Newsletter
December 2026

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

What's Coming Up?

- Wednesday, December 2. **FREE! Community Morning Tea**. Sponsored by Community Bank Altona and Laverton. Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am. All welcome!

- Wednesday, December 2 and 9. **FREE! Willy Walking Group**. Sponsored by Mobil. From 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House.

- Tuesday December 22. **Christmas Floral Wreath Workshop**. Liza Rose. Details below.

- Wednesday, December 9. **FREE! End of Year Celebration** at Joan Kirner House. Details below.

- Centre closed to public from Friday December 11. Reopens Monday February 1, 2027.



December 22



At Joan Kirner House.







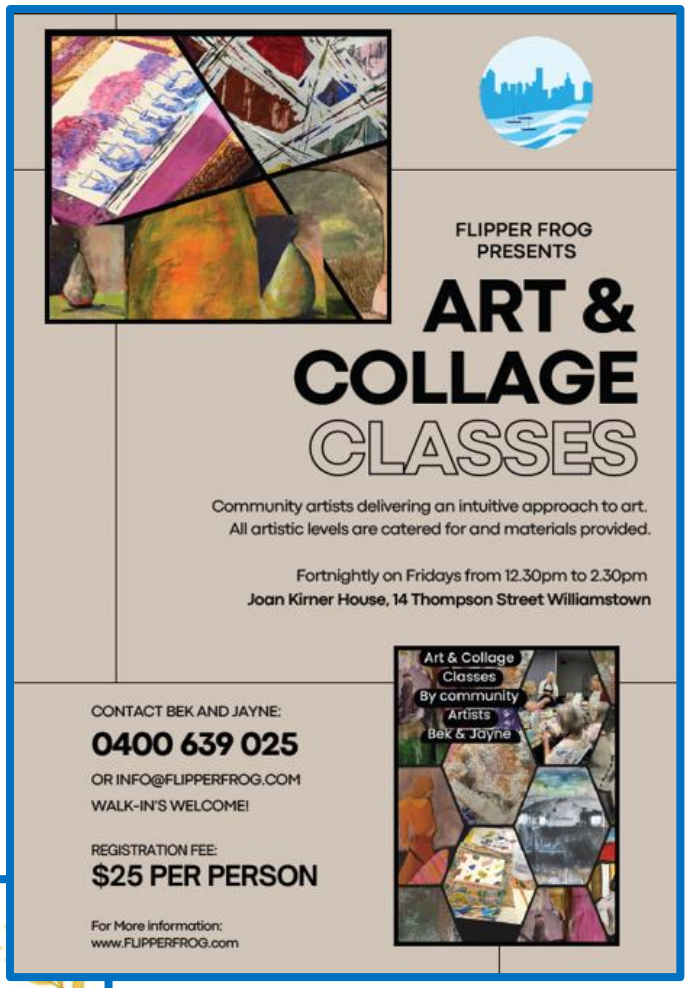
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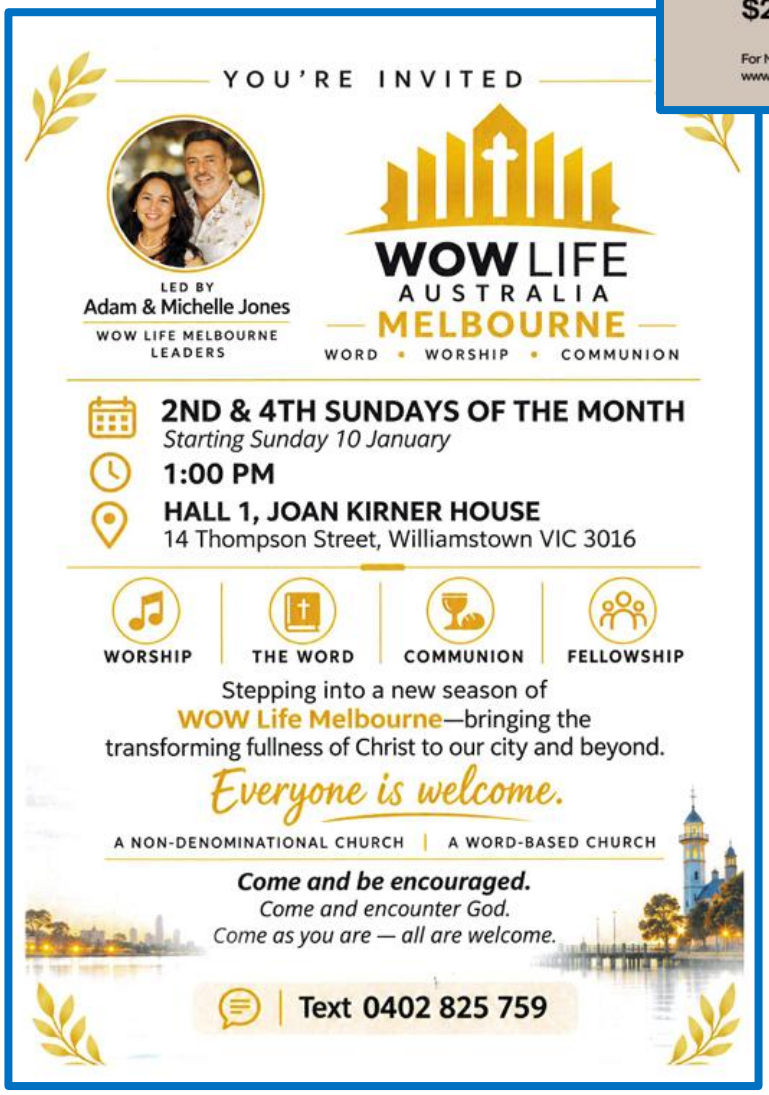


At Joan Kirner House.



Flipper Frog tote bags are now available at flipperfrog.com featuring artwork created by Bek and Jayne.





NEW!

At Joan Kirner House.



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December 12.


Real Talk. Real Strength. Real Change. A Forum for Boys, Men and Father Figures.
Join boys, men and father figures for an evening of meaningful conversation about masculinity, care, respect, wellbeing and belonging.
• Hear from inspiring speakers
• Gain practical insights
• Connect with others
• Learn about services, programs and resources
Date: Wednesday 2 December 2026
Time: 6.30pm to 9pm with buffet dinner served from 6pm
Venue: Western Grounds, Whitten Oval, 417 Barkly Street, Footscray West
For more information or to register scan the QR code : or visit: www.trybooking.com/DOZEE
PREVENTING VIOLENCE TOGETHER
SAFE+ EQUAL
RESPECT VICTORIA

December 2.


GROW
mental wellbeing programs
-ALTONA -
PEER SUPPORT GROUP
FREE
Free - mental health support group
The GROW Program is a mental wellbeing support program where participants share their experiences, and support each other with practical solutions - for life's challenges.
A supportive environment, where we can learn with each other, and feel safe, respected and valued.
There is no pressure to share. You can participate at a level you feel comfortable with.
GROW groups are weekly, free and go for about 2 hours.
Altona Group
Meeting at
Gateway Community Services
6/230 Blackshaws Rd, Altona Nth
Level 1, suite 11
Weekly
Mondays 2 - 4pm
just come down or contact
Faisel 0433 037 083
faisel.savahl@grow.org.au
GROW mental wellbeing programs
Grow Victoria and Tasmania
707 Glen Huntly Rd, Caulfield South VIC 3162
Phone: (03) 9528 2977 or 1800 558 268
For more information visit www.grow.org.au
Everyone is welcome at GROW


HAVE YOUR SAY
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.
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.
SCAN ME
scan the QR code and have your say
HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL


Visit our website
for more information about our alliance, to join our mailing list or volunteer with us!
WESTERN DEMENTIA SOARING FALCONS
THE SOARING FALCONS
DEMENTIA CAFÉ
Come along for a cuppa, a chat and a chance to connect with other people living with dementia and carers in a relaxed and welcoming environment.
Fourth Monday of each month
10.30am-12pm
St Eanswythe's Anglican Church
Corner of Queen and Bent Street
Altona 3018
Free / Gold coin donation
Register here
This is a non-religious community group.
You do not need to be religious or connected to the church to attend.
People of all backgrounds and beliefs are warmly welcome
dementia.soaringfalcons
Email: dementia.soaringfalcons@gmail.com
https://www.trybooking.com/DQNFO
Website: https://tinyurl.com/dementia-soaringfalcons

What's been happening?

Our **Recycling Week Clothes Swap** which ran for two weeks was a tremendous success.

The quality of clothing was exceptional this year.

Our **Willy Walking group** and **Community Morning Tea** numbers keep growing. Thanks to sponsorship from Mobil and Bendigo Bank, respectively.









Our Tahlia attended the **Hobsons Bay Community Fund** Thank-You event.

This Fund supports our 'IT Club' that runs on Monday mornings at Joan Kirner House.

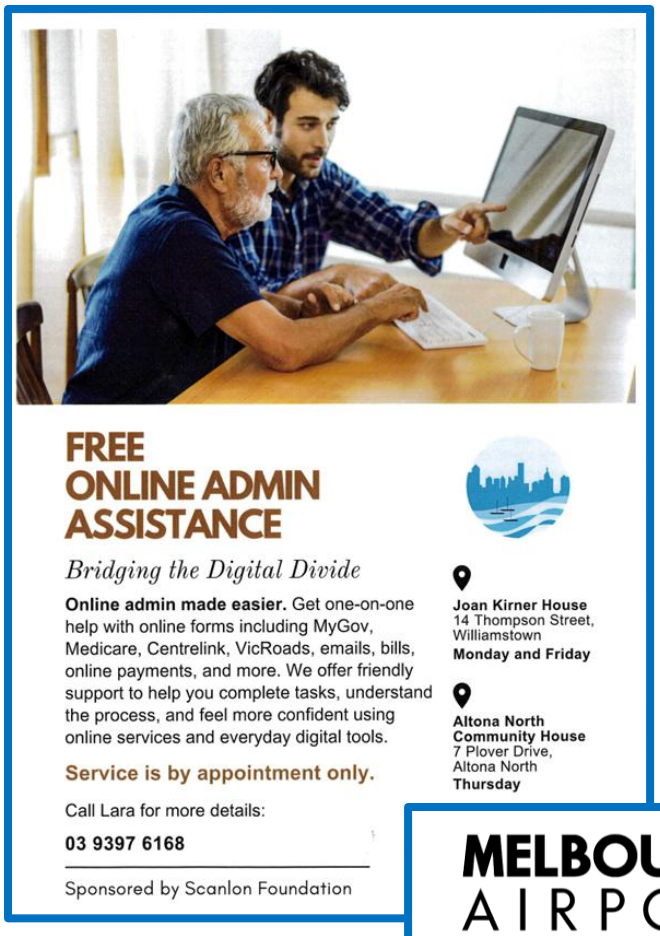




A significant donation from **Share the Dignity** of handbags, packed with supplies, and handwritten cards for women in need.



Learn more about this regular Christmas appeal here: **[It's in the Bag | Share the Dignity]**



Meera Hamed, Community Engagement Coordinator from **Melbourne Airport**, visited us on Wednesday 25 November.



Melbourne Airport will start supporting our 'Bridging the Digital Divide' initiative overseen by Lara Janka in 2027.

It's starting to look a bit like Christmas!





Join us for our free end of year celebration.

Wednesday December 9 at 12.00 at Joan Kirner House.

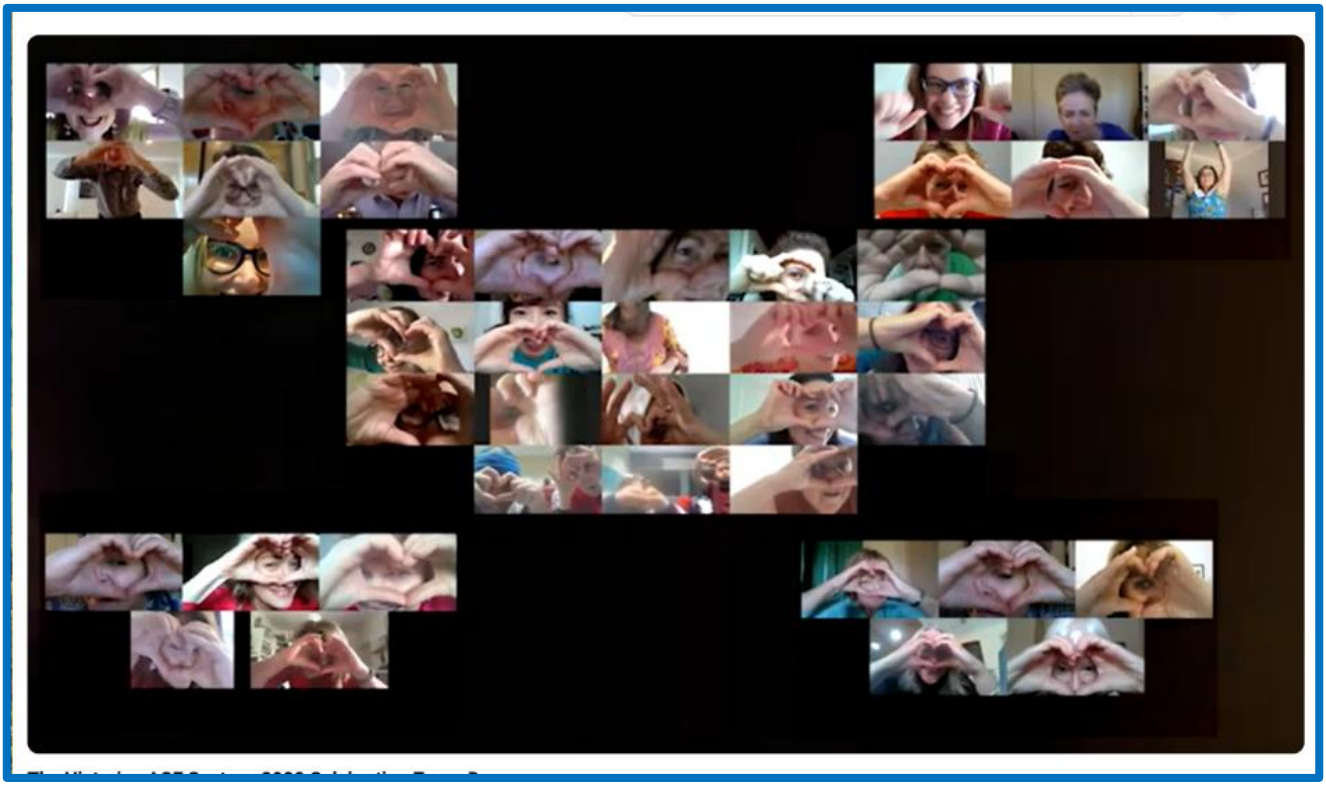
Fully catered for, door prizes, music, fun and a special guest!



Blast from the past.

During the Victorian lockdowns in 2020.

The Victorian ACE Sector 2020 Celebration Dance.



A joint initiative sponsored by us with ACEVic, Adult Learning Australia, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, and Community Colleges Australia.

Enjoy!

The Victorian ACE Sector - 2020 Celebration Zoom Dance

Members note – Early notification that our AGM next year will be earlier than previous years. Historically the AGM has been in May.

Next year the AGM will be on Tuesday March 9, 2027, at Joan Kirner House at 4.00pm.

Thanks.

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