

**WHAT'S ON:**

# CREATIVE BRIMBANK

January - April  
2024 Program

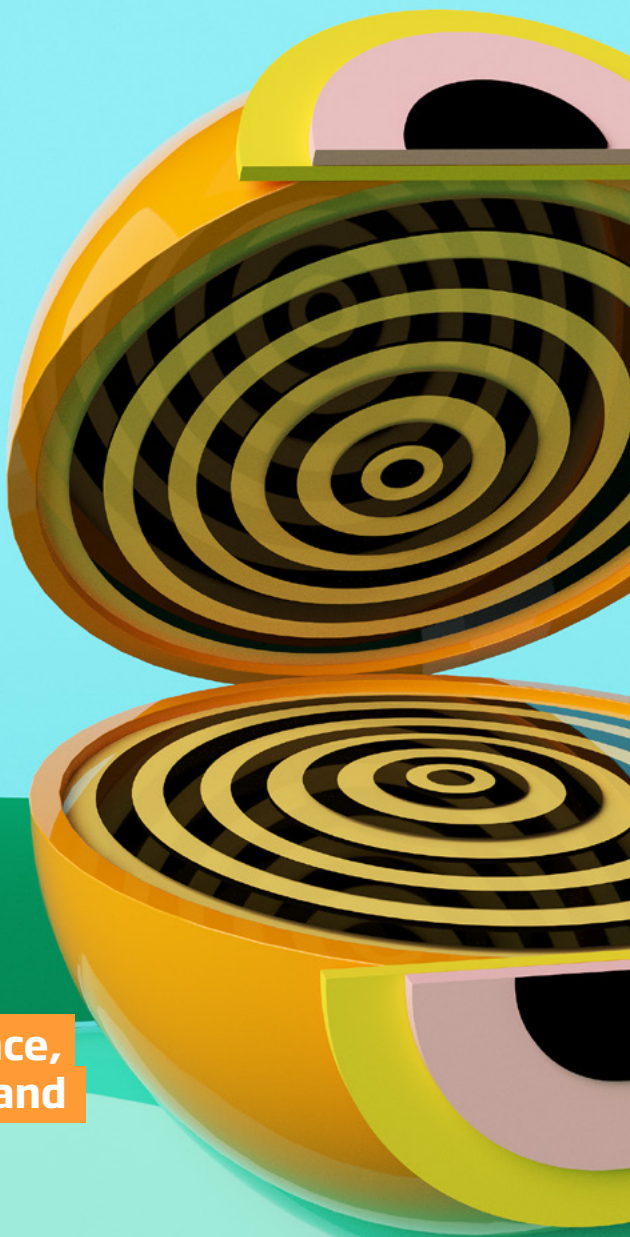


Creative  
Brimbank



Brimbank  
City Council

Your guide to  
all theatre, performance,  
exhibitions, festivals and  
events happening  
in Brimbank







We invite everyone to participate and collaborate towards building a vibrant, connected and creative community.

We bring and support quality experiences in performing and visual arts to the west, and deliver an engaging program of creative workshops, festivals and events for the community.

**[creativebrimbank.com.au](http://creativebrimbank.com.au)**



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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Brimbank City Council respectfully acknowledges and recognises the Wurundjeri and Bunurong Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Program details are correct at the time of printing, but are subject to change where necessary and without notice. Please check our website for updates.

## WHAT'S ON: BOWERY



Photo: Carla Gottgens

# BOWERY

The Bowery Theatre, located within St Albans Community Centre (STACC), is a hub for arts and cultural events.

The theatre is named after the late artist, Leigh Bowery who grew up in Brimbank. Leigh Bowery was one of the most influential international arts figures of the 80s and 90s.

The Bowery presents a diverse season of theatre, music, dance and children's programming. It plays a vital role in supporting the performing arts in Melbourne's western suburbs.

## HOW TO BOOK TICKETS:

### Website

[creativebrimbank.com.au/bowery](http://creativebrimbank.com.au/bowery)

**Phone** (03) 9249 4600

**In person** at our box office located at STACC, 33 Princess Street, St Albans, Wurundjeri Country

**Email** [bowery@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:bowery@brimbank.vic.gov.au)



Photo: Joel Devereux

# JOY MACHINE

YUMMY

CABARET 

PERFORMING ARTS 

**Saturday 3 February, 7-8.15pm**

**Full \$32**

**Confession \$26**

**Group of 4+ \$20 each**

An outrageous and joyful drag variety show with world class performers. Get ready for one of the most entertaining variety shows worthy of Leigh Bowery himself!

From its humble beginnings as an underground club cabaret, to sell out shows on the West End and 5 Star reviews in Edinburgh Fringe Festival, YUMMY has taken the world of drag cabaret by storm.

Outrageous, outlandish and always unpredictable, this is one of the strongest cabaret ensembles to emerge from Melbourne.

*Warning: Recommended for ages 18+, nudity, themes of a sexual nature, smoke/haze and mature themes.*

★★★★★ "Wonderfully campy... a wonderful way to forget the troubles of the world!" - Stage Whispers 2023

*Presented by the Bowery Theatre as part of Midsumma Festival*

[yummytheshow.com](http://yummytheshow.com)

## WHAT'S ON: BOWERY



Photo: Phillip Trinh

### M\_N

**Carmen Yih aka hitahhchi co-created with Giuliano 'Gino' Hammal aka 24 and Kihmo Quintela**

**THEATRE** 

**PERFORMING ARTS** 

**DANCE** 

**Saturday 17 February, 5.30-6.30pm**

**Full \$15**

**Concession \$10**

Through unfiltered street dance-theatre, *M\_N* tells the story of two young men searching for their identity under the crushing pressures of current standards of masculinity.

*M\_N* is, at its heart, a reminder of how healthy and diverse expressions of masculinity can thrive when given the guidance and support to develop.

*Recommended for ages 12+*

*Warning: Use of smoke/haze, contains loud music, flashing lights, references mental illness and sexism*

*Supported through the Bowery Theatre Residency Program, with support from The Iceberg Foundation and VCA Choreography Development Award*

[hitahhchi.cargo.site](http://hitahhchi.cargo.site)





Photo: Daniele Poidomani

# REEFLINGS' MEMERIES

Memetica

THEATRE



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



**Saturday 2 March, 11-11.30am and 2-2.30pm**  
**No charge, bookings required**

A participatory exploration of the captivating journey of Reeflings as they become a vibrant part of the diverse culture of the Brimbankers. Having left their ocean reef homes, these unique mutant creatures are now among us. Embraced by the local community, they have woven themselves into our lives, eager to share their experiences and reminisce about their initial interactions with our society.

Unintentionally humorous and wonderfully alien, the *Reeflings' Memeries* will challenge your

perception of the 'ordinary' and redefine what is truly 'normal.'

Memetica presents this immersive, community-engaged theatre project, through stories, dance and big puppets.

*Family friendly*  
*Suitable for children 5-12 years*

*Supported through the Bowery Theatre Residency Program*

[memetica.com.au](http://memetica.com.au)

## WHAT'S ON: BOWERY

# GARRY STARR: GREECE LIGHTNING

MILKE

THEATRE 

COMEDY 

**Friday 8 March, 7-8pm**

**Full \$25**

**Concession \$22**

**Group 4+ \$20 each**

An overzealous idiot attempts to perform all of Greek Mythology in order to save his Hellenic homeland from economic ruin. Never before has Medusa been looser, Achilles more sillies, or Uranus so heinous.

Written and performed by  
Damien Warren-Smith

*Suitable for ages 18+*

*Audience participation*

*Nudity*

*Strong language/swearing*

★★★★★ *Starr's rambunctious antics belie how intelligent and tightly structured this exhilarating hour of sidesplittingly funny physical comedy is - never has Mount Olympus been so joyfully resurrected."* - *The Age*

### WINNER

🏆 *Best Physical Theatre & Circus - Sydney Fringe 2022*

🏆 *Pick of the Fringe - Adelaide Fringe Festival 2022*

🏆 *Best Comedy - Manchester Fringe 2022*

🏆 *Best in Fest - Gothenburg Fringe 2022*

[garrystarr.com](http://garrystarr.com)



Photo: Casper Plum

Photo: Aaron Walker





# GOODBYE AUNTY FLO

ILBIJERRI Theatre Company as part of Brimbank Writers and Readers Festival



**Friday 15 March, 7-8pm**  
**No charge, bookings required**

Meet Flo, the unwelcome Aunty everyone complains about, but who we depend on for our very existence.

You would think we'd be proud of this most significant Tidda - keeper of our divine feminine power - but we hide her away and talk about her in whispers, especially later on when her visits become...unpredictable. This is her story, or is it?

A hilarious play created with mob for mob, exploring the ups and downs of the most natural stage in every woman's life - menopause.

The story was developed by Nazaree Dickerson for ILBIJERRI Theatre

Company and was born out of real life experiences of First Nations women.

*Adult Themes* - Gather up your nan, your mum, and all your sistagirls! Come along and be a part of a high energy women's business gathering to yarn about a big part of all our lives - menopause.

Followed by an in conversation with the creative team as part of Brimbank Writers and Readers Festival.

*Supported by the Victorian Government via the Department of Health.*

[ilbijerri.com.au](http://ilbijerri.com.au)

## WHAT'S ON: BOWERY



# INNER SANCTUARY

Parminder Kaur Bhandal, Jag Yien Thiang and Jim Adams

THEATRE



PERFORMING ARTS



**Saturday 27 April, 6pm**

**All tickets \$10**

*Inner Sanctuary* is a new theatre work set in the Western suburbs lush green landscape.

Inspired by psychogeography, *Inner Sanctuary* is an expansive engagement within the natural space. The environment in which we live. The interior and exterior place.

Braiding together personal monologues about community and ecology through poetry, music, and projection. This is a journey of freedom within a world that feels increasingly chaotic.

*Family friendly*

*Suitable for children 5-12 years*

*Supported through the Bowery Theatre Residency Program*

[parminderkaurbhandal.com](http://parminderkaurbhandal.com)

COMING UP ►

## ADA, ASMIN & THE ANALYTICAL ENGINE

Lemony S Puppet Theatre

SCHOOLS  FAMILY 

Please check website for details.

For schools enquiries email:  
[bowery@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:bowery@brimbank.vic.gov.au)

Photo: Jeff Busby



Asmin, a newly arrived Turkish refugee is struggling with schooling in a new place.

Through an unexpected glitch in time, she meets Victoria-era mathematician Ada Lovelace. These two girls find commonality through their love of mathematics and experiences and in this imagined world, Ada is able to see the fruition of her mathematical ideas – the computer – while Asmin finds her way through loneliness to a new-found verve for learning.

We also explore how far we have come in education rights for girls, how far we have to go and what world-altering shifts occur when we allow girls to fulfil their full potential.

Written by Sarah Kriegler and Deniz Aslan

Directed by Sarah Kriegler

*Suitable for 8 - 14 years*

*Supported by the Bowery Theatre, Merri-bek City Council, Creative Victoria, Creative Australia and Lauren Eisinger Productions*

[lemonys.net.au](http://lemonys.net.au)



# BOWERY THEATRE RESIDENCIES 2024-25

**Applications open 26 February - 1 May**

A Bowery Theatre Residency provides a professional development, creative development and performance space for artists to make and present a new work in the Bowery Theatre with and for the Brimbank community.

In 2024-25, we have two residency categories:

- 1. Mid-career or Established Performing Artist/s** - up to \$12,000 cash contribution
- 2. Young and Emerging Artist/s** (usually considered within the first five years of their arts practice or establishment) - up to \$4,000 cash contribution

For more information including full funding guidelines and dates for the information session, visit [creativebrimbank.com.au/btr](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/btr)

## EAT DRINK ST ALBANS

Want to grab a bite to eat and drink before or after a show? Brimbank is known for its multicultural community. There are some wonderful places to dine in St Albans within walking distance of the Bowery Theatre including Dong Ba 2 (Vietnamese), Ohh! My Samgyup (Filipino/Korean), Amanie's Bakery (Lebanese), Pacific Mix/Monte Coffee Café (Pacific Islands) and more!

[creativebrimbank.com.au/stalbansfood](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/stalbansfood)

# WHAT'S ON: VISUAL ARTS

We aim to cultivate a vibrant and creative Brimbank. We achieve this by supporting and valuing artists and engaging the community in arts and cultural activities through exhibitions, creative workshops and partnerships, public art, artist networking and more!

[creativebrimbank.com.au/  
visualarts](http://creativebrimbank.com.au/visualarts)

## CONTINUING EXHIBITIONS ►



Artwork: Andrew Nicolaides

## LIFE FORCE

Andrew Nicolaides

EXHIBITION



ARTS



Showing until 12 March

**Brimbank Community and Civic Centre  
Gallery, 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine**  
**No charge**

Multidisciplinary artist Andrew Nicolaides presents a dynamic and bold series of abstract artworks on canvas and video projection installation of physical performance *The Old Man*. The exhibition features and reflects upon Nicolaides' robust and diverse artistic expression and boundless energetic vigour as he grapples with the concepts of vitality, ageing, and life in all its colour.

[instagram.com/andrew96nico](https://www.instagram.com/andrew96nico)



## WHAT'S ON: VISUAL ARTS

### UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS ►

# UNIQUE EDITION (AND THE SPECTRUM OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE)

George Poulakis

EXHIBITION



ARTS



**1 December 2023 - 3 March 2024**  
**Bowery Theatre & Gallery,**  
**33 Princess Street, St Albans**  
**No charge**

As photographer George Poulakis states "Surely I'm not the first homosexual, trilingual, multi-faceted "individual" with an inherent pessimism that comes from a mental health trifecta of anxiety, depression, and obsessive-compulsive disorder to receive an autism diagnosis at the age of 42 - bit of a late bloomer." Poulakis' highly original self-portraits delve into identity, lived experience and the influential figures who have left an indelible mark on him.

[georgepoulakis.com.au](http://georgepoulakis.com.au)





# MARKET / PLACE



## MARKET/PLACE

Olive Gilbert and Evie Cahir

EXHIBITION 

ARTS 

COMMUNITY 

25 January - 6 March

Sunshine Art Spaces Gallery, 2 City Place, Sunshine

No charge

Olive and Evie share a love of good light, fresh produce and finding the beauty in everyday scenes. Working across illustration and textiles, *Market/Place* is a collaborative residency and exhibition that draws on the vibrancy of the Sunshine town centre. Olive will use textiles and materials to create a collection of functional one off bags. Evie will use illustration to create a series of visual works. Themes of belonging, curiosity and play will be explored throughout the duration of *Market/Place* resulting in a series of original works for sale. Feast your eyes on the colour, texture and unnoticed delights of the everyday!

[instagram.com/olive\\_made](https://www.instagram.com/olive_made)

[instagram.com/\\_eviecahir\\_](https://www.instagram.com/_eviecahir_)

## WHAT'S ON: VISUAL ARTS



Photo: Phuong Nguyen Le

# SUNSHINE

Phuong Nguyen Le

EXHIBITION



ARTS



FILM



1 January - 29 March

Brimbank Projection Gallery, Wall behind Brimbank Community and Civic Centre,  
301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine

No charge

As part of the Lunar New Year, we present emerging artist Phuong Nguyen Le project *Sunshine*. The work centres on the artists' unlearning of the Vietnamese diaspora, utilising the Naarm/Melbourne suburb of Sunshine as a geographic anchor point. Through an expanded mode of social documentary photography, Le unpacks themes of war, migration, and

the cultural reimagining within the Vietnamese-Australian community.

[photocollective.com.au/the-collective/phuong-nguyen-le](http://photocollective.com.au/the-collective/phuong-nguyen-le)

# JOURNEY

Thuc Tran

EXHIBITION



ARTS



COMMUNITY



8 March - 4 May

Bowery Theatre & Gallery, 33 Princess Street,  
St Albans

No charge

Embark on a captivating artistic expedition with Thuc Tran's exhibition, *Journey*. With an impressive 30-year career in fine art across Vietnam and Australia, Tran invites you to discover her remarkable accomplishments as a talented local artist from St. Albans. Delve into her world of dedication and expertise, where every brushstroke tells a unique story.

Artwork: Thuc Tran





## WHAT'S ON: VISUAL ARTS



# ONE LAST HUG BEFORE I SAY GOODBYE

# LaDY MoHaWK

## EXHIBITION



**COMMUNITY** 

**ARTS** 

**15 March - 7 June**  
**Brimbank Community and Civic Centre**  
**Gallery, 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine**  
**No charge**

Artist LaDY MoHaWK unveils a captivating series of hand-coloured linoprints merging autobiography and fantasy. This exhibition eloquently intertwines vibrant imagery with a poignant message about global warming and an uncertain future, casting a thought-provoking spotlight on environmental themes.

[ladymohawk.com.au](http://ladymohawk.com.au)



Artwork: Lisa Buckland

## SHARED SPACES

Lisa Buckland

EXHIBITION 

COMMUNITY 

FILM 

1 April - 28 June  
Brimbank and Sunshine Projection  
Galleries, Hampshire Road, Sunshine  
No charge

Experience the captivating collaboration of Lisa Buckland and video artist Sean Healy in *Shared Spaces*. Buckland's first large-scale projection celebrates urban birds and the landscapes we have shaped for them. With *Shared Spaces* specially created for projection, immerse yourself in a scene where birds soar amidst Melbourne's expanding population. Witness the resilience of these avian species as they adapt and relocate in search of resources.

[lisabucklandart.com](http://lisabucklandart.com)

# PUBLIC ART

Brimbank's community and public spaces are enhanced with a diversity of contemporary art forms which encourage reflection on unique heritage, our neighbourhoods, and aspirations of our communities.

[creativebrimbank.com.au/publicart](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/publicart)



## SUNSHINE LEISURE CENTRE MURAL (2023)

**Ash Coates**

**Sunshine Leisure Centre, 5 Kennedy St,  
Sunshine**

A striking beach safety mural has been installed adjacent to the programs pool at the Sunshine Leisure Centre by artist Ash Coates. The artwork highlights key safety messages including swimming between the flags, beach conditions and rip currents. This mural will be used as an educational resource for swim lesson participants.





# THE FIVE ELEMENTS (2023)

**Lee-Anne Clarke and Mandi Barton**  
**Sunvale Community Park, Neil Street, Sunshine**

Restoration works have begun on *The Five Elements* public artwork in Sunvale Community Park with the recent launch of *Spirit*. The stunning public artwork by Lee-Anne Clarke and Mandi Barton has been reinterpreted in mosaic by master mosaicist Helen Bodycomb with the assistance of Lee-Anne. The five universal elements have been represented to illustrate the traditional Wurundjeri culture within Brimbank, the continuing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander connections to Brimbank and the connection to all the diverse cultures that make up Sunshine and the wider community.

For more information visit [creativebrimbank.com.au/publicart](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/publicart)

WHAT'S ON: VISUAL ARTS

# CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

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## PAPER STORIES – COLLAGE WORKSHOPS

Presented by Augustine Ang

ARTS 

WORKSHOPS 

COMMUNITY 

**Saturday 20 January, 1.30-4.30pm**

**Saturday 24 February, 1.30-4.30pm**

**Saturday 30 March, 1.30-4.30pm**

**Sunshine Library, 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine**

**No charge**

*Paper stories* encourages and inspires community members to create new stories by weaving together existing images from books and magazines. As our world becomes increasingly digital, we will celebrate analog and tactile processes through collage.

These workshops will highlight the accessibility of collage as an art form,

using paper as a recyclable material. Suitable for people of all ages, and anyone who has an interest in exploring art making through paper. Participants will be guided through collage techniques by Augustine, a collage artist and masters of therapeutic arts student. All materials provided.

[instagram.com/augustbabycollage](https://www.instagram.com/augustbabycollage)



Photo: YUMMY Productions

# INFUSE ARTIST NETWORKING EVENT — DRAWING THE JOY MACHINE

Figure Drawing Workshop presented by YUMMY

ARTS 

WORKSHOPS 

**Thursday 1 February, 6.30-8.30pm**  
**Bowery Theatre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans**  
**No charge, bookings required**

Join us for an evening of drawing costumed performers of the renowned YUMMY cabaret company. This event is about celebrating dazzling camp aesthetics while giving you the opportunity to observe and unleash your creativity in a one-of-a-kind cabaret setting. This isn't a traditional tutorial, but rather a joyous celebration of your own drawing style and abilities. So, bring your favourite drawing supplies and come as you are! No wet media and suitable for all ages and abilities.

[yummytheshow.com](http://yummytheshow.com)



# CREEK GRASSES – PARTICIPATORY PUBLIC ART PROJECT

**Marijke Fotia and  
Bridey Lockhurst-Bligh**

**ARTS** 

**WORKSHOPS** 

### Various sessions

**Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House,  
61A Selwyn St, Sunshine  
No charge**

*Creek Grasses* is a piece of large scale embroidered public art in Albion. Local artist Marijke Fotia, with assistance from passionate embroiderer Bridey Lockhurst-Bligh and a group of community members will install a large scale embroidery of native grasses onto tennis court fencing in Albion, near Kororoit Creek.

The artists are seeking expressions of interest from community members who would like to participate in a series of

three workshops to create the materials needed for the embroidery. Participation is free and you can participate in one or all of the workshops. There is a limit of 15 people per workshop.

### **Workshop 1: Natural Dyes**

6 and 7 April

In this two day workshop we will dye the macrame cotton using plant based dyes to create a range of natural colours.

### **Workshop 2: Braiding**

14 April

In workshop 2 we will begin braiding the cotton using different techniques to create a variety of textures. Participants can take cotton home to keep braiding.

### **Workshop 3: Installation**

20 and 21 April

In workshop 3 we will work as a team to stitch the cotton on to the tennis court fencing.

To submit an expression of interest email Marijke on [antjeartje@gmail.com](mailto:antjeartje@gmail.com)

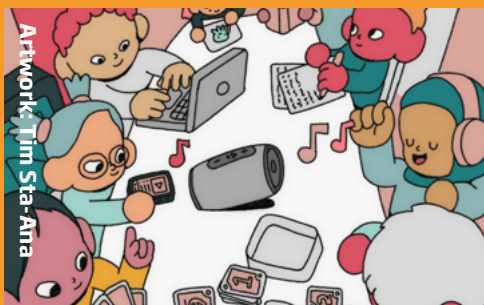
[instagram.com/antjeartje](https://www.instagram.com/antjeartje)

# WHAT'S ON: COMMUNITY

## BRIMBANK YOUTH ARTS

Programs designed for our creative community aged 12-25 and under to do their thing - make stuff and hangout.

More information about our youth programs can be found at [creativebrimbank.com.au/youth](http://creativebrimbank.com.au/youth)



## AFTER SCHOOL HANGS

Brimbank Youth Arts and FReeZA

**YOUTH** ✎

**WORKSHOPS** 🎨

Thursdays during school term, 3-5.30pm  
St Albans Community Centre,  
33 Princess Street, St Albans  
No charge

Join us for free weekly art and craft sessions, music and pizza!

Each week we'll have a talented and friendly artist working with young people aged 12 - 17 to facilitate creative activities, to take your mind off school, have a bite to eat, and get into art-making.

No bookings are required to join, just come after school!

## HALF-BAKED OPEN MIC

**YOUTH** ✎

**PERFORMING ARTS** 🎤

Friday 15 March, 6-8pm  
Bowery Theatre and St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans  
No Charge

Are you 12-25 years old?  
Do you have some half-baked lyrics floating around in your head? How about a half-written song, or a poem you wrote on the bus? Whatever your half-baked idea is, our open mic is your opportunity to perform in a low-stakes showcase.

All performers will receive a \$20 UberEats voucher.

Sign-up: [creativebrimbank.com/hb](http://creativebrimbank.com/hb)



## WHAT'S ON: COMMUNITY



### SAINT STUDIOZ

YOUTH 

WORKSHOPS 

MUSIC 

**Tuesdays, 3-7pm**

**Mon Franco and Humble Muze**

**St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans**

**No charge**

Local beatmaker Humble Muze and Naarm-based DJ Mon Franco are launching SAINT STUDIOZ at St Albans Community Centre. Every Tuesday evening they'll be working on beatmaking, DJing, vocal recordings and music production.

Create. Connect. Collaborate.

These sessions are suitable for young people (ages 18-30) who are passionate about advancing their skills in music in the genres of Hip Hop/Drill/Rap/Soul/RnB/House/Electronic

Bookings required, contact [CCD@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:CCD@brimbank.vic.gov.au)



### OPEN STUDIO

YOUTH 

WORKSHOPS 

ARTS 

**Tuesdays, 4-7pm**

**St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans**

**No charge**

Brimbank Youth Arts is launching a new Open Studio for young creatives (ages 18-30) to meet like-minded people, listen to music and make some art together. You can bring along an existing project, or you can respond to a creative prompt provided during the session!

If you have any questions and/or access requirements, please email Ash [ashleighm@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:ashleighm@brimbank.vic.gov.au)

### JOIN THE FREEZA BRIMBANK COMMITTEE

Meetings determined by members

Calling all young people aged 12-25: Are you interested in creative events?

Join the FReeZA Brimbank Committee! Contact us to sign up to our newsletter or find out more: [CCD@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:CCD@brimbank.vic.gov.au)

**FReeZA is a Victorian Government initiative that supports young Victorians to get involved in their community by planning and running drug, smoke and alcohol-free music and cultural events for other young people.**



# UPCOMING FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Creative Brimbank presents free family-friendly community festivals across Brimbank. Funded through Council's Festivals and Events Community Grants.

### **St Albans Gift**

Saturday 6 January  
96a Gillespie Road, Kings Park

### **St Albans Lunar Festival**

Sunday 21 January  
Alfreda Street, St Albans

### **Sunshine Lunar New Year Festival**

Sunday 28 January  
Hampshire Road, Sunshine

### **15th Annual Saint Side Show and Shine**

Sunday 4 February  
Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre, Green Gully Reserve, 7 Clubhouse Pl, Keilor Downs

### **Keilor Gift**

Saturday 17 February  
Joe Brown Recreation Reserve, Old Calder Highway & Kennedy Street, Keilor

### **McKay Gardens Community Festival**

Sunday 3 March  
St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans

### **2024 Brimbank Garden Show**

Saturday 16 March  
Glengala Hall, Cnr Simmie Street and Glengala Road, Sunshine West

### **Sri Lankan Multicultural Show**

Saturday 23 March  
Bowery Theatre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans

### **Lions Music and Picnic in the Park**

Sunday 24 March  
Taylors Lakes Linear Reserve, 95 Chichester Drive, Taylors Lakes

### **Africa's Got Talent - Music Arts and Dance Festival**

Saturday 13 April  
Bowery Theatre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans

### **Buddhists of the West Multicultural Festival**

Saturday 20 April  
St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans

### **Vietnamese Families Fun Day**

Thursday 25 April  
Isabella Williams Memorial Reserve, 56 Opie Rd, Deer Park

*Please check times and details on our website closer to the date*



## WHAT'S ON: COMMUNITY



Photo: Matto Lucas

## PRIDE POOL PARTY IN SUNSHINE

YOUTH 

FAMILY 

LGBTQIA+ 

**Saturday 27 January, 11am-3pm**

**Sunshine Leisure Centre, 5 Kennedy St, Sunshine**

**No charge, bookings required via [midsumma.org.au](https://midsumma.org.au)**

Celebrate Brimbank's vibrant LGBTQIA+ community with a fun day out in Sunshine. Bring your picnic blankets and loved ones and we'll sort out the rest!

Feat. aqua aerobics and Zumba classes, inflatable slides for the little ones, live music, and free catering provided by Brimbank's youth FReeZA Committee.

*An inclusive event for people of all ages, all genders, and all kinds of bodies.*

*As part of Midsumma Festival and Midsumma Westside Program*

[midsumma.org.au](https://midsumma.org.au)

# STACC PROGRAMS

We offer a variety of free creative programs at the Bowery Theatre and St Albans Community Centre (STACC), 33 Princess St, St Albans.

For full details on all our programs visit [creativebrimbank.com.au/community](http://creativebrimbank.com.au/community)



Photo: Madeleine Magee Carr

# WIT KIDS DRAMA CLASSES – SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Wit Kids

KIDS 🎭

PERFORMING ARTS 🎭

THEATRE 🎭

**Tuesday 23 January**

**Wednesday 24 January**

10-11am Junior Drama (5-8 years)

11am-12pm Senior Drama (9-12 years)

**Bowery Theatre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans**

**No charge, registration required**

Get a taste for drama these school holidays with Wit Kids! Develop skills and grow confidence through fun games that activate the imagination and inspire a sense of play. Classes are a mix of improvisation, characterisation, mime, theatre sports and drama games. Perfect for experienced drama kids and brand new students wanting to give it a go!

*Supported by the Bowery Theatre*

[witinc.com.au/wit-kids](http://witinc.com.au/wit-kids)

## WHAT'S ON: COMMUNITY



### KOORIE HOMEWORK



**YOUTH**

**Mondays during school term, 3.30-5pm**  
(Excludes public holidays)  
**Cooinda, Romsey Villa, 43 Furlong Rd,**  
**Sunshine North**  
**No charge**

*Koorie Homework Club* have weekly catch ups for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (grades 3-12) tutoring available. A safe space for children to catch up on their homework and take part in cultural activities.

*Suitable for primary and high school students*

To register or for more information  
email KESO  
[lee-anne.clarke@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:lee-anne.clarke@education.vic.gov.au)



### BRIMBANK MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CHOIR

**MUSIC**

**Mondays, 7-8.30pm**  
**St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess**  
**Street, St Albans**  
**No charge**

Every Monday community members come together to sing in harmony across languages with the Brimbank Multicultural Community Choir.

To register or for more information  
email [generationmusik@gmail.com](mailto:generationmusik@gmail.com)



# L2R DANCE LIL LEGENDS

KIDS 🧒

DANCE 🕺

**Wednesdays during school term, 4-5pm**  
**St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans**  
**No charge, for bookings contact [info@l2r.org.au](mailto:info@l2r.org.au)**

Come groove with L2R at our free weekly dance classes that focus on hip hop grooves and foundations, while promoting a safe and fun dance space for all children to be fit, active and healthy.

*For ages 9-12*

[l2r.org.au](http://l2r.org.au)



# 100 STORY BUILDING

KIDS 🧒

WRITING ✍️

**Mondays during school term 2, 2024, 4-5pm**  
**St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans**  
**No charge, registration required**

Let your imagination run wild with 100 Story Building! Each week, join our creative writing workshops and work with expert storytellers to design a fantastic new space at STACC.

*For ages 8-12*

[100storybuilding.org.au](http://100storybuilding.org.au)

# KIDS ART LAB

KIDS 🧒

FAMILY 👨👩👧👦

**Wednesday during school term, 4-5pm**  
**St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans**  
**No charge**

Calling all young artists! Drop in to Kids Art Lab, art session for kids to make art together with our artist friends.

*Suitable for primary school aged children*

For more info contact Jo Trevathan  
[jot@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:jot@brimbank.vic.gov.au)







**Brimbank  
Writers & Readers  
Festival**

**14-23 March 2024**

# BRIMBANK WRITERS AND READERS FESTIVAL 2024

**14 - 23 March 2024**

**Various Locations**

**No charge**

Back for its 19th year, the Brimbank Writers & Readers Festival (BWRF) is an annual event that encourages a love of reading and literature, celebrates creativity and diversity, and promotes lifelong learning in Brimbank. The ten day program of workshops, author talks, panel discussions, creative & professional writing, storytelling and more, is no cost to attend. 2024 program coming soon.

**#BWRF**

**[brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au/writersfestival](https://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au/writersfestival)**



## AROUND BRIMBANK



### DEER PARK MAKER SPACE

**Brimbank Libraries  
Deer Park Library  
No charge, bookings required**

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Be a part of the Maker Space community at Deer Park Library and start your maker journey today. Attend one of the induction sessions to learn how to use the machines safely and receive a Maker Space user pass to use for your future projects. Once you are inducted, gain access to our range of creative maker equipment, including the 3D printer and laser cutter, sewing machine and overlocker Cricut, heat press and vinyl cutter.

Bookings required, contact Deer Park Library on 9249 4660

Walk-ins welcome

For full Maker Space program visit [brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au](http://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au)



### NGV KIDS ON TOUR

**Brimbank Libraries  
National Gallery of Victoria  
No charge**

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Be inspired by this summer's exhibitions at the National Gallery of Victoria. Enjoy free art activities across Brimbank Libraries school holidays in January.

#### **Ages 3-9**

22-25 January at all branches

#### **Ages 10-18**

Wednesday 24 January, 2.30-4pm at Deer Park Library

Thursday 25 January, 3.30-4.30pm at Sydenham Library

For more information visit [brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au](http://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au)



## ABORIGINAL CULTURAL AWARENESS ART WORKSHOP

**Brimbank Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres**



**KIDS** 🧒

**WORKSHOPS**



**Wednesday 17 January, 1-2pm**  
**Westvale Community Centre, 45 Kings Road, Kings Park**  
**No charge, bookings required**

Embark on a creative journey at this upcoming Aboriginal art lesson! Children will dive into the world of Aboriginal symbolism using a variety of artistic mediums. From watercolour paint to acrylics, sponges, cue tips for dot art techniques, and even Australian Animal stencils—the possibilities are endless! This session is a celebration of cultural awareness, guiding young minds to explore Aboriginal symbolism while incorporating elements like handprint art and dot art.

*Suitable for ages 5-12*

[facebook.com/bccneighbourhoodhouses](https://facebook.com/bccneighbourhoodhouses)

## ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP

**Brimbank Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres**

**KIDS** 🧒

**ARTS** 🎨

**WORKSHOPS**



**Monday 22 January, 11am-12.30pm**  
**Hunt Club Community and Art Centre, 775 Ballarat Rd, Deer Park**  
**\$10 per participant**

Let creativity soar as kids engage in two super fun craft activities and some fun-filled games. All materials provided.

*Suitable for ages 5-13*

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# SUPPORTERS



# VENUE HIRE



## THE BOWERY THEATRE

The Bowery Theatre has been designed as a 202 seat 'Black Box' theatre, meaning a space that is highly adaptable. You can choose how it is presented, and your options can include retracted seats / open floor / cocktail mode, an intimate theatre space with raked seating and beautiful lighting that provides a fantastic audience experience, or cabaret with tables and chairs, for a bit of fun!

The centre's architectural design provides a practical multi-purpose environment that is flexible and ideally suited for performing arts, dance showcases, school plays and concerts, cultural activities, or corporate seminars and presentations.

St Albans Community Centre (STACC) and The Bowery Theatre is home to a range of arts and community spaces ideal for performances, events, rehearsals, meetings, training and more. You can hire large flexible space for functions or events, or smaller spaces as a casual or regular hire.

**Visit:** [creativebrimbank.com.au/venue-hire](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/venue-hire)

# GETTING THERE

**Bowery Theatre & Gallery and St Albans Community Centre (STACC) 33 Princess Street, St Albans, Wurundjeri Country**

**For more information and updates visit**

[creativebrimbank.com.au](http://creativebrimbank.com.au) or  
call us on 9249 4600

**Opening Hours:**

Mon - Fri 9am-5pm  
Sat 9am-12.30pm

**For COVID Safety information,**

**visit** [creativebrimbank.com.au/covid-safety](http://creativebrimbank.com.au/covid-safety)

**For Ticketing Terms and Conditions,**

**visit** [creativebrimbank.com.au/terms-and-conditions](http://creativebrimbank.com.au/terms-and-conditions)

**By Car:** Enter Princess Street, from St Albans Road. 3 hour parking available on site.

**By train:** 3-minute walk from St Albans Station on the Sunbury/Watergardens line. Exit via Princess Street.

**By Bus:** Take route 408 or 419, Stop 34 or 48 (Errington Reserve) on Main Road East.

**Cycle:** Bike racks available at STACC.

**Parking:** Limited and restricted parking around the venue. Four hour parking is available in nearby Percy Street with unrestricted parking at the St Albans Railway Station.

**Our Other Venues:**

**The Hunt Club** 775 Ballarat Road, Deer Park

**Sunshine Art Spaces Gallery** 2 City Place, Sunshine

**Brimbank Community and Civic Centre Gallery** 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine





# ACCESSIBILITY

The Bowery Theatre and St Albans Community Centre (STACC) building is fully wheelchair accessible, with accessible and ambulant bathrooms and a lift servicing both levels.

Gender neutral bathrooms on ground level.

Auslan interpreting available upon request. Please contact us two weeks prior to the event.

Audio loop/sound amplification is available in the Bowery Theatre and the Dance Studio. Portable sound amplification devices are also available.

Braille and tactile signage located throughout the centre includes group floor and level 1.

Translation is available through Brimbank's translation service, call: **Access 131 450** Local costs apply.

View our venue access video at [creativebrimbank.com.au/access](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/access)

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