

# STACC



# welcome

to St Albans Community Centre (STACC)



## REGULAR PROGRAMS

### STACC First Fridays

First Friday of each month 3.30-6.30pm

Jack Sheridan Atrium

No charge

If you are a young person and enjoy making art, watching short films, listening to music, learning to DJ, playing chess, or just grabbing a snack with your friends, what better way to kick off the weekend than at STACC First Fridays!

As part of First Fridays:

- Still Nomads will present the Nomadic Cinematic Black film series
- Join MzRizk as she shares some of her DJ skills and expertise

*Students from Catholic Regional College and St Albans Secondary College enjoyed the hands on DJ workshop as part of First Friday on 4 August 2017. All participants chose their favourite tracks and practiced mixing and scratching.*



### Monday Mornings Art & Play

9:30am-12 noon

Jack Sheridan Atrium

No charge

Suitable for babies to pre-schoolers

Every Monday let your child guide you on a sensory play experience through a purposefully designed play installation. Meet and mingle with other parents, grandparents and caregivers.

*"I'm a stay at home dad and Monday Mornings is a great place with an exciting energy for my son and I to play and meet new friends."*

At STACC, we're overflowing with diverse groups coming together for creative, cultural and social activities. This creates a space that fosters new friendships across barriers and allows new, inclusive ways of being together.

Each week, over 1500 people - from babies to seniors - come through STACC's front door. There is great potential here for activities that bring people of all ages, languages and backgrounds together.

Here at STACC, we create experiences for people to meet, share stories, learn about each other, dance, cook, sing, worship, play and more. We challenge assumptions and make new friends. Together, we're creating a connected, vibrant and creative community!

Our community-based program continues to grow. In term 4 we are excited to be home to the St Albans Festival for Families and launch of the Brimbank Readers and Writers Festival! Please browse our program at [bowerystacc.com.au](http://bowerystacc.com.au)

STACC is unique. Rather than directing or curating all that happens here, we support community groups and individuals to realise their ideas.

Welcome. This is your community centre and we look forward to being part of your story.



### Brimbank Multicultural Community Choir

Mondays, 7-9pm

Cost Term 4 - \$70 Full, \$50 Concession

Join the strong and beautiful voices of the Brimbank Multicultural Community Choir.

Sing together in harmony across languages. All voices welcome.

A highlight of the September Choir program was guest Director Rita Seumanutafa (academic, composer, musician, Pacific Island Community leader), pictured, joining the choir for two special choral workshops.

To register:

E: [bowerystacc@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:bowerystacc@brimbank.vic.gov.au)



## STACC Spring School Holiday Program

Workshops: 2,3,4,5 and 6 October: 1.30-4.30pm

Secondary and tertiary students

No charge

STACC Spring School Holidays program is packed with creative and fun workshops and events for the final week of the spring school holidays. Whether you are a painter, an animator, a street photographer or an emerging DJ the STACC school holiday program is the place to be this spring!

## Western Region Concert Band

Saturdays, 9am-12noon

The Western Region Concert Band is always looking for new players. The band is currently seeking brass and percussion musicians; however, all brass, woodwind and percussion instrumentalists are welcome!

Please contact Eddie T: 9687 6644.

## Tai Chi

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8:30-10am

Errington Oval

Tai Chi Style24 is for everyone. It's great for health and wellbeing. The perfect blend of mind and body and offers an opportunity to make new friends. All welcome.



## Baby Ballet

Wednesdays and Fridays, 2.15-2.45pm

3-5 year olds

Cost: Free Trial Lesson - Bookings Essential  
Casual Class Fee \$13  
New Students - Term Fee \$108 which includes 9 lessons and 1 free trial lesson.

A fun, educational introduction to ballet.

To Book: Contact Karen  
T: 0408 304 384  
E: dancingpotenial@gmail.com



## Immunisation

Flexible Space 1

10 October, 14 November, 12 December

Register on the day between  
4:30pm and 7:30pm

No charge

Brimbank City Council provides a comprehensive immunisation program, delivered by registered nurses according to the Recommended immunisation schedule. Our immunisation service is available to anyone.

Further information: contact Environmental Health T (03) 9249 4000



## B-Heard Youth Support Program

Need someone to talk to? Going through a tough time? Need help getting linked in? Not enjoying things as much as you used to?

If you are 12-25 years old and live, work or study in Brimbank then we can help at no cost.

### Why seek youth support?

It's important to look after YOU. The B-Heard Youth Support Program gives you a private space to work through some things that are bothering you with a friendly worker. We support young people on a short term basis at various locations in Brimbank.

### Help with:

- feeling sad, angry or overwhelmed
- family conflict
- relationship issues
- links to other services
- strengthening self-esteem
- and heaps more!

Contact Brimbank Youth Services  
Visy Cares Hub, 80B Harvester Rd,  
Sunshine 3020  
[www.brimbankyouth.com](http://www.brimbankyouth.com)  
Find us on Facebook -  
Brimbank Youth Services  
T: 9249 4110  
E: [bys@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:bys@brimbank.vic.gov.au)



## Join Brimbank Youth Events Committee!

Are you interested in running music and cultural events? Want to meet creative and interesting young people in your local area? We are seeking passionate young people to join the Brimbank Youth Events Committee.

To join you must be aged between 12 and 25 years and live, work, study or socialise in Brimbank.

For more information contact STACC: T: 9249 4600 E: [bowerstacc@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:bowerstacc@brimbank.vic.gov.au)

*"It was awesome being a part of the event, such a great experience for everyone." Empress, Judge for Push Start event hosted by the Brimbank Youth Events Committee*



## After School Programs by Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Services

Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Services deliver a range of after school programs at STACC during school terms. No charge.



### Homework Club

Mondays and Wednesdays, 3.30-5pm

Years 3-6

### Tutoring

Wednesdays, 3.30-5pm

Secondary and tertiary students

### BLOOM

Tuesdays, 3.30-5pm

Secondary girls ages 13-17

Registration via school referral.

BLOOM is Building Life-Orienting Opportunities through mentoring.

### Brighter Tomorrow Boys Group

Tuesdays, 3.30 - 5pm

Boys Years 7-9

Registration via school referral.

### Kids Play Club

Mondays, 3.30-5pm

Prep-Year 2 (For younger siblings of children in other programs only.)

# EVENTS

## The St Albans Festival for Families

### Puppets! Pop-ups! And a Parade!

Friday, 6 October - Thursday, 19 October

Various dates and times

Suitable for families and children of all ages.

#### Highlights include:

#### Spike the Echidna

Friday, 6 October at 10.30am

#### Puppetry Workshops

Friday, 6 October and Saturday 14 October.

All day from 10am - 4pm (no charge)

#### Vietnamese Moon Lantern Parade

Saturday, 14 October from 4pm (no charge)

#### Fortune

Saturday, 14 October at 2pm (no charge)

#### The Trung Sisters Hai Bà Trú'ng

Thursday, 19 October at 6pm (no charge)

Visit [bowerystacc.com.au/events/festivalforfamilies](http://bowerystacc.com.au/events/festivalforfamilies)

## Common Ground

Sunday, 15 October

Bowery Theatre (no charge)

Join us for an awesome showcase event which is the culmination of a six week workshop series facilitated by Manal Younus and Nour Abouzeid. Presented by Multicultural Arts Victoria this event brings together young people from diverse cultures and faiths creating new expressions in spoken word and poetry. Come along and enjoy original, multilingual spoken word pieces which will leave you feeling moved, excited and inspired!

Visit [bowerystacc.com.au](http://bowerystacc.com.au) for more information.



## Music in the Knight

Saturday, 21 October

Doors open at 7.30pm, 8pm start

Tickets available at the door: \$15 Adults, \$10 Concession, Student, 12 and Under Free

Sunshine Community Brass presents "Music in the Knight", proudly supported by the Marian College Gospel Choir. Major Raffle draw. BYO drinks and nibbles.

More information contact:  
Andrew - 0419 444 620  
or Georgie - 0402 843 734

## BRIMBANK WRITERS & READERS FESTIVAL

9-18 NOVEMBER 2017

### Writing for the Stage with Peta Murray

The Bowery @ STACC

Workshop - Friday 10 November, 6.30-9pm

No charge

Join playwright, dramaturg and director, Peta Murray (Victorian Literary Awards and the Australia Writers Guild award winner) for an evening of storytelling and playwriting. Start with the basics of the craft, consider the unique nature of performance, and undertake the playwright's process as ideas seek concrete form.

### The Page + The Stage with Maurial Spearim at The Bowery @ STACC

Workshop - Friday 10 November, 6.30-9pm

No charge

Are you an aspiring writer? Do you love storytelling? Could you see yourself performing on stage one day? If so come and meet other creatives at The Page + The Stage workshop at STACC. Facilitated by Maurial a VCA graduate with a Bachelor of Dramatic Arts. Maurial continues to collaborate with a wide range of artists who, much like herself, have a passion to co-create, develop and perform.

## Push Start

The Freeza Push Start Competition Brimbank Local Heat was held at the St Albans Community Centre on 15 July. The competition featured seven musical acts, across various genres including Contemporary, R&B, soul and rap.

The 2017 Freeza Push Start Competition Brimbank Local Heat was part of the statewide FReeZA Push Start Competition.

The event was a great opportunity for young local musicians to meet industry professionals and showcase their talents in a professional theatre in front of a live audience.

The audience was excited to see local artists on a local stage. All of the contestants performed at an exceptional level with the runner up title given to Stefani Koumouris and the first place Brimbank Local heat title award given to Nyasha Dzingai who will go on to represent Brimbank at the Freeza Reginal Heat round.



## Refugee Week Welcome Dinner

To mark Refugee Week 2017, a special Community Welcome Dinner and Ramadan Iftar event was held at STACC on Friday 23 June. Over 80 guests from a range of backgrounds and ages from St Albans and surrounding regions gathered together to break the fast, learn more about the diverse cultural and faith traditions in Brimbank, and enjoy delicious food brought by guests.

The highlight of the night was seeing and experiencing the warmth of people's hearts to welcome each other despite being strangers and an openness to new conversations and connections. In the words of one newly arrived guest, "It was wonderful and amazing to meet with these wonderful people who have shown the love they have for community."

The dinner was part of the larger Welcome Dinner Project, run by joiningthedots, which seeks to connect newly arrived people including migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and international students with established Australians over a shared meal, usually in a family home or trusted community space. This special dinner was a collaboration with St Albans Community Centre, Brimbank City Council, Brimbank-Maribyrnong Interfaith Network and New Hope Foundation. During the night there was an opportunity to hear from Brimbank Mayor Cr John Hedditch. Guests also enjoyed a video produced by Brimbank-Maribyrnong Interfaith Network 'Articles of Faith: A Collection of Interfaith Stories' that promoted harmony and cooperation.

You can read more and get involved with the Welcome Dinner Project here: <http://joiningthedots.org/the-welcome-dinner-project>



# EXHIBITIONS

## Queer History Month Exhibition - October



During queer history month, the Wild Books Collective's exhibition will introduce you to people of diverse genders and sexualities from the Western Suburbs.

- Meet Gordon Doak (22/8/1931-12/4/2015), who built his two story home in Sunshine and ran from Tottenham to Melbourne's Botanical gardens in 1973 to join a picnic created as part of Melbourne's first gay pride week.
- Meet Ellen Tremayne, who was employed as a housemaid in a public house in Melton after immigrating from Ireland in 1856, but carved out a life as a blacksmith and miner in Bendigo and Blackwood under the name Edward de Lacy Evans.
- Meet LGBTQI people who live, work and play in the western suburbs, people who are, and who always have been, a part of our rich and diverse local community.



## Tadros Hanna - *Awakening: my vision*

From November

Tadros is an Egyptian artist who has recently arrived in Brimbank. He studied Fine Arts in Cairo and worked in the creative industries for the past two decades as both an architect and an interior designer. Since his arrival in Australia he has resumed his arts practice. This exhibition of new work incorporates paintings that combine rich iconography while evoking complex mythologies and spiritual traditions of Egypt, including the Coptic and Islamic faith.

# NEWSFOR ARTISTS

## Partnership Funding for Art ideas

Arts Activation Partnership funding aims to provide a supportive and collaborative platform where artists can partner with Council in art programs and projects that benefit the Brimbank community.

Think people and place-based art. Think site specific and socially specific. Make art in public spaces, engage everyday people, and bring our community together through creative action.

Expressions of Interest are invited from artists and arts practitioners working across any arts disciplines. Up to \$2000 of funding is available for each project.

If you're an artist of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background and are interested in engaging the Brimbank community in arts activity, applications for the Indigenous Arts Activation Partnership Funding are also open.

Applications close 5pm, 1 December 2017. Visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture](http://brimbank.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture) for more information.



## Call out for a youth visual arts tutor!

The Brimbank Youth Arts and Event team is looking to recruit a visual arts tutor for workshop facilitation at various youth events and programs throughout the year.

If you live, work or play within the Brimbank City Council and have experience in facilitating contemporary visual arts workshops for young people between the ages of 12yrs-25yrs, contact us on T: 9249 4600 or E: [bowerstacc@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:bowerstacc@brimbank.vic.gov.au) before 29 October 2017.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

Brimbank City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurundjeri people, and pay our respects to elders past and present.



### Access

STACC and the Bowery Theatre are fully **wheelchair accessible**, with accessible and ambulant bathrooms and a lift servicing both levels.

**Gender neutral bathrooms** on ground level.

**Auslan** interpreting available upon request. Please contact us two weeks prior to the event.

**Audio loop/sound amplification** is available in The Bowery Theatre and the Dance Studio. Portable sound amplification devices are also available.

**Childcare** @STACC is arranged and advertised for some events.

**Translation** is available through Brimbank's translation service Brimbank Language Link.

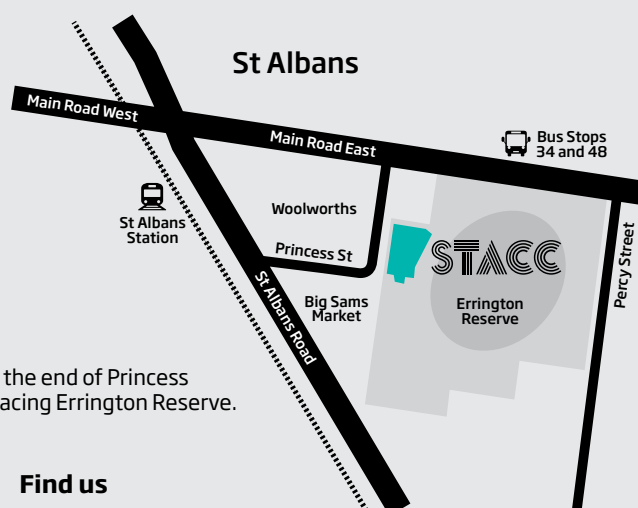
### Brimbank Language Link



**9209 0140**

Local call costs apply

For more information and updates on events and activities at STACC and the Bowery Theatre visit our website, phone or drop in.



STACC is located at the end of Princess Street, St Albans, facing Errington Reserve.

### Find us



#### By Car:

Enter Princess Street, from St Albans Road



#### By train:

A short walk from St Albans Station on the Sunbury/Watergardens line. Exit via Princess Street.



#### By Bus:

Take route 408 or 419, Stop 34 or 48 (Errington Reserve) on Main Road East.



#### Cycle:

Bike racks available at STACC.



#### Parking:

Limited and restricted parking around the venue. Four hour parking is available in nearby Percy Street.