



Nati Frinj
Biennale Festival
1,2,3 Nov 2013

PROGRAMME

Nati Frinj 2013

Natimuk is a small town in a big space. Deep in the wheat belt of western Victoria, Natimuk is home to an eclectic mix of farmers, retirees, rock climbers and artists. The Main Street is a place to walk the dog, gather tumbleweed and meet for a chat on the Post Office steps. However, every two years, the township becomes the Nati Frinj! From 'silo shows' to Silent Disco Walking Tours, from juggling workshops to bring a plate breakfasts, the Nati Frinj is a chance to celebrate and express the creative energy of Natimuk and our invited artists.

This year we are excited to launch the MiNDC (Made in Nati Dance Card). A chance for the work of the Nati Frinj to go beyond the fringes of the wheat fields to the world beyond-look out! We have workshops aplenty, music to listen to, music to dance to and performances for just about everyone. It's hard to say but this could be the best festival yet! (at least since 2011 anyway.)

This festival would not at all be possible without the incredible support and skills of ACT President Martin Bride, Lynne Quick, Hannah French, Mary French, Dave Jones, Jillian Pearce, Sarah Natali, Carolynne Hamdorf, Kerry Nuzum, Caela Raven, Rebecca Prizl, Melissa Morris, Callum Dougall, Liz Both, Kim Mofardin, Greg Pritchard, Ellen Panozzo and so many more folk on the ground and in the air.

We would also like to remember artists and friends who contributed so much to the culture, creativity and community of Natimuk. We wish you were here, Simon Barley and Erik Pootjes.

Kate Finnerty
2013 Festival Director

For the love of it...

We aim to provide mainly free entertainment thanks to the wonderful support of our sponsors such as VicHealth, Arts Victoria, Festivals Australia - Australia Council, Regional Arts Victoria, Horsham Rural City Council, Tourism Victoria and our delightful supporters Tom Weston and the Natimuk Hotel.

The festival is also made possible through the generosity of many artists who appear on the programme and contribute for the love of the Nati Frinj. However if you do find a hat or some sort of collecting device at an event, don't be shy, these guys do this for a living and they are used to folk filling it with appreciation so feel free to do just that. Thank you!

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Ticket Sales

Major performances might charge an entry fee, mentioned in the blurb if this is the case. This fee helps to cover some of the artist's costs such as transport, lights and PA hire. We thank you for your support.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for the Soldiers Memorial Hall Events and at the door of the Bowls Club for the Final Frinj Fling. Transplant and Silent Disco Walking Tour tickets must be booked at the Festival HUB. Confused?

Call in to the Frinj HUB and talk to one of our lovely volunteers if you have any questions.

All workshops must be pre-booked at the Frinj HUB or at NC2 in Natimuk from Wed 30 October. Please note there will be no door sales for the workshops.

Frinj Hub

9:30am - 5pm SAT and SUN

Outta-towners and locals alike should head down to the Soldiers Memorial Hall and Frinj HUB for a number of fantastic performances but also programme updates and additions, maps, Frinj T-Shirts, local and regional information as well as lost clothing and children.

Limited Edition LOW IMPACT 2013 Frinj T-Shirts and Bags
Organic and 90% Carbon Neutral T-shirts and bags with 100% citrus
and soy based screen recycling process. Yay!
Get your 2013 Frinj Freads from the Frinj HUB.

How to get here

Natimuk is located 324 kms north-west of Melbourne on the Wimmera Highway. If you are coming on public transport the Vline bus/train travels daily from Melbourne's Spencer St Station and arrives in Horsham.

From Horsham to Natimuk you can.....make your own way.

Fuel up before you arrive because there is no petrol in Natimuk.

Accommodation

There is good camping at Mt Arapiles 8kms west of town and world-class rock climbing! Camping is also available 3kms out of town at the Natimuk Lake Caravan Park 0407 800 753. Bring a bike and torch for getting in and out!

There is hotel accommodation in Horsham (26kms east), Edenhope (60kms west), Nhill (70kms north) and in the Wartook Valley in the Grampians (about an hour southeast). Information on these can be accessed here

www.visithorsham.com.au

Horsham Visitor Information Centre 1800 633 218

or just google one of the above towns, good luck! If you get really desperate email us as we may be able to help with some options to camp in a vacant block or an empty field, no promises though.

Food

Food! Yum, the back-bone of any good festival. While there will be a variety of eating establishments we still suggest you come somewhat prepared with some snacks and easy meals. Horsham (26kms east) has large supermarkets.

Nati Cafe

Hours to be advised

Relive the days of the Natimuk Cafe, ah how we miss you.

National Hotel

Fri, Sat and Sun

Bistro Open 12pm-2pm and 6pm-9pm Sun 8pm

Pig on the Spit on Saturday at 6pm. Bar open 11am till late. ATM facilities

Natimuk Mexican Cantina

Sat Midday - late

Delicious tacos, churros (Mexican donuts), beer, wine, cocktails, tequila, sangrita, juices

Nati Arapiles Shop

7:45am - 7:30pm

Milk Bar, small general store, fish and chips, hamburgers and pizza's

Final Frinj Fling

Sun 6pm. Bar and live music till late

Dadswell's Bridge Indian Restaurant "Namaste" comes to the Nati Frinj

Friday Frinj Food Market

Fri from 6pm

Sweet and Savoury Pancakes, sausage sizzle, cakes and slices, veg options

The Emporium

Sat and Sun Open most of the time

Find fabulous sweet and savoury tarts and the like at The Emporium, and there'll be food there too. Great pots of chai and other tea delights and a bar too!

Natimuk Farmers' Market Plus

Sun 10am-1:30pm

Sausage sizzle, sweet and savoury pancakes with both gluten free and vegan options. tea & coffee. Bacon and eggs available from 8am to 10am

Natimuk Primary School High Tea

Sun 2pm - 4pm

A traditional afternoon tea in Natimuk Footy Pavilion, tea & coffee or champagne accompanied with sumptuous sweet and savoury treats

Frinj Food at the Footy Pavilion

Sat 6pm - 8pm Food and Bar

Delicious BBQ assortments (veg too) and awesome salad bar to mention just a few, pasta with caramelised onion, semidried tomato, pesto & pine nuts, tomato, and roasted sweet potato, pumpkin & crumbled feta and Asian spinach salad with noodles & toasted almonds and quinoa salad with olive oil/lemon juice dressing, pine nuts, spinach & red onion. Yummo!

...and lastly rubbish and respect

Traditionally Wotjobaluk land, Natimuk is a township that about 500 people call home. When the Frinj comes to town this number swells to over 2000. The locals are wonderfully supportive of the Nati Frinj and we ask that you respect private property and residences as well as public land. Please do not camp in the town except in designated areas. We also encourage you to be 'waste wise' and avoid bringing food with excessive packaging. There will be additional rubbish and recycling bins kindly provided by Horsham Rural City Council for most of your disposal needs.

Perhaps ask a local if you want to add to their compost bin!

Now then, enough of the formalities let's get started!

Friday 1st November

EVENT	TIME START	TIME FINISH	DURATION	VENUE
Hay and Thespian Parade Registration	5 PM	6 PM	1 hour	Uebergangs, top end of Main Street
Hay and Thespian Parade	6 PM	6:12(ish) PM	12 mins, (give or take 2.34 mins)	Side Street of Main Street
FOOD MARKET	6 PM	7 PM	1 hour	Natimuk Market Square
Official Frinj Opening	6:12(ish) PM	6:45 PM	30 mins	Natimuk Market Square
Music from Todd Cook	6:45 PM	7:30 PM	45 mins	Natimuk Market Square (if wet in the Natimuk Hotel)
Art Pumping Action	7 PM	9 PM	2 hours	The Verj
Inspired Exhibition Opening	7:30 PM	9 PM	90 mins	Goat Gallery
Tangled - A dance -	9 PM	9:15 PM	15 mins	The Verj
Music from KriTta	9:15 PM	till late	Till your feet are sore from dancing!	Natimuk Hotel

Saturday 2nd November- morning

More information regarding the listed events are to be found on the following pages

EVENT	TIME START	TIME FINISH	DURATION	VENUE
MARP sunrise performance	6:30 AM	6:50 AM	20 mins	The Verj
Yoga	8 AM	9:30 AM	90 mins	Lutheran Church Hall
Norm and Elsie's Mobile Art Caravan	10 AM	12 midday	2 hours	The Verj
Tangled and Twisted Workshop	10 AM	12 midday	2 hours	The Verj
FILMS Over the Fence Festival	10 AM	11:30 AM	90 mins	Soldier's Memorial Hall
Juggling Workshop	10 AM	11 AM	1 hour	The Emporium
Penny Farthing Demonstation W/S	11 AM	12 midday	1 hour	Market Square (Council Chambers)
The Life of Main Street - Walking Tour	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	1 hour	Meet at Festival HUB Soldier's Memorial Hall
ABC Open Workshop	12 midday	3 PM	3 hours	Skylines Gallery and on the streets
Tap Dancing Workshop	12 midday	1 PM	1 hour	The Emporium
Alejandro and the Sin Frontera Band	1 PM	3 PM	2 hours	Natimuk Mexican Feista
Follow Me Down the Way	1 PM	5 PM	8 min shows	Front Room - Quamby Lodge
The Verj Ideas from RMIT Architecture Students Exhibition Opening	1 PM	2 PM	1 hour	GAS
SILENT DISCO Walking Tour	2 PM	3 PM	1 hour	Meet at Festival HUB Soldier's Memorial Hall

Saturday 2nd November

Afternoon and Evening

More information regarding the listed events are to be found on the following pages

EVENT	TIME START	TIME FINISH	DURATION	VENUE
Transplant	2 PM	5:30 PM	30 min shows	RSL Hall
Group Balancing Workshop	3 PM	4 PM	1 hour	Lutheran Church Hall
Music Victoriana Gaye	3 PM	3:45 PM	45 mins	The Emporium
Norm and Elsie's Mobile Art Caravan	4 PM	6 PM	2 hours	The Verj
Tangled and Twisted Workshop	4 AM	6 PM	2 hours	The Verj
MARP afternoon performance	4 PM	4:20 PM	20 mins	The Verj
Go Go Dancing Workshop	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	1 hour	The Emporium
Alejandro and the Sin Frontera Band	5 PM	7 PM	2 hours	Natimuk Mexican Feista
Transplant	7 PM	8:30 PM	30 min shows	RSL Hall
Ologism	7 PM	8 PM	1 hour	Bowls Club
Death by Soprano	8 PM	9 PM	1 hour	Soldier's Memorial Hall
Twisted - A dance -	9 PM	9:15 PM	15 mins	The Verj
Something's a-foot in the dead of night!	9:15 PM	9:45 PM	30 mins	The Verj
Alejandro and the Sin Frontera Band	9:45 PM	11 PM	75 mins	Natimuk Mexican Feista
Swansong	11 PM	11:45 PM	45 mins	Soldier's Memorial Hall

Sunday 3rd November - Morning

More information regarding the listed events are to be found on the following pages

EVENT	TIME START	TIME FINISH	DURATION	VENUE
Yoga	8 AM	9:30 AM	90 mins	Lutheran Church Hall
DNA Extraction Workshop	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	1 hour	Soldier's Memorial Hall Supper Room
Farmers' Market	10 AM	1:30 PM	3.5 hours	Market Square (Council Chambers)
Tangled and Twisted Workshop	10 AM	12 midday	2 hours come and go during this time slot	The Verj
Norm and Elsie's Mobile Art Caravan	10 AM	12 midday	2 hours	The Verj
Kavisha Mazzella Empty Sky Singing Workshop	10 AM	11:30 AM	90 mins	Skylines Gallery
Hula Making Workshop	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	1 hour	NC2 (Council Chambers)
SILENT DISCO Walking Tour	11 AM	12 midday	1 hour	Meet at Festival HUB Soldier's Memorial Hall
Music Victoriana Gaye	11 AM	11:45 PM	45 mins	The Emporium
Frinj Sunday Service	11 AM	11:40 AM	40 mins	Outside NC2
Little Weirdos Picnic	12 midday	3 PM	3 hours	The Verj (Footy Pavilion is wet)
A Manly Man's (not enough blokes on the dance floor) Workshop	12 midday	1 PM	1 hour	Skylines Gallery
Wimmera Women's Circus	12:30 PM	12:45 PM	15 mins	Market Square

Sunday 3rd November

Afternoon and Evening

More information regarding the listed events are to be found on the following pages

EVENT	TIME START	TIME FINISH	DURATION	VENUE
Follow Me Down the Way	1 PM	4 PM	8 min shows	Front Room - Quamby Lodge
When one Gate closes another Gate opens A COMPETITION	1 PM	3 PM	2 hours	Across Bridge - Lake Ave (check Frinj HUB for venue confirmation)
Hula Hooping Workshop	1 PM	2 PM	1 hour	RSL Grounds
MARP last performance	1:30 PM	1:50 PM	20 mins	The Verj
Transplant	2 PM	5:30 PM	30 min shows	RSL Hall
Norm and Elsie's Mobile Art Caravan	2 PM	4 PM	2 hours	The Verj
FILMS Over the Fence Festival	2 PM	3:30 PM	90 mins	Soldier's Memorial Hall
High Tea	2 PM	4 PM	2 hours	Footy Pavilion
Classical Guitar Recital	2 PM	2:40 PM	40 mins	Lutheran Church Hall
Clowning Workshop	3 PM	4 PM	1 hour	Skylines Gallery
Happy Yoga with Guru Dudu	4 PM	5 PM	1 hour	Soldier's Memorial Hall
Tom Weston Poetry Reading	5 PM	5:45 PM	45 mins	The Emporium
On Ya Bike Demo and Prize-giving	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	1 hour	The Verj
Final Frinj Fling with 8Foot Felix	6 PM	till late	Depends how much dance training you've done!	Natimuk Bowls Club

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Arapiles 50 - A Celebration *Display, Sat - Mon. Forum, Mon 7:30pm* *Picnic Shelter grounds at Centenary Park, Arapiles*

Presented by Friends of Arapiles, CliffCare, Victorian Climbing Club and Parks Victoria.

A look at climbing at Arapiles over the last 50 years from the sport itself to the environment we use to explore it.

Culminating in a visual and anecdotal presentation Monday evening by a number of notable climbers from the early years, followed by a Q & A style panel discussion. A lively attitude will be encouraged! An entertaining and thoughtful approach to climbing then and now, what has and hasn't changed and what do climbers want and expect from their climbing and the environment they engage in. BYO Chair

In keeping with the Frinj Bridget Hillebrand, a climber, artist and art lecturer will be combining her recent PhD research and weaving it into the forum experience. Art as a catalyst for, and expressions of communal discussion.

Art Pumping Action

Something's a-foot in the dead of night!

Sat 9:15pm - 9:45pm The Verj

These are the days of the dead - or so they say in Mexico - that special time of year when the veil between the living and the no-longer-living opens up, and we can all commune as one big raucous family. Into this magical moment sails the 8Foot Felix, inviting all to climb aboard and help light the way into the blue yonder.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

Art Pumping Action *Fri 7pm - 9pm, Sat and Sun 10am - 6pm*

The Verj

Create your own art action with a series of bike-driven computer games that combine cutting-edge virtual reality with bicycle power to get your pulse pounding.

And, for fans of the actual real world (with a taste for the fantastical) come challenge your friend to the duel of the monocycling marionettes. It's Rube Goldberg meets Dr Seuss in the velodrome. What's not to like?

Natimuk Art Pumping Action designed and created by artist Dave Jones in collaboration with local young people.

This project supported by the Vichealth MOTION fund in collaboration with the Village Festival.



Death by Soprano *Sat 8pm - 9pm Soldiers Memorial Hall*

\$15 (\$10 concession available) Door Sales Only

The latest work of internationally celebrated cabaret artist Isabel Hertaeg (who featured in the 2011 Frinj show: Feeling The Ceiling) Death By Soprano features as many operatic death scenes as is physically possible to squeeze into 60 minutes.

Addressing the many and varied occupational hazards of being a soprano character in an opera, Isabel will attempt to play as many soprano death scenes as possible, from death by avalanche, to consumption, to insanity, to a grand finale mashup of famous operatic suicides.

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Film Festival - "Death, Love and Desire"

Sat 10am - 11:30am, Sun 2pm - 3:30pm

Soldiers Memorial Hall \$5

Over the Fence has a long history as the largest touring comedy film festival in Australia. A couple of years ago they began accepting entries from international filmmakers, and the response from filmmakers has been nothing short of astonishing.

This year's program offers insight into the minds of comic filmmakers on the nature, peculiarity and madness of "Death, Love, and Desire".

Their visions take us on one wild ride that will have you proud to be a human being in one moment, to the point that leaves you pondering mankind's absurdities. And they don't stop there – these filmmakers delve deep looking at the peculiar ways humans can be ... well... "human".

With all our foibles! ANYONE UNDER 15 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Follow Me Down the Way Sat 1pm - 5pm, Sun 1pm - 4pm

8 min shows, Quamby Lodge, next to hotel - Front Room

Last year, Rose and Mandy were asked to collaborate for a comic festival. Mandy drew illustrations for one of Rose's ukulele songs, and Rose composed a song for one of Mandy's comic strips. Rose has now started performing these songs live with the addition of lo-fi sound effects while Mandy's stark black and white comic drawings are projected next to her.

Come and see a tiny little 8min show in a cosy room with a plate of biscuits!

Limited spaces. Booking is recommended. Ph: 0414346436 Email: roseturtle@gmail.com

Frinj Sunday Service Sun 11am - 11:40am Outside NC2

A Christian ecumenical community service celebrating the origin of creativity. All welcome. Bring a chair or rug to sit on. Enquiries Caroline 0428 671 020.

(Bad weather venue: St. Paul's Lutheran Church)

Happy Yoga with Guru Dudu

Sun 4pm -5pm (\$5)

A Yoga class with a twist!

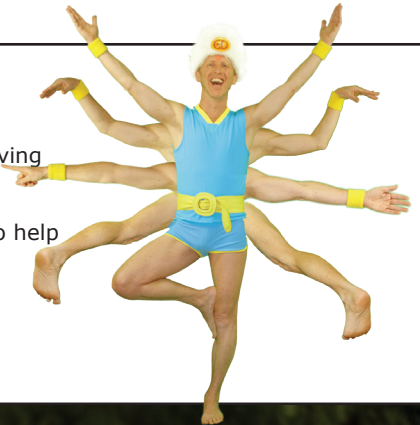
Happy Yoga turns all the usual Yoga poses upside-down, giving your laughter meridians a workout from the inside-out.

Guru Dudu will lead you through a series of simple poses to help you get in touch with your "ass-ana", learn carbon-capture breathing and enjoy alternate nostril singing!

The laugh is on us! The laugh is in us!

Suitable for all levels.

No experience preferred.



Hay and Thespian Mardi Gras

Frinj Opening Fri night

From 5pm Registration for Parade,
Uebergangs' front yard. Top end of Main Street.
6pm Parade

The Hay and Thespian will wend it's way down the
Service Rd to the Market Square.

6:12pm (more or less) Frinj Opening

Once there, you will be treated to passionate and
inspirational speeches from the Festival Director and
loyal supporters! Food, music, general mingling and
celebrating, now that's what we're talking about.



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High Tea Sun 2pm - 4pm

Footy Pavilion \$15 or \$18 (for champagne)

Support future Natimuk artists at the Natimuk Primary School High Tea. Delicious cakes and pastries. Art and craft activities for the kids and young at heart, local collection of salt and pepper shakers on display (these have to be seen to be believed). Lucky cups and ticket prizes! All profits go to Natimuk Primary School.

Little Weirdos Picnic

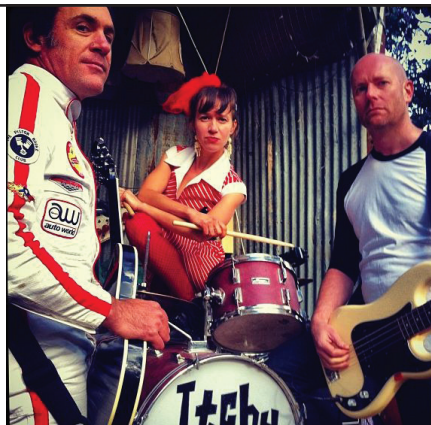
Sun 12 midday -3pm

The Verj

(Footy Pavilion if wet)

Fun & Games for Weirdos of All Ages!

A little day out featuring the kids garage punk band the Itchy Scabs and ninja kid-pop DJ Mister Ishibashi. PLUS! Guest performers from Nati Frinj and cool stuff like mini golf, slotcar racing, tattoos and ten pin lawn bowling.



MARP – Malaysia Australia Raft Project Festival Weekend, *The Verj*

In the lead up to a possibly shambolic journey down the Wimmera River on an improvised raft, MARP will embed itself in a tent or two at the Frinj.

On a harmonium with a choir of 200 sheep and performer Tony Yap, singer- songwriter Kavisha Mazzella will deconstruct her refugee anthem All God's Beggars, co-written with Storyteller and author Arnold Zable in 2002.

Kavisha also joins with other former collaborators Soong Ro Ger, Frank Tagliabue, Trevor Flinn, Anthony Pelchen and Robert Millar, inspired by Roger's 2012 Malaysian raft odyssey into an endangered rainforest with his cousin Andy Lim Kah Meng.

MARP is a Hi-Vis maroon meltdown of song, music, video, cooking, drawing and an unregistered contemporary Shaman ... it's a call to the Gods, and the owls, for reconciliation of the possibly irreconcilable and a celebration of those who we meet along the way..

MARP – Performances *The Verj*

Sat 6:30am - 6:50am

See in the day and the festival to the sounds of a harmonium returning to its Lutheran roots and witness the sublime slipping into the ridiculous via a compelling performance from Kavisha Mazzella and Tony Yap.

Bring along a picnic breakfast and blanket...the kettle will be on and we can all share food after the performance.

Additional performances

Sat 4pm - 4:20pm and Sun 1:30pm - 1:50pm



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MiNDC Launch *Sat 2pm - 3:30pm NC2*

There is no shortage of artists, art and arts product coming out of Natimuk . The Made In Natimuk Dance Card (MiNDC) is where you can sample the work of artists and art that has the unique look, energy and feel that is recognised as the Natimuk brand.

The Made in Natimuk Dance Card launch is a mini performing arts market, within the Natimuk Frinj Festival, where presenters can choose the work and the artists with whom they wish to dance.

Natimuk's Mexican Fiesta

Sat midday - late Schmidt St Swamp

A feast for your senses celebrating the international Mexican day of the dead (Saturday 2 Nov) in true Natimuk style. There will be food to seduce you, authentic mariachi music to charm you and refreshments for any time of day! The Natimuk Mexican Fiesta is a celebration of family, food, music, good vibes and chilled out spaces.

Treat yourself to a beautiful Day of the Dead face painting make-over! Alejandro and the Sin Frontera band will be playing music throughout the day starting with a special set for the kids at 1pm. Bring a rug, pull up a hay-bale and relax with a beer and taco in hand, as the sun sets on another day of Frinj festivities you don't have to go anywhere as the fiesta continues into the night.



Norm and Elsie's Art Safari

Sat 10am - 12 midday and 4pm - 6pm

Sun 10am- 12 midday and 2pm - 4pm

Norm and Elsie will probably be camping somewhere they shouldn't, I'm sure you'll find them

Norm and Elsie Miller (semi-retired farmers and life-long art lovers) offer guided tours of their mobile art gallery, a vintage caravan filled with an eclectic mix of contemporary and traditional arts and artefacts. Norm brings his expertise on poultry and wood turning to the show whilst Elsie is keen to offer tips on macramé to anyone who will listen. A cuppa may or may not be forthcoming, and if you are lucky, one of Elsie's rock cakes.

Oh Gnome Throughout Natimuk

You never know when a Nati Gnome (NG) may appear! They may be gathering (depending on the cycle of the moon) or they may be...wherever. Keep your eye out for them. They are a very diverse bunch (just like us). Linked directly, admittedly sometimes tenuously, to people within the Natimuk area, each has a very distinct character.

A meeting with a NG is an unforgettable experience.



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Ologism *Sat 7pm -8 ish Bowls Club* Science + Rock!

Just as nature probably didn't intend. No issue of science or technology is too complex or too close to the cutting edge to inspire Ologism.

The show features songs/music as well as science experiments conducted live on stage. Ologism has toured Australia many times with a constantly growing and evolving repertoire and musical styles including rock, punk, pop and soul.

They have exposed air showers, looked for lost bees and revealed the cyber nose. They've fallen in love with spuds, they've been angry with ants, they've searched for the island of stability, and they're not done yet.

(Photo - just another vacuum-sealed volunteer)



On Ya Bike Demonstration and Prize Giving *Sun 5:30pm - 6:30pm* *The Verj*

Sick of paying high electricity rates? Well now's your chance to embrace pedal powered energy. This year, the Nati Frinj has invited folk to create a bike powered machine to power anything, could be a mango smoothie maker, musical instrument, mobile phone charger, hair dryer...

Electrical or mechanical, anything you like as long as you need to pump your legs or arms to make it happen. These will be on display during Frinj at various locations.

Opera in the Air *Random and various*

Look up... there... she sings
her gift hovers in the air
....unforeseen moment

Random acts from Gareth's brother, Derek *Various and random*

Derek descends from a long line of Baltic snow-duck farmers. Born on a prehistoric oil rig deep in the Baltic Sea, he first found his love for acrobatics chasing his beloved sea-faring ducks. After escaping the tyranny of traditional Baltic snow-duck farming by breeding the world's biggest duck and riding it across the high seas to a new life, he now finds himself at Natimuk Frinj festival in Australia pursuing what has always been his oldest passion - the power of flight - which was of course, something his childhood ducks could never achieve.

Silent Disco Tour *Sat 2pm - 3pm, Sun 11am - 12 midday* *Meet at the Festival HUB \$5*

Guru Dudu takes Silent Disco to a whole new level with his Natimuk Silent Disco walking tour. Everyone wears headphones (supplied) and can hear the commentary from Guru Dudu and the dance-mix of uplifting faves from the 70's, 80's & 90's.

Enjoy 'Spontaneous Flash Mob' dancing, 'Interpretative Dancing' around local landmarks, hilarious commentary and lots of crazy impro to open the 'laughter meridians'.



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Small Humours of Daylight Sun 5pm - 5:45pm The Emporium

Tom Weston is a New Zealand poet whose work has been collected in various anthologies including "Essential New Zealand Poems" and "Best New Zealand Poems 2008". This is Tom's third visit to the Nati Frinj. He will read from his most recent collection "Small Humours of Daylight" and more recent poems.

Swansong Sat 11pm - 11:45pm Soldiers Memorial Hall **\$10 (\$5 concession available) Door Sales Only**

Swansong is an eccentric, hilarious beautiful and epic interpretation of the ballet divertissement The Dying Swan. Swan is caught in a battle for life against all odds while chased by a vaudevillian 'Death'. Each 'near death' experience throws the Swan into the memories of her life, with its highs, lows, loves and losses including NASA using her feather to test Galileo's theory on the moon and a brief stunt as a burlesque balloon dancer during her "American experience".

An eccentric, comic 'memento mori' from hula-hoop virtuosa Judith Lanigan.



Tangled and Twisted Festival Weekend The Verj

The Tangled or Slender Dodder-Laurel plant grows on Mt. Arapiles. This intriguing plant is a fascinating example of one of the small, tenacious and often unnoticed plants typical of the Australian bush.

Local artists Mary French and Alison Eggleton have run community workshops and partnered Dimboola and Natimuk Primary Schools with local aged care facilities to re-interpret the wandering vine- like nature of this plant with silk, cane and wire. Come and wander through the tangles and twists of this installation that have transformed part of Natimuk's Main St.

Tangled - Fri 9pm, Twisted - Sat 9pm 15mins

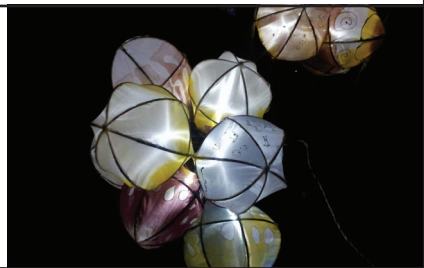
An improvised collaboration that becomes a physical response to both the sculpture and the word: Tangled and Twisted by local movement and music artists.

Tangled and Twisted Workshops

Sat 10am - 12 midday and 4pm - 6pm

Sun 10am - 12 midday

Drop in and create your own Tangled and Twisted lantern during these times with artist Mary French and helpers.



The Emporium Mostly Open Old Woolmer Garage, Schmidt St

Nati Frinj Divine Sustenance Comfort Stop.

Frinj Roadworthy covers all your dance, tea, poetry, liquor & conversational needs. Some food, definitely some great music and a place to sit. But bring your dancing shoes. And walk, tap, go go or triple step out transformed.
Better greater detail later.

The Life of Main Street Walking Tour Sat 11:30am - 12:30pm **Meet at Festival HUB**

In the weeks leading up to the Frinj, five inquisitive local artists have tapped into the historical, social or architectural aspects of five Natimuk buildings in Main Street. These buildings are typically closed off from public entry, leaving the facades as the site for the artist's response.

During Frinj, take a walk along Natimuk's Main street to see, hear and experience art installations by Alison Eggleton, Frank Tagliabue, Gill Venn, Carolynne Hamdorf and Kate Finnerty.

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The Voyage of the Whale's Child Festival Weekend The Verj

In a tent by a creek is the Voyage of the Whale's Child.

"Deep in the ocean of the night rolls the great black whale of our dreams. Old as the stars, he has been swimming through dark seas before we were born, his slow orbit ever shrinking towards the night when we will need him, and call out for him in our sleep. Tonight, though will not be our night for another has called him and he is preparing to reply..."

Transplant Sat 2pm - 5:30pm and 7pm - 8:30pm, Sun 2pm - 5:30pm
\$10 or (\$5 concession available) 30min show, RSL Hall (book at Frinj HUB)

A strange and humourous animated theatre show. Before being allowed to attend the operation the audience must be prepped in a specially constructed 'decontamination station.' There germs are carefully removed, aprons and gloves distributed. Once sanitised, they proceed to the 'operating theatre' where they discover a body surrounded by beeping equipment, hissing respirators and a Doctor ready to operate- but this is no ordinary procedure. As the body opens, a beautiful and magical world is revealed. However there's a worm in the apple. The body is gripped by an infection that must be removed. The audience is ready to help, the Doctor is poised to begin, but can they succeed? Recommended 7yrs+ as some smaller kids may freak out.



When one Gate closes another Gate opens Sun 1pm - 3pm
Across Bridge - Lake Ave (check Frinj HUB for venue confirmation)

Following on from the 2007 Going Backwards trailer reversing competition is a revival in the Ancient Art of Farm-Gate Opening (and closing)
Feel like you can't get past the barriers of life, your journey is blocked by obstacles. Now is your chance to prioritise your key strategies in moving forward.
Are you ready for the challenge?
Do you have what it takes?

Come and try the newest farm-gate opening (and closing) circuit in the Southern Hemisphere, and take the next step to realise your true potential.
Car supplied, please provide own gate opener/shutter.

Wimmera Women's Circus
Sun 12:30pm - 12:45pm Market Square

Festival favourites the Wimmera Women's Circus will once again astound and entertain with their range of circus tricks, balances and tumbles and this time they actually know what they're doing. No chairs (well maybe a few) were harmed in the making of this production.



Yoga Sat and Sun 8am - 9:30am Lutheran Church Hall \$ donation

Ahh, flex those tight Frinj muscles, ease the worry of how you are going to make it to every event you want to see and limber up for another day of festival awesomeness.

Music

List of Performances in Alphabetical Order

Final Frinj Flinj with 8Foot Felix *Sun from 6pm Nati Bowls Club*
\$10 entry on the door (does not include food)

Bar will be open and Dadswells Bridge Indian Restaurant 'Namaste' will be cooking up a storm!
And the music.....



The good ship 8Foot Felix is crafted with Balkan Beats from a thick slice of New Orleans with a heart that pumps from Mexican Ranchero out into the Roots of the Caribbean.

Captain Tait steers the ship from his Rhodes-helm – his lyrics mapping out submerged landscapes of the human condition. Over the sweet triumph of the horns, (Jones on Trumpet and Starr on French Horn) Tait's voice glides from Tom Waits to Vaudeville with many tasty tangents on the way. This whole is held, harmonized and hot-trotted by the trusty talents of McElhinney (Double Bass), Hopkins (Voice) and Turnock (Drums).

KriTtA *Fri 9(ish)pm - till late* *Natimuk Hotel*

Country and eastern? Gypsy jazz? Pirate funk? Who and what is KriTtA?

The facts all point to an interesting blend of musical influences and obsessions. The vast age and life experiences creates a mish mash of odd sounds. Hear that, 70s disco, and wow a touch of Mongolian throat music. And the didgeridoo, the instrument of the universe. This is our sonic canvas. The rhythms and rhymes flow naturally through the human observational lyrics speaking of love, lies, the stupidity of existence and the humour that unites us.

The strange folk that make up KriTtA don't all play instruments. So is it a cult? Is it a danger to society? No, for we come in peace and leave only the echo of a good time.

Nick Clow Classical Guitar Recital *Sun 2pm - 2:40pm*
Lutheran Church Hall

Nick Clow will draw upon popular pieces from the classical guitar repertoire and some more contemporary pieces. The perfect way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon in Natimuk.

Music cont....

List of Performances in Alphabetical Order

Mariachis at the Natimuk Mexican Feista *Schmidt St Swamp*

Sat 1pm - 3pm, 5pm - 7pm, 9:45pm - late

Eclectic performer Alejandro Espino Aldana and his troupe of musicians, Sin Frontera Band will charm you with their authentic mariachi music at Natimuk's very own Mexican Fiesta.

The exciting rhythms and energy of Latin America come to life through their dynamic performances. Special concert for children of all ages at 1pm, dancing and singing with a basket of instruments so kids can play along too.

Stimulate the senses at 5pm with another set, quench your thirst and whet your appetite as the sun sets with delicious tacos and refreshments then settle in for the late nighter concert at 9:45pm at the Natimuk Mexican Cantina, an absolute feast for the senses.

Todd Cook *Fri 6:45pm - 7:30pm Market Square (Natimuk Hotel if wet)*

Todd's emotive lyrics, earthy tones and raw appeal connect to a wide variety of listeners. His songs float from intricate folk finger picking styles to driving rhythms that stir the soul. Stories of Australian landscapes and people are accompanied with mesmerising didgeridoo with a depth that always engages and entertains.

Victoriana Gaye *Sat 3pm & Sun 11am, 45mins* *The Emporium*

Sometimes whimsical, sometimes romantic and sometimes rockin' Victoriana Gaye is husband and wife duo Vicki Gaye Philipp and Jeff Raglus (Bachelors from Prague, Black Sorrows, and Frinj favourites The Beachniks).

Their sound, a quirky combination of pop and folk with a tiny bit of grunge. The couple play a mix of acoustic and electric guitars, trumpet, harmonica and deliver sweet harmonies.



Workshops

List of Workshops in Alphabetical Order

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A Manly Man's (not enough blokes on the dance floor) Workshop

Sun 12 midday - 1pm

Skylines Gallery

The manly men's man can ("members" only) workshop (not for women folk grrrrrr).

What is being a man?

What does it mean to be manly?

What are men all about?

What is going on?

What is this workshop about?... no seriously.

In this workshop we will not answer any of these questions, but if we do it will be by accident and we will probably be unaware that any answers are present.

Or maybe, we might build , or wreck , or fix, or fight something in a typically male way ... or we might do some pole dancing.

Workshops cont.....*

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ABC Open *Sat 12 midday - 3pm Skylines Gallery and on the streets*

Free digital photography workshop with ABC Open.
Love taking photos?

Come along to this free workshop and we'll teach you how to take great portraits on the theme 'why I'm wearing this' plus we'll show you how to publish them on the ABC.
Bring along your camera and your enthusiasm

Clowning Workshop *Sun 3pm - 4pm Skylines Gallery* **\$10 (\$5 concession available)**

Clowning might not be what is mostly thought. Being human and already having been a child are great previous experience and the prior learning necessary to being an excellent clown. So what else is needed?

In this workshop we will investigate what is funniness and what the opposite is. The workshop will involve problem solving, problem creation, clarity of thought, all types of communication and we will think about doing many other things that we all do without thinking.

DNA Extraction *Sun 9:30am - 10:30am* *Soldiers Memorial Hall (Supper Room) \$5*

There is enough DNA in a human body to stretch from Natimuk to the sun and back about 70 times. This is chance to see some of yours. Organisms (including humans) are made up of cells and most of these contain DNA. DNA is the genetic code that carries the information for all of an organism's structures and functions.

This workshop will take you through the structure of DNA, where it is found in the cell and what it does. During the workshop you'll extract your own DNA from your cheek cells and capture that DNA in a small necklace that you can keep.

This is a workshop-style event. No previous knowledge of DNA or genetics is required.
Recommended for ages 15+

Empty Sky *Sun 10am - 11:30am Skylines Gallery* **\$15 (\$10 concession available)**

Kavisha Mazzella Singing Workshop. Empty Sky songs - traditional and non traditional chants from around the world....no experience needed.

Learn to sing from the heart and make a beautiful sound at the same time! Connecting the song with the body, Kavisha has a holistic and fun approach to singing, which encourages the natural voice. She has run numerous choirs and vocal and song writing workshops around the country.

Go Go Dancing *Sat 4:30pm - 5:30pm* *The Emporium*

Have a Go Go. Back by popular demand.
An Emporium highlight from 2011.
Super hip moves made easy-as-by
Dance Captain Bernie, she'll get you Go Go-ing for sure
and smiling absolutely definitely.
It's tooo much fun we promise.
AND free - what's not to like?
Get your Go Go ON.



Workshops cont.....*

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Group Balancing Sat 3pm - 4pm Lutheran Church Hall **\$10 (\$5 concession available)**

Balancing is all about shapes. We are all good at it on our feet, but what about on someone else's. This workshop will look at bodies and shapes, controlled pathways, balancing yourself, helping to balance others and balancing together.

Hula Hoop Making Sun 10:30am - 11:30am NC2

\$5 Make your own hoop under the guidance of the Wimmera Women's Circus.

* Please attend this workshop if you want to participate in the Hula Hooping Workshop.

Hula Hooping Sun 1pm - 2pm RSL Grounds **\$10 (\$5 concession available)**

Hula Hooping! Spin those hips like you really mean it. Amaze your friends, embarrass your children and impress your neighbours! Learn how to do some fancy hula hooping with Judith Lanigan, Hula Hoop virtuosa who studied at the Moscow State Circus School. BYO Hoop.

Juggling Sat 10am - 11am The Emporium **\$10 (\$5 concession available)**

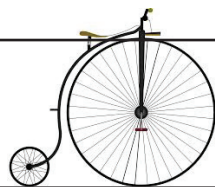
Whether you are a little bit good at juggling or not very bad, whether you are highly capable at being inconsistent or constantly inconsistent at being incapable, this juggling workshop could be for you. Or it might not be.

If you don't like juggling then maybe this juggling workshop would be a good chance for you to participate in some tea drinking. Otherwise, come and throw some stuff, come and catch some stuff. Come and juggle some stuff. It's fun.

Penny Farthing Demo and Workshop

Sat 11am - 12 midday Market Square

I've heard from someone with a wrist cast on that the hardest thing to do is stop them. Come see for yourself from a family of experts.



Tangled and Twisted Workshops The Verj

Sat 10am - 12 midday and 4pm - 6pm

Sun 10am - 12 midday

The Tangled or Slender Dodder-Laurel plant grows on Mt. Arapiles. This intriguing plant is a fascinating example of one of the small, tenacious and often unnoticed plants typical of the Australian bush. Drop in and create your own Tangled and Twisted lantern during these times with artist Mary French and helpers.

Tap Dancing Sat 12 midday - 1pm The Emporium

Time to glitter up, you KNOW you wanna have a go at TAP DANCING, oh yes you do. And now's your chance. How lucky are we... MISS EVIE is gunna show you how.

We provide the glitter, you bring shoes; any pair that will make a racket. We want noise. And sequins. And general wardrobe razzamatazz.

Prizes will be awarded for costume flair, yes they will. 2 left feet? Cool, come anyway. But bring your jazz hands. Oh yeah.

Visual Art

List of Visual Art in Alphabetical Order

Inspired- 2013 Frinj Group Show Festival Weekend 11am - 5pm *Inspired Exhibition Opening Fri 7:30pm - 9pm* Goat Gallery

'Inspired' features local artists in a showcase of small works (60 x 60 x 60 cm). Catch a glimpse into what motivates local artists to make the work they do, by viewing accompanied 'inspiration boards'. The boards will feature ideas, images, drawings, photos, found & made objects that inspire and inform the work on display. All artworks for sale.

Natimuk Climbing and Community Sat and Sun 10am-5pm NC2

50th Anniversary pictorial of climbing at the Mount. From the first ascent 50 years ago through to iconic moments across the years and the people that lived it. A snapshot of snapshots. Images that capture the essence of what Arapiles means to us. Climbing, comradie and community.

The Verj - Ideas from RMIT Architecture Students

Sat and Sun 10am - 5pm GAS
Exhibition Opening Sat 1pm

Natimuk is undertaking a Small Town Transformation along the town's Verj or central medium strip. This RMIT Architecture student - run exhibition is a continuation of work developed in the RMIT All Change design studio led by Dr Mauro Baracco and previously exhibited at the 2011 Nati Frinj. This new exhibition will focus attention more directly on the Verj and continue to explore the ideas of using sustainable design to stimulate new economic models for small towns in the Wimmera. Exhibited ideas will inform the Small Town Transformation Community Design Process. Feedback welcome.

but wait there's more.....

7 Things You shouldn't Do On A Ladder

On the streets

Stunt hula hoopist Judith Lanigan attempts the impossibly dangerous stunt 'Burning Ring Of Fire' with the aid of her ladder, flaming hula hoop, banjolele and complete disregard for her own safety. Excellent!



Frinj HUB Sat and Sun 9:30am-5pm Soldiers Memorial Hall

Outta-townners and locals alike should head down to the Soldiers Memorial Hall and Frinj HUB for a number of fantastic performances but also program updates and additions, maps, Frinj T-Shirts, local and regional information as well as lost clothing, children and minds.

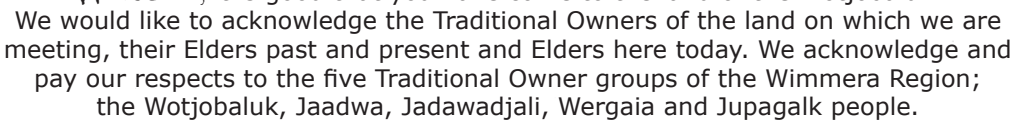
TICKET - events and workshop SALES Yup, here is where it all happens.

Natimuk Farmer's Market Plus Sun 10am-1:30pm Market Square *Showcasing Local & Regional Produce*

A People's market comprising of three distinct sections. The Farmer's Market, Left Bank Artist section and Picnic Craft areas, where people gather to support produce growers including organic producers, local artists and craft persons in a vibrant and lively village atmosphere. Delicious food available during the market and bacon and eggs available from 8am to 10am.

If you are interested in a stall or busking, contact Judith on 0429 328 600.

Friendly volunteers and info will be available at the Soldiers Memorial Hall/Frinj HUB (Main St) over the weekend if you get lost or lose something or somebody.



What I can't forget

Mossie Repellent

Rain Jacket

Sun Screen

My Nati Frinj Tshirt!

What I can't miss!

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



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