



RIVERLINKS

LIVE SHOWS IN GREATER SHEPPARTON
SEASON 2021
FEBRUARY - MAY

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The Riverlinks Season is proudly presented by Greater Shepparton City Council, with support from Creative Victoria's Regional Partnerships program.

MANAGERS WELCOME

I don't have to tell you how strange a year we had in 2020! It is a difficult time for many people and will be for a while yet. All the wonderful shows we had lined up for you never happened. It was the year that never was as far as arts and entertainment was concerned. Some of those shows were cancelled but many were postponed - so here they are in 2021. This means the artists eventually get to perform, they eventually earn income and you eventually get to see the show. There are new works in the program as well and over the next few months, I hope you will venture back into our venues, let your spirits be uplifted and enjoy some of these fantastic touring productions.

Yours sincerely

Ken Cameron

Manager Riverlinks Venues.



HOW TO BE COVID SAFE IN THE VENUE

We are delighted to welcome you back to Eastbank and Westside. We've been working on the safest way to invite patrons back into the venue. Please take the time to read the article below to stay informed on what is expected in our venues.

Please follow the government advice:

- Wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- Keep a physical distance of 1.5m from others (where this is not possible you will be required to wear your mask)
- Download the COVID safe app and keep it running in the venue

During this time, as we return to performances, there may be fewer patrons in the audience, with allocated seating. We do require patrons to sit in the seats they've been assigned.

Please make sure you arrive at the theatre with ample time to find your seats. Our auditorium may open earlier for performances to make sure you have time to make your way through the building safely. Both entry and exit from the auditorium may be staggered to reduce congestion at entrances. Our Box Office will contact you with details if this is the case.

We have placed hand sanitiser stations throughout the venue and encourage patrons to use them regularly. Our team is also cleaning the venue before, during and after events and performances.

Contact details will be taken at the time of booking. When entering the venue, you will be required to scan and fill out the QR code through the Services Victoria app (available for all smartphones).

If you are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms or have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, you should stay home and get tested. You will be eligible for a refund up until the start time of the performance.

We thank you very much for taking the time to familiarise yourself with how best to make your theatre experience safe.

The Riverlinks team.



AFTERNOON DELIGHTS

Experience the relaxing vibe of our iconic season of **afternoon** musical entertainment. A lovely way to catch up with friends on a regular basis!

Afternoon Delight Tickets:

Full \$25.50 / Riverlinks Member \$20.50 / Groups (6+) \$20.50 each

Due to COVID restrictions we are substituting the usual Devonshire Tea with a takeaway afternoon tea pack available for collection after the performance. The pack contains a piece of cake or slice, along with a tea bag and coffee satchel to take home and enjoy.

Disclaimer: at the time of going to print, all afternoon delights are takeaway. If we are able to go back to seated service for Afternoon Tea, ticket prices will increase by \$1, and you will be advised at the time of booking your tickets.

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING: THE SONGS OF RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN

Paying tribute to their timeless music

Eastbank

Thursday 11 March, 2.00pm

Duration: 70-80 minutes

In an intimate setting amongst the stars, you're invited on a whimsical journey through the songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Be captivated by the music from *Carousel*, *The King and I*, *South Pacific* and *The Sound of Music* to name a few.



CELEBRATING COUNTRY

An afternoon with award winning country music star Courtney Conway

Eastbank

Wednesday 14 April, 2.00pm

Duration: 80 minutes

Courtney Conway tells the stories of the greatest country music artists of all time through song. Sing along to *Take Me Home Country Roads*, *Crazy*, *I Fall to Pieces*, *Ring of Fire* and some of Courtney's originals from her award-winning album.



DIONNE WARWICK AND THE SONGS OF BACHARACH

One great artist, two great songwriters and pop music's finest decade

Eastbank

Wednesday 12 May, 2.00pm

Duration: 70-80 minutes

Alinta Chidzey, one of Australia's most versatile leading ladies, performs a finger-clicking, toe-tapping tribute to Dionne Warwick, queen of 60s pop. Alongside hit makers Burt Bacharach and Hal David, they produced some of her most well-known songs, including, *Walk on By*, *I Say a Little Prayer* and *Do you Know the Way to San Jose?*





Riverlinks and Regional Arts Victoria present

ARCHIE ROACH: TELL ME WHY

NOT MANY HAVE LIVED AS MANY LIVES – FROM STOLEN CHILD, TEENAGE ALCOHOLIC, SEEKER, LOVER, FATHER, MUSICAL AND LYRICAL GENIUS, TO SOCIAL ADVOCATE AND FIRST NATION LEADER – BUT IT TOOK ALMOST A LIFETIME TO FIND WHO HE REALLY WAS.

Archie's new memoir *Tell Me Why* (Simon and Schuster) is an intimate, moving and often confronting account of his resilience and strength of spirit, and also of a great love story. It's an extraordinary odyssey of love and heartbreak, family and community, survival and renewal – and the healing power of music.

The companion album *Tell Me Why* (Bloodlines), considered Roach's 18 song Magnum Opus, re-imagines eleven songs which have defined his extraordinary career, together with two songs, previously written but never recorded, two songs of early-influence and three brand new recordings.

Roach voices the joy, pain and hope he found on his path through these songs to become the legendary singer-songwriter and storyteller that he is today – beloved and respected by fans worldwide.

Westside

Tuesday 16 March, 7.30pm

Duration:

80 minutes (no interval)

Tickets:

Full \$44.00 / Concession \$39.00

Riverlinks Members: Full \$38.00 /

Concession \$33.00

Under 18 \$30.00

Group (6+): \$37.00

Photo: Adrian Cook



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DANZA

From Transit Dance Company
and the Transit Regional Creative
Project

PAUL MALEK'S DANZA IS A
STORY OF LIFE AND A TRIBUTE
TO THE WORLD OF DANCE,
WITH THE FLAVOURS OF SPAIN,
RELATIONSHIPS, CONNECTION
AND LOVE.

It will include local, young enthusiasts of dance
who participated in the Transit Dance Creative
Project (workshop), a four day program focusing on
contemporary dance and choreography.

It will be a wonderful evening of dance and talent.

Westside

Thursday 15 April, 7.30pm

Duration:

60 minutes (including interval)

Tickets:

All tickets \$15.00

Riverlinks and Melbourne Symphony Orchestra present

AN EVENING WITH THE MSO: SHEPPARTON

THE MSO RETURNS TO SHEPPARTON WITH A SPECTACULAR PROGRAM OF CLASSICAL MASTERPIECES. THIS SPECIAL EVENING WILL FEATURE VIVALDI'S ADRENALINE-CHARGED VIRTUOSITY, *THE FOUR SEASONS*.

Mendelssohn's famous overture to *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will delight with its shimmering orchestral texture. And don't miss Stanhope's outstanding work *Spin Dance*, with Prokofiev's *Classical* Symphony providing a spirited conclusion.

Join the MSO and settle in for a memorable night of stunning music, featuring Melbourne's finest musicians.

To enhance your concert experience, Conductor Nicholas Bochner will introduce the program prior to the performance.

Program

Mendelssohn *A Midsummer Night's Dream*: Overture (13')

Vivaldi *Four Seasons* (37')

Paul Stanhope *Spin Dance* (3')

Prokofiev *Classical* Symphony (14')

Eastbank

Wednesday 28 April, 7.30pm

Duration:

80 minutes (no interval)

Tickets:

Full \$51.00 / Concession \$46.00

Riverlinks Members: Full \$45.00 /

Concession \$42.00

Under 18 \$32.00

Group (6+): \$44.00

**Melbourne
Symphony
Orchestra**

Riverlinks presents

ANYA ANASTASIA CABARET STAR FOR HIRE

ANYA ANASTASIA SHOWCASES HER BIZARRE AND RIOTOUS CV AS SHE PUBLICLY SEEKS NEW EMPLOYMENT IN THE GRIPS OF A GLOBAL PANDEMIC.

This side-splittingly funny tale of one woman's failures lays bare the razzle-dazzle insta-glam lies of showbiz. In this brand new one woman show, Anya admits to everything she's messed up or covered up in pursuit of her dreams.

From the sublime to the ridiculous and everything in between with very relatable tales from a ruthlessly honest showgirl seeking her new life's purpose.

Do you need a cabaret star in your workplace?

Support Act, Tienielle McKenzie performing from 7.15pm.

Ticket price includes a one course meal, served at 6.45pm.

Eastbank

Saturday 8 May, 7.15pm

Duration:

115 minutes (no interval)

Tickets:

Full \$47.00 / Concession \$43.00

Riverlinks Members: Full \$42.00 / Concession \$38.00

Group (6+): \$41.00

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Riverlinks presents

MISSION SONGS PROJECT

By Jessie Lloyd

Produced by Performing Lines

SEARCHING FOR THE SECULAR SONGS THAT WERE SUNG AFTER CHURCH, JESSIE LLOYD EXPLORES THE DAY TO DAY LIFE ON THE MISSIONS, SETTLEMENTS AND RESERVES THROUGH MUSIC.

Presented as an acoustic trio, Jessie Lloyd takes audiences on a musical journey across Australia. She engages through intimate storytelling, moving harmonies and historical insights. Using humour and truth, Jessie shares the voices of elders as they would around a warm campfire or kitchen table.

From cultural identity to love and loss, these rare songs are performed by an extraordinary trio of Indigenous musicians and consist of almost forgotten stories that illuminate the history of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders, families and communities.

Audience warning: Suitable for ages 12+.

Westside

Thursday 27 May, 7.30pm

Duration:

60 minutes (no interval)

Tickets:

Full \$39.00 / Concession \$34.00

Riverlinks Members: Full \$33.00 /

Concession \$28.00

Under 18 \$28.00

Group (6+): \$32.00

Riverlinks presents

MARCH CUSHION CONCERT

Cushion Concerts are a relaxed and inexpensive introduction to music and performance for all ages.

Best of all they are an avenue for some of the region's talent to perform without the pressure of being on the 'big stage'.

Our Cushion Concerts are held in the Function Rooms at Eastbank amongst beautifully plush rugs for children to sit or lie on. The flat-floor set up is perfect for access with prams, making it ideal for mums groups, grandparents, families, preschools and anyone who likes to support locally grown talent.

Tricia and Jac, better known as Monkey and Bagwitch are performing in the March Cushion Concert. Together they bring years of musical experience and tunes that will have you dancing in your seat.

Eastbank

Thursday 4 March, 10.30am

Duration: 30 minutes (no interval)

Tickets: \$6.00 per child with an accompanying adult free, additional adults \$6.00 each.

Children under 6 months free if accompanying a sibling.

Ages: Newborn - 5 and their families (suitable for all ages)



Riverlinks and Regional Arts Victoria present

SPLASH TEST DUMMIES

The Dummies are here with some splish-splashing circus set to drown you in tears of laughter.

Splash Test Dummies are ready to roll out their beach towels and spring into a brand new hour of circus-filled hilarity for the whole family. See a brilliant array of catch-your-breath stunt work, acrobatics, juggling and the side-spitting comedy for which the dummies are famous!

The Dummies have been delighting audiences young and old with a nuanced blend of circus, comedy and imaginative play. Join the Dummies and come diving from bathtubs to beaches in this new aquatic adventure.

Eastbank

Tuesday 13 April, 10.00am

Duration: 60 minutes (no interval)

Tickets: Full \$15.00 / Riverlinks Members \$12.00

Ages: 5 - 12 and their families

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Riverlinks and CDP Kids present

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

Created by Jonathan Rockefeller
Based on Eric Carle's Books

One of the most-read and famous children's books of all time, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* emerges off the pages in a masterful theatrical experience.

Created by Jonathan Rockefeller, the production features over 75 magical puppets, including the star of the show, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*!

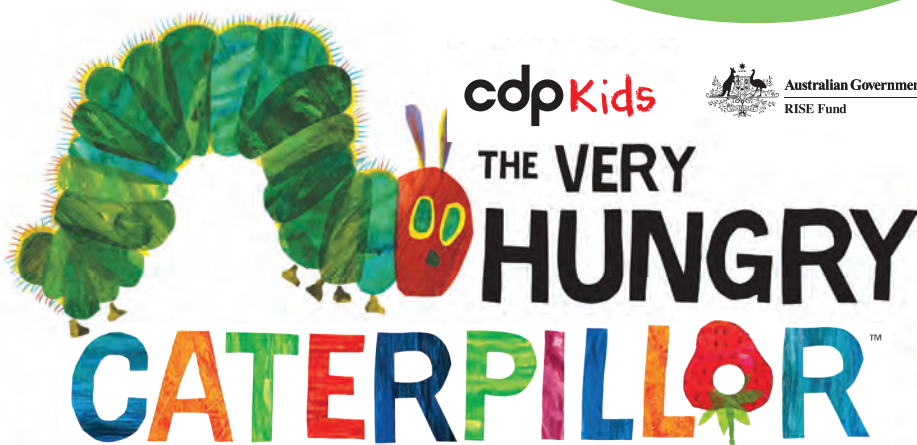
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Friday 23 April, 10.30am

Duration: 55 minutes (no interval)

Tickets: \$9.50

Ages: 18 months+ and their families



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David Walliams THE MIDNIGHT GANG

A play by Maryam Master
based on the bestselling book.

LIVE
on Stage!



Riverlinks presents a CDP Kids production

THE MIDNIGHT GANG

A play by Maryam Master
Based on the bestselling novel by David Walliams

Twelve year old Tom unexpectedly finds himself lonely and lost in St Crook's Hospital and at the mercy of evil Matron. Tom feels like he'll never leave, but his fellow young patients have other ideas...

Join the *Midnight Gang* as Tom and his new friends go on a series of amazing adventures as David Walliams' bestseller comes to life on stage in a celebration of friendship, love and the power of the imagination.

Eastbank

Thursday 6 May, 10.30am

Duration: 60 minutes (no interval)

Tickets: \$9.50

Ages: 6+ years and their families

The Midnight Gang by David Walliams,
published by HarperCollins Publishers
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COMING SOON TO RIVERLINKS...

The Harbour Agency presents

DAMIEN LEITH - A TRIBUTE TO ROY ORBISON

Westside

Friday 9 April, 7.30pm

All \$60.00

Last year marked the Golden Anniversary of legendary Roy Orbison and Joe Melson's classic hit, Only the Lonely and to celebrate, Damien Leith will perform a strictly limited run of dates of his show Roy - A Tribute to Roy Orbison with Strings. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of Australia's finest voices pay tribute to one of the worlds most celebrated voices, Roy Orbison, Mercy!



The Music Group presents

BJORN AGAIN - MAMMA MIA! WE ARE BACK AGAIN TOUR 2021

Eastbank

Saturday 29 May, 8.00pm

Full \$69.00 / Concession \$59.00 / Riverlinks Member \$55.00 /
Group (8+) \$59.00 / Under 12 \$59.00

Dust off those flares, platform shoes and satins and get ready to sing, dance and have the time of your life on Bjorn Again's *Mamma Mia! We Are Back Again!* Tour. Having performed over 7,000 shows in 120 countries world-wide, join Bjorn Again, the most successful ABBA tribute show for one night only!



Riverlinks presents

ANPA PLAYING FOR PLEASURE

Eastbank

Sunday 30 May, 2.00pm

Gold coin donation (bookings required through the Box Office)

Enjoy wonderful music on the magnificent Steinway piano. Each year, on a Sunday afternoon, local music enthusiasts come together to perform on the Eastbank stage. Playing for Pleasure gives local pianists the opportunity to play great classical works on the big stage.



FUNCTIONS AT EASTBANK

Riverlinks Eastbank is a spacious, flexible "one-stop" venue for your next social function with plenty of space to build physical distancing into your event.

We pride ourselves on providing a range of high quality, flexible spaces and resources. Our venues are serviced by professional, friendly staff who are here to ensure your event runs smoothly.

If this sounds like your next event, reach out to us today on
03 5832 9865 or **bookings@riverlinksvenues.com.au**

CONTACT US

Riverlinks Box Office: 03 5832 9511

Web (book online): riverlinksvenues.com.au

Email: boxoffice@riverlinksvenues.com.au

Assistance for hearing or speech impaired:

National Relay Service, 133 677 (Quote 03 5832 9511)

HOW TO BOOK

Online

You can book online at any time, day or night, for any Riverlinks shows. Visit 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 for selected shows, you can print your tickets at home. Alternatively tickets can be posted to you for a small fee.

In Person

We're working to make the Box Office more accessible and look forward to welcoming you to the new Box Office soon. In the meantime you can find us in the Eastbank building. Signage will be displayed. Come in and see the friendly staff between 10am and 5pm Monday to Friday. 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 Box Office, Locked Bag 1000, Shepparton Victoria 3632. Please make cheques 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. Groups may hold reservations for up to two weeks. Group tickets should be paid for in one transaction.

Refunds

Refunds are available up to 24 hours prior to the performance. An administration fee of \$4.90 will be charged per ticket. If you are presenting COVID symptoms, please get tested. Patrons in this situation will be eligible for a refund up until the start time of the performance.

GST

All ticket prices include GST and ticket fees where applicable.

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VENUE INFORMATION

Riverlinks Eastbank comprises the Eastbank Auditorium, Recital spaces and Cafe.

Location: 70 Welsford Street, Shepparton.

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.



Riverlinks Westside is owned by the Department of Education and Training and managed by Greater Shepparton City Council

Location: Echuca Road, Mooroopna.

Parking: Best parking can be found off Homewood Drive, to the rear of Westside (from Mooropna, turn left into Homewood Drive before you pass Westside or turn right, after Westside, if coming from Echuca direction). There is also easy street parking on Echuca Road opposite the theatre.



The Australian Government is proud to be associated with tours presented in this season through the national performing arts touring program, Playing Australia, which gives Australians across the country the opportunity to see some of our best performing arts. Tours assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body are indicated with this logo:



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