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Community events to celebrate spring

The North Shore's popular Emerge Festival is back this spring from **1 September – 11 October** with a collection of colourful and creative COVID-safe community events to celebrate the emergence of spring.

This year's festival features a series of smaller events including art exhibitions, workshops, food and drink, outdoor activities, digital events and plenty for the kids.

Willoughby City Council Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney said that while the larger events cannot take place, this year's festival is your opportunity to discover the hidden gems on the Lower North Shore and to support local businesses and community groups.

"Emerge Festival is a time when the north shore comes alive and emerges from winter to enjoy the sunshine and outdoor activities and discover new groups and activities. In these difficult and uncertain times, it's all the more important for us to support local and I'm delighted that the Emerge Festival is providing the opportunity to do just that," Mayor Giles-Gidney said.

Enjoy connecting with nature in a guided torchlight bush walk, pre schoolers bush scramble and orienteering taster sessions. Events for the body and soul include guided meditation, a health and wellness day and ageless Taekwondo.

Food and drink lovers will delight in a virtual steak and Shiraz barbeque class, cask conditioned real ale festival and gin distillery tour.

The kids can learn new skills in music, coding, STEM and baseball workshops while culture vultures will enjoy exhibitions, films and ceramics classes. The popular Pet Festival has gone digital this year too.

Sponsored by Beyond Bank with media sponsors North Shore Mums, Northside Radio, Australian Chinese Daily and Vision Times, the Emerge Festival is a collaboration between **Willoughby City Council**, artists, organisations, local businesses and community groups.

Willoughby City Council is working with event organisers to ensure events are COVID-safe. Keep an eye on the website for changes.

See the full list of events and find out more at www.emergefestival.com.au

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Keep your kids busy at Emerge Festival

Children will be delighted this spring with a collection of colourful and creative COVID-safe community events, workshops and activities at the Emerge Festival.

Hosted by Willoughby City Council, Emerge Festival is the North Shore's brightest spring festival presenting a fantastic range of activities for children and families. Highlights include:

River Spotlight Walk

Friday, 11 September 2020, 07:00 PM to 08:30 PM

Mowbray Park, Rotary Athletic Field, Mowbray Road

Look out for shining eyes and silent swooping from above. Bring a torch!

Come and Try Orienteering

Saturday, 19 September, 09:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Start at Willoughby Leisure Centre

Explore the stunning environment of Willoughby City by trying orienteering, a navigation sport for all ages and fitness levels.

Preschoolers' September Bush Scramble

Thursday, 24 September 2020, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Murston Park, Eden Street, Chatswood

Meet Patsy the Park fairy and help her look after the new spring babies.

Creative Sounds Studio Open Day

Saturday, 26 September 2020, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM

Creative Sounds Studios, 128B Mowbray Rd, Willoughby 2068

Unleash your inner performer with free music lessons in a special open day at Creative Studios in Willoughby.

Globalart Australia - Art Exhibition and Activities

Sundays 27 September, 4 and 11 October 2020, 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM

Children are invited to visit Globalart at their Chatswood Studio to make a small handicraft, enjoy an exhibition of children's artworks and take part in a free trial drawing lesson.

Other exciting events for children include STEM school holidays camps, family days, martial arts and a cultural celebration day.

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