




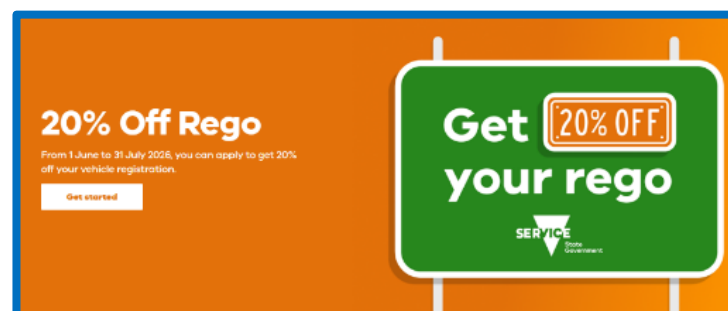


Newsletter July 2026

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

What's Coming Up?

- June 27 to July 12. **Term Break.**
- Monday July 13. **Term three starts.**
- Wednesday July 15. **FREE! Welcome to Semester Two BBQ.** Sponsored by Community Bank Altona and Laverton. 12.00 pm. Joan Kirner House.

- Wednesday July 15, 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 July 15, 22 and 29. **FREE! Community Morning Tea.** Sponsored by Community Bank Altona and Laverton. Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am. All welcome!
- Thursdays 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm. **FREE! Craft, Coffee and a Chat.** Spotswood Community House. Sponsored by the Scanlon Foundation. Details below.

- Mondays 10.00 am to 11.30 am. **FREE! The IT Club.** Joan Kirner House. Sponsored by the Hobsons Bay Community Fund. Details below.
- By appointment. **FREE! Bridging the Digital Divide.** Joan Kirner House and Altona North Community House. Sponsored by the Scanlon Foundation. Details below.
- Need help getting your registration rebate? Drop into **The IT Club** on a Monday morning. Details below:





FREE ONLINE ADMIN ASSISTANCE

Bridging the Digital Divide

Online admin made easier. Get one-on-one help with online forms including MyGov, Medicare, Centrelink, VicRoads, emails, bills, online payments, and more. We offer friendly support to help you complete tasks, understand the process, and feel more confident using online services and everyday digital tools.

Service is by appointment only.

Call Lara for more details:

03 9397 6168

Sponsored by Scanlon Foundation



Joan Kirner House
14 Thompson Street,
Williamstown
Monday and Friday

Altona North Community House
7 Plover Drive,
Altona North
Thursday



FREE!
New sponsor



FREE!

Have you got your
Victorian registration rebate yet?

Available only until the end of July.

Drop in, Monday July 13, 20, or 27.

Get it done!



THE I.T. CLUB

FREE!

Informal, Social, Fun!

The I.T. Club is an informal weekly drop-in where you can build digital skills, grow your confidence, and spend time with others in a relaxed, social setting.

Bring your own device and explore at your own pace, with plenty of opportunity to learn from one another, share ideas, and work through tech challenges together.

No need to book or enrol. Just drop in!

For more information contact Lucila:

03 9397 6168 or projectofficer1@wcec.com.au

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MONDAYS FROM
10AM TO
11.30AM

Joan Kirner House
14 Thompson
Street,
Williamstown





FREE CRAFT, COFFEE AND CHAT



Everyone is welcome!

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!

Call Lynne for more details:

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THURSDAYS
1.30PM TO 3.00PM



**Spotswood
Community House**
598 Melbourne
Road, Spotswood



FREE!



WILLY WALKING GROUP



Everyone is welcome!

Join us every Wednesday at 10:15 am in the Joan Kirner House Foyer for a 45-minute walk at a comfortable pace.

Stay afterwards for our free community morning tea, beginning at 11am, with an opportunity to socialise with our staff, students and local community over a casual cuppa.

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WEDNESDAYS
10.15AM TO 11.00AM



Joan Kirner House
14 Thompson Street,
Williamstown



Hearing Australia is coming to town!

Spotswood Community Centre
Tuesday 18/8/2026 - 1:00 pm to 3:00pm



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.

 134 432  hearing.com.au

HAB/6/2023

Hearing Australia.

**FREE hearing tests at Spotswood
Community House.**



Tuesday 18 August. 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.



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SERVICES AUSTRALIA INFORMATION SESSION: JOBSEEKER PAYMENTS

Services Australia will present an information session on JobSeeker payments, covering topics on:

- eligibility for JobSeeker payments
- claim process
- mutual obligation requirements and reporting

**Tuesday 7 July
10.30am to 11.30am**

Laverton Community Hub

Bookings via the library website or phone
1300 179 944.

Bookings close 8.30am on day of session.


HELP US BUILD OUR NEXT

Reconciliation Action Plan

Hobsons Bay City Council is developing its next Reconciliation Action Plan

The plan will continue our journey in First Nations reconciliation and supporting self-determination.


There will be chances to have your say as the plan is developed.



Scan the QR code to register your interest or contact us at socialplanning@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

*Bandu Gaddaan (Bun-do Gudd-arm)
"Come together as one mob"
by Elverina Johnson 2018,
Gunggandji of Yarrabah, NQ*

We acknowledge the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the lands, rivers and coastal areas in Hobsons Bay. We recognise the First Peoples' relationship to this land and offer our respect to their Elders past and present.



SAFETY WARNING

NATIONAL PHONE ALERT

MONDAY 27 JULY

A national test of the Emergency Alert system will be sent to mobile phones across Australia.



! This alert will make a **LOUD SOUND** and show on your screen.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
This alert could **put you at risk.**



Consider where you will be when the alert happens.



Think about ways to silence your phone if possible.



Put your safety first. You know your situation best.

If you feel unsafe, call 000 in an emergency.

Monday 27 July. 2.00 pm.



Mobile devices will vibrate, turn on their screens, and emit a loud, siren-like sound, **which will override silent or 'Do Not Disturb' settings.**

RISKS.

Domestic Violence: Victims who rely on hidden or secondary phones for safety.

Distraction on the Road: Alarm going off while driving poses a safety hazard if a person panics or is tempted to pick up their phone.

Disruptive Startle: The unexpected blare may startle, cause distress to small children, sleeping infants, or interfere with medical devices like hearing aids.

HOW CAN WE KEEP YOU SAFER?



VICTORIA POLICE

Complete the Community Sentiment Survey



NOW OPEN

Scan the QR code or head to engage.vic.gov.au/vicpol-2026



OUR COMMUNITY • YOUR SAFETY • OUR PRIORITY

The annual Community Sentiment Survey provides an opportunity for all Victorians to share their safety concerns, how they would like to interact with police, and where Victoria Police can focus our efforts to keep our communities safer.

The survey supports the Neighbourhood Policing Framework and is for people of all backgrounds who live, work and socialise in Victoria.

The survey is anonymous and will take around 5 minutes to complete.

Accessing the survey

The survey is available via the Engage Victoria website (the official Victorian Government consultation site). Accessible versions of the survey are available on the survey website.

Access the survey here:
engage.vic.gov.au/vicpol-2026

How we'll use your responses

The results of the survey will help inform the initiatives Victoria Police delivers to keep you and our communities safer. This includes working with partners on local safety plans to address the issues which are most important to you.

Western Bulldogs
Community Foundation

**Your Health.
Your Wellbeing.
Your Community.**



 **Daughters of
The West**
Do you want to...

- ✓ Feel stronger and more confident?
- ✓ Learn about your health and wellbeing?
- ✓ Get moving with expert support?
- ✓ Meet like-minded women in your community?

Daughters of the West is a **FREE** 10 week program run by the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation open to women aged 18 and over.



Monday afternoons from 10th of August in Laverton.
Tuesday evenings from 11th of August in Brooklyn.

REGISTER TODAY!

Scan the QR code or visit:

westernbulldogscommunityfoundation.org.au/daughters-of-west/



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What's on: **LIGHT
MOVEMENT
& DANCE**
For Wellbeing

FREE 20-Week Program
Designed for Women of all backgrounds
and abilities



No Experience needed!
Our trainer will guide you through!

Gentle movement, Music &
Self-expression

Every Tuesday 3pm-4pm
Starting 7th July 2026
Limited to 15 spots per session!

Venue:

Walker Close Community Center
180 Millers Road, Altona North, Vic 3025

Weekly Register: (03) 9318 0521 or Office@walkerbrooklyn.com.au



**Upcoming
WORKSHOPS**



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



SATURDAY, 2.00pm
*Colours & Candles
Workshop*

Make handmade candles and
decorate with crystals - Melbourne!

June
27
2026



STARTING SATURDAY, 1.30pm
*Bloom Atelier,
Floristry Foundations
(5-Week Experience)*

The Rose Edit: Floral Foundations
by Liza Rose.

July
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SUNDAY, 2.00pm
*DIY Handmade Soap
Making Workshop*

Create your own custom soaps in
Melbourne!

July
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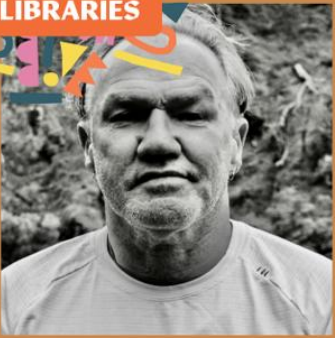
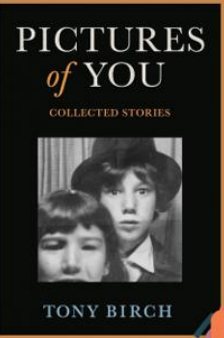
SUNDAY, 2.00pm
*Melbourne's finest Hand-
Made Candle Artistry
Workshop*

Make handmade candles and
decorate with crystals - Melbourne!

JULY
12
2026

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PICTURES OF YOU BY TONY BIRCH - IN CONVERSATION WITH BEC KAVANAGH

Activist, historian and essayist Tony Birch is the award-winning author of four novels, two poetry collections and four short story collections.


His latest book, *Pictures of You* (2025), brings together his finest short fiction from the past two decades.

Widely regarded as one of Australia's leading short story writers, Tony will be in conversation with Naarm writer and academic Bec Kavanagh.

Copies of *Pictures of You* will be available for purchase.

Tuesday 7 July
6pm to 7.15pm
Williamstown Library

Bookings via the library website or phone 1300 179 944.



Scan for more information or to book

INAIDOC WEEK
50 YEARS DEADLY
 Hobsons Bay COUNCIL + Hobsons Bay LIBRARIES HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL




CELEBRATING 50 YEARS DEADLY
NAIDOC WEEK
5-12 JULY 2026

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

THURSDAY 9 JULY, 11 AM

Flag poles outside Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona.

Join us for a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by Bunurong Land Council as we raise the flags to mark NAIDOC Week in Hobsons Bay.

Followed by morning tea
 No registrations required.
 All welcome.

PROUDLY SUPPORTING NAIDOC 2026
 Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways, and pays respect to Elders past and present.

HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL

What's been happening?

Our Lara attended the **Williamstown High School** to share with students about the services we provide to our community, as part of their Kids in Philanthropy program.



**WILLIAMSTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL**

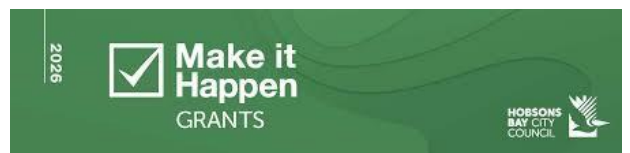
Kids in Philanthropy delivers a range of school programs that engage students in social justice and support young people experiencing disadvantage.



As a Nominee, Committee, staff and volunteers attended the **Hobsons Bay Community Recognition Awards** at **Williamstown Town Hall**.



We were successful with a **Hobsons Bay Make it Happen** grant to support ineligible migrants, refugees and asylum seeker students to be able to access English language classes.



Our Talhia was the Keynote Speaker at the **Bayside P12 College** for their **Harmony Day** celebrations.

With over 400 attendees including students, parents, and staff, Tahlia received considerable acclaim for her presentation.



With a growing need for those that are disadvantaged and with compounding difficulties, we sent admin staff off to attend [The Accidental Counsellor](#) training.

They all found it extremely worthwhile.



We had free **Hearing Australia** tests for the public at Altona North Community House.



We were a successful applicant of a 2026 **Transurban Community Grant**.

This funding will go towards supporting our **food relief program** with fresh produce and covering the associated fuel costs of volunteers collecting donations.



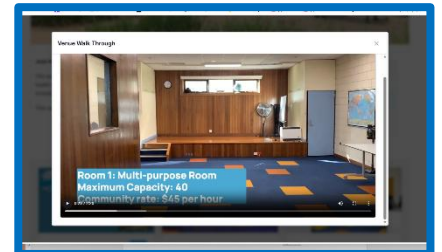
Refugee Week BBQ.
17 June.



New **Venue Walk Through** videos of all three sites.

Thanks to Catherine, and all other staff who contributed and helped complete this initiative.

It is fantastic!



- [Joan Kirner House - Williamstown Community and Education Centre](#)
- [Altona North Community House - Williamstown Community and Education Centre](#)
- [Spotswood Community House - Williamstown Community and Education Centre](#)

Committee, staff and guests at the **Hobsons Bay Community Fund** business lunch at **Williamstown Town Hall**.



Thanks.

Mark.

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