



Newsletter

April 2026

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

What's Coming Up?

- Friday April 3 to Sunday April 19. **Term break.**
- April 15 and 16. **School Holidays Art Workshops.** Westside Arts Studio. Details below.
- Monday April 20 **Term two starts.**
- Wednesday April 1, 22 and 29. **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 April 1, 22 and 29. **FREE! Community Morning Tea.** Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am. All welcome!
- Wednesday April 29. **FREE! Hearing Check.** From 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. Details below.



Williamstown High School have an art project that uses the soy sauce (fish) packaging.

The students are creating art to keep the packaging out of landfill.

The more fish they collect, the bigger the art project.

We have a collection container at **Joan Kirner House attached to the Recycling Made Easy Hub.**



**Please donate soy sauce
fish packaging**



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS' ART WORKSHOPS

Westside Arts Studio
GET CREATIVE
westsidearts.com.au
williams2026

Guided painting instruction
Students to bring home a finished artwork.
Ages 6- 12 yo.

15TH & 16TH APRIL 2026

10:00AM -12:30PM

15th: Foodie Animal Characters
16th: Sweet Shop Cafes.

REGISTER :
www.westsidearts.com.au
\$70 per child.

JOAN KIRNER HOUSE
WILLIAMSTOWN

At Joan Kirner House.



FREE!



Drop in or make a booking.
Booking form at Joan Kirner House
reception.

Hearing Australia

Hearing Australia is coming to town!

Joan Kirner House
Wednesday 29/4/2026 - 10:00 am to 2:00pm

Join us for a FREE* 15-minute hearing check and
take the first step to better hearing today!

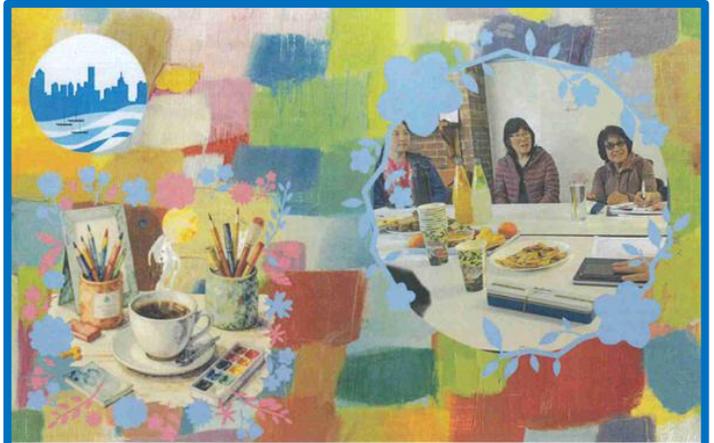
*Other services may attract charges/fees or may be subsidised for those eligible under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program, to which conditions apply.

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FREE!
At
Spotswood Community House.
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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



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

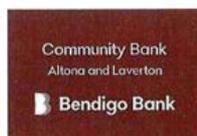
to make an appointment at –

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 -



FREE!
At Joan Kirner House and Altona North
Community House





Willi Tigers Netball Club will be offering NetSetGO in Term 2. 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 2 May 2026, for 8 weeks (No session on the Kings Birthday weekend)

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Where: Indoor netball court, Williamstown High School, 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](#).



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ESSENTIALS FOR ROOKIE GARDENING WITH AUTHOR CHLOE FOSTER

Join passionate horticulturist Chloe Foster, who is on a mission to help novice plant parents nail the absolute basics of gardening with her new book, *The Rookie Gardener*.

Straight talking, information packed, irreverent, inspirational and fun, this talk will enable your joyful transition from horticultural zero to green-thumbed hero.

This event is supported by the My Smart Garden initiative. Free seedlings will be available for collection before and after the presentation.

Bookings close at 4.30pm on day of session.

Wednesday 15 April
6.30pm to 7.30pm

Altona Library

Bookings via the library website or phone 1300 179 944



Scan me for more information or to book



RECONNECT

A **FREE** Program for people 17 - 64 years, living in Wyndham or Hobsons Bay LGA

Supporting people who have been disengaged from work or study for at least 6-months or more

Need help identifying suitable education required for jobs that interest you?

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For more information contact

TEE 0481 529 767

OR PROJECTS@WYNDHAMCEC.ORG.AU



Funding for the Reconnect program provided by the Victorian Government, through the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions.

What's been happening?

Dr Gerard Zammit from the **Healthcare Foundation** recently donated a significant number of gift cards and treats for end of Ramadan for our food relief program.



Lynne Hewet was honoured as an outstanding woman in the community by **Melissa Horne** MP at the International Women's Day Morning Tea.



International Women's Day provides us all with an opportunity to formally recognise the contributions and achievements of women in our lives.

Our **Bridging the Digital Divide Program** is continuing to make a meaningful impact in our community.

To date, we have delivered over 120 hours of personalised digital support, assisting people with limited digital literacy to complete essential online administrative tasks.

We have seen some wonderful outcomes.

One participant came to us for assistance completing their Citizenship application and has since successfully become an Australian citizen.

Another person initially sought help with an infringement notice and is now enrolled in one of our computer classes, building her digital skills so she can confidently complete similar tasks independently in the future.

Face-to-face sessions are available at Joan Kirner House, Williamstown, on Monday and Friday mornings, and at Altona North Community House on Thursday mornings.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call Lara on 03 9397 6168.

This initiative is made possible through the generous funding of the **Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association** and **Bendigo Community Bank Altona & Laverton**.





Our Tahlia was on the **Bayside Secondary College International Women’s Day Panel**, with Melissa Horne MP, and Paula and Bree from Fire Services.



Testimonial from an Artful Mind participant.

Artful Minds has seen me grow from strength to strength slowly over six years with a stuck creative mind to slowly see me become from my notepad to canvases in more recent years.

I have been given the motivation to see my own style as an artist come to life in a self-directed class for what is going on in my mind.

Since Spotswood, we moved to Joan Kirner House in Williamstown and during that time I have moved with my mind into a space with great understanding of my complex condition which has now grown a creative force of painting for all in the mind.



Artful Mind has benefited me by getting me out of the house to socially participate in a group and environment of understanding people around me who can tolerate the nature of my condition.

It sees me every week, fortnightly now allowing a space for my mind to be put on paper.

For many years I was with my notebook although would draw a mandala of my mind and gave me the contemplation and space necessary to stay well and be creative.

Ariel.

Artful Mind is a NDIS registered program at Joan Kirner House on Mondays at 1.00 pm. Contact Janine for more details – 0412 152 507.



In the Media.

Part of the NHVic **Keep Our Doors Open** campaign.

- [Hundreds of Victorian Neighbourhood Houses in jeopardy as funding shortfall bites – ABC News](#)
- [Cash-strapped neighbourhood houses seek extra funding amid cost-of-living strain – ABC News](#)



Tahlia accepting a donation from Charity at **Woolworths Williamstown** towards our food relief program.



Our **Cultural Diversity Week BBQ** at Joan Kirner House.



I was delighted to be invited to **Williamstown High School** with Antonia Cardi from the **Kids in Philanthropy** program.



I had the opportunity present to the students information about our Centre and the services we provide to our community.

Kip delivers volunteering and educational programs for school-aged children to meet the needs of disadvantaged.



In other news, we have set up a **new website**. Thanks to everyone who helped and contributed. The new site is [HERE](#).

Especially Steve Rodan from [MelbNet](#), who was referred to us by another Community Centre. Highly recommend him for fast, no fuss, easy to work with, and uncomplicated.



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

Thanks,

Mark.

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