

New live music series 'Hear Footscray' launches at Footscray Community Arts Centre, platforming local emerging artists

Introducing *Hear Footscray*, Footscray Community Arts Centre's (FCAC) new seasonal music series, debuting on Saturday 16 February 2019.

The series provides a platform for local artists in Melbourne's west, with each event featuring an exciting line-up of emerging and established local musicians and DJs.

Hear Footscray offers Victorians, particularly westsiders, a unique and accessible live music location, only 15 minutes from Melbourne CBD. Kicking off with the summer series in February, the FCAC outdoor staff car park will be transformed into a pop-up live music venue with a full bar and food by local Ethiopian restaurant [Konjo Café](#).

The summer series line up includes: soulful singer [Kee'ahn](#), a proud Kuku Yalanji/Jirrbal and Torres Strait Islander woman; [Gordon Koang](#) and [Paul Biel](#), two internationally renowned South Sudanese musicians who recently arrived in Australia seeking refuge; Melbourne-based soul/R&B singer [Allysha Joy](#) who is signed to [Gondwana records](#) (UK); prolific beat maker [Teymori \(Amin Payne\)](#) and local DJ [Shio Otani](#).

Arthur Tanzi, FCAC Creative Producer, says the series offers new opportunities for local musicians in Melbourne's west.

'I am really excited for FCAC to become a driving force in the live music scene', he says.

'Opening up a new platform in Footscray means creating new opportunities for musicians to connect with audiences, fellow local or international artists and generate other industry opportunities.'

'We can't wait to start writing this story with our first outdoor event in February and build on this to create a vibrant program that reflects the diversity and vitality of our scene!', Arthur says.

Additional *Hear Footscray* series are scheduled for 12 April (Autumn) and 7 June (Winter) 2019. Full line-up information is available closer to the event date.

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Musicians are available for interview.

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Summer Series artist bios



[Kee'ahn](#)

A proud Kuku Yalanji/Jirrbal and Torres Strait Islander woman, Kee'ahn creates music to capture listeners' hearts – weaving words reminiscent of heartbreak and healing with lush melodies and dreamy soulful vocals. With a name originating from the Wik people of far North Queensland (Kee'ahn means 'to dance, sing and play') – she aims to honour her name and ancestry through her music.



[Gordon Koang \(featuring Paul Biel\)](#)

South Sudanese legend Gordon Koang recently arrived in Australia seeking refuge. Alongside his cousin Paul Biel, he is raising funds to reunite their families and safely settle in Australia – using music as a vehicle for building awareness. Both musicians of a world-class calibre, Gordon and Paul have performed to sell out crowds throughout Europe and North America, bringing traditional South Sudanese rhythms and original compositions to a global stage.



[Allysha Joy \(with live band\)](#)

Allysha Joy is a Melbourne-based soul and R&B singer. She is the front woman for band 30/70 collective and is signed to Gondwana Records (UK). Allysha's signature husky vocals complement the steady urban grooves of her sound. Her unique style of song writing exudes a powerful energy inspired by her own personal truth.



[Teymori](#)

A well-known name within the Melbourne hip-hop scene, Amin Payne has built a reputation as both a prolific beatmaker and exciting live performer. Under his new moniker, Teymori, he is bringing back soulful, jazz and Afro-house influenced grooves alongside some of Melbourne's best musicians.



[Shio Otani](#)

Shio Otani (Eternal Rhythm PBS FM/Plug Seven Records) is a Japanese-born local selector, DJ and jazz fanatic with a passion for sharing music. Sit back and enjoy the summer vibes while Shio spins the decks.