



Williamstown
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Newsletter November 2019

Joan Kirner House and Spotswood Community House
For Members, Committee, Staff, Volunteers, Students, Parents,
Stakeholders, Centre users, Partners, Sponsors and Our Community

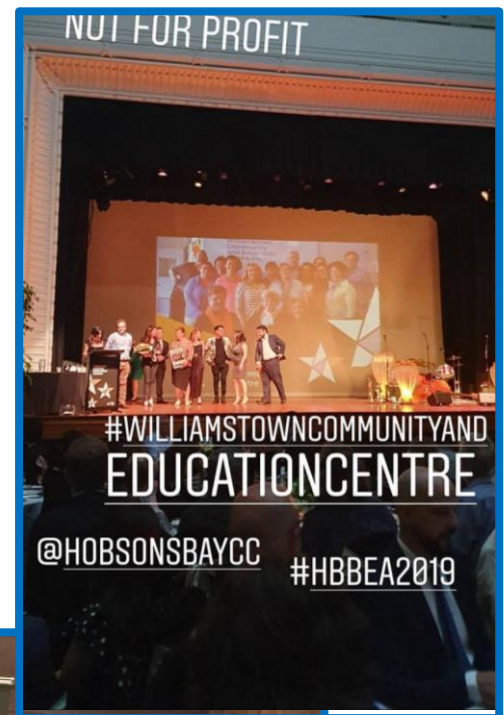


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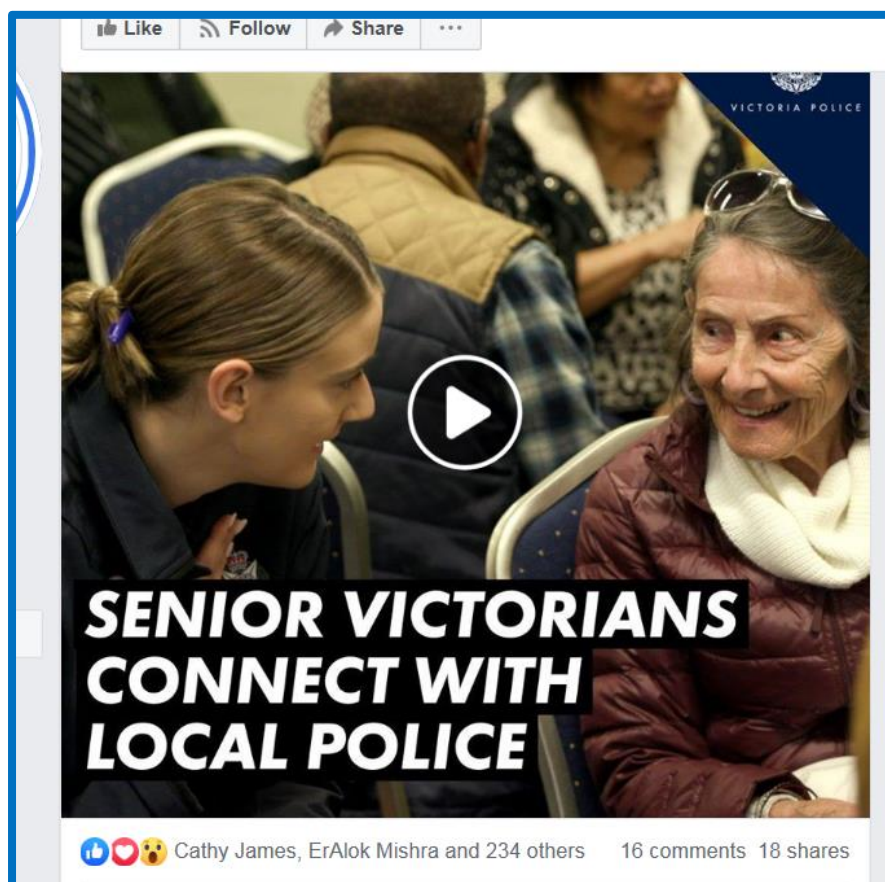
**2019 Hobsons
Bay Business
Excellence
Award**

**Not for Profit
Category
Winner**



In the media

- **2019 Hobsons Bay Business Excellence Awards Winners** in Hobsons Bay Business [HERE](#) and Star Weekly [HERE](#).
- **Interview with Jodie Whitehurst – Williamstown Community and Education Centre (ISSI Fellowship)** in ACEVic September Newsletter. See [HERE](#).
- **Senior Victorians connect with local police.** Wonderful short video of the workshop facilitated by Victoria Police at Joan Kirner House on October 8. See YouTube [HERE](#).



Coming Up...

- Tuesday November 5. **Melbourne Cup Day** public holiday. Joan Kirner House and Spotswood Community House closed.
- Wednesday November 6, 13, 20 and 27. **FREE Community Morning Tea.** 11.00 am at Joan Kirner House.
- Wednesday November 6, 13, 20 and 27. **FREE** Barista style coffee, tea, hot chocolate and treats at the **Pop-Up Social Café.** Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am.
- Wednesday November 6, 13, 20 and 27. **FREE Willy Walking Group** from 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House.
- November 11 to 17 **National Recycling Week Clothes Swap.** Details below.





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National Recycling Week Clothes Swap

Swap your unwanted clothes for something new.

**All week
Monday 11 November to
Friday 15 November**

**In the Foyer of Joan Kirner House
14 Thompson St. Williamstown**



**From Friday November 1, bring in good quality,
clean, unwanted clothes and leave them with
Penny at Reception.**

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2020 Childcare Programs

Program	Session Times	Ages	Enrolment Period	Fees
Occasional Care	Monday 9.15am – 12.15pm Thursday 9.15am – 12.15pm Friday 9.15am – 12.15pm	12 months to 5 years	Term by Term	\$12 per hour (\$36 per session) Concession/Sibling rate: \$10 per hour (\$30 per session)
2 ½ + Year Old Activity Group	Tuesday 9.15am – 2.15pm	2 ½ to 5 years	Annual	\$12 per hour (\$60 per session) Concession/Sibling rate: \$10 per hour (\$50 per session)
3+ Year Old Activity Group	Wednesday 9.15am – 2.15pm	3 to 5 years	Annual	\$12 per hour (\$60 per session) Concession/Sibling rate: \$10 per hour (\$50 per session)

All sessions are dependent on enrolment numbers.

For all enrolment enquiries please contact Penny on 9397 6168 or admin@wcec.com.au

One of our volunteers Malour Guy is featured in this initiative



Hobsons Bay Community VOLUNTEERING
Local People; Local Impact in Hobsons Bay

INVITATION

You're invited to a special screening of 11x 60 second films featuring local volunteers from:

- Williamstown Sailing Club
- Lions Club of Altona
- Melbourne Tautoko Whanau
- The Kids Climate Action Team
- Laverton Bowls Club
- Seabrook Community Centre
- Altona East Soccer Club
- West Welcome Wagon
- Hobsons Bay Toy Library
- The Loom Room
- Williamstown Community and Education Centre

**Thursday
31 October 2019
6.30pm to 7.30pm**

Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre,
5 Sargood St, Altona

RSVP by Monday 28 October
for catering purposes to
volunteer@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
or call 9932 1001

*Bring your family and friends
and help us celebrate local
volunteering efforts.*

Special guests:
Cr Jonathon Marsden,
Mayor Hobsons Bay City Council
Candice McGregor,
CEO West Welcome Wagon



**HOBSONS BAY
LANGUAGE LINE
9932 1212**



**HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL**

Hobsons Bay City Council Inter-Agency Network is Looking for 'Custodians'



Custodian Position Description

Date: July 2019

This document should be read in conjunction with the [Hobsons Bay Inter-Agency Statement of Purpose](#).

Description:

Although the Network is an informal networking group, there is a group of "Custodians" who facilitate the knowledge exchange and sustain the Network over time.

Custodians often hold community development positions in local organisations, have broad and deep local connections and a demonstrable commitment to Hobsons Bay through their work. They are active connectors, sustainers and mobilisers.

The Custodians provide:

- Leadership and continuity for the Network
- Facilitation of the Network meeting
- Liaison with Council

Custodians offer a contact point for participants and a contact point for Council, primarily the nominated Council Officer supporting the Network as part of their role.

The number of custodians may change according to the energy, needs and preferences of the Network. In order to sustain the Network it is envisaged that there will be between 4-8 Custodians. Network participants may self-nominate and be appointed with the endorsement of the current Custodians. Others may be co-opted by the existing Custodians.

One of the Custodians will be the nominated Facilitator of the meetings. The role and responsibilities of the Facilitator is to act as a liaison point with Council and the Council Officer, and to facilitate the Network's meeting.

Term of role:

Custodians are expected to make a minimum commitment of 1 year to the role of custodian. Exiting custodians or the facilitator may step down from this role, providing a minimum of 4 weeks' notice where practical to the other custodians.

An election may be called where necessitated, as called by the participants or custodians.

Expectations:

Custodians are expected to attend

- At least 4 of the 6 Inter-Agency Meetings per year
- At least 4 of the 6 Inter-Agency Planning Meetings per year

Key Responsibilities:

- Give input to decision making and planning of individual meeting agendas
- Promote the network and encourage new participants
- Backfill the meeting Facilitator as needed
- Help identify emerging community issues in Hobsons Bay and provide leadership within the network to ensure network meetings are responsive to community and agency needs.

For further information, contact the Volunteering Development Officer at Hobsons Bay City Council.
Phone 9932 1000. Email: commdev@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au



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CONSCIOUS AGEING

Would you like the opportunity to engage in collective dialogue and exploration of what it means to age consciously?

Join Dr Tom Verghese, Executive Coach and
Fiona Hyde, Yoga and Meditation Teacher,
for this six-week intensive commencing
Thursday 6 February 2020 (6.30-8.30pm)



During this intensive, we will explore various themes including challenges and joys of ageing, elderhood and wisdom, feelings around death and dying, the importance of self-compassion as well as physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

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For more information and to register your interest, contact:

Tom: 0419 999 292 Fiona: 0431 080 157
or email: fionahyde1@gmail.com

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Active Neighbourhoods for Older Australians

This program is sponsored by Musculoskeletal Australia and the University of Sydney, who received a grant from the Australian Government through Sport Australia's 'Move it AUS – Better Ageing' initiative.

Current initiatives include –

- **Bone Boosters.** Gentle exercise for mature aged on Thursday afternoons. Call Penny on 9397 6168 for details.
- **Willy Walking Group.** Every Wednesday morning. Call Penny on 9397 6168 for details.
- **Dulcie Shaw House Exercise Program.** Tuesday afternoons. Call Lynne on 9397 6168 for details.



The Willy Walking Group enjoying our Pop-Up Social Cafe

Be Connected Initiative

Anne, Project Officer, ran an interactive workshop with students on October 16 as part of the Good Things Foundation, Be Connected *Get Online Week*.

Our target for the Building Digital Skills initiative was 100 people to sign up to Be Connected online tutorials by April 2020.

As of a couple of weeks ago we had 113 people registered.

Well done to all involved in meeting this target.



Connecting with our Local Primary School

Year One children at Lumineer Academy, a local Primary School, have kindly built sculptures from recycled bike parts, for our raised community garden beds.

They came over on October 9 to present them to our Centre.

The children received a 'Certificate of Appreciation' from our Centre, visited our chickens and got a free hot chocolate from the Pop-up Café.

Great morning for all!

Thanks to the group and their teacher Hillary.



Childcare Plays Chicken!



The chicken hatching in childcare was a huge success. The children loved it, and apparently the chickens kept their attention for ages.

Must say though, it was a thrill for everyone in the Centre. Well done Kate and Barb.

Big Police Presence at Joan Kirner House

As part of Senior Citizen Week, the Victorian Police Senior Connections Forum on October 8 at Joan Kirner House was a huge success.

There were over 50 attendees, a dozen police officers, police media, the Star Weekly and Herald-Sun.

Feedback was very positive and strong links were made between the Hobsons Bay police and residents in our community.

We are working with the police in planning more forums for the future.

A huge thanks to all who made this possible.



Update - Parking at Joan Kirner House

Our ongoing campaign to have reserved parking for our Centre users on the Cecil street frontage of Joan Kirner House...

As mentioned previously, our petition (200 signatures) was tabled at the Hobsons Bay Council Meeting in August. The Minutes are on the Council website [HERE](#). See Item 7.2 on page 12.

The Council received and noted the petition. It was moved by Cr Peter Hemphill and seconded by Cr Colleen Gates.

The Council then requested staff to develop a report on the matter.

Matthew Irving, Manager Capital Works from Hobsons Bay City Council is compiling this report.

He came and met with us and has promised that we could see and comment on the report before it is submitted back at a future Council Meeting.



This Month's Profiled People

Claire Hynes - Teacher

Claire started with us in 2012 and is our Monday Mild Intellectual Disability group teacher as well as English language and Introduction to Computers teacher.

She has a wide range of skills and experience from arts and crafts, beauty therapy and IT, to design and retail.

Claire's qualifications include a Diploma of Teaching, Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and a Graduate Diploma in TESOL.



Penny Dean - Reception and Administration

Penny started at the Centre in 2017. She has experience working in both the not-for-profit and private sector as an Administrator, Receptionist and Analyst.

Her skills include writing, editing, website maintenance, data management, IT and financial management.

She holds a Diploma in Counselling, Diploma of Community Services, Diploma of Family Support, Certificate III in Children's Services and Level II First Aid.



Alice Brophy - Volunteer

Alice started with our Centre in 2018 and looks after our IT requirements.

She helps maintain our office and classroom PCs and iPads.

Alice has worked in the Transport and Logistics sector and is currently raising two young daughters and is completing a course in Captive Animals.



Managers Musings

At the last Committee Meeting our three-year budget was reviewed and approved.

We also currently have a casual vacancy on our Committee of Management.

If you want to be involved in our great Centre and directly help our community, then please talk to me!

Also, our Treasurer Veli Fikret, received a Certificate of Appreciation recognising his contribution to the community from Commonwealth Bank and Our Community.

Some of you may have noticed a few recent improvements we have made around the place –



- In Childcare we modified the climbing frame to make it safer for younger children and installed a door in the bathroom.
- At Joan Kirner House we had the kitchen, hallways and reception repainted as well as the recarpeting of the back hallway.
- In the kitchen of Joan Kirner house, we had our oven professionally cleaned. It's now like new!
- At Spotswood Community House we replaced the front door and removed the old wall gas heater.
- Ongoing significant upgrade of IT (Firewall, Firmware, connect to cloud, etc) as well as upgrade of hardware, screens, etc. This will keep us up to date well into the future.
- Backyard of Spotswood Community House and rear of Joan Kirner House high pressure cleaned.
- New outside notice board at Spotswood Community House.

Soon we will have –

- New chairs and tables in the Centre user's kitchen at Joan Kirner House.
- New blinds in the staff room, office and kitchen at Joan Kirner House.
- All windows and 42 solar panels on the roof professionally cleaned.

At the end of year break we plan to repaint Joan Kirner House childcare, the staff room, office, Room six and the toilets.

In other news we received a Draft Report on our 'Financial Health Assessment' carried out by Gant Thornton Australia Limited, for the first stage of our Victorian Regulation and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) Audit.

We received a score of 8/10 for our Financial KPI Scorecard and a 9/10 for our Non-financial KPI Scorecard.

Well done to all involved.

We now await a two-day site audit on 27 and 28 of November.

All Staff Please Note

- The Portable Long Service Leave (PLSL) Scheme commenced in July this year. All staff will be on this PLSL Scheme from then, except for Childcare staff who will be starting January 2020. The Centre has registered staff with the Authority, and you will receive a 'Welcome Pack' from them in due course.

It's **important** we all understand these changes, and **I urge** you visit their website, look at the 'Worker Information' webpage and become familiar with the changes. Information for 'Workers' is available [HERE](#).



Teachers Please Note

- If you want Lara to run a CPR Defibrillator session for your class, please just ask her and book a day and time. There are also 'freebies' available in the workshop.
- As mentioned above, we are having our VRQA site audit on November 27 and 28. The Auditor is Virginia Fenelon from Quorum Australia Pty Ltd.

She may wish to speak to teachers (Those delivering Accredited and SEE) and students.



If you are not here on these days, she may make contact with you by phone.

Talk to Lynne and me if you want more details.

Also please let your students know that they might be contacted and interviewed.

Finally, thanks to all staff and Committee who helped with our Business Excellence Award.

Having been a finalist three times and spending five years on trying to secure this elusive Award, we finally got there.



Thanks to everyone involved in our Centre, without you, we would not be 'excellent'!

Congratulations.

This one's for Joan Kirner!

Thanks.

Mark

Mark Brophy, PhD
Manager
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