

ACTIVITIES

Well, it's nearly February already, people coming back from holidays and, within a couple of days, if not already, children will have gone back to school, Quelle Horreur! Where did the time go? I do not know!

BAYSWATER LIBRARY: KNIT & NATTER.



2nd Thursday of the month @ 1.30pm. Join our knitting and crocheting group for advanced or for beginners. Come and share your trusty patterns as well as new ones.

10 March, 14 April, 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November, 8 December.

MELBOURNE THEATRE COMPANY



UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS:

- LADIES IN BLACK- MUSIC BY TIM FINN
- LUNGS
- THE DAY I LEFT HOME
- MTC ARTIST NIGHTS
- CYBEC ELECTRIC
- MINI THEATRE PACKAGES

Silver K Gallery
Presents the art of
STAR WARS
AND SUPERHEROES

ADMISSION & CATALOGUE
ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5

Exhibition Dates: Saturday December 12th to Sunday March 6th
The Largest Exhibition of Star Wars Art ever presented in Australia

SUPERHEROES

The Exhibition includes a beautiful collection of Superhero art featuring Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, Spiderman and many, many more of your favourite comic book characters.

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SIMPLY RED @ ROCHFORD WINES!

BIG LOVE TOUR 2016 – A DAY ON THE GREEN



When: Sat 13 Feb 2016, 7:00pm

Where: Rochford Wines, 878-880 Maroondah Hwy, Coldstream, Yarra Valley

YARRA RANGES RACECOURSE MARKET, ARMSTRONG GROVE, YARRA GLEN.



Sun 7 Feb 2016, 10:00am

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Sun 3 Apr 2016, 10:00am

Sun 1 May 2016, 10:00am

Sun 5 Jun 2016, 10:00am

WHERE EAGLES FLY – HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY

Monday 25 January 2016 – Thursday 24 March 2016 9:00am – 5:00pm



Mon 25 Jan 2016, 9:00am–5:00pm

Tue 26 Jan 2016, 9:00am–5:00pm

Wed 27 Jan 2016, 9:00am–5:00pm

Thu 28 Jan 2016, 9:00am–5:00pm

Fri 29 Jan 2016, 9:00am–5:00pm

FELLAS IN FROCKS

The 86, 185 Smith St, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Friday 29 January 2016 8:00pm – 11:30pm



Fri 29 Jan 2016, 8:00pm–11:30pm

Fri 5 Feb 2016, 8:00pm–11:30pm

Fri 12 Feb 2016, 8:00pm–11:30pm

Fri 19 Feb 2016, 8:00pm–11:30pm

Fri 26 Feb 2016, 8:00pm–11:30pm

MOON FLOWER MARKET



St Kilda Town Hall, 99A Carlisle Street, Melbourne // Friday 29 January 2016
5:00pm – 10:00pm

Balmy evenings, cool tunes, awesome street food and inspiring artists and artisans...all in a nights work at Moon Flower this coming Summer. Every Friday night (Dec-Jan) this urban oasis will open up it's arms and welcome the

good folks of St.Kilda and Melbourne. Glory in the summer vibes as eve turns to night, in a celebration of independence.

A hub for independent makers, artists and designers with a dash of vintage. Witness a night of Melbourne's finest emerging musicians, Dj's and street performers. Street food at it's best and a groovy garden bar with all your favourite craft beers, wines and cocktails.

First Market - Friday 4th December 2015

Every Friday From Dec - Jan (except 25th December & 1st January).

5pm-10pm

St Kilda Town Hall Gardens. Corner Carlisle Street and Brighton Road

AUSTRALIAN OPEN – BLACKMORES WELLBEING OASIS

Grand Slam Oval, Melbourne Park, Batman Avenue, Melbourne

Monday 25 January 2016 – Sunday 31 January 2016



Throughout the Australian Open, the Blackmores Wellbeing Oasis will offer a complete wellbeing experience. Featuring the newly launched Blackmores Wellbeing Check, roaming massage angels, the Blackmores superfoods bar, as well as daily prizes and take away goodies.

Also on offer at the Blackmores Wellbeing oasis will be tasty and refreshing beverages containing the newly launched Superfoods range, consisting of six different superfoods of the highest quality. The range included Vitality Super Greens, Coconut Water, Wild Blueberry Blend, Single Origin Cacao, Matcha Green Tea and Raw Chia.

SUMMER SERIES – TRIBUTE TO BOB DYLAN

Bulong Estate Winery, 70 Summerhill Road, Yarra Junction Sunday 31 January 2016 12:00pm – 5:00pm



2 hours of the best OF Bob Dylan. A 2-hour show celebrating the life, times and music of the legendary Bob Dylan. A tribute – homage – salute to Bob. At one of the Yarra Valleys most picturesque vineyards. Relax and take in the spectacular views of the vineyard and mountains, while listening to great music with a glass of Estate wine or local beer. Food by the Yarra Valleys gourmet food truck - One Pablo. Cash preferred, limited Eftpos facilities

available.

Gates open from 12pm Show starts at 1pm Cover charge \$10 per Adult, payable at the gate. U18 Free entry.

Book now so you don't miss out.

Complete the online booking form or call (03) 5967 1358

Food by One Pablo. Yarra Valleys gourmet Spanish food truck.

BYO picnic rugs, deck chairs or bean bags. Some seating available.

You may book a table on the deck for your group. \$5 booking fee

Byron Bay Bluesfest 2016. Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm, Black Rock Road, Tyagarah



Thursday 24 March 2016 – Monday 28 March 2016
7:00pm. Part of Tom Jones Australian Tour 2016 and
Bluesfest 2016

Thu 24 Mar 2016, 7:00pm

Fri 25 Mar 2016, 7:00pm

Sat 26 Mar 2016, 7:00pm

Sun 27 Mar 2016, 7:00pm

Mon 28 Mar 2016, 7:00pm

Byron Bay Bluesfest is Australia's premier contemporary Blues & Roots music festival.

It showcases music from around the world annually on the Easter long weekend on 120 hectares at Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm, just north of Byron Bay, NSW.

Bluesfest presents over 200 performances with up to 7 stages over 5, 12 hour days, as well as camping for up to 6,000 people, 5 licensed bars, over 100 food and market stalls, undercover food courts, beer gardens, and children's entertainment.

Fresh from his announcement, Tom Jones will be one of the headline acts, along with the biggest names in music to Australian audiences each year including Kendrick Lamar, Bob Dylan, Hozier, Paul Simon, Gary Clark Jr., Angus & Julia Stone, Robert Plant, Alabama Shakes, John Mayer, Jurassic 5, James Brown, Zac Brown Band, Joss Stone, David Gray, Trombone Shorty, Angelique Kidjo, John Legend & BB King, to name but a few.

Just announced:

- Brian Wilson performing pet sounds and his greatest hits.
- Taj Mahal – performing solo for the first time in Australia in over 20 years!
- The Residents Present Shadowland
- Lord Huron
- Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats
- Lukas Nelson & Promise of The Real
- Janiva Magness
- Lucky Peterson

From a modest crowd of 6,000 when it began in 1990, Bluesfest now attracts an audience of over 100,000. It is regarded as the foremost destination festival in Australia and renowned for being safe, fun and family friendly. Fri 19 Feb 2016, 4:00pm–10:00pm

BLACK SATURDAY REMEMBRANCE 'CRUISE' – REMEMBERING 7 FEB 2009



Saturday 6 Feb, 3 – 8 pm Healesville Railway Station Complex, 38 Healesville-kinglake Road, Healesville

A remembrance event to reflect on all that was lost to the Black Saturday Fires and to all that is still suffering. A Cruise event open to all vehicles, meeting in Lilydale and then a drive for around 45mins, through fire affected towns, to arrive in Healesville Railway precinct for a display of the cars and a Remembrance Ceremony, held at 5pm.

\$10 per vehicle..all money raised donated to the local CFA's. CFA will run a Sausage Sizzle.

MELBOURNE'S DANDENONG RANGES – TOP ATTRACTIONS



- BARRINJA CULTURAL CENTRE
- CLOUDEHILLE GARDENS
- COOL CLIMATE GARDENS OF THE DANDENONG RANGES
- GRANTS PICNIC GROUND
- 1000 STEPS
- PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY
- SKYHIGH MOUNT DANDENONG
- TESSELAAR TULIP FESTIVAL
- TREES ADVENTURE
- U-PICK TRAIL
- WILLIAM RICKETTS SANCTUARY

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- Whale Watching
- Wildlife

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see you there!

THE BEST MELBOURNE POOLS IN SUMMER



Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), Albert Park, The daddy of them all. An aquatic cathedral for devout lap swimmers or a place for the family to wile away a hot summer's day. There are pools aplenty with the indoor 50m competition pool and 25m lap pool and outside a multipurpose pool, 50m pool and wave pool. The FlowRider is a static wave of water to try out body surfing or boarding.

www.melbournesportshub.com.au

Fitzroy Swimming Pool, Brunswick Baths and Melbourne City Baths, This cluster of three inner-city pools are worlds on their own. [Melbourne City Baths](#) on Swanston St would not look out of place alongside State Parliament in Spring St. The impressive architecture gives the baths an old-world feel. The [Fitzroy Swimming Pool](#) had a near-death experience in 1994 before a grassroots community campaign saved the 50m pool and its crystal clear waters. A short trip up Sydney Rd is the [Brunswick Baths](#), which retains its heritage facade outside. The 50m outdoor pool and 20m indoor pool have been updated.

Coburg Olympic Swimming Pool, For retro fun in the sun, it is hard to drive past this Murray Rd pool. A diving pool that opens periodically is a chance to show off your best pike or cannonball while young families are catered for with two toddler pools of different depths and a 50m pool. Barbecues and well-shaded grassed areas are perfect for lounging about on hot summer days and evenings. Keep the retro theme going by heading down to the Coburg Drive-in for a movie. Unfortunately the pool doesn't open until December 1 and then only if the temperature is at least 23C. But with El Niño, it will probably be open more often than it is closed. Details: www.activemoreland.com.au

GESAC, Bentleigh East, The Glen Eira Swim and Aquatic centre is MSAC's little cousin, although with a bunch of pools, kids water playground and two water slides perhaps it's not so little. It opened in 2012 on the site of the old Bentleigh East pool and has quickly become the go-to destination for families from the area on hot days. Details: gesac.com.au

Oakleigh Recreation Centre, The outdoor pool harks back to the 1970s with crystal clear water surrounded by an expansive lawn area. The operators don't mind retro-fitting the diving tower with a giant inflatable slide to bring the pool's attractions up to date. When the diving platform is open, kids have to do a test jump and swim to the side under lifeguard supervision just to see if they are worthy. Details: oakleighrecreationcentre.com.au

Aquanation, Ringwood, The new kid on the block, Aquanation opened this year. The \$52 million centre features a 10-lane, 50m pool and a 10m diving platform. Aquanation will be home to the Australian Diving Centre, which is handy, because Melbourne has been down a diving platform since the one at the Harold Holt Swim Centre closed due to concrete cancer. Details: maroondahleisure.com.au

Olinda Pool, Leader has a soft spot for this outdoor pool, mainly because we were involved in a campaign to save it. Thanks to the hard work of the community, it will be brand-spankin-new this summer. Not far from that other Olinda institution, the Cuckoo Restaurant, the fact the pool was saved is a testament to its local support. Work is underway to repair major cracks ahead of the summer season. Details: yarranges.vic.gov.au

Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Glen Waverley, A beach break in the middle of suburbs is the main attraction. The 40m indoor wave pool is open year-round, offering hours of fun for the family. Lap swimming is available at the 25m indoor pool and 50m outdoor pool. Details: monshaquaticrecreationcentre.com.au

Harold Holt Swim Centre, The pool that was named after a prime minister who drowned got a \$13.3m revamp in 2010. The one attraction that didn't get a makeover was the concrete cancer-riddled 10m diving board, which struck fear into the hearts of anyone green enough to jump off it for the first time. Still, the swim centre has six pools including a leisure pool for kids. As an oasis in the heart of the eastern suburbs, it has a strong following. Details: stonnington.vic.gov.au

WaterMarc, Greensborough, This centre has all the standard features you would expect of an aquatic centre with one awesome water slide, Tantrum Alley. The rafts for the slide are big enough to take 3-4 people. The height requirement for Tantrum Alley is 122cm and 107cm for the less intimidating Pipeline. The water play park has four slides and a giant tipping bucket. Details: watermarcbanyule.com.au

Funfields, Whittlesea, Not strictly a public pool but for pure fun save the airfare to the Gold Coast and take a trip up the Hume instead for a wet 'n' wild experience. Funfields is 40km from the CBD and features waterslides with names like Typhoon, Blackout and Splashdown. The Wacky Waters playground has over 20 water activities. If you are willing to drive to Whittlesea, then it might also be worth considering Geelong's AdventurePark, which opens on October 31 for the new season. The park's biggest rides are Lazy River, Aqua Racer, Gold Rush Rapids and Wild West Canyon. Both parks have dry rides as well. Details: funfields.com.au

Melton Waves Leisure Centre, Another beach break in the suburbs. It is the only aquatic centre in the west with a wave pool. The pool also features a river rapids. Visitors are spoiled for choice as the wave pool is one of seven pools at the centre. The 50m outdoor pool has eight lanes and is heated. Details: meltonwaves.com.au

PIPEline and World ALLEY, Aquapulse, Hoppers Crossing, The waterslides are billed as the best in the west. Check out the video above of PIPEline and World ALLEY to judge for yourself. The play area for the kids includes twin slides, two covered tube slides, water cannons, water spray and beach entry. Details: aquapulse.wynactive.com.au

Noble Park Aquatic Centre, The pool with one of the biggest waterslides in Melbourne also has a large kids play park and a half basketball court for anyone who wants to build up a sweat before cooling off. The centre, which opened in 2012, is part of the new breed of aquatic centres that have helped transform the swimming experience for the current generation of youngsters. Details: greaterdandenong.com

Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre, Frankston, The peninsula's premier swimming centre had a rocky start when it opened earlier this year to a flood of complaints but appears to be ironing out the kinks. The centre has a 50m indoor pool, learn to swim pool, and a toddler pool with beach entry. The 79m waterslide is called AquaSphere. Details: www.parcfrankston.com.au



VERMONT SOUTH COMMUNITY HOUSE

Creative Art for Children 8-12 years - Tuesday 2nd February- 22nd March 2016 (8 weeks) / 4.00pm – 5.30pm / Cost: \$112.00. Come and let your imagination run wild through the magic of art. Using paints, pastels and other wonderful art tools. In addition we will have fun with clay and 3D activities. **All materials included** (excluding canvasses). *Bring an art smock*

Creative Writing for Children 8-12 years - Thursday 4th February- 24th March 2016 (8 weeks) 4.00pm – 5.30pm, Cost: \$144.00. This class is for children aged 8-12 years old who love writing and want to improve their creative writing skills. It is also intended for children who need motivation to write more. The class is designed to encourage kids to use their imagination and to have fun with writing.

Guitar (GuitarStart) for Children 8+ years - Wednesdays 3rd February- 23rd March 2016 (8 weeks). 3.45pm-4.40pm (Beginners), 4.50pm-5.45pm (Continuing students), Ages 8+. Cost \$POA. Do you (or your child) want to develop your life-long enjoyment of Music? Do you want to learn your favourite songs; or build a broad foundation of skills? Call Des on 0412 914 423, or email guitarstart.au@gmail.com for more information or to enrol.