

# WHAT'S ON: CREATIVE BRIMBANK

January - April  
2025 Program



Creative  
Brimbank



Brimbank  
City Council



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





# Creative 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.



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

## 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.



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

*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.*

## COVER ARTIST



# ADRIANNE WALUJO

The beautiful illustration on this booklet's cover was created by artist Adrienne Walujo. Adrienne is an Indonesian-born, Melbourne-based illustrator and designer celebrated for her minimalist and playful illustrations. With a diverse portfolio that includes collaborations with brands such as Adobe, Wacom, Microsoft, and CARE Australia, Anne draws inspiration from various cultures and ethnicities, advocating for greater representation of multicultural voices.

Having been helped and mentored by many others, she is passionate about making the creative industry even more accessible to everyone through teaching and workshop.

[adriannewalujo.com](http://adriannewalujo.com)  
[instagram.com/adriannewalujo](https://www.instagram.com/adriannewalujo)

## 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)

MIDSUMMA IN BRIMBANK

In collaboration with Snivure and Scented Storytelling presents:

# SCENTED CINEMA

FILM 

**Bowery Theatre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans**  
Free of charge, bookings required via [midsumma.org.au](http://midsumma.org.au)

Cinema That Smells brings stories to life by engaging the sense of smell, creating a deeper connection between the audience and the screen. At Midsumma, two unique screenings will explore how scent can evoke emotion, trigger memory, and spark laughter.

Join us to experience the magic of gathering, interacting, and exploring new dimensions of storytelling—all through the power of your nose!

Tammy Burnstock (Scented Storytelling) and Jas Brooks (Snivure) are seasoned collaborators with a shared passion for the power of scent in cinema. From preserving the last Smell-O-Vision! system from 1960 to crafting new scent-infused experiences, their work celebrates the intersection of history, technology, and creative storytelling through scent.

**Midsumma Westside returns between 19 January to 9 February with an exciting program of events taking place across Melbourne's west as part of Midsumma, Australia's premier queer arts and cultural festival.**

**For more information visit [midsumma.org.au](http://midsumma.org.au)**

# HAIRSPRAY (1988)

Friday 24 January, 6-8pm



Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready for a brand new sensory and interactive screening of the John Waters 1988 cult classic, *Hairspray*. A feast for your eyes, ears, nose and tongue! Come dressed in your best 60s outfit.

# INKY PINKY PONKY (2023)

Friday 7 February, 6-7:30pm



It's ball season, so get out your best formal looks and get ready for a sensory and immersive screening of the brand new New Zealand and Tongan LGBTQIA+ film, *Inky Pinky Ponky*.



Photo: Amelia Vu

# WITHOUT WORDS

**Amelia Minh Vu with collaborators  
Bia Lupiga, Lana Wang, Phillip Pham**

**DANCE** 

**Friday 21 February, 7-8pm**

**Saturday 22 February, 7-8pm**

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

**Fan \$35**

**Full \$28**

**Concession \$25**

**Child \$20**

**Mob tix \$10**

*Without Words* is a performance that transforms dance into a wordless language, vividly narrating the journey of a person grappling with the profound challenges of communication and self-expression.

In a society where communication barriers can leave individuals feeling marginalised and helpless, this performance illuminates its personal struggles, offering a powerful story of self-discovery and acceptance.

*Warnings: Loud music*

*Supported through the Bowery Theatre Residency Program*

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

## WHAT'S ON: BOWERY

# THE HYENA

Western Edge and Ras-Samuel

THEATRE 

**Friday 14 March, 6.30-7.30pm**

**Saturday 15 March, 3-4pm (matinee) and 6.30-7.30pm**

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

**Full \$20**

**Concession \$15**

**Group (4+) \$10**

**d/Deaf & Disabled Community Members \$10**

*The Hyena* is the gripping journey of Samuel as he travels from Ethiopia to Sydney to Melbourne, marred by abuse, homelessness, crime and time in juvenile detention. In this one-man performance, Samuel bares his heart, shares his story and all his learnings on his path to "righteousness".

Ras-Samuel is an actor, writer, and producer, who was given a traditional ceremony in his homeland, Ethiopia providing him with the responsibility to be a vessel for telling stories.

Western Edge creates spaces for young artists from Melbourne's west to tell their own stories, with their own voice, in their own way. Their practice is informed by the many different cultural backgrounds and knowledge systems of their community of young artists.

*Warnings: themes of abuse, coarse language*

*Presented in partnership with the Bowery Theatre*

*Prayer room provided for all shows*

*Auslan interpreted performance Saturday 15 March, 3-4pm*



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



Photo: Damian Vincenzi

# BRIMBANK COMEDY GALA

Comedy Victoria

COMEDY 

**Friday 28 March, 8-10pm**  
**Bowery Theatre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans**  
**Full \$23**  
**Concession \$20**  
**Local Laugh \$13.50**

Featuring comedians Samuel Gebreselassie, Urvi Majumdar, Ben Knight, Ciang Ajeic, William Wang and more!

Join the big laughs during the Melbourne International Comedy Festival with a gala night of comedians. We're representing Brimbank with local stars, international guests and television personalities. Laugh loud at a great night out.

*Suitable for ages 15+*

*Warnings: May contain Course Language and Adult Themes*

*Presented in partnership with the Bowery Theatre*

## COMEDY WRITING WORKSHOPS

**Saturday 15 March, 11am-12.30pm**  
**Deer Park Library, 4 Neale Road, Deer Park**  
**Ages 18+**

**Thursday 20 March, 3.30-5pm**  
**St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans**  
**Ages 12-17**

**Free of charge, bookings required**

Discover the art of stand-up comedy with Sam Gebreselassie. Learn how to craft hilarious content from a unique perspective and deliver it with confidence on stage. Get tips on comedy writing styles and presentation techniques.



# FROM STREET TO STAGE: THE PLACES IN-BETWEEN

Task at Hand

PERFORMING ARTS 

THEATRE 

Friday 4 April

Saturday 5 April

Bowery Theatre, 33 Princess Street, St Albans

Free of charge

*From Street to Stage: The Places In-Between* is a groundbreaking performance that blurs the lines between street and theatrical performance. By interacting with spaces in extraordinary ways, the performance explores physical limits, challenging the audience to question who is performing and who is not.

This performance uses an In Ear Monitoring System, enabling spontaneous improvisation and further pushing the boundaries of contemporary performance-making.

*Supported through the Bowery Theatre Residency Program*

[instagram.com/task\\_at\\_hand\\_inc](https://www.instagram.com/task_at_hand_inc)





## WHAT'S ON: BOWERY

### BOWERY THEATRE RESIDENCY ARTISTS

**Task at Hand with Artistic Directors Carmen Maddison and Stephen Phillips presents**

## FROM STREET TO STAGE: THE PLACES IN-BETWEEN

*The Task At Hand* (TAH) is the result of a five-year creative partnership between Carmen Maddison and Stephen Phillips.

Carmen is a Brimbank performance maker and community cultural development leader in dance and physical theatre and is the Creative Producer of BoilOver Performance Ensemble.

Stephen is the Artistic Director of the globally renowned 5AngryMen Public Space Theatre Company. Stephen is a Melbourne-based actor, voice artist, performance-maker, and teacher. He has appeared variously with several Australian mainstage theatre companies and toured internationally with Chunky Move.

*Task at Hand's* residency will see the creation of a bold new work *The Places In-Between* that blurs the lines between street and theatrical performance in the Bowery Theatre and surrounding outdoor precincts.

[instagram.com/task\\_at\\_hand\\_inc](https://www.instagram.com/task_at_hand_inc)



**Jennie Swain and Nela Trifkovic presents**

## BE/LONGING BETWEEN MOUNTAINS

Jennie Swain and Nela Trifkovic come together with many years of singing, composing, teaching, choir and musical direction. Jennie established the Brimbank Multicultural Community Choir 20 years ago. Nela is a Bosnian-Australian musician, composer, performance maker and singer in the ensemble SARAY Illuminado, she has performed at festivals and venues such as Mona Foma and the Melbourne Recital Centre.

The residency will include workshops that explore embodied voice, tone and vocal sound-making in diverse cultural contexts, explore harmonies, learn new and traditional songs, discuss ideas, metaphors and writing. *Be/Longing Between Mountains* will be held at the Bowery in May.

[jennieswain.com](https://www.jennieswain.com)



**Amelia Minh Vu with collaborators Bia Lupiga, Lana Wang, Phillip Pham presents**

## WITHOUT WORDS

Amelia Minh Vu is a Vietnamese-Australian dancer based in the Western suburbs of Melbourne. She has a background in communication design and filmmaking, demonstrating her versatility as an emerging artist.

Since 2021, she has grown her connection to the Melbourne street dance community, teaching classes, creating dance films, and has explored various dance art forms including hip hop and popping.

*Without Words* features different dance styles including krump, waacking, house and hip hop.

[ameliamvu.com](https://www.ameliamvu.com)

# ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES



Photo: Carla Gottgens

## Bowery Theatre Residencies 2025-26

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

We offer a Cash Contribution For the Mid-career or Established Artists of up to \$10,000 or for Young and Emerging Artists, up to \$5,000 cash contribution will be awarded per residency.

Grants open Monday 6 January 2025 and close Monday 3 March 2025.

A Bowery Theatre Residency supports: Artistic merit in the presentation of bold, creative concepts and ideas;

- Meaningful community - engagement;
- Process-driven arts practice and risk taking in making new, contemporary performance work;
- Work with potential for future presentations;
- Artistic and professional development for artists;
- Development of new, local audiences; and
- Work that is reflective of the cultural identity of Brimbank.

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

# VISUAL ARTS IN BRIMBANK

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](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/visualarts)

## ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

### Low Cost Art Studio Opportunities in Brimbank

Applications open from Monday 3 February and closes on Monday 3 March, 11.59pm

Brimbank artists looking for a space to get creative can now apply for low cost studios to lease in Keilor and Deer Park. The program is open to individual artists and small artist groups from visual, literary, performing to cross disciplinary arts.

Our Creative Brimbank Art Spaces give opportunities to arts to inhabit a creative space in a supportive arts environment. We have studios in the Hunt Club Community & Arts Centre, Sunshine Art Spaces, Keilor Community Hub and Overnewton Gatehouse.



These are low-cost studio spaces available to artists living/working in Melbourne's western suburbs.

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



Photo: Nguyen Cao

# TIMELESS ELEGANCE OF VIETNAMESE **ÀO DÀI**

Australian Vietnamese Arts & Culture

ARTS 

EXHIBITION 

COMMUNITY 

30 January - 27 March

Sunshine Art Spaces Window Gallery, 2 City Place, Sunshine

Free of charge

Explore the timeless elegance of Women's Ao Dai, a traditional Vietnamese dress commonly worn by Vietnamese women. Discover the grace and beauty of the Ao dai dress in our curated collection. Embrace the cultural heritage of Vietnam through these exquisite pieces

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

# TRƯỚC NHÀ CON

[AT THE FRONT OF MY HOUSE]

Liên Ta

ARTS 

EXHIBITION 

**1 January - 20 March**

**Brimbank and Sunshine Projection Galleries, 294 and 301\*  
Hampshire Road, Sunshine**

*\*Please note: the projection at 301 Hampshire Road is at the rear of  
the building*

**Free of charge**

Liên Ta's Lunar New Year commission *trước nhà con* (at the front of my house) captures the nuances of love between an immigrant mother and daughter that, rather than surpassing language and physical barriers, it flows through them with extreme tenderness and gentle care.

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



Photo: Liên Ta



# DARLING BOY

Nathan McGlynn

ARTS 

EXHIBITION 

**7 February - 5 April**

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

**Free of charge**

This exhibition presents the works of local artist, gallerist, and educator Nathan McGlynn, recognised for his distinctive figurative painting style centred on his recurring character, the 'Darling Boy.' McGlynn frequently portrays his friends, crafting tender and intimate depictions of male figures that reinterpret traditional themes from a contemporary gay perspective.

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

# ONWARD & UPWARD

Patrick Francis

ARTS 

EXHIBITION 

7 March - 30 March

Brimbank Gallery, Level 1, 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine

Free of charge

Patrick Francis' *Onward & Upward* celebrates art as a source of inspiration and resilience in uncertain times. The exhibition delves into the emotional power of creativity, offering solace, hope, and fresh perspectives. Through his intimate works, Francis challenges perceptions, guiding viewers through life's precarious journey with strength and insight. He has exhibited with Arts Project Australia and featured in the National Gallery of Victoria's *Melbourne Now* exhibition.

[bluethumb.com.au/patrick-francis](http://bluethumb.com.au/patrick-francis)





Artwork: Elzette Bester

# DOWN THE CREEK

The Friends of the Kororoit Creek

ARTS 

EXHIBITION 

**1 April - 20 June**

**Brimbank and Sunshine Projection Galleries, 294 and 301\*  
Hampshire Road, Sunshine**

*\*Please note: the projection at 301 Hampshire Road is at the rear of  
the building*

**Free of charge**

This exhibition celebrates the community's efforts to restore Kororoit Creek through art and environmental initiatives. Featuring works from local artists and children, it showcases a vibrant glimpse of the creek's importance.

Curated by local creative Elzette Bester, the project was supported by Greater Western Water and highlights the creek's beauty while inspiring environmental awareness.

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

# TAILS OF AUSTRALIA

Lukas Kasper

ARTS 

EXHIBITION 

3 April - 5 June

Sunshine Art Spaces Window Gallery, 2 City Place, Sunshine  
Free of charge

Australia contains a vast amount of beautiful wildlife that often goes unnoticed due to the sheer abundance surrounding us. Lukas Kasper intends to shine a light on these little critters through imaginative visuals and unique painting techniques to tell the tales from the tails make up our home.

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





## WHAT'S ON: VISUAL ARTS

### CONTINUING EXHIBITIONS:

## IRIDESCENCE

Chelsea Avila

ARTS  EXHIBITION 

Showing until 1 February  
Bowery Gallery, 33 Princess Street,  
St Albans  
Free of charge



An exhibition that celebrates everyday beauty. Local artist Chelsea Avila presents photographs and paintings inspired by walks through her neighbourhood. Each work invites viewers to slow down and rediscover the world with newfound curiosity.

[instagram.com/\\_chelseaavila](https://www.instagram.com/_chelseaavila)

## PLEIN AIR ALBION

Victoria Duggan

ARTS  EXHIBITION 

Showing until 28 February  
Brimbank Community and Civic  
Centre Gallery, 301 Hampshire Road,  
Sunshine  
Free of charge



An exhibition that captures Albion's diverse landscapes featuring the artist's plein air paintings, showcasing natural, industrial, and residential scenes, from iconic to lesser-known local spots.

[Instagram.com/vap\\_art](https://www.instagram.com/vap_art)

# PUBLIC ART IN BRIMBANK

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.

### Public Art Trail Maps

We have two maps available to explore Brimbank by foot or bike and discover public art in your Neighbourhood:

**Southern Brimbank** - Includes walking and bike trail map, exploring the Southern suburbs of Brimbank including Sunshine, Albion, Ardeer and more!

**North & West Brimbank** - Map exploring the Northern and further west of Brimbank including St Albans, Deer Park and more!



### Where can you get a map?

Download a digital version:  
[creativebrimbank.com.au/arttrails](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/arttrails)

OR

Pick-up a copy from any Brimbank City Council venues including Bowery Theatre, St Albans Community Centre, Brimbank Libraries branches, community centres and the Civic Centre. The maps will also be available at selected Brimbank cafes, retail and local businesses.

## WHAT'S ON: PUBLIC ART



# INTERSECTIONS [2024]

Katherine Gailer aka Katira

Princess Laneway (next to Woolworths), St Albans

This recent mural builds on *Small Acts Make a Big Impact* mural (located at the rear of Woolworths) narrative. It features vibrant colours and geometric composition, showcasing native flora coming to life and interacting with two women who embody cultural fusion and diversity.

The mural highlights the importance of balance between urban and natural environments; modernity and tradition; body and spirit. Arrows and bees symbolize the cyclical relationship between human actions and nature, emphasising the need to protect and foster growth. The mural aims to create a positive impact and will feature leaves and pollen flying along the connecting laneway wall, further integrating the natural theme.

Katherine Gailer (aka Katira) is a Colombian / German multidisciplinary artist currently based in Melbourne, explores cultural identity, the natural environment, women's empowerment, and contemporary design and holds Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Arts Management degrees. Her practice includes murals, painting, design, and music.

For more information about our public art collection visit [creativebrimbank.com.au/publicart](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/publicart)

# COMMUNITY

Brimbank is home to an array of diverse arts. We support artists and the community to develop their ideas, and offers a program of community arts for all ages.

Our regular programs including after school activities, creative workshops, youth arts for ages 12-30, dance classes, Brimbank Multicultural Community Choir as well as a diverse program of community festivals and events.

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

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

### YARN & STITCH

COMMUNITY 

WORKSHOPS 



**Wednesdays, 4.30-7pm**

*Weekly sessions, check our website for dates*

**St Albans Community Centre,  
33 Princess Street, St Albans  
Free of charge**

Enjoy sewing, knitting, yarning, and stitching at your own pace with these self-guided drop-in sessions. Access sewing machines and kits, as well as knitting and crochet materials, and meet some fellow crafters!

Please note: This is not a facilitated class.

For more info email [CCD@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:CCD@brimbank.vic.gov.au)

WHAT'S ON: COMMUNITY



Photo: Madeleine Magee Carr

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Photo: Daryl Gordon

# WIT KIDS DRAMA CLASSES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Wit Incorporated

THEATRE 

CHILDREN 

**Tuesday 21 January and Wednesday 22 January**

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

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

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

**Free of charge**

Are your children interested in acting or performing? Get a taste for drama with Wit Kids and join them up to these free sessions this summer school holidays!

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!

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

# WAY OUT WEST

Access Arts Victoria

COMMUNITY 

WORKSHOPS 

**Saturdays, 10am-4pm**

***Fornightly on Saturdays, check our website for dates***

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

**NDIS fee for service, registrations required**

*Way Out West* is an inclusive multi-arts studio where artists come together to explore different ways of making art including visual arts, performance, installations, music, animation and video. Develop your artistic skills and explore your creativity in a supportive environment.

For more information check our website or email [artsservices@artsaccess.com.au](mailto:artsservices@artsaccess.com.au)

# BRIMBANK MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CHOIR

MUSIC 🎵



**Mondays during school term,  
6.30-8pm  
St Albans Community Centre,  
33 Princess Street, St Albans  
Free of charge**

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

Please email [CCD@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:CCD@brimbank.vic.gov.au) to register and receive more information.

# KIDS ART LAB

CHILDREN 🎨

FAMILY 👨‍👩‍👧



**Wednesday during school term,  
3.30pm-5pm  
St Albans Community Centre,  
33 Princess Street, St Albans  
Free of charge**

Drop into Kids Art Lab, where kids make art together! Join artist Jo Mott to explore ideas that matter to you using a range of materials and techniques. Add your creative voice to Brimbank and bring some artwork home! For more info email [ccd@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:ccd@brimbank.vic.gov.au)

*Suitable for primary school aged children*

# L2R DANCE LIL LEGENDS

CHILDREN 🎭

DANCE 🕺



**Wednesdays during school term, 4-5pm  
St Albans Community Centre,  
33 Princess Street, St Albans  
Free of charge, bookings via [info@l2r.org.au](mailto:info@l2r.org.au)**

Come groove with L2R at our free weekly dance classes that focus 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)

# BRIMBANK YOUTH ARTS

Programs designed for our creative community aged 30 and under to do their thing - make stuff and hangout.

## AFTER SCHOOL HANGS

Brimbank Youth Arts and FReeZA  
Brimbank

YOUTH  WORKSHOPS 

Fridays during the school term, 3-5pm  
St Albans Community Centre,  
33 Princess Street, St Albans  
Free of 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, and each month you'll have a chance to try out a new craft.

Drop in anytime between 3-5pm on Thursdays to take your mind off school, have a bite to eat, and get into art-making.

No bookings are required to join, just come afterschool!

**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.**

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

## WHAT'S ON: COMMUNITY



## HALF BAKED OPEN MIC!

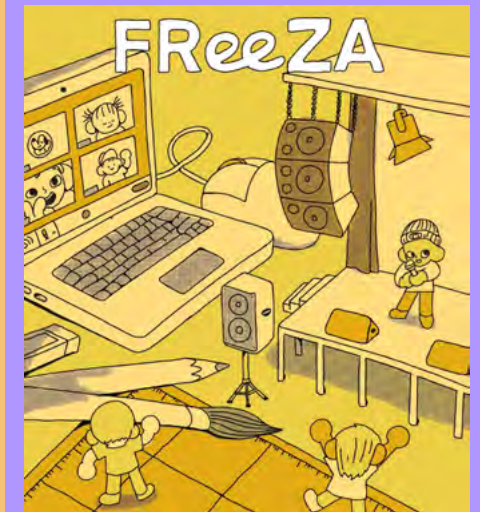
Brimbank Youth Arts and  
FReeZA Brimbank

YOUTH  PERFORMING ARTS 

Friday 4 April, 6-8pm  
St Albans Community Centre,  
33 Princess Street, St Albans  
Free of charge

Are you 12-25 years old? Do you have some half-baked ideas floating around in your head? A new poem? A half-written song? Whatever your half-baked idea is, our open mic is your opportunity to perform in a low-stakes showcase!

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



## JOIN THE FREEZA COMMITTEE

Meetings determined by members  
St Albans Community Centre,  
33 Princess Street, St Albans  
Free of charge

Calling all young people aged 12-25: are you interested in creative events? Join our FReeZA working group and help plan youth events, get training on event management and production, learn about marketing and more!

To join or for more information  
contact [amiraa@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:amiraa@brimbank.vic.gov.au)

# FESTIVALS IN BRIMBANK

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

## ST ALBANS LUNAR FESTIVAL

Presented by St Albans Business Association

COMMUNITY 🏡

**Sunday 19 January, 10am-10pm**  
**Alfrieda Street, St Albans**  
**Free of charge**

The Lunar New Year festival in St Albans is one of Australia's largest and most vibrant celebrations, attracting thousands of people to Alfrieda Street every year. Embracing the cultural diversity of the community, the festival offers an immersive experience of food, culture, entertainment, and a spectacular fireworks display, making it a must-visit event to welcome the new year!

[stalbanstowncentre.com.au/lunarfestival](http://stalbanstowncentre.com.au/lunarfestival)



## WHAT'S ON: COMMUNITY



## SUNSHINE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

Presented by Sunshine Business Association

COMMUNITY 🏡

**Sunday 26 January, 12-10pm**  
**Hampshire Road, Sunshine**  
**Free of charge**

The *Sunshine Lunar New Year Festival* is a free multicultural community event. Celebrating the lunar calendar, a time of renewal and for friends and family to come together.

The *Sunshine Lunar New Year Festival* or Tét Festival is a huge day of family fun, live entertainment, children's rides, street performers, music, dancing, street food, face-painting, magical Lion and Dragon dancing, red-pockets, firecrackers and ending with spectacular fireworks.

[sunshinebusiness.com.au/events](http://sunshinebusiness.com.au/events)

# UPCOMING FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

**St Albans Family Fun Day**  
Saturday 18 January 2025  
Kings Park Reserve,  
96A Gilliespie Road, Kings Park

**Multicultural Festival**  
Sunday 16 February 2025  
51 Gum Roda, Kings Park

**Brimbank Colour Festival**  
Saturday 22 February 2025  
Cyril Clements Reserve,  
35 Kings Road, Kings Park

**McKay Gardens Festival**  
Sunday 2 March 2025  
HV McKay Memorial Gardens, 120  
Anderson Road, Sunshine

**Craft and Garden in Brimbank for Health and Wellbeing**  
Friday 14 March 2025  
Glengala Hall, Cnr Glengala & Simmi Rds,  
West Sunshine



**Lions Community Music and Picnic Day**  
Sunday 23 March 2025  
Taylors Lakes Linear Drive,  
Chichester Drive, Taylors Lake

**Vietnamese Community Event 2025**  
Friday 25 April 2025  
Isabella Williams Memorial Reserve, 56  
Opie Road, Deer Park

**Anzac Day Community Family Day**  
Friday 25 April 2025  
83 Suspension Street, Ardeer

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



**Brimbank Writers & Readers Festival**

**13 - 22 March 2025  
Various Locations  
Free of charge**

Save the date for the Brimbank Writers & Readers Festival (BWRF) - an annual event that encourages a love of reading and literature, celebrates creativity and diversity, and promotes lifelong learning in Brimbank. The program includes workshops, author talks, panel discussions, creative & professional writing, storytelling and more.

**Join us for the Festival Opening Night on Thursday 13 March at the Bowery Theatre, St Albans**

#BWRF

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

# AROUND BRIMBANK

## NGV Kids on Tour - school Holiday program

Various dates, times and locations - check Brimbank Libraries website

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

## Aboriginal Storytime Through Art

Wednesday 19 March, 10:30-11am  
Sunshine Library

Come along and enjoy free art activities and workshops across Brimbank Libraries these school holidays

## Silent Disco

Friday 17 January, 1-2pm  
St Albans Library

Pump up the music as loud as you like and join us for our family friendly Silent Disco. Ages 6-12

## Tech Tasters: Procreate App Workshop

Thursday 23 January, 3-4:30pm  
Deer Park Library

Come along and explore the digital art app Procreate. Follow along to a guided tutorial to help you pick up the basics

## Young Makers: Create D&D Characters in 3D

Friday 24 January, 2-4pm

Design and create your own adventurer or re-create your favourite collaborative storytelling character in this special 3D printing session. Ages: 16-25 yrs

## Young Makers: Laser Cut Coasters

Saturday 22 February, 10am-12pm

Come along to learn how to create simple yet beautiful coasters that you can keep or gift to loved ones. Deer Park Maker Space. Ages 16-25

## Young Makers: Introduction to Basic Knitting

Monday 24 March, 3:30-5pm  
Deer Park Libraries

Picking up a hobby can be quite overwhelming. Join this introductory knitting session to learn where to begin and basic information to help your knitting journey. Ages 16- 25

## Cultural Diversity Week - Henna Workshop

Saturday 22 March, 11am-1:30pm  
Sunshine Library

Learn about the cultural significance and history of henna art and learn how to mix henna, design and then apply design. You will go away with a henna cone to practice at home

For more info on any of the events on this page, please visit [brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au](http://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au)

# SUPPORTERS





# VENUE HIRE



## THE BOWERY THEATRE

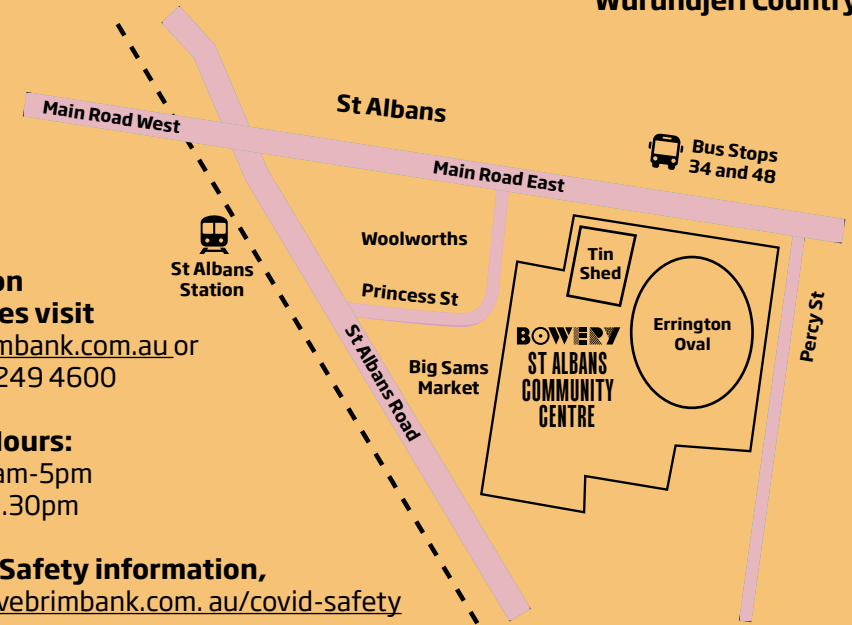
The Bowery Theatre has been designed as a 202 seat 'Black Box' theatre, meaning a space that is highly adaptable. You can choose how it is presented, and your options can include retracted seats / open floor / cocktail mode, an intimate theatre space with raked seating and beautiful lighting that provides 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.

**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](https://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](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/covid-safety)

**For Ticketing Terms and Conditions,**  
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**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.

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