

# WARRNIBALD FESTIVAL OF ARTS

15 - 20  
MAY 2026

@WARRNIBALD  
WARRNAMBOOL RACECOURSE

The Warrnibald Festival of Arts is fast approaching — and there are so many ways to be involved.

From entering your work, to attending events, volunteering, or simply coming along to enjoy the art, this year's festival promises something for everyone.

Over 800 visitors attended last year — don't miss it.

## THE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

### COMPETITIONS

- WARRNIBALD PORTRAITURE
- GENERAL ART
- LIVE PORTRAITURE
- PHOTOGRAPHY

OPEN SAT TO WEDNESDAY 10 - 4PM

### EVENTS

- OPENING NIGHT
- WARRNIBALD PORTRAIT PRIZE
- GENERAL ART
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE
- TALKS
- SIP & PAINT
- CHILDREN'S ART
- OPEN STUDIOS

### SIP & PAINT - SUN 16 - \$60

10 - 12 pm

#### Sip & phone photography

Unleash the power in your pocket. Get tips on how to get great photos using your phone with Tracey Togni.

1 - 3pm

#### Sip & Paint

Fun & informal workshop with Samantha McMahon of Personally Penned & Painted, known for her gentle watercolours and elegant calligraphy.

### OPENING NIGHT - FRIDAY 15 - \$25 | 6 - 10 PM

Last year's opening night was a huge success — and a night not to be missed.

Be among the first to:

- View the exhibition
- Meet the artists
- Celebrate the announcement of prize winners

TICKETS



[www.trybooking.com/DLBBK](http://www.trybooking.com/DLBBK)

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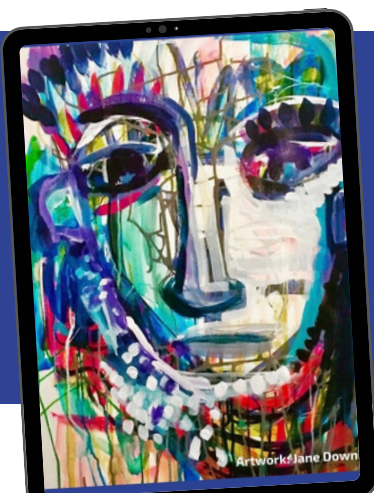
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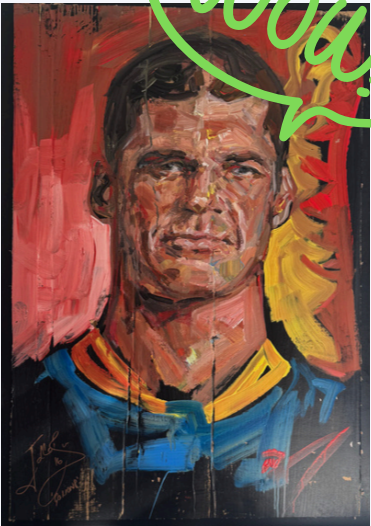


6 DAYS OF ART TO EXPLORE!





# DON'T MISS THIS AUCTION OPPORTUNITY RENOWNED ARTIST DAN BUTTERWORTH HAS CREATED A REMARKABLE PORTRAIT OF JONATHAN BROWN,



A striking portrait to be auctioned at this year's Warrnibald Festival of Arts.

With all funds going directly to Warrnambool & District Community Hospice, this is your chance to invest in a unique artwork while supporting an incredibly important local service.

[Register your interest here](#)

**ENTER NOW**



[www.wdchospice.org.au/warrnibald](http://www.wdchospice.org.au/warrnibald)

## ENTRIES NOW OPEN THIS IS YOUR REMINDER THAT ENTRIES CLOSE 1ST MAY.

GET YOUR ART SUPPLIES BUSY.  
WE CAN NOT WAIT TO SEE WHAT OUR WONDERFUL ARTS  
COMMUNITY HAS IN THE PIPELINE  
FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

## OPEN STUDIOS

Warrnibald - Festival of Arts is proud to be working in conjunction with Warrnambool & Southwest Artists' Open Studio Tour.

The perfect collaboration for a wonderful weekend of art.

It's the  
Warrnambool & Southwest Artists'  
**OPEN STUDIO TOUR**  
10am - 4pm  
May 16 & 17

Over 25 local Southwest artists opening their studio doors to the public for this two day event. Scan the QR code to head to the website for a full list of artists and a Google Map featuring the studio locations



<https://warrnamboolartists.wixsite.com/openstudios>  
Artwork by Ricky Schembri



**Art Show!**

SATURDAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 10:30AM  
WARRNAMBOOL RACE COURSE  
UNDERNEATH THE MATILDA ROOM.

Our annual art show for enrolled students of Term 2 2026.

Held at The Warrnibald. **WARRNIBALD**

## CHILDRENS ART - RAINBOW ART STUDIO MFA

Get ready for our annual art show, a colour packed, feel good celebration bursting with creativity, confidence, and seriously talented young artists!

Come soak up the fun, support local makers, and see just how magical imagination can be when it's set free.

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# FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## 6 days of art to explore!

**GALA OPENING NIGHT - FRIDAY 15 | \$25 | 6 - 10 PM**

Includes canapes & a complimentary glass of wine!

**SATURDAY 16 MAY - WEDNESDAY 20 MAY | 10am - 4pm**

Each day offers something different

### SATURDAY

Live Portraiture Competition (10:30am - 2:30pm)

Watch talented local artists paint a valued community member live.

### SUNDAY

Sip & Create Sessions

- Tracey Togni — Phone Photography
- Samantha McMahon — Watercolour Gift Tags

### MONDAY - A celebration of Volunteers

A celebration of Volunteers with inspiring Community Talks

Colleen Hughson (Beach Patrol)

Anthea Rafferty (Greenprint Project)

### TUESDAY - A celebration of Indigenous art

In conjunction with Greenprint Project we bring you a fun day of youth art

Portrait Artist of the Hour featuring artists from our regions Secondary Schools

Featuring sitters from the Indigenous community

A celebration of inclusive art — because everyone is an artist.

### WEDNESDAY - A celebration of Inclusive art

— because everyone is an artist. In conjunction with Real Colour, part of the team at Find your Voice Choir, we bring an art session with a unique artist, with a workshop for everyone to explore art.

### EVERY DAY

Explore the exhibitions and watch artists-in-residence at work.

**ENTER NOW**

[warrnamboolhospice.org.au/warrnibald](http://warrnamboolhospice.org.au/warrnibald)

Or scan the QR code



Entries close May 1st



**if you want another look - the warrnibald portraiture prize moves to The F Project for 27<sup>th</sup> May to 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

The F Project is also home to a gift shop with art from many of our talented local artists at 224 Timor St, Warrnambool.



# RAFFLE

The Warrnambool - Festival of Arts is a fundraiser for the Warrnambool & District Community Hospice, a local not-for-profit organisation that helps people spend their end of life at home in comfort while also supporting their families and carers.

Win 5 nights accommodation in Noosaville at Noosa Outrigger Resort

- other fantastic prizes
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Tickets available at the venue or online:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DLBBK>



# VOLUNTEERS

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Do you have some time available to help bring the Warrnibald to life:

- Entry & ticketing
- Welcoming visitors
- General event support

Saturday to Wednesday - Shifts: 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm  
Even one shift makes a difference.



## GET INVOLVED

**JOIN THE WARRNIBALD COMMITTEE** and help make 2027 even better

We're always looking for passionate people to help grow this important event. If you'd like to be involved, we'd love to hear from you.

**Don't forget Entries close 1st May — get creating.**

Be part of six days of art, community, and connection at the Warrnibald Festival of Arts

BOOK YOUR TICKETS



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