

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Our Heart, Illuminated by Art

The 2019 Geelong After Dark programme has landed, filled with over 70 art-projects to engage and stimulate all your senses. From 6pm, Friday 3 May, Central Geelong will be transformed by music; street performances; installations; exhibitions; dance; and projections.

Fancy hearing sounds from a 5 metre slide guitar constructed and played by local slide guitar virtuoso **Tim Hulsman**? Lend **Wendy Grose** your ears as she sings Opera from the Geelong Library & Heritage Centre: question is, will you see her as she does?

In a post-Christchurch world, the work of **Rose Ertler** and **Complimentary Lane** project located in the forecourt of Barwon Water, adds potency and spirit. It will have you sharing compliments of your own as you watch contributions from Matthew Flinders Girls High School and Diversitat English language students.

At Johnstone Park, immerse yourself in the worlds of the **Sensory Portals**; singular spaces designed for intimate experiences of art. The **OYSTER** project invites you participate in the ritual of eating an oyster, cleansing the shell in water, then adding to the surrounding middens before they are sent back to the bay to create reefs for sea-life.

**Connecting Song** returns with the premier of three film clips – the culmination of the work of three local unsigned musicians mentored by **Adalita** (Magic Dirt); **Mick Thomas** (Weddings Parties Anything); and **Mark Wilson** (Jet). Chloe St Claire; Jack Meredith and band Alby Jay have each written, recorded and filmed clips of their songs that pay homage to the mountains, beaches and city they all call home. All three will play at The Workers Club Geelong on the night.

All of our **cultural venues** will be open with programmes to entice you to Heighten Your Senses.

### Quotes attributed to Greater Geelong Mayor Bruce Harwood:

Geelong After Dark is one of the highlights of our cultural events calendar. Last year it attracted more than 20,000 attendees to central Geelong and contributed around \$2.1 million to our local economy. It's loved by our local community and draws visitors from Melbourne and beyond.

This year's programme will be a fantastic showcase of our city's clever and creative arts and culture scene. I'd encourage everyone, particularly if you've never experienced Geelong After Dark, to mark 3 May in your diary and make sure you're in central Geelong for a great night out.

### Quotes attributed to Cr Jim Mason, Chair, Arts, Culture and Heritage portfolio:

Geelong will come alive on 3 May with an incredible range of art, music and cultural displays. Our region is home to so many talented and creative people, and this event gives them a chance to showcase their work to a large audience. This year's programme will entertain, amaze, and make us think. It's a night not to be missed.

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