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## Victoria Street Alive! Makers Market

On 10 April, Victoria Street Alive! (VSA!) launches its local Makers Market.

The Makers Market will be an expression of the creative spirit of those that live and work locally: bespoke and authentic, showcasing the work of local artists, designers, makers and up-cyclers. Free and family friendly in the welcoming surrounds of Abbots Yard.

VSA! has purposely focussed this market as an opportunity for those creators that live and work in the Victoria Street Precinct (bounded by Hoddle, Highett, Church and Langridge streets). With the recent pandemic severely impacting those working in the cultural and creative professions, this is an opportunity for those in our 'hood to showcase their expertise.

From ceramics, leatherwork, coffee, clothing, condiments, plants, local artists, beauty care, jewellery and much more. The Market also includes creative hands on activities for children.

The Makers Market will also include local musicians, The Barking Mad Bartosies, a local group describing themselves as a killer four-piece funk/rock band who will be offering a more chilled Sunday morning set!

Even the market coordinator lives in the Precinct, ensuring the authentic and specific flavour of inner Melbourne's Abbotsford and North Richmond will be what makes this market distinct and unique.

Victoria Street Alive! is a project of Residents for Victoria Street Drug Solutions Inc, local residents committed to enhancing the vibrancy, vitality and visibility of Victoria Street Abbotsford and Richmond for their community through activations and events.

Abbots Yard is partnering and providing the premises (cnr Victoria and Nicholson streets Abbotsford) for Victoria Street Alive! Makers Markets on Sunday 10 April from 9am – 1pm.

Victoria Street Alive! is funded through Homes Victoria and its own funds raised from the community.

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