

All day activities

Youth Zone

Photobooth, airbrush tattoos

Free slushies and popcorn

Scouts and Guides adventure activities

Free caricatures with Cardytoons

Local Food Discovery

Local eateries, fresh produce and cooking demonstrations

Market

Bike N' Blend – ride one of our slushie bikes

Bricks 4 Kids Lego workshops

Family Zone

Kids art and craft

Face painting all day

Henna art

Sustainability Lane

Animals of Oz

Eco Explorers

Pet Expo

Talk with a trainer with Alfoxton Dog Obedience

Groovy Groomers Ponies

Ageing Well

Activities and games at PRACC

The Community Festival is more than just an event – it's a commitment to a greener, cleaner future!

The City of Whittlesea are using Green My Plate in an effort to reduce waste at this event.

How to Green Your Plate in 3 easy steps...



1 Order your meal

Visit any food or drink vendor and enjoy your meal served on Green My Plate reusable plates, bowls, or mugs.



2 Find a Pink Bin

Once you're done eating and drinking, place your used plate, bowl, or mug into one of the pink bins located around the venue.



3 Green My Plate

We will collect, wash, and recirculate the reusable items for future events, helping to reduce waste and protect our environment.



Water stations

The festival has four convenient water refilling stations, making it easy for you to quench your thirst while reducing plastic waste.

The City of Whittlesea is dedicated to hosting sustainable events. Thank you for helping to reduce our environmental impact.



We would love your feedback!



Scan the QR code and let us know about your experience at today's festival.



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Community Festival

Sunday
16 March
2025

11AM
UNTIL
5PM

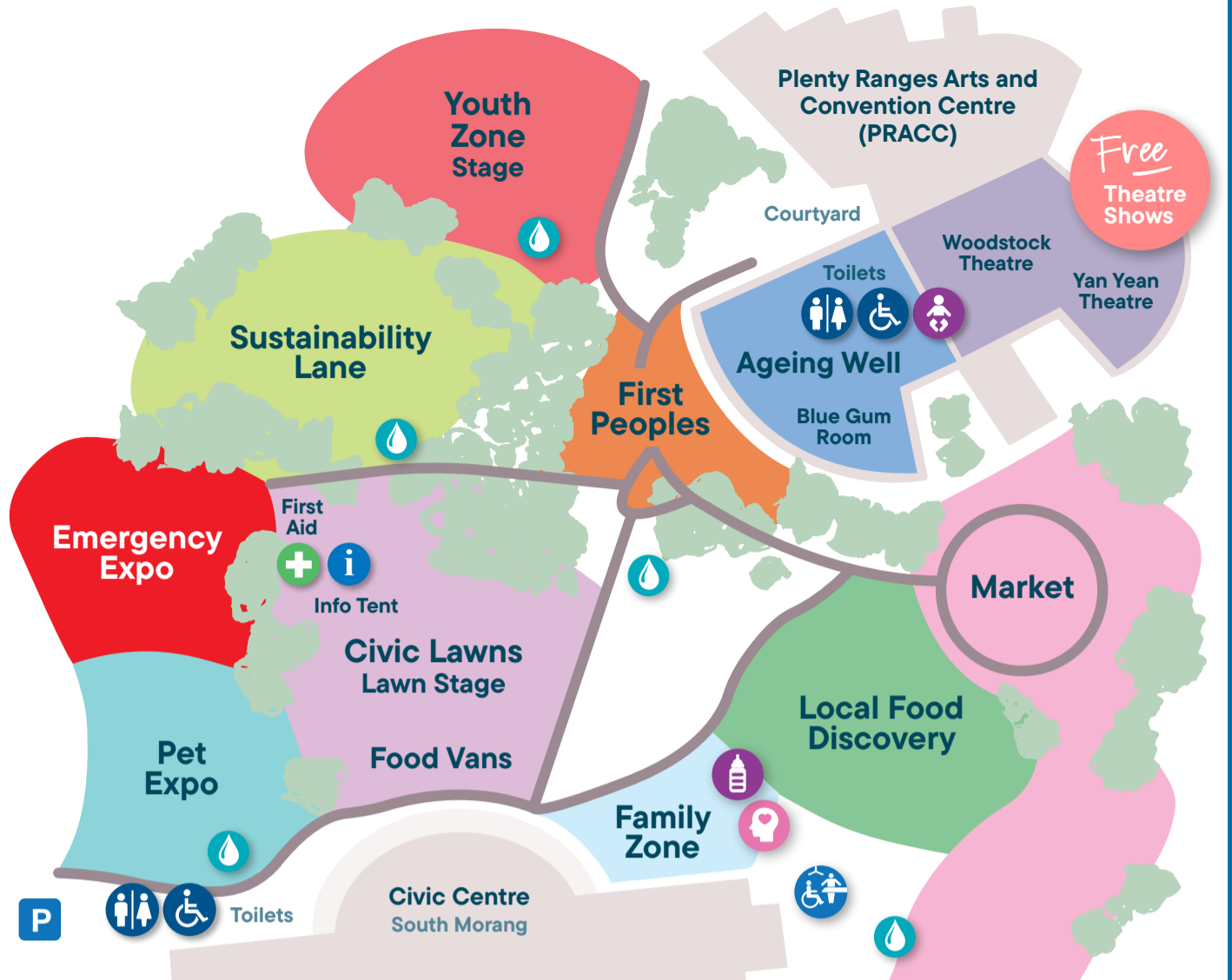
Free event

- Live music
- Pet expo
- Family fun
- Food trucks
- Market stalls
- Theatre shows

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Festival Program

| TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION |
|---------|--|------------------------------------|
| 11am | Adrian Whyte Trio | Lawn Stage |
| | Dame Cara Lynne | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| 11.10am | Mernda Afro Dance | Youth Stage |
| 11.15am | Emelia Jackson cooks | Local Food Discovery |
| 11.30am | Alfoxtton Dog Agility Show | Pet Expo |
| | German story time and craft activity | Family Zone |
| | Macedonian cultural dance | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| 11.50am | Renee Naccari | Youth Stage |
| 12pm | Dr. Hubble's Bubbles | Woodstock Theatre, PRACC |
| | City of Whittlesea Community Awards | Lawn Stage |
| | Golf presentation with Bryan Wearne | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| 12.15pm | Emelia Jackson cooks | Local Food Discovery |
| 12.30pm | Brent Watkins | Youth Stage |
| | Yoga with the Malaysian Seniors Social Group | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| | Stunned Mullet Circus | Lawn Stage |
| 1pm | Velveteen Rabbit | Yan Yean Theatre – PRACC |
| | Pearly Shells Hot Five | Lawn Stage |
| | Filipino cultural performance | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| 1.10pm | Mitch Tambo | Youth Stage |
| 1.30pm | Alfoxtton Dog Agility Show | Pet Expo |
| | Adrian Whyte Trio | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| 1.45pm | The Amazing Hazel | Lawn Stage |
| 2pm | Cooking demonstration with Simply Lentils | Local Food Discovery |
| | Active Whittlesea – Senior's exercise class | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| | Squid Nebula | Lawn Stage |
| 2.05pm | Zak Gully | Youth Stage |
| 2.30pm | Dr. Hubble's Bubbles | Woodstock Theatre, PRACC |
| | Whittlesea Men's Shed ukelele group | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| 2.45pm | Jag | Youth Stage |
| 3pm | Groove Dimension | Lawn Stage |
| | Alfoxtton Dog Agility Show | Pet Expo |
| | Andrew Herzog | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| | Cooking demonstration with Abruzzo Lab | Local Food Discovery |
| 3.25pm | Ramona Sky | Youth Stage |
| 3.30pm | Velveteen Rabbit | Yan Yean Theatre - PRACC |
| | Whittlesea Men's Shed ukelele | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| 3.45pm | The Amazing Hazel | Lawn Stage |
| 4pm | The Skiffle Sisters | Lawn Stage |
| 4pm | Vietnamese cultural dance | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |
| 4.05pm | Alkalide | Youth Stage |
| 4.30pm | Dame Cara Lynne | Ageing Well – Blue Gum Room, PRACC |



LEGEND

- First aid
- Water refill station
- Information tent
- Sensory space
- Toilets
- Baby changeroom
- Breastfeeding space
- Parking
- Marveloo Mobile Accessible Restroom

Marveloo is a modified Changing Places toilet equipped with a ceiling hoist and an adult change table, specifically designed for individuals who require these facilities and cannot use a standard accessible toilet. Marveloo is a locked amenity requires a Master Locksmith Access Key (MLAK) to open the toilet. This key is necessary to unlock the facility.

Youth Zone Stage

Enjoy a huge range of activities designed for young people aged 12 to 25 including live entertainment by talented local young musicians and artists, giant games and free slushies, popcorn and photobooth.



11am Benny Gregs

Bringing only good vibes, MC Benny will lead you through a show-stopping lineup of young musicians.

11.10am Mernda Afro Dance

Claire, Janelle, and Tadiwa lead an Afro Dance group celebrating African culture through energetic moves and music.

11.50am Renee Naccari

Renee Naccari is a Melbourne singer, songwriter, and producer who mixes Pop with R&B, Lo-fi, Jazz, Indie, and Rock.

12.30pm Brent Watkins

Brent Watkins, a Gunaai Kurnai artist with Noongar Yamatji roots, blends traditional dance and hip-hop to share cultural stories.

1.10pm Mitch Tambo

Australian World Music Star Mitch Tambo is a "new voice for a generation," bridging cultures through music. His debut album *Guurama-Li* topped iTunes charts worldwide, and his *You're the Voice* cover is the first Gamilaraay-language song to surpass 1 million streams.

2.05pm Zak Gully

Zak Gully is a young emerging Indie Folk-Pop singer-songwriter with deep connection and passion for Australia's nature and travel. Zak's debut single *Travelling Lady* is gaining traction, showcasing Zak's unique sound and heartfelt storytelling.

2.45pm Jag

Jag is a raw, genre-bending musician from Melbourne, incorporating elements of non-naturalistic theatre and poetry.

3.25pm Ramona Sky

Naarm/Melbourne band *Ramona Sky* blends 70s rock 'n' roll with a modern groove. Known for high-energy performances, they were 2022 Music Victoria Awards Best Group nominees and have built a strong live reputation nationwide.

4.05pm Alkalide

Alkalide formed two years ago at William Ruthven Secondary College, uniting talented students through their passion for music. They explore and perform a diverse range of styles.

Lawn Stage

11am Adrian Whyte Trio

Adrian Whyte Trio relives the amazing music of Elvis, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison, *Howlin' Wolf*, BB King and many more of your favourite artists from the 50s and 60s.

12pm City of Whittlesea Community Awards

Join us to celebrate residents who have gone above and beyond for our community.

12.30pm Stunned Mullet Circus

Sergei and Tatiana from *Stunned Mullet Circus* bring their show, *The Strongest People in the World*. This acrobatic duo will amaze you with their strength and skills in a fun-filled circus show for the whole family!

1pm Pearly Shells Hot Five

The *Pearly Shells* mix their own arrangements of 40s and 50s big band music with Jump Blues, Swing Jazz, RnB, Boogie Woogie and Latin styles.

1.45pm, 2.45pm, 3.45pm The Amazing Hazel

Be astounded by *The Amazing Hazel's* expert juggling combined with hilarious clowning.

2pm Squid Nebula

Squid Nebula, led by Noongar musician Bumpy, blends soulful vocals with a talented band. From Cherry Bar's Soul Night in 2015 to major festivals like Loch Hart and St Kilda Festival, they've built a strong following. In 2020, they made the Bigsound 150 list.

3pm Groove Dimension

Ten-piece band *Groove Dimension* play the classic hits and anthems of funk, R&B, disco & soul from legendary 70's bands including *Earth, Wind and Fire, KC & The Sunshine Band, Jackson 5, Kool & The Gang, Stevie Wonder, The Commodores, Rick James* and many more.

4pm The Skiffle Sisters

Is it jazz or blues? Is it ragtime or folk? No. It's skiffle! The *Skiffle Sisters* sing sweet harmonies with a skiffle edge. They will perform classic *Miller Sisters* songs and skiffle singalongs that will tug at your heart while the band has you stomping to the beat.

Local Food Discovery

11am to 5pm

MC James Liotta hosts a day of food and fun! Sample local produce from businesses across the City of Whittlesea.

Products are also available for purchase from:

- Nick's Gnocchi & Pasta
- Olympian Foods
- Abruzzo Lab
- Epostres
- FIVE VINEYARD
- That's Amore Cheese
- Brazen Brownies
- No Grainer
- "A better choice!"
- Simply Lentils
- Venom Brewing & Bandwagon Beverages

2pm Cooking demonstration with Simply Lentils

3pm Cooking demonstration with Abruzzo Lab



11.15am and 12.15pm

Live cooking demonstrations with MasterChef Emelia Jackson

Emelia Jackson is a renowned Australian pastry chef and food stylist who has become a household name in the world of baking and sweets. She first gained attention on *MasterChef Australia* in 2014, where she finished in third place.

In 2020, Emelia returned to the *MasterChef* kitchen for the *Back to Win* season and won the competition, making her one of the show's most popular contestants. She now shares her skills through food demonstrations and works with top names in the food industry.



Sustainability Lane

11am to 5pm

Take a stroll down Sustainability Lane and be treated to a range of stalls and activities that will help us all be leaders in clean, sustainable living:

- experience Australian wildlife with Animals of Oz, Eco Explorers and their forest school of tools and woodwork area for kids as well as nature art and bush kinder
- learn about recycling
- have a chat with local wildlife rescue group.



Pet Expo

11am to 5pm

If you're passionate about pets, discover a world of pet information at our Pet Expo including:

- Alfoxton dog obedience and training displays
- information on pet registration, microchips, and checking
- stands to help with pet adoption and local rescue groups
- everything you need for your furry friends and even some scaley ones
- the Groovy Groomers for hands-on kids' fun with grooming and patting miniature ponies.

Ageing Well

11am to 5pm, Blue Gum Room, Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre

Explore support services and fun activities that enhance your well-being and quality of life – all while having fun:

- try indoor golf, 10-pin bowling, and exercise class
- be entertained by Dame Cara Lynn, Whittlesea Men's Shed ukulele group and a variety of cultural performers
- get assistance with technology and online services to boost your digital skills.

Free Theatre Shows

12pm and 2.30pm Dr. Hubble's Bubbles

Woodstock Theatre, Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre

Dr Hubble is Australia's favourite bubbleman. Dr Hubble's Bubbles is the perfect fun event for the whole family. Dr Hubble will wow you with an interactive show featuring square bubbles, flaming bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, exploding bubbles and the biggest bubbles you'll ever see!

1pm and 3.30pm **Velveteen Rabbit**

Yan Yean Theatre, Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre

A must-see for families and anyone who has ever cherished a beloved toy!

Lights! Cameras! Action! Set within a film shoot, layered with live projections, physical theatre company 'Born in a Taxi' thoughtfully and hilariously reimagines this 100 year old children's story by Margery Williams. Please bring your own favourite snuggly toy to the show! This is a show where the toys are in charge on stage and your own special guest toy is a VIP.



Community art installation hope

Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre

This community art installation showcases 2D artworks created by local school students, inspired by the theme of *Hope*. Artist Katrina Gaskell has carefully arranged these artworks to decorate the windows at PRACC for the event.

Participating schools: Al Siraat College, Lalor Primary, Mernda Primary, St Johns Thomastown West, Plenty River College and The Lakes South Morang.