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1 NOVEMBER - 3 NOVEMBER

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Halloween Event: 31 October from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

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5 NOVEMBER - 9 NOVEMBER

Kate Smiley

During her time in the Cube, Kate will focus her creative interests on gel-print experiments with paper and using the results for collage and mobile creation. Additionally, some of these prints will be featured in a workshop designed to complement her cube project.

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5 NOVEMBER - 17 NOVEMBER

Natalie van Aken

See the world through the eyes of Natalie van Aken, a talented local photographer with a gift for blending artistry and nature. Specialising in a range of styles – black and white, macro, landscape and fine art photography – Nat's work captures the essence of each moment, inviting you to explore her stunning collection where every image tells its own unique story.

Her exhibit will feature jaw-dropping shots of dusk and Australia's rugged landscape, all showcased through her diverse photographic techniques.

Workshop: iPhone Photography Basics – 9 and 16 November from 2.45pm to 3.30pm

Stay tuned for more workshops with Natalie to be held in the evening, capturing the 'golden hour' at dusk at some of Gippsland's most spectacular locations.

Instagram: @natvanaken

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Charmaine Reader

Ghosts, vampires, things that go bump in the night...maybe they were scary back in childhood, but not anymore. Come check out the Museum of Adult Nightmares, to see what really frightens us these days!

This will be a visual display with an auditory component and will tie in with a Halloween event.

Charmaine has lived in South Gippsland since 2017 and enjoys creative writing and being involved in the community.

Halloween Event: 31 October from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

5 NOVEMBER - 10 NOVEMBER

Manna Community Garden

Manna Community Garden is a well-established community garden maintained by a group of dedicated vegetable and fruit enthusiasts who love to share their knowledge, skills and produce, on all things organic gardening, cooking and eating well.

Friday 8 November will be a book launch for the second edition of 'A Year in Our Garden', written by Manna Garden president Juneen Schulz, edited by Charmaine Reader, illustrated by Janne McPhie, and designed by Dan Schulz. The evening will be within the garden around the campfire with food available and will be part of the Foster Cubed Launch Event.

Workshop: Seeds and Pods – 11 November from 10.30pm to 12.00pm

Seeds and Seedlings – 13 November from 10.30am to 12.00pm

Facebook: Manna Community Garden



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11 NOVEMBER - 16 NOVEMBER

Elizabeth Collins and Victoria Johnson

Elizabeth Collins: In the 1960s Elizabeth was fascinated by the dark dirt embedded in her feet while holidaying at Wamoon/The Prom, and now as an adult it's the same soil and the life within that remains one of her passions. She brings her love of textiles and environmental sculpture to the project, along with her belief that an interconnected community (of any kind) will thrive.

Victoria Johnson: A forest steward and passionate advocate for slender tree ferns, Victoria seeks playful ways to engage with her community in preserving and connecting with the precious forests, rainforests and animals that call them home. The Tarwin River Forest where she lives is part of a rich biodiverse wonderland and Victoria is looking forward to linking you with it stitch by stitch through Mycelium3.

Mycelium3 is an installation representing natural processes of soil fungi that are unseen but vital, and the increased strength of an interconnected community, in both the terrestrial and human populations. Visitors to Mycelium3 will be offered ways to embed something of themselves into the sculpture: using textile-based strips to add to the installation and to 'get inside' using movement to explore the space, accompanied by a soundscape developed by local sound engineer Michael Shirrefs.

Website: <https://www.tarwinriverforest.com.au/mycelium3.html>

Instagram: @myceliumcubed

18 NOVEMBER - 27 NOVEMBER

Robyn Cerretti

Robyn Cerretti completed a MA in Fine Art at RMIT in 2011.

Robyn will be presenting a video work titled 'Backwards Inside the Clocks'. 2016. Visible from the Cube window, the work features the Fitzroy Town Hall clock, with the slow video speed emphasising the anticlockwise movement, ticking, chiming and exploring concepts of time passing.

30 NOVEMBER - 15 DECEMBER

Trevor Smith

Trevor Smith has been working with clay in South Gippsland since 1975.

He will set up a small potter's studio in the Cube and work as a potter most days of his tenancy. As well as works in progress he will have a display of finished pottery that will be available for purchase.

Instagram: @trevorsmithpotter

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19 NOVEMBER - 24 NOVEMBER

Deb Bray, Dana Hughes, Kath O'Neil, Marie Larkin, Peter Jordan, Sandy Bucello

The Motley Bunch, are a vibrant collective of creatives united by their passion for artistic expression. They've banded together to celebrate what happens when diverse talents and perspectives collide. Their mission? To demonstrate how art acts as a bridge, connecting people with a range of skills and visions.

Here's a glimpse into their eclectic world:

Deb Bray carves her way through linocuts, crafting bold prints that capture the imagination.

Dana Hughes dances with ink in mono-printing, creating unique, fluid pieces that breathe with spontaneity.

Kath O'Neil moulds beauty through intricate jewelry design, turning raw materials into wearable art.

Marie Larkin paints with a palette of the natural world in oil, crafting evocative scenes that pull viewers into her world.

Peter Jordan brings life to wood through whittling, transforming simple blocks into intricate, expressive carvings.

Sandy Bucello uses colourful acrylics to communicate energy and light.

Instagram: @peterjordanart

Together, they blend painting, printing, jewelry, whittling, and linocut into a kaleidoscope of creativity. Each of them draws from their own well of inspiration and process, resulting in a tapestry of art that is as varied as it is mesmerising. Join The Motley Bunch on this artistic journey as they explore, create, and showcase the boundless possibilities of collaboration.

26 NOVEMBER - 1 DECEMBER

Foster Secondary College

Making Art involves making representations of ideas and meanings in different forms. Our students learn about and select the visual effects they will use to express their individuality, their identity and their own understandings of their world and their community. The ArtCube interior will be an eclectic collection of different art forms and mediums from our students.

Website: <https://fsc.vic.edu.au/>

3 ART-CUBE

12 NOVEMBER - 17 NOVEMBER

Kerry Strauss

Local glass artist, Kerry Strauss, completed her Fine Arts degree in Sculpture, where she discovered her passion for glass. She uses recycled glass to create sculptures that are about exploring the transformation of glass through the heat of the kiln and gravity. In her shop, Luminous Glass Studio in Foster, she has practical and decorative glass pieces such as bowls, mobiles and sun catchers.

On Saturday 16 November, Kerry will invite people to print on glass using leaves and flowers from the garden, and she will take them home to be fired and made into a hanging sun catcher, the next day. On Sunday 17 November people can do a simple painted stained glass piece, which will be incorporated into a larger hanging for the garden at Manna Gum Community House.

Instagram: @luminousglass

Website: www.luminousglass.com.au

Luminous Glass Studio: 25 Main St, Foster, 3960.

19 NOVEMBER - 8 DECEMBER

Silvia Cardona

Silvia Cardona had a connection to plants and nature since her early childhood in Guatemala.

She did a traineeship in a local nursery and studied Horticulture, Garden Design and Landscaping through University of Melbourne at its Leongatha Campus.

Silvia loves propagating plants and sells them at the Prom Country Farmers Market, and five years ago she opened her own nursery.

Silvia has become increasingly interested in flowers as an art form.

In the ArtCube she will explore the cultural importance of the wreath, along with her love of flowers and floral art. Wreaths represent everything from weddings to funerals, from Remembrance Day to Christmas, they also mean so much on an intimate level. She will combine this insight with her love of flowers and seed forms to create a unique botanical experience.

Workshop: Wreath Making, Monday 2 December from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Instagram: @deepcreek.nursery



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18 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER

Manna Gum Community House Christmas Display

During December, Cube 1 and Cube 2 will light up showcasing two special Christmas installations. Thanks to our Filipino community one Cube will feature colour, decorations, fabric and a traditional nativity scene.

The other Cube with thanks to volunteers from Manna Gum Community House including artist Juliette Reeve, will transport viewers to the classic Charles Dickens poem, A Christmas Carol, through beautiful whimsical illustrations. Enjoy the Christmas windows on Station Street!

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31 DECEMBER - 5 JANUARY

Cathy Hayward

Cathy Hayward is a South Gippsland, Bunurong country potter, who specialises in hand-thrown stoneware and porcelain tableware.

Even though in making her functional ware Cathy is drawn to classic and elegant forms with a hint of the organic, her challenge is to mix this up, by returning to some old long lost work, 'Homage to the Dog'.

Cathy will be researching the anatomy of natural forms such as dogs and fish, and exploring their natural quirks to eventually incorporate them into her work regularly and as an homage to their importance in our lives.

Stop by and get your hands in the clay and make your own little pooch or fish to add to her growing installation.

Workshop: Sculpting clay animal heads with Cathy – Saturday 11 January from 1.00pm to 3.30pm

Website: cathyhayward.com.au

Instagram: @cathy.hayward.58



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3 DECEMBER - 15 DECEMBER

Daria Bryers

Daria is a painter and maker mostly found quietly hermiting in her little pink studio in Yanakie. She paints artworks and creates small pretty things for the home that she calls 'Tools for a tired heart' - to support & nurture other women. Her art always aims to celebrate & encourage the quiet nurturers of our world, the givers who bring softness & warmth to others, who often go quietly unseen & undervalued. Currently studying to become a Counsellor to offer support services along with her art & garden 'mindful' tools. Her Cube will be a welcoming, cosy sanctuary of soft, feminine imagery and wording, showing how healing a nurturing space is for our state of mind. She will be in the Art Cube most days – introverted but friendly! So pop in for a chat.

Workshop: Vision board, your sacred space, and create a personal symbol – Friday 6 December from 6.00pm to 8.00pm or Thursday 10 December from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Instagram: @pinkblossomdairy

Website: www.pinkblossomdairy.com

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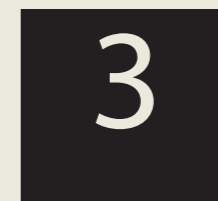
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11 DECEMBER

Beth Arnold

Beth Arnold is an artist who is interested in how sculpture can enable encounters with the world. Play/Space is a one day installation, art activity, taking place in Cube 3 in the Manna Garden. On Wednesday 12 December 2024, the local playgroups will be invited to create a giant cubby house from borrowed material. Keep a lookout for it spilling out of the cube and into the Manna Community Garden!

Website: www.betharnold.com.au

Instagram: @beth_arnold_art

13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER

Foster Primary School

Foster Primary School will be taking up residence in Cube 3 and at Manna Gum Community House to record their new school song. All classes in the school will be involved in performing the song, as well as musicians from the local community.

Website: <https://fosterps.vic.edu.au>

31 DECEMBER - 5 JANUARY

Margaret Balfe

Margaret has been a resident of Gippsland for many years creating baskets and fibre sculptures from local plants and other natural materials foraged from her garden and the surrounding landscape. The work is inspired by a love of the natural world; its colours, textures, shapes and forms. Transforming natural materials into sculptured form requires a knowledge of the seasonal gathering and preparation of plant fibres as well as the mastery of the skills and techniques involved in construction. Baskets and sculptured vessels embody memories and stories and represent connections to people and landscape.

The recycled blankets included with the displayed fibre works are dyed with pigments made from leaves, bark and flowers from the local environment.



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Marc Eggleton

Since moving to South Gippsland in 2021, Marc has generated a new technique and love of landscape and abstract painting, inspired by the breathtaking scenery, particularly at dusk and dawn. A naturally gifted artist, with a vast knowledge and experience in all types of visual art, he specialises in drawn portraits, as well as acrylic painting.

He will be using his Cube as a studio space to create new work and use the interior as a canvas to expand his skills in painting murals. Marc likes the public to interact with art, which he feels has been somewhat lost in the digital age we now live in and encourages people to experience art in its physical form.

Website: www.raweggs.co.uk

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31 DECEMBER - 5 JANUARY

Janine Garvey

Janine Garvey was born to sing, and then began writing songs in her early twenties here in Foster, after her mother gifted her an acoustic guitar.

A prolific songwriter, Janine writes in her sleep, bending boundaries and genres into an Americana blend, with a knack for creating melodic hooks that will be stuck in your head for days. She's amassed a huge catalogue of original music that is currently being recorded with her band – No PROMISES.

She loves being able to connect with people via her song writing, weaving words into relatable stories that takes the listener on their own personal journey. Music really is a universal language.

Janine's main influences are Stevie Nicks, Chrissy Amphlett, Alanis Morissette. They've all influenced Janine's song writing and vocal ability and helped shape her career. Often vocally compared to being a blend of all three, which makes a pretty powerful combination.

She will take you on an immersive journey through the Cube, where you can read the lyrics, see the artwork and listen to the music.

Website: www.nopromises.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/nopromisesduo

Instagram: www.instagram.com/nopromisesau

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7 JANUARY TO 12 JANUARY

Ann-Maree Gentile

All Things Summer

"I was fortunate enough to have an ArtCube at Coal Creek when they launched in 2023. It was a fabulous opportunity to take a break from my clay practice and do something completely different. This time around I'm going to use my time on the cube to contemplate ALL THINGS SUMMER, drawing, painting, collaging and having fun.

Feel free to pop past and help contribute to the summer vibe!"

Website: www.amusingclay.com.au

Instagram: [@amusingclay](https://www.instagram.com/amusingclay)

7 JANUARY - 18 JANUARY

Myli Libraries (Foster)

Myli Libraries (Foster) will celebrate reading, libraries and all things books. They will also demonstrate that libraries are not all about books, but also about communities. The Cube will highlight the importance of volunteers, including Friends of Corner Inlet Libraries, home library and in-branch volunteers, and the value their activities bring to us. Their display will illustrate that libraries are not just about the library site - they also have a focus on e-resources and services that could be accessed from home (e-books, remote printing, etc).

Workshop: Book binding – 15 January from 10.00am to 11.00am

Storytime – 8 and 17 January from 10.30am to 11.00am

Website: <https://www.myli.org.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/myliLibrary>

14 JANUARY - 18 JANUARY

Janine Durston

Ginkgoes have remained virtually unchanged since prehistoric times with many fossils and imprints of these leaves being found today. Alongside this long history there are also six Ginkgo trees that survived the bombing of Hiroshima when all else around them was destroyed. These trees still stand today and have become known as symbols of resilience, longevity and peace.

Janine is inspired by the long history of Ginkgo trees and why they have been known as a symbol for these traits. She has created a series of mixed media artworks using the Ginkgo leaf motif as the subject.

This exploration has helped her to understand her own resilience as an artist and as a woman. She hopes that by sharing this work and the inspiration behind it others will consider their own resilience.

Her aim is to engage the community in discussion on what resilience means to them in the form of an art exhibition.

Workshop: Create your own ginkgo art, 18 January from 10.30am to 12.30pm

Website: www.neenicreations.com.au



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