



Williamstown  
Community  
and Education  
Centre Inc

# Newsletter February 2019

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

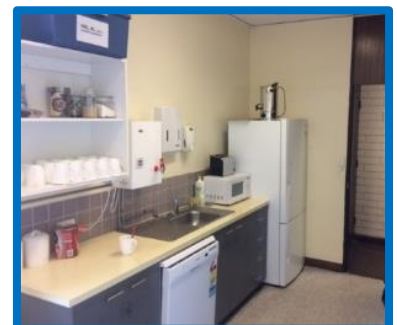
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## Preparations for 2019.

*Spotswood Community House major improvements and new front fence  
Childcare outside play area improvements, new synthetic grass laid  
Joan Kirner House Staff Kitchen improvements  
Second portable digital projector and Hovercam for Joan Kirner House  
Fixed locks at Spotswood Community House  
Cracked walls fixed at Joan Kirner House  
Total clean out and clean-up in childcare  
All computers serviced and upgraded  
New split systems in three rooms at Joan Kirner House*



**Before**



**After**

## Upcoming Birthdays

Jackie, Committee Member, February 15 / Robyn, Teacher, February 21 / Andrea, Childcare, February 22 / Malour, Volunteer, February 22 / Claire, Teacher, February 22 / Carene, Childcare, February 27 / Anne, Education Administration, February 28.



## Coming Up...

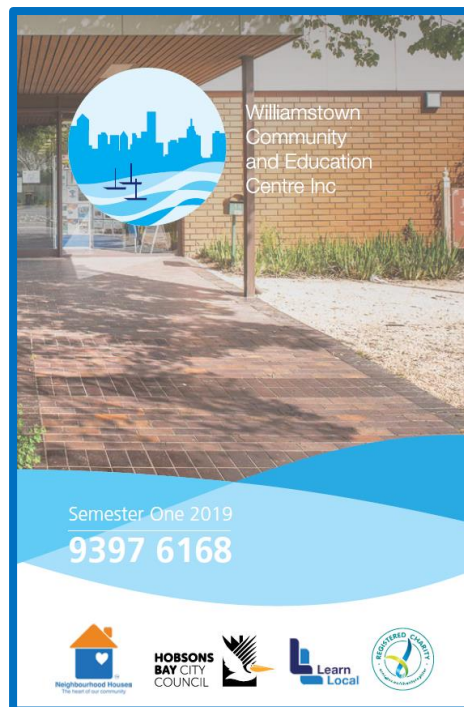
- Wednesday February 6, 13, 20 and 27 - **FREE Willy Walking Group** at Joan Kirner House 10.15 am. All welcome! \*
- Wednesday February 6, 13, 20 and 27 - **FREE Community Morning Tea** at Joan Kirner House 11.00 am. All welcome! \*
- Monday February 11- **Free Welcome Back Lunch** Monday 12.00 pm. All welcome! \*
- Wednesday February 13 – **Teachers Professional Development Day** 10.00 am Room Three. Contact Lynne for details.



*\*Sponsored by Hobsons Bay Community Fund and Hobsons Bay City Council.*

## Semester One 2019 Brochure

Our new Brochure for 2019 is now available.



Fell free to drop in and pick a copy at Spotswood Community House, Joan Kirner House and other venues around town (Information Centre, other community centres, libraries, schools, etc.).

An electronic version is on our website [HERE](#).

If you want a copy (or copies) delivered, please call Penny at reception on 9397 6168.

### Launch of Western Learning Network

Western Learning Network is a network of community-based adult education providers in Western Melbourne who share a commitment to providing access to relevant, affordable and high quality education and training for **people of all abilities**. The network members are -



- Laverton Community Education Centre
- Williamstown Community and Education Centre
- Wyndham Community and Education Centre
- Yarraville Community Centre



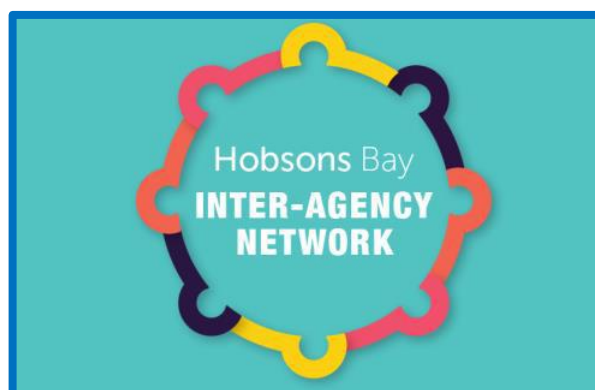
The Network's programs provide access to government-funded education and training to **people with a disability in Western Melbourne** so that they do not exhaust their NDIS and other disability funding on education training services to which they may have a clear and legitimate entitlement.

A link to their site is [HERE](#)

### Hobsons Bay Inter-Agency Network 'Statement of Purpose' Launched

After several months of engagement and consultation with stakeholders a new 'Statement of Purpose' has been developed for the Hobsons Bay City Council sponsored Inter-Agency Network.

The Inter-Agency Network facilitates a two-way knowledge exchange where workers from the local community sector and volunteer organisations share information and learn about local services and emerging issues in the Hobsons Bay area.



While the meetings are structured, the atmosphere is friendly and informal. Guest speakers are organised for most meetings and time is also allocated for information sharing.

***The meetings are a great way to build knowledge about local support services and to meet other workers.***

You don't need to join up, just come along to the meetings when you can. Details of the Network, meeting dates and a link to the new 'Statement of Purposes' can be found at the Hobsons Bay City Council website [HERE](#).

### **Hobsons Bay City Council Quick Response Grant**

From Cathy Miles, Hobsons Bay City Council.

*"Can a Council grant assist your group, club or organisation to meet a local need?"*

*Hobsons Bay City Council 2019 Quick Response Grants open on 4 February 2019 and close on 3 April 2019 or earlier if funds are exhausted. The grants program assists organisations, groups and clubs to apply for funding for projects to meet a local community need.*

*Grant applicants can apply under 4 categories: Small expenses (up to \$500), Equipment and Resources (up to \$1000), Vibrant Community Project (up to \$5000) and Invested Together Project (up to \$10,000 over 2 years). Grant applicants must meet eligibility requirements.*

*Interested groups are advised to read through the 2019 Quick Response Grants Guidelines and make contact with the Community Grants Officer to discuss an application.*

*Each application will be assessed individually, and it is expected that the assessment and funding process will take approximately six weeks from the time the application is received. For further information, click [here](#).*

*Kind regards*

**Cathy Miles**  
Community Grants Officer  
Learning Communities  
T: 9932 1235"



### **The Language of Drama Blog**

From Jodie Whitehurst, EAL Teacher

*"Dear friends, colleagues and supporters,*

*I am writing to share with you the first entry of my blog The Language of Drama, which will document my journey through my fellowship with the International Specialised Skills Institute, in collaboration with the Department of Education and Training.*

*Throughout my fellowship, I will be exploring the many benefits and best practice of utilising drama pedagogy in the adult English language classroom.*

*Starting from now, I am aiming to build a community of practitioners, who are interested in learning more about using drama techniques in their EAL/ESL teaching.*

*This blog entry gives an overview of my aims, and I will be publishing more entries leading up to, during and beyond my overseas research trip.*

<https://medium.com/@jodiewhitehurst73/the-language-of-drama-7985d534f764>

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## **This Month's Profiled People**

### **Jonathon (Jon) Grima – Committee Member**

Jon has been on the Committee since 2015. He is the founder and Director of Joncol Building Services.

After completing his Carpentry Apprenticeship and fine tuning his skills on site, Jon specialised in renovations and extensions and is now a Registered Building Practitioner.

His creativity is evident in his own house, which was featured on the Channel 7 TV show 'Australia's Best Homes'.



### **Andrea Kydd - Childcare**

Andrea started at our Centre in 2007 and is our Childcare Worker with our Activity Groups.

Andrea previously worked in Childcare with our friends at the Yarraville Community Centre.

Andrea is a fantastic support to other staff and is extremely well qualified and experienced.



## **Robbie McAree - Volunteer**

Robbie has been with us since 2005. He is also a student in our computer classes.

Robbie is a great help at our Centre and assists in many duties including gardening, general cleaning and maintenance.

He also helps out with a large range of other tasks at the Centre.



## **Managers Musings**

Up and running for 2019!

As mentioned above, the Spotswood Community House external renovation has been completed, including a new front fence. It has come up a treat and looks fantastic. More external works will be carried out in the next term break to install pathways and improve disability access.

Also, at Spotswood we now have one new universal key for the whole venue (not half a dozen as we had!). Those using Spotswood please note.

At Joan Kirner House we had all PCs serviced and upgraded, the outside of our Childcare area at Joan Kirner has also been renewed. We removed some garden beds and replaced them with synthetic turf. This gives more room for children to play, a safer environment and makes it a lot easier for staff to maintain.

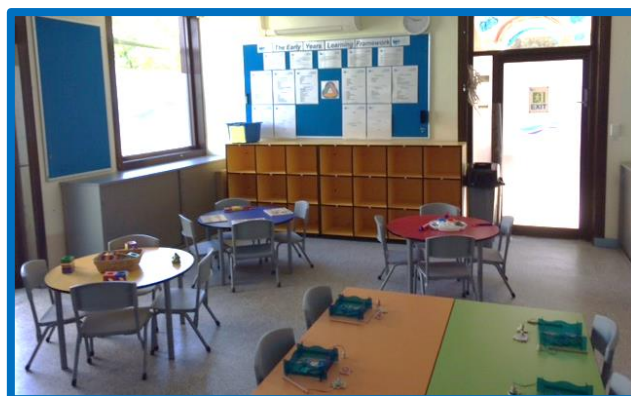
A big thanks to all Childcare staff who helped with a full day of cleaning, tidying, culling and getting Childcare ready for 2019.

We currently have over 60 childcare places booked for 2019.

New split systems have been installed in Room Two, Three and Four at Joan Kirner House and the cracks in walls in Rooms One and Six have also been fixed, thanks to Council.

Also, thanks to admin staff, especially Lara and Lynne.

They have both spent considerable time and effort in January preparing and organising



programs, courses, resources, administration, paperwork, bookings, etc. all in preparation for recommencement in Term One.

Our new Introduction to Computer Class at Altona North Library is now almost full.

There are also a few new Yoga classes starting at both Spotswood Community House and Joan Kirner House. Watch this space!

Teachers annual Professional Development is booked for February 13 at 10.00am in Room Three at Joan Kirner House. See Rita or Lynne for more details.



## **Wanted!**

### **New Committee of Management Members**

Would you like to put your skills, knowledge and experience into contributing to the governance of your local Williamstown Community and Education Centre?

Could you participate to our Centre in the areas of governance, compliance and financial oversight.

Do you have experience and knowledge in areas such as not-for-profits, RTOs, childcare, incorporated associations, the community sector as well as local, State and Federal government departments?

Or an understanding of financial management, risk mitigation, contracts, legal matters, grant applications, etc?

If 'yes' to any of these – Your community needs you!

The Committee meets every second month on a Thursday at 7.00 pm at Joan Kirner House in Williamstown.

Meetings generally run for one to two hours.

The Committee receives monthly written reports, financial statements and forecasts.

Attendance and representation at formal events, both internal and with key stakeholders, is also appreciated.

New Committee members are elected at our Annual General Meeting in May.

If interested, in the first instance contact me on 9397 6168.

Thanks,

Mark.

**Mark Brophy, PhD**  
**Manager**  
**Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc**

