



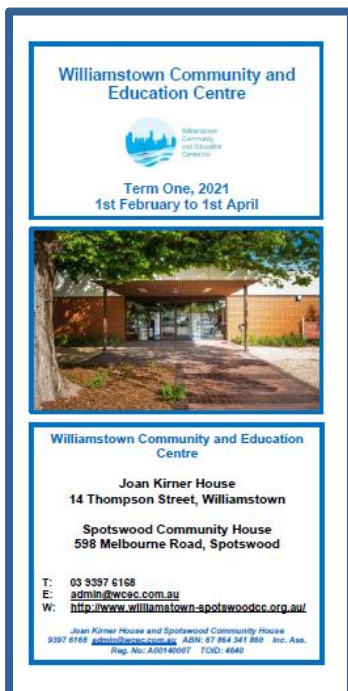
Williamstown  
Community  
and Education  
Centre Inc

# Newsletter February 2021

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

### Coming Up...

- Monday February 1, 2021. **Centre re opens** to the public. Term One starts.
- Wednesday February 3, 10, 17 and 24. **FREE Willy Walking Group** from 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House.
- Wednesday February 3. **FREE Community Morning Tea**. Joan Kirner House. 11.00am. All welcome!
- Wednesday February 3. **FREE Welcome Back BBQ**. 12.15pm at Joan Kirner House. All welcome!
- Wednesday 17 February 2021 6.30pm or Friday 19 February, 12.30pm. **FREE Community Connector Workshop** (See below). Joan Kirner House. **Call Irene on 0413 706 233.**



### Term One 2021 Programs

Our new brochure with lots of new programs, projects, initiatives, and services is available online at our website [HERE](#).

Hard copies are also available at Joan Kirner House and Spotswood Community House.

If you want copies mailed to you, please ask.

Call 9397 6168.



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# Become a Community Connector

Neighbourhood Connect Williamstown

## » What's involved?



Turn your streets into a community



Help your neighbours feel like they belong



Make new friends and support one another



Plan and run exciting activities where you live

## Participation is FREE. NUMBERS ARE LIMITED.

Create your own neighbour group with our support. We give one to one mentoring and workshops to build your skills and confidence. Your choice of day or evening workshops at Williamstown Community and Education Centre in February and April. If you live in Williamstown or surrounding areas, please register your interest today.

### First workshop options:

- Wednesday 17 Feb 6:30pm - 9pm or Friday 19 Feb 12:30pm - 3pm

### Second workshop options:

- Wednesday 21 April 6:30pm - 9pm or Friday 23 April 12:30pm - 3pm

Register your interest at:

[www.neighbourhoodconnect.org.au/projects/](http://www.neighbourhoodconnect.org.au/projects/)

or call Irene on 0413 706 233



## Now Running

- **Willy Wargaming** every Friday night fortnightly from 5.00pm to 9.00pm at Joan Kirner House. For more details contact Matthew on 0438 054 740.



- **Sunrise Yoga** every Thursday morning from 7.00am to 8.00am at Joan Kirner House. For details contact Ron on 0411 723 669.

- **Australian Boating College** (Powerboat and Jet ski licences) at both Joan Kirner House and Spotswood Community House. Call Daniel on 0408 369 664 for more details. Website - [abcboating.com](http://abcboating.com)



- **Plus Yoga - Yoga For All Bodies** on Saturday mornings at Spotswood Community House. Commencing early 2021. For details contact Nina on 0418 175 744.

- **Zonta Club of Melbourne's West**, once a month at Joan Kirner House on Tuesday evenings, starting early 2021. Call Faye on 0411 607 995 for more details. Website - [www.zontamelbwest.org.au](http://www.zontamelbwest.org.au)



- **Willy Walking Group** every Wednesday from 10.15am to 11.00am at Joan Kirner House. Starts Wednesday February 3, Contact Tahlia for details on 9397 6168.

- **French Club for Kids** on Wednesday afternoons at Joan Kirner House. Starting early February 2021. All prep to grade six children welcome. Call Jim on 0432 719 034 for details.

- **Adam Turnbull Acting** starting early 2021 on a Thursday afternoon at Joan Kirner House. Call Adam on 0419 593 257 for more details.



**Art Therapy** at Joan Kirner House has also recommenced, and more programs are booked in for early 2021 including **Odyssey House** counselling, **IPC Health**, **Music Lessons**, **Wu Tau Dance**, **Peer Powered Gaming**, and others.



# Certificate of Appreciation

Recognising the contribution to  
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As the valued Treasurer of:  
**Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc**



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**Denis Moriarty**  
Group Managing Director  
Our Community



## Visit by Tim Watts

Mr Tim Watts, Australian Labor Party Member for Gellibrand in the House of Representatives paid a visit to Joan Kirner House on Thursday 28 January.

Last year, through his *Stronger Communities Program*, Tim was able to provide our Centre with a full class set of 14 brand new iPads for students, replacing the antiquated and outdated ones we were using.

Tim was able to meet students and see the iPads 'in action' being used by our students.

We followed up with a morning tea where Tim was able to mingle with staff and students.

We thank Tim for this assistance and generosity to our Centre, and our students.



## Video Moments

We have archived a host of videos on our website.

They include the fantastic tribute to Joan Kirner in 2016 when Joan's garden was opened by the Governor of Victoria.

See [HERE](#)

## Managers Musings

With restrictions easing even more, masks do not need to be worn indoors anymore, unless you **cannot** socially distance (i.e., keeping 1.5 metres from each other).

If anyone prefers to wear a mask – they can.

We remain COVID Safe, with COVID Safe Plan at Reception, on notice boards and on website.

There is an abundance of spare masks, gloves, sanitiser, wipes, etc that are available for everyone.

'QR code check in' is becoming the norm at both venues.

We have a brand-new position, a 'Community Development Coordinator', Renee.

Renee will be looking after all the projects we do, as well as extra curricula activities, etc.

We also have a new Childcare Group Leader, Aman, starting Monday February 1.

Several venue hire programs are up and running already, with others set to start once the term begins.

Skills for Education and Employment classes have been running for nearly three weeks, and are now running every day, with excellent attendance.

We will return the Walking Group, Morning Tea and BBQ in first week of term.

Childcare is ready to go day one of term.

Admin staff have been very busy preparing for our term one starting on Monday February 1.

Some days we have had a full office – Tahlia, Lynne, Lara, Renee, and me, all preparing for a restart after nearly eleven months of full or partial lockdown.

Both venues are ready to go!

Thanks.

Mark.

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