

NATI FRINJ BIENNALE

31 October - 2 November 2025

Festival program



Welcome to Frinj 2025

Acknowledgement of Country

Nati Frinj acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land upon which we are located, the people of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk. We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Meet the team

We've crafted a Frinj that invites deep community connection, with space to experiment and play. This year's program blends familiar faces with exciting new voices. Several projects highlight the outstanding creative talent in our region, brought to life through bold collaboration and artistic risk-taking. We hope this Frinj—the one we all know and love—leaves lasting memories for everyone involved.

Festival Director: Alison Eggleton

Community Engagement Coordinator: Samantha Thompson

Production Coordinator: Tim Ratcliffe

Marketing Coordinator: Tracey Skinner

Graphic Design: Hannah French

Thanks to our Curatorial sub-committee:

Dave Jones, Mary French, Tanja Goldsmith, Tracey Skinner, Jillian Pearce and Jacquie Tinkler.

The festival is not possible without our dedicated volunteer ACT Natimuk Committee and our fabulous Frinj 2025 volunteers.

Nati Frinj 2025 is a major event of ACT Natimuk



Message from the Minister

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I'm delighted to welcome you to the 2025 Nati Frinj – a three-day celebration of art, performance and community in the heart of Natimuk.

Since it began in 2002, the Nati Frinj has grown into one of regional Victoria's most distinctive festivals. This year's program brings together local artists and creatives from across Victoria to transform Natimuk's streets, silos, parklands and venues.

Festivals like the Nati Frinj do more than entertain visitors – they create opportunities for artists and deliver lasting benefits for the region by attracting visitors. Tourists who come to the Frinj support local businesses and strengthen Natimuk's reputation as a place of creativity.

Our Government is proud to support the Nati Frinj through the Regional Events Fund, which ensures that communities across the state can showcase their culture through major events.

While you're here, I encourage you to explore everything western Victoria has to offer and experience the warm hospitality that makes this region so special. Enjoy the festival and have a memorable stay in Natimuk.

Steve Dimopoulos

Member for Oakleigh, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events

Be a good Frinj - goer

- Recycle this guide
- Use your phone to show your ticket
- Walk or ride around the town
- Use the correct bins for your waste
- Respect your fellow Frinj-goers and town folk
- Drink responsibly and stay hydrated



Frinj Hub

Whether you're a local or just visiting, the Frinj Hub is your one-stop destination for everything Frinj! The Hub is your go-to spot for:

- Festival maps and event schedules
- Program updates and last-minute additions
- Box Office ticket sales/ booking
- Accessibility information
- Frinj merchandise
- Lost property and lost children assistance
- Local and regional information
- Nearby toilets and drinking water

Drop by the Hub to stay informed, and make the most of your Frinj experience.

Located at NC2, just off Market Square on Main Street.

Opening times listed on natifrinj.com

Venue accessibility information found on page 38 and at natifrinj.com

Ticket Sales and program updates

Our program is a mix of ticketed and free events. Please double check event dates and times on the Frinj website prior to booking, as the program is subject to change.



Online

natifrinj.com

Available from 5th October.

Frinj Hub

Available from
31 October to
2 November.

At the door

Some events will
allow door sales/
bookings.

Ticketing through Humanitix:

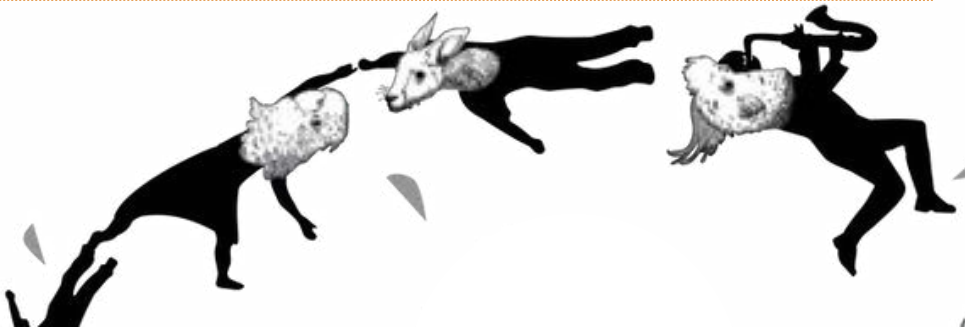
Ticket prices: full price and concession

Free events: some events require you to book as numbers are limited

Please arrive 15 mins before each event

Schedule - Friday 31 October

EVENT	START	DURATION	PRICE	VENUE
Ready, set, pre-parade charade	4.30pm	1hr	Free	D'arcy's
Opening Parade Registration	5.15pm	45mins	Free	Meet at Sunnyhurst
Opening Parade	6pm	30mins	Free	Main Street
Welcome to Country and Opening Speeches	6.30pm	45mins	Free	NC2 Marketsquare
LOOM - interactive installation	7pm	2hrs (open)	Free	Grain Shed
Sky Could Be Blue	7.30pm	45mins	\$45	Lotus Room (SHM)
A Royal Subject Exhibition Opening	7.45pm	45mins	Free	Goat Gallery
The Story of Becoming Nala short film on a loop	8pm	3hrs (open)	Free	Conical
Slay Queen	8.30pm	1hr	\$22	Arapiles Flow
Beetroot & the Nang Nangs	9pm	1.5hr	Gold coin	Nati Pub Front bar
Atomically Correct	10pm	1hr	\$28	Soldiers Memorial Hall
David Salter's late nite clinic	11pm	30mins	\$16	Lotus Room SMH



Schedule - Saturday 1 November

EVENT	START	DURATION	PRICE	VENUE
Dawn Walk	6am approx	1hr	Free	Meet at Rotunda
Circus for All - Risky	10am	20mins	Free	Rotunda Stage
Evening with Dame Granny Smith	10am	1 hr	\$28	Lutheran Church Hall
Circus For All - Workshops	10.30am	1.5hr	Free	The Verj
Artists in Conversation The Story of Becoming Nala	11.30am	1hr	Free	Conical
Flick	12pm	1hr	\$28	RSL Hall
LOOM - interactive installation	12pm	3.5hrs (open)	Free	Grain Shed
Sky Could Be Blue	12.30pm	45mins	\$45	Lotus room (SMH)
Circus for All- Risky	1pm	20mins	Free	Rotunda Stage
Live Art Painting	1pm	4hrs	Free	NC2 (lawn)
Sensory Exploration Space	1pm`	2hrs	Free	NC2 Council chamber
Circus For All - Workshop	1.30pm	1.5hrs	Free	The Verj
Cycles - Ossicle Duo	1.30pm	1.5hrs	Free	Courthouse
Journey of the Karen	2pm	1hr	\$28	Soldiers Memorial Hall
Mexicana Ping Pom with Simon Hudson	2pm	4hrs	Free	Arapiles Flow



Schedule - Saturday 1 November

EVENT	START	DURATION	PRICE	VENUE
Rural Hot Bitches Workshop	3.30pm	45mins	Free	Rotunda Stage
Wild Canary	Afternoon	Roving	Free	Around Town
Loom - Special Performance	4pm	45mins	\$22	Grain Shed
Atomically Correct	4.30pm	1hr	\$28	Soldier Memorial Hall
Creative Lab Forum	4.30pm	1.5hrs	Free	NC2
Natimuk Brass Band	5pm	75mins	Free	Rotunda Stage
The Oom-pah	Afternnoon	Roving	Free	Around Town
LOOM - interactive installation	7pm	3hrs (open)	Free	Grain Shed
A Night at the Museum	5.30pm	4hrs	\$10 at the door	Garage Museum
Songs of Transformation Kavisha Mazzella	6pm	1.5hrs	\$28	Lutheran Church Hall
Sky Could Be blue	6.30pm	45mins	\$45	Lotus room (SMH)
The Story of Becoming Nala short film on a loop	8pm	3hrs (open)	Free	Conical
Cabaret Out of Whack!	8.30pm	1hr	\$28	Soldiers Memorial Hall
Flick	9pm	1hr	\$28	RSL Hall
LOOM Late	10pm	2hrs	\$22	Grain Shed
Atomically Correct	11pm	1hr	\$28	Soldiers Memorial Hall

Schedule - Sunday 2 November

EVENT	START	DURATION	PRICE	VENUE
Dawn Walk	6am	1hr	Free	Meet at Rotunda
Hatha Yoga Workshop	8am	1.15hr	\$25	Arapiles Flow
Bonny Cassidy - Story Narrative Workshop	9.30am	2hrs	Free	Meet at NC2
Natimuk Farmers Market Plus	10am	3.5hrs	Free	Showgrounds
Wild Canary	Morning	Roving	Free	Sunday Farmers Market
Rich Royale Juggler	Morning	Roving	Free	Sunday Farmers Market
Empty Sky Sacred Songs & Chant	10am	1hr	\$22	Arapiles Flow
No Need For Rhythm Teens Dance Hour	10am	1hr	Free	Grain Shed
No Fail Pav Demonstration	10.30am	2hrs	\$15	Pavilion at Showgrounds
No Need For Rhythm General Dance Hour	11am	1hr	Free	Grain Shed
Flick	11am	1hr	\$28	RSL Hal
Live Art Artists Talk	11am	1hr	Free	NC2 (lawn)
LOOM - interactive installation	12pm	3.5hrs (open)	Free	Grain Shed
Sky Could Be Blue	12.30pm	45mins	\$45	Lotus room (SMH)
Lia Hills Speak - Writing Workshop	12.30pm	1.5hrs	Free	Meet at NC2
An Evening with Dame Granny Smith	1pm	1hr	\$28	Lutheran Church Hall

Schedule - Sunday 2 November

EVENT	START	DURATION	PRICE	VENUE
Simon Hudson at Double Happiness	1pm	1.5hr	free	Double Happiness
Traditional Plum Pudding Workshop	1.30pm	2hrs	\$20	Pavilion at Showgrounds
Tim Williams Live	2pm	1.5hrs	Free	Nati Cafe
Authors in Conversation	3pm	1hr	Free	Nati Pub dining room
Journey of the Karen	2pm	1hr	\$28	Soldiers Memorial Hall
LOOM - Special Performance	4pm	45mins	\$22	Grain Shed
An Evening with Dame Granny Smith	4.30pm	1hr	\$28	Lutheran Church Hall
LOOM - interactive installation	5pm	1hr (open)	Free	Grain Shed
Frinj Flinj featuring Charlie Needs Braces & DJ Fleece OC	6.30pm	5.5hrs	\$25 \$45 with dinner	Soldiers Memorial Hall

Visual Art across the Friday, Saturday & Sunday

LOOM Grain Shed	The Bridge Project The Verj (arched footbridge)	Trove Studio Trove
Party lines & Trunk calls Courthouse	From Zero to Emptiness Nati Cafe	The day strikes a deal with the fading night Goat Gallery
Cascade Old Gaol	A Royal Subject Goat Gallery	The call of Arapiles/Djurite Nati Cafe
The Story of Becoming Nala Conical	Live Art Painting NC2 lawn	Lotus NC2 Council Chamber Room
	A Regent Honeyeaters Landing Place Nati Cafe	In-Twine NC2 Council Chamber Room



Ready, set, pre-parade charade

Music and registration

In anticipation for the Frinj opening parade which begins at 6pm very close to his house, D'Arcy Molan is opening his front yard as a place to meet, relax, and listen to music. You will experience both sweet reggae music and improvised jazz. Bring your own outfit and charade the afternoon away to earthy grooves and angular explosions.

Duration 1hr

VENUE

D'Arcy's

24 Main street

TIMES

Fri 4.30pm



Opening parade

Everyone is welcome!

A Frinj favourite, the Opening Parade will get you in the mood. Everyone is welcome to join in. In fact, the Parade is known for having more participants than audience. That just goes to show that this is best experienced from within.

Grab your best dress ups and props. With our juggling cocky dotted everywhere, beaks, wings and feathers are a must this year. There's a prize for best costume!

VENUE

Meet at

Sunnyhurst, walk along Main Street and ends at NC2 Marketsquare

TIMES

Fri 6 pm

Parade Registration opens at 5.15pm



Welcome to Country & Opening Speeches

In acknowledgment of the ancient land on which the festival is taking place, gather for a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by BGLC Traditional Owners. Followed by opening event speeches.

Duration 45mins

VENUE

NC2 Marketsquare

62 Main Street

TIMES

Fri 6.30 pm

Nati Frinj presents...

LOOM | You move. It responds.



Artist's collaboration:

Dave Jones | Greg Pritchard | Beau Ladlow | Russell Goldsmith

Step into an immersive world of sound, light, and movement.

Inside the towering Grain Shed, digital art comes alive in real time, shaped by your presence. LOOM is an unmissable sensory experience where architecture, technology and creativity collide. Created by acclaimed regional artists and collaborators, LOOM is a bold experiment in digital theatre — where your presence becomes part of the artwork.

Special events:

Special performances to be announced

Saturday & Sunday 4pm - 5pm

Go to the website for details **Tickets** \$22 / \$18

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Festivals Australia program.

VENUE

Grain Shed

TIMES

Open

Friday

7pm - 9pm

Saturday

Noon - 3.30pm

7pm - 10 pm

Sunday

Noon - 3.30pm

5pm - 6pm

FREE

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Party lines & Trunk calls

Gillian Turner

Did you have a Party Line? Were you one of the many who listened in? Naughty! Remember making trunk calls through an operator?!

Gillian Turner is exploring telephones and the local women who worked in the exchanges. Most of the devices they used are techno dinosaurs, so different from today's mobile devices. This exhibition is the culmination of her research and collaboration with the Arapiles Historical Society, which led to a deep dive into their collection. Through interviews with local people and access to telephones as objects of curiosity, the exhibition celebrates changes in design and new expectations in the way we communicate.

VENUE

Courthouse and grounds,
Main Street

TIMES

Sat 8.30am - 6pm
Sun 8.30am - 5pm

Fr Sa Su

A Royal Subject Portrait of the new King Group Exhibition



King Charles III is our new King and Memorial Halls around the country are having to replace their old photos of King Charlie's mum with his new official royal portrait. In Nati Frinj style we have called for artists to submit an artwork that explores what it means to have a new King in the colonial outpost that is the Commonwealth of Australia.

Exhibition Opening Event: Friday at 7.45pm
Guest judge Suzanne Donisthorpe, author and former ABC RN broadcaster, will present the Natimuk Memorial Hall Award and the People's Choice Award.

VENUE

Goat Gallery
Main Street

TIMES

Fri 7.30pm - 9pm
Sat 10 am - 5pm
Sun 10 am - 5pm



Fr Sa Su



A Regent Honeyeater's Landing Place

Tarni Eldridge

Experience vibrant Gelli plate prints made with local flora, layered into intricate collages of native birds. Each piece celebrates the colours, textures, and spirit of the Wimmera, bringing together nature's patterns and the region's birdlife in artworks that are rich in detail and connection to place.

Creative Lab Recipient 2025

VENUE

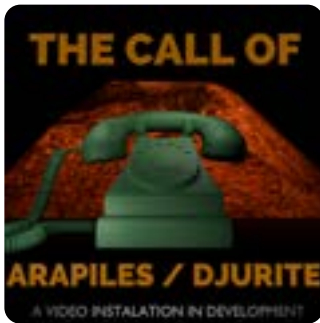
Nati Cafe
Main Street

TIMES

Fri 7.30pm - 9pm
Sat 10am - 4pm
Sun 10am - 4pm



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The call of Arapiles/Djurite

Peter T Nathan

A video installation in development, blending the real with the unreal. Inspired by the 1864 story of Jane Duff and her brothers, lost in the bush and found by First Nations trackers, it reimagines history through a lens of fantasy and myth.

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VENUE

Nati Cafe
Main Street

TIMES

Fri 7.30pm - 9pm
Sat 10am - 4pm
Sun 10am - 4pm



Fr Sa Su



Lotus

Function Lifestyle

The Lotus exhibition presents twelve unique artworks, created from a single sketch by one Function Lifestyle client, celebrating growth and transformation.

This installation also includes two short films LOTUS: Art Collection and NOVA: Art Collection featuring artworks created by all-abilities and neurodivergent clients. The films are created by No Mi Che, a Natimuk local, in her role as Program Coordinator and Creative Arts Therapist at Function Lifestyle in Horsham.

VENUE

NC2, Council Chamber Room
62 Main Street

TIMES

Sat 9am - 1pm



Fr Sa Su



The Bridge project

**Mary French &
Natimuk Primary School**

Led by local artist Mary French, this enchanting installation celebrates our local waterways by transforming the footbridge over Natimuk Creek into a magical display of light. Created with Natimuk Primary School students using cane, silk, and pigment, the work is a joyful collaboration with the wider community.

VENUE _____

**The Verj
(arched footbridge)**

TIMES _____

24hr installation

Fr Sa Su



Cascade

Anthony Pelchen

*242 Unprecedented Post-Pandemic
Portraits*

In late 2022 as the Pandemic subsided, Anthony Pelchen walked into the Nati Cafe and began a year-long process of drawing those he sat with. He was on a mission to re-engage and what emerged were 242 'portraits', made quickly on everyday paper scraps and a Bible found in the back seat of an old car.

Presented as a digital projection.

VENUE _____

**Old Gaol
Main Street**

TIMES _____

View from outside
Sat 11am - 9pm
Sun 11am - 5pm

view from inside
Sat 12pm - 4pm
Sun 12pm - 4pm

Fr Sa Su

Castlemaine Fringe Festival presents...



Live Art Painting

Ned Middleton & Tobias Richardson

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

Duration 4hrs

Supported by Regional Arts Victoria.

VENUE _____

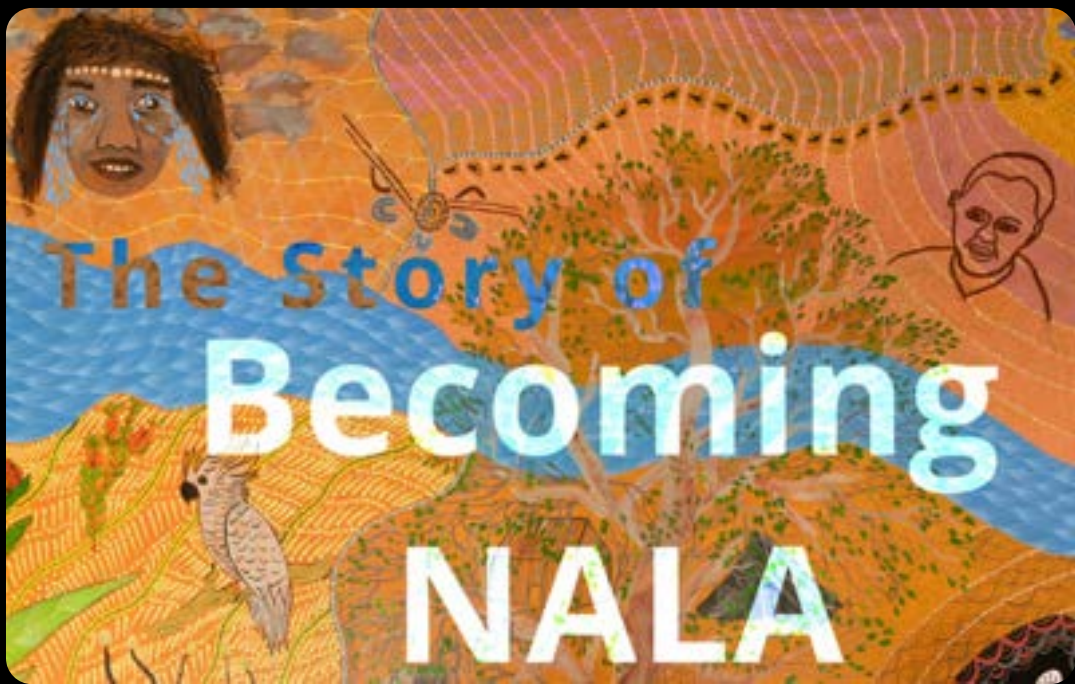
**NC2 lawn
62 Main Street**

TIMES _____

Sat 1pm - 5pm

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Nati Frinj presents...



Alan Murphy, Christina Secombe & Mat Dooling
in collaboration with
Creative Producer Dylan Singh (The Dreaming Project) and
Lee Ramseyer Bache & Ivan Masic (Little Projector Company)

'Becoming Nala' is a digital short film led by First Nations artists on Wotjobaluk Country in northwest Victoria. Inspired by Alan Murphy's personal journey to reconnect with Country and discover his father's birthplace, the project celebrates survival and resilience.

In collaboration with Dylan Singh from The Dreaming Project, it brings together mob to share stories through the art of film, animation, and ceremony, honouring First Nations storytelling traditions and the strength of community, culture, and connection.

You're invited to sit and listen to the story of Becoming Nala.

Duration : Short Film on loop approx. 10mins

This project has been supported by the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund provided through Regional Arts Australia and administered in Victoria by Regional Arts Victoria, and the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal.

VENUE

Conical
44 Station Street

TIMES

Open
Fri 8pm - 11pm
Sat 7pm - 11pm



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The day strikes a deal with the fading night

Malcolm James & Jonathon Schoolderman
with Anthony Pelchen (mentor)

Meeting once a week in a Horsham studio, these artists deep dive into the unknown territory of drawing. They revel in getting intentionally lost, then finding and forming some sort of new visual terrain, beyond thinking.

VENUE

Goat Gallery
Main Street

TIMES

Fri 7.30pm - 9pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
Sun 10am - 5pm



Fr Sa Su



From Zero to Emptiness

Brendan Abernathy

Abstract drawings featuring intricate patterns, textures, and forms that suggest organic shapes, architectural elements, or fragmented landscapes. Some sections show detailed line work and shading creating depth and visual interest.

VENUE

Nati Cafe
Main Street

TIMES

Fri 7.30pm - 9pm
Sat 10am - 4pm
Sun 10am - 4pm



Fr Sa Su



Trove Studio

Carolynne Hamdorf

Trove is a creative paradise, full of handmade and repurposed objects. This year local artist Carolynne Hamdorf brings together local artists' work, selected produce and vintage finds.

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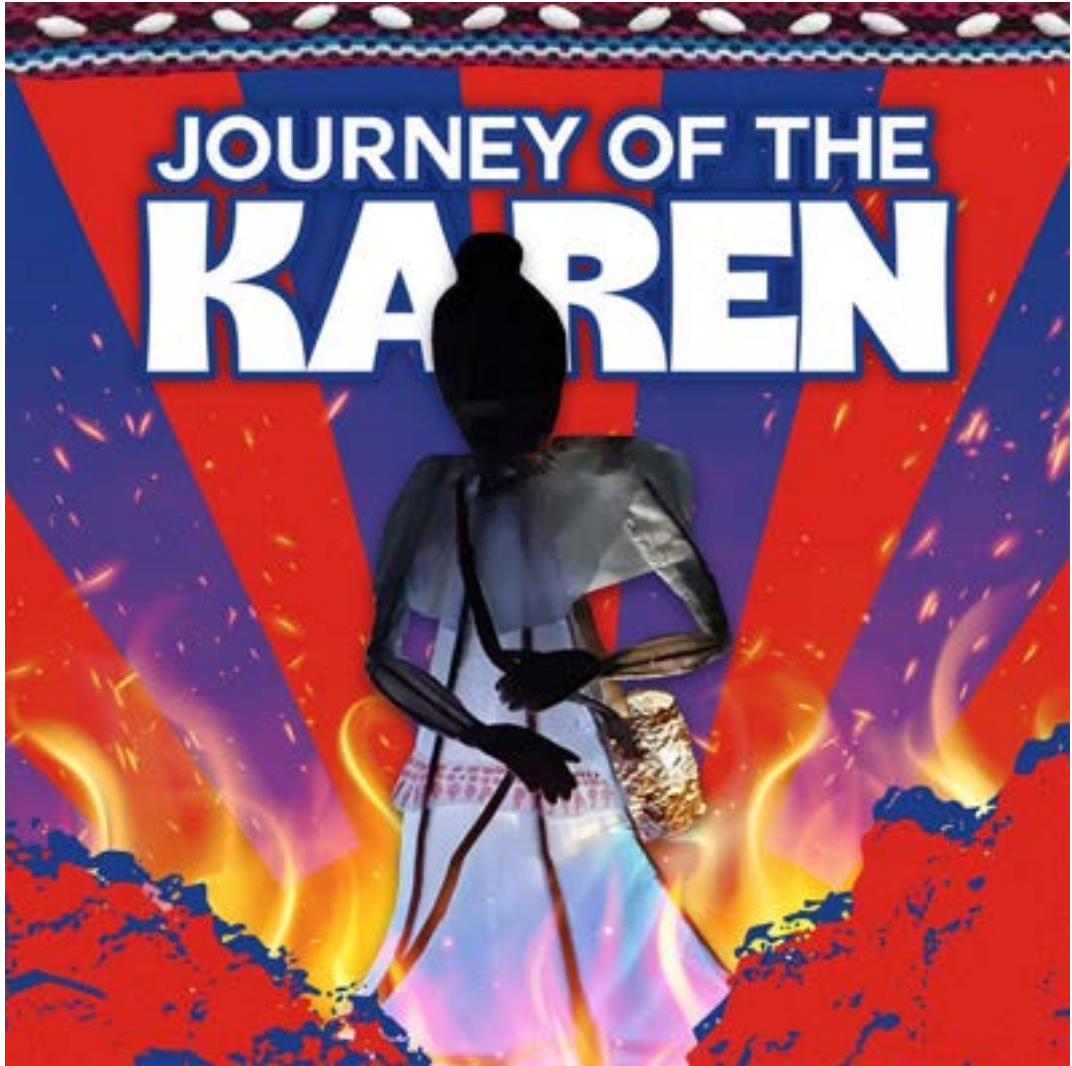
Trove
74 Main Street

TIMES

Fri 10am - late
Sat 10am - late
Sun 10am - 4pm

Fr Sa Su

Black Hole Theatre presents...



**A collaboration between the Karen and other communities
of Horsham and Nhill with Black Hole Theatre**

Journey of the Karen

You'll enter a joyful Myanmar village surrounded by Karen houses, animals, children, music, and food. Giant paper lantern puppets fold you into a story of persecution and escape, love, hatred, destruction and extraordinary survival. It happened long ago, and still happens now. A story that echoes around the world.

Duration 1hr

VENUE

Soldiers Memorial Hall
101 Main Street

TIMES

Sat 2pm
Sun 2pm

TICKETS

\$28 / \$24
Under 15 yrs Free



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Lunch & dinner
shows available

Sky Could Be Blue

Black Hole Theatre

Delicious food, secret stories, are you eavesdropping or in the show? Pull up a chair, put on a headset, scan the menu. *Sky Could Be Blue* is an immersive, multi-sensory experience that transports audiences into the world of the Vietnamese and Southeast Asian diaspora in Australia. Audience and cast, all wearing headphones, mingle as patrons, waiters and passersby. Dining out becomes an experience of permitted eavesdropping...

As audience you can choose to interact or simply enjoy the Vietnamese food!

Duration 45mins

VENUE

Lotus room,
Soldiers Memorial Hall
101 Main Street

TIMES

Fri 7.30pm
Sat 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Sun 12.30pm

TICKETS

\$45 / \$40
Group of 4 \$160



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Atomically Correct

Rachel Rayner

The Universe tells us that, even though we're mostly nothing, we all still matter. Particle physics meets glitter and gold in this one-woman show by Rachel Rayner, Science Explainer. This comedic narrative is a strange yet charming journey full of ups and downs to seek the truth and beauty of the atom. The phenomena behind the everyday may reveal how atomically correct we really are.

Atomically Correct follows Rachel's previous sold-out appearance at Natimuk with A Flying Photon, which won the 2022 Adelaide Fringe science award.

Duration 1 hr

VENUE

Soldiers Memorial Hall
101 Main Street

TIMES

Fri 10pm
Sat 4.30pm & 11pm

TICKETS

\$28 / \$24
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An Evening with Dame Granny Smith

David Salter

The world's most celebrated apple returns for an intimate on-stage conversation. From her vaudeville debut at age five to her breakthrough role in Disney's Snow White, Dame Smith will take you on a journey through her storied life and career, all told with her trademark candour and wit.

Written and performed by David Salter.

Duration 1 hr

VENUE

Lutheran Church Hall
92 Main Street

TIMES

Sat 10am
Sun 1pm & 4.30pm

TICKETS

\$28 / \$24

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Fr Sa Su



Flick

Madelaine Nunn

Flick is a nurse, Mark has cancer - the kind you can't come back from. He's also dangerously attractive. When Mark asks Flick for a favour it doesn't take long for boundaries to blur and lives to intersect. From award winning writer/performer, Madelaine Nunn, *Flick* is a darkly funny thriller about life, death, and really bad decisions.

Flick is an entertaining and thought-provoking exploration of life's grey areas and inherent paradoxes, every conversation about death is also about life, grief happens to everyone and yet only to you. Written and performed by Madelaine Nunn from Three Birds Theatre.

Duration 1 hr

VENUE

RSL Hall
68-70 Main Street

TIMES

Sat 12pm & 9pm
Sun 11am

TICKETS

\$28 / \$24

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Fr Sa Su

Performance - one night only

Slay Queen

Isabelle Hoskins

Meet SLAY QUEEN, she's a super hero, feminist pop star and bad-ass vampire slayer. Tonight is a night like any other in the city of Dianova as she chills in her lair with her best friend, A.I. voice Diana. Suddenly, she is interrupted by the ultimate bad guy, a killer vampire who breaks in and steals her neon heart, the source of all her powerful energy! What will she do? Who will she call? Will she be victorious?

Duration 1 hr

VENUE

Arapiles Flow
via Depot Lane

TIMES

Fri 8.30pm - 9.30pm

TICKETS

\$22 / \$18

Fr Sa Su

Cabaret Out of Whack!

Yumi Umiumare &
Richard McKimm

One wild night of fun, twists, awe, and absurd blessings! Internationally renowned Butoh Punkess Yumi Umiumare and irresistible circus maverick Richard McKimm crash the stage with three explosive acts.

From Yumi's infamous Blessing and Tea Diva, where sacred meets profane in outrageous ritual and tea ceremony, to Richard's bloodthirsty Bloody Butcher, complete with fowl mouthed friends, knife-juggling madness, and poultry-fuelled mayhem...

It's a cabaret of chaos you'll never forget!

Duration 1 hr

VENUE

Soldiers Memorial Hall
101 Main Street

TIMES

Sat 8.30pm - 9.30pm

TICKETS

\$28 / \$24
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Fr Sa Su

Image: Yumi Umiumare. Photo by Namchops.



Frinj fling



Frinj Fling

Charlie Needs Braces
DJ Fleece OC

Don't miss Frinj Fling our unforgettable closing night celebration! Join locals and visitors for one last magical gathering with delicious food, vibrant conversations, shared stories, big laughs and dancing in the historic Soldiers Memorial Hall. Featuring GuriNgai sisters Charlie and Miri from Charlie Needs Braces, whose energetic musical landscapes weave together stories and language. Followed by local DJ Fleece OC to groove us into the late hours, it's the perfect finale to the festival. See you there! **Duration 5.5hrs**

Under 18 years (minors) must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

VENUE

Soldiers Memorial Hall
101 Main Street

TIMES

Sun 6.30 pm til late

TICKETS

\$25 /
\$45 includes
dinner
\$20 - 15 years & under
includes dinner
Bookings Essential



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Beatroute & The Nang Nangs



Come to the pub and enjoy an original seven-piece band with a fistful of brass. Comprising of members from the Wimmera and further afield: David Patterson, Jess Gardner, Richie Darling, D'Arcy Molan, Tom Connor, Beau Ladlow, and Rex Hateley.

This live music event will be a sing-along and danceable feast.

Duration 1.5hrs

VENUE

Nati Pub
Main Street

TIMES

Fri 9pm - 10.30pm

TICKETS

FREE



Fr Sa Su

Tim Williams



Tim Williams performs solo acoustic and also in his band The Endless Winter. This will be the second time he has performed at the Nati Frinj. This time he returns with many new songs and a fabulous bass player in Paul Garry.

Tim will perform songs traversing his back catalogue together with new material.

Duration 1.5hrs

VENUE

Nati Cafe
Main Street

TIMES

Sun 2pm - 3.30pm

TICKETS

FREE



Fr Sa Su

Simon Hudson



Simon Hudson is a Melbourne-based singer-songwriter multi-instrumentalist. With four album releases, he has toured Europe, Brazil, Cuba and Australasia.

His captivating music at Nati Frinj this year bridges from raw Latin soul funk at Mexican Ping-Pom to smooth world grooves at Double Happiness.

Duration 45 min sets

VENUE

Arapiles Flow & Double Happiness

TIMES

Sat 3pm & 5pm
Sun 1pm

TICKETS

FREE

Fr Sa Su



Songs of transformation

Kavisha Mazzella

ARIA award winner and songbird Kavisha Mazzella's original song lyrical ingredients include humour, poetry, social justice and the spiritual. Combine this prowess with the voice of an angel and you have the experience of a Kavisha concert. Singing in English and Italian, she will take you on an uplifting boundary riding journey of well-crafted stories and songs ringing with echoes of Celtic, Fado and Gypsy influences that will strike a resounding chord within.

Duration 1.5hrs

VENUE

Lutheran Church Hall
92 Main Street

TIMES

Sat 6pm - 7.30pm

TICKETS

\$28 / \$24



Fr Sa Su



Cycles

Ossicle Duo

Ossicle Duo presents 'Cycles', a musical escape from the noise of contemporary life, encouraging listeners to slow down and access a more meditative state. Join this innovative trombone-percussion duo to immerse yourself in a sound bath with shimmering cymbals and gongs, and slowly shifting musical landscapes.

Duration 1.5hrs

VENUE

Courthouse
Main street

TIMES

Sat 1.30pm - 3pm

TICKETS

FREE

Fr Sa Su



LOOM late

Step into the iconic Grain Shed to experience the interactive space of LOOM, to dance and chill in this state-of-the-art installation. Sip bold, alcohol-free drinks designed to match the beat, the visuals, and the moment.

DJ to be announced.

Duration 2hrs

VENUE

Grain Shed
Station Street

TIMES

Sat 10pm - midnight

TICKETS

\$22 / \$18



Fr Sa Su



Rich Royale

Roving Juggler

As you walk through the Verj you'll come across Rich Royale who loves to teach simple tricks, such as balancing a juggling club on a finger, learning to spin a plate and pass it to a friend, or learning a fun and simple juggling trick with a ball.

It's your opportunity to learn a trick or two!

VENUE

The Verj &
Main Street

TIMES

Sat
10.30am - 12pm
1.30pm - 3pm
Sun morning

Fr Sa Su



Wild Canary

David Wells & Moses Carr

Wild Canary is a father & son team, David and Moses. They are committed to surprises, performing arts, music, making friends, having fun and being playful.

They are a roving act so they'll come to you.

VENUE

Roving
Main Street

TIMES

Sat afternoon
Sun morning

Fr Sa Su



The Oom-pah!

Zlatko Balazic

This roving, whimsical contraption is no ordinary musical act - it's an interactive sound playground on wheels! See it. Hear it. Play it! With a wild mix of instruments including a giant euphonium, steel drums, violins, a gramophone, and more, The Oom-pah invites you to step up, make some noise, and be part of the performance.

VENUE

Roving
Main Street

TIMES

Sat afternoon

Fr Sa Su



Circus for all

Asking for Trouble
Rich Royale
with Wobbly Spoon

Circus for all is a vibrant, family-friendly event that blends physical and mental engagement through an array of captivating activities. This features a mix of circus performance, interactive workshops, and a roving performer who connect with the audience, making it accessible for everyone, from children to grandparents.

Each session involves:

'Risky' is an excerpt of a daring new work from Asking for Trouble. Inspired by the wild structures of playgrounds past and the thrill of childhood discovery, this physical theatre and circus performance dives into the space between safety and freedom. Developed in conversation with young people and circus communities, Risky explores how we move, balance, fall, and get back up — all through the lens of play. Approx. 20 mins.

Followed by Circus for all informal workshops

with circus duo Asking for Trouble. Rich Royale will share his juggling skills, and our local circus duo Wobbly Spoon will join in the fun. Book so you don't miss out.

These workshops and Come & Try sessions are loads of fun. Suitable for school-age children and older. Approx. 1.5hrs

Duration 2 hrs x 2

Circus For All is an initiative of Nati Frinj 2025, which has been generously sponsored by Vic Health.

Fr Sa Su



VENUE

NC2, Council Chamber
Main Street

TIMES

Fri & Sat
7.30pm - 9pm

Fr Sa Su

In-Twine

short film created by Wobbly Spoon

Created in collaboration with Circus Jam participants, this film invites audiences to witness how playful circus interactions weave the fabric of connection where creativity dances, colours blend, and community thrives in a tapestry of togetherness.

Circus Jam is a regular ACT Natimuk event.



David Salter's late nite clinic

Ventriloquism

How far can ventriloquists really throw their voice? How do you say the letter B without moving your lips? And do you have to be crazy? Or does it just help? Join ventriloquist David Salter (An Evening with Dame Granny Smith) for a peek behind the puppet in this relaxed fun workshop. Creepy dolly optional.

Duration 30mins

VENUE

**Lotus Room,
Soldiers Memorial Hall**
101 Main Street

TIMES

Fri 11pm - 11.30pm

TICKETS

\$16 / \$12



Fr Sa Su

Castlemaine Fringe Festival presents...



Rural Hot Bitches

Dance Workshop

The Rural Hot Bitches and their Melbourne mates the Real Hot Bitches are coming together to present an hour of ridiculous dance power. Exercise class meets lycra clad mayhem, and YOU are invited!

Duration 45mins

VENUE

Rotunda stage
Main Street

TIMES

Sat 3.30pm - 4.15pm

TICKETS

FREE

Fr Sa Su

No Need For Rhythm

Dance Hour

'No Need for Rhythm' is a dance event celebrating free movement and community joy — no choreography, no judgment, and definitely no need for rhythm. Dance however you like, with others who simply want to move and connect. NNFR is about freedom, fun, and fostering wellbeing through dance.

Event held inside LOOM at the Grain Shed.

Duration 1hr x 2

VENUE

Grain Shed
Station Street

TIMES

Teens session
Sun 10am - 11am

General session
Sun 11am-12pm

TICKETS

FREE



Fr Sa Su





Sensory Exploration Space

by **Function Lifestyle**

The Sensory Exploration Space invites you to pause, breathe, and connect with your senses. The inclusive space features bean bags, body socks, a swivel balance chair, orbeez, a sandpit, fidgets, LEGO, sensory lights, and more — moments of curiosity, calm, and playful exploration for all.

Duration 2 hrs

VENUE

NC2, Council Chamber
62 Main Street

TIMES

Sat 1pm-3pm

TICKETS

FREE

Bookings essential



Fr Sa Su



Hatha Yoga

Emma Söder

Inspired by the Sivananda tradition, this 75-minute class weaves pranayama, sun salutations, and classical postures into a steady rhythm of movement and stillness. Gentle, grounding, and open to all levels—whether you're new to yoga or returning to the mat.

Duration 1.15hrs

VENUE

Arapiles Flow
Depot Lane

TIMES

Sun 8am - 9.15am

TICKETS

\$25 / \$22

Fr Sa Su



Empty Sky Sacred Songs & Chant

Kavisha Mazzella

'Empty Sky Sacred Songs, Bhajans and Chant' with Kavisha invites you to journey through the songs to your heart space. The songs are drawn from the wisdom traditions of the world taking one into a space of inner peace.

Duration 1hr

VENUE

Arapiles Flow
Depot lane

TIMES

Sun 10am - 11am

TICKETS

\$22 / \$18

Fr Sa Su

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VISIT GRAMPIANS

Gathering Stories - explore the art of writing



Story Narratives with Author Bonny Cassidy

Led by acclaimed author Bonny Cassidy, this session begins with a special reading from her memoir, *Monument*, which traces her family's journey through the Wimmera Mallee. From there, we'll dive into a guided conversation about personal experiences of local history and environment, and shared reflections on how the past lives in the present. Together, we'll explore how listening closely and different styles of storytelling can help us understand community, resilience, repair and belonging. Ideal for a writer who loves to discuss history and place, and anybody with a spirit of curiosity, compassion and close listening.

Duration 2 hrs

VENUE

Meet at NC2
Main Street

TIME

Sun 9.30am - 11.30am

TICKETS

FREE
Bookings essential
Places limited

Fr Sa **Su**



Speak - Writing with Author Lia Hills

In this place-based writing workshop, Lia Hills, acclaimed author of *The Desert Knows Her Name* - a novel researched and set in the Wimmera - will share the technique of speak-writing she used to create the first draft of her novel. Together, we'll experiment with using live storytelling to create new pieces of writing, responding to the land and more-than-human species as prompts.

This will be an engaging and safe space to experiment with language and practice deep listening. Please bring either a smart phone (we'll be using its dictation software) or writing materials.

Duration 1.5 hr

VENUE

Meet at NC2
Main Street

TIME

Sun 12.30pm - 2pm

TICKETS

FREE
Bookings essential
Places limited

Fr Sa **Su**



Creative Lab Forum

Verity Higgins, Creative Services Producer,
together with Artists:

Christina Secombe & Alan Murphy

Tarni Eldridge

Peter T Nathan

Dylan Singh

Interested in having greater insight into artists' creative practice?
Come and find out about the ACT Natimuk's Creative Lab program
2023/25 and hear directly from the artists about what creative ideas
they explored and where these explorations lead them.

Refreshments served. Please arrive 15mins before.

Duration 1.5hrs

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VENUE

NC2, Council Chamber
62 Main Street

TIMES

Sat 4.30pm - 6pm

TICKETS

FREE



Fr Sa Su

Artists in Conversation

The Story of Becoming Nala project

Join Dylan Singh, Alan Murphy (Nala) and project artists as they discuss the making of Becoming Nala, a powerful short film born from Alan's personal journey to reconnect with Country and discover his father's birthplace. This artist talk explores storytelling, cultural resilience, and collaborative creative practice.

Duration 1hr

VENUE

Conical
44 Station Street

TIMES

Sat 11.30am -12.30pm

TICKETS

FREE

Fr Sa Su

Live Art Artists Talk

Ned Middleton and Tobias Richardson

Join artists Ned and Tobias for a lively artist talk reflecting on their recent live painting event. Hear how their collaborative process, pop culture influences, and playful approach to large-scale art come together. They'll share insights into their practice, creative risks, and the joy of making art with the community.

Duration 1hr

Supported by Regional Arts Victoria.

VENUE

NC2 lawn
62 Main Street

TIMES

Sun 11am - 12pm

TICKETS

FREE

Fr Sa Su

Authors in Conversation

Led by Dr D'Arcy Molan

Following the *Gathering Stories* creative writing workshops, local writer Dr D'Arcy Molan will lead a Q&A with authors Bonny Cassidy and Lia Hills. Settle into a comfy chair at the Pub to listen to this engaging and insightful conversation about writing, place making and the author's journey.

Duration 1hr

VENUE

Nati Pub, dining room
Main Street

TIMES

Sun 3pm - 4pm

TICKETS

FREE



The talk is supported by the Australian Research Council funded project 'Understanding Place-based Repair in Climate Affected Communities'.

Fr Sa Su



**Food, drinks
& music**

A Night at the Museum

Arapiles Historical Society

**An Evening of Discovery,
Wonder Awaits.**

Discover the fascinating heritage of Natimuk with an immersive evening at the Old Garage Museum. Explore an impressive collection of wagons, vintage farm machinery and vast tool collection all telling the story of the region's rich agricultural past. Enjoy the newly installed interactive screen featuring 27 historical videos offering insights into the significance of key locations around Natimuk.

Perfect for families, friends and curious minds of all ages!

Duration 4 hrs

VENUE

Garage Museum
Main Street

TIMES

Sat 5.30pm - 9.30pm

TICKETS

\$10 at the door



Fr Sa Su



Dinky Di's Tea Room

Step inside and unwind in a truly unique setting. Admire the high timber ceilings, beautifully detailed with exposed roof trusses that highlight the building's craftsmanship.

coffee | devonshire tea | sweet treats

VENUE

Courthouse
Main Street

TIMES

Fri, Sat, Sun
8.30am - 11.30am

Fr Sa Su

Natimuk Brass Band

In 2022 the Natimuk Brass Band celebrated its 120th birthday, and they are still going strong.

Duration 75mins

Solar Garden

By Natimuk Preschool Centre inc.

Our local students have thoughtfully installed lights around the grounds on The Verj near the Skatepark, to be enjoyed in the twilight hours.

VENUE

Rotunda
Main Street

TIMES

Sat 5pm
Free

VENUE

Verj - Skatepark
Main Street

Silks Demonstration

By Nati Silks

Keep an eye out for Nati Skills who sometimes like to train outdoors on the beautiful bright coloured fabric silks, on a tall frame structure.

Happening randomly

VENUE

The Verj

TIMES

Sat & Sun - no set time

Fr Sa Su

Dawn Walk

with Louise Shepherd

Departing from the Rotunda at dawn, walk with Louise Shepherd through the town in a westerly direction to the *FRAME* for a dawn view of Dyurrite (Mt Arapiles). Approximate distance 800m.

Please arrive 10mins before.

Duration 1hr

VENUE

Meet at the Rotunda

Main Street

TIMES

Sat 6am & Sun 6am

FREE

Fr Sa Su

Natimuk Farmers Market Plus

At this year's Natimuk Farmers Market there will not only be market stall and Frinj roving performers, but also two delicious baking workshops.

See below. Duration 3.5 hrs

VENUE

Natimuk Showgrounds

TIMES

Sun 10am - 1.30pm

Fr Sa Su

No Fail Pavlova

Demonstration & Judging

Learn what a judge is looking for. Tips for entering the Natimuk Show
Cooling with a Conventional, Air Fryer or Slow Cooker Pavlova. Networking - Enjoy a cuppa and meet new friends over pav tasting.

Duration 2 hrs

Natimuk A & P Society

VENUE

The Pavillion

Nati Showgrounds

TIMES

Sun
10.30am - 12.30pm

TICKETS

\$15



Book via



Traditional Plum Pudding Workshop

Learn the art of Plum Pudding making.
Cooking tips for entering the Natimuk Show-
Century-old secrets of a show stopper.
Lucky door prize.

Duration 2 hr

VENUE

The Pavillion

Nati Showgrounds

TIMES

Sun
1.30pm - 3.30pm

TICKETS

\$20

Fr Sa Su

Mexicana Ping Pom

Somewhere between the mischief of a back-alley cantina, the wide-eyed joy of schoolyard pom pom crafts, the skilled and the athletic rallies of ping pong elevated to performance art, sits Mexicana Ping Pom. An afternoon pop up bar - high sun, high vibe, spicy cocktails.

Music performance by Simon Hudson.

Come for the ping. Stay for the pom.
Leave with spice in your belly.

VENUE

Arapiles Flow
Depot Lane

TIMES

Sat 2pm - 6pm

Fr **Sa** Su

The GRIST bar

During the weekend, the GRIST bar will open at different time, as a place to relax between shows, workshops and wandering.

Hours subject to change.

VENUE

Soldiers Memorial Hall
101 Main Street

TIMES

Fri 9pm - 11pm
Sat 6pm - 11pm
Sun 2pm - Midnight



Fr **Sa** **Su**

Double Happiness

Double Happiness is a relaxed place to gather together and soak in the festival vibes. Mr Woo and Mrs Wang are old friends and adversarial cooks from way back. They don't agree on much yet respect each other's fare and are only too happy to share their own delicious snacks, Wang vegetarian, Woo non-vegetarian. Of course there will be ideal refreshments on offer - Double Happiness!!

VENUE

Double Happiness
41 Lake Avenue

TIMES

Fri 7pm - 9pm
Sat 11am - 9pm
Sun 11am - 6pm

Fr **Sa** **Su**



Frinj Food

There are a range of food options across the festival in Main Street in addition to the fabulous Double Happiness and Dinki Di's Tea Room. Feast your eyes on:

Nati Pub

Our local pub offers mouth-watering counter lunch and bistro evening meals, plus pizza available at the bar.
They also have an ATM and laundromat
Open Friday - Sunday 11.30am till close

Nati Milkbar

Perfect for a quick pie or sausage roll and cold drink, it also doubles as our fish 'n' chip shop.
Open 8am - 8pm

Food Vendors in Market square

We have selected the pick of local food vendors just waiting to serve you delicious food and refreshments.

Friday 6pm - 9pm

Saturday 8am - 9pm

Sunday 8am - 4pm



Accessibility at Frinj

Nati Frinj is please to present free, inclusive events as part of our programming. Where ticket purchasing is required, we offer a two tier price structure for most events, recognizing that many of our festival goers are concession holders.

Venues : performances and events happen in all sorts of unique and quirky places, small halls, the rotunda, parks, sheds, even historic gaol cells! That's part of what makes the festival special, but it also means that physical access can vary from venue to venue.

This year each event/venue has physical accessibility information :



Indicates access for people with limited mobility, including wheelchair users via accessible step-free entrance, ramp access or alternative entrance



Outdoor access - indicates pathway outdoors, not level, firm and obstacle free



Designed for people with physical impairments and as a safe space for everyone who uses the bathroom.

If you have any questions or need more detailed information about events or venues, we're here to help, just get in touch via the *Attending Frinj* page on our website: natfrinj.com

We look forward to seeing you at the Frinj!

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