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WELCOME

Embracing our region and beyond, the 2011 Go North Arts Festival will once again bring with it a prominent calibre of arts and entertainment events, with something for everyone.

Be it bringing our community together in celebration, the performance of the Marruk Marruk project by our Aboriginal youth, exhibiting the talents of our region's artists, workshops, competitions, performance, music or showcasing Australia's future stars, this year's Go North Arts Festival provides a great highlight on our region's calendar of events.

The Go North Arts Festival committee, in partnership with our community groups, continually ensures that this festival brings with it an impressive array of events and puts its mark firmly on the festival map. This year's festival is assured to be another great success and on behalf of Swan Hill Rural City Council, I would like to congratulate the committee on the development of this inspirational festival.

I encourage everyone to get involved with the Go North Arts Festival and celebrate the arts and culture of our vibrant region.

Cr Greg Cruickshank
Mayor, Swan Hill Rural City Council

TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER

THE FAIRFAX FESTIVAL

Dates: Tuesday 25 to Friday 28

The Fairfax Festival is celebrating its 15th birthday! Held in memory of George Fairfax in Victoria's far north, it brings young people from throughout Victoria and southern New South Wales to Swan Hill to work with some of Australia's leading professional artists in workshops ranging from Music Theatre and Bunraku Puppetry to Hip Hop sound creation. The Fairfax Festival is an entirely free event for the participants and offers young people not only the chance to learn new skills, but also provides them with the opportunity to perform in the historic Swan Hill Town Hall PACC during the Fairfax Festival Gala.

MALLEE ARTISTS AT WORK

Time: 10am to 4pm

Venue: Pioneer Settlement

Cost: Entry to Pioneer Settlement is free for residents, regular fees are applicable to visitors.

The Mallee Artists of Swan Hill (MASH) gather at the museum each Tuesday to paint and draw, share ideas and each others' company. Have a cuppa and chat with the artists and watch the creative process in action. Artworks will be available for purchase.

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

THE MOMENT BEHIND THE PHOTO

Time: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm (the workshop is broken into two halves)

Venue: TBC

Cost: Free! However, bookings are essential - call the ABC on 5022 4516 to find out more information.

Great photos make for great stories. ABC Open is offering free workshops for people interested in sharing their story for the latest project called The Moment Behind the Photo.

Do you have a personal photo from your own collection that has a great story behind it? Maybe you vividly remember the moment it was taken, or what was happening outside the frame; or maybe there is something captured within the image that speaks volumes about that time in your life.

Bring this photo to the workshop and we'll record the story behind it in a short video which is then shared with the rest of Australia through the internet.

You don't need computer or film making skills to attend these workshops as the local ABC Open producer Lara van Raay will show you how to make a short film with your photo step by step.

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER

THE MOMENT BEHIND THE PHOTO

Time: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm (the workshop is broken into two halves)

Venue: TBC

(Details as above)

ART:SALON

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Venue: The Federal Hotel garden

Cost: \$5 cover charge for nibbles, drinks at bar prices

The monthly art:salon has been moved in time and space to coincide with the festival. Artists of all practice, arts workers and supporters are invited to come along for an informal get together. The salon is a great space to air new ideas, meet fellow artists, artisans, musicians and performers. All welcome!

THE MARRUK MARRUK PROJECT

Time: 8.15pm

Venue: Riverside Park

The Marruk Marruk project will enthrall community members of all ages. Local Aboriginal young people will collaborate with their elders and artists to create a magical story through dance, puppetry and theatre. The Swan Hill Aboriginal Services youth performers have featured in the two previous Go North Arts Festivals to high acclaim. Not to be missed!

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER

TRADERS' MARKET DAY

Time: All day

Venue: Shopping precinct

Swan Hill's traders once again join with the Go North Arts Festival for the famous Traders' Market Day sale. Thousands of items will be on sale throughout the shopping precinct. Entertainment all day - you'd be crazy to miss it!

THE FAIRFAX FESTIVAL GALA PERFORMANCE

Time: 6pm

Venue: Swan Hill Town Hall PACC

Cost: \$10

Book online at: www.fairfaxfestival.com.au

The Fairfax Festival Gala is the culmination of months of preparation and a four-day skills intensive camp in Swan Hill. The 'Gala' is a showcase of innovative and original performances by young people, special guests and with prizes for participants. The entire Fairfax Festival is a rare opportunity for Victorian kids to unleash their imaginations in an exciting and rewarding way. Come and see Australia's rising stars showcase their talent at this fantastic and unique event.

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

WRITING WORKSHOP WITH SANDRA SHOTLANDER - TELLING YOUR STORIES

Time: 10am - 1pm

Venue: Swan Hill Library, 53 Campbell Street

Cost: \$5

Contact: Swan Hill Library on 5036 2480 or email shlib@swanhill.vic.gov.au
Bookings essential. Limit of 15 people

This workshop will guide you along the process of story telling, whether memoir or fiction, encouraging spontaneity, finding one's own voice, imagery and language, developing characters and story line without contriving. Participants write in the workshop after an introduction, light physical warm up and focusing exercise. Following the writing exercises, participants share work and receive feedback. Dress in comfortable clothing for the warm up and bring a pen and paper to write.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Time: 3pm to 9pm

Venue: Riverside Park, Swan Hill

Featuring: Tumberumba, Snuff Puppets, Swamp Rats, children's activities, food stalls and more.

The Go North Arts Festival Community Celebration is the jewel in the crown of the festival. Relax and listen to live music, spend up big at the fantastic market stalls... but be careful you don't get eaten by a giant puppet!

The Go North Arts Festival Community Celebration is generously supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) to thank the community volunteers that helped during and after the floods.

PRODUCERS, MAKERS AND CREATORS MARKET

Time: 2pm - 7pm

Venue: Riverside Park

Come and have a look at the fantastic art, craft and tasty treats on offer at the Producers, Makers and Creators Market. Artists, artisans, craftspeople and cooks will be selling their wares. A great place to stock up on early Christmas gifts!

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SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER

ARTS TRAIL

Time: 9am - 5pm

Venue: Artist studios across the region

The trail can be started at either end and includes the following locations: Tooleybuc, Piangil, Beverford, Swan Hill, Castle Donnington and Lake Boga. Pick up a detailed trail flyer and map from the Swan Hill Region Information Centre, the library, Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery and Arts Trail venues.

TERENCE CARTER AND COLLEEN WARWICK IN CONCERT

Time: 3pm

Venue: Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery

Cost: Tickets \$23, \$18 Art Gallery Associate members, students free.

Contact: Bookings 5036 2430

The Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery piano will be tuned up in preparation for a performance by Terence Carter and flautist Colleen Warrick. This concert will delight listeners as they perform for the final concert of 2011. Program available at the door.

EXHIBITIONS ALL WEEK

JUS' DRAWN: THE PROPPANOW COLLECTIVE

A NETS Victoria touring exhibition developed by Linden Centre for Contemporary Arts.

Time: 10am - 5pm Tues to Fri, 11am - 5pm Sat and Sun

Venue: Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery

Cost: Free

ProppaNOW dispels the notion that Indigenous art needs to be from a remote area to be 'authentic'. This exhibition comprises new and recent works on paper by urban Aboriginal artists who have already won individual acclaim - Richard Bell, Vernon AhKee, Gordon Hookey and Laurie Nilsen, as well as formidable emerging artists such as Jennifer Herd, Bianca Beetson and Tony Albert.

LYNNE RICE: SMOKE AND MIRRORS

Venue: Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery

"Smoke and Mirrors" is a collection of recent ceramic works by local artist Lynne Rice. Wheel thrown in fine earthenware clay, the emphasis is on precision, both of form and decoration. Vibrant underglazes and metallic lustres are used to bring the pieces to life.

COMPETITIONS

Details and entry forms for all competitions are available from the festival website: www.gonorthartsfestival.info

WRITING!

The theme for short stories and the text competition is 'going north' There are some great prizes up for grabs thanks to our supporters the Victorian Writers' Centre and Xpress Media. On top of the great prizes, all winning entries will be published in The Guardian.

Entries close Monday, 10 October and winners will be announced at the Go North Arts Festival community celebration on Saturday, 29 October.

YOUTH ART!

In 2011 we are proud to announce the inaugural Youth Art Competition. Themes for the art competition have been selected from the 2011 Fairfax Festival: 'shadow, a mysterious stranger and a sign'.

Thank you to our sponsors the Mallee Artists of Swan Hill (MASH), Caroline Ellis and Chroma art materials.

Closing date of the competition is 5pm Monday, 10 October 2011.

Entries will be displayed at the Swan Hill Town Hall PACC during the festival.

YOUTHSPECTIVE!

The Youthspective Photography Competition invites young people (12 to 18) from across our region to enter their photographs. The theme for the competition is 'My Community From My Perspective'. Photographs are to be about the thing you like best about the community in which you live and must be your original work.

Email shlib@swanhill.vic.gov.au with entries by 5pm on Monday, 10 October.

How is my photograph judged? Photographs will be uploaded to www.poll.fm/35d5r from Tuesday, 11 October and open to public voting until Friday 28th October.