



Williamstown
Community
and Education
Centre Inc

Newsletter June 2025

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

For Members, Committee, Staff, Volunteers, Students, Stakeholders, Centre users,
Partners, Sponsors and Our Community.

What's Coming Up?

- Wednesday June 4, 11, 18 and 25. **FREE! Willy Walking Group.** From 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House. Sponsored by Mobil.

- Wednesday June 4, 11, 18 and 25. **FREE! Community Morning Tea.** Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am. Sponsored by Mobil. All welcome!



- Monday June 9. **King's Birthday public holiday.**

- June 16 to 22. **Refugee Week.**



- Wednesday June 18. **FREE! Refugee Week BBQ.** 12.15 pm at Joan Kirner House. All welcome!

- **NEW!** Every Thursday morning at Altona North Community House. **Bridging the Digital Divide.** 'One to one' help with IT admin. Sponsored by Bendigo Bank and ANHCA. Details below.



- **NEW!** Every Thursday morning at Altona North Community House. **'Open House'.** Book Swap, Boomerang Bags, Food Relief, Pantry Swap, free coffee, tea, and more. Just drop in. Details below.



- **Conversation Class.** Tuesdays 12.30pm to 3.00pm at Spotswood Community House. Sponsored by Melbourne Airport. Call Lynne on 03 9397 6168. More details below.



- **NEW!** Saturday June 7 and 14, 2.00 pm at Joan Kirner House. **Colours and Candles Workshop.** By Liza Rose. Details below.



- **NEW!** Sunday June 8, 2.00 pm at Joan Kirner House. **Flowers and Endorphins Hand Tied Bouquet Workshop.** By Liza Rose. Details below.

- **FREE Gardening Workshop Series.** Every Wednesday in June at Joan Kirner House. Sponsored by Cultivating Community. Details below.



NEW!

At Altona North Community House, 7 Plover Drive. Millers Junction.

'Open House'

Every Thursday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm during school term dates.

- Bridging the Digital Divide. Details below.
- Pantry Swap.
- Food Relief.
- Book Swap.
- Computer Classes.
- Boomerang Bags.
- Free Coffee and Tea.
- Referral services.
- Venue hire inspections. At community rates.



Sponsored by -



FREE!
**At Joan Kirner House, Williamstown
 and Altona North Community House.**


Book a session today!



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

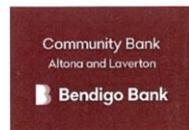
to make an appointment at –

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 -



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Be Connected digital workshops and one-to-one sessions

**Having a tough time with technology?
 Need some help?**

**Scams, Updates, Emails, Managing passwords,
 Online banking, you name it!**

Come and enquire, to stay connected.



To find out more, or to book a session, contact Lucila, our Project officer at projectofficer1@wcec.com.au

**Or call 03 9397 6168.
 Tuesday and Wednesday.**

Be Connected is an Australian government initiative committed to building the confidence, digital skills and online safety of older Australians



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Book a session today!



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Spotswood Conversation Class

New!

**Free conversation class running on Tuesdays from
12.30pm at Spotswood Community House.**

Funded by the Melbourne Airport Community Grant to rejuvenate Spotswood Community House, the class will focus on learning about the local area.

Enjoy conversation, gardening, cooking, walking and making connections within the Spotswood Community.

Contact Lynne 03 9397 6168.



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What's your vision for Hobsons Bay?

We want to hear from you so we
can shape our plan for Hobsons Bay
for the next four years.

Whatever your interest or age (including children!)



tell us here

Council
Plan 2025-29

HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL



Calling all Kids & teens

We want to hear
how you would make
where you live better.

Your ideas will help us create a plan for
Hobsons Bay for the next four years.



Draw us a picture
or answer some
questions here

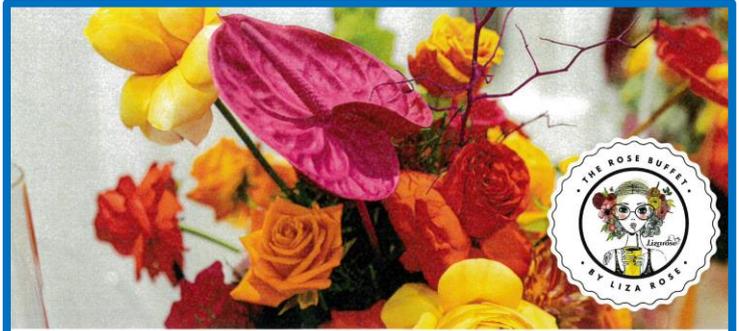
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NEW!
At Joan Kirner House, Williamstown



NEW

FLOWERS & ENDORPHINS HAND TIED BOUQUET WORKSHOP



SUN 25TH
MAY 2025

SUN 8TH
JUNE 2025



2:00PM -
4:30PM



WCC
14 Thompson St,
Williamstown
VIC 3016

Let's combine art with nature!

Get ready to unleash your creativity with a unique flower arrangement workshop in Melbourne with local Westie floral designer, Liza Rose, at the Joan Kirner House in Williamstown! In this two and a half-hour workshop, you'll learn the art of creating stunning native floral arrangements under expert guidance.

- Discover valuable tips and tricks for crafting breathtaking bouquets using the freshest, highest-quality flowers available.
- Create your very own masterpiece to take home and showcase your newfound floral arranging skills.

Price \$160 per person
Book Now!

www.lizarosefloristry.com



NEW

COLOURS & CANDLES WORKSHOP



SAT 7TH
JUNE 2025

SAT 14TH
JUNE 2025



2:00PM -
4:00PM



WCC
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*Make handmade candles with
your choice of colours...*

In this engaging workshop, you will discover the art of candle making and colour blending in a hands-on and interactive setting. Learn how to craft your own beautiful candles while exploring the fascinating world of colours and their effects on mood and ambiance.

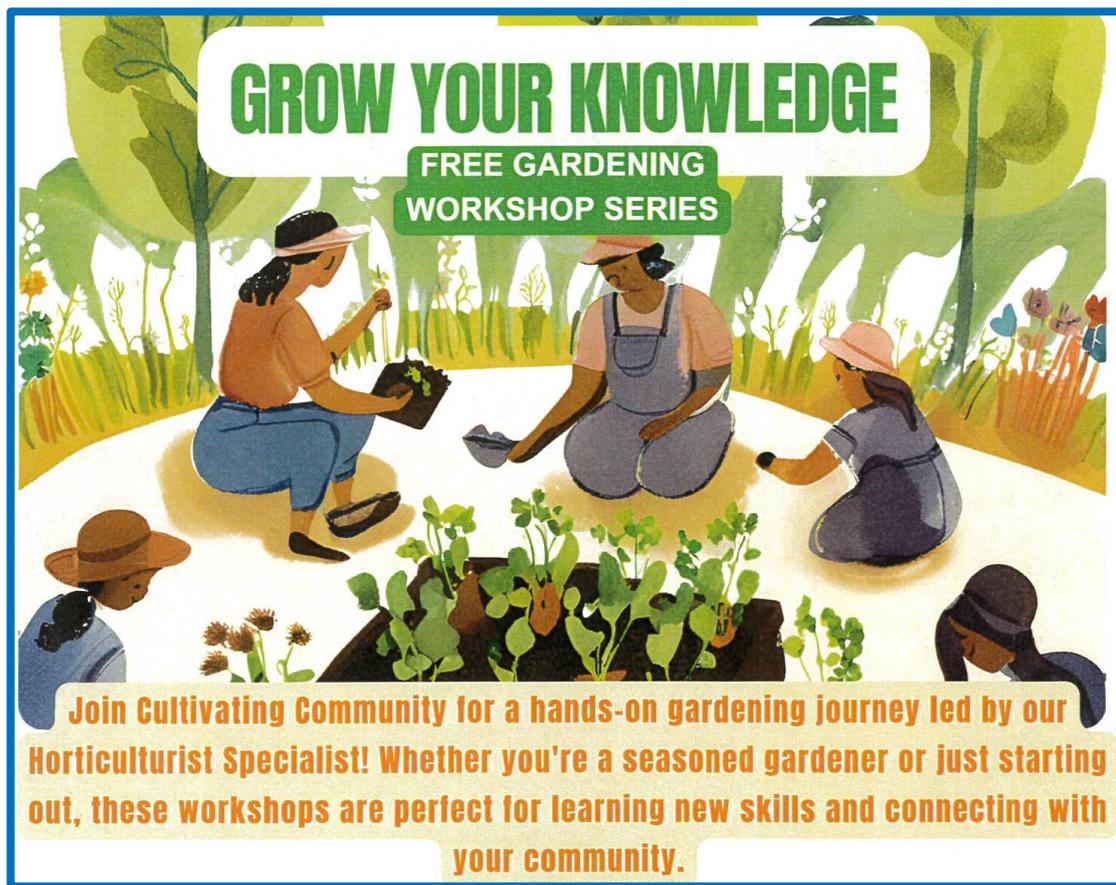
You will create your unique scented candles using high-quality materials, guided by Liza.

Price \$95 per person
Book Now!

www.lizarosefloristry.com

NEW!
At Joan Kirner House, Williamstown.





FREE 'hands on' Gardening Workshop Series.

At Joan Kirner House, Williamstown.

Dates and times –

- Wednesday 4 June – Workshop 1: 10:30 am to 12:00.
- Wednesday 11 June – Workshop 2: 10:30 am to 12:00.
- Wednesday 18 June – Workshop 3: 10:30 am to 12:00.
- Wednesday 25 June – Workshop 4: 10:30 am to 12:00.



Contact Lynne for more details – 03 9397 6168 education@wcec.com.au

What's been happening?

The Year 2/3 student cohort at **Newmark Primary School** Williamstown have been visiting Joan Kirner House every Wednesday, and talking to centre users and students, as part of a project learning about the rich cultural diversity within our local community.



Over time, Newmark Primary School and ourselves have worked on many initiatives together.



Our Neighbourhood House Week tribute display.





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BECAUSE... I HAVE MADE SOME FRIENDS AND I HAVE LEARNT LOTS ABOUT COMPUTERS AND PHONES EVERY ONE IS FRIENDLY IT IS A RELAXED AND FRIENDLY PLACE THE STAFF ARE VERY NICE AND LOVELY IN THE CLASS
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HOUSE WEEK 12-18
MAY '25

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OF CHANGE



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BECAUSE... feel like families to me. Friendly, show respect to each other, kind, being in Williamstown community feel like I'm belong and Thank you for all the support I have been given throughout my time with the community center.

Regards
Rubina Taleb



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BECAUSE... I love Williamstown Community and Education Centre because it feels like home. The staff and people are kind, supportive, and always ready to help. It's a place where we grow, learn, connect, and discover different people and cultures from around the world.
Sincerely
Ruth



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BECAUSE...

- * This WCEC gives me many opportunities in the English subjects that I love to learn.
- * The teachers are all kind and always enthusiastic in explaining and being dedicated in being friendly with all students.
- * This lovely place provides a lot of food support for students every Wednesday of the week.
- * I would like to thank all the WCEC staff and teachers who have always been present in this warm place.

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Williamstown Community and Education Centre

BECAUSE... I have met many new friends here. The teachers are friendly and help to settle in the English speaking environment. Thanks to the Community workers for such events as excursions to museums, swimming lessons and crocheting, which make our lives more interesting.

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Another BIG thanks to Dr Gerard Zammit and the **HealthCare Foundation** for their generous donation of gift cards for those in our community doing it tough.



This assistance is vital in ensuring we provide food security for vulnerable families in our local area.

A sincere **'Thank You'** to all our exceptional volunteers who contribute so much to our Centre and Our Community.



Manager's Musings

Our **Annual General Meeting** was on Tuesday May 6 at Joan Kirner House.

A new member was elected to the Committee.

Dr Jillian Disint has a background in science, working for many years in research at the University of Melbourne, and held roles at Pfizer and Hospira in the pharmaceutical industry.



She has extensive expertise in Quality, Risk and Safety, working as a Director, Secretary of the Audit and Risk Committee and overseeing other management roles within this space.

Jill's governance experience also includes a previous role as a board member of National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia.

Jill is a Williamstown local and is semi-retired and has been a dedicated Volunteer Tutor at Joan Kirner House since 2023.

Her qualifications include a Bachelor of Science, PhD and Graduate Diploma of Applied Corporate Governance.

- Bios of our **other Committee members** are on the notice board at Joan Kirner House and on our website [HERE](#).
- The **2024 Annual Report** is available at all our venues, and on our website [HERE](#).

Thanks.

Mark.

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