



WELCOME

As always, we aim to provide variety and excitement in our Season of performances. There is circus, cabaret, ballet, drama, concerts and musicals; featuring some of the best touring productions and companies from around the country.

We are delighted to welcome "Hallowed Ground", a moving portrayal of female nurses and doctors in war, from the Gallipoli campaign to the dusty plains of Afghanistan as well as "Spencer", a brand new Australian play described as "family comic drama at its finest".

We continue our Cabaret series this year where we transform Eastbank into a stylish and colourful setting for shows such as Lady Beatle, featuring songs of the Beatles with a bit of a twist, performed by stage and screen star Naomi Price.

These are just a few of the shows in our Season so please take a moment to look through this brochure and see what else is in store for you. We look forward to welcoming you to one of our performances very soon!

Ken Cameron

Manager, Performing Arts and Conventions Riverlinks, Greater Shepparton City Council







TUE 5 FEB

Venue: Riverlinks WestSide **Time:** 1.00pm & 7.00pm

Duration: 1.00pm - 100 minutes

(no interval)

7.00pm - 130 minutes (including interval) **Tickets:** Full \$25.00 / Concession \$15.00

Short Black Opera presents on the big screen, *Pecan Summer* recorded live at the Sydney Opera House in 2016.

Short Black Opera and Dhungala Children's Choir commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Cummeragunja Walk Off with a special screening of Deborah Cheetham's multi award winning production of *Pecan Summer*. Join us for what will be an emotional return to the theatre where it all began. With live performances by Deborah Cheetham AO, Short Black Opera and the Dhungala Children's Choir.

Pecan Summer, written and composed by Yorta Yorta soprano Deborah Cheetham AO, tells the dramatic story of the Walk-Off from Cummeragunja Station on the NSW side of the Dhungala (Murray River) on 4th February 1939.

Dhungala Children's Choir celebrate their 10th anniversary in 2019 and funds raised from ticket sales will support their first overseas performance tour! Riverlinks presents

CIRCA'S PEEPSHOW

Created by Yaron Lifschitz with Libby McDonnell and the Circa Ensemble

WED 20 MAR

Venue: Riverlinks WestSide

Time: 7.30pm

Duration: 100 minutes (including interval) **Tickets:** Full \$36.00 / Concession \$31.00 Members: Full \$31.00 / Concession \$26.00

Group (6+) \$30.00

Circa's Peepshow lurches from the thrillingly acrobatic to the comically playful. Expect teetering towers of balanced bodies, extreme bending and devilishly precarious aerials.

Circa's Peepshow combines some of the finest acrobatic talent on the planet under the direction of circus visionary, Yaron Lifschitz to create a playfully exhilarating ride.

"The rockstars of the circus world" - The List, UK.

Come to *Circa's Peepshow* and see the world from the other side of the mirror.





FRI 12 APR

Venue: Riverlinks Eastbank

Time: 7.30pm

Duration: 120 minutes (including interval) Tickets: Full \$49.90 / Concession \$44.90 Members: Full \$44.90 / Concession \$41.90 Group (6+) \$41.90 Cabaret style seating

Paris Underground is back after 2 years of sell-out shows Australia wide. Journey once more into the dark delights of the underground of Paris with more comedy, more astounding magic and illusion, more burlesque, greater feats, flesh and feathers, surprises and seductions, more incendiary song, spectacular dance, brilliant, beautiful and strange circus and cabaret.

Welcome back to the Underground, the dark heart of Paris - a night to remember.



HIT Productions presents

THE SAPPHIRES



WED 22 MAY

Venue: Riverlinks Eastbank

Time: 7.30pm

Duration: 140 minutes (including interval) Tickets: Full \$45.00 / Concession \$40.00 / Under 18 \$35.00 Members: Full \$40.00 / Concession \$35.00

Group (6+) \$39.00

This multiple award-winning musical play, that inspired the film of the same name, is returning to Shepparton.

Four young Yorta Yorta women, who like singing country music, suddenly get the chance to change their tune and their lives. Wearing sequins and armed only with microphones they find themselves trying to spread joy in the hell that is the Vietnam War.

The Sapphires, written by Tony Briggs, is a funny, heart-warming tale inspired by the true story of his mother.



Victorian State Ballet presents

LE CORSAIRE SUN 2 JUN

Venue: Riverlinks Eastbank

Time: 2.00pm

Duration: 135 minutes (includes interval)

Tickets: Full \$36.00 / Concession \$32.00 / Under

18 \$19.00

Members: Full \$31.00 / Concession \$27.00

Group (6+): \$31.00

Based on *The Corsair* by Lord Byron and choreographed by Michelle Sierra, this exhilarating production is something that cannot be missed.

Le Corsaire is one of the world's most loved classical ballets. Featuring a top cast of leading classical ballet artists, the performance is full of action, adventure, comedy and romance. The performance features captive maidens, rich pashas, dramatic rescues, culminating in an unexpected shipwreck.

This is classical ballet at its finest. An inspiring, adventurous, entertaining and memorable experience for the whole family.

Venue: Riverlinks WestSide **Time:** 7.30pm **Duration:** 80 minutes (no interval) Tickets: Full \$36.00 / Concession \$31.00 / Under 18 \$26.00 Members: Full \$31.00 / Concession \$26.00 The Shift Theatre presents Group (6+) \$30.00 **HALLOWED** Follow the personal journeys of four women, united in their determination to utilise their skills in the field of medicine on active service within the GROUND military. From the pioneers of World War One, first denied military service, throughout the battles of World War Two - through contemporary conflicts and as peacekeepers in times of humanitarian crisis; these WED 5 and other stories come to life in vivid accounts of revelation, loss, struggle and kinship. JUN Together they share moments of hope and humour that punctuates the otherwise harrowing task of caring for soldiers in a war zone.



Goulburn Valley Concert Orchestra's

ANNUAL CONCERT

SAT 22 JUN

Venue: Riverlinks Eastbank

Time: 7.30pm

Duration: 150 minutes (including inverval) **Tickets:** Full \$28.00 / Concession \$22.00 /

Under 18 \$13.00

Members: Full \$24.00 / Concession \$22.00

Goulburn Valley Concert Orchestra's Annual Concert showcases the great musical talent that exists in our community. The orchestra combines the young and old, the professional and the amateur, into one uniform group of people who share a passion for music.

Our ongoing partnership with the orchestra enables Riverlinks to provide accessible music programs for the community.

The program will showcase a wide range of musical styles to delight all ages and musical tastes.

The Australian Ballet presents

COPPÉLIA FRI 9 & SAT 10 AUG

Venue: Riverlinks WestSide **Time:** Friday 9 - 7.30pm Saturday 10 - 1.30pm & 7.30pm

Duration: 145 minutes (including interval) **Tickets:** Full \$60.00 / Concession \$53.00
Member: Full \$57.00 / Concession: 50.00 /
Student \$42.00 / Under 17 \$32.00 /

Group (10+) \$52.00

Ballet's most charming comedy, live on stage: The Australian Ballet's Regional Tour presents *Coppélia*.

Swanilda and Franz are in love ... until a beautiful stranger, the daughter of the magician Dr Coppelius, appears in town. But she is not what she seems, and Swanilda must rescue Franz from the magician's sinister workshop – with the help of some fancy footwork!

This sparkling tale of magic and mischief, with its irresistible melodies and 'living dolls', is amusing fun for the whole family. Inspired by E.T.A. Hoffmann's stories, *Coppélia* features exquisite costumes by master designer Kristian Fredrikson.

Laughter and love, lively dancing and vivid colour - treat the family to *Coppélia*.





Popjam Productions presents

39 FOREVER: AMITY DRY

Part of the 2019 Cabaret Series

THU 5 SEP

Venue: Riverlinks Eastbank

Time: 7.00pm

Duration: 110 minutes (including interval) **Tickets:** Full \$45.00 / Concession \$41.00 Members: Full \$41.00 / Concession \$37.00

Groups (6+) \$41.00 **Cabaret style seating**

Do you still feel like you're 25 even though your birthdate stubbornly insists you're not? This hilarious cabaret show from Amity Dry has been a five star success in the Adelaide Fringe and Melbourne International Comedy Festival. So if you remember when fringe perms and ra-ra skirts were cool and occasionally get a shock when you catch your own reflection, come and laugh (and cry) with Amity as she explores the pressure to stay forever young and asks whether 40 really is the new 30 - or only with the right Instagram filter!

'A sparkling, enthralling, fun, laugh out loud night... you will leave the show feeling uplifted and empowered.' **Theatre People**

Support act, Jessica Lorraine, from 7.00pm.

Ticket prices includes one course meal, served from 6.30pm.



Lab Kelpie presents

SPENCER

By Katy Warner

TUE 24 SEP

Venue: Riverlinks WestSide

Time: 7.30pm

Duration: 70 minutes (no interval)

Tickets: Full \$36.00 /

Concession \$31.00 / Under 18 \$26.00

Members: Full \$31.00 / Concession \$26.00 Group (6+) \$30.00

There's no such thing as fun for the whole family...

A brand new comedy-drama looking at a gloriously dysfunctional Australian home, Spencer tells the story of a tight-knit family led by single-mum matriarch Marilyn and her three adult children - wayward daughter Jules, mouthy coulda-been Ben and AFL golden boy Scott.

About to meet the younger son - Spencer - he never knew he had, Scott and the family have returned home to help mark the occasion. With the surprise appearance of lan, the father they barely remember, the entire family is forced to work together to clean up both the house and their own fractured relationships as the clock ticks down to Spencer's arrival.

Starring Jane Clifton (Prisoner) and Roger Oakley (Home & Away) *Spencer* asks us to consider how much our family defines who we are, and if we ever really grow up...



MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

THU 3 OCT

Venue: Riverlinks Eastbank

Time: 7.30pm

Duration: 120 minutes (including interval) **Tickets:** Full \$49.90 / Concession \$44.90

Under 18 \$30.00

Members: Full \$44.90 / Concession \$41.90

Group (6+) \$41.90

Dale Barltrop - director / violin Anne-Marie Johnson - violin

Rossini Overture to L'Italiana in Algieri Mendelssohn Violin Concerto Vivaldi Concerto for Two Violins Schubert Symphony No.3

The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra presents a breathtaking evening of classical masterworks, including Schubert's dramatic Third Symphony, a high-spirited and charming romp imbued with the composer's youthful vigour. Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto was the first piece that soloist Anne-Marie Johnson begged her teacher to learn, and it's easy to see why, with its vivacious rhythms and hummable melodies. She'll be joined by MSO Concertmaster Dale Barltrop for Vivaldi's Concerto for two violins to complete an evening both elegant and exhilarating.

Enhance your concert experience by attending a free pre-concert talk at 6.30pm. Join us for an informative conversation about the evening's program, where you'll learn about the composers and gain insights into the music.



HIT Productions presents

WAISTWATCHERS THE MUSICAL!

FRI 25 OCT

Venue: Riverlinks WestSide

Time: 7.30pm

Duration: 90 minutes (no interval) **Tickets:** Full \$36.00 / Concession \$31.00 /

Under 18 \$26.00

Members: Full \$31.00 / Concession \$26.00

Group (6+) \$30.00

This hilarious and inspirational comedy will leave you laughing so hard, you'll burn more calories than you have all week! Set in Cook's Women's Gym, WaistWatches The Musical takes a hilarious and light-hearted look at four women dishing on food, diets, exercise, friendship and love.

WaistWatchers The Musical is fastpaced, with lots of energy and a ton of heart. It pokes fun at a number of familiar obsessions yet is very uplifting and empowering. As we watch the ladies share their lives with us, they blossom into stronger women who take ownership of their eating, their bodies, their relationships and their self-esteem.

Producer: Dana Matthow Author: Alan Jacobson Composer: Vince Di Mura Director: Matt Silva



The Little Red Company and Critical Stages present

LADY BEATLE THU 31 OCT

Venue: Riverlinks Eastbank

Time: 7.00pm

Duration: 120 minutes (including interval) **Tickets:** Full \$49.90 / Concession \$45.90 Members: Full \$45.90 / Concession \$41.90

Group (6+) \$45.90

Cabaret style seating

From the creators of *Rumour Has It* and *Wrecking Ball* comes the must-see live music event of the year.

Lady Beatle is a rollicking magical mystery tour soundtracked by The Beatles' chart toppers, including 'Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds', 'Eleanor Rigby', 'Yellow Submarine' and 'Penny Lane'.
Starring Naomi Price, alongside Mik Easterman, Andrew Johnson, Michael Manikus and Jason McGregor.

Flanked by a live band, Price transports audiences to 1960s Liverpool, taking the audience along for the ride as she riffs off the cuff, inviting them to join in the big numbers and ultimately has them on their feet for the show's epic mega-mix finale dance party. This performance sees world-class musicianship and a triumphant central performance from Naomi Price.

Support act, Matt and Jamie Hooper, from 7.00pm.

Ticket prices includes one course meal, served from 6.30pm.



AFTERNOON DELIGHTS

The Afternoon Delights Season is all about providing an opportunity for you to get together with friends and enjoying a social afternoon with live music and a delicious Devonshire Tea with scones, jam and cream.

Each month from February to December Riverlinks Eastbank comes to life with the Afternoon Delights Season. For more information about our shows, please pick up a copy of the Afternoon Delights flyer from the Box Office.

We look forward to welcoming you in 2019.

Practically Perfect: Music of Julie Andrews Wednesday 13 February, 2.00pm



The Piano MenWednesday 3 July, 2.00pm



Where Do I Begin: The Songs of Shirley Bassey Tuesday 5 March, 2.00pm



The Dusty Springfield Story Tuesday 6 August, 2.00pm



Diamonds: Songs of Marilyn MonroeWednesday 3 April, 2.00pm



Tenori: TimelessTuesday 3 September, 2.00pm



Caruso to Carreras Tuesday 14 May, 2.00pm



Jade Hurley Wednesday 13 November, 2.00pm



Livvy and Pete: The Songs of Olivia Newton-John & Peter Allen Tuesday 4 June, 2.00pm



Our Christmas Favourites Thursday 5 December, 2.00pm



RIVERLINKS FAMILY AND EDUCATION

Riverlinks is committed to providing a program that will inspire and excite young people, leaving them with a unique experience that resonates long after the show is over.





Picasso and his Dog Saturday 13 April



Cushion Concerts Wednesday 6 March, Thursday 9 May, Wednesday 4 September, Thursday 14 November







10.30am & 1.00pm



IN YOUR TOWN

Nicholas Clark Management presents

THE GIZMO

Adapted from the book by Paul Jennings

Venue: Murchison Community Centre

Date: Thursday 24 January | Time: 10.30am

Venue: Victory Hall Tatura

Date: Friday 25 January | **Time:** 10.30am

Duration: 50 minutes (no interval)

Tickets: \$16.00 / Riverlinks Members \$14.00

Ages: 6 - 12 and their families

SHEPPARTON BRASS BAND

Venue: Tallygaroopna Memorial Hall **Date:** Sunday 24 March | **Time:** 2.30pm

Venue: Murchison Community Centre **Date:** Sunday 14 April | **Time:** 2.30pm

Duration: 105 minutes (including interval)

Tickets: No bookings required. Gold coin donation

HIT Productions presents

MY BRILLIANT DIVORCE

Venue: Murchison Community Centre **Date:** Wednesday 16 October | **Time:** 7.30pm

Venue: Victory Hall Tatura

Date: Thursday 17 October | Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Dookie Memorial Hall

Date: Friday 18 October | **Time:** 7.30pm

Duration: 80 minutes (no interval)

Tickets: Pre book \$20.00 / At the door \$25.00

RIVERLINKS COMMUNITY



Riverlinks is proud to support many local arts and music groups to encourage participation in the performing arts community. Whether it is watching our region's talent on stage, working behind the scenes to help deliver an event, or taking part in one of the many community events, there is a vast array of opportunities to be part of the Riverlinks Community.

Want to learn more?

Visit www.riverlinksvenues.com.au/get-involved.

COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

Greater Shepparton City Council is pleased to offer funding for projects which build or strengthen Greater Shepparton communities through its Community Arts Grant. Grants of between \$500 and \$2500 are available for projects.

Providing funding to community groups for these festivals and events gives Council the opportunity to enhance the community spirit and encourage participation across all sectors of the community.

These grants aim to support and engage the community by embracing cultural harmony and diversity. There are two rounds available each financial year.

For more information on this program please contact Council's Community Arts Grants Coordinator on

03 5832 9526 or visit www.greatershepparton.com.au/community/grants-and-funding/community-arts-grants





RIVERLINKS WESTSIDE

70 Welsford Street, Shepparton

Riverlinks Eastbank comprises Eastbank Auditorium, recital spaces, function rooms and Eastbank Cafe.

RIVERLINKS EASTBANK

Parking: The best off-street parking is on the Goulburn River side of Eastbank, accessed from Marungi Street. The river side or Marungi Street door is open for all performances and delivers patrons directly to the Riverlinks Box Office.

Corner Homewood Drive & Echuca Road, Mooroopna

Riverlinks WestSide is owned by Mooroopna Secondary College and managed by Riverlinks for Greater Shepparton City Council.

Parking: The best parking can be found off Homewood Drive, to the rear of WestSide. There is also easy street parking on Echuca Road opposite the theatre.



MEMBERSHIP

Live entertainment, socialising and discounts. Riverlinks has something for everyone and we have just the ticket for you.

Riverlinks Members enjoy exclusive discounts on ticket prices.

How does it work?

A silver membership focuses on ticket discounts for individuals, while the gold membership offers additional saving benefits for couples, families and groups.

Benefits include:

- Discounted tickets
- Priority booking period members will have exclusive access to purchase tickets directly after the 2019 Season Launch on Monday 26 November to Monday 3 December.
- Extended hold period for tickets
- Exclusive members-only promotions
- Your own membership card

Your investment

Silver Membership: Full \$25 / Concession \$20

Gold Membership: Full \$55 / Concession\$ 45

F00D @ **EASTBANK**

Eastbank Café is open an hour before performances at Riverlinks Eastbank. Book your pre show meal through the Riverlinks website and follow links to Your Visit / Eastbank Café.





HOW TO BOOK

Online

You can book online at any time, night or day, for any Riverlinks shows. Go to

riverlinksvenues.com.au for show details and follow the link to purchase tickets.

You are able to select your preferred seats at the time of booking and tickets can be posted to you for a small fee. You can also print your own tickets from home for shows with allocated seating.

In Person

Come in and see the friendly staff between 10am and 5pm Monday to Friday. The Riverlinks Box Office is located at Riverlinks Eastbank. 70 Welsford Street Shepparton.

The Box Office is also open at the venues 45 minutes prior to show times.

By Phone

Call 03 5832 9511 during opening hours.

Credit Card payments can be made by phone.

By Mail

Post to Riverlinks, Locked Bag 1000, Shepparton, Victoria 3632.

Please make cheque payable to 'Riverlinks - Greater Shepparton City Council.'

Payment

All tickets must be paid for at the time of booking.

Riverlinks Members may hold tickets on reserve for up to a week.

GST

All ticket prices include GST and ticket fees unless otherwise stated.

Refund Policy

Refunds are available up to 24 hours prior to the performance. An administration fee of \$4.90 will be charged per ticket.

Access All Abilities

Riverlinks aims to cater for all and supports the Companion and Carer Card programs.

Wheelchair access is available at both venues (Row A only).

A hearing-aid induction



OUR SUPPORTERS

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PECAN SUMMER









Circa acknowledges the assistance of the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. CIRCA'S PEEPSHOW







BACH CONCERTOS









THE SAPPHIRES







LE CORSAIRE











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KENNY BROBERG

















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CONNECT WITH US

Ever wished you could make your theatre experience last beyond the live show, or go behind the scenes of our productions before the curtain rises?

Here's how you can:

eLink

Our fortnightly email newsletter is the best way to stay up to date with everything that's happening at Riverlinks.

By signing up you'll also ensure you're the first to know about any special offers, performances and events.

Subscribe at www.riverlinksvenues.com.au.

Social Media

Receive frequent updates about our shows and behind the scenes photos and videos by connecting with us on social media. While you're there, you can also share your thoughts on the shows you've seen and join other theatre-goers in the conversation.

Share via #riverlinks

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voutube.com/riverlinksvenues

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Volunteer

Each year, Riverlinks presents or hosts over 150 shows, and every show needs ushers

Ushers not only get to experience live theatre and be a part of the Riverlinks family, they also receive valuable training and earn rewards such as tickets to attend shows with friends.

Interested in learning more? Speak to our Riverlinks Box Office staff.

Call **03 5832 9867 or** email operations@riverlinksvenues.com.au



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