



Williamstown
Community
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Centre Inc

Newsletter March 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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Chuck the Koala visits Joan Kirner House



In the Media

Connie takes the Plunge in Local Pool in **The Senior**, February 2019, page 40. See [HERE](#).

Connie Cardaciotto, one of our students in the English and computer classes is featured in an article about our Life Saving Victoria program.

Great pic of group too!



Upcoming Birthdays

Kay, Volunteer on March 15.

Coming Up...

- Wednesday March 6, 13, 20 and 27 - **FREE Willy Walking Group** from 10.15 am to 11.00 am.*
- Wednesday March 6, 13, 20 and 27 - **FREE Community Morning Tea** at 11.00 am at Joan Kirner House. All welcome! *



Cultural Diversity Week. March 16 to 24.

- Wednesday 20 March – **FREE Cultural Diversity Day** at Laverton Community Hub. 95 to 105 Railway Avenue, Laverton.
- Tuesday 19 March - **FREE Cultural Diversity Week Lunch** at Joan Kirner House. 12.00. All welcome! *
- Tuesday May 14 - **NOTICE** - The Williamstown Community and Education Centre Incorporated **Annual General Meeting** will be on Tuesday May 14 in Room One at Joan Kirner House, 14 Thompson St Williamstown at 4.00pm. Details below.



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NEW - Computer Class for Beginners at Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre

Commencing in Term Two at **Altona Meadows Library**, Central Square Shopping Centre, 2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows VIC 3028

- Computers for absolute beginners.
- Word, Excel and Outlook.
- Creating an email address and using the internet.



- Creating and editing spreadsheets, documents and cards, etc.
- Enquires to Lynne on 9397 6168.

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NEW - Computer Class for Beginners at [Altona North Library](#)

Our first beginners Computer Class is now full at Altona North Library; however, due to demand we are going to start a second class there.

It's filling fast. Contact Lynne on 9397 6168 to book a spot.

NEW – Yoga Class at Joan Kirner House

Every Thursday Morning from 7.00 am to 8.00 am.

Enquiries to Ron on 0411 723 669.

Help Promote Our Work

Staff, volunteers, members, Centre users, students and others...

Help promote the great work we do for our disabled students and clients.



Our membership of the Western Learning Network means you can write or phone in a review of our services at Clickability [HERE](#). Do it now!

We have one review already –

“My daughter attends several classes at Williamstown Community Centre.

It's really a wonderful place for her to go, with the staff and people at the centre very supportive in a caring environment.”

If you, or someone you know, has a disability we offer a range of programs in Life Skills, Drama, Computers, Art, etc.

The key feature is that these programs are already subsidised by the Victorian Government, fees are minimal, and a **disabled client doesn't have to use up NDIS funds to do these courses!**

The Western Learning Network website is [HERE](#).

NEW – Spanish for Children at Spotswood Community House



Clases de Español

After School Club
(5 to 12 year olds)
Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Spotswood Community House

Spanish for Bubbas
(2 to 5 year olds)
Tuesdays and Wednesday 10 to 11 am
Spotswood Community House / Altona Meadows

For more details please contact Gaby 0467097102 - gabyheinz@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/SpanishForBubbas/> - <https://www.spanishinwilliamstown.com.au/>

***New roof - outside repaired and painted - new fence.
Looking good Spotswood!***



Never Say Joan Kirner Was Not Boring

I unearthed the story of the four Tunnel Boring Machines (TBM) that will be excavating under Melbourne this year.

They have all been named after 'groundbreaking women'.

A public naming competition mined for suggestions.

The first TBM is named in honour of our Community House namesake and former Premier, Joan Kirner.

Legend has it that one of Joan's nicknames was the 'wombat', due to both her environmental initiatives in protecting Victoria flora and fauna, as well as her tenacious determination.

You never know, but like any politician, the Joan TBM might just dig up a bit of dirt from the other side.

The Age article is [HERE](#).

Back Your Neighbour Campaign

Lynne Hewet
Education Coordinator

'Hobsons Bay Council have taken a lead in supporting Asylum Seekers in our community.

Have a look at the website: <http://backyourneighbour.com.au/> I just signed the petition: Stop cruel cuts to support for asylum seekers living in the community.

This issue means a lot to me - will you please sign the petition as well?

Every person that signs this petition builds momentum for the campaign. Every signature brings us closer to victory!

Join me. <https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/stop-support-cuts-for-people-seeking-asylum>

After you've signed the petition, please also take a moment to share it with others. It's super easy – all you need to do is forward this email.

Cheers,

Lynne'



This Month's Profiled People

Project Officer - Anne Douglas

Anne started with us in 2016 and works across several projects and in administration.

She has experience as a Librarian, course designer, tutor and management in Australia, Vietnam and Hong Kong.

Anne has a Diploma of Librarianship, Bachelor of Social Science and a Master of Arts.



Teacher - Jodie Whitehurst

Jodie has been with us since 2012. She is an English Teacher at both Joan Kirner House and at Spotswood Community House.

Jodie is a very innovative teacher, bringing music, drama, games and engaging interactive activities into her classroom.

Jodie has a Bachelor of Education, Post Graduate Certificate in TESOL and is currently studying for her Master of Education.



Volunteer - Caroline Baxter

Caroline has been with us since 2012 and helps Claire with the Mild Intellectual Disability groups on Mondays. She also helps out with our regular Wednesday morning Willy Walking Group with Peter.

Caroline has significant experience and skills working with disabled learners in both the UK and Australia.

She holds a Vocational Qualification III in Teaching Assistant from England.



Notice to Association Members

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Tuesday May 14 at 4.00 pm in Room One at Joan Kirner House, 14 Thompson Street, Williamstown.

Notice of special resolution proposal

At this Meeting there will be a 'Special Resolution'.

During an Audit by Justice Connect in 2018, it has come to our attention that we do not have an appropriate winding up clause



in relation to our Deductible Gift Reciprocity endorsement in our Model Rules.

We have given notification to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) and informed them that we will change the Model Rules through a special resolution at this AGM.

Our current Model Rules are on our website [HERE](#). A hard copy is also at Reception at Joan Kirner House.

We need to replace Rule number 76.

As this then means we don't have the 'Model Rules', the title page needs changing as well.

The special resolution will be (Wording supplied by Justice Connect and approved by ATO) -

The members resolve:

1. That the current Rule 76 be repealed and

2. That the new Rule 76 to be –

“Rule 76 – Winding up and cancellation

(1) The Association may be wound up voluntarily by special resolution.

(2) In the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Association, the surplus assets of the Association must not be distributed to any members or former members of the Association.

3) Subject to rule 76(4) and the Act and Regulations, in the event of the organisation being wound up, the amount that remains after such winding up and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members and is charitable at law.

4) If the organisation is wound up or its endorsement as a deductible gift recipient is revoked (whichever occurs first), any surplus of the following assets shall be transferred to another organisation with similar objects, which is charitable at law, to which income tax deductible gifts can be made:

- gifts of money or property for the principal purpose of the organisation*
- contributions made in relation to an eligible fundraising event held for the principal purpose of the organisation*
- money received by the organisation because of such gifts and contributions.*

5) The body to which the surplus assets are to be given must be decided by special resolution.”

3. That the title page change from 'Model Rules For an Incorporated Association' to 'Rules For Williamstown Community and Education Centre Incorporated'.

This is proposed as a special resolution and must be passed by three quarters of the members who are present at the meeting and entitled to vote (in person or by proxy) on the resolution.

Managers Musings

It's been a busy month with new children in Childcare, new students and new programs and courses at multiple venues.

Teachers had their Professional Development Day on February 13, well done to Rita and Lynne for organising.

Lynne, Anne and teachers have been busy with over 200 student enrolments processed so far.

Lara has done an extraordinary job in getting our financials ready for our new Auditor, which resulted in a clean bill of health and another surplus for our Centre.

To quote the letter to our Committee from the Auditor –

I would like to congratulate Mr Mark Brophy, Ms Lara Janka and the rest of the team on the high quality of work that they deliver to ensure that key controls and procedures are maintained and constantly improved.

Mr Brophy and Ms Janka clearly realise that accurate monthly management information can be produced with the minimum amount of effort by having good accounting working papers in place.

I was very impressed with various aspects of the accounting function.

Well done to all Childcare staff too, who keep coming up with new innovative, educational and engaging activities for our children.

Most children (and parents 😊) have settled in well and Penny at Reception is doing a great job working with parents and childcare staff.

Peter and Anne have also started well with the Hobsons Bay City Council, Good Things Foundation and Hobsons Bay Community Fund projects.

Finally, a special 'Thanks' to Peter Hunt, Director of Community Wellbeing at Hobsons Bay Council who will be leaving his Council work soon.

Many may not be aware, but Peter was instrumental in ensuring the success of our Centre.

He was an enormous support to me when I commenced working at the Centre and helped out considerably when our Centre faced difficult and challenging times.

Our community owes a big debt of gratitude for Peter's commitment.

Thanks,

Mark.

Mark Brophy, PhD
Manager
Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc