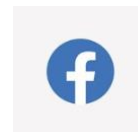




## Victorian Feltmakers Inc



To all VFI Members – Happy New Year to you all! I hope 2026 is a happy healthy and prosperous year for you.

Next Felting Frenzy on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: Wet felting a rose and other flowers with Jo Bagge

Don't forget to book in for the Felting Frenzy to make some gorgeous, felted rose brooch and other flowers! Instructions provided. \$20 for the day



Felt Frenzies are held at St. James Hall, Cnr Burke Rd. & High St. Glen Iris. BYO Lunch. Please make sure you fill in the Registration Form if you are attending the Felt Frenzies. You will find full details there if you are intending to take part in the Skill Share.

Attendance at our Felt Frenzies is limited and must be booked and paid for in advance. Please click on the Registration Form link below to book and pay for your place.

[Felt Frenzy registration form.](#)

The next meeting for members will be on **Saturday 21st February** at St. James Hall, Cnr Burke Rd. & High St, Glen Iris, VIC 3146 – looking forward to seeing you there!

### **VFI Events in 2026**

DATE	ACTIVITY
Sat 17 th Jan	Felting Frenzy: Wet felting a rose and other flowers – Jo Bagge
Sat 21 st Feb	Member meeting and felting afternoon
Sat 21 st Mar	Felting Frenzy: Pine-needle felting – Judith Latham and Penny Storey
Sat 18 th April	Member meeting and felting afternoon
Sat 16 th May	Felting Frenzy: The coming together of felt and basketry – Sonya Solomon
Sat 20 th June	Member meeting and felting afternoon
Sat 17 th July	Felting Frenzy: Using paper in felting – Jane St Quintin
Sat 15 th August	Member meeting and felting afternoon
Sat 19 th Sept	Felting Frenzy: Dolls – Di Morley and Mary McMahon
Sat 17 th Oct	Member meeting and felting afternoon
Sat 21 st Nov	Felting Frenzy: Using scraps-Christmas decorations & other ideas Jill Preston
Sat 5 th Dec	VFI Christmas celebration

Events outside of the VFI you may be interested in:

#### **Victoria**

AFC Great Aussie Yarn & Fibre Market, The Hills Hub, Emerald – 29<sup>th</sup> March

[www.australianfibrecollective.org/great-aussie-yarn-fibre-market-2026](http://www.australianfibrecollective.org/great-aussie-yarn-fibre-market-2026)

(GABYS) Geelong & Bellarine Yarn Show, Geelong – 18<sup>th</sup> April

[www.geelongandbellarineyarnshow.com.au](http://www.geelongandbellarineyarnshow.com.au)

Wool Day, Milawa – 18<sup>th</sup> April – [www.northeastyarns.com](http://www.northeastyarns.com)

Yarra Valley Wool and Handicrafts Show, Mooroolbark – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093526473252>

Melbourne Fibre Fest, Coburg Town Hall, Coburg – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May

[www.facebook.com/events/584443487646856](http://www.facebook.com/events/584443487646856)

Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July <https://sheepshow.com/default.asp>

Geelong Fibre Forum, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept – 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct <https://taftainc.com.au/>

#### **Interstate**

Fibre Feast, Prospect, SA – 1<sup>st</sup> March - <https://fibrefeastsa.com/>

Australian Yarn Show, Barton, ACT: 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March - <https://www.yarnshow.com.au/>

Knit Topia, Robina, QLD 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March [www.whatsongoldcoast.au/All-events/Knit-TopiaFestival](http://www.whatsongoldcoast.au/All-events/Knit-TopiaFestival)

River Yarn and Fibre Festival, Carcoar, NSW: 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April <https://www.riveryarn.com.au/>

Southern Highlands Woolfest, Mittagong, NSW: 19<sup>th</sup> April [www.blacksheep.org.au](http://www.blacksheep.org.au)

Lots of exciting events throughout the year. Give one a look in VIC or treat yourself to a trip interstate!

Interesting local exhibitions to look at:

- 'It runs in the family' exhibition featuring work of Catherine O'Leary 22 Feb – 8 March



## An exhibition of Art It runs in the family

22 February - 8 March

*Steps Gallery*, 62 Lygon Street Carlton

Opening hours Wednesday - Sunday, 11.00am - 4.00pm

4 generations welcome you to the opening of the exhibition  
on 22 February from 3.00pm

Feel free to contact Catherine on [cfelt61@gmail.com](mailto:cfelt61@gmail.com)

Participating artists

Margaret Wells • Jane Wells • David Wells • Rosie Carr • Catherine O'Leary  
Bridie O'Leary • Ruth O'Leary • Tyson Holopainen • Rebecca Wells  
Maggie Wells • Ameya Ajay • Ramsay Waterhouse • Yarran Jones

Children display

Apollo, Solaris, Florian, Zion and Tadashi

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- National Wool Museum, Geelong until 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

### **MADE IN GEELONG - Godfrey Hirst**

Discover the heritage and future of Godfrey Hirst, Geelong's first textile company. From the establishment of Victorian Woollen and Cloth Manufacturing Company in 1865 to their innovative technology and collaborations with the creative sector, explore Godfrey Hirst's enduring legacy through archival objects from the Museum Collection and private loans. Godfrey Hirst originally trained as a weaver in Yorkshire, the textiles centre of England, but moved to Australia in 1883, where he first found work at the Victorian Woollen and Cloth Manufacturing Company. Hirst soon pivoted from artisan to entrepreneur and started his own company, eventually acquiring mills around Geelong.

Today, Godfrey Hirst is one of the leading manufacturers in Geelong, supporting and sustaining the local design industry.