7 - 13 NOVEMBER 2019

CARNIVAL DAY  BUSH DANCE  ART SHOW
QUEER HISTORY TOUR  GRANNY BINGO
WANDERING CIRCUS  GARDEN TOUR
GALLERY TOUR  TRIVIA NIGHT  CABARET
+ MUCH MORE!

ALL WELCOME

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COME OUT AND CELEBRATE
YOUR PRIDE WITH US

Welcome to our exciting 2019 Ballarat Frolic Festival Program!
We have a huge range of events for our third festival – more than double the events of last year!
We pride our festival on being intimate, friendly and accessible, and we have an exciting array of events catering to the whole community – from the very young to the very young at heart.
We kick-start the Festival with our Launch and Art Show Opening on November the 7th featuring special guests, including Gender and Sexuality Commissioner Ro Allen (pg 3).
We’re warning you now: many of our events will sell out. Especially our intimate and boutique events and workshops. So make sure you get your tickets before you miss out. Just jump onto our website - www.frolicfestival.org - and book now!
We can’t go without saying a very special thank you to all of the volunteers and sponsors this year; without the support of so many of you, our festival wouldn’t exist. We love you all!
So, book your tickets now and come Frolic with us in November
Love,
Your BFF committee

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**ABOUT US**

We are an annual, not for profit, volunteer-run festival promoting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and asexual (LGBTIQA+) regional arts and culture.

We envisage an inclusive Ballarat and surrounds where LGBTIQA+ people feel safe, connected, and proud; the broader community is welcoming; and our contributions to art, culture, and the community are celebrated.

**SPECIAL WARMUP EVENT**

**MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

**NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA - FROLIC EDITION**

7:45pm to 9:15pm | $8 Cash only.

*Victorian Railways Institute Hall, Corner Lydiard St N & Nolan St*

Warm up before Frolic Festival at a special edition of No Lights, No Lycra (NLNL). There are no steps to learn, just come and be yourself. Wear something rainbow! Note: doors close at 8pm sharp!

**THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER**

**FESTIVAL LAUNCH & ART SHOW OPENING**

6:30pm to 8pm | Free

*The George Hotel Atrium, 27 Lydiard St N*

Join us as we launch the 2019 Frolic Festival + Art Show surrounded by amazing local art in the Atrium at The George Hotel. There'll be a Welcome to Country, speeches from special guests, and even a few performances to give you a taste of what’s to come. Nibbles provided. Drinks at bar prices. Our Art Show will remain on display until 5pm November 13.
The Wandering Circus
8:00pm until late | $20 presale, $25 on the door

The Lounge at The George, 27 Lydiard St N

Roll up, roll up, the Wandering Circus is coming to Ballarat for Frolic as part of their international tour! The Wandering Circus is an eclectic group of national and international performers. This impressive event is not to be missed. Doors open from 8pm. Show starts at 8:30pm.

Friday 8th November

Fairies in the Garden
11am to 1pm | $10 grown ups, kids free, bookings essential.

Ballarat Community Garden, Corner Queen St & Dates Pde, Ballarat East

The Ballarat Community Garden is a place to connect, grow and learn. Join us for a tour of the gardens and a garden workshop, before we indulge in some wood fired pizzas for lunch. There are limited spots so get in quick.

Note: This will be a sensory-friendly event with no loud music or flashing lights.

Hooking up with Dame Maxene
2pm to 4pm | $5

The Lost Ones Basement Bar, 14 Camp St

Hooking? Picking up? Don’t be knotty! The Divine Maxene will have you in stitches as she teaches a crochet class at the Lost Ones Basement Bar. All crafting materials supplied. Book ahead so you don’t miss out on a pack. Only limited numbers available.

Note: This will be a sensory-friendly event with no loud music or flashing lights but is not easily wheelchair accessible.
LET’S TALK ABOUT QUEER SEX
4pm to 6pm | $15 full price, $5 concession.

The Printers Room, 60 Lydiard St N (Entrance via Mair St)
Going beyond the basics, we’ll explore the topics of queer sex; gender, disability & other factors that influence our sex lives; and learn how to stay safe. A panel of sex educators will talk about the highs & lows of queer sex education, followed by an anonymous Q&A, where you can finally ask any nagging questions. This event will feature mature themes & may not be suitable for younger attendees without an accompanying adult.

QUEER GALLERY TOUR
5:30pm to 7pm | $28, $22 for AGB members

Art Gallery of Ballarat, 40 Lydiard St N
Join Lance de Boyle, host of LaNCE TV for an irreverent tour, throwing open the Gallery closet to take a new look at old art, a fun look at serious art and a revealing look at hidden messages. Guest appearance from Gabriella Labucci. Price includes drinks and light refreshments.

2019 FROLIC BUSH DANCE
8pm to late | $30 full price, $25 concession

Ballarat Trades Hall, 24 Camp St
Swing open those barn doors & chuck on some flannel - the Frolic Bush Dance is back! Always a thigh slapping time, come learn some country dance moves and take to the dancefloor with The Northcote String Band. There’ll be rollicking bluegrass and country music, cowgirl drag queens, and a bar stocked with your favourite drinks. You’ll be rolling in the hay in no time!
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Saturday 9th November

Rainbow Story Time
10.30am to 12pm | Free - bookings essential
Ballarat Library, 148 Doveton St N

Join queer cabaret artist Sarah Ward, best known as her cabaret character Yana Alana, as she reads you her favourite children’s stories and sing’s songs celebrating diversity and difference. You’ll dance, sing, listen and you can even join in. In the end we’ll write our own rainbow song together.

This event is a partnership between the Ballarat Frolic Festival, Ballarat Libraries and Cafs.

Frolic Carnival Day
12pm to 4pm | Free
Alfred Deakin Place on Camp St

We have trawled the region to bring you an extravaganza of local delicacies including live music, cabaret, circus, kids entertainment and activities, stalls, food trucks, Mexican BBQ and local boutique beer. Oh, and we have a couple of special guests from the big smoke! Bringing the community together, this is an event for everyone - and not to be missed by anyone!

This event is proudly supported by Bank Australia.

Granny Bingo 4pm to 6:30pm.
Bingo starts at 4:30pm sharp.

$20 full, $15 conc session
Ballarat Trades Hall, 24 Camp St

Fresh from Melbourne, Edith Vale and Maureen McGillycuddy are here to play with their balls. These stalled warts of the international bingo circuit are so far right wing; anti-equality, and anti-feminist, that even their family stopped visiting a long time ago. Don’t miss these Melbourne Comedy Festival Award winners.
Queeraoke & Disco! Hosted by Nellie Minelli

8pm until late | $15 full price, $10 concession

Printers Room, 60 Lydiard St N (Entrance via Mair St)

Is there an Australian Idol within you? Do you have The Voice? Or do you just want to feel a little Glee? Host Nellie Minelli will give you the introduction you deserve as you take the microphone. If you’re not the singing type, don’t stress - from 10pm DJ Mia be playing tunes and we’ll dance the night away!

Sunday 10th November

Koling Wada-ngal Wadawurrung Djia: Let’s Walk Wadawurrung Country Together

10am to 12pm | $5

Meet cnr of Oliver and Esmond St, Black Hill

Yarn up and Walk Country with traditional owner Tammy Gilson along the Yarrowee. Tammy will share stories connecting to place and give you an understanding of our living waters and how her ancestors managed Country with fire.

Note: This will be a sensory-friendly event with no loud music or flashing lights but not wheelchair accessible.

Queer Goldfields History Tour

12:30pm to 2pm | $5

Queen Victoria Statue, 225 Sturt St outside Town Hall

Let Thomas, co-host of the popular podcast Tales from Rat City, give you a glimpse of what life would have been like for LGBTIQ+ residents of the Goldfields area in days gone by. Wander some of Ballarat’s best known streets and discover some new insights to our wonderful historical town.

Note: This will be a sensory-friendly event with no loud music or flashing lights and wheelchair accessible (though often hilly).

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**AFTERNOON JAZZ AND WINE TASTING**

2pm to 5pm | $30 full price, $25 concession

Uptown Bar, 28 Lydiard St N

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of jazz and wine tasting. Talented locals Sarah Hirst (vocals) and Michael Brown (guitar) will be performing a collection of songs by LGBTIQA+ singers and songwriters. Accomplished pianist, Akasha will be tickling the ivories in between. A selection of wines are available for tasting.

**LET’S GET QUIZZICAL**

7pm to 9:30pm | $15 full price, $10 concession

The Printers Room, 60 Lydiard St N (Entrance via Mair St)

Trivia host Marlon will test your LGBTIQA+ knowledge and your vocal chords at our super popular trivia night. The night starts with general trivia questions and ends in a singing battle round. Can your table out sing others for points? Enthusiasm is more important than singing ability! Book for tables of 8 to 10 or book an individual ticket and form a table with new friends on the night.

**UPTOWN GIRL**

8pm until late | $20 full price, $15 concession.

Uptown Bar, 28 Lydiard St N

Uptown Girl is a night of Drag, Disco and you Darling. Direct from Broken Heel we present Philmah Bocks, Maude Boate and Jojo Zaho. This trio will delight and entertain you with their cheeky wit and show stopping production. The night of nights is coming to Ballarat with special thanks to Uptown and Philmah’s Werqshop.
Monday 11th November

Frollic Cabaret
7pm until late | $20 full price, $15 concession
The Printers Room, 60 Lydiard St N (Entrance via Mair St)
It’s back again! Anything is possible at Frollic Cabaret – burlesque, singing, drag, fringe acts. Come enjoy the pure raw talent of local artists in a cozy, supportive environment. Frollic Cabaret sold out during Ballarat Winter Festival, so make sure you get your tickets beforehand. Hosted by the one and only Nellie Minelli.

Tuesday 12th November

‘I Am What I Am!’ – A Tribute Show To Shirley Bassey
7:30pm to 9:30pm | $20 full price, $15 concession
The Printers Room, 60 Lydiard St N (Entrance via Mair St)
The amazingly talented Maureen Andrew is bringing the life, story and songs of Shirley Bassey to life in this one woman show. An experienced performer, Maureen brings a depth to her characterisations that you need to experience.

Wednesday 13th November

Queer Beers in The Laneway
6pm until 9pm | Free
The Laneway, The George Hotel, 27 Lydiard St N
Come relax after a hectic week over casual drink or two in The Laneway at the George. No performers, no acts, just people meeting and chatting about our week at Frollic or anything else!