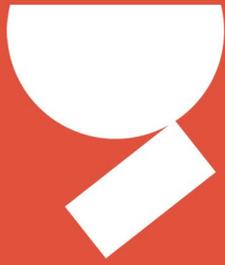


Geelong Arts Centre's



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TIME TO GRAB YOUR \$10 TICKET TO SUPPORT THE G21 CREATIVE COMMUNITY!

With Geelong Arts Centre's inaugural Creative Engine *Community Fuel* event taking place on 9 June at Geelong Arts Centre's Level 1 Lounge, now is the time for the G21 community to get behind the region's creatives.

Having been announced in early April, the very first Creative Engine *Community Fuel* event is now just three weeks away.

Members of the region are encouraged to come and support Bella Kent, Judy Rankin, Jessica Leaming and Ellen Fox as they battle it out for the title of inaugural winner.

Attendees vote for their favourite pitch on the night, and the winner will walk away with all money raised from tickets sold, plus matched funding from Geelong Arts Centre. Put simply, the more tickets sold, the more cash taken home to "fuel" the winner's creative idea.

Now is your chance to add your financial fuel to our region's creative fire, so gather your friends and family for a night of hot soup, community support, and live music for just \$10.

Learn more about the pitches vying for community support and purchase your tickets by visiting geelongartscentre.org.au/creative-engine/community-fuel/community-fuel-9-june/

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EVENT FACT SHEET

VENUE Level 1 Lounge, Geelong Arts Centre
Located at 81 Ryrie Street, Geelong

DATE Thursday 9 June

TIME 5:30pm – 8:00pm

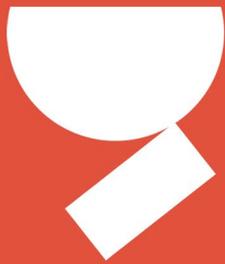
TICKETS \$10; includes live music, hot soup and bread roll, a chance to vote. Bar will be open, but drinks are not included in ticket price.

ENTERTAINMENT Live music from Geelong-based indie-pop artist, Rach Brennan

ABOUT THE PITCHING PROJECTS

BELLA KENT ***CHARLOTTE'S DOCUMENTARY***

Recently diagnosed with ASD, 15 year-old Charlotte has begun her journey to understanding herself and wants to help others do the same. Whilst many things have begun to make sense since her diagnosis, she struggles everyday constantly battling an ignorant world. Now she finally has a chance to take ownership over her story and bring understanding to people in her life. Through observational and participatory documentary-making, Charlotte will get the chance to be the author of her own life, unpolluted by



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the ignorance and stigma that often comes with the association of autism.

JUDY RANKIN

BRINGING A MEMOIR TO THE STAGE

In 2014, Judy and several family members released a memoir, *It's [Not] All About Liz!* Now Judy's goal is to take the memoir from book to screen. With the screenplay written, the next step is to attract interest in the production of the story as a full-length movie. *It's [Not] All About Liz!* centres on four family members separated by distance as they confront the ripple effects of a cancer diagnosis. While the scope of this memoir is one family's battle with cancer, the premise examines relationships and how individuals respond when tested. This story is about people – how they think, feel, respond, connect, human limitations and flexibility. It's about communicating individual needs within the confines of a difficult situation.

JESSICA LEAMING

WEB SERIES: 'SITTING DUCKS'

First-time director, producer and writer of four-part web series, 'Sitting Ducks' (for release in 2022), Jessica began filming this project in 2018 as a way to collaborate with local creatives in the Geelong and surrounding regions. As a passionate acting teacher/coach, Jessica wanted to create an opportunity for students by producing the series with a team of like-minded individuals to explore narrative works instead of the usual corporate work relied upon for income in the industry. Through community fundraisers and personal investment, Jessica and her team have completed the series and now seeks funding to cover the cost of application fees when submitting the series to festivals, and a cast and crew screening in celebration of completing this 4-year collaborative process.

ELLEN FOX

CERAMICS PROGRAM FOR SOUTH GEELONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

South Geelong Primary School aims to provide students with a ceramics program by replacing an old and unsafe kiln and purchasing class sets of implements and mats. While fundraising hard, these uncertain times have severely impacted achieving their targets. Despite large upfront costs and ongoing maintenance costs, South Geelong Primary School has identified other schools in the area with an interest in ongoing use and rental of their kiln. The ceramics program will offer valuable exposure to this medium to the children of the South geelong community, that will set an early and important foundation to fostering the next generation's interest in the arts.

AVAILABLE SPOKESPEOPLE

Interviews and photo opportunities with Geelong Arts Centre representatives and those pitching may be available upon request. Contact Georgia Allen – Geelong Arts Centre Communications and Social Media Lead to discuss interview opportunities further.

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