



Newsletter

October 2026

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

What's Coming Up?

- October 1 to October 31. **2026 Victorian Seniors Festival**. Details [HERE](#).
- Monday, October 5. **Term Four starts**.
- Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21 and 28. **FREE! Community Morning Tea**. Sponsored by Community Bank Altona and Laverton. Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am. All welcome!
- Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21 and 28. **FREE! Willy Walking Group**. Sponsored by Mobil. From 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House.
- Saturday, October 10. **FREE! Building Financial Empowerment**. Sponsored by Zonta. 10.30 am at Joan Kirner House. Details below.
- Fridays fortnightly. **Art and Collage Classes** by Flipper Frog, at Joan Kirner House. Details below.
- Saturday, October 17. **FREE! Parkinson's Community Forum**. 10.30 am, Newport Community Hub. Details below.
- Wednesday, October 21. **FREE! Staying Safe Online**. Workshop by the Manager of Commonwealth Bank Williamstown. 10.30 am, Joan Kirner House. Details below.
- Wednesday, October 28. **FREE! Make Your Voice Heard**. Victorian Electoral Commission information session. 10.30 am, Joan Kirner House. Details below.
- Starting October 7. **FREE! Expand Your Impact**. Four-part Capacity Building workshops. Details below.
- Australian Red Cross, **Nepal Flash Floods**. Global Emergency Fund. Donate [HERE](#).



NEW!

At Joan Kirner House.



FLIPPER FROG
PRESENTS

ART & COLLAGE CLASSES

Community artists delivering an intuitive approach to art.
All artistic levels are catered for and materials provided.

Fortnightly on Fridays from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Joan Kirner House, 14 Thompson Street Williamstown

CONTACT BEK AND JAYNE:

0400 639 025

OR INFO@FLIPPERFROG.COM

WALK-IN'S WELCOME!

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$25 PER PERSON

For More information:
www.FLIPPERFROG.com



Get your Free Ticket by clicking on
the link www.trybooking.com/DOXCA



Building Financial Empowerment Free Women's Workshop

You'll learn how to:

- **Budget with confidence** — create a budget that suits your current circumstances, whether you're still working, semi-retired, or fully retired
- **Build a healthy relationship with money** — feel more at ease with financial decision-making, including if you're managing money on your own for the first time
- **Make informed financial decisions** — understand your options around superannuation, pensions, entitlements, and later-life planning
- **Put your money to work** — explore ways to make your money and savings support the life you want.



See You: **Saturday 10th October**

Time: **10:30 am – 3:00pm**

Where: **Williamstown Community and Education Centre, 14 Thompson St, Williamstown Vic**

Contact:
zontamelbwest@gmail.com

Lunch: **is on us**

Proudly Supported
By:



FREE!



October 10.

At Joan Kirner House.



ZONTA
CLUB OF
MELBOURNE'S
WEST INC

**BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

FREE!



October 28.

At Joan Kirner House.

The session will cover:

- Why voting matters.
- What support is available to help you vote with confidence.
- How you can participate in the 2026 state election.
- What's new at the 2026 state election.



Make your voice heard

Every vote counts.

Join the Victorian Electoral Commission for a free information session on how voting works and how to take part.

Date: Wednesday 28 October.

Time: 10.30 am

Location: Joan Kirner House, 14 Thompson St. Williamsto

Victorian state election:
Saturday 28 November 2026.



vec.vic.gov.au

Staying safe online.

You're invited to a free Staying Safe Online seminar presented by CommBank Williamstown Branch.

Scams and fraud can happen to anyone, anywhere - online, over the phone, or in person. It's our priority to help protect you and your personal information, with tips and strategies so you can feel more confident and secure in today's digital world.

Join us to learn how to:

- identify common scams and avoid suspicious emails, phone calls and text messages
- protect yourself from fraud and keep your information secure
- create strong, secure passwords
- safely access digital services at home and while travelling.

When

Wednesday 21st October
10:30am - 11:30am

Where

Williamstown Community & Education Centre
14 Thompson Street
Williamstown

RSVP

Please contact the Williamstown Community & Education Centre for more information.

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FREE!



October 21.

At Joan Kirner House.

Presented by Irene (Reenie) La Rosa, **Branch Manager** of Commonwealth Bank Williamstown.

No bookings required, just rock up!



CommonwealthBank

Building capacity for Hobsons Bay communities

expand your impact

Join FREE workshops to grow your community initiatives & bring your ideas to life!
Learn how to clarify your direction or build your team & get more people involved



Workshop Dates
Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm

7th Oct
14th Oct
21st Oct
28th Oct

Brooklyn Community Hall
35 Nolan Avenue

Community members & groups are welcome:
Neighbourhood houses, multicultural & seniors groups, youth networks, arts & culture collectives, environment groups, volunteer-led associations & more!

View full workshop details & book now. Limited places!

<https://events.humanitix.com/eyi-hobsons-bay-2026>

0483 104 361 | support@jumbleads.net







This project is supported by Hobsons Bay City Council through its Make it Happen Grants Program

FREE!



Starting October 7.

Four-part series of capacity-building workshops for community groups at Brooklyn Hall.

These workshops are an opportunity for any individual or community group in Hobsons Bay that wants to get organised, grow participation and membership, and work better together.



Hobsons Bay
Seniors Festival
2026

1 - 31 October




SCAN QR CODE FOR OUR DIGITAL BROCHURE

Victorian Seniors Festival 2026

CONNECT CREATE CELEBRATE

VICTORIA State Government

HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL

FREE!



October 19.

FREE PROGRAM

ART THERAPY FOR DEMENTIA

Creative Connections

A welcoming, supportive art therapy program designed for people living with dementia and their carers.

Facilitated by an accredited art therapist
No art experience needed
All materials provided
Just come as you are!

Fortnightly sessions starting
Monday 19th October 1-2pm
Woods Street Arts Space Laverton

Limited places! Book today

<https://www.trybooking.com/1640004>

This project is supported by...

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/dementia-soaringfalcons>
Email: dementia.soaringfalcons@gmail.com
 [dementia.soaringfalcons](https://www.facebook.com/dementia.soaringfalcons)

HOBSONS BAY SENIORS EXPO

Supporting you to live well at home

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT

Friday 2 October
10am to 3pm

60 Walker Close, Altona North
Lorraine Bedella Senior Centre

Are you aged 65 or over?
A carer, family member or supporter?

Discover our range of services for older people.

To register for our presentations call **(03) 9932 1597**

- **STAYING SAFE ONLINE - 10am**
Presented by the Commonwealth Bank
- **FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME - 11am**
- **STAYING SAFE IN THE COMMUNITY - 12pm**
Presented by Victoria Police

- **ELDERS RIGHTS - 1pm**
- **HBCC SERVICES - 2pm**

Contact

9932 1530

8.30am to 4.30pm
agedservices@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

FREE!

October 2.

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PARKINSON'S COMMUNITY FORUM

Do you or a loved one have Parkinson's?
Join us for information, connection and support.

Join Us:

-  **Saturday 17 Oct 2026**
-  **10:30am - 1:00pm**
-  **Newport Community Hub**
13 Mason St Newport
Or online via Zoom

FREE EVENT
Refreshments included

Speakers Include:

- Prof. David Finkelstein**
Professor of Neuroscience
University of Melbourne
- Emma Collin, CEO**
Fight Parkinson's
- My Aged Care**
Dept. of Health Representative
- Neuro-specific Speech Pathologist**
- My journey with Parkinson's**
A personal perspective
- Interactive Q & A panel**

Information Booth opens 10am

Register Now: 

[Click here](#)

 parkando.west@gmail.com

Made possible by:
Hobsons Bay City Council through it's Make it Happen Grants.

parkando.org.au

FREE!



October 17.

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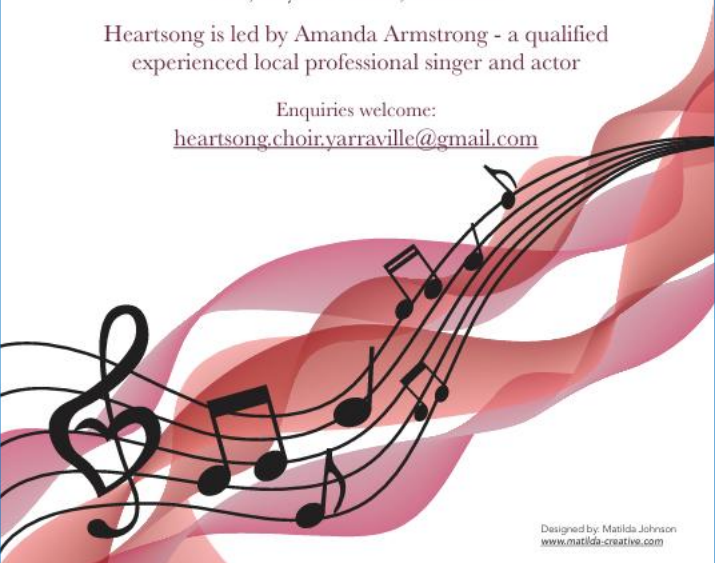

HEARTSONG YARRAVILLE COMMUNITY CHOIR

TUESDAY 7.30PM - 9.00PM (DURING SCHOOL TERMS)

Pilgrim Uniting Church
75A, Bayview Road, Yarraville

Heartsong is led by Amanda Armstrong - a qualified experienced local professional singer and actor

Enquiries welcome:
heartsong.choir.yarraville@gmail.com



Designed by: Matilda Johnson
www.matilda-creative.com



LINE DANCE



Scan the QR code to book



If you have any questions contact us on zontamelbwest@gmail.com

Line Dancing against Family Violence Fundraiser *

Saturday 21st Nov 2026
1pm – 4.30pm
Tickets \$30

Wear something ORANGE to show your support for the 16 days of Activism

Afternoon tea provided.
 Door and raffle prizes to win.

* Funds raised will support Zonta projects

Location: Girl Guide Hall, Clare st, Yarraville



November 21.

FREE!



Starting October 6.

Expressions of Interest close 22 September 2026

The Caring Men Project

Building stronger communities through care and respect

Maribyrnong City Council, The Men's Project and Western Bulldogs Community Foundation are inviting up to 25 local men to explore care, respect and positive role modelling in our community.

Together, participants will explore what it means to be a man today, build skills to be a positive influence, and develop ideas for creating positive change locally.

Who should apply?

Men who live, work, volunteer, study or are actively involved in Maribyrnong. No qualifications or previous experience are needed. Just an open mind and a willingness to take part.

Find more info and register:



Project details

When
 6, 13 and 27 October
 6–8pm

Where
 Footscray Town Hall

Places
 Limited to 25 participants

Focus
 Care, respect, healthy masculinity and community leadership

Presented by
Maribyrnong City Council
 in partnership with **The Men's Project** and **Western Bulldogs Community Foundation**.





NETSETGO!

Willi Tigers Netball Club will be offering NetSetGO in Term 4. NetSetGO is a fantastic introduction to netball, designed specifically for young players to learn and have fun. Here's a quick overview of what NetSetGO offers:

- **Skill Development:** Focuses on fundamental netball skills including passing, catching, and shooting.
- **Fun and Inclusive:** Games and activities are tailored to be enjoyable and engaging for all skill levels.
- **Social Interaction:** Encourages teamwork and making new friends in a supportive environment.
 - **Physical Fitness:** Helps children develop coordination, agility, and overall fitness.
- **Experienced Head Coach and Junior coaches:** Sessions are run by the NetSetGO Coordinator, Naomi McCurry who is experienced in working with young players. Naomi is supported by Junior coaches, who also play netball with Willi Tigers.

Day: Commencing Saturday 10 October 2026, for 8 weeks (No session on the Melbourne Cup weekend)

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Where: Outdoor Netball Courts, Bayside Secondary College - Bayview Street Williamstown

Cost: \$150 - For new participants, this covers:

- 8 NetSetGO sessions.

➤ \$99 Netball Victoria Registration Fee for NetSetGO participants (6 to 10 years) and \$51 Willi Tigers Club fee

- Participation Pack for new NetSetGO-ers!

If you're interested or have any questions, please email us at nsg@willitigers.com.au.

You can register [here](#).



Starting October 10.



Help shape a better future for our youngest residents

Have your say on local services, facilities and activities that support children from birth to school age and their families across Hobsons Bay.



scan the QR code and have your say

Go in the draw to win prizes

We want to hear from:

- Parents and carers
- Grandparents
- People who work with young children and their families.

We want to hear from children too!

Through pictures and storytelling, children can share what they love most about their community and what matters to them.

Supported. Connected. Thriving.



Make this your healthiest year yet with the *Life!* program

Free health coaching program for eligible Victorians

Why join?

-  Healthy eating, physical activity, sleep & stress management tips
-  Delivered by dietitians and exercise physiologists
-  Flexible delivery options to fit around your schedule
-  Reduce your risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke



Find an Option That Works for You

Online groups or Telephone Health coaching
Join from the comfort of your home.

Local face-to-face groups
Connect with your community and join a group delivered by your local *Life!* facilitator.

Find out more about our program with 3 simple steps below

Complete our Health Check → 	Register if eligible Please provide your contact details for us to get in touch with you. 	Get a call from the <i>Life!</i> team You will be contacted by our friendly staff who can help you enrol in the program. 
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HELPING YOU PREVENT DIABETES, HEART DISEASE & STROKE





The *Life!* program is supported by the Victorian Government



Starting October 12.

DRAMA CLUB FOR SENIORS

FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSION: COME AND TRY!

Outlets Co-op Neighbourhood House
43 Mason St, Newport
Ph: 9391 8504
e: outlets@outletsco-op.com.au

Connect • Create • Laugh • Have Fun

A fun and welcoming drama club where you can meet new people, explore your creativity, play games and enjoy the joy of performing.

No experience needed!

MONDAYS | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
 **Starting Monday 12 October**

What to expect:

- Drama & theatre games
- Laughter & fun
- Social connection
- Creativity & imagination
- Confidence & self-expression

Everyone is welcome!







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



Starting September 29.



MELBOURNE

FRINGE

FESTIVAL

ALTONA

NEWPORT

LAVERTON

WILLIAMSTOWN

29 SEP -
18 OCT 2026

TURN TOWARDS
THE HEAT



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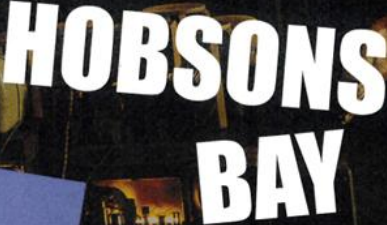
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Melbourne Fringe Festival returns to Hobsons Bay in 2026 with a diverse program spanning exhibitions, creative workshops, performance, sound art, circus and more.

KOROROIT BEDFORMS: GEOMETRY OF TIME AND PLACE
by David Murphy
A site-responsive exhibition exploring how natural forces continually shape and reshape the land. Photographic works reveal ephemeral sand bedforms—the intricate patterns sculpted by the interaction of water, wind, gravity and tidal movement.
Public Art Exhibition
1 AUGUST - 28 OCTOBER
LAKEWATER GALLERY, LAVERTON

THE ENORMOUS RADIO
by Roslyn Oades and Bob Scott
Glimmering decks crackling speakers and hazy by wireless combine to form a large-scale immersive audio experience that conveys victory messages in The Substation's main space.
Immersive Sound Experience
30 SEPTEMBER - 10 OCTOBER
OPEN WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY
10PM - 10PM (DOORLY SESSIONS)
THE SUBSTATION, NEWPORT

FULL VOLUME III
Hobsons Bay Youth Services
A night of live music created especially for young people aged 15-25, showcasing four emerging bands from the inner west of Melbourne.
Music
THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER, 5PM - 8PM
NEWPORT COMMUNITY HUB

IN BETWEEN WORLDS: PERFORMANCE ART NIGHT
Embark on an immersive art journey for one night only. Explore live performances, dance, spoken word and sound works by four contemporary artists across multiple spaces.
Multi-Artform / Performance
SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER, 6PM - 8PM
LOUIS IDEL ARTS & COMMUNITY, ALTONA

OCKER
by No Dying Circus
A show to witness, Ocker is a daring circus show taking through the streets on a portable railway track built as we knew. The city becomes a playground for strange encounters, risky acrobatics, and absurd acts of endurance as circus trapeze in the most unexpected places.
Proudly presented by Hobsons Bay City Council in partnership with Melbourne City Council
Performance
THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER, 5PM AND SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER, 12PM AND 4PM
COMMONWEALTH RESERVE, WILLIAMSTOWN
FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER, 5PM
YARRAVILLE POP-UP PARK
SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER, 10PM AND 4PM
NICHOLSON STREET MALL, FRIDAYSON

REGISTRATIONS: HIDDEN DOOR JOURNAL 3
Registrations is a unique arts experience combining live performance, sound, and publishing. Across two Saturdays, artists create an evolving exhibition where stories, voices and moments are captured, shared and transformed before they disappear.
Exhibition
SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER AND SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER, 4PM - 6PM
THE SUBSTATION, NEWPORT

PRIME TIME
by Born in a Taxi
Featuring a cast aged 4 to 15, Prime Time celebrates the connections between generations. Through dance, stories and play it invites us to rethink how we see ageing.
Proudly supported by Council through its Make it Happen Grants program
Performance
14 - 17 OCTOBER
THE SUBSTATION, NEWPORT

MADE TO SHARE
by Little Picture Window
A welcoming creative workshop for older Victorians, combining art, conversation and food. Create, connect and share ideas in a relaxed setting that takes time to build a sense of community.
Workshop
SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER, 10AM - 1PM
WOODS STREET ARTS SPACE, LAVERTON

FROM THE MOUTH
with Bert Willoughby, Tina Rejo, Excellior Maze, Leo Dufle, John O'Hagan, Michael Hovir and David Murphy
An intimate evening of live original music, short films and community conversation inspired by the landscapes, ecology and stories of the Kororoit Creek mouth. Featuring seven local artists.
From the Mouth celebrates creativity, storytelling, environment and connection.
Music and film
FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER AND SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER, 7PM - 9.30PM
WOODS STREET ARTS SPACE, LAVERTON



TURN TOWARDS
THE HEAT

For full program details and bookings, visit
hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/fringe

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Intercultural women's leadership program

Expressions of interest now open



Leadership can happen anywhere - at work, in your community, at home, through volunteering or in everyday life.

No leadership experience needed.

Bring your experiences, ideas and willingness to learn.

Women from all backgrounds are welcome.



Find out more

By scanning the QR code or visit maribymong.vic.gov.au



City of Maribyrnong

LIBRARIES



INFORMATION SESSION: PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THEFT

This session will cover:

- securing your home
- securing your belongings
- protecting your home and car from being robbed

Thursday 1 October
10.30am to 11.30am

Altona Library

Bookings via the library website or phone 1300 179 944.

Bookings close 8.30am on the day.



Scan me for more information or to book

Hobsons Bay LIBRARIES

HOBSONSBAY CITY COUNCIL



October 1.

LIBRARIES



**VICTORIA POLICE INFORMATION SESSION:
BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**

This session will cover:

- improving situational awareness
- protecting your belongings in public
- staying safe when out and about

**Thursday 8 October
10.30am to 11.30am**
Newport Community Hub

Bookings via the library website or phone 1300 179 944.
Bookings close 8.30am on the day.



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October 8.



All at Joan Kirner House.

Upcoming WORKSHOPS

BOOK - <https://www.rosebuffet.com.au/workshops>

	STARTING SATURDAY, 1.30pm Bloom Atelier: Floristry Foundations (5-Week Experience) The Rose Edit: Floral Foundations by Liza Rose.	OCT 18 2026
	SATURDAY, 2.00pm Colours & Candles Workshop Make handmade candles and decorate with crystals - Melbourne!	OCT 24 2026
	SUNDAY, 2.00pm DIY Handmade Soap Making Workshop Create your own custom soaps in Melbourne!	OCT 25 2026
	SUNDAY, 2.00pm Melbourne's finest Hand- Made Candle Artistry Workshop Make handmade candles and decorate with crystals - Melbourne!	NOV 01 2026
	TUESDAY, 1.30pm Christmas Floral Wreath Workshop for Beginners Make festive wreaths to kickstart your Christmas celebrations!	DEC 22

What's been happening?



A group of students from **Box Hill Institute** visited Joan Kirner House on September 8 as part of their studies on migrant settlement.



Tahlia attended the **Community Bank Altona and Laverton** Community Partners Grant Evening on September 2, seen here with Sally Hicks, Marketing Coordinator.



Big thanks to Diane Bebic and **Mobil**, who are sponsoring our Willy Walking Group and donated to our ever-increasing Food Relief Program.

This significantly helps us and those in need.



We helped **Williamstown High School** earlier this year with a collection campaign of the fish soy packaging used in Japanese food.

An innovative art and recycling initiative. Not finished yet, but the result so far is amazing!



Word is that once completed, it will go on display at the **Louis Joel Arts and Community** in Altona.

A big congratulations to our mates at **Laverton Community Education Centre** who won the Community Training Provider of the Year award at the Victorian Training Awards.

Well done team!



We hosted the launch of [Polka Dot Joan](#), at Joan Kirner House, a children's book written by Tanja Kovac and Maree Overall about the Hon Joan Kirner. The book is published by **Gender Lens Australia's** little shero stories imprint.

The intimate gathering included Ron Kirner, Joan's husband, Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne, and a small group of writers and other guests.

Gender Lens Australia also gave us a generous donation.

Thanks.

Mark.

Dr Mark Brophy PhD

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