



# 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

**Programs**  
Semester One, 2026  
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## FREE Initiatives



### MORNING TEA

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



### MONTHLY BBQ

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



### WALKING GROUP

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



### FOOD RELIEF

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



### RECYCLING

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



### OPEN ACCESS COMPUTER

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



### COMMUNITY GARDEN

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



### COMMUNITY KITCHEN

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



### FRESH PRODUCE SWAP

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



### SEED SWAP

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



### FREE CHARGE BAR

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



### ACCESS POINTS

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



### FREE WIFI

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



### BOOK SWAP

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



### FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

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



### 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.



#### **DRAMA AND LANGUAGE**

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



#### **BASIC CONVERSATION**

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



#### **HIGH SPEAKING**

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



#### **BEGINNERS READING**

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



#### **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

#### **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.



#### SMARTPHONE CLASS

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



#### COMPUTER EXTRA NEEDS

Basic computer class to support learners with additional barriers. 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 Tahliia 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.



### MINDFULNEST THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

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



### SUNRISE YOGA

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



### WILLY WARGAMING

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



### WU TAO

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



### 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:



# ATA

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

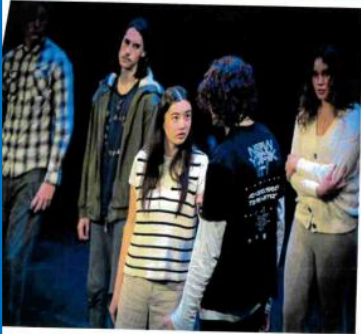


### Locations Include:

Ballarat  
Buninyong  
Lucas  
Melbourne  
Williamstown

Classes place emphasis on  
self-development whilst  
building professional skills

For bookings & enquiries  
0419 593 257  
[www.ataactingstudio.com](http://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](http://www.westsidearts.com.au)

[facebook.com/WestsideArtsStudio](https://facebook.com/WestsideArtsStudio)

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





# CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP

SAT 7<sup>TH</sup> FEB, 2PM AT WCEC



[WWW.LIZAROSEFLORISTRY.COM](http://WWW.LIZAROSEFLORISTRY.COM)

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



Saturday February 14 at Joan **Kirner House**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

## VALENTINE'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](http://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](https://nhvic.org.au/2026-campaign)

**STRONG COMMUNITIES START HERE**



Neighbourhood Houses Victoria



# KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN

## DAY OF ACTION

**STRONG COMMUNITIES START HERE**



**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](http://NHVIC.ORG.AU/PSB)



Neighbourhood Houses Victoria™

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



**Ends March 31.**

At



## 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](mailto:info@lcec.vic.edu.au)  
Website: [www.lcec.vic.edu.au](http://www.lcec.vic.edu.au)  
Address: 12 Crown Street  
Laverton, Victoria 3028



**Laverton Community Education Centre**  
RTO 6408

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](mailto:programs@skcc.net.au)  
Web: [www.skcc.net.au](http://www.skcc.net.au)  
43 Paxton St, South Kingsville



At



SOUTH KINGSVILLE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE



At



LOUIS JOEL  
ARTS & COMMUNITY



## 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

For more information call / send us via:

- ☎ 1800 123 865
- ✉ [volunteerwest@amcservices.org.au](mailto:volunteerwest@amcservices.org.au)

- 📅 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



**SOUTH KINGSVILLE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**



## DIGITAL ESSENTIAL SKILLS



### LEARN

In this course, you will learn about a variety of topics essential for navigating the digital world. From mastering Computer basics, smartphone usage to connecting to Wi-Fi and conducting online research, you'll gain the skills needed to enhance the digital literacy.

### OVERVIEW

Led by our expert facilitator Emilia, you'll explore the new topics through dynamic discussions, practical hands-on learning, and fun activities - designed to boost your confidence and skills.

#### Topics include:

- Use Computer, smartphones and digital devices
- Connect to the internet and use Wi-Fi
- Send and manage emails and SMS
- Navigate the internet confidently
- Use apps, software, and social media
- Access online services and information
- Stay safe and secure online
- Build digital confidence and employability skills
- Navigate Google Maps
- Download and use various apps

### WHERE

**South Kingsville  
Community Centre**  
43 Paxton Street  
South Kingsville VIC 3015  
T: 9399 3000  
E: [programs@skcc.net.au](mailto:programs@skcc.net.au)  
W: [skcc.net.au](http://skcc.net.au)



**SOUTH KINGSVILLE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### DATES

Day - Thursdays  
Date: 29 JANUARY - 2 APRIL, 2026  
(10 weeks)

Time: 10 am - 1 pm

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

### COST

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

### TO ENROL, PLEASE CONTACT:

**South Kingsville Community Centre**  
[programs@skcc.net.au](mailto:programs@skcc.net.au)  
0393993000



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

## 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](mailto:programs@skcc.net.au)  
W: [skcc.net.au](http://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:**  
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Feeling socially isolated  
and looking for  
connections?

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

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

HOBSONS  
BAY CITY  
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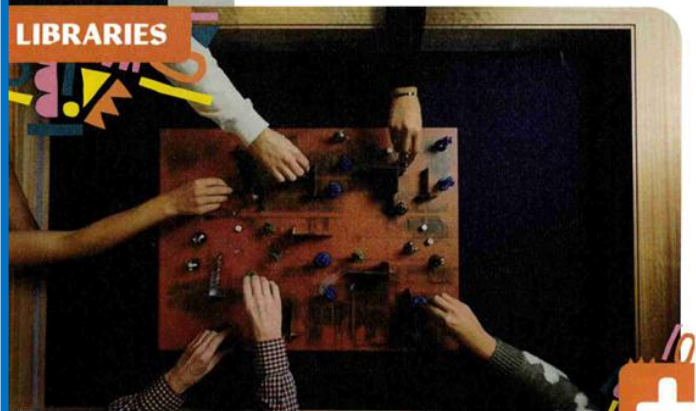


Tuesdays at Altona North Library



**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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**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.**

**CommonwealthBank** 



*EMILY's List Australia*



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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