



SPRING BEGINS TO EMERGE

STREET FAIR AND PARADE MARK START OF FESTIVAL

Community Briefs

STRIKING costumes, classic cars and delicious food are just a few good reasons to abstain on doors to Chesham on Saturday.

The Street Fair marks the start of Emerge, the Willoughby Spring Festival, and kicks off at 10:30am with the annual colourful street parade.

Close to 1000 people will gather at the corner of Anderson and the flower streets in the morning to watch the parade of floats and bands, dancing and performing their way through the streets. And if you're looking for an evening event, the parade will be in the streets of Chesham's CBD will likely top 100,000.

The city will host 10 mainstream areas including the Big Band area in Spring St, the Carnival Show at the Civic Pavilion, activities for children at The Concourse and more than 100 market stalls along Victoria Ave.

A popular attraction at this year's Street Fair is sure to be the Classic Car Alley from noon on the flower St - the perfect place for newbies to get a closer look at the cars featured in the parade.

Feeling there's something for everyone, music lovers can listen to concerts at the George Stage and

gardens can see the award-winning display of orchids in The Concourse foyer.

Sustainability Lane on Anderson St South is the go-to place for learning more about living sustainably in Willoughby.

And if you're creative and enterprising, the annual beauty pageant competition at 10am will crown Willoughby's best coffee maker.

For those with youngsters in tow, don't miss the new giant Urban Screen on The Concourse where kids can interact through movement and dance with the Twinkl Space Interactive Game Zone.

Willoughby Mayor Gail Chisholm said the parade is a great way to celebrate our community, as well as celebrating sport, culture, and the environment.

"This year the newly named Emerge Festival will focus on celebrating focus on our small-business and talent development, while still maintaining and celebrating our seasonal events," she said.



The Outdoors of Street Fair is the start of the parade of this year's Emerge at the George Stage.



BURNING QUESTIONS

FIRE RITUAL TO KICK OFF BIENNIAL

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IF YOU have ever wondered what it would be like to take part in a fire ritual, now's your chance.

On Saturday, the biennial opening ceremony will open the Willoughby Visual Arts Biennial in a special celebration.

The biennial is a vibrant month-long festival that engages artists to create works that reflect the diverse imagination of the region.

The artist program is a mix of new and established artists, including local and international artists, and a focus on the future.

A major highlight of the biennial is the 'Burning Questions' exhibition by US architect Walter Burley Griffin, who also designed the town of Canberra.

In a meeting with Northbridge artist Sarah Fitzgerald, Burden has transformed the art space with sensitive social, political and local.

"What I'm trying to do is burn words metaphorically," she said.

"I'm proposing we have an open fire where you will be able to burn unanswered questions."

ARTS BIENNIAL

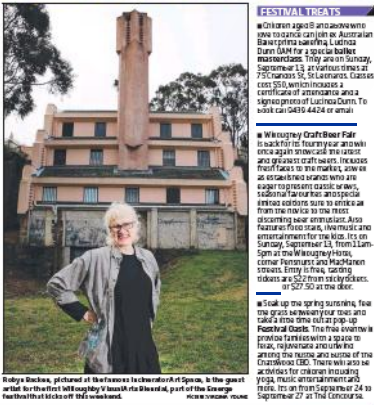
WHAT: The opening of Willoughby Visual Arts Biennial & Fire Rituals by artist Roger Burden will accompany the opening.

WHERE: Concourse, September 1, 4:30-6:30pm

WHERE: Inconceivable Art Space, 2 Small St, Willoughby

COST: Free

DETAILS: Phone 0402 600 902 or go to www.willoughbyvisualarts.com.au



Roger Burden, pictured at the opening of the biennial, is the guest artist for the Willoughby Visual Arts Biennial, part of the Emerge festival that kicks off this weekend.

FESTIVAL TIPS

Willoughby Craft Beer Fair is back for its fourth year and will once again showcase the best and greatest craft beers. It takes place from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, September 13, at the corner of 250 Victoria St, St Leonards. Tickets cost \$55, which includes a certificate of appreciation and a signature of Lorraine Dunn. To book call 0438 4424 or email info@willoughbycraftbeerfair.com.au

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH

WORKSHOPS

WMA WINE - WINE

10am - 12pm for Grades 2 to 6
1pm - 3pm for Grades 7 to 12
Saturday 12 September

The Concourse Rehearsal Room
400 Victoria Ave, Cheshamwood

WANTED: FEA ONLY

9:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday 26 September
The Concourse Chesham Room
400 Victoria Ave, Cheshamwood

FRIDAY 9:30AM BOUT

10am - 12pm
Saturday 26 September
The Concourse Theatre
400 Victoria Ave, Cheshamwood

WINE JEWELLERY

10:30am - 1pm and 2pm - 4:30pm
Sunday 13 September

The Concourse Rehearsal Room
400 Victoria Ave, Cheshamwood

SPRING FESTIVAL MALLETT PRINTER CLASSES WITH LUCINDA DUNN

Sunday 13 September
9:30am - 11am
After school class (9-10) 11:30am - 1pm
In-school class (10-11) 1:30pm - 3pm
Senior master class (11:30-4)

The Turner Feature Classical Coasting Academy
75 Chesham St, St Leonards

For more workshop details and bookings visit www.willoughbyvisualarts.com.au

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WILLOUGHBY VISUAL ARTS BIENNIAL 2015

IMAGINING PLACE

SEPTEMBER 5 - 26

Other Biennial events on today in the local area:

IF YOU DO NOT SPEAK, DO I SPEAK FOR YOU?

An exhibition by Felicity Backen
10am - 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday
Saturday 5 to Sunday 27 September
The Concourse Art Space (next to the box office)
400 Victoria Ave, Cheshamwood

HOME GROWN: The Carrots

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IT'S SUBJECTIVE...

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For more information on these and other Biennial events see www.willoughbyvisualarts.com.au

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A free shuttle bus is available to the opening from the Willoughby Historical Museum, 58 Johnson Street, Cheshamwood between 2pm - 5:30pm.