



Williamstown  
Community  
and Education  
Centre Inc

# Newsletter August 2018

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

Find us on 

## *Tribute to Jeannie Johnson in Computer Room*



## *Welcome to Term Three BBQ*

## *Teachers and students on the end of Term Two Heavenly Queen Temple excursion in Footscray on June 27*



## Upcoming Birthdays

Veli, Committee Treasurer August 11 / Lara, Operations Coordinator August 12 / Jon, Committee Member August 16.

## Coming Up...

- August 18 to 25 - Book Week.
- Tuesday August 21 - **FREE** Book Week Sausage sizzle. 12.00 at Joan Kirner House.
- Wednesday August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - **FREE** Willy Walking Group at Joan Kirner House 10.15 am.
- Wednesday August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - **FREE** Community Morning Tea at Joan Kirner House 11.00 am.

**HOBSONS  
BAY CITY  
COUNCIL**



*Much of the above is sponsored by a Hobsons Bay City Council Community Grant.*

## New Childcare Session on Mondays

Due to demand for childcare, a **new Occasional Care session** has been set up for Term Three on Monday mornings, 9.15am to 12.15pm.

We are also now taking **enrolments** for the 2019 Three Year Old Activity Group on Wednesdays and a Two + Year Old Plus Activity Group on Tuesdays. Both are five hour 9.15am to 2.15pm sessions.

Contact Penny on 9397 6168 or [admin@wcec.com.au](mailto:admin@wcec.com.au) for more details.



## New Computer Class on Tuesdays

Due to demand, a **new Introduction to Computers Class** has been set up for Term Three on Tuesday afternoons. There are a couple of spaces still left.

This means our Computer Room is nearly fully booked for the whole week.

We also have a few places left for computer classes on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

Contact Lynne on 9397 6168 or [education@wcec.com.au](mailto:education@wcec.com.au) for more details.



## New English Conversation Class in South Kingsville

Do you know anyone who wants to improve their English?

We are looking for people interested in joining an informal **English Conversation Class** at South Kingsville Community Centre, 43 Paxton St. South Kingsville.

Starting in Term Four on Wednesday October 10, 9.30am to 12.00pm.

Program runs for ten weeks.

For more details contact Lynne on 9397 6168 or [education@wcec.com.au](mailto:education@wcec.com.au)



## New 'Be Connected' Partner

We are now a **Network Partner** of *Be Connected*, an Australia wide initiative empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world.



Australian Government

**Be Connected**  
Every Australian online.

They have online learning resources and support so you can develop your digital skills and confidence.

More details [HERE](#)

## New Hobsons Bay Community Fund Project

**The Extra Curricula Initiative** supported by the Hobsons Bay Community Fund will be commencing at the start of Term Four, and run for 12 months.

This initiative will focus on informal learning for our students.

This project will allow students to undertake physical activities, be creative, explore new interests and hobbies, share cultures, and decrease their social isolation.



**Hobsons Bay Community Fund**

A Sub Fund of the Australian Communities Foundation

As Professor Barry Golding (et al), who was instrumental in establishing the Men's Shed movement, states -

*"... we provide evidence in our paper that academic and practical opportunities for informal learning through adult and community education (ACE) are shrinking in Australia, we highlight the need for greater acknowledgment of the value of informality in learning."*

<http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ864431.pdf> )

Stay tuned for more details.



## Programs and Services

**A quick reminder of the variety of programs and services we offer -**

*Wide range of English language classes at Joan Kirner House Williamstown, Spotswood Community House, Dulcie Shaw House, Altona Primary School, South Kingsville Community Centre and Altona North Library, running all week. Call Lynne 9397 6168.*

*Programs for those with mild Intellectual disabilities (Craft, Life Skills and Drama). Call Lynne 9397 6168.*

*Bone Boosters Exercise Program for mature aged on Thursday afternoons. Call Penny on 9397 6168.*

*Pelicans Three Year Old Program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Penny on 9397 6168.*

*Occasional Care on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Call Penny on 9397 6168.*

*Adult Children of Alcoholics on Saturday mornings. Call Victoria on 0414 313 171.*

*Two + Year Old Activity Group on Friday afternoons. Call Penny on 9397 6168.*

*Free Willy Walking Group on Wednesday mornings. Call Penny on 9397 6168.*

*Introduction to Computers classes, running all week. Call Lynne 9397 6168.*

*Gentle Yoga and Meditation on Friday mornings. Call Deb on 0448 978 818.*

*Willy Wargaming on Friday evenings, fortnightly. Call Lily on 0414 831 899.*

*French Club for Kids on Wednesday afternoons. Call Jim on 0432 719 034.*

*Lego Young Engineers on Wednesday afternoons. Call Tim 0410 154 290.*

*Recycling - printer cartridges, oral care products, beauty products, etc.*

*Adam Turnbull Acting on Saturday mornings. Call Adam 0419 593 257.*

*Kadampa Meditation on Monday evenings. Call Jake on 9670 6369.*

*CAE Book Club on Tuesdays, monthly. Call Pam on 0418 347 691.*

*Free community morning tea every Wednesday morning.*

*Australian Boating College. Call Daniel on 0408 369 664.*

*Free open access computer and internet use.*

*Photocopying at reasonable rates.*

*Automated External Defibrillator.*



*Fresh Produce Exchange.*

*Venue and room hire.*

*DVD and CD Swap.*

*Book Swap.*

*Seed Bank.*

*Free Wi Fi.*



## **Our Secretary is an Award Finalist!**

Lucienne Galea, who has been on our Committee of Management since 2014 and was unanimously voted on as Secretary at our last Annual General Meeting, is a Finalist for the prestigious *Lawyers Weekly Australian Law Awards* as *Law Student of the Year* for 2018.



The awards celebrates "*trailblazers in the legal business that have challenged traditional models and discovered better ways to practise law*".

More details [HERE](#).

Lucienne has a Bachelors Degree in Arts and Business with a major in Human Resource Management and Philosophy. She has just completed a Bachelor of Laws and is working at Nicholson's Lawyers and Consultants.

Her legal expertise and passion has been invaluable to our Centre.

Lucienne has reviewed many contracts, legal agreements and service agreements, providing guidance and advice that have directly resulted in the Centre taking up community initiatives that would otherwise be missed.

As well, she is genuinely supportive and understanding of the challenges the organisation and staff face.

Our Centre has fully supported Lucienne's application, and we expect exciting news when the Winner is announced on August 31!



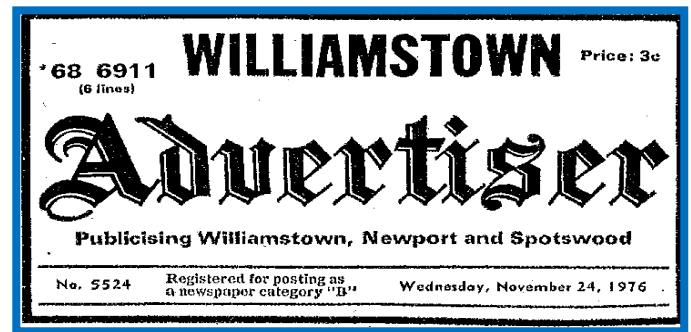
***Peter and the Willi Walking Group preparing for another Wednesday morning adventure!***



## Step Back in Time...

Back in 1976, our Centre was called the 'Outreach Community Centre'.

Below is an article from the local paper at the time.



The Outreach programme at North Williamstown Primary School has begun an after-school children's writing project under the leadership of Pat Traynor. When the plan was first put forward, it was thought that at the most, 20 children would be interested. However, more than 50 have enrolled, from Williamstown, Newport and Spotswood. The programme is being run at the Outreach house in Freyer Street, where Ms. Traynor is pictured with her students.

## After school



Pat Traynor is a local Author who wrote several children's books, including 'The Would-be-Witch of Williamstown'.

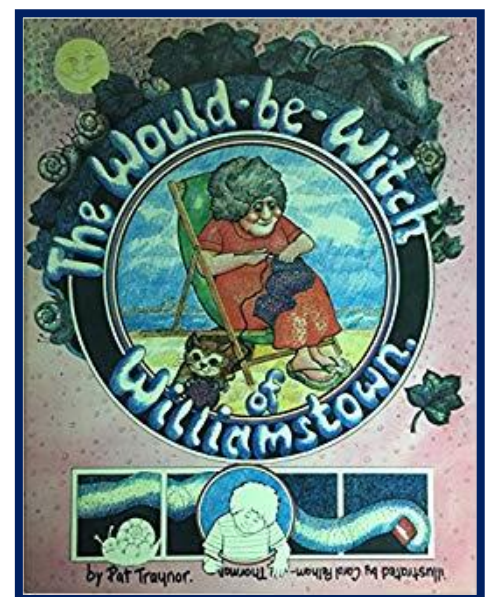
The story begins...

*"This is a story about Mrs. Pollywobble of Williamstown, who lives in a tiny bluestone cottage.*

*The children of Williamstown thought Mrs. Pollywobble was a Witch, but that was mainly because of her cat, Gingerbread, who seemed like a witch's cat.*

*Now the children were almost right - Mrs. Pollywobble was a Would-be-Witch, because she didn't quite know how to be a real one.*

*But she did have an old book of spells which she'd found in a rusty tin trunk on her back porch".*



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

### **Gemila Esmail - Childcare**

Gemilla started with the Centre in 2014 and leads our Occasional Care session on Mondays, Thursday and Friday mornings with Yuri and Luz Stella.

She is friendly, kind and caring with a passion for working with children.

Gemila has a Certificate III in Children Services and a Diploma of Children's Services.



### **Project Officer / Accredited and Pre-accredited Administration - 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.



### **Pei Hua Li - Volunteer**

Pei Hua started with our Centre as a volunteer in 2018 and is part of our *Reaching Across the Ages* project reading stories to our children in Childcare.

She is also a student of ours in English language classes at both Altona North Library and at Joan Kirner House in Williamstown.



## **Manager's Report**

Term Three has started out well. We have nearly full numbers in Childcare and our Computer classes are almost full as well.

Teachers had their own Professional Development morning on Wednesday 25 July.

They shared resources, techniques and ideas that worked in their classrooms. This was followed up with a check, clean up and cull of learning resources we have.

Thanks to all involved, and Jim Lynch for organising and facilitating.

In other good news, our Application to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services for extra Neighbourhood House Coordination support was successful.

## What's coming up?

As you can see above, we have several new initiatives commencing and we are working with the Manager Sandra, at South Kingsville Community Centre to get an English Class there.

As well, enrolments for 2019 Childcare are starting to build and staff are planning for 2019 already.

Our Committee will be reviewing Policies and Business Plan in August.

Also, watch out for the Council 'Spring into Life' campaign in September.

**Please note** - All staff, teachers, students, volunteers, centre users - All iPads, Computers in Room 2, 3 and 4, items **not** in folders on the staff room computers, and scans on the driver will be cleaned up weekly.

So please store your info on a USB.

If you don't have a USB, we will give you one. Please ask?

Thanks,

Mark.

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

