

# SOUTH SIDE FESTIVAL

FRANKSTON  
8-17 MAY 2026



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## WELCOME TO SOUTH SIDE FESTIVAL 2026

Frankston City Council acknowledges the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters in and around Frankston City, and value and recognise local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, heritage, and connection to land as a proud part of a shared identity for Frankston City.

Council pays respect to Elders past and present and recognises their importance in maintaining knowledge, traditions, and culture in our community.

Council also respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong Land Council as the Registered Aboriginal Party responsible for managing the Aboriginal cultural heritage of the land and waters where Frankston City Council is situated.

I am delighted to welcome you to the fifth South Side Festival in 2026! This much-loved event reflects our shared vision to bring people together through the power of arts, culture and diversity.

Across 11 unforgettable days, I invite you to immerse yourself in a vibrant tapestry of arts, culture and heritage experiences. Each event is thoughtfully curated to inspire curiosity, broaden perspectives and celebrate the creative heartbeat of our community.

What truly sets South Side Festival apart is its sense of discovery and inclusion. The program champions fearless, contemporary ideas while remaining grounded in the places and people of Frankston.

From world-class circus, an award-winning play from one of Australia's leading theatre companies, to striking visual art and the electric atmosphere of our glowing Neon Fields, there's something for everyone to enjoy together.

The festival also creates space for meaningful conversations, featuring environmentally focused artworks and hands-on workshops that invite our community to reflect, learn, and imagine a more sustainable, creative, and accessible future.

The 2026 program is rich, dynamic and full of unexpected moments. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to our city, I invite you to experience why Frankston City is quickly becoming one of Victoria's most exciting arts destinations.

Join us — and let South Side Festival surprise, inspire and delight you.

**COUNCILLOR SUE BAKER**  
MAYOR, FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL

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# NEON FIELDS

Friday 8 & Saturday 9 May, 5:00pm – 10:00pm  
Sunday 10 May, 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Beauty Park, enter via Young St, Frankston

Due to overwhelming demand **Neon Fields** is back for a third chance to enjoy the magic!

Experience Beauty Park transformed into a wonderland of light and adventure where you can discover secret gardens and strike a pose with iconic installations.

This year will have brand new features including the epic Stargate monolith and new Neons including a Unicorn Garden and Cosmic Playground, plus the fan faves. On Friday and Saturday night there will be snacky savoury and sweet food trucks plus the licensed Soundlounge bar zone, making Neon Fields the place to be!

All ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

FREE | No Bookings Required

Please note: The Beauty Park Bay Trail car park will be closed, seek parking at the Frankston Arts Centre car park (paid), Civic Centre or street parking. Beauty Park BBQs will not be available to the public during event times. BYO alcohol is strictly prohibited.

Sensory warnings: changing lights, neon, low audio and light levels.  
If you bring it, take it home with you. Help us keep Beauty Park beautiful.



Image credit Lindsay Moller

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# GOLDEN SCISSOR PUPPETS FRANKSTON'S CRYPTIDS

Friday 8 & Saturday 9 May  
5:00pm – 9:00pm (roving set times may vary)  
Neon Fields: Beauty Park, enter via Young St, Frankston

Have you ever wondered what Bigfoot might look like if they grew up in Frankston? Now is your chance to find out!

Meet **Frankston's Cryptids!** These large-scale puppets, created by Golden Scissor Puppets and local community groups, are inspired by Frankston's stories and legends. Developed through hands-on collaboration with the community, each puppet brings our city's creativity and imagination to life.

FREE | No Bookings Required

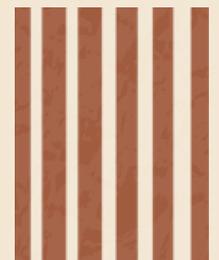


Image credit Patrick Wilson

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## MICHAEL BEETS/HERE & NOW LIVE CINEMA



Friday 8 May  
7:30pm (bar/doors open at 6:30pm)  
Cube 37, Davey St, Frankston

A feature film shot, edited, and scored live on stage.

Michael Beets and the award-winning team at HERE & NOW transforms Cube 37 into a high-tech pop-up studio where a cast and crew of local Frankston youth—mentored by industry professionals—shoot, edit, score, and project a feature film in real-time.

Guided by the strict “Dogma of Live Cinema,” there are no pre-recorded shots and no second takes. Every cut, camera move, and musical note happens in the moment. This is cinema stripped of its safety net—a high-wire act of storytelling that bridges theatre, film, and broadcast.

Don't miss this unique world premiere that celebrates the raw talent and stories of Frankston. It's dangerous, it's immediate, and it only happens once.

90 minutes, no interval, including Q&A  
Recommended 14+.

Tickets + transaction fee: Full \$20 | Conc/FAC Member \$1503 9784 1060  
or [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)

May contain mature themes, language, and strobe lighting.

**LIVEU** **HERE & NOW**

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Image courtesy of Here & Now

## SOUTH SIDE SEA SOAK

Saturday 9 May  
7:45am – 9:00am (in the water at 8:00am!)  
Frankston Foreshore, outside the Frankston Life Saving Club  
1 Long Island Dr, Frankston

Did somebody say its sea soak time?!

The last two annual Sea Soaks have morphed into a tradition, and we can't wait to take the plunge with all the cold water swimmers again. This is the perfect opportunity to mingle with other clubs, meet new dippers or see if you discover your next favourite pastime!

Warm up after the dip with the Frankston Life Saving Club's classic brekkie BBQ. And new South Side swim caps for the first 100 people to register!

**FREE | Bookings essential (including signing of event waiver):**  
03 9784 1060 or [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)

Image credit Steve Brown



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## COMMUNITY CROCHET PROJECT THE BIG CROCHET DAY IN

Saturday 9 May  
10:30am – 1:30pm  
Drop in anytime during the session  
Frankston Arts Centre Rotary Room  
Davey St, Frankston

Join **The Big Crochet Day In**—a joyful call to crochet, share, and connect as part of a massive community-made artwork. Formed stitch by stitch by community members volunteering their time and skills, using donated yarn, we are chasing a bold blue-sky idea: to create the largest blanket arrangement we can.

Whether you are a crochet master, dabble in craft or simply want to sit and connect, you are invited to take part.

**All ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

**FREE | Bookings essential:**  
03 9784 1060 or [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)



Supported by the Frankston City Council Artist Grants.



Image courtesy of Community Crochet Project

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## NIOW YOU ARE ME

Saturday 9 & Saturday 16 May  
12:00pm – 1:30pm & 2:00pm – 3:30pm  
Drop in anytime during the sessions  
Frankston Arts Centre foyer  
Davey St, Frankston

**You Are Me** evokes the retro charm of text-based video games reimagined as a live-action, participatory, all-ages theatre meets game experience. Using puppetry and a clever mashup of technologies, a miniature greenhouse becomes the play-space for the quirky, pink haired character, Nuku, her adventures only limited by the audience's imagination.

This all-ages performance installation was nominated for Best Experimental Work at Melbourne Fringe Festival 2023.

**All ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

**FREE | No Bookings Required**



Image credit Pia Johnson

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## ARTS ACCESS VICTORIA ICING ON THE CAKE

Saturday 9 May 2:00pm – 3:00pm  
Saturday 16 May 1:00pm – 2:00pm & 3:00pm – 4:00pm  
Drop in anytime during the activation sessions  
Exhibition viewable Centre open hours  
Frankston Arts Centre Peninsula Room Davey St, Frankston

Frankston Arts Centre's Peninsula Room will be transformed by Get Out! Studio into a sensory playground. Immerse yourself in a familiar, fun, and generative environment for all ages. Move through the space at your own pace and experience artwork exhibitions, impromptu performances, and live interactions.

Get Out! is an Arts Access Victoria inclusive studio for Deaf and Disabled artists. The Studio is a supported creative program where art is our common language!

All ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

FREE | No Bookings Required



ARTS ACCESS VICTORIA

Arts Access Victoria is proudly supported by Creative Australia and the Victorian Government.

Image credit Correne Ludica standing with artowrks, photo by Leonie Van Eyk. ID. Woman dressed in red standing with colourful artworks

## FIONA BASILE THE NEXT WAVE BOOK LAUNCH

Saturday 9 May  
2:30pm – 3:30pm  
Frankston Arts Centre Rotary Room,  
Davey St, Frankston

Join us for the book launch of **The Next Wave**—an afternoon celebrating an open water swimming and dipping community. Come along and share stories of joy, resilience, and connection forged in the sea.

FREE | Bookings Essential:  
03 9784 1060 or [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)

*Fiona* BASILE  
PHOTOGRAPHER AND WRITER

Supported by Frankston City Council Artist Grants

## STREET ART WALKING TOURS

Saturday 9 & Saturday 16 May,  
10:00am, 12:00pm & 2:00pm  
Meeting point: Frankston Library  
forecourt, 60 Playne St Frankston

Book a free street art tour through Frankston's iconic murals, uncovering stories and artists along the way, and finish at the new Street Art Studio for behind-the-scenes insight and a chance to bid on an original artwork.

Approx. duration 60 minutes  
Tickets + transaction fee: Full \$15 | Free  
for under 15 years  
03 9784 1060 or [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)



Image credit Fiona Basile

# ONE FELL SWOOP CIRCUS IN COMMON

Saturday 9 May  
1:00pm & 7:30pm (doors/bar open 1 hour pre-show)  
Frankston Arts Centre Davey St, Frankston

*"An intricate and mesmerising piece of art"* - ArtsHub

A fusion of circus and sculpture exploring tension and community.

From acclaimed company One Fell Swoop Circus (By A Thread) comes **In Common** - a thrilling fusion of circus and sculpture. Six acrobats build and perform on a stunning 'tensegrity' structure, combining virtuosic skill and heartfelt artistry.

Through breathtaking movement and intricate choreography, **In Common** explores the tension, trust and connection that bind us together — the joy of being caught and the strength found in holding others.

60 minutes, no interval

Tickets + transaction fee: FAC Member \$35 | Full \$40 | Family of 4 \$120 | Group 6+ \$33 each  
03 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



NCM



Presented in collaboration with Frankston Arts Centre's 2026 Season Program

Image credit Aaron Walker

FREE  
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# NAIRM MARR DJAMBANA FIRST NATIONS TRADITIONAL CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 12 May  
10:00am & 1:30pm  
Nairm Marr Djambana, 32 Nursery Ave, Frankston

Culture Through Learning at Nairm Marr Djambana: where tradition meets education.

Be guided around the beautiful gardens of Nairm Marr Djambana and learn about native plants and First Nations traditions.

#### Your session will include:

Native Education & Garden Walk: Engage with our cultural guide through the natural environment, sharing insights about native plants that have sustained generations.

Traditional Tool Presentation & Demonstration: Showcase of traditional tools that have shaped First People's lives.

Yarn Local Native Plants: Dive deeper into the stories of the plants that thrive in our ecosystem.

Traditional Bush Food-tasting: Sample tasty treats while learning about the nutritional benefits of these ingredients.

All ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

FREE | Bookings Essential:  
(03) 9783 1521 or email [admin@djambana.org.au](mailto:admin@djambana.org.au)

Image courtesy of Nairm Marr Djambana



# BAM ARTS INC ALL THAT JAZZ

Tuesday 12 May  
6:00pm (doors/bar open at 5:00pm)  
Cube 37, Davey St, Frankston

Join us for a night of old-fashioned 1920's fun, pop on your feather boa and be transported to a noisy hall, where the drinks are cold and the piano is hot! Be entertained by your local musical theatre stars from BAM Arts Inc at this inclusive cabaret-style performance that invites the audience to dress up and sing along at our very own speakeasy right here in Frankston.

BAM Arts Inc is Melbourne's leading provider of performing and creative arts programs for people with disabilities.

60 minutes, no interval

Tickets + transaction fee: Full \$15 | Conc/FAC Member \$10  
03 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Image courtesy of BAM Arts Inc

# PATAGONIA THE SHITTHROPOCENE FILM SCREENING

Wednesday 13 May  
7:00pm (doors/bar open 6:00pm)  
Cube 37, Davey St, Frankston

How did we end up in a world where things are designed to be thrown away rather than repaired? **The Shitthropocene** takes a hard look at our throwaway culture and asks tough questions about our consumer habits. Through producer Patagonia's journey toward repair and circular design, this film shows how rethinking what we buy, extending the life of our belongings, and embracing reuse can reshape society and promote a sustainable, circular economy.

50 minute film  
Recommended 14+

Tickets + transaction fee: Full \$15 | Conc/FAC Member \$10  
03 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au

Please note: May contain mature themes and language.

Presented in partnership with Frankston Council's Waste Circularity team



Image courtesy of Patagonia

WEICHEN CUI, HAOCHEG ZHANG & MONICA LIM

山高水长

## SHAN GAO SHUI CHANG

Thursday 14 May

7:30pm (doors/bar open 6:30pm)

Cube 37, Davey St, Frankston

**Shan Gao Shui Chang (山高水长) meaning: 'high mountains, long rivers'.**

A dancer, visual artist, and musician transform movement into a sonic and visual landscape evoking their shared experience of diaspora and migration. Ancient techniques of Chinese water painting and tea ceremony combine with contemporary dance, cutting-edge machine learning and interactive technology using the body's natural conductivity and everyday objects to offer a visceral experience that embodies the body's metabolism and its deep connection to nature, culture, and society. Each performance is one-off, creating a unique and ephemeral visual artefact and soundscape.

60 minutes, no interval

Tickets + transaction fee: Full \$25 | Conc/FAC Member \$20

03 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au

Supported by the University of Melbourne.



Image credit Razan Fakhouri

## HUMAN LOVE QUEST

Friday 15 May

7:30pm (doors/bar open 6:30pm)

Cube 37, Davey St, Frankston

This is the comedy dating show you have been waiting for. **Human Love Quest** brings the golden age of live television dating shows into the future! The future being now! The antithesis of dating apps, HLQ uses the classic trope of three hopefuls vying for the attention of one solo contestant. It is all-inclusive and anyone from the audience is encouraged to play, regardless of how someone identifies, their age group, or what they're looking for out of an encounter. Stop staring at a screen and let us make your dream come true!

Putting the human back into actual human interaction since 2021.

2 hours, cabaret bar setting

18+

**Please note: Mature themes & language, bright lights, loud music.**

**We have a zero-tolerance policy against intolerant and anti-social behaviour. This is a safe space.**

Tickets + transaction fee: Full \$25 | Conc/FAC Member \$20

03 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Image credit Brad Vaughn

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## MOON SHADOW STUDIO KIKI AND ZUKI

Saturday 16 May, 12:00pm & 2:00pm  
Sunday 17 May, 10:00am, 12:00pm & 2:00pm  
Cube 37, Davey St, Frankston

Step into a world of shadows and light where two unlikely friends embark on a journey of discovery. **Kiki and Zuki** will take you on a magical adventure of friendship, understanding, and finding connection through a captivating blend of puppetry, overhead projector shadow work, and performative storytelling.

Join us for this beautiful performance that inspires curiosity, imagination, and embracing our differences.

**50 minutes, no interval**  
**Ages 6 -12, super family friendly!**  
**Please note: Low light, dark space and quiet space**

Tickets + transaction fee: Full \$20 | Conc/FAC Member \$15  
\$60 group (2 adults, 2 conc)  
03 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au

MOON  
SHADOW  
STUDIO

The work was conceived, developed, and presented in 2024 with the support of the Banyule City Council's Arts and Culture program.

Image courtesy of Moon Shadow Studio



## STREET ART STUDIO CLOSING PARTY & ART AUCTION

Saturday 16 May  
6:00pm – 10:00pm  
Shannon Street Mall, Bayside Vicinity

Studio Gallery Open, Saturdays between 21 March – 16 May  
10:00am – 4:00pm

That's a wrap! Come celebrate the final night of the inaugural Street Art Studio pop-up gallery at our after-hours party.

10 talented street artists have transformed the old Toys"R"Us shop at Bayside Shopping Centre into a vibrant indoor laneway. Each mural features pull-away panels, giving you the chance to bid on and take home your very own piece of the artwork—before, in true street art style, it's taken down.

If you haven't visited the studio yet, this is your last chance to explore the space and place your bids. Be sure to arrive early—bidding closes at 7:30pm on the night!

FREE | No Bookings Required

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Bayside

Image credit courtesy of Street Art Studio



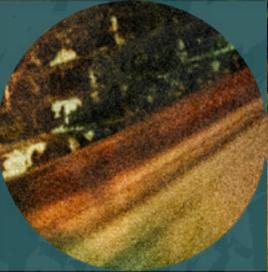


Image credit Young Ha Kim

# BELVOIR ST THEATRE LOSE TO WIN

Saturday 16 May  
8:00pm (doors/bar open at 7:00pm)  
Frankston Arts Centre  
Davey St, Frankston

*"Not a soul is born without a backstory, but few are as gripping as Mandela Mathia's."* - Sydney Morning Herald

*"In this country, you think it's your right to have three meals a day. Me, where I came from? I think it's a miracle."*

From South Sudan to Egypt to our stage, this is the extraordinary journey of Mandela Mathia. Fleeing his war-torn home as a child, Mandela spent many years journeying, searching, and eventually finding his way to our stage. This is a joyful, poignant solo show, straight from the man who lived it.

A celebration of the South Sudanese community, of resilience, and the power of imagination, **Lose to Win** is an astonishing modern Australian story.

**70 minutes, no interval**  
Recommended for ages 15+

Tickets + transaction fee: FAC Member \$41 - \$50 | Full \$50 - \$61 | Conc \$44 - \$54  
Full Time Student \$26 - \$31 | Under 30 \$30 | Group 6+ \$45 - \$56 each  
03 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au

**Please note:**  
Contains references  
to death and violence,  
the use of strobe lighting,  
haze and loud sounds.



Presented in collaboration with Frankston Arts Centre's Season 2026 Program

Image credit Daniel Boud



# FRESH FRANKSTON CAGED CHAOS

Friday 15 May  
6:00pm  
Singing Bird Studios  
3/3 New Street, Frankston

Ready to break out of the cage? This raw, high-energy night will feature five killer youth bands taking the stage at Singing Bird Studios, delivering heavy riffs, pounding beats, and unapologetic attitude.

Presented by the Fresh Frankston Amplify committee, **Caged Chaos** is an all-ages event giving young artists the chance to spread their wings and tear up the stage. With supervision from Frankston Youth Services and accredited security, the gig is completely drug, alcohol, and smoke-free, creating a safe space for everyone to thrash, scream, and make some noise.

Whether you're a hardcore fan or just curious to catch the next wave of local talent, this is your chance to join the flock and feel the chaos live.

**Please note: Loud music, lighting effects used, and potential mature themes.**

**All ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.**  
Tickets + transaction fee: \$15  
eventbrite.com.au



Image credit Amy Partington

# THE MELBOURNE CLOTHING EXCHANGE THE GREAT SOUTH SIDE WOMEN'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Sunday 17 May

Clothing drop off: 10:45am – 11:15am

Clothing swap opens to the public: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Frankston Arts Centre Rotary Room

Davey St, Frankston

Reusing clothing means we are keeping these items in circularity, out of landfill. Let's do our part and help create a more sustainable Frankston!

## How it works:

1. Register to participate
2. On the day, drop off your preloved garments (max. 8 and only adult women's clothing)
3. Collect your trading tokens
4. Use your tokens to exchange for other garments (BYO bags!)

All ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

FREE | Bookings Essential: 03 9784 1060 or [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)

Please note: Only registered participants may participate.  
This is not a market, you need to be a part of the exchange process.  
Head to [southsidefestival.com.au](http://southsidefestival.com.au) for full info.



Image credit Julian Meehan

# THE MELBOURNE CLOTHING EXCHANGE SLOW FASHION GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday 17 May, 11:15am – 12:00pm

Frankston Arts Centre

Davey St, Frankston

Meet Jenna Flood, a passionate slow fashion stylist dedicated to making sustainable choices in fashion easy and accessible. She is here to help you navigate the world of sustainable wardrobes and mindful shopping habits.

FREE | Bookings Essential: 03 9784 1060 or [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)

Presented in partnership with Frankston Council's Waste Circularity team.

Image credit Jenna Flood



# SOUTH SIDE THEATRETTE SHORT FILM SCREENINGS

During Cube 37 open hours, Saturday 9 – 16 May

Cube 37, Davey St, Frankston

The Labs at Cube 37 will become our own mini theatre where you can drop in at anytime to watch a looping series of short films.

Featured shorts include multi award nominated More Than Cute, by director Joshinder Chaggar.

More Than Cute: A seniors Bollywood dance class in Melbourne City is the perfect intercultural setting to discover new friendships and unpack misconceptions about ageing.

FREE | No Bookings Required



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NAOMI WOODWARD

# CREEKLINES: STORIES OF SWEETWATER CREEK

Saturday 9 – Sunday 17 May

Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve, Frankston South

**Creeklines** is an immersive audio or reading experience to accompany you on your walk through Sweetwater Creek. With stories ranging from childhood war games and unexpected encounters to conservation efforts and the renewing of the spirit, be drawn further into the world of Sweetwater Creek and experience how nature shapes our identity.

This is a self-guided audio/reading and walking experience along the pathways of Sweetwater Creek. You can start and finish your walk at any point on the trail. Approx duration is 60 minutes and is an easy walking trail.

FREE | No Bookings Required

Scan for transcript or audio



Image credit Saliha Sevim



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EVENT

RENNIE ELLIS

# GOOD TIMES

Saturday 9 May – Saturday 1 August

Frankston Arts Centre, Curved Wall Gallery, Davey St, Frankston

Open venue hours. Closed Mondays/Sundays.

A selection of iconic imagery and celebratory photographs of everyday people enjoying life from one of Australia's greatest storytellers. Rennie Ellis was a photographer known for his candid, documentary-style images capturing the essence of contemporary Australia, the glamour of social events like music festivals, fashion and nightclubs, as well as the gritty side of urbanity. Ellis's photographs are celebrated for their warmth, non-judgmental approach, and focus on human interaction and remain an enduring affirmation of his times.

FREE | No Bookings Required

Image (detail) Yobbos, Sunbury Pop Festival 1974 © Rennie Ellis



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## NATALIE FINNEY SECOND NATURE

Sat 9 May – Sat 27 June  
Cube 37, Gallery, Glass Cube &  
Art After Dark,  
Davey St, Frankston  
Open venue hours.  
Closed Mondays/Sundays.

Step into a dreamlike realm of photographic gardens and curious specimens, where illusion feels natural and the line between truth and imitation becomes delightfully uncertain. Featuring sculptural elements and video projection, this exhibition invites viewers to look closely and consider how beauty, perception and imitation merge within both nature and its manufactured reflections.

FREE | No Bookings Required

Supported by Frankston City Council's Artist Project Grants.

Image credit Natalie Finney



## MICHAEL BEETS/HERE & NOW FRAGMENTS

Sat 9 May – Sat 18 July  
Frankston Arts Centre, Atrium  
Gallery, Davey St, Frankston  
Open venue hours.  
Closed Mondays/Sundays.

What remains after a film that can only be seen once? **Fragments** is a visual exploration of memory, technology, and the fleeting nature of live performance. This exhibition showcases a series of generative artworks born from HERE & NOW's high-stakes "Live Cinema" events by Andreas Rau. Using a custom algorithm to "witness" the performance, these pieces capture moments from a film shot, edited, and screened in real-time. Each artwork serves as a unique digital artifact—a permanent echo of a cinematic experience that has otherwise vanished.

FREE | No Bookings Required

HERE & NOW



Image credit Andreas Rau, Echo No Resonance



## AUSTRALIAN WEARABLEARTS FESTIVAL A WEARABLE CANVAS

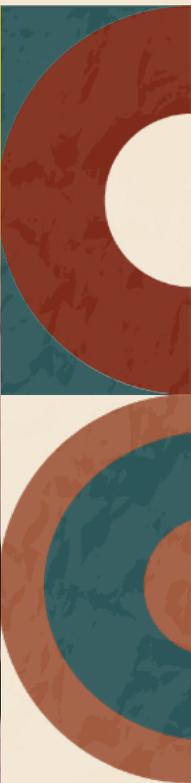
Saturday 9 May – Saturday 13 June  
Frankston Arts Centre, Gail Dudeck Lounge, Davey St, Frankston  
Open venue hours. Closed Mondays/Sundays.

**A Wearable Canvas** brings the extraordinary world of wearable art into the gallery, offering audiences a rare opportunity to experience these remarkable works up close. Spanning categories including Trashion, Sustainable Nature, Avant Garde and Abstract Form, **A Wearable Canvas** highlights the diversity and creative ambition of contemporary wearable art practice. This exhibition celebrates artists who push boundaries, transform unexpected materials and tell powerful stories through form, texture and design.

FREE | No Bookings Required



Image credit Barry Alsop



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# FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE HATCH: ARTISTS PROGRAM

Thursday 7 May, 6:00pm  
Cube 37, Davey St, Frankston

Come join a frank and creative conversation to hear from artists successfully making and sharing their work on wider scale. This is an opportunity to hear about an individual's artistic processes as well as how artists network, market themselves and their work. The panel features Natalie Finney and Michael Beets. Both Natalie and Michael are featured artists in the 2026 South Side Festival and the conversation will feature an opportunity to have a guided tour through Natalie's exhibition in the Cube 37 Gallery.

120 minutes, no interval. Networking drinks and nibbles included.

Best suited for ages 15+ and recommended for artists, arts workers, and members of the creative community.

Tickets + transaction fee: \$10  
03 9784 1060 or [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)

FRANKSTON  
ARTS  
CENTRE



Image courtesy of Here & Now Projects

# SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS

Frankston Library, 60 Playne St, Frankston

## DOWNSIZING CONNECTIONS DECLUTTER & DOWNSIZE WITH EASE



Friday 8 May, 11:30am – 1:00pm

Decluttering and downsizing can be overwhelming and a hard task to start. Feeling overwhelmed by clutter and not sure where to start? This guided workshop offers simple, achievable strategies to help you regain control of your home.

FREE | Bookings Essential:  
03 9784 1020 or [library.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://library.frankston.vic.gov.au)

## CACTUS REVIVAL VISIBLE MENDING 101

Saturday 9 May, 11:00am – 1:00pm

Bring along a favourite item of clothing that might otherwise be discarded and learn how to give it new life. You'll be guided through simple techniques to patch holes, cover marks, or add creative embellishments to make your piece truly one-of-a-kind. This workshop is ideal for absolute beginners—no prior sewing experience needed—and anyone keen to learn basic mending skills.

FREE | Bookings Essential:  
03 9784 1020 or [library.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://library.frankston.vic.gov.au)

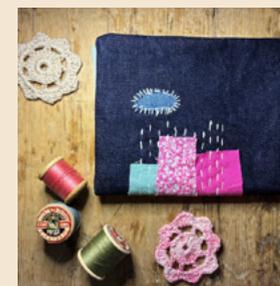


PERFECTLY  
IMPERFECT  
KIDS WEAR



Presented by the Frankston Council Waste Circularity and Frankston City Library Teams.

Image courtesy of Cactus Revival



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# ROVING REFILLS POP UP

Refill Your Essentials: Shampoo, Laundry Liquid, Body Wash & More—No Plastic Waste!

**Friday 8 May: 11:30am – 1:30pm**

**Friday 15 May: 12:00pm – 2:00pm**

**Frankston Library Forecourt, 60 Playne St, Frankston**

Join Andrea from Roving Refills Frankston at our pop-up stall and discover how easy it is to ditch single-use plastic bottles for good!

What's in store? Eco-friendly essentials like dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoos, conditioners, and more.

## How does it work?

1. Bring your empty containers.
2. Fill them with the products you need.
3. Pay by weight—easy, sustainable, and affordable!

Together, let's refill and reduce waste for a cleaner planet!



# IDAHOBIT RAINBOW FLAG RAISING

**Friday 15 May, 4:00pm**

LGBTQIA+ community members and allies are invited to celebrate International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) with a Rainbow flag raising and afternoon tea.

**FREE | Bookings Essential:**  
**03 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au**



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EVENT

# MICK RUSSELL BETWEEN

**Viewable 24/7 Monday 16 March – Sunday 31 May**  
**Netfocus IT window, 50-52 Wells Street, Frankston**

The Wells St. Windows will come alive again in storytelling splendour, as Mick Russell infuses new connections between Frankston's Street Art & South Side Festival program with a sculptural Manda Lane collab by day, and interactive projections featuring festival artists by night.

**FREE | No Bookings Required**



For more info:



**BETWEEN**

# FRANKSTON WRITERS SALON WRITERS SHOWCASE: STORIES FROM OUR SALON

**Sunday 17 May, 1:00pm – 3:00pm**  
**Frankston Library, 60 Playne St, Frankston**

Celebrate creativity and community at the Frankston Writers Showcase. Featuring work from Frankston Writers' Salon, this event explores themes of Frankston City and the values that inspire our storytellers. Join us for an afternoon of heartfelt reflections and bold ideas that connect, challenge, and celebrate Frankston's spirit.

**FREE | Bookings Essential:**  
**03 9784 1020 or library.frankston.vic.gov.au**

**Ages 16+**

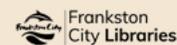


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MCCLELLAND SCULPTURE  
PARK + GALLERY  
**MUSIC AT MCCLELLAND  
- JOE CHINDAMO &  
ZOË BLACK**

Sunday 17 May, 2:30pm – 4:00pm  
390 McClelland Dr, Langwarrin  
[mcclelland.org.au](http://mcclelland.org.au)

Experience the electrifying artistry of Joe Chindamo OAM and Zoë Black, a genre-defying duo celebrated for their dazzling, emotionally rich performances. Chindamo's virtuosic piano mastery meets Black's luminous violin in a collaboration that's intuitive, fearless, and profoundly moving. From Carnegie Hall to Melbourne Recital Centre, their music fuses classical brilliance with contemporary edge.

Tickets + transaction fee: \$50

03 9789 1671 or  
[info@mcclelland.org.au](mailto:info@mcclelland.org.au)



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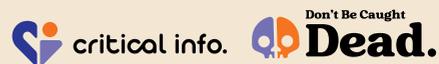
CRITICAL INFO  
**DON'T BE CAUGHT  
DEAD PUB QUIZ**

Tuesday 12 May, 7:00pm  
Hotel Lona, 473 Nepean Hwy,  
Frankston

A pub quiz like no other inspired by the award-winning podcast that dives into the surprising, funny and fascinating world of death, dying, funerals, grief and the quirky history around them. Come solo or with a team and compete for great prizes.

**Tickets + transaction fee: \$25**  
All proceeds supporting improved death literacy across Australia and helping communities feel more confident, prepared and supported at end of life.

[events.humanitix.com](http://events.humanitix.com)



**YOUNG STREET  
TAVERN**

101 Young St, Frankston  
[youngstreettavern.com.au](http://youngstreettavern.com.au)

Looking for a great place for a pre or post Frankston Arts Centre show hang out? Just head next door and come see us! We have a delicious pub menu, offering up steaks, burgers, and fried chicken. We also serve boozy cocktails and cold beer with some old-fashioned rock n roll attitude. We gotcha covered.



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COMMUNITY PLATE  
**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL  
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We're on a mission to make local food accessible, affordable, and abundant!

Here's how:

- **Community Food Innovation** – Fueling food hubs, co-ops, cooking spaces, and local producer outlets.
- **Urban Agriculture in Schools** – Helping schools grow food and teach real-life skills.
- **Urban Agriculture in the Community** – Backing backyard gardens, seed libraries, and produce sharing.

Head to [communityplate.org.au](http://communityplate.org.au) for all the info.



# PENINSULA AQUATIC RECREATION CENTRE (PARC)

16N Cranbourne Rd, Frankston  
peninsulaleisure.com.au



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## FRANKSTON SKATE PARK: SKATE JAM FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 9 May, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Come on down to Frankston Skate Park for a fun filled afternoon at their Family Fun Day this May. Free skate clinics, free skate board and equipment hire. Lessons for all skill levels! Plus a community sausage sizzle. Clinic participants must be aged 5+.

Bookings via Skate Park Customer Portal.

<https://tinyurl.com/t3p4c7st>



## SWEAT & SMILE AT PARC: FREE COMMUNITY ZUMBA CLASS

Sunday 17 May, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Get ready to move, groove, and smile at the Sweat & Smile Zumba Party at PARC - the ultimate dance-fitness celebration featuring energising, international beats! This event is free and is open to casual visitors and PARC members, so please come along to be active, and focus on you. Ages 10 +.

Bookings via PARC's Customer Portal.

<https://tinyurl.com/t3p4c7st>

# FRANKSTON BREWHOUSE BREWERY TOURS

Saturdays 9 & 16 and Sundays 10 & 17 May  
10 New St, Frankston  
[frankstonbrewhouse.com.au](http://frankstonbrewhouse.com.au)

Ever wondered how your favourite beers are made? Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at Frankston Brewhouse! Our team will take you on a free guided tour through the brewery, sharing how we craft each brew from grain to glass. Ask questions, learn a little, and enjoy a complimentary tasting paddle valued at \$20!

Head to the website for more info and to book.



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## THE HOP SHOP SH\*T PUB TRIVIA

Tuesday 12 May, 7:00pm  
26 Playne St, Frankston  
[thehopshop.com.au](http://thehopshop.com.au)

With a \$100 First Prize Voucher, \$1 Wings and \$9 House Pints, where else would you want to be?! We are also offering \$20 Bao Burger W/ Fries + A Pint or Glass of Wine (House Beer/ Wine) all day/night Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May with code word "South Side".

To book call 0405 137 969.



## SOUTH SEA ROLLER DERBY ROLLER DERBY INFO SESSION & OPEN TRAINING

Sunday 10 May, 6pm  
Sk8house Unit 3/2 Amayla Cres, Carrum Downs

Curious about roller derby? Join us for an info session and watch our members train! Whether you're after fun, fitness, friends or fierce, fast-paced competition, come see what we're about. We're a welcoming community that celebrates authentic self-expression: See you rinkside!

FREE

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## FLOWERS FOR JANE FLORAL STUDIO OPEN DAY: MAKE A POSY WITH PURPOSE!

Saturday 16 May, 10:00am – 3:00pm  
8 Altarnun Rd, Langwarrin  
[flowersforjane.com.au](http://flowersforjane.com.au)

Create beautiful posies while connecting with like-minded people who care about nurturing our community. Each posy you make will brighten someone's day and remind them they matter. This is your chance to help combat loneliness, spread joy, and make a real difference through the simple act of creating something beautiful. All skill levels welcome—come for the flowers, stay for the connections.

Free Entry, no booking required -  
\$11 per Posy (optional activity)

For more info call 0409 017 598 or  
email [cassy@flowersforjane.com.au](mailto:cassy@flowersforjane.com.au)



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## HERBERT'S CORNER STORE

55 Kareela Rd, Frankston  
[herbertscornerstore.com.au](http://herbertscornerstore.com.au)

Herbert's Corner Store is a boutique gift shop celebrating quirky design, handmade goods, and small-batch treats. Curated from local makers and creative businesses around the world, Herbert's proudly supports small business and creative practice.

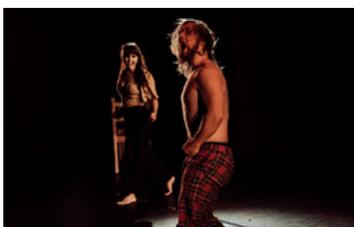


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South Side Festival is excited to work with BetterCup re-useable cups in 2026 in an ongoing effort to reduce single use plastics.