



Newsletter

February 2026

Joan Kirner House, Williamstown
Spotswood Community House
Altona North Community House

What's Coming Up?

- **NEW!** For Semester One in 2026, all our English and Digital Skills Learn Local Pre-Accredited classes will be **FREE!** See the list below.
- Tuesday, January 27. **Term One starts.**
- Wednesday, January 28, February 4, 11, 18 and 25. **FREE! Willy Walking Group.** Sponsored by the Hobsons Bay Community Fund. From 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House.
- Wednesday January 28, February 4, 11, 18 and 25. **FREE! Community Morning Tea.** Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am. All welcome!
- Wednesday, February 4. **FREE Welcome to 2026 BBQ.** 12.00 noon. Foyer of Joan Kirner House. Fully catered for. All welcome!
- **Flower and candle making workshops** at Joan Kirner House, by Liza Rose, The Rose Buffet. Details below.
- **NEW** list of 2026 programs [HERE](#).
- **NEW** 2026 timetable [HERE](#).
- **NEW** 2026 brochure [HERE](#).



Programs for 2026

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FREE Initiatives



MORNING TEA

Community morning tea every Wednesday at Joan Kirner House from 11.00am to 11.30am.



WALKING GROUP

Walking group meets at Joan Kirner House each Wednesday at 10.15am for a 45 minute slow to medium paced walk.



RECYCLING

Recycling Made Easy hub in the foyer of Joan Kirner House. Open to the community during business hours.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community garden beds at rear of Joan Kirner House. Help yourself to the produce and ask us how you can help!



FRESH PRODUCE SWAP

Bakery produce replenished daily. Leave any fresh fruit or vegetables from your garden and take what you need.



FREE CHARGE BAR

Charging station with multiple cables to cater for all devices. Available to all during business hours.



FREE WIFI

Free WiFi at Joan Kirner House. Anyone is welcome to use - just ask us at reception for the password.



FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

Free period products available Monday to Friday at Joan Kirner House. Proudly supported by Share the Dignity.



MONTHLY BBQ

Monthly community barbeques at Joan Kirner House. View our calendar of events for all BBQ dates!



FOOD RELIEF

Food relief available at Joan Kirner House Monday and Friday 10am to 1pm, and Altona North Community House, Thursdays from 10am.



OPEN ACCESS COMPUTER

Two open access computers in the foyer of Joan Kirner House with printing facilities available to use.



COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Access to a quiet eating space, microwave, refrigerator as well as tea and coffee making facilities.



SEED SWAP

Donate seeds for others to take home or collect seeds for your gardens at home. Make sure to label the envelopes!



ACCESS POINTS

If we are unable to meet specific needs, our staff can refer you to other community agencies for support.



BOOK SWAP

Book swap available in the foyer of Joan Kirner House. Take home or leave something to read!



CRAFT, COFFEE AND CHAT

Free program running on Thursdays at Spotswood Community House from 1.30pm. Contact Lynne 03 9397 6168.

FREE Classes

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Education Programs

English Classes



INTENSIVE EAL

English class for absolute beginners at Joan Kirner House. Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.30am to 12.00pm.



BASIC CONVERSATION

Improve your conversational English skills at Joan Kirner House. Thursdays from 9.30am to 1.00pm.



BEGINNERS READING

Improve your reading and communication skills at Altona North Community House. Mondays at 9.30am.



DRAMA AND LANGUAGE

Learn English through Drama at Joan Kirner House. Mondays from 12.30pm.



HIGH SPEAKING

Improve your English communication skills at Joan Kirner House. Wednesdays from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.



READING AND WRITING

Improve your reading and writing skills at Altona North Community House. Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30am.

Altona Library Conversation



FREE CONVERSATION CLASS

Beginners conversation class at Altona Library. Mondays at 1.00pm. Contact Jill on 0439 994 705.



SPOTSWOOD CONVERSATION

Conversation class to learn about the local community. Tuesdays at 12.30pm. Contact Lynne 03 9397 6168.

Laverton Community Education Centre SEE and AMEP Program



SEE AND AMEP PROGRAM

SEE and AMEP classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays at Joan Kirner House. Contact Laverton Community Education Centre on 03 9369 2726 to enquire about courses.

FREE Classes and Support Services

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Education Programs

Digital Skills



COMPUTER CLASSES

Learn the absolute basics of using a computer including using the internet, email, Microsoft programs and more.



COMPUTER EXTRA NEEDS

Basic computer class to support learners with additional barriers. Tuesdays from 9.30am at Joan Kirner House.



SMARTPHONE CLASS

Basic smartphone class for using both Apple and Android devices. Tuesdays from 9.30am at Joan Kirner House.



JOB READY

Improving English and digital skills to support finding suitable employment. Fridays from 9.30am at Joan Kirner House.

Individual Digital Skills Support



BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Free assistance (by appointment only) to complete online admin, including online payments, MyGov, Medicare, email, Centrelink, VicRoads, bills, medical, service providers, etc.



BE CONNECTED

Free digital skills support to build confidence and enhance online safety. One to one sessions can focus on any of your digital concerns, including scams awareness, updating devices, managing passwords, online banking, and much more!

Printing, photocopying and scanning facilities available during business hours at Joan Kirner House. Ask at reception.

And more...

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Other Programs



AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at Spotswood Community House. Fridays from 12.45 pm. Contact 1300 222 222.



ACQUIRE ACADEMY

Kids tutoring at Altona North Community House. Mondays and Tuesdays from 5pm. Contact Sarah 0457 880 030.



ADAM TURNBULL ACTING

Acting classes at Joan Kirner House. Thursdays from 5pm to 9pm. Contact Adam 0419 593 257.



ARTFUL MIND

NDIS Registered program at Joan Kirner House. Mondays from 1pm. Contact Janine 0412 152 507.



AUSTRALIAN BOATING COLLEGE

Boating exams at Joan Kirner House and Spotswood Community House. Contact Daniel 0408 369 664.



BRAINWORKS TUTORING

Kids tutoring at Altona North Community House. Saturdays at 9am. Contact Ashok 0434 518 247.



DA SILVA INNER CIRCLE

Guided energy healing in a supportive, soulful environment. Thursdays from 6.30pm. Contact Eddie 0423 515 807.



APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION

Sunday Church Service at Joan Kirner House from 10am to 12pm. Contact Rutendo 0407 536 109.



ART CLASSES

Kids and teen art classes at Joan Kirner House. Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact Shelley 0478 074 075.



ARTFUL WARRIOR

NDIS Registered program at Spotswood Community House. Wednesdays from 1pm. Contact Lee 0458 029 850.



BONE BOOSTERS

Gentle exercise for mature aged people at Joan Kirner House. Thursdays at 1pm. Contact Tahlia 03 9397 6168.



BOOK SISTERS

Book Club at Joan Kirner House. Third Tuesday of the month from 7.00pm. Contact Nicola 0418 568 406.



IMPROV CLUB

Williamstown Improv Comedy at Joan Kirner House. Wednesdays from 7pm. Contact Kai 0468 481 484.



KALI 3 DIMENSIONAL

Martial Arts classes at Joan Kirner House. Mondays from 6pm. Contact Nick 0416 806 878.



LIFESTYLE CONNECTION

Empowering individuals with disabilities with tailored assistance and skill development, Monday to Friday at Joan Kirner House. Contact Tammy 0414 842 297.

And even more!

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Other Programs



LIZA ROSE FLORISTRY

Floristry arranging classes at Joan Kirner House. By appointment. Contact Liza 0416 268 959.



SUNRISE YOGA

Early morning yoga classes at Joan Kirner House. Thursdays from 7am. Contact Ron 0411 723 669.



WU TAO

Dancing classes at Joan Kirner House. Third Saturday of the month from 1.30pm. Contact Jo 0438 414 331.



MINDFULNESS THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Mental health and wellbeing of babies, toddlers, children and families aged 0-12 years old. Contact Rosie 0401 575 390.



WILLY WARGAMING

Gaming club at Joan Kirner House. Fridays from 5pm to 9pm. Contact Matthew 0438 054 740.



ZONTA CLUB

Women's advocacy club at Joan Kirner House. Second Tuesday of the month. Contact Faye 0411 607 995.



OPEN DAY AT ALTONA NORTH COMMUNITY HOUSE

Altona North Community House hosts an open day each Thursday from 10am to 11am during school term dates. 7 Plover Drive, Altona North.

- Referral Services
- Pantry Swap
- Free Coffee and Tea
- Computer Classes
- Food Relief
- Bridging the Digital Divide ('One to One' IT assistance, by appointment only).
- Book Swap
- Boomerang Bags
- Venue Hire Inspections (at community rates).

SPONSORED BY:



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ACTING STUDIO

Acting Classes & Private Tuition for Teens & Adults

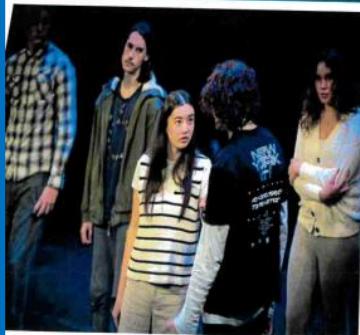
Scene Study
Acting Technique
Creating a Character
Audition Preparation

Acting for Stage & Screen
Improvisation Intensive
Screen Workshops
Confidence Building



Locations Include:
Ballarat
Buninyong
Lucas
Melbourne
Williamstown

Classes place emphasis on
self-development whilst
building professional skills
For bookings & enquiries
0419 593 257
www.ataactingstudio.com



FREE TRIAL CLASS



Thursday nights at **Joan Kirner House.**

At Joan Kirner House



Williamstown
Community
and Education
Centre Inc



Kids-Teens' Studio Art Classes

Studio Art: 5-10yo
High-Focus Art: 10-13yo
Teen Art: 13-15yo

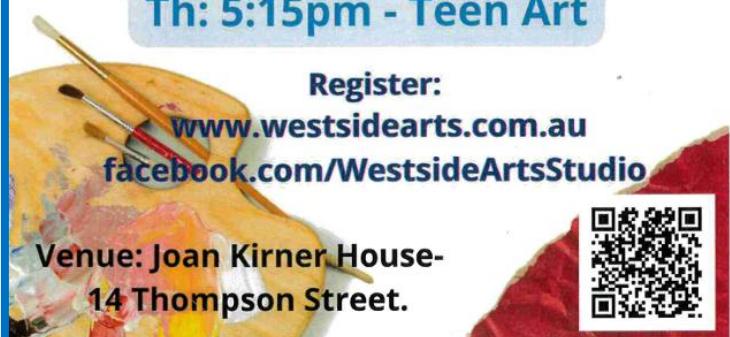
Wed & Th: 3:45pm - Studio Art

Wed: 5:15pm - High Focus Art

Th: 5:15pm - Teen Art

Register:

www.westsidearts.com.au
facebook.com/WestsideArtsStudio



**Venue: Joan Kirner House-
14 Thompson Street.**



CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP

SAT 7TH FEB, 2PM AT WCEC



WWW.LIZAROSEFLORISTRY.COM

Saturday February 2 at **Joan Kirner House.**



Saturday February 14 at **Joan Kirner House**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

CALENTINE'S DAY

Workshop

FEBRUARY 14 AT 2PM

DESIGN YOUR LOVE STORY, ONE BLOSSOM AT A TIME!

JOAN KIRNER HOUSE
14 Thompson Street, Williamstown VIC 3016

Tickets
(Save \$20 EARLY BIRD)

WWW.LIZAROSEFLORISTRY.COM

Fill in a postcard at **Joan Kirner House**.



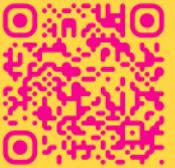
KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN



PICK UP A POSTCARD AT OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE ASKING FOR THE MINISTER'S SUPPORT

Every week, 185,000 people access Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria. Around half of all Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria are running at a loss. **This cannot continue.** We are asking the Victorian Government to urgently restore funding for Neighbourhood Houses with a 25% increase.

LEARN MORE: nhvic.org.au/2026-campaign



Neighbourhood Houses Victoria



KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN

DAY OF ACTION



18 FEB
12:30PM

JOIN US ON THE STEPS OF VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT!

 NHVIC

Wednesday 18 February.



\$100 POWER SAVING BONUS

FOR ELIGIBLE CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

VISIT YOUR LOCAL
PARTICIPATING
NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE FOR
ASSISTANCE



FIND OUT MORE:
NHVIC.ORG.AU/PSB



Victoria

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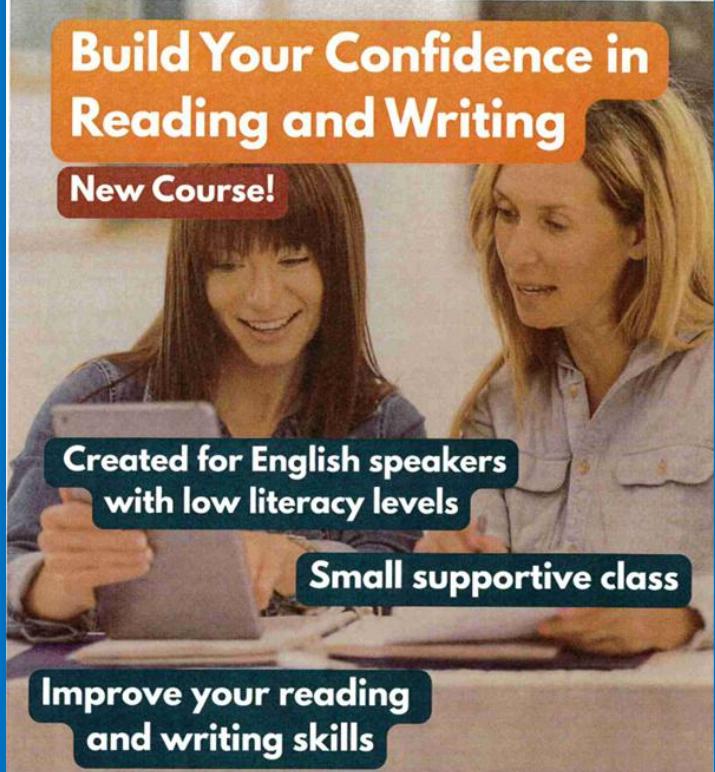
\$100 Power Saving Bonus for Victorian concession card holders.



Ends March 31.

Build Your Confidence in Reading and Writing

New Course!



Created for English speakers with low literacy levels

Small supportive class

Improve your reading and writing skills

Evening Class 6:00pm-8:30pm

Phone: (03) 9369 2726
Email: info@lcec.vic.edu.au
Website: www.lcec.vic.edu.au
Address: 12 Crown Street
Laverton, Victoria 3028

LCEC is a child safe organisation.

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding subject to eligibility requirements. We encourage people of all abilities to apply.



New Arrivals Road Safety Program

South Kingsville Community Centre

Now Enrolling!!!

South Kingsville Community Centre is now enrolling for Road Safety program.

This program is supported by VicRoads Community Road Safety Grant.

The participants will get 2 practical driving sessions! Also will learn theories in 5 theory classes(Once a week class): how to drive safely, traffic signs & road rules and how to share the road as driver, pedestrian, cyclist or public transport user.

Who can join:

- Aged over 21 years of age
- Learner permit (L) holders
- Newly arrived people living in Australia for 5 years or less (considerable in some cases)



Course Details:

Date: 17/02/2026 - 17/03/2026

Time: 1pm - 3pm

5 Weeks class

2 Driving sessions

Cost: Free

Class venue: SKCC; 43 Paxton St South Kingsville VIC 3015

Contact: (03) 9399 3000

E: programs@skcc.net.au

Web: www.skcc.net.au

43 Paxton St, South Kingsville



At



SOUTH KINGSVILLE
COMMUNITY CENTRE



Volunteer and Job Readiness Workshop

Join us for a hands-on session to explore how volunteering can boost your career, build confidence, and connect you with your community.

This workshop will help you:

- Explore how volunteering can lead to employment opportunities
- Learn about local volunteer roles and training options
- Build practical skills in communication and workplace readiness

Friday, 6 February 2026

09:30 am - 02:30 pm

Louis Joel Arts & Community
5 Sargood Street, Altona 3018

CLOSE DATE: 5 February 2026!!

To express your interest!!!



SCAN ME



LOUIS JOEL
ARTS & COMMUNITY



At



SOUTH KINGSVILLE
COMMUNITY CENTRE



LIFE SKILLS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH A DISABILITY

LEARN

Life Skills for People with a Disability course—an essential program designed to build independence, confidence, and everyday competence. Gain critical skills in goal setting, technology use, use apps in mobile, money management, teamwork while focusing on health, wellbeing, and real-life communication and numeracy..

OVERVIEW

It is a practical, supportive course designed to build everyday life skills for people living with a disability. Focuses on confidence, independence, employability, and participation in the community.

Topics include:

- Personal goal setting, planning, and time management
- Building teamwork skills
- Basic technology and digital literacy
- Handling money and managing expenses
- Keeping up to date with current issues and trends
- Improving health through exercise and nutrition
- Making decisions and scheduling
- Problem-solving for everyday challenges
- Confidence building and effective communication
- Exploring job tasks and employability skills.

WHERE

South Kingsville
Community Centre
43 Paxton Street
South Kingsville VIC 3015
T: 9399 3000
E: programs@skcc.net.au
W: skcc.net.au



SOUTH KINGSVILLE
COMMUNITY CENTRE



DATES

Day - Fridays
Time: 10 am - 1 pm
Term 1 class date: 6 February - 27 March (8 weeks)
Term 2 class date: 24 April - 26 June (10 weeks)

PLEASE NOTE:
This is a ACFE funded/ Learn Local course & eligibility applies

COST

\$150. Concession fees (For Concession card holders)
OR \$250. Full fees

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SOUTH KINGSVILLE
COMMUNITY CENTRE



TO ENROL, PLEASE CONTACT:

South Kingsville Community Centre
programs@skcc.net.au
0393993000



This course is delivered by South Kingsville Community Centre. Funded by Learn Local.



LOUIS JOEL
ARTS & COMMUNITY

Social Activity Group

**FRIDAYS
BY THE BAY**

10am-1pm • Fortnightly

2026

9 + 23 January

6 + 20 February

6 + 20 March

10 + 24 April

1 + 15 + 29 May

12 + 26 June

HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL



Feeling socially isolated
and looking for
connections?

For people 18 - 64,
living in Hobsons Bay
who are not
eligible for other
support programs.
Transport can
be provided.

Every second
Friday
with Amanda
Art + craft
Wellbeing activities
Outings
Guest speakers

Light lunch
included
\$6.50

For more information
5 Sargood Street
Altona
Phone 9398 2511
admin@ljac.com.au
www.ljac.com.au

At



LOUIS JOEL
ARTS & COMMUNITY



Tuesdays at Altona North Library



Council +

LIBRARIES



**GAMES, CARDS AND
CONVERSATION TUESDAYS**

Do you like playing games?

Whether you're a 500 fan, a Canasta champ, or just curious to learn, from word games like Scrabble, strategy games like Sequence, Triominos and classic favourites like Rummikub and Azul, this is your day to play.

Bookings not required.

Ages 12+

**Tuesdays
10am to 12pm**

Altona North Community Library
Bookings not required.



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for more
information

Hobsons Bay
COUNCIL +

Hobsons Bay
LIBRARIES

HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL

What's been happening?

Welcome to 2026.

A special thanks to all who contributed and donated to our Food Relief program over the break including **Commonwealth Bank Williamstown, Share the Dignity, HealthCare Foundation, Jost Australia, EMILY's List, Zonta Club of Melbourne's West, Morning Star Hotel Williamstown, and The Village Williamstown.**



Also, thanks to Coles Williamstown, Woolworths Spotswood, and Woolworths Altona North for allowing us to locate our Food Relief donation bins at their checkouts.



Thanks.

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