

Wednesday 21st May

Pump House Exhibition Opening
6:00-8:00pm

The Ripple Fest launch event is the exhibition opening of the Pump House Artist Residency Program exhibition (6:00pm Wednesday 21 May). This will be for invited guests; however the exhibition will be open to the public on **Tuesday-Saturdays** from **22 May - 4 June** from **11:00am-4pm**. Nathalia's **Broken Creek Band**, and artists **Rod Young** and **Maggie Ellis** who have been artists in residents will perform.



Thursday 22nd May

Waking Up Creativity Workshops
7:20-8:00am

Campaspe Park, Rochester. Start the day with this workshop with **Maggie Ellis**.

FLOW Yoga on the River
8:30-9:30am

Yoga with **Christy O'Brien** – Meet at Rochester Shire Hall.

Mushroom Making Workshop
10:00am-1:30pm

Making Tyvek Mushroom's with **Sonya Else**. Rochy Library Meeting Room.

The Fab Gab – Creative Recovery & Regional Arts Symposium
11:00am-5:00pm

An inspiring day at the historic Rochester Shire Hall on Thursday 22 February, as we host a thought-provoking symposium exploring the powerful intersection of Creative Recovery and Regional Arts. This event brings together visionaries and experts to delve into how creativity can spark healing in communities and elevate the arts in regional areas.

It is aimed at artists eager to expand their knowledge and networks of the arts and community organisations interested in learning how art-driven projects can foster recovery after challenging times.

The day will feature an incredible lineup of speakers offering insights into the transformative potential of art. Keynote Speakers **Dr Vic McEwan** (CAD Factory) and **Scotia Monkivitch** (Creative Recovery Australia) will talk about their work in art and recovery in regional communities.

Giant Collage Workshop
2:00-5:00pm

Paste-Up Workshop. Rochy Community House.

Rippling and Sticky Stories
2:00-4:30pm

Get your inspiration on. Write what you feel on a giant sticky note, inspired by two works of art. Echuca and Rochester Library. Or continue a story that you don't know where it started and don't know where it will end.

Slap Dash Habber Dash
4:30-7:30 pm

Drop into this Costume and Mask making workshop at the Rochy Community House and make something wonderful to wear for Friday's Parade and Dressed to the 13s Ball.

Art Dinner
6:00-8:00pm

After the program, we'll treat you to a unique Art Dinner where creativity and cuisine meet, created by renowned food curator **Jamie Lewis**.

AntPaul Projects
8:30-9:30pm

And to cap off the evening, **Ant and Paul** from Bendigo will enchant us with a stunning mix of immersive projections and live music, creating a truly unforgettable experience.



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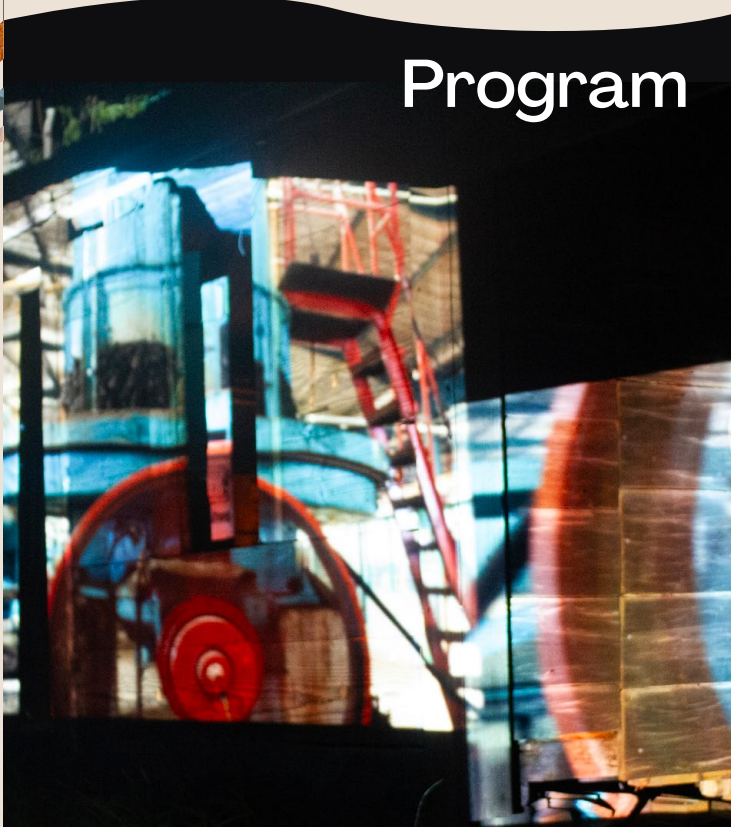
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Program



Friday 23rd May

Waking Up Creativity Workshops
7:20-8:00am

Echuca Pump House. Start the day with this workshop with [Maggie Ellis](#).

Mushroom Making Workshop
10:00am-1:30pm

Making Tyvek Mushroom's with [Sonya Else](#). Rochy Library Meeting Room.

Rochester Skate Park Activation
12:00-5:00pm

In the Skatepark, artist [Retayner](#) will run a graffiti workshop, on removable plastic wrapping. And [DJ Coby](#), and the [Jam in the Van](#) will play tunes. This space will also feature on Saturday (see below).

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Colour & Animate Campaspe
3:00-3:45pm & 4:15 – 5:00pm.

Learn to be a Street Artist & Animator! With [Louise Cooper](#). Rochy Community House. Two sessions.

More than Just a Fish Kill
5:00-7:00pm

More than a Fish Kill is an inspiring short-form documentary (38 mins) exploring how artists, fisheries managers and First Nations custodians came together in the aftermath of devastating fish kills along the Barka (Darling River) in far western New South Wales. Port of Echuca Wharf Cargo Shed. Will be introduced by CAD Factory director Vic McEwan.



I Love Rochy – A Night of Spectacle!
5:50-6:50pm

Friday evening will start with Projections on the factory, viewed from the end of Moore Street. Gather at 5:30 for 6:00pm start and then there will be a parade along the footpath of Gillies St and then cross into Mackay Street to the Rochester Shire Hall. There will be puppets, stilt walkers, amazing costumes and who knows what else? Wear a costume, a mask, or carry a puppet.

Dressed to the Thirteens
7:00pm

This rag tag group will then enter the Rochy Hall for Dressed to the Thirteens, a night of magic, acrobatics and music. There will be food vans parked outside.

Ripple Fest Music
8:00pm

Rochester: For those not interested in the ball, Melbourne duo [Norwood](#) will play at the Shamrock, supported by Nathalia's [Broken Creek](#), and young Bendigo band [Broad Parade](#) will play at the Criterion, supported by [Darcy Ramage](#).

Echuca: Melbourne's [Danny Walsh Banned](#) will play at the American Hotel, supported by Bendigo's The Unknown.



Saturday 24th May

Rochester Skate Park Activation
12:00-5:00pm

In the Rochy Skatepark, artist [Retayner](#) will run a graffiti workshop, on Rochester's new legal graffiti wall. And [DJ Coby](#), and the [Jam in the Van](#) will play tunes.

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Eucalyptus Watercolour Workshop
10:00am-12:00pm

Join artist [Natalie Ryan](#) in this immerse workshop to explore the beauty of nature in this hands-on Eucalyptus Leaves Watercolour Workshop! Echuca Pump House.

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A Hero's Journey

12:00am-2:00pm

Join writer [Christy O'Brien](#) for a fun and creative writing workshop for lovers of storytelling. Echuca Library.

Bangarra Rekindling
2:00pm

Bangarra has been running its flagship youth program, Rekindling, connecting with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities across Australia, for the past 13 years. They have been working with Shepparton, Echuca and Rochester First Nation youth to create this stunning dance performance. Aquatic Reserve, Echuca.

Aquatic Reserve Event
5:30pm

In the late afternoon people can gather at the Aquatic Reserve again (bring chairs or picnic rugs) and at 5:30pm the performance will begin. There will be food vans.

The performance will include be giant puppets, lighting, projections, and a mass dance event. Everyone is encouraged to find a copy of the choreography (on our socials) and participate. Local musician Madi Walker will perform as will Shepparton Rapper Brikkyy B. and Opera singer Charlotte Goode.

Lights at the Port
8:00pm

The Port of Echuca will host an amazing lighting event, with lasers and projections, and Bendigo duo [This Sweet Sickness](#).

Ripple Fest Music
8:00pm

Rochester: Melbourne's [Danny Walsh Banned](#) will play at the Criterion

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Sunday 25th May

Intuition Dolls

10:00am-1:00pm

Create your own Intuition Doll with Katy Price and get in touch with your intuition! Echuca Pump House.

Wand Making Workshop
10:00am-12.30pm

A hands-on, friendly workshop with [Amanda Mitchell](#) at Echuca Pump House where creativity meets spirituality! This workshop is an immersive experience where you will be guide through the art of crafting your own crystal wand, infused with personal intention and energy.

Unearthed: Music Sesh Closing
3:00-6:00pm

So, you've danced, workshopped, thought deeply about issues, been amazed by lights and projections, and it is now time to wind down the weekend with the closing event 'Unearthed Exhibition' and 'Unearthed: Music Sesh' at The Foundry Arts Space and Arts Precinct. Listen to emerging local bands, eat and be merry and hear festival closing remarks.

