

## COURTHOUSE 11

**Friday**  
**4.00pm** Festival Choir Rehearsal #1 (all welcome)  
**6.30pm** MovieFest#1 Folk group Bulgari | **WOMAN AT WAR**

**Saturday**  
**10.30am** TheatreFest#1 – Marg Dobson | **PICTURE HER**  
**12.30pm** TheatreFest#2 – Megan J.Riedl | **I KNOW WHAT CRESWICK DID LAST LOCKDOWN**  
**2.30pm** TheatreFest#3 – Neil Adam & friends | **EVERYONE LOVED SIMMY**  
**4.30pm** MovieFest#2 – Youval (Zourouna oud player) | **ON THE BANKS OF THE TIGRIS**  
**7.30pm** MovieFest#3 – Evan & Mischa | **LE GRAND BAL**

**Sunday**  
**Shire Showcase**  
**9.30am** Kingston **12.00pm** Wheatsheaf  
**10.00am** Newbury **12.30pm** Creswick  
**10.30am** Trentham **1.00pm** Smeaton  
**11.00am** Hepburn **1.30pm** Newlyn  
**11.30am** Daylesford



## NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE OUTDOORS (MARKET/FOOD COURT) 8

**Saturday**  
**8.30am** ABC Live Broadcast from the outdoor stage with presenters Matt Tribe and Nicole Chvastek, and a range of CresFest personalities/acts  
Market commences indoors and outdoors – runs until roughly 1.30pm  
**8.30am** Geelong's famous Marimba Taters  
**10.30am** Andy Rigby, Polly Christie, Sylvie Rigby  
**12.30pm** Creswick Swingalong Ukestra  
**3.00pm–6.00pm** Creswick Folk Club Singing Circle – all welcome

**Sunday**  
**12.00pm** Monkey & The Strongman – circus for all the family  
**1.00pm** Hepburn Hip Hop Team  
**2.00pm** Melbourne Scottish Fiddlers  
**3.00pm** Parvyn Singh – Bollywood for All  
**3.15pm** **Brass and Bollywood Extravaganza** – with Sapphire Bollywood and the parade players

## NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE HALL 7

**Saturday**  
**8.30pm** Special Event – NextGen Sings – in the Hall  
**Sunday**  
**10.00am** Street Band Hang#2



## THINGS TO KNOW

**Ticketing Model**  
Most venues will require you to have a festival armband – you can buy one at The Festival Hub if you need. Special Events require an additional ticket, available at The Festival Hub until sold out. Everything outdoors, jam sessions @ American and the Bush Dance are free.

**RSL Festival Hub**  
Your first stop is to prove Covid vax status and collect your Festival armband (by showing the festival pass receipt from Ticketabo). This is where you get your program, buy additional tickets for special events, find lost children, ask for information about the festival (note tourist info is at the Visitor Information Centre) and sign up for busking spots. Volunteer registration and drop-in centre here also.

**Walks At The Festival**  
Great Dividing Trail Association presents the Creswick Heritage Walk: 8am-10am, Saturday & Sunday 2 & 3 April, 8.5km (medium difficulty, some steep slopes), departing Creswick Information Centre @ 8am. Reasonable fitness required. Meet at 7.45am to sign in (bring \$5 per person) and dress for the weather with suitable walking footwear.

**Art At The Festival**  
Local artists have hung their work on walls in buildings up and down Albert Street. Check them out and support them in their campaign to preserve our threatened landscape. Read more at [cresfest.com.au/art](https://cresfest.com.au/art)

**Busking At The Festival**  
We will have three authorised busking sites in the streets and you can sign up for slots at the Hub at RSL forecourt; outside the Festival Shop; outside 86 Albert Street. Busking is strictly acoustic and bookings are for 1 hour only – feel free to sign up once at each spot.

**Parking**  
A 2-hour parking limit applies in the main street (A300) and will be strictly controlled over the CresFest weekend – please park for extended periods in any of the surrounding streets.

**Shuttle Bus**  
While they are closed for repairs (following the devastating floods) RACV Goldfields Resort have kindly sponsored a shuttle bus to run people between Ballarat and Creswick over the CresFest weekend. For full details of timetable and pick up locations visit [cresfest.com.au/bus](https://cresfest.com.au/bus)

**Festival Shop**  
Sue-ellen at *The Story Unfolds* (71a Albert Street) will run the official Festival Shop over the weekend where you can buy CresFest raffle tickets, performer merchandise, CresFest merchandise, books, cards and more.

**Festival Raffle – on sale everywhere**

**Prizes:**

- Original painting by Alison Parkinson 'Spring Hill' as featured in our magnificent Town Hall backdrop
- Gorgeous handmade soprano ukelele by Graham McDonald of Canberra
- Balloon flight over our beautiful countryside – get in before AusNet's towers make it impossible!

## AMERICAN HOTEL DOWNSTAIRS (MAIN BAR) 15

Friday night, all day Saturday and Sunday – enjoy sessions led by some of the best in their fields: from Irish to Old Time, from Bluegrass to singing circles – this will be the CresFest 'session bar' throbbing with music all weekend. Check the full program (via QR code) for specific genres on offer, and come along anyway – you never know when one thing will morph into another, in a giant mash up. BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT!

## AMERICAN HOTEL UPSTAIRS (LINDSAY ROOM) 15

**Saturday**  
**10.00am** Beginner Fiddle: James Rigby  
**11.00am** Festival Choir Rehearsal#2: Chris Wheeler  
**12.00pm** Vocal Workshop: Maggie & Elsie from The Maes  
**1.00pm** Irish Whistle: Evan Davies  
**2.00pm** Scottish Fiddle: Jack Wilson  
**3.00pm** Beginner Ukulele: Aimee Brulee  
**4.00pm** Songwriting – Getting Started and Keeping Going: Lucy Wise  
**5.00pm** Beginner Guitar: Mark Myers  
**6.00pm** Songs of The Exiles: Shona Williams & Phil Lester  
**7.00pm** Arranging Old Time Tunes: Kat & Craig  
**8.00pm** How to be Old Timey: The Hardies Hillbillies

**Sunday**  
**11.00am** The Cigar Box Guitar – Workshop & Presentation: Greg McKinnon  
**12 noon** Last Chance Session – leader TBC

## FARMERS ARMS BEER GARDEN 6

**Friday**  
**5.30pm** Vanessa Craven & Lake Mist  
**6.30pm** Jeremy Beggs  
**7.30pm** Banjo & The Frog Eaters  
**8.30pm** Creswick Jammers

**Saturday**  
**1.00pm** Vocal Agents **4.00pm** McBlues Band  
**1.30pm** Freya & Tom **5.00pm** Nicholas Ellerby  
**2.00pm** Open Mic Available **5.30pm** Nicholas Rijs  
**2.30pm** Primo Primates **6.00pm** Trevor Shard  
**3.00pm** Newbury Fog **6.30pm** Twilight Gypsi  
**3.30pm** Scott Fraser **7.00pm** Elevated Plains

**Sunday**  
**10.00am** Advanced Ukelele with Jen Hawley (workshop)  
**12.00pm** Intro to jazz – Mickey O'Donnell (workshop)

## IGA AND SKATE PARK 4 5

**Friday**  
Shop at Creswick IGA for all your self-catering needs: fruit, snacks and more

**Saturday**  
**10.00am – 12.00pm** IGA Busking Competition HEAT ONE  
**12.00pm** Parvyn Singh's Bollywood for All Workshop#2  
**1.00pm** Invy Horn Jam  
**2.00pm – 4.00pm** IGA Busking Competition HEAT TWO  
**4.00pm**  
**4.00pm** BUSKING FINAL (4 acts)  
**5.00pm** Busking 1st Prize Winning Act

**Sunday**  
**10.30am – 2.00pm** YMCA Skating Competition – watch the young stars of Victoria in action!



## OLD POST OFFICE 12

**Saturday**  
**11.00am – 6.00pm** YouThrive open mic stage, presenting new talent from around Victoria hosted by Kitty Rae

## ROTUNDA 13

**Sunday**  
**1.45pm** Creswick Brass Band  
**2.15pm** Creswick Street Band will lead off the parade to Creswick Neighbourhood Centre – join in the fun until 3pm



## TOWN HALL 1

The home of a dazzling array of special events- you'll need an armband AND a ticket to get in.

**Friday**  
**7.30pm** Special Event – Opening Gala

**Saturday**  
**10.00am** Special Event – Just the Two of Us  
**12.30pm** Special Event – That Country Feel  
**2.30pm** Special Event – Celtic Colours  
**5.00pm** Special Event – The Maes  
**8.00pm** Special Event – Saturday Gala

**Sunday**  
**10.00am** Special Event – Harpers United  
**12.30pm** Special Event – Come Back Singing  
**4.00pm** Special Event – Party Out with FOOLS



## LEAVER'S HOTEL 16

Your hosts Chantel and Cam look forward to welcoming you to the funkiest bar in town. Get there early as seats will be at a premium.

**Friday**  
**6.30pm** Special Event – Dinner & Show (Eric Bogle/The Royal High Jinx)

**Saturday**  
**12.00pm** Enda Kenny & Greg Hunt  
**1.00pm** Amie Brûlée & Geoff McArthur  
**2.00pm** Flamenco Dance with Kirsty & Jessica MacCallum  
**3.00pm** Kee'ahn  
**4.00pm** Liz Frencham & Robbie Melville  
**5.00pm** ZOJ  
**6.30pm** Special event – Dinner & show (Zourouna/Jali Buba Kuyateh)  
**9.30pm** Jo Jo Rainwater

**Sunday**  
**8.30am** Special event – Bluegrass Breakfast (Pete Denahy & friends)  
**11.00am–2.00pm** Open mic slots available

## CRESWICK LIBRARY 3

**Saturday**  
**10.00am – 2pm** Activities for children including  
• Story telling  
• Magic Pudding readings  
• Scottish songs for kids – The Jeely Pieces  
• Balloonology

## CRESWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING 9

**Saturday**  
**2.30pm** TheatreFest#4 – Felix Meagher & friends | *THE MAN THEY CALL THE BANJO*  
**5.00pm** Free Family Bush Dance with Bushwahzee – *be early, numbers are limited!*

**Sunday**  
*Please note in the event of torrential rain the Bollywood extravaganza will move to this venue.*

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH 14

**Saturday**  
**Concerts in the Church**  
**10.00am** Tim Drylie & Andrew Welsh  
**11.00am** Briar Patch  
**12.00pm** Mickey & Michelle  
**1.00pm** Lucy Wise Duo  
**2.00pm** Nicholas Rijs  
**3.00pm** Vocal Agents  
**4.00pm** Mary Doumany  
**5.00pm** Fiona Ross & Shane O'Mara  
**6.00pm** Parvyn & Josh  
**7.00pm** Liz Frencham & Robbie Melville  
**8.00pm** Singing with Kathryn Clements

**Sunday**  
**9.30am** Regular Religious Service with Rev. Rosemary Carter (note other services listed at [www.creswick.net](https://www.creswick.net))



## ST ANDREW'S HALL 14

**Saturday**  
**Dance workshops**  
**10.00am** Ballet for complete beginners  
**11.00am** Latin for newbies  
**12.00pm** Exploring Flamenco  
**1.00pm** Basic Jive  
**2.00pm** Basic Bulgarian  
**3.00pm** Beginner Ballroom (2-hours)  
**5.00pm** Honky Tonk for all

This provisional program was correct at 1/03/22. Necessary changes will be reflected at [cresfest.com.au/program](https://cresfest.com.au/program) – via the QR code featured here.  
Credits: Hand drawn art by Loris Button; graphic design by Joanne Marchese  
CresFest is a project of Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Inc, with community partners Creswick Theatre Company, Creswick Folk and Acoustic Music Club, Community Music Victoria and Mungo Park Music.

## FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to my hometown of Creswick for the inaugural CresFest weekend, a community focused music and arts festival. Not only will it be fun, it is an important cultural addition to the township and surrounds.

The festival puts all that is great about this small country town in focus for a full weekend of music, dance and arts performances in iconic and historical local venues - a wonderful opportunity to come together to sing, play, dance, and learn with top folk, country and global roots musicians over this weekend.

Congratulations to the dedicated festival volunteers, whose passion and tireless energy has brought this festival to life.

**Cr Tim Drylie, Mayor, Hepburn Shire**

## FROM THE CONVENOR

Greetings! We hope you will enjoy the program we have put together, and that you find the joy and beauty in our stunning built and natural environment.

Special thanks to the team who put the event together: Olivia Hally, Maeve Ashby, Carolyn Logan and the committee (below), and to the performers from near and far whose talents will delight and entertain. To the volunteers who will look after you this weekend – you rock – and above all to the local Council and local businesses who have got so wholeheartedly behind CresFest.

We survived Covid, we survived the floods – now let's party!

**Judy Turner & the CresFest Committee:** Neil Adam, Linda Carpenter, Carolyn Garvey, Pam Harris, Heather Ingram, Chantel Leaver, Shona McCreadie, Tony Miller, Mark Myers, Jenni Sewell, Sue Scott, Rachel Turner.

## WE THANK OUR GENEROUS PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

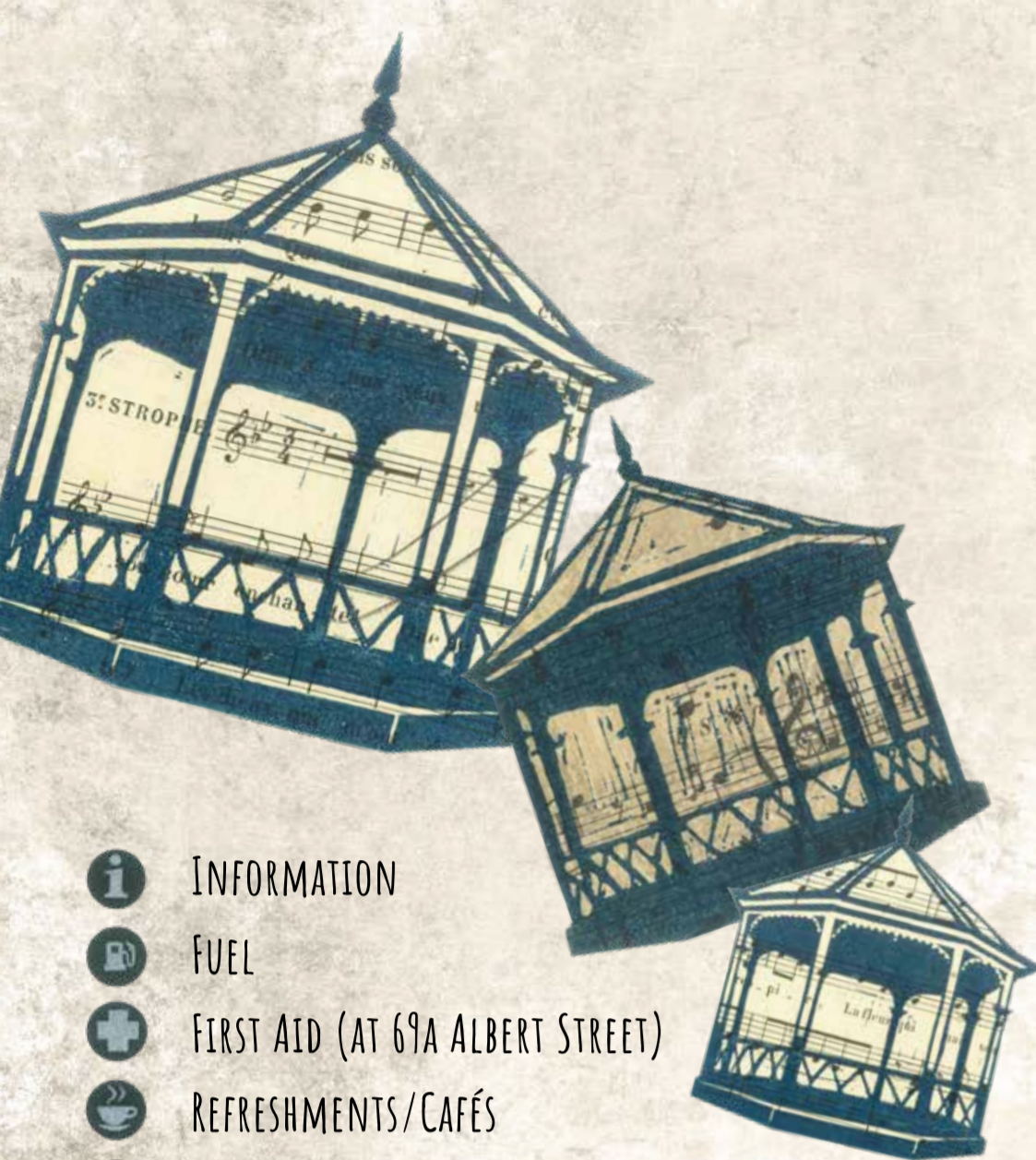


The Wilkie Family, The Bell-Legge Family, The Laidlaw Family.



FOLK AND ROOTS MUSIC FESTIVAL IN CRESWICK, VICTORIA

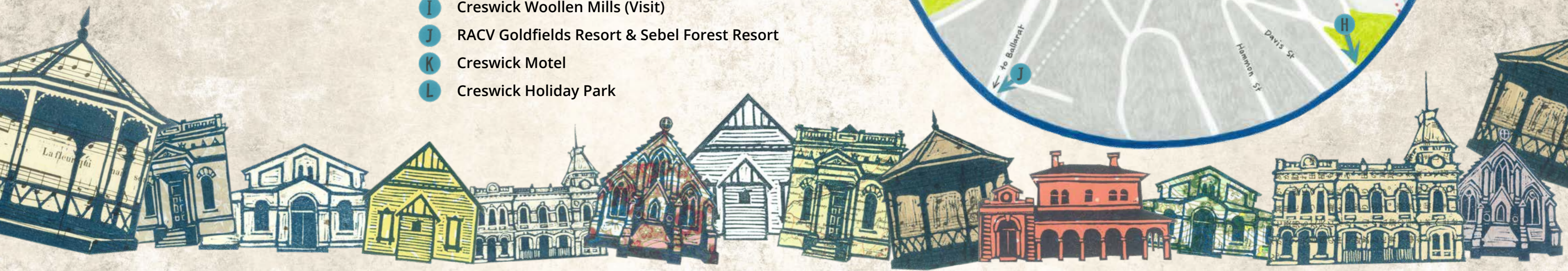
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- INFORMATION
- FUEL
- FIRST AID (AT 69A ALBERT STREET)
- REFRESHMENTS/CAFÉS
- PLAYGROUNDS
- TOILETS
- SHUTTLE BUS TO BALLARAT

## COME, JOIN THE PARADE!

Head to the Rotunda Sunday afternoon to hear the mighty Creswick Brass Band, then follow as they parade with the Creswick Street Band, Invy Horn Jam, Kyneton Street Band, Creswick Kids Choir, Creswick Ukestra, Sweet Monas and MANY MANY MORE, arriving at the Neighbourhood Centre where our Brass and Bollywood Extravaganza will explode!



## CRESFEST VENUES

- 1 The Town Hall
- 2 The Senior Citizens Centre
- 3 The Library
- 4 IGA
- 5 Skate Park & Water Park
- 6 Farmers Arms Hotel
- 7 The Neighbourhood Centre Hall
- 8 The Market & Outdoor Stage
- 9 Creswick Primary School
- 10 The Magic Pudding Garden & Playground
- 11 The Courthouse
- 12 The Old Post Office
- 13 The Rotunda
- 14 St Andrew's Uniting Church
- 15 American Hotel
- 16 Leavers - Odessa Wine Bar

## PLACES OF NOTE

- A RSL HQ (Festival Hub - Tickets & Registration)
- B Central Highlands Health Network (First Aid)
- C Havilah Masonic Lodge (Green Room)
- D Tourist Information Centre
- E Calambeen Park (Swim)
- F University of Melbourne Gardens (walk)
- G La Gerche (Walk)
- H St Georges Lake (Walk & Swim)
- I Creswick Woollen Mills (Visit)
- J RACV Goldfields Resort & Sebel Forest Resort
- K Creswick Motel
- L Creswick Holiday Park

## CRESWICK, VICTORIA

