



## All day activities

### Mapiyal – cultural art activity

Outside the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre

Come and watch artists at work, discover the Aboriginal story of Mapiyal the platypus and contribute to the decoration of a giant, 5m long sculpture.

### Henna Art, Youth Arts and Craft activities

Youth Zone

### Rock Climbing Wall and Scouts Adventure Activities

Youth Zone

### Bricks 4 Kids Lego Workshops

Civic Centre Lawns

### Pony Pals Playland

Pet Expo

### All Ages Printmaking Workshop

Civic Centre Lawns

### Kids Art and Craft

Civic Centre Lawns

### Facepainting all day

Family Zone

### Animals of Oz

Sustainability Lane

### Positive Ageing Sports and Games

Civic Centre Lawns

### Mernda Neighbourhood House – Mernda Repair Cafe – Free bike repair/check up

Bike Zone

### Plants by Playable Streets

Sustainability Lane



**The Community Festival is more than just an event – it's a commitment to a greener, cleaner future!**



Our event embraces eco-friendly dining. After using Green My Plate, please put your reusable plate and cutlery in the pink bins provided.



The festival has four convenient water refilling stations, making it easy for you to quench your thirst while reducing plastic waste.

**THANK YOU!**

for helping to reduce our environmental impact.

The City of Whittlesea is dedicated to hosting sustainable events.



## We would love your feedback!



Scan the QR code and let us know about your experience at today's festival.



# Community Festival

## Civic Centre lawns

25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang



**17  
MAR  
2024**

**11AM  
UNTIL  
5PM**



**FREE  
EVENT**

Join the fun with an exciting line-up of live music, cultural performances, cooking workshops, a pet expo, food trucks, community stalls, and a range of activities for all ages.

[arts.whittlesea.vic.gov.au](https://arts.whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

## World Kitchen

### East Carpark

Join community chefs as they showcase traditional dishes. Watch them cook, share stories and their recipes and sample their delicacies.

**11am Swati cooks Indian pakora and mint chutney**

**12pm Océane cooks French crepes**

**1pm Sawsan and Alahlam cook Iraqi biryani and tabouleh**

**2pm Colette cooks Lebanese fatoush salad**

**3pm Farzaneh cooks Persian shirazi salad**

**4pm Suka cooks Thai green curry**



## Local Food Discovery

### East Carpark

Come and sample a huge variety of local produce made by businesses from across the City of Whittlesea.

Products are also available for purchase from:

- Nick's Gnocchi & Pasta
- Melbourne Wholesale Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Market
- FIVE Vineyard
- Abruzzo Lab
- Turners Bakehouse Eatery
- Arancini Art
- Simply Lentils
- Pinch of Salt



## Sustainability Lane

### Civic Centre Lawns

Take a stroll down Sustainability Lane and be treated to a range of stalls, information and activities that will help us all be leaders in clean, sustainable living.



#### Highlights:

- Experience the thrill of Australian wildlife with Animals of Oz
- Eco Explorers and their forest school including; bush tools and woodwork, nature art and bush kinder
- Learn how to make a frog bog
- Learn about recycling
- Have a chat with local wildlife rescue group
- Water bug sampling
- Learn local frog calls
- Learn about our new Home Energy Audit Kits

## Pet Expo

### Civic Centre Lawns

If you're passionate about pets, come and discover a world of pet information at our Pet Expo including:

- Dog obedience and training displays
- Information on pet registration and microchips
- Stands to help with pet adoption and local rescue groups
- Cat management strategies and creative cat enclosure ideas
- The Pony Pals Playland for hands-on kids' fun with grooming and patting miniature ponies



### Pet Expo Stage Program

**11am Gabriel Bermeo Sings**

**11.30am Alfoxton Dog Agility Program**

**12pm Build Your Own Cat Enclosure**

**12.30pm Dog Training Insights with Alfoxton Dog Centre**

**1.30pm Alfoxton Dog Agility Program**

**2pm Coco the Super Dog – Adoption Story**

**2.30pm Music by Adrian Whyte**

**3pm Alfoxton Dog Agility Program**

**3.30pm Build Your Own Cat Enclosure**

**4.15pm Music by Adrian Whyte**

## Theatre Shows!

### Someone in the Dark

**12pm and 2.30pm**

**Eucalypt Room,**

**Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre**

*Someone in the Dark* begins outside a mysterious, large, earthen mound, supposedly home to a temperamental malleefowl who has disappeared. A voice from within the mound invites the children to enter, but when they do – surprise! They find themselves inside a glowing, white egg, welcomed by puppet Mallee – a chick who doesn't want to hatch.



### A Circus Sensation

**1pm and 3.30pm**

**Yan Yean Theatre,**

**Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre**

An exhilarating show from start to finish – international superstars ZAP CIRCUS bring their all-time favourite circus stunts in a brand new show that you don't want to miss! With fire eating, hula hooping, acrobatics, comedy, stunts and hilarious acts galore, *A Circus Sensation* is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat and ready for more!



## Community art installation *Burrows*

This year's community art installation has been inspired by the Black Hole Theatre show – *Someone in the Dark*.

*Burrows* aims to connect the inside world with the outside world while highlighting the nocturnal animals of the Australian landscape that many of us don't get to see. A series of large cardboard burrows designed by artist Katrina Gaskell are installed in the foyer of Plenty Ranges Art and Convention Centre (PRACC) and filled with creatures of the night – artworks created by local schools and community groups.

Participating schools and community groups include: Al Siraat College, Lalor Primary, Mernda Primary, St Johns Thomastown West, Plenty River College and the Whittlesea Community Gardens.

# Festival Program

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
11am	Main Street Funk	Lawn Stage
	Gabriel Bermeo	Pet Expo
	Swati cooks Indian Pakora and Mint Chutney	World Kitchen
	E bike ride	Bike Zone
11.10am	Water Guns and Hoses	Youth Stage
11.20am	Soul Voices Gospel Choir	Lawn Stage
11.30am	Alfoxtan Dog Agility Show	Pet Expo
11.40am	Zumba Demonstration	Lawn Stage
11.55am	Noah Calderan and Band	Youth Stage
12pm	Someone in the Dark	Eucalypt Room PRACC
	City of Whittlesea Community Awards	Lawn Stage
	Océane cooks French Crepes	World Kitchen
	Gabriel Bermeo	Market
	Build Your Own Cat Enclosure	Pet Expo
12.30pm	Dog Training Insights with Alfoxtan Dog Centre	Pet Expo
	Findon Calisthenics	Lawn Stage
	Odin M	Youth Stage
12.40pm	Dom La Fertila	PRACC Foyer
1pm	A Circus Sensation	Yan Yean Theatre - PRACC
	Djirri Djirri Dancers	Lawn Stage
	Sawsan and Alahlam cook Iraqi Biryani and Tabouleh	World Kitchen
	Simon Paparo	Market
	E bike ride	Bike Zone
1.10pm	Jake Carlson	Youth Stage
1.30pm	Alfoxtan Dog Agility Show	Pet Expo
1.30pm	Gabriel Bermeo	Market
	Dave Arden and Band	Lawn Stage
1.35pm	Sam Curtis	Youth Stage
2pm	Dom La Fertila	PRACC Foyer
	Colette cooks Lebanese Fatoush Salad	World Kitchen
	Simon Paparo	Market
	E bike ride	Bike Zone
	Coco the Super Dog - Adoption Story	Pet Expo
2.25pm	Luna the Moon	Youth Stage
2.30pm	Someone in the Dark	Eucalypt Room PRACC
	Team Dream	Lawn Stage
	Music by Adrian Whyte	Pet Expo
3.00pm	Alfoxtan Dog Agility Show	Pet Expo
	Farzaneh cooks Persian Shirazi Salad	World Kitchen
3.10pm	Florina Aristotelis Dance Group	Lawn Stage
3.05pm	Norwood	Youth Stage
3.10pm	Dom La Fertila	PRACC Foyer
3.30pm	A Circus Sensation	Yan Yean Theatre - PRACC
	Simon Paparo	Lawn Stage
	Adrian Whyte	Market
3.30pm	Build Your Own Cat Enclosure	Pet Expo
3.50pm	Ellis Ares	Youth Stage
4pm	Suka cooks Thai Green Curry	World Kitchen
4.15pm	Music by Adrian Whyte	Pet Expo
4.30pm	Lucid Aux	Youth Stage



## LEGEND



Toilets



First aid



Marveloo Mobile Accessible Restroom

Marveloo is a modified Changing Places toilet equipped with a ceiling hoist and an adult change table, specifically designed for individuals who require these facilities and cannot use a standard accessible toilet. Marveloo is a locked amenity requires a Master Locksmith Access Key (MLAK) to open the toilet. This key is necessary to unlock the facility.



Baby changeroom



Water/refill station



Information tent

## Youth Zone and Stage

Come and try a range of activities designed by young people aged 12 to 25 including:

- Free rock-climbing wall
- Entertainment by local young artists
- Free slushies and popcorn
- Take a photo with your mates in the free photobooth
- Giant games on the grass.

### 11.10am Water Guns and Hoses

Water Guns and Hoses are a 7-piece ensemble from Whittlesea Secondary College.

### 11.50am Noah Calderan and Band

Noah Calderan is a 19-year-old emerging pop sensation causing a stir in the Australian underground music scene.

### 12.30pm Odin M

Dive into the world of Odin M, a 17-year-old artist writing and singing about life with a unique modern spin influenced by legends like Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra.

### 1.10pm Australian Idol Finalist Jake Carlson

Mernda's 20-year-old Australian Idol sensation, Jake Carlson is a singer and guitarist who enjoys playing a range of music genres, including blues, jazz, R&B and country tunes.

### 1.35pm Sam Curtis

Join Sam Curtis, an up-and-coming guitarist and singer-songwriter with rock and folk influences from Naarm/Melbourne.

### 2.25pm Luna the Moon

Immerse yourself in the dynamic ukulele trio, featuring Izzy Votsis, Jess Maio, and Julia Marulli.

### 3.05pm Norwood

Enjoy the captivating tunes of Norwood, the project of Olivia Bolmat and Nathaniel Peacock, inspired by upfront and honest songwriting.

### 3.50pm Ellis Ares

Ellis Ares returns to the stage with their electric messaging and passionate sound, marking their first gig in a year.

### 4.30pm Lucid Aux

Formed in 2021, Lucid Aux are a central Victorian based Indie Rock band with a distinct sound, further fuelled by passion and groove.

## Lawn Stage

### 11am Main Street Funk

Main Street Funk offers fun and inclusive dance classes for all ages including Hip Hop, Ballet, Jazz and more!

### 11.20pm Soul Voices Gospel Choir

This local group is passionate about singing and spreading joy and music to all. They welcome all nationalities, abilities, creeds and ages 18 and over.

### 11.40pm Zumba Demonstration

Drenched in vibrant music and infectious energy, the community festival's Zumba session led by enthusiastic instructors Cheryl, Mem and Teresa, will set the stage on fire.

### 12pm City of Whittlesea Community Awards

### 12.30pm Findon Calisthenics

Calisthenics is a unique combination of dancing, singing and gymnastics. It develops strong and confident leaders through friendship and teamwork. Classes run from age 3 to adults.

### 1pm Djirri Djirri Dancers

Djirri Djirri are the only Wurundjeri female dance group, and are Traditional Custodians of Narm (Melbourne) and surrounds. *Djirri Djirri* means Willy Wagtail in Woiwurrung. The Willy Wagtail is the Spirit's Messenger and gave us dance!

### 1.30pm Dave Arden and Band

Dave Arden is a Kokatha /Gunditjmara songman who has spent the last forty years working with many great artists from around the world. A founding member and Musical Director for The Black Arm Band, David was a key guitarist and vocalist with the late Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter and last year released his album Meetra - The Ballad of James Arden.

### 2.30pm Team Dream

Team Dream is an award winning children's entertainment group that teaches, through song and dance, the importance of imagination, relaxation and healthy living.

### 3.10pm Florina Aristotelis Dance Group

Est. 1956, The Cultural Centre of Florinians "Aristotelis" aims to maintain Greek-Florinian culture. They share this love through dance.

### 3.30pm Simon Paparo

Perth born singer/songwriter Simon Paparo has been unleashing his beautiful music on the Australian music scene.