

# Newtown Festival 19

## NEWTOWN NEWS

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# KIA ORA NEWTOWN!

The Newtown Festival is upon us, so feast your eyes on this *jams*-packed special festival edition of the Newtown News. Importantly, you'll find the programme in the centrefold, so you can plan your day from the luxury of the couch beforehand and preserve your phone battery. Then take it with you on the day so you can smugly consult it, avoid the queues around the big printed programmes, and enjoy some quality reading between sets.

**Public health warning:** If you're reading this after the festival and you didn't get to go (howwww? whyyyyyy??!), just close your eyes on the programme page so you don't get too much FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out). But definitely check out 'Newtown Community Centre ROCKS' and 'What's the Happs?' to prevent future FOMO.

In this special festival edition, we don't want you to only feast your eyes, we want you to feast your ears too, so we've employed a special Musical Matcher (think sommelier of the music world) to match each of our articles with a musical track. So get out your headphones and have a listen while you read. Some of these bands you'll be able to track down at the festival, but we've included a few others as well.

Personally, having taken seven years of guitar lessons as a kid, but being unable to play a single note, starting a band has always been an impossible dream. But reading Ingrid's top tips on starting a band almost makes me feel like picking up a guitar again (or at least a triangle!). However, I'm keen not to pretend that the music scene in Newtown, Wellington, Aotearoa or indeed the world is all happy and shiny, so we've got some real-talk about the ups and downs from an anonymous wāhine toa (strong woman) who is a musician in Wellington.

I'd also like to acknowledge that March 31st is *International Transgender Day of Visibility* - so love and solidarity to all our trans and gender-diverse whānau in Newtown and beyond.

Thanks so much to the Newtown Festival and the Newtown Residents' Association for putting on what looks to be yet another banger of a festival. Mā te wā, we'll see you there.

Ngā mihi,



ellie@newtowncommunity.org.nz

**Thanks so much to the Newtown Festival Trust for this extra special glossy bumper edition of the Newtown News, beautifully composed by the talented Kelly Spencer**



**Peoples**

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## MUSIC MATCH

Avoid the FOMO  
by sampling the lush fruity aromas  
of Imugi's (이무기) **I AM**  
[bit.ly/2E4IVAj](https://bit.ly/2E4IVAj)

## A WORD FROM THE NEWTOWN FESTIVAL TEAM

### NEWTOWNFESTIVAL.ORG.NZ

On Sunday 3rd March, we present to you Aotearoa's largest annual street fair and free music festival: Newtown Festival! We would like to acknowledge the mana whenua, Te Atiawa Taranaki whānau, and their support of this event. For one fabulous day, our suburb transforms into a colourful, vibrant street party.

There are over 450 stalls offering food, art, craft, fashion and more from around the world. Come and shop for treasure! Bustle and hustle in Riddiford St, join in on the free street sports on Donald McLean St, ride bikes on Gordon St, or find a quieter zone amongst the craft stalls in Green St. You can also find Fun Street, a family area in Arney St with its chill out space for parents, free activities and circus shows to entertain young and old.

Newtown Festival is a day of our different communities coming together to celebrate culture, creativity and talent with over 130 free performances! From kapa haka to traditional Chinese dance, singer songwriters to drum and bass DJs, psychedelia to performances dedicated to the living wage. Joining our huge, wild, diverse lineup we warmly welcome Bic Runga and Ria Hall to our stages. It's going to be a great day to discover some emerging talent, check out your local favourites, and show your fandom for the famous!

Come early, bring your family and friends, and soak in the atmosphere that is Newtown Festival. See you there!



## DO YOU LIVE, WORK OR PLAY IN NEWTOWN? THEN OUR ASSOCIATION IS FOR YOU!

We meet on the third Monday of every month between February and November at the Newtown Hall at 71 Daniell St, at 7.30pm. We discuss what is going on in and around Newtown, and we often have guest speakers from the Council and other organisations talking about their projects and consultations. Everyone is welcome; you don't have to be a member. The next meeting will be on Monday the 18th March.

We are also hosting the Neighbours' Night at Newtown Park on Friday March 29th from 4.30pm - 7pm, do join us for an evening of free food and fun. Hope to see you there!

We encourage everyone with an interest in Newtown to sign up to our e-newsletter. You can give us your name and email at Festival headquarters at Kia Ora Newtown, 6 Constable Street, on Fair Day, or see the link on our website: [newtown.org.nz](http://newtown.org.nz), or check out our Newtown Residents' Association Facebook page, there's a sign up button there.

*Rhona Carson*  
President, Newtown  
Residents' Association



### MUSIC MATCH

Match this full-bodied, sweet and local vibe with Ria Hall's

**TE AHI KAI PŌ**  
[bit.ly/2UQfjm0](http://bit.ly/2UQfjm0)

# NOTORIOUS NEWTOWNER

Sam Manzanza is known as “the King of Afro-beats in Aotearoa”. Sam and Ellie caught up at the Community Centre one sunny afternoon...



It's up for grabs what you'll see first of Sam Manzanza in Newtown. His huge smile? Or perhaps his brightly coloured traditional African clothes? Either way, his brightness and cheerfulness is infectious, much like his music. Sam is a Wellingtonian through and through - he tells me heaps of history about Wellington that I didn't know - and he's also proud of his Congolese roots, having originally moved to Aotearoa in the 80's. Music is an integral part of Sam's life - "Music is to me as water is to a fish!" - and his full-time project is Sam Manzanza's Afrobeat Band.

Sam's philosophies of life and of music are relentlessly positive: "Just be happy, be yourself. Having a smile on your face brings happiness!" Seeing his music as "a gift from nature to make people happy", Sam says of his gigs, "I don't sing sad songs. When you come to listen to me, you'll forget your sadness. I'll take you to the moon! You'll forget your life on earth where your boyfriend dumped you, or you're having a hard time!"

Sam shares his music and culture generously with his fellow Wellingtonians - from his habit of saying hello to everyone in the street, to teaching drumming, to organising huge events like Africa Day (11 May), which has become a day of sharing cultures from across the world. Many drumming teachers across Aotearoa have also learned their skills from Sam, who feels "proud to have planted the seed which became a tree, which dropped seeds, which grows new trees..."

Sam loves Wellington, and particularly Newtown: "Wellington is my town and Newtown is my suburb. Sometimes I move for a little while, but I always come back!" Newtown is his favourite, mostly for the people: "Different cultures, different ideas, different characters... Some with bare feet, some with very nice clothes - there's so much culture and variety!"

This is starkly different from when Sam first arrived in New Zealand. He can remember a time when he was one of only two people originally from African countries in Wellington. With a lot more former refugees and migrants arriving since then, the face of Newtown - and Wellington - has changed. Sam wants to inspire these new Kiwis "to bring the good things they know from their country here, to develop New Zealand. I brought African music and African culture... People shouldn't be ashamed of their culture."

So, go to Africa Day, learn about African culture, and come and see Sam Manzanza play at the Newtown Festival (at the Tuatara Colombo Street Stage). Have a dance, have a smile, let him take you to the moon and leave your worries behind... At least for a little while.

## MUSIC MATCH

Sam Manzanza is a full body experience, check out this **LIVE RECORDING** [bit.ly/2WUO2ub](https://bit.ly/2WUO2ub) then wash it down with Fela Kut's classic **ZOMBIE** [bit.ly/2faRIGC](https://bit.ly/2faRIGC)

## NEWTOWN COMMUNITY & CULTURAL CENTRE (ROCKS!)

On the corner of Colombo and Rintoul Streets you can find the home of the Newtown Community & Cultural Centre (NCCC), and all things awesome.

**Here's just a few examples of what we have to offer:**

•**Yoga and other exercise classes:** Love getting your downward facing dog on, but don't love shelling out 15 bucks a time to do it? Come along to our exercise classes, where qualified and experienced tutors lead you through yoga sessions, tai chi classes and step aerobics workouts, all for just \$2 a pop.

•**Space for hire:** We manage three Newtown buildings for the community, including a mirrored dance studio, meeting rooms and a community theatre. If you need a space for private function, a community activity or put on a show, come and talk to us. Rates range from \$6 - \$20/hour. We also accept time credits for the use of some of our spaces.

•**Sharing is Caring:** We love to share! Get your late summer reading sussed from our **FREE Book Exchange**. Join the **Wellington Timebank** and share time - meet your neighbours, get help with all kinds of jobs for FREE and let your skills shine by helping others. You'll also be able to get all those DIY jobs done by joining the **Newtown Tool Library**. Once you've joined, all tools are FREE to borrow! And last but not least, join a **Newtown Boomerang Bags** working bee and help rid the world of plastic bags and waste fabric by making and sharing home-made reusable bags.

•**Wash Against Waste:** Wash Against Waste is a resource containing cutlery, crockery & cloth napkins that can be hired for \$5 by the public to reduce single-use products at events, thereby reducing waste to landfill. Save money and the earth. Win/win!

•**Won't someone please think of the children?!** Every school holiday we run a two week programme for local primary-school aged kids, with fees as little as \$10 per day for CSC holders. Our youths also run various other programmes for youths in Newtown.

•**Nom Nom Nom:** Got a rumbling belly? Friday lunchtimes from 12-1pm join our **Soup Group**, connect over some kai with other Newtown locals - all welcome, vegetarian provided, FREE. The **Quick Kai freezer** is always stocked with healthy ready to "heat and eat" meals made by and for the community. \$2 for low-income folks and \$4 if you're just too lazy to cook tonight. We also offer FREE **tea and coffee** complete with a comfy couch to chill out on in our drop-in room.

•**Hub of Helpfulness:** We share our centre with the **Citizens Advice Bureau**. They also offer a **Justice of the Peace** service to get all those documents signed and sighted from Monday-Friday 10.30am-12.30pm and FREE **legal advice** (by appointment).

•**Off-the-cuff stuff:** Random, one-off events happen here every week, including gigs, theatre productions, educational and political seminars, workshops, film screenings, art classes, dinners and lots more in between.

For more details about any of the above visit [www.newtowncommunity.org.nz](http://www.newtowncommunity.org.nz). You can also give us a 'like' on Facebook ([bit.ly/2RVzqHl](https://bit.ly/2RVzqHl)) or sign up for our fortnightly e-newsletter by flicking us an email at [info@newtowncommunity.org.nz](mailto:info@newtowncommunity.org.nz). Feel free to pop on by our office (with baked treats and/or fresh coffees in hand) to say kia ora and have a chat...

E noho rā,

*Eryn and Elsie*



Newtown Community & Cultural Centre



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ATIAWA TOA FM  
TANGATA WHENUA  
STAGE

NTH, RIDDIFORD ST

Thanks: Te Puni Kōwhiri,  
Te Upoko o Te Ika Pub Clarity

MC: DJ No L

9:30AM  
MIHI WHAKATAU  
(WELCOME CEREMONY)  
9:30 - 10:00

10:00AM  
Tōhorā  
10:10 - 10:40

10:30AM  
Mamamāta  
11:00 - 11:45

11:00AM  
IT  
12:00 - 12:35

MIDDAY  
Nation  
12:50 - 1:35

1:00PM  
Ogkushhh  
1:50 - 2:50

1:30PM  
Brannigan Kaa  
3:00 - 3:45

2:00PM  
Ria Hall  
4:00 - 5:00

2:30PM  
Broadcasting  
LIVE on  
Te Upoko o Te Ika 11:6AM  
Atiawa Toa FM 100.9FM  
or 94.9PM for Poitiria

3:00PM  
5:00PM

3:30PM

6:00PM

6:30PM

7:00PM

7:30PM

8:00PM

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NICE PLACE!  
SONGS FROM THE  
OLD COUNTRY STAGE

EMMETT ST

MC: Olivia Sumich

10:00 - 10:45  
Bulgarian Ensemble Horo

10:45 - 11:30  
Vox Ethno

11:30 - 11:45  
Mirian Caberlon Dance School

12:00 - 12:45  
Samba Coletivo Aotearoa

12:45 - 1:05  
MaracaTui

1:05 - 1:50  
Só Samba

2:15 - 3:00  
The Cosmonauts

3:15 - 4:00  
Céili Mór with  
Wellington Irish Sessions

4:15 - 5:00  
T-Bone Trio

5:15 - 6:00  
Wistful Tunes

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TUATARA  
COLOMBO ST  
STAGE

COLOMBO ST

MC: Harri

10:00 - 10:45  
Ska Pai

11:00 - 11:45  
Archie The Brave

12:00 - 12:45  
Balkany

1:00 - 1:45  
Monique Aiken

2:00 - 3:00  
Sky Canvas  
x Aints Ransley

3:45 - 4:45  
Sam Manzanra

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PBARRODOG  
WILSON ST  
STAGE

WILSON ST

Thanks: Death Ray Records

MC: Hilary

10:20 - 11:00  
Ilena

11:20 - 12:00  
Linen

12:20 - 1:00  
The Spectre Collective

1:20 - 2:00  
Earth to Zena

2:20 - 3:00  
Summer Body

3:20 - 4:00  
Ben Woods

4:00 - 4:20  
Hot Drugs

4:20 - 5:00  
Grayson Gilmour

5:00 - 5:20  
Church Of Goya

5:20 - 6:00  
Spook The Horses

6:00 - 6:20  
Rogeromix

6:20 - 7:00  
BEING,

7:00 - 7:30  
Holy Serpent

7:30 - 8:10  
Miss June

8:10 - 8:30  
Bloodbags

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NEW TOWN NEW WORLD  
COMMUNITY  
STAGE

RIDDIFORD / CONSTABLE ST CNR

Thanks: Newtown  
Community & Cultural Centre

MC: Rick Sabar

10:00 - 10:15  
Move It Dancesworks

10:15 - 10:50  
Tai Chi

10:50 - 11:10  
The Scallywags

11:10 - 11:50  
Hawaiian Dance Wellington

11:50 - 12:15  
Moronga Dancers

12:15 - 1:10  
Everybodies Choir

1:10 - 1:50  
NZ Myanmar's Cultural  
Performance

1:50 - 3:00  
The Loose Cannons

2:15 - 3:00  
Sendam Rawkustra

3:15 - 4:00  
The Night

4:05 - 4:20  
Narukami Taiko

4:00 - 4:45  
Kadodo Drum & Dance  
West African Drumming

4:00 - 4:45  
Totems

4:35 - 5:20  
Ana Te Kōtiro

5:35 - 6:05  
Imugi

6:25 - 6:55  
i.e. crazy

7:20 - 7:50

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GARAGE PROJECT  
NEWTOWN AVE  
STAGE

NEWTOWN AVE

Thanks: People Coffee  
The Ramen Shop

11:00 - 11:35  
CRYSTAL

11:50 - 12:20  
Maxwell Young

12:40 - 1:25  
Ursula Le Sin

1:40 - 2:20  
mHz

2:35 - 3:20  
D. Tyrone

3:35 - 4:20  
BIG FAT RARO

4:35 - 5:20  
Totems

5:35 - 6:05  
Ana Te Kōtiro

6:25 - 6:55  
Imugi

7:20 - 7:50  
i.e. crazy

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ARTISTS FOR A  
LIVING WAGE  
STAGE

CONSTABLE ST

Thanks: TIL Freight

MC: Stephanie Rodgers

10:00 - 10:30  
ENT

10:50 - 11:20  
Orangefarm

11:40 - 12:10  
Ingrid and the Ministers

12:30 - 1:00  
Ladyfruit

1:20 - 1:50  
La Cura

2:10 - 2:40  
mr sterile Assembly

3:00 - 3:45  
Qualen Mathlay

4:00 - 4:45  
Kadodo Drum & Dance  
West African Drumming

4:35 - 5:20  
Totems

5:35 - 6:05  
Ana Te Kōtiro

6:25 - 6:55  
Imugi

7:20 - 7:50  
i.e. crazy



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**BUSKERS PITCH**

MCDONALD'S CARPARK

*Thanks, Mero, Nicow & Caroline*

*MC: Mr Fungus*

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**MCDONALD'S & NEWTOWN NEW WORLD NORMANBY ST STAGE**

NORMANBY ST

*Thanks, Mero, Nicow & Caroline*

*MC: Topknot*

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**WATOA SOCIAL CLUB SOUNDS ALMIGHTY SOUND SYSTEM**

DONALD MCLEAN ST

*MC: Manala Toa*

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**MOMENTUM MEETS SUBBASS RENEGADE BASS STAGE**

DONALD MCLEAN ST

*MC: Don Mackay*

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**FORTLINE FAVOURS GORDON PLACE STAGE**

GORDON PLACE

*Thanks: Songwriters Showcase*

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**WELLINGTON CIRCUS TRUST & COLLOSSAL NZ THE CIRCUS HUB STAGE**

ARNEY ST

*Thanks: New Zealand Community Trust*

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**RADIOACTIVE.FM & COFFEE SUPREME SOUTH STAGE**

SOUTH RIDDFORD ST

*Producers: Massey University College of Creative Arts*

*MC: Maggie Tuwaele & Joe Blossom*

9:30AM

The Vinyl Burns  
10:00 - 10:40

Tidal Raye  
10:00 - 10:40

Start: 10:00



Shaw Shot (Momentum)  
12:30 - 1:00

Joanna by Day  
10:00 - 10:30

Tanogata Circus Company  
Obstacle Course Workshop  
10:15 - 10:30

Luochen Dance Academy  
to China Culture Centre  
10:00 - 10:30

The Toni Smith Show  
10:45 - 11:25

Jaggers X Lines  
10:50 - 11:25

Topknot

Fortitude / Rythmatix  
(Sub Bass)  
1:00 - 2:00

Thomas Swingler  
10:35 - 10:55

Tanogata Circus Company Show  
11:00 - 11:30

Yayne  
10:45 - 11:30

Mr Wizowski  
11:30 - 12:10

Anahita  
11:30 - 11:55

Steppa D

Ant Dub / Taiiko  
(Momentum)  
2:00 - 3:00

The Brooklyns  
11:15 - 11:45

Tanogata Circus Company  
Circus Aerials Workshop  
11:40 - 11:55

Mermaldens  
11:45 - 12:30

Skye Broberg  
12:15 - 12:55

SECRET SHOW  
12:05 - 12:50

Mikki Dee

Fortitude / Rythmatix  
(Momentum)  
4:00 - 5:00

Nigel Parry & Ruth Prentice  
11:50 - 12:20

Tanogata Circus Company Show  
12:00 - 12:30

Solid Gold Dance Crew  
12:30 - 12:45

Mr Fungus  
1:00 - 1:40

Dr Reknaw  
1:00 - 1:45

Steve Da Hat

Manalaoa / Art Vandelay  
(Momentum)  
4:00 - 5:00

Mystery Waitress  
1:00 - 1:30

Tazo & Woza Can Do Show  
Workshop 12:40 - 12:55

Unchained XL  
12:45 - 1:45

The Vinyl Burns  
Rock & Roll Circus  
1:45 - 2:25

fruit juice parade  
1:50 - 2:20

O-Boyl  
2:25 - 2:55

Annabel Lee  
3:00 - 3:40

Jesse Drysdale  
2:10 - 2:40

Tazo & Woza Can Do Show  
2:00 - 2:30

Bic Runga  
2:00 - 3:00

The Toni Smith Show  
2:30 - 3:10

Annabel Lee  
3:00 - 3:40

Manray

Fortitude / Rythmatix  
(Sub Bass)  
3:00 - 4:00

The Gracious Deviants  
2:45 - 3:15

Septic Steamfish Acrobatics  
Workshop 2:40 - 2:55

WOMB  
3:15 - 4:00

Mr Wizowski  
3:15 - 3:55

Mimi Gilbert  
3:45 - 4:25

Misteeq

Manalaoa / Art Vandelay  
(Momentum)  
4:00 - 5:00

Septic Steamfish Circus  
Slam Show 3:00 - 3:30

C-26 Salsa Band  
4:15 - 5:00

Skye Broberg  
4:00 - 4:40

VANDEL  
4:30 - 5:15

Arweene

Sub Bass  
vs Momentum  
Selectors  
Back 2 Back  
5:00 - 7:00

The Polly Johnson Set  
5:10 - 5:40

Septic Steamfish Septic Circus  
Slam Show 4:00 - 4:30

Finish: 7:00

The Faustians  
5:50 - 6:20

The Thirsty Night Music  
Club 6:30 - 7:00

Broadcasting  
LIVE on  
RadioActive.FM  
88.6FM

The Polly Johnson Set  
5:10 - 5:40

The Faustians  
5:50 - 6:20

The Thirsty Night Music  
Club 6:30 - 7:00

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But wait there's more..... [www.newtownfestival.org.nz/programme-time/stages](http://www.newtownfestival.org.nz/programme-time/stages) lists all the performers in the Venues at the Festival, the Afterparty line-ups and the Festival parades!

# BACKSTAGE PASS

WHAT ARE NEWTOWNERS LOOKING FORWARD TO AT OUR FESTIVAL?



**ERYN, NEWTOWN COMMUNITY & CULTURAL CENTRE COORDINATOR & PROGRAMMER OF THE COMMUNITY STAGE**

"I'll be slogging away most of the day working. At our stall we're giving away free banter and more importantly free sunscreen, so I'm looking forward to lots of visitors (corner Riddiford and Constable street)! You can listen to me prattle on about all the cool things the centre will be up to this year. I'll deft nip off for a break to get my jig on at Mermaidens (South Stage). I wanna eat ALL THE FOOD (but mostly carb-load on fried bread) and when we're all packed up for the day I plan to head over to Baobab to down a cold beer."

"I have a stage on the curb outside the shop during Newtown Festival. It's rad. Really looking forward to seeing local D-Beat punk band, Rogernomix perform. Auckland's garage trash band The Bloodbags, droney noise eggs Church of Goya, acid psych babes Linen, kraut party gents the Spectre Collective and not on my stage Womb! Also forgot to mention Tidal Rave, Mermaidens, O-Boy, Totems and a whole lot more. So much more!!!"



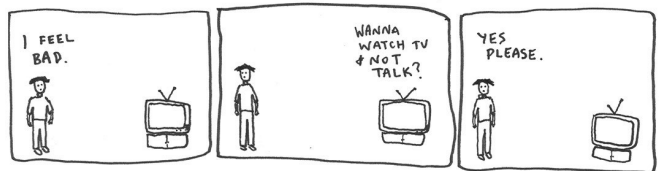
**BOSS DUDE  
AT DEATH RAY RECORDS**

## MUSIC MATCH

If you have survived a full day of the sun and crowds at the Newtown Festival then consider yourself hardcore and quench your thirst with a straight shot to the gullet of Rogernomix's

**COMPETING FREEDOMS**  
[bit.ly/2tdL86c](http://bit.ly/2tdL86c)

WHEN TV IS YOUR ONLY FRIEND



You GOTTA check out Lenny Zook's rad art on insta [instagram.com/lenny.zook](https://www.instagram.com/lenny.zook) or [lennyzook.com](http://lennyzook.com)

**ZOOK**



# MUSIC & MISOGYNY

BY AN ANONYMOUS WELLINGTON MUSICIAN...

Now sing along with me,  
let's smash the patriarchy!



I've been writing songs for as long as I can remember. I've been playing guitar for over half my life. I've been performing on stages for 10 years, and for half of that time it has been how I make my living.

But I turn up to a gig and I know someone is going to tell me how to plug in my guitar, how to pass the lead through the strap, how to adjust the mic stand.

I'll be playing support for someone who I am, by any measure, more successful than. It'll be a small venue, because I have a "gentle voice" and I'm "better suited to smaller venues". The sound engineer will assume I don't know what I'm talking about when I say I want the vocals clean with no reverb. They'll whack up the reverb - "it makes your voice prettier". The main act will sing some songs about girls, and how girls don't seem to like them, with the implication that girls are stupid because if they knew what was good for them they'd like them, but Nice Guys (TM) finish last. No one tells them to shut up or take their clothes off.

Sometimes the main act will copy my songs or use my lines - they've seen me perform a hundred times. After my set, at least one person will tell me how I could be more popular if I smiled more or dressed differently or went on X-Factor. Someone else will tell me how I could improve my playing. They could teach me, if I like. Maybe we could meet up to talk about it more. Uh, may I, please? Everyone in this story so far is a dude, except me. This is what it's like being a woman in the music scene aka the musical manifestation of the misogynistic world we live in. I don't feel safe and I don't feel respected.

But then someone will tell me they like my music. Will ask how they can buy my songs. Will ask if I want to join their singers' collective. Will discuss my lyrics with me, intelligently, respectfully. Maybe we'll start talking about how influential riot grrrl and Angela Davis have been on both of us. They'll tell me they're doing a play in the Fringe Festival, and I'll say how much I want to come and see it. So I guess I'm just really grateful for the intersectional feminist badassess of whatever gender who go to gigs and do their bit to redress the balance and smash the patriarchy.

Thanks, I love you.

## MUSIC MATCH

This piece has low notes of justified rage, but also a whiff of hope. Match this with Melbourne band Camp Cope's **THE OPENER** [bit.ly/2uzdyeo](https://bit.ly/2uzdyeo) and then smash back Miss June's **MATRIARCHY** [bit.ly/2X6pNZZ](https://bit.ly/2X6pNZZ)

# INGRID'S TOP TIPS FOR STARTING A BAND!

INGRID FROM NEW WELLINGTON BAND **INGRID AND THE MINISTERS**, DE-MYSTIFIES THE MUSIC BIZ.

Ingrid pretty much went straight from 0-100, from "not really ever played guitar in front anyone" to a year-ish later playing at the Newtown Festival. You NEED to check Ingrid and the Ministers' 'psychedelic frock' out on the Living Wage stage! Here are Ingrid's top-tips for starting a band:

- **DO IT!** "Just act, don't talk. Get up on a stage and on your feet. When I started, I didn't think that I had the capacity to do this. It was only by doing it that I realised that it sounded like a band and it became real - it blind-sided me!"
- **Be confident** "Confidently bring what you've got", whether that's a song you've written or an idea for a band.
- **Set yourself some deadlines** Book that first gig, set a date to play to some friends - "something will inevitably happen"
- **Ask who you know** - "Find some nice people you know who like music and have a little bit of time...if it doesn't stick, that's ok as well, things can change!"
- **Do the admin** "Write your charts and chords down, write down your decisions, structure everything. It makes people feel comfortable and confident in what you're doing together"
- **Follow your gut!** "I don't know much about theory, and I'd only ever done music as a hobby before this. Just go with what feels right"
- **Collaborate and see what sticks** "Just jam with people, it can take ages for a new song to start sounding right. Also, don't underestimate what other instruments can bring to a song - it won't sound the same when you're writing it as when you add drums and bass and you're like OMG it's a real song!"
- **React to your audience** "Some audiences like to just be taken on a musical journey...Or some gigs, it feels different and they want banter!"
- **Make it fun** "We do live performances to inspire people to feel filled by the music and satisfy something in their soul - that's what it does for us and we want to spread it out to the audience!"
- **Practice, practice, practice** "We practice once a week for a couple of hours, sometimes more closer to a performance! Run the whole set over and over as if it's a live performance! Give it everything - go hard in rehearsal, 'cause you've gotta have the stamina to do the whole set."
- **Need a kick-start? Go to 'How To Write an Album in 12 Hours'** "this opened the door for me! You're stuck for 12 hours with a new band, having to write a song an hour and record it." Keep an eye out for this at CubaDupa - what an awesome way to start a band!



## MUSIC MATCH

Pair your first bold moves with the equally bold notes of Ingrid and the Ministers' **PEPPER AND SAND**  
[bit.ly/2I2PuaB](https://bit.ly/2I2PuaB)

and then round them out with Fruit Juice Parade's **RICE COOKER**  
[bit.ly/2Sp2yf9](https://bit.ly/2Sp2yf9)

# BACKSTAGE PASS

HOPE ROBYNS MACKAY HAS A WEE CHAT WITH HER DAD **DON MACKAY**, THE PROGRAMMER OF ONE OF THE NEWTOWN FESTIVAL'S NEW STAGES...

**This is your first year programming a stage for the Newtown Festival. What's your stage called and what's it all about?**



It's called the 'Fortune Favours Gordon Place Songwriters Showcase', and it aims to provide a stage to highlight the music of a whole bunch of local people who are out and about performing their own songs, but not necessarily getting the recognition and profile they deserve.

**Who are some of the great local acts we can expect to see?**

We actually have 15 great local acts across a range of styles, but I'm particularly interested in hearing The Polly Johnson set because I'm a bit of a fan and they've been busily recording over the last few months. I'm keen to see what they come out like.

**I hear you're also organising musical events for Newtown outside of the festival, tell us a bit about that...**

As a result of doing the festival stuff, and making a whole lot of contacts, I've stuck my hand up to run a monthly songwriters' night at Moon, which will be the third Sunday evening of every month, and each show will feature three acts. The first of these is really soon, on 17 February.

**Outside of your own stage, who are you most excited to see perform at the festival this year?**

Given that I'm going to be running a stage all day I'm kind of resigned to the fact that I'm not going to see very much else.

**Ah fair enough, anything else you'd like to add?**

I think it would be that since sticking my hand up to run this thing, a number of people have also volunteered to help me do it. I'd like to acknowledge and thank Vic Manuel, and Alan and Vivian Downes who also run the Newtown Acoustic Sessions at The Office Bar.

## MUSIC MATCH

This screams earthy and salty and what better match than the The Polly Johnson Set's **LET ME COUNT THE WAYS (I LOVE YOU)** in all their rambunctious glory [bit.ly/2Suiv3W](http://bit.ly/2Suiv3W)

# WHAT'S THE HAPP'S?

HAPPENING AT NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE, CNR RINTOUL & COLOMBO STREETS, NEWTOWN

## Abby's Queer Friendly 80s Aerobics (for fun!)

Bring a yoga mat or towel, water bottle, koha and your crazy 80s fashion! Just turn on up. Saturday 2nd March, 12 - 1pm

## Cacao Ecstatic Dance

Woke Wisdom Community present Cacao Ecstatic Dance! Featuring Consciously Claire a cacao practitioner and Saxon Stardust a Addictions recovery coach with a passion for dance. Michael Sutherland joins on live guitar. \$39 per person. 9th March 7pm - 9:30pm. Email [wokewc@gmail.com](mailto:wokewc@gmail.com) /visit [bit.ly/2WXg-3Bq](http://bit.ly/2WXg-3Bq).

## Neighbours Day - Newtown Community Centre Garage\* Sale

\*This garage sale isn't in a garage, nor are we selling garages! We are getting rid of loads of bits and bobs - books, craft supplies, furniture, tech gear, old stage props! Come on by and meet your neighbours and grab a bargain with all money going towards our upgrade project. Saturday 16th March 10am-2pm.

## Armillaria - as part of NZ Fringe Festival 2019

9 Dancers take the arena in a fully immersive dance production from HAMEC. Descend into the interconnected web of Mycelium that grow in your very backyard. What are they? Find out by spiralling through this euphoric world of questions, illuminated reflections and Mycelium Mushrooms! Showing from 15th - 17th March, 7pm. Tickets at [fringe.co.nz](http://fringe.co.nz)

## Binge and Chill - as part of NZ Fringe Festival 2019

Potentially Playing Productions present "Binge and Chill", an exploration of control, addiction and mental health with a science fiction twist. Three flatmates get a new SmartTech fridge that starts to give them unsolicited advice about their unhealthy habits. Tues 19th March - Sat 23rd March. 7pm. Tickets \$10-\$15 from [fringe.co.nz](http://fringe.co.nz)

## HAPPENING AT NEWTOWN HALL, 71 DANIELL STREET

### Music Time with Kirsten – koha entry

Musical play, fun and learning sessions for 2-4 year olds. Tuesday mornings 9.30 for 2-3yr olds, 10.20 for 3-4yr olds. Call Kirsten 027 573 0762.

## HAPPENING AT NETWORK NEWTOWN, 9-11 CONSTABLE STREET

### Wellington Meditation Course

What is really important in our lives - and what is not? In our challenging and dynamic modern world, meditation brings clarity, purpose, simplicity and calm. This is a FREE 4 week introductory course, Tuesday March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 6.30-8pm. This is a structured course so please do not join after the 2nd week. More information: [www.wellingtonmeditation.org](http://www.wellingtonmeditation.org)

## HAPPENING ALL OVER NEWTOWN

### Great Newtown Garage Sale Day

Roller doors all over Newtown will be opened up for the annual "Great Newtown Garage Sales Day" on Saturday 16th March. It's not too late to register your garage sale, contact [garage.newtown@gmail.com](mailto:garage.newtown@gmail.com) and if you're in the mood to spend, dig out some coins from under that couch and check out the map at [bit.ly/2TJoyhx](http://bit.ly/2TJoyhx)

### "Celebrate Newtown" Bike KREW Rodeo

On 11th March, head to Carrara Park for a temporary bike playground for kids! Trained instructors will be on-hand for your 2-10 year olds. More details: [bit.ly/2RVqth6](http://bit.ly/2RVqth6)

### Newtown Neighbours' Night

Friday March 29th at Newtown Park (by the Zoo), 4.30- 7pm. An evening of free fun and free food, rain or shine! Enjoy games and activities for all ages, and share a meal and a friendly word with fellow Newtonians.