A host of thrilling, world-class sporting events, mouth-watering farmgate food experiences and breathtaking natural environments offer something to suit everyone's taste.

With so many things to do it's hard to pick just one, so we've included our summer lovin' guide – top five things to do in our region this summer. (See page 3 for details)

Geelong’s reputation as a major events destination is undeniable. To avoid missing out on the action, check out our four-page special events lift-out featuring international sporting events, renowned art collections and loads of family fun.

This calendar of world-class events helps attract thousands of visitors to our region time and time again – helping grow our already strong tourism industry.

It's not just visitors who benefit from coming here – tourism is an increasingly important source of employment and a key driver for our economy.

Last year, the number of international visitors increased by 10 per cent, and they’re spending more than ever while they’re here. This helps make tourism worth nearly $1 billion to our region and generate more than 5000 local jobs.

While those figures are fantastic we can expect the numbers to rise even further as we welcome Air Asia’s international flights to Avalon.

It’s safe to say that Greater Geelong is set to shine brightly this summer and beyond.

OUR REGION IS AT ITS BEST IN SUMMER. BUT IT’S NOT JUST PRISTINE BELLARINE BEACHES AND STUNNING BAY TOWNS THAT ATTRACT HORDES OF PEOPLE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

OUR TIME TO SHINE

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It’s a fantastic time of year to be a Greater Geelong resident as our exciting events season is in full swing.

Events do so much for our community. They improve the liveability of our region by offering a variety of affordable and exciting activities which you can experience right here, recent examples include the Archibald exhibition, White Night and A-League soccer.

Events deliver significant economic benefits. Last year, major events generated $76 million for Greater Geelong. The Australian International Airshow, Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, Festival of Sails, Ironman 70.3 Geelong, Vic Open Golf and Pako Festa are huge drawcards for tourists, significantly adding to our visitor economy.

Events like these also provide us with incredible opportunities to market our regional brand to a state-wide, national and international audience. This in turn boosts tourism to the region. As the gateway to the Great Ocean Road, we have the potential to tap into the 5 million visitors who annually travel this way.

The other, possibly more valuable outcome of being an event-rich region is the way events enhance local community life through participation. Last year our major events got 600,000 people out and about, enjoying the community spirit of events.

I wish you all the best this events and festive season. Make sure you enjoy what’s on offer in beautiful Geelong!

CR Bruce Harwood
Mayor, City of Greater Geelong

ENJOY YOUR FREE GEELONG CALENDAR

Each year our calendar competition attracts hundreds of photographs from amazing snappers, including entries by amateur and professional photographers from around our region. This year’s cover image was selected by Jason Smith, Director of the Geelong Gallery.

Extra copies of the Geelong 2019 Calendar are available at our customer service centres.
**DID YOU KNOW?**

Our road crews complete about 1000 requests for service and about 6000 sealed road repairs each year.

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**DRINKING FOUNTAINS OPEN FOR SUMMER**

Good news – all except one of our public drinking fountains have been reopened in time for summer.

After traces of lead were detected in some of our public drinking fountains earlier this year, we closed affected drinking fountains for comprehensive testing by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Fortunately, the test results showed that the lead levels are well below those associated with long-term health effects. There is no need to worry if you have previously consumed water from our drinking fountains.

Only one fountain, located at Aldershot Reserve in St Albans Park, was removed due to higher traces of contaminants.

In general, it’s a good idea to let drinking fountains run for about 30 seconds before drinking to draw fresh water to the outlet.

Rest assured, you can feel safe quenching your thirst at any of our drinking fountains this summer!

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**SUMMER LOVIN’**

Five things to do when the heat is on!

1. **MAKE A SPLASH!**
   - We’ve got saltwater therapy in almost every direction – Eastern Beach is a timeless favourite on hot summer nights. Head to the north side of The Bellarine for calm, clear waters for paddling, fishing or snorkelling. To the south, waves are perfect for boarding or, when the tide is out, rockpool rambles and beach cricket.

2. **QUENCH YOUR THIRST**
   - Our vineyards and cellar doors are well known but we’re also making great beer, cider and gin now too. Balance your fluid intake with local food produce sourced via The Bellarine and Moorabool Valley Taste Trails and their farmgates and eateries.

3. **BACK TO NATURE**
   - Get your runners or hiking boots on and head to the You Yangs for an all-natural workout. Hike to the top for 360 degree views, enjoy a picnic or BBQ in the park or check out the mountain bike trails. You can take your dog in too. Fresh fun for the whole family, even the furry ones.

4. **THE MAIN EVENT**
   - Summer and events go together like Vegemite and toast – they were made for each other. The program this year will take you from international sport to local music in every part of the region, often with a side of fireworks or audience participation.

5. **EAT OUT**
   - Literally. Alfresco dining in central Geelong is great for ‘people watching’ on warm nights. On The Bellarine, water views and sea breezes are an even better entrée than garlic bread. Seriously.

Need more summer activity inspiration? Head to www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au
KEEPING SAFE THIS SUMMER

Caring for Others

Heatwaves can cause dehydration and heat exhaustion, so it’s important to remember to keep cool, stay hydrated and avoid strenuous activities.

Check on elderly neighbours and family members during hot weather and keep your pets in the shade (preferably indoors) wherever possible.

If your job involves working outdoors be sure to take regular breaks and wear appropriate sun protection.

Fire Ready

January 2019 marks 50 years since the Lara bushfires, a timely reminder of the importance to implement fire-safety measures around your home.

• Make sure barbecue and open flames are put out properly
• Clean leaves from gutters
• Move woodpiles away from the house
• Keep grass maintained to a maximum height of 10cms
• Check total fire ban and ratings information at www.cfa.vic.gov.au to see what you can and can’t do during hot days.

In and Around Water

Summer is the perfect time to splash around and enjoy water in all locations and surroundings. If you are outside by the pool, at the beach, or on the river, it’s critical to take care around water – especially with children. Our tips for keeping safe around water this summer are:

• Always swim between the red and yellow flags when visiting the beach
• Before entering the water, check the depth; enter the water slowly, feet first and never dive in
• Avoid swimming near boat ramps or in boating areas
• Always keep young children within arm’s reach
• Watch your children around water, not your mobile phone
• Never swim alone.

Useful Contacts

Emergencies can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any time. It’s important you know how to respond and who to contact in an emergency.

Police, Fire and Ambulance

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Poisons information

131 126

Nurse on call

1300 606 024

National Home Doctor Service

137 425

VIC Emergency hotline

(bushfire information and advice)

1800 226 226

VicSES (Storm damage)

132 500

Swim, Sport & Leisure

Family Fun Days!

Lara Pool
Sun 13 Jan
12pm–3pm

Waterworld
Sun 20 Jan
12pm–3pm

Looking for activities this summer? Our leisure centres have you covered! Celebrate our Family Fun Days at Lara Pool and Waterworld with free pool entry, a visit from Webstar, face painting, aquatic inflatables, music with DJ Ali, games with spot prizes and more! It’s fun for the whole family! Visit www.ssl.geelongaustralia.com.au for more info.
Get ready Geelong – a giant heatwave of events is forecast for the next 90 days and the long-range outlook is spectacular!

This summer, expect above average opportunities to get outside to enjoy more events than ever before. Experts are predicting a wonderful mix of free and paid events that will capture the imagination and interest of everyone in our community. This phenomenon is expected to bring significant numbers of visitors to our region as well.

Sources suggest there will be a number of highs in Geelong – with Geelong-Korea in the Australian Baseball League, two Big Bash cricket double headers, A Day on the Green, Festival of Sails, Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, Nightjar Festival and Australian International Airshow to name a few.

With temperatures set to soar, everyone should make the most of this bumper event season which is set to continue until mid-autumn!

For a full list of events happening in Geelong this summer, visit www.eventsgeelong.com.au

WWW.EVENTSGEELONG.COM.AU
Geelong’s best destination for event information.
THE AIRSHOW IS SET TO TAKE OFF

Experience the awesome power of military aviation at Australia’s world-renowned Australian International Airshow, 1–3 March.

With earplugs at the ready, thousands will once again gaze in amazement as pilots push their aircraft to the limit in this aviation spectacular.

The 2019 event will feature a vast array of the latest military heavy metal from Australia and overseas, including supersonic jet fighters and attack helicopters.

It will also boast many vintage, classic and experimental aircraft, high-flying barnstormers and precision stunt performers.

Among the many attractions will be Night Alight, an after dark aviation spectacular with a breathtaking, fiery and explosive finale.

The Avalon-based event will also present a host of ground attractions and historic re-enactments.

Tickets on sale now from Ticketmaster.

WIN AIRSHOW TICKETS!

To celebrate our love of all things Airshow, we have five family passes (two adults and two kids) to give away. Enter at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/comp

Competition closes 12pm Tuesday 12 February. Terms and conditions apply.

KARDINIA PARK:
Sunday 16 December
Family Fun Day – FREE entry
BBL Renegades practice match
WBBL Renegades v Heat, 2.10pm

GMHBA STADIUM:
Thursday 3 January
WBBL Renegades v Hurricanes, 2.50pm
BBL Renegades v Strikers, 7.15pm
Sunday 13 January
WBBL Renegades v Sixers, 2.50pm
BBL Renegades v Heat, 6.35pm

Come and see your BBL and WBBL heroes clash with their rivals and experience three hours of action-packed family entertainment. Tickets on sale now from Ticketmaster.

WIN TICKETS!

Win tickets to enjoy the T20 Big Bash League cricket at GMHBA Stadium! We have five family passes (four people) up for grabs for both double header matches in January. Enter at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/comp/comp3.aspx

Competition closes 12pm Thursday 13 December.

Terms and conditions apply.

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY AT THE FESTIVAL OF SAILS

The Festival of Sails, one of the nation’s oldest sporting events, is also the largest annual keel boat regatta in the Southern Hemisphere. It includes over 300 yachts and 3000 competitors taking part in the sea and land extravaganza every year.

Running alongside the sailing action, the FREE community Waterfront festival, located from Royal Geelong Yacht Club to Eastern Beach Reserve, features 30 artists, including many local singers performing on two stages over three days.

Headline entertainment will see music legend Russell Morris, vocal duo Vika and Linda Bull and soulful pop artist Taylor Sheridan rock the Waterfront!

A fireworks display will light up the bay on Saturday 26 January.

There will be plenty of food and wine, live music, entertainment and roving performers plus art and craft market stalls. There’s also an on-water Come and Try Zone and a dedicated family friendly kids zone along our Waterfront and at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.
The Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race returns to Geelong 25–27 January – bigger and better than ever. There are many ways you can get involved in Australia’s premier weekend of cycling.

Australia’s only Tour de France winner Cadel Evans is calling on residents to decorate their properties to celebrate the event and to add more colour and excitement to the event broadcast, seen by millions of people in over 140 countries.

Here’s how you can get involved with the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race:

**Live on the course?** Decorate your property. Get creative and festively dress your place to add colour and vibrancy to the course. You’ll also have the chance to win some great prizes!

**Throw a BBQ.** Invite family and friends over for a BBQ while watching the event take place on your doorstep.

**Chalk the King of the Mountain.** Make this world-renowned King of the Mountain climb extra colourful while the eyes of the world are watching.

**Get on your bike.** There’s a new Vegemite Family Ride, as well as the popular Swisse People’s Ride – catering for all ages and abilities.

**Watch the event.** Pick a spot to soak-up the action. Races start and finish on the Waterfront alongside the event village. There’s also a live site at Montpellier Park in Highton – home of the King of the Mountain – as well as spectacular coastal views from Barwon Heads. The race will also be broadcast live on the Seven Network.

**Volunteer.** Be a valued event volunteer and rub shoulders with the world’s cycling elite.

For more information visit [www.cadelevansgreatoceanroadrace.com.au](http://www.cadelevansgreatoceanroadrace.com.au)

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**WELCOME GEELONG-KOREA**

The Australian Baseball League’s first expansion team is based right here in Geelong.

The Geelong-Korea team will feature international baseballers from Korea, playing home games right here at the Geelong Baseball Centre.

This promises to be a big hit for our passionate sporting city, providing high-quality baseball and all the entertainment we’ve seen in the movies, including 25-inch hot dogs and nacho-loaded baseball helmets.

Each time Geelong-Korea takes to the field it promises to be a unique sporting and entertainment experience.

In addition to quirky baseball themed food, there’ll be cheerleaders, live DJs, mascots, and t-shirt giveaways plus a few other surprises. It’s more than your typical sports event and loads of fun.

Every Geelong-Korea game will also be broadcast to millions of baseball viewers all over the world, taking Geelong to a truly global audience.

There is also a free spectator area on the outside lawn near third base. Let’s support Geelong’s latest national-based sports team this summer.

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**SUMMER EVENTS GUIDE**

**WIN GREAT PRIZES!**

For your chance to win, take a photo of your decorated property and post it to Instagram with the hashtag #CadelBBQ2019. Cadel Evans himself will select the winners on Thursday 31 January. Everyone in the Geelong region can enter.

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**NEVER MISS AN EVENT!**

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**GAMES COMING UP IN GEELONG:**

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Memberships and tickets are available at [www.theabl.com.au](http://www.theabl.com.au)
DECEMBER
6–9 ABL: Geelong-Korea v Adelaide Bite, Geelong Baseball Centre
7 Movies at Steampacket Gardens (Cars), Steampacket Gardens
13–16 ABL: Geelong-Korea v Auckland Tuatara, Geelong Baseball Centre
14 Movies at Steampacket Gardens (Mickey’s Magical Christmas), Steampacket Gardens
15 Dec–19 May Sand In The City, National Wool Museum
16 Melbourne Renegades Family Fun Day, Kardinia Park
21 National Wool Museum’s 30th Birthday, National Wool Museum
24 Carols by Candlelight, Johnstone Park, Geelong
26 Dec–28 Jan Wonderland Spiegeltent, Barwon Heads
27–30 ABL: Geelong-Korea v Melbourne Aces, Geelong Baseball Centre
29 Rip to River (fun run), Point Lonsdale to Ocean Grove
31 Dawnbusters Fun Run, Waterfront Geelong
31 Fireworks displays (dusk and midnight), Waterfront Geelong
17–20 ABL: Geelong-Korea v Brisbane Bandits, Geelong Baseball Centre
19 A Day on the Green (Florence and the Machine) Mt Duneed Estate
19–20 Day Out With Thomas, Bellarine Railway, Queenscliff
20 Waterworld Family Fun Day, Norlane
25–27 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, Geelong – Barwon Heads – Torquay
26–28 Festival of Sails, Waterfront Geelong
26 Australia Day Free Family Fun Day, Rippleside Park, Drumcondra

JANUARY
1–2 Bay Cycling Classic, Geelong
3 T20 Big Bash Cricket, GMHBA Stadium
12 Portarlington Mussel Festival, Portarlington
12–13 Shakespeare in the Gardens (Much Abo About Nothing), Geelong Botanic Gardens
13 T20 Big Bash Cricket, GMHBA Stadium
13 Lara Pool Family Fun Day, Lara

FEBRUARY
1, 8, 15 and 22 Nightjar Festival Geelong, Johnstone Park, Geelong
7–10 Victorian Open (golf), Thirteenth Beach Golf Links, Barwon Heads
9 By The C (Icehouse), Leura Park Estate

KID-FRIENDLY EVENTS
Looking for ideas to entertain the kids this summer? Check out these events!

MOVIES AT STEAMPACKET
7 and 14 December, Steampacket Gardens
7 December, 6.30pm – see the movie Cars and get a selfie with Mack the Truck. 14 December – see the Mik Maks at 5.30pm, followed by Mickey’s Magical Christmas at 6.30pm. Entry is FREE.

FLOATING CHRISTMAS TREE
On now until 7 January 2019, Waterfront Geelong
Help light Geelong’s floating Christmas tree! An interactive element at the Carousel allows kids to change the colours and turn the tree lights on and off between shows.

RENEGDES FAMILY DAY
16 December, Kardinia Park, Geelong Cricket Oval
Kids active area, featuring facepainting, music, cricket skills zone, plenty of giveaways and player signings with BBL and WBBL players. Entry is FREE.

VEGEMITE FAMILY RIDE
25 January at 4.30pm, Geelong Waterfront
Ride with Cadel Evans as well as elite riders and local celebrities on the 1.6km circuit. Register free at www.cadelevansgreatoceanrace.com.au/family-ride

SANTA TRAINS
19–20 December, Bellarine Railway, Queenscliff
Get in to the festive spirit with a Christmas-themed train experience that the kids will love. This is a ticketed event.

AUSTRALIA DAY FUN DAY
26 January, Rippleside Park, Drumcondra
Celebrate Australia Day at Rippleside Park with over 40 free activities and displays for families and children to enjoy.
Each year the Drysdale Renewable Energy Facility will generate enough electricity to supply 3200 people with power.

The City is partnering with renewable energy company LMS Energy to generate renewable energy from former landfill cells at the Drysdale landfill.

The Drysdale Renewable Energy Facility will soon begin generating electricity by extracting and capturing landfill gas, which is released from decomposing organic material in landfill.

Commencing full operation this summer, the facility will operate around the clock providing enough electricity to power 1200 homes, and will operate for at least 25 years.

While generating renewable energy, the facility will also stop about 35,000 tonnes of carbon from being released into the environment each year.

The gas engine used at the facility provides a much more energy efficient way to produce electricity, saving more than 15 million litres of water compared to typical coal-fired power stations.

This project is part of the City’s commitment to delivering sustainable solutions in all of our operations.

Development and Implementation of Sustainable Solutions

Whether you’re soaking up the warm weather in the backyard, at the beach or in the park, you can make your summer barbie waste free.

Tips for a Waste Free BBQ
1. Avoid disposable – replace paper plates and cutlery with reusable ones, and use cloth napkins instead of paper ones
2. Recycle – provide large tubs for recyclable waste like plastic and glass bottles, aluminium cans and steel tins
3. Reduce packaging – your local butcher can package meat in bulk to reduce waste, and consider bringing your own container to further save packaging
4. Save food – work out how many people are coming so you don’t cater for a cast of thousands
5. Tomorrow’s lunch – yesterday’s barbecue can be tomorrow’s delicious leftovers; bring reusable containers so you don’t throw out good food.

Recycle Your Old DVDs & CDs

DVDs and CDs can now be dropped off at our customer service centres to be recycled. Once processed, the discs and CD covers are used in the production of concrete. DVD covers are turned into outdoor furniture, garden pots and worm farm containers. Every part can be recycled, even the soft plastic sleeves of DVD covers, which become bin liners.

It’s all processed at GT Recycling’s Moolap facility, and the recycled products are used locally and overseas.

Drop Off Excess Recycling Free

Do you have excess recycling that won’t fit in your yellow lid bin? Drop it off for free at our Drysdale or Geelong Resource Recovery Centres. Drop off these items free:
- Glass bottles and jars
- Cardboard packaging
- Aluminium cans and steel cans, including aerosol cans
- Wrapping paper
- Polystyrene packaging – only at our Geelong Resource Recovery Centre.

The centres are only closed on Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.
LEOPOLD’S EAGERLY ANTIPIATED COMMUNITY HUB AND LIBRARY ARE NOW OPEN.

Local residents have welcomed the one-stop shop for community services which includes a library, public meeting spaces, outdoor events space and parkland.

Community spaces provide a much needed civic centre for the growing Leopold community, with the new library expected to attract about 1600 visitors through its doors each week.

A range of community activities and programs for people of all ages will be available at the hub, starting in early 2019.

Leopold Senior Citizens’ Club, Leopold Community and Learning Centre / Neighbourhood House, Geelong Regional Library and youth programs run by the City will all operate activities and programs from the hub.

The library and community hub are located next to the child and family centre on Kensington Road – delivered as part of stage one of the project.

The project was jointly funded by the City ($6.25 million), the Victorian Government through its Regional Infrastructure Fund ($3 million) and the Living Libraries Fund ($750,000).

For information about community organisations, groups, clubs, services, associations and facilities based in the municipality visit our community directory at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/directory.

UPGRADES FOR LOCAL CLUBS

NEW FACILITIES FOR LIONS

The $1.15 million upgrade at Winter Reserve Belmont, including extended pavilion and change rooms, is expected to be finished in early 2019.

The project includes new unisex change rooms and accessible toilets which will help grow the local clubs, particularly with an increase in female participation.

Spectators will also be able to soak up all the football and cricket action on the new tiered seating and undercover terrace area.

It’s funded by the Federal Government ($580,000), the City ($350,000), the Victorian Government ($100,000), the East Belmont Cricket Club ($100,000) and the Belmont Lions Sports Club ($22,000).

LARA UNITED

New change rooms will be a welcome addition for the Lara United Football (soccer) Club. The club currently only has one set of unisex change rooms which was shared by seven teams last year, including three female sides.

The new facilities are expected to accommodate continued growth of the club’s men’s and women’s soccer teams.

The $750,000 project is funded by the City ($650,000) and the Victorian Government ($100,000), and is expected to be completed by mid-2019.

ARMSTRONG CREEK’S GAME-CHANGER

Construction of the first sports pavilion at Armstrong Creek is nearly complete.

The precinct, set to open in early 2019, will feature a host of new facilities, including multi-purpose pavilion, two ovals (one with lights), flood-lit netball courts, cricket training nets and practice wickets.

The East Precinct sporting pavilion is funded by the City ($3.1 million) and the Victorian Government ($500,000), while the sporting reserve is being delivered by Warralily.
WRAPPING UP CHRISTMAS

An estimated 15,000 people lined the waterfront on Friday 9 November to watch six-year-old William Edwards flick the switch to light up Geelong’s Floating Christmas Tree and fireworks display.

Attending the launch of the Floating Christmas Tree and projections has become a popular tradition for many Geelong families marking the start of the Christmas season. Last year’s Christmas program saw more than 164,000 people visit the floating tree.

The Floating Christmas Tree has become the centrepiece of the Christmas in Geelong program which also includes the City Hall projections, the Central Geelong Christmas trail and Myer Geelong Christmas windows.

Overall, the 2017–18 Christmas in Geelong program injected an estimated $17.3 million into the local economy. The City recently announced the tree will continue to be displayed for a further five years, providing significant benefit to Geelong’s business and tourism industry.

The City and Central Geelong Marketing would like to thank the major sponsor of the Floating Christmas Tree, GeelongPort, along with Myer, Westfield Geelong, Deakin University, Hanlon Industries, and Elstone Diving Services.

To find out more about the Floating Christmas Tree, City Hall Christmas projections, the Myer Geelong Christmas windows and the Christmas in Central Geelong program visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/christmas or turn to the back page for the Central Geelong Christmas Trail.

PAPER MILLS’ PAGE-TURNING HISTORY

The Barwon Paper Mills in Fyansford date back to the early beginnings of Geelong’s manufacturing history. Scottish engineer Andrew Millar was granted the site in 1875 to operate a mill race on the Barwon River as part of a paper mill complex.

The mill race (a current of water which turns the water-wheel) was constructed in 1877 and considered a unique engineering feat. About 200 men worked in the mill making over 40 different types of paper from pulped rags. The initial rag processing, including sorting, removing buttons and shredding was undertaken by women known as the ‘ragpickers’. The mill ceased operation in 1923.

A stone manager’s house and row of workers’ cottages were also constructed, designed by notable Geelong architect Joseph Watts who also designed other significant local buildings such as the Eastern Cemetery Gatehouse and Austin Hall.

The historic bluestone and brick building which housed the former machine room, paper store and finish room is now home to The Mill – Provenance Winery which recently won two Geelong Heritage Awards for restoration of a heritage place and creative reuse of a heritage place and 2019 Halliday Best Value Winery of the Year.

Other recent restorations within this arts precinct include a function centre, UBU art gallery and The Door Gallery Café.

STREETFACE

WATCH BUILDINGS AROUND GEELONG AS THEY’RE TRANSFORMED INTO MURALS TO CELEBRATE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR REGION.

Ten young people from Greater Geelong who live with a disability have come together to share their stories and images, with their photographs to be displayed on some of our region’s most prominent buildings.

STREETFACE coincides with VALID’s Having a Say Conference (4–6 February 2019) – the largest event of its kind in Australia – supporting, celebrating and empowering people with disability.

The conference supports people with disability to find their voice, to speak up, to be heard and to be respected.

STREETFACE will be displayed on buildings from mid-January until mid-February.

DID YOU KNOW?

The development of Armstrong Creek is predicted to provide 20,000 jobs over the next 25 years.
DOWNLOAD THE ‘CHRISTMAS IN CENTRAL GEELONG’ APP FOR AUGMENTED REALITY FUN

1. Floating Christmas Tree & Light Show
2. Free Personalised Santa Letters
3. Morning Tea With Santa
4. Christmas At The Carousel
5. Illuminated Baubles & Stars
6. Family Christmas Movies
7. Waterfront Activities
8. Christmas Waterfront Geelong Makers & Growers Market
9. Ferris Wheel
10. Cargo Box Light Display
11. Christmas At NWM
12. One Christmas Eve Story-Telling At Westfield
13. Santa Photos At Westfield
14. Elf Activity At Bank Of Melbourne
15. Myer Christmas Windows
16. Catenary Lighting & Star
17. Santa Photos At Market Square
18. School Christmas Trees
19. Geelong’s Best Busker Christmas Showcase
20. Santa’s Reindeer Training Academy
21. Magic Meter Elf Base
22. Tinsel Room
23. Get Crafty At The Courthouse
24. Christmas Stories At Library
25. Free Personalised Santa Letters & Christmas Craft
26. Gallery Christmas Tree
27. City Hall Projections
28. Christmas Tree
29. Nativity Scene
30. Christmas in Central Geelong Augmented Reality
31. 3D Christmas Wall Art
32. Tree Lights

For full trail details visit www.centralgeelong.com.au/christmas #GEELONGCHRISTMAS

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