



Williamstown
Community
and Education
Centre Inc

Newsletter

May 2021

Joan Kirner House and Spotswood Community House

With Programs running at Altona North Library, Altona Meadows Library and Dulcie Shaw House in Altona
**For Members, Committee, Staff, Volunteers, Students, Parents, Stakeholders,
Centre users, Partners, Sponsors and Our Community**

Coming Up...

- **Term Two brochure** – [HERE](#).
- Wednesday May 5, 12, 19 and 26. **FREE Willy Walking Group** from 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House.
- Wednesday May 5, 12, 19 and 26. **FREE Community Morning Tea**. Joan Kirner House. 11.00 am. All welcome!
- Wednesday May 5 and June 9. **Hobsons Bay Community has Heart Roving Hub**. Joan Kirner House. 10.30 am to 2.00 pm. Details below.
- Saturday May 8 to May 15. **Neighbourhood House Week**.
- Saturday May 8. **Willy Neighbours**. 11.00 am to 12.30 pm at Joan Kirner House. Details below.
- Monday May 10. **FREE Neighbourhood House Week BBQ**. 12.15 pm at Joan Kirner House. All welcome!
- Tuesday May 11. **Annual General Meeting**. 4.00 pm at Joan Kirner House, Room One.
- Tuesday May 11 and Tuesday June 8. **Pop-up Baby Bounce** at Spotswood Community House. 10.00 am to 10.30 am. Details below.
- Wednesday May 12 and 26. **Coffee Caravan visit** to Joan Kirner House. 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Gold coin donation for a coffee.
- Monday May 17 to May 23. **National Volunteers Week**.
- Thursday May 20 to May 26. **National Volunteers Week Photo Exhibition** at Joan Kirner House. Details below.
- Thursday May 20. **FREE National Volunteer Week BBQ and Celebration**. 12.15 pm at Joan Kirner House. All welcome!
- Thursday May 20. **Volunteer West - Meet and Greet**. 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm Joan Kirner House. Details below.
- Wednesday June 2. **FREE Introduction to MyGov** workshop in Joan Kirner House foyer at 11.00 am. See below.



Pop Up Café is Back!

Thanks to support from Victoria and Josefa at Co Health we have a new Coffee Van coming to our Joan Kirner House.



It will be on a trial basis, for term two only, once a fortnight, on Wednesdays from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Gold coin donation required.



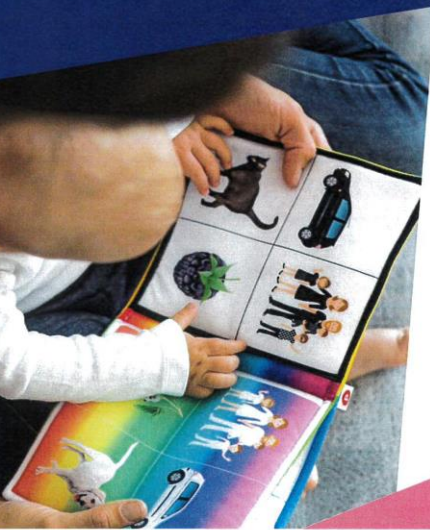
New Program

Hobsons Bay Libraries

Pop-up Baby Bounce

Baby Bounce is on the move and popping up in locations around Hobsons Bay.

Join our children's librarians for a gentle session of stories, songs and rhymes designed to spark a love of literacy-based learning. Baby Bounce empowers carers with fun techniques, literacy tips, music resources and activity ideas for pre-walking babies aged 0-12 months.



GROW YOUR READER

All sessions 10am - 10.30am

ALTONA NORTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Tuesday 20 April
Tuesday 18 May
Tuesday 15 June

LAVERTON COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CENTRE
15 Crown Street, Laverton
Tuesday 27 April
Tuesday 25 May
Tuesday 22 June

SOUTH KINGSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
43 Paxton Street, South Kingsville
Tuesday 4 May
Tuesday 1 June

SPOTSWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSE
598 Melbourne Road, Spotswood
Tuesday 11 May
Tuesday 8 June

Bookings
We are committed to staying COVID safe.
Places for each session are limited to allow for social distancing and so bookings are essential.
Please visit the library website to register.



Rooms to Rent

Joan Kirner House in Williamstown and Spotswood Community House are now available for meetings, conferences, education classes (9b compliant), training, support and social groups, health and wellbeing programs, art and craft groups and counselling or consultation bookings.

With a range of room sizes, layout and locations, our venues are equipped with kitchens, training resources, WiFi, disability access, close to public transport, and all at low community venue hire rates.

The Policy and Application Form is [HERE](#).

For more details, and bookings, call Tahlia on 9397 6168.



Be Connected Project

Renee, our Community Development Coordinator, delivered a Be Connected workshop on Wednesday April 21.



Be Connected
Every Australian online.

Upcoming information sessions include **Introduction to MyGov** on Wednesday June 2 at 11.00 am and **Introduction to Internet Safety** on Wednesday July 14 at 1.00 pm.



In the foyer of Joan Kirner House, 14 Thompson St Williamstown.

Call Renee, Community Development Coordinator, on 9397 6168 for more details.





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Be Connected Workshops

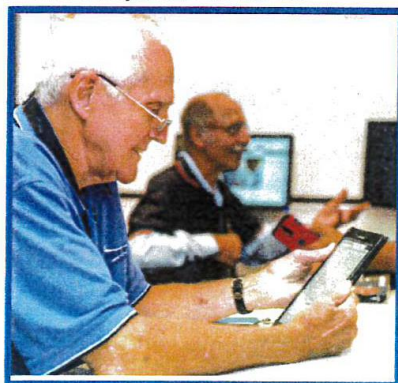
Building Digital Skills in our Community

There has never been a better time to get online.

As a Be Connected Network Partner, we can help you discover how being online can add new skills and experiences to your life. We are hosting several free workshops to help you gain the confidence and skills to get online.

DATE	TIME	WORKSHOP	DURATION
Wednesday June 2	11:00 am	Introduction to MyGov and setting up your account	30 – 60 minutes
Wednesday July 14	1:00 pm	Introduction to internet safety	30 – 60 minutes
Wednesday August 4	11:00 am	Using email	30 – 60 minutes
Tuesday September 7	1:00 pm	How to use Zoom	30 – 60 minutes
Wednesday October 6	11:00 am	Internet banking	30 – 60 minutes

All workshops will be held in the foyer of Joan Kirner House, 14 Thompson St Williamstown. They are free and everyone is welcome.



For more details, please call Renee, Community Development Coordinator on 9397 6168



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Investing Together Project

This is a two-year project that started early last year, sponsored by Hobsons Bay City Council, where we are assisting volunteer English language tutors of West Welcome Wagon with professional development, training, resources, and expertise, along with attending staff meetings and teacher PD, to help with home English language learning for refugees.



Lynne, Jodie, and others have been working closely with West Welcome Wagon over the past year, even while in lockdown.



As part of this initiative, Jodie Whitehurst, one of our EAL Teachers recently delivered a Professional Development session with West Welcome Wagon staff and volunteers.

Jodie ran an online professional development workshop for a group of volunteer English tutors from West Welcome Wagon.

The workshop was on using drama-based techniques to improve the language skills and confidence of adult English learners, with a focus on job-seeking.



Tutors were provided with detailed written summaries and guides on how to apply the strategies in their one-to-one tutoring contexts.

Hobsons Bay Community Has Heart Roving Hub

The Hobsons Bay Community Has Heart (HBCHH) program has an exciting Roving Hub that attend various spaces and community events around Hobsons Bay.

The Roving Hub will be visiting Joan Kirner House on Wednesday May 5 and June 9 from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm.

Operated by Council staff and volunteers, the roving hub provides mobile outreach for people in the community to:



- Meet with Council staff and volunteers for a casual and friendly catch up (over coffee or fun activities) and discuss how they have been impacted by COVID-19.
- Discuss ideas on how HBCHH can support community members experiencing social isolation and loneliness.
- Find out more information about HBCHH services.
- How to get help and support for you or someone you know (CASI's Community Connector).
- Provide feedback and discuss ideas for how HBCHH can provide support for the community.



Volunteering PHOTO EXHIBITION

Be inspired by the impact that local
volunteers make in Hobsons Bay.

SAT 8 MAY - TUES 18 MAY
Louis Joel Arts & Community
Centre Gallery, Altona

THURS 20 MAY - WED 26 MAY
Williamstown Community &
Education Centre

FRI 28 MAY - WED 9 JUNE
South Kingsville
Community Centre

FRI 11 JUNE - FRI 18 JUNE
Laverton Community Hub

**Check centres for opening times.*



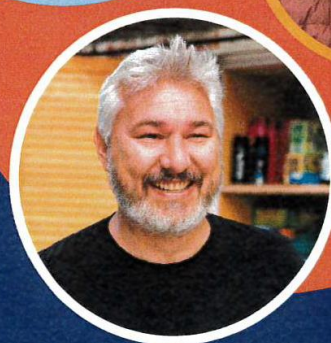
VIRTUAL GALLERY –
Anytime through May and June

Interested in volunteering?

Pop in and chat with Volunteer West
about local volunteering opportunities:

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11am to 1pm
Louis Joel Arts &
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5 Sargood Street, Altona

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14 Thompson St, Williamstown

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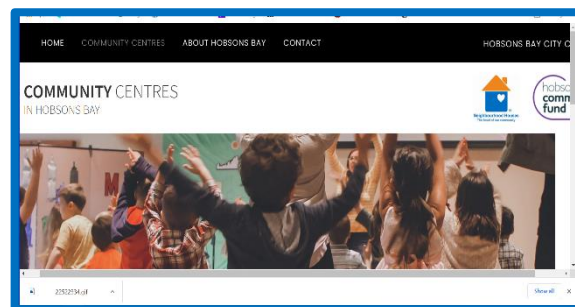
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New Website for Hobsons Bay Community Centres

Thanks to Hobsons Bay City Council support and Sandra Wilkinson, the Manager at South Kingsville Community Centre, there is now a new website that includes all the community centres in Hobsons Bay.

See [HERE](#).



Willy Neighbours

The Willy Neighbours Group is for people living in Williamstown who would like to get to know more locals, enjoy social times together and ultimately gain a greater sense of community and give one another a hand.

This Neighbourhood Connect program sponsored by our Centre aims to support locals to make this happen.

A Neighbours Day celebration was recently held at the Rotunda at Commonwealth Reserve.

Everyone is invited to be part of this initiative - come along to meet Willy locals and you'll be surprised at the things you have in common.



Next session is on Saturday May 8 from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm at Joan Kirner House, 14 Thompson Street, Williamstown.

Bring a plate – if you want. RSVP to Irene Oppen at irene@neighbourhoodconnect.org.au or on 0413 706 233.

If you cannot make it, but would like to be invited to future events, let Irene know.

Teachers Professional Development

The Adult Literacy and Numeracy Practitioners Program (ALNPP) is a fully online program.

Educators from about 150 Learn Local providers participated in the ALNPP in 2020 and reported it was a most positive experience.

A new session of the ALNPP is open for commencements in May 2021.

Hear about the Program from our teacher, Jodie Whitehurst [HERE](#).

Apply [HERE](#).



NEW 'Donate Button'

For all those who have said – “Thanks for helping me with (insert challenge here)” or “Thanks for being such a great Community Centre” and “What can I do to help the Centre?”

Well, now we have an answer. Our new ‘Donate button’ on our home webpage [HERE](#).

Any funds raised through this will go directly to maintaining existing and ongoing initiatives such as our weekly morning teas, the Willy Walking Group, monthly community BBQs, our garden beds, kitchen supplies, newspapers, use of amenities, wide range of recycling projects, Wi-Fi, open access computer, community development, etc.

We are a Registered Charity and a Deductible Gift Recipient with the Australian Tax Office.

So, donors can officially and legally claim a tax deduction.

The more donations, the more programs, and services we can provide.

So, you no longer need give us a box of chocolates! Just donate.



Manager's Musings

It has been a busy start to term two.

After the COVID lockdown, everyone is now ‘back on deck’, all classes, sessions and programs are ‘face to face’, Zoom account is dormant, and the Centre is as busy as ever.

Teachers had a professional development workshop on April 28 at Joan Kirner House, and all childcare staff had their annual First Aid training the same day.

We also have several new volunteers helping Lynne and our computer teachers with ‘one to one’ assistance with new students.

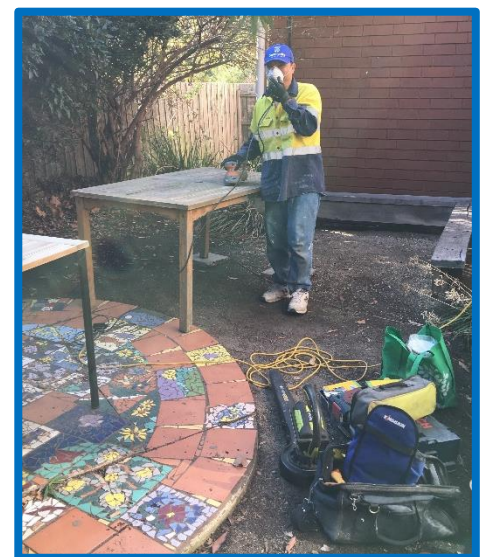
We have a very full month ahead with lots of new initiatives, programs, and events.

I want to give a special shout out to all staff and volunteers. Everyone has excelled and is doing an outstanding job in not only re starting our Centre, but significantly increasing our capability and capacity in just a few months.

Makes me proud to be part of such an exceptional team.

Mark.

Dr Mark Brophy PhD
Manager / CEO
Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc



Phi Ho, one of our students doing some maintenance at Joan Kirner House