

Activities

9 April 2015

FOR SOME MUDDY GOOD FUN:

IF you've ever wanted to give one of those 'Tough Mudder' obstacle races a good Aussie go but didn't want to combat the electric wires and ultra-competitive nature, here's your chance. Mud Up Day is taking place at Peninsula Obstacle Course on April 18 and the best part is that it's for everyone (kids too!).

Why? For a muddy good time

When: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Phone: 03 9995 2804

Website: www.facebook.com/MudUpDay

Where: Peninsula Obstacle Racing

Cost: From \$35 (Children) and \$50 (Adults)

RIVERSIDE SKATE PARK:

Why? For the keen skateboarder in your family.

When: Any time the weather is fine.

Where: Riverside Skate Park, Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne

Cost: Free

MURRUMBEENA PARK:

There are gorgeous trails, ponds and trees and plenty of shade. There are BBQ facilities so it's a great spot to host a child's birthday party in the warmer months. The best part of the park is the super long flying fox. Kids can get on and go spiralling across the line on the sitting down style flying fox. Many kids line up to have turn after turn because it's just so much fun.

Other things to do at the park: go down the big red slide on the hill, use the climbing frame and swing across the monkey bars. There are two sets of swing sets and lots of things to make you dizzy.

Why? Fun for the kids

When: Anytime

Where: Kangaroo Road, Hughesdale

Cost: \$0

FITNESS & HEALTH EXPO:

Why? To find out what's new in health & fitness

When: Friday 10th April - Sunday 12th April 2015

Phone: 03 9261-4500

Website: www.fitnessexpo.com.au

Where: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 11 Clarendon Street, South Wharf
Cost: \$30 entry

PINOT GRIS V PINOT GRIGIO & CHEESE MATCHING @ MILK THE COW.

Top Australian Wines proudly presents 'The Ultimate Pairing' at the celebrated Milk the Cow Licensed Fromagerie on Monday, 13th April 2015, from 7pm.

Spend an evening tasting the most original and extraordinary cheeses, expertly paired with the finest Pinot Gris and Pinot Grigio varieties. This unique tasting experience will see guests sample 4 glasses of Pinot Gris, known for its rich, full-bodied flavour and 4 glasses of Pinot Grigio, an Italian style, lighter-bodied wine full of vibrant fruit notes.

Each glass will be artfully paired with the absolute best cheese selection Milk the Cow has to offer. You'll discover new taste sensations, from cheeses which are distinctly nutty and salty, to others that are sweet, creamy and complex.

When: Monday, 13th April 7PM – 10PM

Website: blog.winetastingevents.com.au/milk-the-cow-stkilda-april

Where: 57 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda VIC 3182

Cost: \$75 per person

PS: ARRIVE ALIVE: DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:

THE OLIVE JAR: CARLTON

Why? To have the unique restaurant experience of watching your pasta being hand-made and hand-cut, before being served the most delicious, wonderful value, authentic Italian recipe.

When: Tuesday to Sunday, 12:30pm to 10pm

Phone: 03 9347 6173

Website: www.theolivejar.com.au

Where: 168/170 Rathdowne Street, Carlton

FREE APRIL EVENTS IN MELBOURNE: GOOGLE FOR MORE INFO!

1 Kids Activities at Queen Victoria Market - 5, 7 & 9 Apr

2 Batmania - 1 to 28 Apr

3 Junior Rangers - 7 to 10 Apr

4 Melbourne Central Festival of Lunchtimes - 7 to 30 Apr

5 Anzac Centenary at Shrine of Remembrance - 12 to 30 Apr

6 Anzac Centenary at State Library of Victoria - 13 & 28 Apr

7 Alma Doepel Art Exhibition - 17, 18, 19, 25 & 26 Apr

8 Mosaic Festival - 26 Apr

9 KLM Dutch Orange Day - 26 Apr

INSTRUCTED MOTOR CYCLE RIDE TOOLANGI

Yarra Ranges Council and Honda Australia Rider Training are again conducting instructor-led motorcycle training around the Yarra Ranges. The objective of these

day-long rides is to familiarise riders with the special challenges of the regions roads, including mobile black-spots, tricky roads where extra care is needed, and how to ride safely in unfavourable conditions.

Why? Ride safer in the Yarra Ranges

When: Sunday 12 April, 2015

Phone: 1300 368 333

Website: <https://hart.securewebsite.com.au/course/victoria/on-road/yarra-ranges-instructed-motorcycle-ride.html>

Where: Toolangi

Cost: \$65 (doesn't include lunch)



THE BIG SPROUT FEST AND COMMUNITY MARKET

A fun family day out with a variety of Market Stalls and activities such as;
Tractor rides, Farm tours, Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Hot Air Balloon ride,
Cooking Demonstrations and
the reveal of
THE BIG SPROUT
held at:
Adams Farms
Sunday the 12th of April 2015
from 10am-3pm
Located at:
681 Maroondah Hwy, Coldstream
FREE ENTRY!!*
***\$2 Parking donated to the CFA**



ACTIVE APRIL

Why? To get active in April and kick start the rest of the year

When: April only

Website: www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

Where: All over Victoria

Cost: FREE

CAPTAIN FUN PANTS & THE MYSTERY OF THE FUN O MATIC FUN WAND

Why? This Easter school holidays treat the kids to some swashbuckling, stomach aching laughter.

When: 11am shows, 28 March to 12 April 2015 (excluding Mondays).

Phone: 1300 660 013.

Website: www.laughingstock.com.au

Where: Melbourne Town Hall, Powder Room, Corner Swanston and Collins Streets, Melbourne.

Cost: Groups of four or more \$15 each, adults and children \$18.

HEALERS MARKET: COLLINGWOOD.

Why? A community of healers taking care of mind body and spirit.

When: Saturday the 11th of April 2014 from 10am to 4pm.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1423715264608064>

Where: Collingwood College, Islington street, Collingwood, VIC

Cost: Free Entry

MUM VS OTHER SUPERHEROES

When: Saturday 11 April 2015 and Sunday 12 April 2015

Website: www.marvel.com.au/movies

Where: Melbourne's Supanova Pop Culture Expo

LEARNING SCOTTISH DANCING

When: April 11th; 10am to 12 noon

Phone: (03) 9561 4961

Website: rscdsmelbourne.org.au

Where: St James Uniting Church, Box Hill South

Cost: FREE

THE LUX FOUNDRY

What was once a gas house providing lighting for parts of Melbourne has been beautifully transformed into Melbourne's Lux Foundry. In a tribute to its heritage, Lux, (a unit of measurement of light emittance) Foundry was established six years ago and has since built a reputation for great service, delicious fare and a welcoming environment.

Why? Enjoy a great local breakfast or lunch

When: Mon-Fri 7.30 am - 4.30 pm; Sat-Sun 8.00 am - 4.30pm

Phone: 03 9387 8075

Website: luxfoundry.com.au

Where: Brunswick

IMPOSSIBLE OCCURRENCES:

Melbourne's exclusive Magic Show & Dining Experience. Prepare for a dining experience like no other. For a truly magical dining experience, come along to the critically acclaimed and widely popular 'Impossible Occurrences' show with award-

winning magician, Luke Hocking. This intimate magic show and dining event is coming to Essence on Exhibition for a strictly limited season this Autumn.

When: April 4 - May 29th: The show runs every Friday 7:30pm & 9:30pm.

Website: www.impossibleoccurrences.com.au

Where: Essence on Exhibition is located on the corner of Exhibition and Lonsdale Streets, Melbourne. Valet parking is available from Exhibition Street, fees apply.

Cost: \$80 per person

ALL FOR KIDS MARKET

All for Kids Market is a popular baby and kids market, which is held in various locations across Melbourne from 9am to 1pm. Founded in the spirit of 'Mums helping Mums', this fun and relaxed community market event showcases a diverse range of preloved and new goods from babies and children. At each event you'll find over 50 stalls offering a wide variety of baby clothing, children's clothing, maternity wear, popular toys, children's books, games, linen, cots, prams, high chairs, walkers, change tables and so much more at affordable prices!

- Bundoora ~ 9th May 2015. Norris Bank Primary School, 146 Settlement Rd, Bundoora (Parking and entry via Greenhills Rd)
 - Croydon ~ 18th July 2015. Sacred Heart Primary School, 35 Wicklow Ave, Croydon (Entry at rear of property)
 - Blackburn North ~ 15th August 2015. New Hope Baptist Church, 3 Springfield Rd, Blackburn North
 - Hoppers Crossing ~ 12th September 2015. Mossfield Primary School, Langridge St, Hoppers Crossing
 - Diamond Creek ~ 3rd October 2015. Community Bank Stadium, 129-163 Main Hurtsbridge Rd, Diamond Creek
 - Blackburn North ~ 14th November 2015. New Hope Baptist Church, 3 Springfield Rd, Blackburn North.
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BEN AND JERRY'S FREE CONE DAY.

Event: 14/04/2015: Spreading Love & Ice Cream Around The Globe.

PLEASE NOTE: Only selected stores distribute the free cones - so please check first to avoid disappointment.

Why? For the best ever free ice-cream

When: Tuesday 14th of April 2015 9am-5pm

Website: www.benjerry.com/scoop-shops/free-cone-day

Cost: Free

ERSATZ FANTASIA PROJECT AT YARRA RANGES REGIONAL MUSEUM

Vintage toys and childhood memories. Art appreciation for both big and little kids, the Ersatz Fantasia Project at Yarra Ranges Regional Museum repurposes hundreds of plastic children's toys to create a fabulous fantasy forest.

A tactile, interactive exhibition, visitors are invited to touch and feel the toys while making sure to leave them in their place.

Why? Take a trip back to your happy, childhood place with these colourful toys

When: March 28 – May 24, 2015

Phone: Yarra Ranges Regional Museum - 03 9294 6313

Website: rachelhallinan.wix.com/ersatz-fantasia

Where: Yarra Ranges Regional Museum, 35-37 Castella St, Lilydale VIC 3140

Cost: Free entry

NIDA (NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ART) ADULT AUTUMN COURSES: ENROL NOW.

This Autumn, the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) is presenting a range of interactive courses for adults in Sydney and Melbourne, encouraging everyone to unleash their creative side and get involved in the world of performing arts.

This is an opportunity to receive world-class performing arts training through the NIDA Open program. With more than 50 years experience in providing the best in dramatic arts education, NIDA offers fun, inspiring and practice-based courses for all skill levels.

SOME NIDA GRAD'S: Cate Blanchett, Mel Gibson, Sam Worthington, Richard Roxburgh, Judy Davis, Colin Friels, Hugo Weaving, Miranda Otto.

When: From 11 April

Website: open.nida.edu.au

Where: Sydney and Melbourne

Cost: From \$160

JOHN WOLSELEY HEARTLANDS & HEADWATERS EXHIBIT @ NGV

The Australian waterways and wetlands are fragile ecosystems that must be understood if they are to be preserved. [John Wolseley](#) has spent the last four years completing an extensive study of many such areas. Now, the National Gallery of Victoria is proud to bring these pieces together in one major exhibit, from 11th April through to the 16th August 2015.

The National Gallery of Victoria: Ian Potter Centre, is located at Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm except Christmas Day and Good Friday. On Anzac Day opening hours are 1pm to 5pm.

When: Daily 10am to 5pm

Phone: 8662 1555

Website: www.ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/john-wolseley

Where: National Gallery of Victoria, Federation Square

Cost: FREE Entry

TWEED RIDE RUTHERGLEN - May 16: Put on your best tweed jacket or plaid skirt, bowler hat and grab a vintage bike for the Tweed Ride in Rutherglen. **Google!**

THE CREATOR'S MARKET

Friday Funday April 24: The Creators Market is back for Friday Funday on the 24th of April from 2pm-9pm. This one will take place at Prahran Town Hall in and again offer a variety of handmade items, as well as both pop up food and fashion outlets. The market event brings together a unique collection of local designers, artisans, craters and much more and supports emerging designers and artists from fashion to food and fine arts. www.thecreatorsmarket.com.au

CREATIVE COSTUMES: ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE: SUNDAY APRIL 19.

This one-day sale event will see a variety of ex-hire costumes, discontinued packaged costumes and assorted wigs, hats, vintage clothing and novelty stock for men, women and children reduced to clear. A range of costumes in different sizing will be available, with prices starting from a low \$5.

Choose from contemporary and classic pop-culture character costumes or select from a diverse selection of individual items to make your own original character.



When: Sunday 19th April, from 8.00am to 12.00pm

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1582152858735450>

Where: Creative Costumes, 499 High Street, Prahran, Victoria, Australia 3181

STADIUM STOMP 2015

Take the Ultimate Stair Climb Challenge. Fitness folk, it is time to get prepping for this year's ultimate stair climb challenge. The first Stadium Stomp, held at Melbourne's MCG two years ago, incorporated approximately 7,343 steps for the full course, making it the epitome of city-based fitness challenges.

Why? Challenge yourself to the ultimate chair climb

When: Adelaide 14 June, Brisbane 21 June, Melbourne 5 July, Sydney 26 July, 2015

Website: www.stadiumstomp.com.au

Where: Adelaide Oval, GABBA, MCG, SCG

SHIFTING GEARS: DESIGN, INNOVATION & THE AUSTRALIAN CAR

Ian Potter Centre, Federation Square, Melbourne CBD. Shifting Gears brings the story of Australian motoring to the heart of Melbourne. **MARCH 6 – JULY 12 2015**



The Holden EFIJY Showcar (2010) greets you at the entrance of the Ian Potter Centre.

Why? The Story of Australian Motoring on Show

When: Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-5pm, Closed Monday

Phone: (03) 8620 2222

Website: fedsquare.com/events/shifting-gear

Where: Cnr Russell & Flinders Streets Melbourne VIC (03) 8620 2222

Cost: Member \$11.00, Adult \$15.00, Concession \$12.00, Member Family \$32.00
Family \$41.00, Child \$7.00

MAKE YOUR PARENTS DISAPPEAR:

Children aged 5 to 12 years and their families.



Melbourne's top magic entertainers, Alex de la Rambelje and Luke Hocking, are back these Easter school holidays with their popular kids show. The acclaimed interactive comedy magic show will play at the Famous Spiegeltent, Arts Centre Forecourt for a strictly limited season, from Saturday 28 March until Sunday 12 April as part of the

stellar Melbourne International Comedy Festival line-up. Make Your Parents Disappear weaves unbelievable illusions and hilarious interactive comedy routines into a fast-paced family magic show.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AVIATION MUSEUM (MOORABBIN AIRPORT)

With a magnificent collection of Aircraft & engines, this really is a worthwhile day out. Located in Moorabbin: Cnr First Street & Second Ave, Moorabbin Airport. 3194. They have models, uniforms and rare vintage Australian aircraft to view. They also have a shop and a kiosk, where you can purchase refreshments.

9580 7752 info@aarg.com.au www.aarg.com.au

Exhibitions for kids

Starry Southern Skies. 2 Mar 2015 - 25 May 2015, Royal Botanic Gardens

View the night sky using powerful heritage telescopes at Melbourne Observatory.

Itty Bitty Book Van. 9 Apr 2015, Madame Brussels Lane

Children can visit the Itty Bitty Book Van when it rolls into Madame Brussels Lane for one day only.

Close Encounters Installation. 5 Jun 2015 - 6 Jun 2015, ArtPlay

View over 240 lanterns lighting up the ArtPlay space in a beautiful display, drawn from the Japanese obon festival tradition.

National Sports Museum Easter School Holiday Program

30 Mar 2015 - 10 Apr 2015, National Sports Museum

With the Cricket World Cup completed and the AFL season about to commence, the National Sports Museum is the place to be these Easter school holidays.

Melbourne Vixens vs QLD Firebirds – School Holiday Fun. 12 Apr 2015, Hisense Arena

Enjoy the free face painting, giveaways, netball activities and more these school holiday, at the Melbourne Vixens vs Queensland Firebirds match.

The Essential Baby and Toddler Show. 10 Apr 2015 - 12 Apr 2015, Royal Exhibition Building

Nick Jr's Dora the Explorer is strapping on her famous purple backpack to meet her Australian fans at the Essential Baby and Toddler Show.

Nature Play Week. 14 Apr 2015 - 17 Apr 2015, Royal Botanic Gardens

In conjunction with the Kids in Nature Network, join us for Nature Play Week to celebrate initiatives that reconnect kids with nature.

KIDS ATTRACTIONS:



There is plenty going on in the city to entertain kids and the whole family, from the aquarium to the zoo, and museums to ice-skating.

ArtPlay. Birrarung Marr, Batman Avenue, Melbourne

ArtPlay is a creative arts studio for children aged two to 12 and their families. You can find it behind Federation Square, next to the Yarra River.

Escape Hunt Melbourne. Shop 3, Ground, 190 Queen Street, Melbourne

The Escape Hunt experience is a unique adventure based on classic 'escape the room' online games.

Escape Room. Suite 9-10, Level 1, 108 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Escape Room Australia is a simulation game where participants are locked in a themed room with various scenarios and puzzles they have to solve. Using the elements found inside, players need to try escape within 45 minutes.

Eureka Skydeck 88. Level 88, 7 Riverside Quay, Southbank

Eureka is perfectly positioned for a complete 360 degree, floor-to-ceiling views encompassing Melbourne's CBD, sports precinct, Docklands and everything in between.

Family Fun Centres Black Light Mini Golf. Harbour Town

UV lighting has transformed good old-fashioned mini golf into an amazing glow-in-the-dark-experience that's fun for all the family at Docklands.

Flight Experience Australia. QV Retail. Prepare for take-off as you sit in the pilot's seat of a Boeing 737 jet airliner and take charge of the controls at Flight Experience Australia.

Hardrock Climbing. 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne. For the ultimate climbing experience, get along to Hardrock in the city centre. Hire a harness and climbing shoes, and enjoy a day's unlimited climbing.

IMAX Melbourne Museum. Imax Theatre, Rathdowne Street, Carlton. Screening 3D documentaries and blockbuster movies on the world's third-largest screen, IMAX Melbourne Museum is the ultimate cinematic experience. The IMAX screen is a massive seven storeys high, measuring 32 meters wide and 23 meters high.

Kensington Community Recreation Centre. Kensington Community Centre, 111 Altona Street, Kensington. The Kensington Community Recreation Centre provides recreational, educational, social and cultural facilities for people of all ages and fitness levels.

Lego Education Centre. Shop 5G 439 Docklands Drive, Docklands. The Lego Education Centre lets you explore building and structures, mechanisms, renewable energy, robotics and movie making. Open for workshops, school holiday programs and birthday parties.

THE MELBOURNE VISITOR CENTRE

The Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square is a one-stop shop for visitors offering free brochures, maps and event listings, along with souvenirs and a travel booking service.



The Melbourne Visitor Centre (MVC) is located at Federation Square, opposite Flinders Street Station. Along with face to face visitor information on Melbourne and Victoria, the centre offers:

- free brochures and maps*
- guides on events and what's on
- public transport information and myki Visitor Packs
- Best of Victoria - accommodation and tour booking service
- Best of Souvenirs - quality Melbourne souvenirs and gifts
- discounted theatre tickets from Halftix (March only)

Discounted theatre tickets

During March 2015, Halftix Melbourne will be selling discounted theatre tickets on a trial basis through Best of Victoria at the Melbourne Visitor Centre. Ticket listings are updated daily on the [Halftix website](#).

Location

Federation Square
Corner Swanston and Flinders streets
Melbourne 3000
(opposite Flinders Street Station)

Operating hours

Open daily from 9am to 6pm
Closed Christmas Day

Disability access

Street-level lifts provide access to the Melbourne Visitor Centre, situated on the lower-ground level.

Teachers and school groups

Please note that all school groups (whether accompanied by a teacher or not) are required to make a booking prior to visiting the MVC. Please contact the supervisor on 9658 9658.

MELBOURNE FOR FREE ☺ NB: Should anything on this list interest you, please Google for more details!

The Best Day Ever – Bus Ride and Museum Entry 9 Apr 2015, Melbourne Museum Ride the Night at the Museum bus with characters from the film, then enjoy entry to Melbourne Museum plus screenings of the movie – all for free!

The Purpose and Power of Yoga – Swami Ramdev 10 Apr 2015, Copland Lecture Theatre, the University of Melbourne Baba Ramdev will speak on the importance of yoga in our modern-day world, the contributions of India to the world through yoga, and natural medicine.

Fed Square Book Market 1 Oct 2012 - 26 Dec 2015, Federation Square. Join Melbourne's bibliophiles at the city's largest weekly book market.

Book Launch: Stay with Me. 29 Apr 2015, Reader's Feast Bookstore. Celebrated Australian teenage fiction writer Maureen McCarthy launches her new book

Beyond the Cage: The Nonhuman Rights Project. 4 May 2015, Monash University Law Chambers. Steven Wise, President of the Nonhuman Rights Project, will give a lecture on his efforts to free four chimpanzees from captivity in New York.

Southbank Farmers' Market. 7 Feb 2015 - 5 Dec 2015, Boyd Community Hub

Come along to the authentic farmers' market held at the Boyd Community Hub, Southbank, on the first Saturday of each month.

Queen Victoria Market. 1 Jul 2014 - 31 Dec 2016, Queen Victoria Market

Queen Victoria Market is much more than Melbourne's shopping mecca – it's a historic landmark, a tourist attraction and a Melbourne institution.

Arts Centre Melbourne's Sunday Market. 4 Jan 2015 - 6 Dec 2015, Arts Centre Melbourne. Buy arts, crafts and delicacies from the local artisans who fill the lawn of the Arts Centre Melbourne to showcase their unique handmade goods.

The Community Grocer. 2 Jan 2015 - 18 Dec 2015, Lygon Street High Rise

The Community Grocer is a weekly, community-run fresh fruit and vegetable market,

held at the Carlton high rise.

Growing Friends' Autumn Plant Sale. 18 Apr 2015 - 19 Apr 2015, Royal Botanic Gardens. The Growing Friends' hold two public plant sales each year. These are the only opportunities for members of the public to buy rare plants.

MARKETS & POP UP SHOPS

Suitcase Rummage. 12 Apr 2015, The Atrium, Federation Square

Come for a bargain, a swap, or an old fashioned haggle. Suitcase Rummage is not to be missed!

Bella's Backyard. 26 Mar 2015 - 19 Apr 2015, Bella Union, Trades Hall

Popping up for another lively comedy festival, Bella's Backyard bar has many treats on offer for folks-about-town, from dusk until late.

Take 2 Markets. 19 Apr 2015, Queen Victoria Market. Melbourne's most popular women's preloved fashion market for designer, high street and vintage finds. Hosted by fashion lovers, for fashion lovers.

AAADA 2015 Melbourne Antiques Fair. 7 May 2015 - 10 May 2015, Royal Exhibition Building. Come to the Royal Exhibition Buildings and be seduced by the variety of art and antiques from Australia's finest dealers.

Melbourne Art Book Fair. 1 May 2015 - 3 May 2015, NGV International. Meet some of the most creative Australian and international book designers and publishers under one roof.

Dazzle Strands Beauty Bar. 4 Nov 2013 - 30 Sep 2015, Dazzle Strands Beauty Bar. Described by the Herald Sun as the 'new trend to hit the streets of Melbourne', try before you buy hair extensions and more right on the street.

Blueherring Pop-up. 20 Jan 2014 - 30 Sep 2015, Street Trading Cylinder. The Blueherring pop-up is a mini-exhibition and retail stand for photographic artwork about Melbourne.

THEATRE & SHOWS

Melbourne offers a wealth of entertainment options. Catch a performance at one of Melbourne's many theatre venues – there are many great shows, musicals and plays to enjoy.

Dirty Dancing. 4 Mar 2015 - 3 May 2015, Princess Theatre. Dirty Dancing is an unprecedented live experience, with heart-pounding music, passionate romance and sensationally sexy dancing.

Strictly Ballroom the Musical. 20 Jan 2015 - 21 Jun 2015, Her Majesty's Theatre. The brand-new production of Strictly Ballroom the Musical has audiences dancing in the aisles in a kaleidoscope of colour and fun.

Solo Anna with Lidia Vitale. 20 Apr 2015 - 25 Apr 2015, La Mama Courthouse Part of the La Dolce Italia festival, this one-woman show explores the life of the great Italian actress, Anna Magnani.

Circus Oz 2015 – But Wait...There's More. 17 Jun 2015 - 12 Jul 2015, Birrarung Marr. Circus Oz rockets back under the Big Top this June and July with the red-hot return season of But Wait...There's More.

The Lion King. 20 Feb 2015 - 23 Aug 2015, Regent Theatre. Brilliantly re-imagined by director Julie Taymor, The Lion King has been transformed into a spectacular theatrical experience.

Melbourne French Theatre: 'Is Three Really a Crowd?'. 5 May 2015 - 9 May 2015, Open Stage Theatre. Melbourne French Theatre presents 'Is Three Really a Crowd?' (Le Plus Heureux des Trois) a play by Eugène Labiche in French with English surtitles.

Incantato - Europe's Foremost Stage Illusionist. 24 Apr 2015 - 22 May 2015, Speakeasy HQ and The Blind Tiger. Charismatic illusionist David Key will perform his stunning array of illusions at Speakeasy HQ, the only vaudeville theatre in Australia.

Anything Goes. 27 May 2015 - 20 Jun 2015, Princess Theatre. Helpmann Award-winning Dean Bryan and Andrew Hallsworth's brand-new production of Cole Porter's de-lightful, de-lovely musical, Anything Goes.

The Rocky Horror Show. 12 Jun 2015 - 12 Jul 2015, Comedy Theatre. Get ready for a night of fun, frolics and frivolity in this all-new 40th-anniversary production of Richard O'Brien's classic original!

Le Noir - the Dark Side of Cirque. 9 Apr 2015 - 18 Apr 2015, State Theatre Le Noir - the Dark Side of Cirque, features 24 of the world's greatest circus acts, many of whom are former stars of Cirque du Soleil.

Millionaire Hot Seat Studio Audience. 13 Apr 2015 - 26 May 2015, Docklands Studios. Come along to a taping of 'Millionaire Hot Seat' and enjoy all the fun of being part of a live studio audience.

Performance Management – In Cabaret. 19 May 2015 - 24 May 2015, The Butterfly Club. Anyone who has endured the antics of bosses and co-workers will love this comedy cabaret exploring everything from job interviews to unfair dismissal.

Elixir. 26 Mar 2015 - 19 Apr 2015, Wonderland Spiegelent. Three acrobatic and enthusiastic scientists attempt to create the elixir of life. Part of the 2015 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Shorts@45 – Conflict & Identity. 13 Apr 2015, Fortyfivedownstairs Inc Shorts@45 is a new series of readings by authors and actors held every two months, celebrating the best short story writing at home and from overseas

Burlesque Nation. 27 Mar 2015 - 29 May 2015, Speakeasy HQ and The Blind Tiger. Burlesque Nation showcases some of the finest burlesque performers in the world.

Is Three Really a Crowd? (Le Plus Heureux des Trois) 5 May 2015 - 9 May 2015, The Open Stage Theatre. A unique experience of live theatre performed entirely in French, with English surtitles.

Anzac Centenary – Victoria's Journey of Remembrance. 13 Apr 2015 - 28 Apr 2015, State Library of Victoria. See history come to life as the events of World War One are illustrated through storytelling and performance.

Kitty Flanagan 'Seriously?' 7 Apr 2015 - 19 Apr 2015, Arts Centre Melbourne In this brand new show Kitty opens up and talks about her feelings. Seriously? No this is stand-up comedy.

Black Diggers by Tom Wright. 22 Apr 2015 - 26 Apr 2015, Arts Centre Melbourne. Black Diggers places real people behind the untold stories and unseen faces of our forgotten Indigenous ANZACS.

The League of Sideshow Superstars. 11 Apr 2015, Wonderland Spiegelent Enjoy the League of Sideshow Superstars, a unique collection of elite sideshow artists designed to shock, amaze and inspire.

Live and Let Spy. 7 Apr 2015 - 11 Apr 2015, Clean Comedy Hub. Geelong's favourite comedy team hits the Melbourne International Comedy Festival with Live and Let Spy, a hilarious show for all the family.

Australian Jazz Bell Awards. 30 Apr 2015, Regent Theatre Come and celebrate the Jazz Bell Awards, the only jazz-specific awards in Australia.

Melbourne Magic Show – Impossible Occurrences. 6 Feb 2015 - 24 Apr 2015, Marriott Hotel Melbourne. In Impossible Occurrences, award-winning magician Luke Hocking intrigues and amazes with astounding displays of magic, illusion and mind reading.

The Listies Ruin Xmas. 25 Nov 2015 - 13 Dec 2015, Malthouse Theatre A Frankenstein's monster of a holiday panto. Its mission? To make families laugh as

much as possible in 55 minutes.

They Saw a Thylacine. 15 Sep 2015 - 4 Oct 2015, Malthouse Theatre. For a thylacine tracker and a zoo keeper's daughter, they're on a quest not just to protect a threatened creature, but themselves as well.

Antigone. 21 Aug 2015 - 13 Sep 2015, Malthouse Theatre. This reinterpretation of Sophocles' timeless tragedy isn't afraid to get its hands dirty as it unearths the power of ritual in a shattered community.

A Social Service. 11 Aug 2015 - 29 Aug 2015, Malthouse Theatre. Featuring Nicola Gunn and David Woods, this smart performance sticks its nose into the gap between rich and poor, and smells something funny.

I Am a Miracle. 18 Jul 2015 - 9 Aug 2015, Malthouse Theatre
Set to a stirring choral score, this transcendent new play stretches from Melbourne to the Texas State Penitentiary.

Love and Information. 12 Jun 2015 - 4 Jul 2015, Malthouse Theatre. The latest hit from legendary dramatist Caryl Churchill creates an ingeniously recognisable portrait of the modern era.

Timeshare. 23 Apr 2015 - 17 May 2015, Malthouse Theatre. Timeshare plots a comedic escape to a ramshackle resort that time forgot, with award-winning writer Lally Katz and the Debate Society's Oliver Butler.

ZOOS VICTORIA: Melbourne Zoo – EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR, 9-5PM.

It's not everyday we move our 3 male lions into a new home... Which is just as well, because it really is a big job to move 3 big carnivores that each weigh around 200kg through the zoo, from their temporary home into the new Lion Gorge exhibit. The number one priority is safety, both for people and our 3 lions, so each lion is given a dose of anesthetic medication, which puts them to sleep for a while. This also allows our Vet team to give brothers Zuri, Chaka, and Harare a thorough health check



These photos are from Melb. Zoo. L: Chaka coming out of the anaesthetic & R: Figuring out the best way to move the lion from the trolley.



Beautiful Mother Kimya has safely given birth to her equally beautiful baby and now the big search is on!

Choose your favourite Swahili name and you also go in the running to win an unbelievable 'Gorillas in the Mist' breakfast experience on Saturday 18 April at 7:30am. Four lucky winners will be able to bring three guests to take part in 'Gorillas in the Mist' where they will see keepers feed the gorillas, hear insider stories and see the baby gorilla all before the Zoo opens.

1. **KYA** - Diamond in sky
2. **KAMARI** - Moonlight
3. **KANZI** - A treasure
4. **KIBIBI** - Little lady

To enter, click the link below and choose your favourite:

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/entertainment/competitions/name-melbourne-zoos-baby-gorilla-and-win-an-exclusive-gorillas-in-the-mist-breakfast-experience/story-fni0fcf1-1227280788543>

If you're coming to visit the new baby gorilla, don't forget to bring along your pre-loved mobile phones to donate to the cause of helping gorillas in the wild as part of Zoos Victoria's *They're Calling On You* campaign.

Don't miss Nine News with Peter Hitchener at 6pm on Monday, 13 April to hear the winning name.

We encourage all our visitors to catch public transport and help the environment by reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. It also saves time finding and paying for parking.

By Tram

Tram 55 runs from William Street in the city centre every day, stopping directly outside Melbourne Zoo.

By Train

Trains run from Flinders Street Station on the Upfield line every day, stopping at Melbourne Zoo's own Royal Park Station.

By Bus

Bus route 505 from Moonee Ponds to Melbourne University stops outside Melbourne Zoo.

Timetable information

Please visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au for up-to-date tram, train and bus times. (Tip: Use their Journey Planner for public transport directions from anywhere in Victoria. Enter your starting address in the "From" box and enter "Melbourne Zoo" as a landmark in the "To" box).



Stunning Sumatran Tiger, one of the most endangered species on Earth.

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