



Newsletter March 2026

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

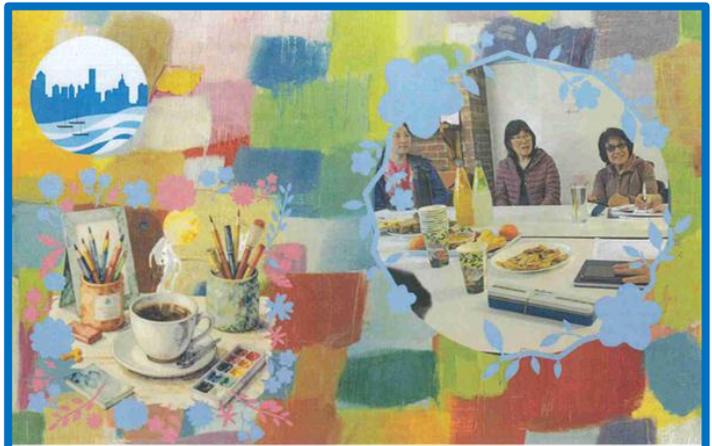
What's Coming Up?

- **NEW! Family History course.** See video [HERE](#). Details below.
- Monday March 9. **Labour Day** public holiday.
- **NEW! Craft, Coffee and a Chat.** Spotswood Community House. Thursdays 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm. Sponsored by the Hobsons Bay Community Fund. Details below.
- Wednesday March 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 March 4, 11, 18 and 25. **FREE! Community Morning Tea.** Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am. All welcome!
- Wednesday March 18 **FREE Cultural Diversity Week BBQ.** 12.00 noon. Foyer of Joan Kirner House. All welcome!
- 21 to 29 March. **Cultural Diversity Week 2026.**
- **\$100 Power Saving Bonus** for concession card holders. Details below. Ends 31 March.
- **Bridging the Digital Divide.** At Joan Kirner House and Altona North Community House. Sponsored by Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association; and Community Bank, Altona and Laverton, Bendigo Bank. Details below.





NEW and **FREE** at
Spotswood Community House.



FREE CRAFT, COFFEE AND CHAT



Everyone is welcome!

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THURSDAYS
1.30PM TO 3.00PM

Come along and make new friends at our weekly craft sessions. A chance to socialise over a cuppa, and have fun creating something interesting each week. No craft experience necessary!

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Spotswood Community House
598 Melbourne Road, Spotswood

Call Lynne for more details:

03 9397 6168



Sponsored by Hobsons Bay Community Fund



FAMILY HISTORY WORSHOP



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT ABOUT
YOUR ANCESTORS - BUT DONT KNOW
WHERE TO START?**



COME TO A FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

This 4 week course is at Joan Kirner House every Monday from
9th March 2026 to 30th March 2026 7.00pm - 8.00pm

What You'll Learn

- How to get started and organise what you already know
- How to build a simple family tree
- Where to find records and stories
- How to add history and context to ancestors' lives

This workshop is perfect for beginners or anyone who wants guidance in turning family memories into a rich, readable family history.

A **FREE INFORMATION SESSION** will be on Monday 2nd March 2026
7.00pm at Joan Kirner House, Williamstown.

Numbers for this course are limited so register your interest now!
Contact Karen Wykes 0477 968 659 or email karen.wykes@bigpond.com

NEW at **Joan Kirner House.**



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



Ends soon!

Call Tahlia on 03 9397 6168 to make an appointment at Joan Kirner House.

\$100 POWER SAVING BONUS
FOR ELIGIBLE CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

VISIT YOUR LOCAL PARTICIPATING NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE FOR ASSISTANCE

FIND OUT MORE: ORG.AU/PSB

Ready to build your digital skills?

Be Connected
Every Australian online.

FREE ONE-TO-ONE DIGITAL SKILLS MENTORING

Everyone is welcome!

Having a tough time with technology?
Need some help?

Seams, Updates, Emails, Managing passwords, Online banking, you name it!
Come and enquire, to stay connected.

For more information contact Lucila:
03 9397 6168

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MONDAY AND WEDNESDAYS

Joan Kirner House
14 Thompson Street,
Williamstown

Be Connected
Every Australian online.

Get help **NOW!**





Williamstown
Community
and Education
Centre Inc

Bridging the Digital Divide

Free!

Need help completing online admin?

One on one assistance.

Online payments, MyGov, Medicare, email, Centrelink, VicRoads, bills, medical, service providers, etc.



We are here to help.

Call Lara on **03 9397 6168** or email operations@wcec.com.au

to make an appointment at –

Joan Kirner House, Williamstown. Monday and Friday mornings.

Or

Altona North Community House. Thursday mornings.

This initiative is made possible through the generous funding from -



Australian
Neighbourhood
Houses & Centres
Association

Community Bank
Altona and Laverton

Bendigo Bank

At Altona North Community House and Joan Kirner House.



Every Thursday morning at Joan Kirner House.



**Thursdays
7am-8am**

**YOGA is for
EVERYONE!**

**Perfect for your
Health &
Wellbeing**

**Runs all year in
school terms**

HATHA YOGA

What are the benefits of Hatha Yoga:

- Better sleep
- Reduces stress
- Improves balance
- Relieves neck and back pain
- Lowers levels of depression
- Strengthens flexibility
- Enhances mindfulness

Combined gentle stretching exercises, posture breathing and relaxation techniques

**Suitable for the beginner
or advanced yogi**



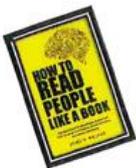
**Williamstown Community
Ed Centre
14 Thompson Street
Williamstown
Contact Ron:
0411 723 669**

Would **you** like to join the Book Sisters Reading group?

We meet 7.00pm, 3rd Tuesday of the month @ **Joan Kirner House**, 14 Thompson Street Williamstown



For further information contact Chris (0436 010 575)



Tuesday evenings at **Joan Kirner House**.



Monday afternoons at **Altona North Community House**.



Pre-school to Year 6 Tutoring Services

Our services

- Pre - Kinder classes 3 -4 Years
- School readiness classes 4 - 5 Years
- Acquire Reading Classes F - Y2
- Acquire Literacy Classes Y3 -Y6
- Acquire Writing Classes
- Naplan Preparation Classes for years 3, 5 & 7
- 1:1 Tutoring



Our Approach

- Phonics based classes
- Evidence-based strategies and programs
- Systematic & Explicit instruction
- Qualified teachers & passionate tutors

Book a FREE Trial Session!

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Acquire Academy
Phone: 0410890871

Available
in Traneit &
Altona
North

Kali 3 Dimensional

Kali 3D is a complete functional Filipino fighting system that teaches you how to transition effectively between Sticks, Blades & Empty Hands all with the same moves!



New Club starting 1st April, 2024
(Directly under the Founder Grandmaster Andy Elliott)

**14 Thompson St Williamstown
Community & Education Centre**

**Mondays
6:00pm to 7:30pm**

**Contact: Nick Mann
M: 0416 806 878**

E: nick.r.mann@gmail.com

To find out more about Kali 3D International
visit kali3d.com

Monday evenings at **Joan Kirner House.**



Monday afternoons at **Joan Kirner House.**



ART AS THERAPY PROGRAM

MONDAYS 1PM-4PM

WILLIAMSTOWN
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Now available, for NDIS
Participants.

For more
information please

Contact:
Janine Hourigan
Registered Art
Therapist.

Mobile: 0412 152 507
mandalamandala11@gmail.com



Brainworks

Williamstown & Altona North Tutoring

that develops your child's skills and confidence



Maths and English Tutoring for Year 1- 10

The curriculum is individual for each student and includes number skills, maths concepts, essay writing and development, reading comprehension and language skills.

Selective Entry & Scholarship Exam Program

Selective school entry & scholarship exam preparation will help your child develop exam confidence and exam question familiarity.



Tutoring Special!
Book in and your child will receive a **FREE** assessment and report in their first session followed by a **FREE** second session of tutoring.

Tutoring Sessions

Altona North

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 9:00 AM to 10.30AM

Altona North Community House

7 Plover Street, Altona North



Williamstown
Community
and Education
Centre Inc

For more information and bookings call Kumar or Ashok

0434 518 247

footscray@brainworks.com.au

www.brainworks.com.au

Saturday mornings at **Altona North Community House.**



March 3 at the
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre



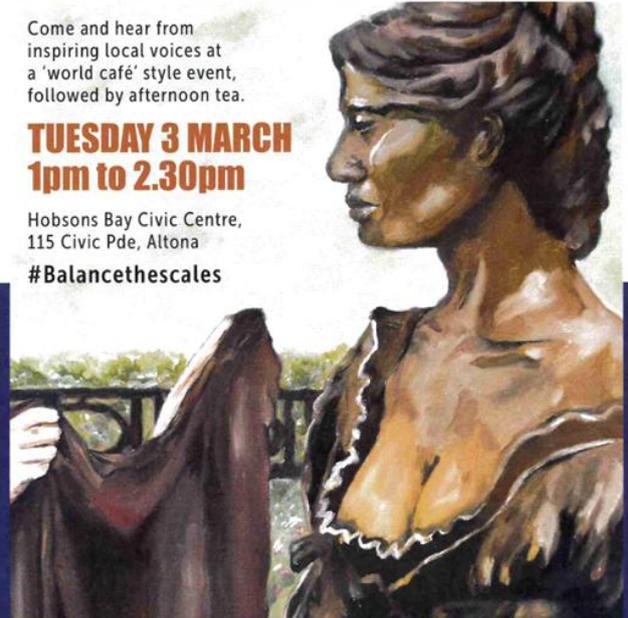
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Come and hear from inspiring local voices at a 'world café' style event, followed by afternoon tea.

TUESDAY 3 MARCH
1pm to 2.30pm

Hobsons Bay Civic Centre,
115 Civic Pde, Altona

#Balancethescales



In the spirit of IWD, Council features the work of a local young artist in its poster. This year's artwork is by Iris Pavlidi.



*Child friendly activities available

For more information visit
hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/iwd

HOBSONS BAY
LANGUAGE LINE
9932 1212

HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL



March 5 at the
Newport Community Hub



Critical advice on local support services



Well
for
Life

FREE information and advice sessions on support services

Come along, meet and have a chat to local housing, legal, health and wellbeing services!

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| <p>Location Hobsons Bay Salvation Army 108 Queen Street, Altona Victoria, 3018</p> <p>Date and time The third Thursday of every month from February 2026 10:30am – 11:30am</p> | <p>Learn more about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Legal Community Nursing Aged Care support Tenants Victoria Services Australia (Centrelink) Gambler's Help |
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For more information, contact the IPC Health Homeless and at Risk of Homelessness Response (HaRH) team, call 0490 382 239 or email: harh@ipchealth.com.au

Hobsons Bay

Power Through Knowledge

A project for people with disabilities from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds



Join one of our free multicultural disability support groups in **City of Yarra, Hobsons Bay, and Maribyrnong** to:

- Learn about your rights
- Connect with others in a safe and welcoming space
- Enjoy fun activities
- Build your confidence and self-advocacy skills

We can organise an interpreter if you need one – please tell us your preferred language when registering.

For more information, and to register please scan the QR code or contact us on



sorgul@valid.org.au

(3) 9114 9409 or 0490 101 953



Link to form

LAVERTON BOWLING CLUB PRESENTS :

HARMONY DAY

Thursday, 19 March 2026
11.00am – 1.00pm



Harmony Week is a time to reflect on Australia's multicultural society, where nearly half of all Australians were born overseas or have parents who were. The week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity, inclusiveness, and respect, highlighting that everyone belongs.

We will be celebrating with sandwiches and devonshire tea, soft drinks available for purchase, a game of bowls and encourage everyone to wear orange clothing or ribbon to support cultural diversity. We want everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from, to come along, have fun, and appreciate that our differences make our community a great place to live.

When: *Thursday, 19 March 2026*

Where: Laverton Bowling Club,
77-87 Hall Street, Altona Meadows

What: Game of Bowls, Afternoon Tea

Cost: **FREE** (<https://www.trybooking.com/DJGWW>) – we ask that you acknowledge your attendance by pre booking

Contact: Laverton Bowling Club

email: lavertonbowls@gmail.com

Marlene: 0466 581 781

Marie : 0402 050 540

What programs are running with our friends in **Newport**?

2026

Term 1

What's on at outlets Newport



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Childcare 9am-2pm 3hr & 5hr sessions | Childcare 9am-2pm 3hr & 5hr sessions | Childcare 9am-2pm 3hr & 5hr sessions | <i>No regular programs</i> | Childcare 9am-2pm 3hr & 5hr sessions |
| Introduction to Computers 9.30am - 11.30am | Community Counsellor advice & referral service 10am - 1pm by appointment | Emergency Food Relief service 10.30am - 12.30pm drop-in service | <i>Enquiries, planning & outreach</i> | Learn English for Everyday 10am - 12pm |
| Learn Digital Devices 10am - 12pm | Make & Mingle 12pm - 2pm fortnightly sessions | | | Skills for Job Seekers 10am - 12pm / 2pm |
| Navigating Computer Applications 12pm - 2pm | Sew & Chat 12pm - 2pm fortnightly sessions | | Venue hire available (7 days) | Move & Connect: Health & Wellness workshops Selected Fridays monthly sessions |
| <small>Program dates and times subject to change</small> | | | | |

Outlets Co-operative Neighbourhood House Ltd
Newport Community Education Centre
43 Mason Street, Newport | ph: 9391 8504 | e: outlets@outletscop.com.au



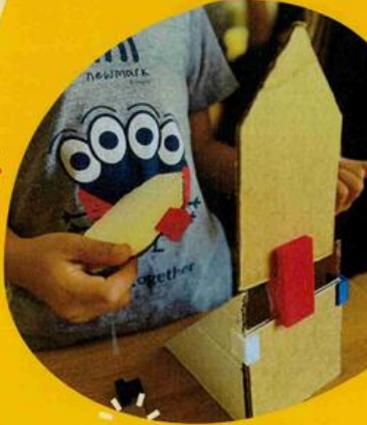

We're having an Open Day!

Saturday 21st March
12pm to 3pm - drop in any time.

126-128 Nelson Place,
Williamstown

Tink and Tour with us!

- > explore the school
- > tinker with fun activities
- > talk with our team
- > find out more about our unique approach to education




Want to come along? Head to our website to register your interest.

What's been happening?



Willy Walking Group enjoying a well-earned cuppa after their morning stroll.



Welcome back BBQ
in Joan's Garden.



Beach Safety Program
at Altona beach on February
18.





Day of Action at Parliament House. February 18.



Details [HERE](#).

Our committee approved our new Business Plan at their last meeting. See [HERE](#).

Notification of Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc. Annual General Meeting. Tuesday May 5 at 4.00 pm at Joan Kirner House, 14 Thompson St. Williamstown, room one.

Thanks.

Mark.

Dr Mark Brophy PhD

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Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc.

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