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## MELBOURNE



### **Melbourne's Cricket Weekend, Melbourne Cricket Ground, 3 – 5 February**

The MCG will host a big weekend of cricket when Australia takes on India in the KFC Twenty20 International on Friday 3 February and again

in a Commonwealth Bank Series One Day International (ODI) on Sunday 5 February.

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

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Bohm (Monobanda) Finalist: Nuovo Award

### **Best of Independent Games Festival, ACMI, Gallery 2, throughout February until 8 July**

ACMI has a long-standing and collaborative relationship with San Francisco's annual Independent Games Festival (IGF). Best of the IGF showcases exemplary works from the 2011 festival, and features an innovative selection of prize-winning games that can be played by visitors. This ACMI-curated exhibition is free and features four iPad games including Helsing's Fire, Halcyon, Colorbind and Solipskier.

**For more information:** visit [www.acmi.net.au](http://www.acmi.net.au)

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### **St Kilda Festival, 4 February – 12 February**

Venues in the vibrant bayside suburb of St Kilda host a variety of local bands, musicians, performers, artists and comedians in a series of one-off and special performances. The event culminates in Festival Sunday, a free event when thousands converge on the streets of St Kilda to see more than 50 bands across the different stages alongside extreme sports competitions, dance performances, children's entertainment and more.

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

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### **Twilights at Melbourne Zoo, throughout February until March**

From mid January enjoy one of Melbourne's best-loved summer events, Twilights at Melbourne Zoo. The popular twilight festival features great entertainment including classic pop, contemporary rock, and tribute bands on weekends throughout summer from 6.30pm until 9.30pm.

**For more information:** visit [www.zoo.org.au](http://www.zoo.org.au)

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### **Handa Women's Australian Open, Royal Melbourne Golf Club, 9 – 12 February**

The 2012 Handa Women's Australian Open is a major event in the international golf calendar. Don't miss the glamour, style and excitement as the best payers in the world, including World No 1 Yani Tseng and Australia's Karrie Webb, take on the Royal Melbourne Golf Club, one of the best courses in the world.

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

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**Midsumma, venues throughout Melbourne and Victoria, until 5 February**

The Midsumma festival is Victoria's premier gay and lesbian arts and culture event, staged in more than 60 venues across Melbourne and Victoria. Midsumma presents a unique and eclectic program including performing arts, visual arts, cabaret, spoken word, film, forums, food and wine and family events, culminating in the colourful Pride March.

**For more information:** [www.midsumma.org.au](http://www.midsumma.org.au)

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**Tjukurrjtjanu: Origins of Western Art, The Ian Potter Centre, NGV Australia, until 12 February**

This superb exhibition features more than 200 of the first paintings produced at Papunya in 1971 – 72 by the founding artists of the Western Desert art movement. Works by celebrated artists including Uta Uta Tjangala, Shorty Lungkata Tjungurrayi and Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula display the mastery of colour and style that characterises the work of the founding Papunya Tula painters.

**For more information:** visit [www.ngv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au)

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**Perception Deception, Scienceworks, until 12 February**

Perception Deception contains interactive exhibits that will challenge your ability to interpret information from your senses. Explore illusions; investigate perceptual tricks used by your brain to edit the information it receives and create your 'reality'. Some of the themes include: audio-language perception, visual perception and social perception.

**For more information:** visit [www.museumvictoria.com.au/scienceworks](http://www.museumvictoria.com.au/scienceworks)

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**Ancestral Power and the Aesthetic, Melbourne Museum, until 12 February**

This exhibition showcases the extraordinary painted works collected from Arnhem Land during the 1930s and 1940s by Melbourne-based anthropologist, the late Professor Donald Thomson. Highlights of the exhibition include bark paintings and objects decorated with sacred clan designs.

**For more information:** [www.museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum](http://www.museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum):

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**The Suzuki Night Market, Queen Victoria market, throughout February until 2 March**

Take in the vibe at the Melbourne's most popular night market each Wednesday from 5.30pm until 10.30pm. The market attracts an eclectic array of stalls offering quality hand-made items, clothing and gifts, as well as world music performances, local bands and international cuisine.

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

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**The Mad Square: Modernity in German Art 1910 – 37, NGV International, throughout February until 4 March**

This major exhibition focuses on German Modernism and highlights the great aesthetic innovations that were made by artists throughout Germany in painting, sculpture, graphic art, photography, film and the decorative arts during the years from 1910 to 1937. It features more than 200 works from leading artists such as Paul Klee, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, George Grosz, Otto Dix, Max Beckmann and Christian Schad. The range of artworks included in the exhibition is the most comprehensive display of European Modernism ever shown in Australia.

**For more information:** visit [www.ngv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au)

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**Pipilotti Rist, The Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA), throughout February until 4 March**

ACCA presents the first major exhibition of works, including a new commission, by leading Swiss international artist, Pipilotti Rist – one of the most sought after artists of this century. This summer Rist will saturate ACCA's walls and ceilings with her sensory seasonal narrative through a sequence of immersive video works.

**For more information:** [www.accaonline.org.au](http://www.accaonline.org.au)

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I Couldn't Agree With You More, 1999,  
audio video installation by Pipilotti Rist  
Photo by Pius Tschumi,  
Courtesy the artist and Hauser & Wirth

**REGIONAL**

**Gippsland Inspired, various locations throughout Gippsland, 1 February – 31 March**

Experience the beauty and extraordinary diversity of Gippsland with a selection of fun events held under the banner 'Gippsland Inspired'. Discover delicious food and wine at the Inverloch Food and Wine Festival, be entertained by local talent at the Boolarra Folk Festival, or enjoy a long-weekend at the three-day Moe Jazz Festival and Mossvale Music Festival.

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

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**Whittlesea Country Music Festival, Yarra Valley, 10 – 12 February**

Victoria's premier country music event, the annual Whittlesea Country Music Festival showcases Australia's leading artists in the relaxed rural township of Whittlesea located fifty minutes from Melbourne's CBD. Enjoy the live music of high profile artists, a free street party, buskers' competition and the announcement of the prestigious Victorian and National Country Music Awards winners.

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

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**Club Marine Southern 80, Torrumbarry to Echuca-Moama, 10 - 12 February**

This spectacular long-distance water ski race on the Murray River attracts competitors from around the world. Watch skiers glide across the Murray's surface at speeds in excess of 170km/h and around 126 hair-raising river bends. The Southern 80 is the ultimate action sports event which starts in Torrumbarry and finishes in Echuca Moama.

**For more information:** visit [www.southern80.com.au](http://www.southern80.com.au)

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**2XU Falls Creek Triathlon & Trail Running Festival, High Country, 11 February**

The multi sport Falls Creek Triathlon will host the Victorian Long Course Championships, coupled with the trail running festival. A prize pool of \$10,000 will be up for grabs this year as participants' battle their way through Australia's toughest triathlon comprising a two kilometre swim, 80 kilometre cycle and 20 kilometre trail run.

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

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**Made in Hollywood, Bendigo Art Gallery, until 12 February 2012**

Drawn from the archives of the John Kobal Foundation, this photographic exhibition focuses on the stars, the sets and the scenes created by the American film industry from 1920 to 1960. It features more than 90 images including Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich, Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable, Humphrey Bogart and many other film celebrities.

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

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**2012 WildArt @ Old Post Office Seymour, 12 February until 18 March**

To celebrate the 20th year since its establishment in 1992, the Old Post Office Seymour Gallery presents paintings and sculpture by 20 internationally awarded and exhibited Australian Nature Artists. Held in the magnificently restored 1872 Fine Art Gallery the exhibition showcases the creations of some of Australia's finest artists including Patrick Hedges, Brett Jarrett, Pamela Conder and Liz Cogley.

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

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**PGA Tournament at Forest Resort, Creswick, 13 – 19 February**

The PGA Tournament at Forest Resort enjoys world PGA ranking alongside the Australian PGA and the PGA Masters. This golf tournament will be held at Forest Resort for the next five years. The field will consist of 144 players from Australia and overseas and is a free event for the public to attend.

**For more information:** visit [www.pga.org.au](http://www.pga.org.au)

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**Riverboats Music Festival, Echuca-Moama, 17 - 19 February**

The Riverboats Music Festival is the Murray River's premier contemporary music event. Staged in the twin-towns of Echuca-Moama, the festival takes place under towering river red gums in a natural amphitheatre next to the mighty Murray where historic paddlesteamers meander past all weekend. The event has one stage and plenty of room for dancing, brilliant artists, delicious regional food and wine and is regarded as one of the best family-friendly festivals in Australia..

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

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**Freshwater Saltwater - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prints, Geelong Gallery, Johnstone Park, 18 February until 15 April**

The Geelong Gallery is one of Victoria's premier regional galleries with a marvellous collection of approximately 4,000 works of art that belong to the people of Geelong. From mid February view an interesting exhibition of prints called Freshwater Saltwater from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

**For more information:** visit [www.geelonggallery.org.au](http://www.geelonggallery.org.au)

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**2012 Yamaha Phillip Island Round Superbike World Championships, 24 - 26 February**

Phillip Island stages round one of this international motor sport series which tours 12 countries in five continents around the world. Considered one of the top three global competitions of its kind along side Formula 1 and MotoGP, don't miss the speed and excitement of this world class motorcycle racing event and the chance to spot high-profile international riders up close from the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit's many vantage points.

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

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**Grampians Texture, Halls Gap, 25 February – 1 March**

Fifteen Australian and international tutors present a series of two to four full-day textile and fibre art workshops. Set in the stunning Grampians National Park, develop your passion and knowledge of printing, jewellery-making, dyeing, felting and stitching. Halls Gap also becomes an art and craft hub with supporting exhibitions and the Grampians Texture Twilight Makers Market where textiles are on sale daily from the Centennial Hall.

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

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**Harvest Picnic at Hanging Rock, Woodend, 26 February**

Delight in local Victorian food and wine with a picnic under the gum trees. This culinary event showcases more than 120 of Victoria's best small food and wine producers who gather to promote and sell their goods, set against the magnificent backdrop of Hanging Rock. Features include cooking demonstrations by leading Australian chefs, live music and children's activities.

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

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**Sand Sculpting Australia, Toytopia, Frankston waterfront, throughout February**

Throughout the summer months 20 local and international sand sculptors flock to the Frankston foreshore 40 kilometres southeast of Melbourne at the southern most edge of greater Melbourne to collaborate in an ever-growing exhibition of incredible temporary works. In 2012 the theme is 'Toytopia' with an astonishing collection of toys – past and present – carved in sand. Children can also try their hand at the sand workshop area or chat with the resident sculptor.

**For more information:** visit [www.visitfrankston.com](http://www.visitfrankston.com)

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