



2023

Visual & Performing Arts Program

January – June



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Acknowledgement of country

Horsham Town Hall acknowledges
the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa,
Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk
people; traditional custodians of the
land on which we live and work.

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Welcome

www.horshamtownhall.com.au
Open 7 days | 10am–4pm

Welcome

The arts help define who we are and what we believe—our values and our aspirations.

Welcome to our latest edition of the Horsham Town Hall and Regional Art Gallery brochure.

As we begin the new year, we look forward to sharing an exciting program of arts and cultural experiences with you.

From a celebration of iconic artist Sidney Nolan and his time in the Wimmera, to crazy sketch comedy for kids, to the spectacle of rock legends live on stage, we know that there is something to move you, to make you laugh, and perhaps even to elevate you out of your seat in rapture.

In addition to the performing and visual arts program, Horsham Town Hall is delighted to bring hands-on workshops and theatre experiences for the young people of our region through SPARK, and to celebrate local creative talent through our community gallery.

So get ready to expand your mind and come on a journey with us, as we share with you a range of acts and entertainment delights to kick off your year. We hope it will make you think and aspire to great things in 2023.

HTH Team

Membership

Become a Horsham Town Hall Member

In 2023 we continue with our memberships program at the Horsham Town Hall.

The benefits of being a member include: discounted tickets to performances, workshops and special events; priority and pre-sale ticketing opportunities; invitations to exhibitions openings; and discounts in the foyer snack bar.

Your membership will illustrate your support for cultural activity in our city.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS 2023

HTH Single Membership - \$50

HTH Concession Membership - \$40
(Available to anyone with a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pension Card)

HTH Student Membership - \$25
(Available to anyone 15 years + with a valid Student ID Card)

Membership benefits include:

- Single and concession members can purchase up to 4 member priced tickets per show to HTH season performances and selected shows from other presenters
- Student members can purchase up to 2 member priced tickets per show to HTH season performances and selected shows from other presenters
- Pre-sale and exclusive early bird ticketing on selected events
- Invitations to Horsham Regional Art Gallery (HRAG) openings and meet the artist events

- Discounts on HRAG workshop prices
- Quarterly venue publications posted to your address
- 10% discount at the HTH Bar and HRAG Shop (with proof of membership)
- Members rates on entry to paid shows at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), as well as discounts at NGV stores, cafes and restaurants
- A rolling 12 month membership
- Access to membership ticket pricing online
- Regular email notifications of upcoming events and special ticketing offers

To establish your membership please contact the Box Office 03 5382 9555 or visit the venue during business hours.

Terms and conditions are available on our website:
horshamtownhall.com.au.



Are you a member?

Expansive Ground: Sidney Nolan in the Wimmera

Arguably one of Australia's most important artists, Sidney Nolan is synonymous with the "Heide Circle" and Australian modernism. The Wimmera had a profound effect on Nolan's development as an artist. In 1942 Nolan painted in Dimboola whilst being stationed in the area on army duty during World War II. It was during this time that he created some of his most iconic paintings. This exhibition explores how Nolan saw the Wimmera region, its landscapes and people as he developed a versatile visual language that re-envisioned the Australian landscape.

Selected from sketches and paintings created between 1942 and 1943, *Expansive Ground: Sidney Nolan in the Wimmera*, has been curated

from the National Gallery of Australia collection, the Heide Museum of Modern Art collection and the Horsham Regional Art Gallery Collection.

Curated by Alison Eggleton

Presented by Horsham Regional Art Gallery, with support from Principal Loan Partner, the National Gallery of Australia, and Heide Museum of Modern Art. The National Gallery's Regional Initiatives Program is generously supported by Major Partner AWM Electrical and Data Suppliers.

Exhibition

10 December 2022

– 5 March 2023

FREE entry | Open daily

IMAGE: Sidney Nolan, *Lightning Dimboola* 1942, enamel on paper, 23.5 x 26.5 cm, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne Bequest of John and Sunday Reed 1982 © The Sidney Nolan Trust. All rights reserved. DACS/Copyright Agency, 2022.





500 Strong: Ponch Hawkes

In 2018, renowned photographer, Ponch Hawkes, embarked on a project to photograph 500 Victorian women. Challenging the notions of what real women look like, *500 Strong* celebrates older women's health, body image and wellbeing.

Exhibition

10 December 2022

– 19 March 2023

FREE entry | Open daily

Diverse women over the age of fifty from Horsham and across the state volunteered to be photographed in the nude. This exhibition celebrates the diversity and reality of older women's bodies. Photoshoots were organised in Melbourne, Shepparton and Geelong, as well as at Horsham Regional Art Gallery in April this year. Participants were encouraged to consider their anonymity and, if they wished, come prepared with a personalised face covering. Some women chose to show their faces. Curated by Jane Scott, this exhibition is both irreverent and playful.

Image: Ponch Hawkes, *500 Strong* 2019-2020, black and white photograph. Courtesy of the artist.

The light fades but the gods remain: Bill Henson

A Monash Gallery of Art (MGA) travelling exhibition

The light fades but the gods remain is a major exhibition showcasing two key series by Bill Henson, who is one of Australia's most eminent artists. These series explore the suburb of Glen Waverley, where the artist grew up, and offers an unparalleled insight into one of Australia's most revered artists. Through these works, Henson explores the notion of home, intensifying the everyday to a point of dramatic revelation and romantic beauty.

Exhibition

11 March – 25 June 2023

FREE entry | Open daily



Image: Bill Henson *Untitled 3* 2018–19 from the series *Untitled* 2018–19. Monash Gallery of Art, City of Monash Collection.
Courtesy of the artist, Tolarno Galleries (Melbourne) and Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery (Sydney).



Community Gallery

Are you a visual artist who would like to exhibit in our community gallery space in 2023?

This eagerly anticipated art exhibition space unearths the diverse artistic talent of the local community.

The Community Gallery provides an opportunity for emerging artists to exhibit their work in the venue for a 6-week to 2-month period.

Applications are now open. For more information please contact the gallery or visit our website: www.horshamtownhall.com.au.

**For expression of interest
2023**

Phone: 03 5382 9575

Parallel Journey: Tracing Nolan's Footsteps

Linda Gallus



Image: Linda Gallus, *Dimboola Time Warp*, 2022, acrylic on canvas, 90cm x 60cm. Image courtesy the artist.

Linda Gallus' family comes from the Wimmera. Her grandfather was born in Dimboola and her great grandfather owned and ran the Dimboola General Store, which catered for farmers and townsfolk. The artist Sidney Nolan was posted to Dimboola during World War II and used the shop next door as a studio. Here he drew, painted and developed ideas for his famous *Wimmera Series*.

Gallus has always been interested in this connection to her family and has stayed in the area to pursue her own artwork in response to Nolan's *Wimmera* paintings.

Exhibition

10 December 2022

– 5 March 2023

FREE entry | Open daily

The Rain Maker

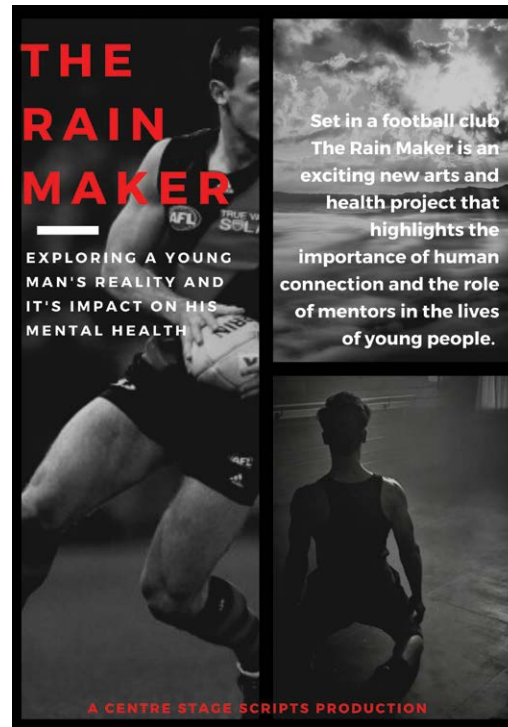
Centre Stage Scripts in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Horsham, Horsham Rural City Council and the Horsham Town Hall

Set in a football club, *The Rain Maker* is an exciting new arts and health project that highlights the importance of human connection and the role of mentors in the lives of young people.

The Rain Maker employs comedy, pathos, music and dance to engage youth audiences and address:

- inclusion
- positive masculinity
- positive relationships and human connection
- connection with mentors and positive role models
- anti-bullying
- healthy use of social media
- gender equality

Theatre
TBC



Richard Clapton in Concert

Sinclair Artists & Leicashow

Richard Clapton, as one of Australia's foremost singer-songwriters, paved the way for subsequent generations of artists to write about the experience of being Australian.

Beginning with his highly acclaimed, No.1 hit *Girls On The Avenue*, Clapton established the themes he would go on to explore for the coming decades.

He then released a string of classic songs including the perennial favourites: *Capricorn Dancer*, *Deep Water*, *I Am An Island*, and many more.

He has released over 20 albums, which have cumulatively sold over one million copies, and his songs are still omnipresent on the radio to this day. He is a survivor, with a tale to tell.

Music

12 February 2023



Forever 80s – Best of the 80s Tour

Premier Artists

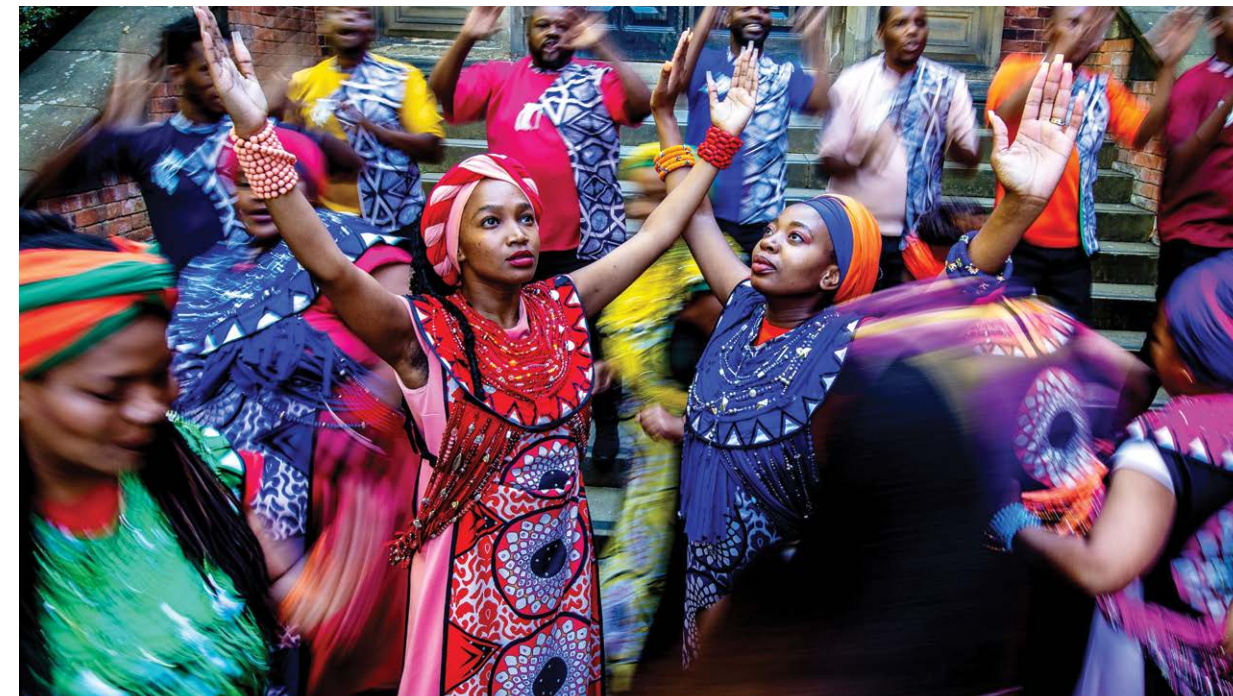
Direct from sell-out Australian shows, Australia's number one 80s touring show, Forever 80s™, is coming to Horsham Town Hall for one unforgettable night!

Prep that neon, put on those leg warmers and relive the soundtrack of the best generation. A time of music's BIGGEST HAIR AND BIGGEST HITS!

Get excited and secure your tickets today.

Music

Saturday 25 February 2023



Soweto Gospel Choir – Hope

Andrew Kay

This all-new concert by 3-time Grammy®-winning Soweto Gospel Choir celebrates songs and anthems from the Freedom Movement of Nelson Mandela's South Africa, back to the Civil Rights Movement of Martin Luther King's 1950s America. Their powerful renditions of African American spirituals, gospel and folk music will live forever in your heart!

Music

Tuesday 7 March 2023

Image: HOPE. Photographer Stephen Garnett, 2022.



Robertson Brothers – 1960s Variety TV Show

The Robertson Brothers are back as your charming and cheeky hosts for this nostalgic night of entertainment as they pay tribute to the musical giants of the 1960s – The Bee Gees,

Simon & Garfunkel, Roy Orbison, Cliff Richard & The Shadows, Frankie Valli, The Everly Brothers, Neil Sedaka and The Seekers.

Music
Friday 17 March 2023

The Alphabet of Awesome Science

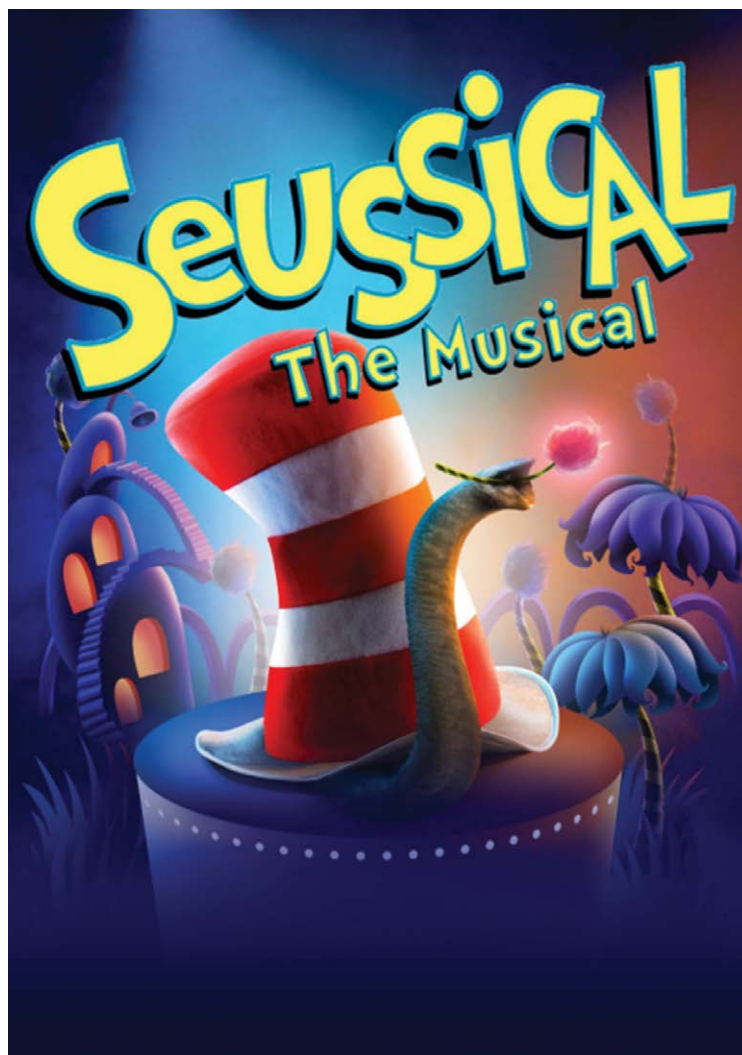
**Nicholas Clarke
Management**

Join professors Lexi Con and Noel Edge (the Word Nerd and the Science Freak) for a thrilling voyage through the alphabet — where sesquipedalian words inspire mind-blowing scientific surprises! It's a tongue-twisting race from A to Z that's equal parts explosive, messy, hilarious, fascinating and gross. Brace yourself for an hour of carefully crafted alphabetical, scientific (award-winning!) chaos — that floats, flies, squirts, sprays, ignites and erupts!

Children's Theatre
Thursday 30 March 2023



Image: Scott Reynolds.



Seussical The Musical

Horsham Arts Council

Horsham Arts Council is the Wimmera's premier amateur performing arts group, active in producing high-quality musical theatre productions. *Seussical the Musical* is narrated by The Cat In the Hat and tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing the tiny world of Whoville. A family friendly show full of beloved childhood characters and an abundance of colour, *Seussical the Musical* will be presented by the company at the Horsham Town Hall Theatre in May 2023.

Musical Theatre
May 2023



MICF Roadshow

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Australia's biggest comedy festival is hitting the road for a huge 25th year! Featuring the best and brightest of the 2023 Melbourne International Comedy Festival in a jam-packed show that's sure to leave the whole nation laughing.

Book now for a much-needed comedy fix when the Roadshow hits a stage near you!

Comedy
Wednesday 24 May 2023

Image: Jim Lee





Music of the Night: Australia's Premier Tribute to Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and the West End Musicals

RF Entertainment

Australia's premier tribute to the West End musicals is one of a kind. The genius and power of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber—and more!—comes to life in this amazing stage show wowing audiences all over Australia.

There are stunning musical performances from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Evita*, *Cats*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *Les Miserables*, *Sound of Music*, *Carousel*, *Rogers and Hammerstein*, *Jersey Boys*, and *Boy From Oz*!

Music

Saturday 27 May 2023



ROFL (Rolling On The Floor Laughing)

Critical Stages

A bonkers sketch comedy extravaganza of epic proportions, this show will delight your kids in the winter school holidays!

Jam packed with magically stupid stuff like a burpershop quartet and the

kind of madness that only the award-winning maestros of kidault comedy can make. Be prepared, The Listies may just have you rolling on the floor laughing so hard a little bit of wee comes out!

Children's Theatre
Wednesday 28 June 2023





The Fleetwood Pac – A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac

Hopkins Music

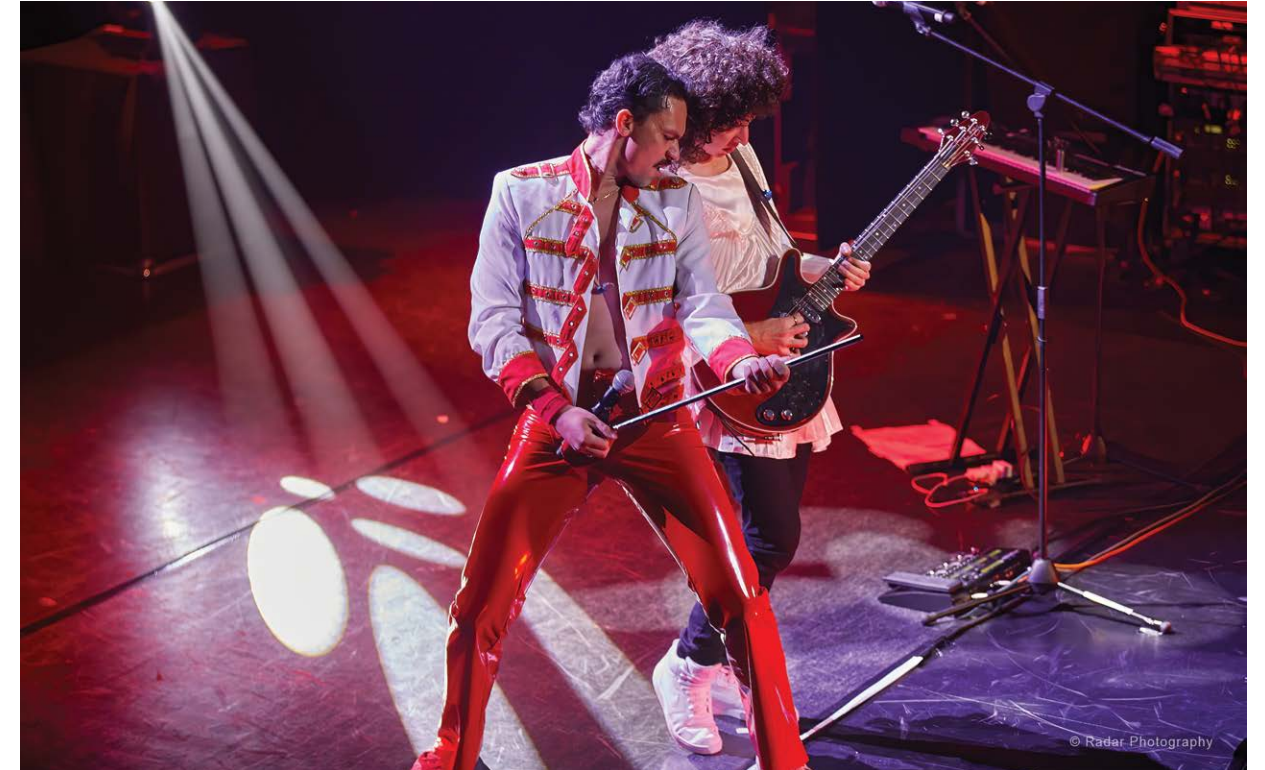
What sets the Pac apart is the attention to detail with the melody sung as Fleetwood Mac recorded it, the harmonies put right where they belong, and the toms back-to-front on the drums. Fans will recognise and appreciate the details.

"SUCH FAITHFUL RENDITIONS OF SOME OF THE GREATEST SONGS OF ALL TIME."

– Michael Paynter
(Icehouse, Jimmy Barnes)

Music

Saturday 8 July 2023



Queen: It's a Kinda Magic

Showtime Australia

Queen: It's a Kinda Magic is back at the Horsham Town Hall this September for their first Australian tour in two years! The show is set to again immerse fans in the spectacle, grandeur and extravagance of Queen and Freddie Mercury.

You've seen *Bohemian Rhapsody* at the cinemas, now see it all come alive on stage and in concert, with big sound, big screens, crazy lighting and outlandish costumes... the REAL ROCK EXPERIENCE!

Music

Wednesday 12 July 2023



Horsham Town Hall and Horsham Regional Art Gallery presents

SPARK Semester 1, 2023

SPARK aims to provide schools with a low-cost cultural package of performances, visual and performing artist workshops, excursions and incursions, gallery tours, resources,

VCE curriculum days and teacher PD opportunities. Semester one's theme is resilience and social connection. Check out the 2023 program and booking links at: www.horshamtownhall.com.au.

SPARK Education Program for Schools

February – June 2023

Supported by Wimmera Health Care Group, Wimmera Catchment Management Authority, Wimmera Primary Care Partnership, Women's Health Grampians, Goolam Goolam Aboriginal Cooperative, Federation University, and Horsham Rural City Council.



Education
and Training

CREATIVE VICTORIA



After School Program

Horsham Regional Art Gallery



Art Club

Come along and join in the fun!

Art Club is about supporting our emerging young artists in making and creating artworks. We'll help children discover new skills and express their ideas through a stimulating program of visual art practices guided by renowned local artists.

Bookings essential. Please note our program is progressive. Book a 6 week pass. Single sessions available.

Kids' Workshop

\$12 per child Mondays and Tuesdays

Term 1 and 2



Creative Movement

Discover and unlock your passion for creative movement, which includes a combination of dance, drama, choreography and other expression skills.



Mini Makers Storytime

Let's get together around art and storytelling!

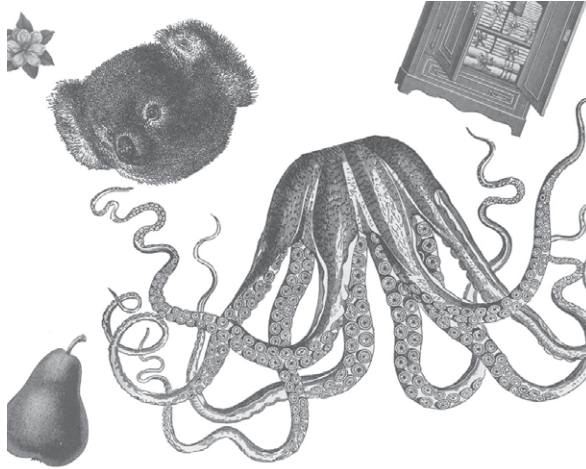
Art for our Mini Makers is all about discovery and fun. Unleash your child's creativity through wonderful books and fun art activities.

Kids' Workshop

Term 1 and 2

Fortnightly on Tuesday from 10am – 10.45am.

\$5 per child, materials included.



School Holiday Program

Enjoy the experience of creating, making and acquiring new art skills by enrolling in our Horsham Regional Art Gallery School Holiday Programs; summer and Easter holidays 2023.

Our young creatives will get to participate in a number of weekly workshops with practicing artists. They will get to make, form and create exciting and visually amazing artwork.

Kids' Workshop

Summer and Easter holidays 2023

Image: Illustrations prepared for Making Art: Imagine Everything Is Real.
Graphic designer: Cally Bennett

Find Us

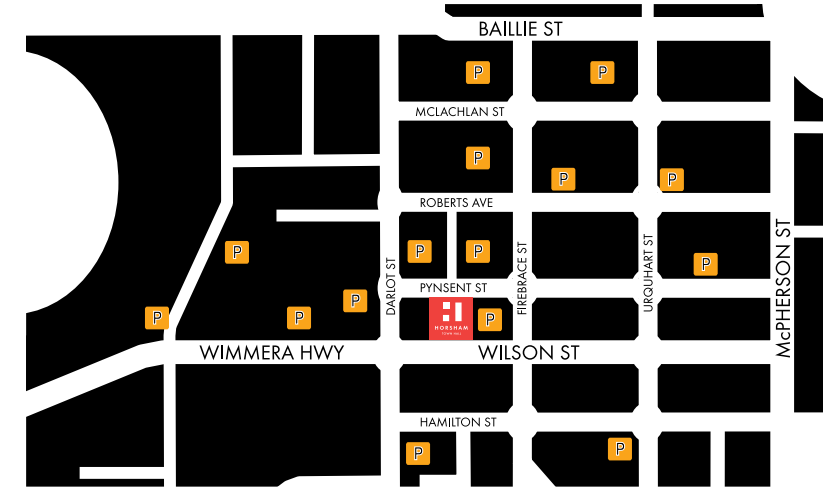
All Day Parking

The closest all-day parking for patrons is located at the rear of Horsham Plaza (access via Park Drive); in Forty Winks car park on Darlot Street (ticketed); or in Park Drive near the Skate Park.

Short Term Parking

There is a range of one-hour and two-hour metered and unmetered parking on streets in the vicinity of the Horsham Town Hall and in off-street car parks in Wilson Street, Ward Street and Darlot Street. The venue recommends that you avoid parking in the short-term car park in the Horsham Plaza Car Park (Darlot Street) if you're planning on extended periods in the venue.

Please check the parking signs for information on the exact times that apply to particular bays.



Disabled Parking

There are disabled parking bays on Wilson Street in front of the Horsham Town Hall. Alternatively there is a disabled park located on Pynsent Street in front of the Horsham Newsagency.

Passenger Drop-Off & Pick-Up

A passenger drop-off and pick-up zone is located in front of the Horsham Town Hall on Wilson Street.

Alternatively, easy access near door 4 is available for patrons one hour prior to a scheduled performance or event. Use the one-way driveway off Pynsent Street to access the east carpark, and then enter the building via the door in the grassed outdoor area.

Venue Information

Horsham Regional Art Gallery

80 Wilson Street, Horsham

Open daily 10am – 4pm

Phone: 03 5382 9575

Horsham Town Hall

71 Pynsent Street, Horsham

Open daily 10am – 4pm

(Also open one hour before scheduled performances)

Phone: 03 5382 9555

The venue will be closed Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day.

Concessions & Students

Concession rates apply to government issued Pension or Health Care Card Holders. Concession rates do not apply to Senior Card holders.

Student rates apply to all pre-school, school and university students who must provide proof of eligibility when purchasing tickets.

Accessibility & Assisted Listening Device

We aim to make our events and venues accessible to all. To discuss your access requirements please contact the Horsham Town Hall on 03 5382 9555 or email boxoffice@hrcc.vic.gov.au.

Should you require assistance the venue can provide listening devices for use in the theatre.

The venue welcomes Companion Cards.

Ticket purchase terms and conditions can be viewed at horshamtownhall.com.au.

Horsham Town Hall Publications

Please note at the time of print these events are correct, but may be subject to change.

For updated information and ticketing visit horshamtownhall.com.au.

Art Gift Shop & Local Produce

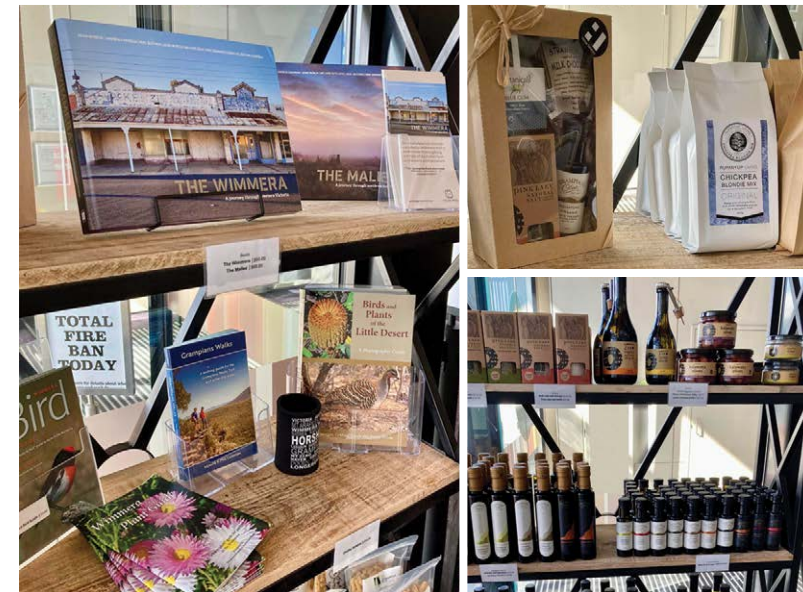


Horsham Town Hall gift shops are located in both Wilson Street and Pynsent Street foyers.

They are perfect places to shop for that unique one of a kind gift or just something special for you.

All our items are sourced within our region, showcasing our local talented artists and produce artisans.

Open Daily 10am–4pm



Sponsors

The creative program for the Horsham Town Hall has been supported by:



Venue acknowledges the following organisations and individuals who have made major financial support to the venue:



Horsham Town Hall acknowledges the support of our sponsors:



Volunteering

The Horsham Town Hall is the cultural hub of the Wimmera and volunteering is an exciting way to get involved in a space that brings together international and national artists, creatives, musicians and technicians.

Volunteers will work with venue staff to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, to inform and direct gallery visitors and theatre patrons. A friendly and positive attitude is all that is required, and volunteers can expect a rewarding experience, learning new and valuable skills and meeting like-minded people.

Anyone aged 15 and over can be a volunteer, and full training is provided.

For more information visit our website or call 03 5382 9555.

Image: Wimmera Mail Times. Volunteers Mandy and Jenny at our first event, January 2016.

The background is a vibrant, abstract composition. The top half features a large orange shape with a fine dot pattern on the left, a teal shape with a wavy white line pattern on the right, and a solid red shape in the center. The bottom half mirrors this color palette with different patterns: a teal shape with a fine dot pattern on the left, a red shape with a wavy white line pattern in the center, and an orange shape with a dashed white line pattern on the right. A solid grey horizontal band separates the two patterned sections.

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