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NGV Kids on Tour 2026 ‘brings the party’ to more than 160 venues across Victoria this January with FREE art-making activities for kids



12 December 2025: Get ready to party these summer school holidays when **NGV Kids on Tour** returns in January with free, hands-on art-making activities for children and families across Victoria. With drawing workshops, art-making activities and fun party games, this year’s program is bigger than ever, reaching a record number of more than 160 community venues across metropolitan and regional Victoria – representing 78 of Victoria’s local government areas.

From Geelong to Gippsland, Bendigo to Benalla, NGV Kids on Tour 2026 offers free workshops and activities developed by the NGV in collaboration with artists and designers from around the world. Kids on Tour brings creativity directly into local communities, making art accessible where children live. By visiting neighbourhoods across Victoria, Kids on Tour invites children and families to explore imagination, self-expression, and connection in a fun, welcoming, and familiar environment.

Inspired by the NGV’s summer children’s exhibition **Let’s Party! Fashion for Kids Designed by Danielle Brustman**, the 2026 tour program features a suite of activities inspired by parties and celebrations. Children can decorate a festive party hat using colourful stickers, exploring how headwear can express individuality, tradition and celebration. The **Cake Celebration** activity invites kids to design their own imaginative cakes inspired by joyful moments shared with family and friends.

Children can join in party games that bring people together through creativity and play, or try the intergenerational drawing activity *What’s New?*, which encourages kids to chat with adults about how life has changed over the years, from steam trains to smartphones, and draw what they discover.

In *Nature and Us with Olaf Breuning*, younger children are invited to explore the wonders of the natural world through a series of guided drawing activities. Developed as part of the Swiss contemporary artist’s collaboration with the NGV for the 2025 exhibition **Plans for the Planet: Olaf Bruening for Kids**, these activities encourage kids to discover the creatures that call the forest home, from birds and insects to woodland animals. Little ones can also enjoy the NGV publication *My Nature Book with Olaf Breuning* in a storytime session that brings the forest to life through song, movement and imagination.

Teens are invited to take part in *Perfume in the 1700s*, where they can design their own perfume bottle inspired by nature, fantasy or pop culture, while learning about the history of this fashionable art form.

Colin Brooks MP, Minister for Creative Industries, said: ‘The NGV is Australia’s most popular art gallery and we are proud to back the NGV Kids on Tour program which is set to be the biggest ever this summer, bringing free, fun, creative activities to children and families.’

Tony Ellwood AM, Director, NGV, said: ‘Each year, NGV Kids on Tour grows in reach and we are proud to partner with over 160 community venues across Victoria to ensure that children and families everywhere can experience the joy of making art together.’

NGV Kids on Tour takes place throughout January 2026 at venues across metropolitan and regional Victoria, including galleries, libraries, hospitals, community centres and more. For individual program dates, visit the websites of participating venues.

This summer at the NGV, families can also enjoy the exhibition *Let's Party! Fashion for Kids Designed by Danielle Brustman* (28 November 2025 – 3 May 2026) and the *NGV Kids Summer Festival* (10–16 January 2026), offering a week of free events and activities across NGV International and The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia.

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Image Caption (L to R): A child enjoying a creative workshop, Photo: Eugene Hyland; A child enjoying drawing, Photo: Deshani Berhardt; Children enjoying drawing and making together, Photo: Eugene Hyland

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NGV Kids on Tour 2025 Participating Venues

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| Alpine Libraries - Bright library | Horsham Library |
| Alpine Libraries - Mount Beauty | Horsham Regional Art Gallery |
| Alpine Libraries - Myrtleford Library | Hume Libraries - Broadmeadows Library |
| Ararat Gallery TAMA - Textile Art Museum Australia | Hume Libraries - Craigieburn Library |
| Artists for Kids Culture artsbus - Park Towers | Hume Libraries - Gladstone Park Library |
| Avoca Information and Community Centre | Hume Libraries - Kalkallo Community Centre |
| Ballarat Library | Hume Libraries - Sunbury Library |
| Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre - Our Kitchen Social Café | Hume Libraries - Tullamarine Library |
| Banksia Gardens Community Services | Hyphen Gallery Library |
| Baw Baw Arts Alliance Inc - Trafalgar Public Hall | Kaniva Library |
| Bayside Gallery | Latrobe Regional Gallery |
| Beaufort Community Resource Centre | Lorne Community House |
| Beechworth Library | Mansfield Library |

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| Benalla Art Gallery | Marysville Information and Regional Arts |
| Bendigo Art Gallery | McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery |
| Berninneit Cultural Centre | Melton Library & Learning Hub |
| Brimbank Libraries - Deer Park Library | Meredith Community Centre |
| Brimbank Libraries - Keilor Library | Mildura Arts Centre |
| Brimbank Libraries - St Albans Library | Monash Children's Hospital |
| Brimbank Libraries - Sunshine Library | Monash Public Library Service - Glen Waverley Library |
| Brimbank Libraries - Sydenham Library | Moonee Valley Libraries - Avondale Heights Library |
| Bunjil Place Gallery | Moonee Valley Libraries - Flemington Library |
| Burrinja Cultural Centre | Moonee Valley Libraries - Niddrie Library |
| Campaspe - Echuca Library | Moonee Valley Libraries - Sam Merrifield Library |
| Campaspe - Kyabram Library | Moonee Valley Library Van - Library on the Move |
| Campaspe - Rochester Library | Moorabool Shire - Lerderderg Library |
| Campaspe - Rushworth Library | Moorabool Shire- Ballan Library |
| Campaspe - Tongala Library | Mornington Libraries - Hastings Library |
| Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub | Mornington Libraries - Mornington Library |
| Casey City - Doveton Library | Mornington Libraries - Rosebud |
| Casey City - Cranbourne Library | Mornington Libraries - Somerville Library |
| Casey City - Endeavour Hills Library | Myli - Wonthaggi Library |
| Casey City - Hampton Park Library | Myli -Korumburra Library |
| Central Goldfields Art Gallery | Myli -Leongatha Library |
| Charlton Neighbourhood House | Northern Grampians Libraries - Stawell Library |
| Chiltern Library | Notting Hill Neighbourhood House |
| Cobram Library | Pakenham Library |
| Corangamite Moyne Library Service - Camperdown | Patterson Lakes Library and Community Centre |
| Corangamite Moyne Library Service - Port Fairy | Phoenix Park Neighbourhood House |
| Darebin Libraries - Northcote Library | Portland Maritime Museum |

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| Darebin Libraries - Preston Library | Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House |
| Darley Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre | Queenscliffe Neighbourhood House |
| Different Journeys - Greensborough RSL | Refugee Migrant Children Centre (RMCC) |
| Different Journeys - The Bendigo Club | Sandringham Library |
| Different Journeys - The Coach | Shepparton Library |
| Dravidian Art | Sir John Gorton Library - Kerang |
| East Gippsland Art Gallery | Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery |
| Eastern Regional Libraries - Croydon Library | Tallangatta Library |
| Eastern Regional Libraries - Millers Homestead | The Venny |
| Edenhope Library | Vietnamese Association in Hobsons Bay Inc |
| Elyne Mitchell Library | Wallan Neighbourhood House |
| Emerald Library | Wangaratta Art Gallery |
| Euroa Library | Warrnambool Library and Learning Centre |
| Frankston Libraries - Frankston City Library | West Gippsland Arts Centre |
| Frankston Libraries - Carrum Downs Library | Whitehorse Manningham Libraries - Blackburn Library |
| Frankston Libraries - Seaford Library | Whitehorse Manningham Libraries -Doncaster Library |
| Geelong Gallery | Whitehorse Manningham Libraries -The Pines Library |
| Geelong Regional Libraries - Apollo Bay | Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre |
| Geelong Regional Libraries - Bannockburn Library | Wyndham Libraries - Hoppers Crossing Library |
| Geelong Regional Libraries - Colac Library | Wyndham Libraries - Julia Gillard Library Tarneit |
| Geelong Regional Libraries - Corio Library | Wyndham Libraries - Manor Lakes Library |
| Geelong Regional Libraries - Geelong West Library | Wyndham Libraries - Point Cook Library |
| Geelong Regional Libraries - Leopold | Wyndham Libraries - Werribee Library |
| Gippsland Art Gallery | Wyndham Libraries - Williams Landing Library Lounge |
| Glen Eira Town Hall | Wyndham Libraries- Truganina Library Lounge |
| Glenelg Libraries - Casterton Library | Yalingbu Yirramboi - The Royal Children's Hospital |
| Glenelg Libraries - Heywood Library | Yarra City - Connie Benn Centre |

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| Glenelg Libraries - Portland Arts Centre | Yarra City - Fitzroy Youth Hub |
| Glenroy Neighbourhood House | Yarra City - Richmond Youth Hub |
| Goldfield Libraries - Castlemaine Library | Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries - Diamond Valley Library |
| Goldfield Libraries - Kyneton Library | Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries - Eltham Library |
| Goldfields Libraries - Bendigo Library | Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries - Ivanhoe Library |
| Greater Dandenong Libraries - Dandenong | Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries - Lalor Library |
| Greater Dandenong Libraries - Springvale | Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries - Mill Park Library |
| Hamilton Art Gallery | Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries - Rosanna Library |
| Hepburn Libraries - Clunes Warehouse | Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries - Thomastown Library |
| Hepburn Libraries - Creswick Hub | Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries - Watsonia Library |
| Hepburn Libraries - Daylesford Library | Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries - Whittlesea Library |
| Hepburn Libraries - Trentham Library | Yarra Ranges Shire - Arts Centre Warburton |
| Hindmarsh Libraries - Dimboola Library | Yarra Ranges Shire - The Memo Healesville |
| Hindmarsh Libraries - Jeparit Library | Yarra Ranges Shire - Yarra Ranges Regional Museum |
| Hindmarsh Libraries - Nhill Library | Yarraville Community Centre |
| Hindmarsh Libraries - Rainbow Library | Yarriambiack Libraries - Warracknabeal |