



MERRI-BEK FAMILY FESTIVAL BRUNSWICK TOWN HALL TICKETED ACTIVITIES

FRITZ

Clown and "Magic" Show
Appropriate for ages 4 and up
\$13 + Booking Fee

Saturday 23/9/23
10:15am - 11am
Brunswick Town Hall

Magic, mayhem and many things gone wrong, Fritz the world famous magician's bunny is left behind after their circus home is strangely swept away by an odd and not so natural disaster. Hold onto your hats because this magic act is about to pop right off! A fusion of object puppets, animation, clown and ridiculousness this charming family show will delight audiences of all ages with its imaginative absurdity, giggles galore and pipping hot popcorn!



Clown and "Magic" Show

STICKS STONES BROKEN BONES

Shadow Puppet Theatre
Appropriate for ages 6 and up
\$13 + Booking Fee

Saturday 23/9/23
12:15am - 1pm & 3pm - 3:45pm
Brunswick Town Hall

A playful world of shadow puppetry, appearing as live cartoons, full of odd-ball characters and surreal events. Having toured all over the world, the award-winning Bunk Puppets will bring to life flying Ninjas, sneaky chickens and hilarious brain surgery! It's a visual feast for the imagination! Shadow puppet characters are assembled on the spot from household items, old toys, bits of fluff and card, and transformed into live cartoons on screen. This clever show is a celebration of play and creativity, with the audience seeing puppetry performed in front of the screen and receiving a cheeky peek into how theatrical wizardry is performed. Come play in the dark!



Shadow Puppet Theatre

SPACESCAPE!

Interactive Puppetry Installation
Appropriate for ages 5 and up
\$13 + Booking Fee

Sunday 24/9/23
1pm - 4pm (drop in and out)
Brunswick Town Hall

It's an intergalactic Town Hall takeover! Enjoy video projections of alien creatures and space walkers. Make your own starship to fly across the galaxy, faster than the speed of light (no pilot's license required). Dodge animatronic alien creatures from Kinetic Theatre, and Oozlum, the giant extraterrestrial bird from Golden Scissor Puppets. Space soundscapes included!



Interactive Puppetry Installation



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MERRI-BEK FAMILY FESTIVAL

FREE WORKSHOPS

STRANGE GARDEN

Cardboard Sculpture Workshop Monday 18/9/23
Appropriate for ages 7 - 12 10:30am - 12pm
Free - but Bookings essential Brunswick Library

Children aged 7-12 will make 3-D cardboard plants and flowers to start their own Strange Garden. These workshops teach young artists about patterns, geometry, sustainability and our relationship with nature.



Cardboard Sculpture Workshop

SHADOW PUPPETS

Puppet Making Workshop Tuesday 19/9/23
Appropriate for ages 5 - 12 11am - 12pm
Free - but Bookings essential Brunswick Library

In this integrated craft and performance workshop, children will create their own individual shadow character made from scraps, crafts, tinsel, tape and teddy bear fluff. Participants will then be guided in performance techniques to draw emotion and drama out of the characters they make.



Puppet Making Workshop

LIP TO LUNG, LARYNX AND TONGUE

Beatbox workshop Wednesday 20/9/23
Appropriate for ages 5 and up 11am - 12pm
Free - but Bookings essential Brunswick Library

Around the world and into your gob, vocal explorer and songwriter Mal Webb takes you on a lip to lung journey through the physics, physiology and phrivolity of all the sounds a face can make. Sideways yodelling, beatbox/mouth drums/vocal percussion, harmonics/throat singing, character voices, mic technique, looping, advanced clapping and vocal distortion (without hurting) are all explored on the way to being a band with your voice and the lead singer too!



Beatbox Workshop

BRUNSWICK VILLAGE PUBLISHER

Book Making Workshop Tuesday 19/9/23
Appropriate for ages 5 - 12 10am - 11:30pm
Free - but Bookings essential Brunswick Library

Tell your own story, create illustrations and be published by the Brunswick Village Publisher – into your own fabulous mini-book. Author Ailsa Wild will support you on your journey to publication.

Ailsa Wild was a professional acrobat and whip-cracker who ran away from the circus to become a writer. She is now an author, performer and community artist with a history of deep collaboration.



Book Publishing Workshop

FINDING A POEM

Creative Writing Workshop Saunday 24/9/23
Appropriate for all ages 2pm
No bookings required Counihan Gallery

Join Dr Denise Chapman for a creative writing workshop on found poetry. Participants will be guided through the process of creating a found poem as well as working collectively on one live performative poem in a joyful and supportive session suitable for ages 10+. Dr. Denise Chapman is a counternarrative storyteller, spoken word poet, and critical autoethnographer who lectures in children’s literature and early literacy at Monash University.



Creative Writing Workshop

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MERRI-BEK FAMILY FESTIVAL

FREE ACTIVITIES

FESTIVAL OPENING FEAT. CHORAL EDGE

Welcome, Music, Light
Appropriate for all ages
No bookings required

Friday 22/9/23
6:00pm- 7:30pm
Brunswick Library

Welcome to Country, Speeches, Stories, Lighting effects and a special performance from Choral Edge.

Choral Edge is one of Melbourne's most innovative and engaging choirs. Led by director Juliana Kay, this troupe of versatile and talented singers seeks to expand the boundaries of choral music and delight audiences through playful, multi-dimensional projects. They will be gracing the Merri-bek Family Festival as part of our Opening Ceremony, accompanied by attendees of all ages creating lighting effects across the gigantic Brunswick Library roof.



SCAVENGER HUNT

Interactive & Self led
Appropriate for ages 7 - 11
No bookings required

Saturday 23/9/23 - 9am - 3:30
Sunday 24/9/23 - 1pm - 4pm
Brunswick Library

Explore the Library precinct with a scavenger hunt devised by Coburg artist Brendan Brown. You'll need a smartphone, and a good set of searching eyes to find all 26 clues on the list. The Hunt should take most 7 to 11 year olds 45 min - 60 min to complete, and participants should be accompanied as they wander by an adult (to fend off grumpy unicorns and librarian ghosts).



VR CINEMA CLOWNS

An immersive performance
Appropriate for ages 7 and up
No bookings required

Saturday 23/9/23 - 11am - 3:30
Sunday 24/9/23 - 1pm - 4pm
Brunswick Library

Strap on a Virtual Reality (VR) headset and come experience Brunswick through the eyes of a special tiny guide. In this unique immersive 360 degree cinema project, commissioned by MBFF, performers Emilie Bloom, Hamish Fletcher and Meredith Cole dare you to shout 'It's behind you!' ('cause it really is!) VR headset provided. 10 min duration.



MUSICAL STORYTIME

Storybook reading with live music. Saturday 23/9/23 - 11am - 3:30
Appropriate for all ages Sunday 24/9/23 - 1pm - 4pm
No bookings required Brunswick Library

Join Brunswick's favourite children's librarian Barbara Micozzi as she re-imagines her favourite children's books read with musical interpretation by violinist Stephanie Eldridge (of the Australian Romantic and Classical Orchestra). A musical and story session set in the relaxing art gallery spaces of the Counihan Gallery.



EVERYONE'S ABSURD ADVENTURE

Interactive & Improvised
Appropriate for all ages
No bookings required

Saturday 23/9/23
9:15am - 10am & 2pm - 2:45pm
Brunswick Library

You make up the story... The catch is - everyone else does too! What ridiculousness occurs when everybody is making up the same story? Can Ailsa and Robbie wrangle a plot from the chaos - all with a live music score?

