

CASTLEMAINE FRINGE *mm* FESTIVAL 2025

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PROGRAM

22 MARCH - 6 APRIL



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How & where
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TICKET INFO

Tickets for all events are available on the Castlemaine Fringe website castlemainefringe.org.au

Alternatively, you can pick up tickets, info and merch at the Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub at the Castlemaine Senior Citizens Centre, in Mechanics Lane.

Please double check event dates & times on the Fringe website prior to booking. Information is correct at time of printing, but subject to change.

Support Fringe

Become a Fringe Member online or at the Fringe Hub and enjoy discounted ticket prices and the warm fuzzy feeling of being part of the Fringe community.



EVENT DETAILS

See all event details
and map references
on each listing.

VENUE	Theatre Royal 30 Hargraves St Castlemaine	18
MAP REF	B3	
TIME	2pm	
DURATION	60 minutes	
PRICE	\$35/\$30	
AGE RANGE	18+	

See what dates events are
happening on each listing

MAR	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	APR	T	W	T	F	S	S
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		1	2	3	4	5	6

Accessibility &

Fringe is pleased to present free, inclusive events as part of our programming. We accept concessions, companion cards and have opportunities for volunteering in exchange for event tickets. Venues with both physical access and an accessible bathroom are noted with the symbol above.

*Note

The Arts Trail is presented at independent galleries and artist studios, please check with them for specific accessibility information.

DAILY PLANNER

VISIT 50+ EXHIBITIONS & OPEN STUDIOS

Explore visual art exhibitions throughout the Festival. Visit artists in their studios over two massive weekends 29 & 30 March and 5 & 6 April* as part of the Castlemaine Fringe Arts Trail. See page 56 onwards.

* Check dates and times for each exhibition and open studio as some vary.

LEGEND



MUSIC



THEATRE & FABULOUS THEATRICALS



SOCIAL IMPACT



FILM & LITERATURE



COMEDY



WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY 22 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
Fringe Binge: Talking Walls	10:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$15	\$10	p54
Ceramics Workshop Kids (4-8yrs)	10:00	62 Bowden Street	\$40		p53
Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
Fringe Binge: Talking Walls	14:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$15	\$10	p54
Open Mic PoetiCas	14:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p34
Wild Vacancies	15:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
Northern Books presents Books & Bubbles	13:30	Northern Books HQ	\$60	\$55	p34
Live Art Painting	16:00	Mechanics Lane	FREE		p52
Opening Night Street Party - Kids	16:00	Lyttleton Street and surrounds	FREE		p15
The Bridge Hotel's Roving Rickshaw	17:00	The Bridge Hotel	FREE		p29
Silent Disco	18:00	Mechanics Lane	FREE		p43
Opening Night Street Party Spectacular!	18:00	Lyttleton Street and surrounds	FREE		p15
Yes Lycra Yes Lights with the Rural Hot Bitches 80's dance workshop	19:00	Mechanics Lane	FREE		p55
Ms Onur Kurt & the Kismet Project & DJ Luqman	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$20	\$15	p28
Silent Disco	21:30	Mechanics Lane	\$20	\$15	p43

DAILY PLANNER

23 - 28 MARCH

SUNDAY 23 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Artists Market	10:00	Western Reserve	FREE		p77
✂ Ceramics Workshop Adults	10:00	62 Bowden Street	\$70	\$65	p53
✂ Dancing with water	10:30	Castlemaine Fitness Centre	\$22	\$17	p54
✂ Dancing with water	12:00	Castlemaine Fitness Centre	\$22	\$17	p54
✂ Visible Older Women: Crate Women Workshops	13:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p54
🎵 Estudiantina of Melbourne	13:30	Theatre Royal	\$41		p27
🎵 Garden Seat presents Sunday Sessions	14:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$15	\$10	p23
🍷 Northern Books presents Christabel Blackman in Conversation	14:00	Castlemaine Art Museum	\$25	\$20	p34
🍷 Sunday Secret Movie Matinee	14:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p35
🌿 Wild Vacancies	15:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
♥ Sacred Sound Bath Healing Meditation	16:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$40	\$35	p50
🌿 Wild Vacancies	18:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
🎵 Les Thomas Duo	18:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$20	\$15	p28
✂ The Art of Seeking Attention	18:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p45
🎵 The Sea Devils present Ocean Songs featuring Kate Bush's The Ninth Wave	19:30	The Taproom	\$25	\$20	p23
♥ Life's 2 Short—Our Mums are Dead	19:30	Thompson Family Funerals	\$15	\$10	p50
✂ Kieran Bullock presents IKEA Wars	19:45	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p47
✂ Jeremy Dooley presents The First One	21:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p47









MONDAY 24 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
🌿 Crones of the Acropolis present Medea Film Screening	17:30	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$12	\$10	p34
🌿 Acceptance is the door to freedom	19:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	FREE		p41








TUESDAY 25 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
♥ My Temporary Name Was Refugee! Chapter 1 Poetry Reading	19:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$20	\$15	p48















WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
 Dancing in water	10:30	Castlemaine Fitness Centre	\$22	\$17	p54
 Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
 Newspaper Puppetry Workshop	14:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$55	\$50	p55
 Comic Making Workshop	18:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$40	\$25	p53
 Bec Matthews and Jamie Swann present Backyard Utopia	19:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$20	\$15	p24
 Cronos of the Acropolis present Medea A Theatrical Exploration	19:30	Wesley Hill Hall	\$22	\$18	p39
 Limitless Possibilities: Tabletop Newspaper Puppetry Show	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$10	\$8	p42
 David Juriansz - Back in this Flow	20:00	The Taproom	FREE		p27

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
 Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
 Maine-ly Ukes	16:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p54
 I Got Bit By A Monkey Once	19:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$20	\$15	p47
 Dignified Anger: Stories for a Perilous Now	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$30	\$25	p39
 Nai Palm	19:30	Theatre Royal	\$52		p22
 WORDSPOKEN	19:30	lot19 Tram	\$30	\$25	p43
 Thao Cao presents Confessions of a Comedian	21:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p46

FRIDAY 28 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
 Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
 Visible Older Women: The Pedestal Project Workshop	13:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p43
 Constellations	18:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
 Wild Vacancies	18:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
 Tales of the Olive Trees	18:00	The Albion Castlemaine	FREE		p50
 Scrabble Battle Showdown	19:00	The Salvage Yard	\$30	\$25	p35
 Bliss Bombs Burlesque	19:00	Uniting Church	\$30	\$25	p46
 Dignified Anger: Stories for a Perilous Now	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$30	\$25	p39
 WALA - Is Life: African Drum and Dance Ensemble	19:30	Theatre Royal	\$43	\$38	p32
 WORDSPOKEN	19:30	lot19 Tram	\$30	\$25	p43
 The Art of Seeking Attention	20:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p45
 Frida Friday Fiesta with Son Quba	20:00	The Taproom	\$15	\$10	p21
 The Brighton Whiteley Synthetic Cabaret Hour	21:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p36
 Silent Disco	23:00	Mechanics Lane	\$20	\$15	p43

SATURDAY 29 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
🌱 Visible Older Women: The Pedestal Project Roving Performance	9:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	FREE		p43
🎨 Ceramics Workshop Kids (8-12yrs)	10:00	62 Bowden Street	\$40		p53
🌱 Waaman - Cultural Tours of Castlemaine	10:00	Tour starts in the Market Building	\$120	\$100	p49
🎨 Zines: Imposters Anonymous	10:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	FREE		p55
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
🎵 Pete the Plumber rides the Water Cycle	12:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$15	\$10	p29
♥ Halaqa Gathering	12:00	The Albion Castlemaine	FREE		p50
✳️ Sam Hargreaves presents Confessions of a Railway Enthusiast	17:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$30	\$25	p45
🌱 Under the Paris Sky	14:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p38
🎨 Comic Making Workshop	14:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$40	\$25	p53
🎵 Amp It Up	14:00	The Taproom	\$10	\$5	p20
🌱 Wild Vacancies	15:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
✳️ Unladylike	17:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$25	\$20	p44
✳️ Sam Hargreaves presents Confessions of a Railway Enthusiast	17:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$30	\$25	p45
🎵 Club Unity	17:00	lot19	\$20	\$15	p26
🌱 Silent Disco	17:30	Mechanics Lane	\$20	\$15	p43
🌱 Constellations	18:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
🎵 West Coast Revival Featuring The Complete Unknowns	19:00	Mechanics Lane	FREE		p32
✳️ Bliss Bombs Burlesque	19:00	Uniting Church	\$30	\$25	p46
🌱 Creative Juices	19:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$30	\$25	p42
🌱 Dignified Anger: Stories for a Perilous Now	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$30	\$25	p39
🌱 Under the Paris Sky	20:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p38
🎵 Duncan Graham has been Lying For A Living	20:30	The Taproom	\$20	\$15	p21
🎵 Earworm	22:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	FREE		p27

SUNDAY 30 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
✂️ A Pack of Failures: Philosophy X (Witch) Craft Workshop	10:00	lot19 Tram	\$45	\$25	p53
✂️ Ceramics Workshop Adults	10:00	62 Bowden Street	\$70	\$65	p53
✂️ Visible Older Women: Crate Women Workshops	10:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p54
🌱 Welcome To Us	12:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$28	\$25	p40
🌱 Under the Paris Sky	14:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p38
🌱 Constellations	14:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
✂️ Comic Making Workshop	14:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$40	\$25	p53
🎵 Garden Seat presents Sunday Sessions	14:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$15	\$10	p23
🍷 Sunday Secret Movie Matinee	14:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p35
🎵 The Black Sorrows	15:00	Theatre Royal	\$60		p25
🌱 Wild Vacancies	15:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	\$22	\$17	p41
✂️ Country Struts	15:30	Castlemaine Town Hall	\$20	\$15	p53
🌱 Kids Cabaret	16:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$30	\$25	p42
🌱 Punctum presents PROTOlounge	16:00	Punctum ICU	\$15	\$10	p40
✨ Sam Hargreaves presents Confessions of a Railway Enthusiast	17:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$30	\$25	p45
🎵 Todd Cook	17:00	The Taproom	FREE		p32
🎵 Dave Warner Holds Court	18:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$25	\$20	p26
🌱 Under the Paris Sky	18:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p38

MONDAY 31 MARCH

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
🌱 Stories of a Friend	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$20	\$15	p43

TUESDAY 1 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
🎵 Music under the stars!	18:00	146 Finnings Lane, Elphinstone	\$15	\$10	p28
✂️ Fringe Binge: Talking Walls	19:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	\$15	\$10	p54

DAILY PLANNER

2 - 6 APRIL

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
✂ Dancing with water	10:30	Castlemaine Fitness Centre	\$22	\$17	p54
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
🎭 Newspaper Puppetry Workshop	14:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$55	\$50	p55
🎵 Remembrance Rave	18:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	FREE		p31
🎭 Crones of the Acropolis present Medea A Theatrical Exploration	19:30	Wesley Hill Hall	\$22	\$18	p39
🎭 Limitless Possibilities: Tabletop Newspaper Puppetry Show	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$10	\$8	p42
🎵 Babooshka: The Best of Kate Bush	20:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$35	\$30	p20
🎵 Grassy Strings	20:00	The Taproom	\$20	\$15	p27

THURSDAY 3 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
✂ Maine-ly Ukes	16:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p54
🎭 Welcome To Us	18:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$28	\$25	p40
📖 Who Stole My Milk? Book Launch	18:00	The Taproom	FREE		p35
🎵 Sweet Patooties	19:30	The Albion Castlemaine	\$15	\$10	p24
🎭 Stories of a Friend	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$20	\$15	p43
🎵 The New King Cols and Friends	20:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$10	\$8	p29

FRIDAY 4 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
🎭 198 (4)	13:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$35	\$28	p37
🎭 Welcome To Us	17:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$28	\$25	p40
🎭 Constellations	18:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
🎵 Cam Robbins Trio	18:00	The Albion Castlemaine	FREE		p25
🎵 Breakneck Road	18:30	Mechanics Lane	FREE		p25
🎵 Stiletto Sisters	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$25	\$20	p31
🎭 WORDSPOKEN	19:30	lot19 Tram	\$30	\$25	p43
🎭 198 (4)	20:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$35	\$28	p37
🎭 Boklesque by Lauren Bok	20:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$30	\$25	p41
🎵 Charlie Needs Braces	20:00	The Taproom	FREE		p26
🎭 The Brighton Whiteley Synthetic Cabaret Hour	21:30	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$25	\$20	p36

SATURDAY 5 APRIL

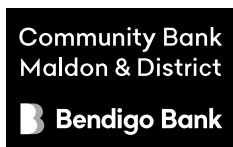
	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
🎸 Fringe Binge: Talking Walls	10:00	Sac'O'Suds Launderette	FREE		p54
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
🎸 Tits and Bits ceramic cup making workshop	14:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$75	\$65	p55
🎵 When Pigs Fly to Castlemaine Festival	14:00	Theatre Royal	\$77		p32
🌱 Acceptance is the door to freedom	16:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	FREE		p41
🎸 Tits and Bits ceramic cup making workshop	16:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$75	\$65	p55
🌱 Constellations	18:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
🎵 Natural Language	19:00	The Albion Castlemaine	\$10	\$10	p28
🎵 Brazazul	19:30	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p25
🎵 Dave Graney & Clare Moore	19:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$30	\$25	p26
🌱 WORDSPOKEN	19:30	lot19 Tram	\$30	\$25	p43
🎵 Babooshka: The Best of Kate Bush	20:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$35	\$30	p20
🌱 Boklesque by Lauren Bok	20:00	The Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub	\$30	\$25	p41
🎵 The Presbyterians	20:00	The Red Hill Hotel	FREE		p29
🎵 aplegate	20:00	The Taproom	\$10		p24

SUNDAY 6 APRIL

	TIME	VENUE	PRICE	CONC	INFO
♥ Thought Exchange	11:00	Phee Broadway Theatre - Foyer	FREE		p49
🌱 Silent Disco	13:30	Mechanics Lane	\$20	\$15	p43
🌱 Constellations	14:00	Wesley Hill Hall	\$30	\$25	p37
🎵 Garden Seat presents Sunday Sessions	14:00	The Red Hill Hotel	\$15	\$10	p23
🎵 Monster Mash Alien Crash	14:00	Jaara (Victory) Park	FREE		p17
🍷 Dave Graney & Clare Moore host Sunday Secret Movie	14:30	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	FREE		p35
🎵 Rebecca O'Connor "Simply The Best" As Tina Turner show	15:30	Theatre Royal	\$62		p31
🌱 Visible Older Woman: Crate Women	18:00	Phee Broadway Theatre	\$32	\$26	p42
🎵 Pianos at Large Grand Finale Concert	18:00	The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel	\$20	\$15	p30
🎵 Smokers Run Faster and Fringe Wrap party	19:00	The Taproom	FREE		p31

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