is available to tour to your town/venue/festival. Hear directly from the artists about their work and creative process.

**Sat 4 Nov, 1pm  
Frinj HUB (NC2)**



**Sat 4 Nov, 4:30pm**

**Sun 5 Nov, 2pm**

**Frinj HUB (NC2)**

## **No Longer a Wandering Spirit**

A short film by Sharon Huebner that tells the story of two Aboriginal family groups discovering the history of their ancestor Bessy Flowers, who in 1867 was sent away from her Albany home in Western Australia, never to return.

## **Ontogenesis**

A pecha kucha influenced short film by local film maker Anna Ferguson exploring the art making evolution of Wimmera born and bred artists Claudia Haenel and Aaron Carter.

**Sat and Sun**

**10am - 4pm**

**CFA Shed**

# **Workshops**



**Sat 4 Nov, 12pm**

**RSL Hall**

Limited places

## **Discover your Alter Ego with Ophelia Sol**

Ever wondered what spectacular creature is living inside of you? Come and join the fabulously outrageous Ophelia Sol and discover your alter ego. Create a voice, a walk, and an accessory, and parade down the streets of Natimuk. A fun playful workshop for ages 10 and up.

# Empty Sky Song Workshop

Sacred songs from world traditions, where music and silence meet. No experience needed. Learn to sing from the heart and make a beautiful sound at the same time! Connecting the song with the body, Kavisha Mazella has a holistic and fun approach to singing, which encourages the natural voice.

**Sun 5 Nov, 11:30am**  
**Lutheran Church Hall**

**Tickets \$15**

\* Ticket sales on the door



**Sat 4 Nov, 2pm**

**The Emporium**

# GoGo Dancing Workshop

Have a Go Go. Back by popular demand. Super hip moves made easy-as by Dance Captain Bernie, she'll get you Go Go-ing for sure and smiling absolutely definitely. It's tooo much fun we promise. AND free- what's not to like? Get your Go Go ON.



**Sat 4 Nov, 11am**

**Soldiers Memorial Hall**  
**Supper Room**

Limited places

# Itchy Scabs School of Garage Punk

Help write a song, form a band, design a logo, make a band badge, get dressed up for stage and learn some awesome stage moves. Musical skill is definitely NOT necessary. Sorry folks this workshop is for kids! (No, not you, primary school age kids)



**Sat 4 Nov, 10am**  
**Sun 5 Nov, 12pm**  
**Skate Park**  
Limited places

## Magnetica

The skate park comes alive with slithering, jumping, crawling, hopping creatures. Make your own to add to the creature 'zoo' or take it home with you if you dare.

Image- Thylacine puppets created for the 'Fabulous Beasts' project by Hannah French and Edenhope P-12

# Visual Art

## Art Matters Happenings

Perhaps it's experiencing a moment of Shake n Groovin, or trying out one of our Wheelie Bin Camera Obscura Drawing Machines; you'll see Art Matters Artists all about town at random moments doing their thing. Feel free to join them.

**Random moments about town**

## A Pom's eye view of the Wimmera

Dramatic and beautiful photo's from all over the Wimmera, from the largest landscapes to the smallest detail by local Pom Steve Findlay.

**Shed behind Emporium**



**Fri, Sat and Sun**  
**8am - 9pm**  
**Skylines Gallery**

## Expiration/Inspiration

Inspiration.. expiration. We breathe in, out. We are born, childhood, mature, grow old, die. Photographic exhibition from Douglas Hockly, images of Wimmera landscape.

# Felt Fantastic

Beautiful, funky felt bowls, teapot cosies, bags and more from Tanja Gawin.



**Fri, Sat and Sun**

**All day**

**Window display beside  
Goat Gallery**

**Fri 3 Nov**

**Sat 4 Nov**

**From dusk**

**Perc's Shed**

# Glacial

Glacial is an animated work made in response to the vastness of Antarctica. A single long sheet of paper folds, crumples and buckles across the screen, the tension and compression evoking the shifting expanse of ice and creating a constant movement between illusion and reality. Projected at a large scale, the work aims to be a meditative experience in which the viewer becomes enveloped in an engagement with the monumental.

Nicholas Hutcheson journeyed to Antarctica as an Arts Fellow of the Australian Antarctic Division.

# Golden Needle Yarn Bombs

We think anything can be enhanced with a wee spot of yarn bombing! Take some measurements now and get yarning. Your 'bomb' should be in place by Sat 4 Nov. For further info and/or to join the highly secretive collaborative yarn bomb contact Sarah 0468387121 or Lexi 0432482567.

**Guided Walk**

**Sun 5 Nov, 3pm**

**Meet at Frinj HUB**



**Fri, Sat and Sun**

**All hours**

**The Verj**

# Hammock

A restive participatory installation of primary coloured hammocks by Sue Pavlovich. A different note in each hammock pocket proposes a meditation, on seeing, smelling or listening.

# I can't believe she wore THAT!

The Arapiles Historical Society has created a display of clothes through the 20th century. On loan from local families the exhibition depicts local people through the years wearing clothes for both their working life and leisure activities.

**Fri 3 Nov, 6pm**  
**Sat 11am - 4pm**  
**Sat 11am - 3pm**  
**Courthouse**

## Licorice Leeches

Greg Pritchard reckons that if it's hot you will see them! Large solar inflated black tubes across the creek from the Verj. We promise they will be more impressive than the description, well if it's hot anyway.

**Throughout the weekend as it gets hot**



**Throughout the weekend, pick up a map from the Frinj HUB (NC2)**

## Nati Frinj Environmental Art Trail

A self-drive tour of art in the Natimuk area. Please pick up a map from Frinj HUB

## Natty Things Art Market

Things stichy: crafty: classy: wooly: tarty: Locally made quality textile and other things by local artists including Marion Matthews, Gill Venn and Helen Blandford

**Sun 5 Nov**  
**9:30am - 3pm**  
**Old Garage**

## The Clitterati

Kirsten Fredericks & Trevor Smith bring you a crochet art show about famous people and their nether regions....

**Fri 3 Nov, 7pm**  
**Opening**  
**Sat and Sun**  
**10am - 4pm**  
**Goat Gallery**

## Untitled Dome

Ready for a little ly down? Enter the dome. Created by Alison Eggleton, loosen your mind in this architectural, light and sound space on the Verj. Experience the Frinj from this unique space during the day and late into the night.

**Open throughout the festival weekend**



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