



Williamstown
Community
and Education
Centre Inc

Newsletter

August 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.**

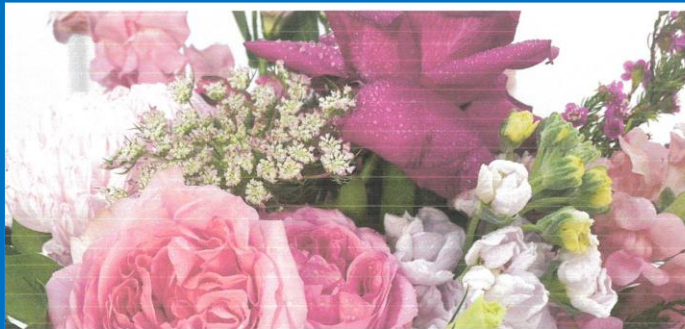
What's Coming Up?

- Wednesday August 6, 13, 20 and 27. **FREE! Willy Walking Group**. From 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House.
- Wednesday August 6, 13, 20 and 27. **FREE! Community Morning Tea**. Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am. All welcome!
- **NEW!** Multiple workshops across August and September at Joan Kirner House, by Liza Rose, The Rose Buffet. Details below.
 - **Flower Styling for Beginners Workshop.**
 - **Colours and Candles Workshop.**
 - **DIY Wedding Florals Workshop.**
- Monday August 12. **Coffee with a Cop**. Altona Gate Shopping Centre. Details below.
- Tuesday 19 August. **IPC Health Care Finder Service**. Newport Library. Details below.
- 8 and 22 August. **Friday by the Bay**. Louis Joel Arts and Community, Altona. Details below.
- 1 to 8 September. **Adult Learners Week**. Details [HERE](#).
- Wednesday September 3. **FREE Adult Learners Week BBQ**. Joan Kirner House at 12.15 pm. All welcome!



Proud sponsor for the 'Creating social change and diversity category' for the **2025 Hobsons Bay Business Excellence Awards**. More details below.





NEW

FLOWER STYLING FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP



SAT 30TH
AUG 2025

SAT 20TH
SEP 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



At Joan Kirner House.



NEW

COLOURS & CANDLES WORKSHOP

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



SAT 23RD
AUG 2025



2:00PM -
4:00PM



WCC
14 Thompson St,
Williamstown
VIC 3016

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 \$100 per person
Book Now!

www.lizarosefloristry.com





NEW DIY WEDDING FLORALS WITH A GLASS OF BUBBLY WORKSHOP

Let's combine art with nature!



SAT 13TH
SEP 2025



1:30PM -
5:30PM



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- Create your very own masterpiece to take home and showcase your newfound floral arranging skills.

Price \$335 per person
Book Now!

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Next pop-up session at **Newport Library** on August 19.



IPC Health Care Finder Service

ipc Health

WILLIAMSBURG COUNCIL
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IPC Health's Care Finder Service helps older people without close support find the right aged care services.

Our care finders will talk to you about your needs and support you throughout the process of accessing aged care services, including My Aged Care.

We can help you find services like:

- Personal care
- Meal preparation
- Shopping
- Gardening and home maintenance
- Transport
- In home nursing or health care
- Allied health
- Community or social activities

Want to know more? Join us for a cup of tea at one of our pop-ups:

- **Seabrook Community Centre** - Tuesday 17 June, 10am to 12pm
15 Truganina Avenue, Seabrook 3028
- **Altona North Library** - Monday, 14 July, 10am to 12pm
Cnr Millers and McArthurs Roads, Altona North 3025
- **Newport Library** - Tuesday 19 August, 10am to 12pm
11-13 Mason Street, Newport 3015
- **Altona Library** - Friday 19 September, 10am to 12pm
123 Queen Street, Altona 3018
- **Williamstown Library** - Friday 19 September, 10am to 12pm
104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown 3016
- **Altona Meadows Library** - Wednesday 12 November, 10am to 12pm
2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows 3028

You can also contact the IPC Health Care Finder Service
on 1300 895 589 or at carefinders@ipchealth.com.au



Social Activity Group

FRIDAYS BY THE BAY

10am-1pm • Fortnightly

2025 DATES

11 + 25 JULY

8 + 22 AUGUST

5 + 19 SEPTEMBER

3 + 17 + 31 OCTOBER

14 + 28 NOVEMBER

12 + 19 DECEMBER



LOUIS JOEL
ARTS & COMMUNITY



For people 18 - 64,
living in Hobsons Bay
who are not
eligible for other
support programs.
Transport can
be provided.

Every second
Friday
with Amanda
Art + craft
Wellbeing activities
Outings
Guest speakers

Light lunch
included
\$6.50

For more information
5 Sargood Street
Altona
Phone 9398 2511
admin@ljac.com.au

Great program run by our friends at
**Louis Joel Arts and Community
Centre** in Altona.



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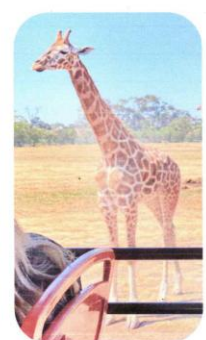
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For people feeling
socially isolated and
looking for connections



What has happened...

- laughter yoga workshop
- nature therapy workshop
- mosaics and collage workshop
- guest speakers
- train trip to Ian Potter and FCAC
- Werribee Mansion



“The social program had a positive impact on me,
by promoting social connections, community
engagement, personal growth, inclusivity, & support.”

What if **talking about death** didn't even raise an eyebrow?



DYING TO KNOW DAY

Curious about death, dying and end of life?

- Want to have the best death possible - YOUR way?
- Take charge of your own end of life...*and death*, or that of a loved one. **The best plan is to HAVE a plan.**
- Learn about death doulas, wills, funeral options, death cafés, organ donation, living wakes, advance care plans, VAD, etc.

Speakers Panel, Q&A session and lots more...Let's talk!

Sunday August 10th 12 - 4pm

**Louis Joel Arts & Community
5 Sargood St, Altona**



Gold coin donation
includes Afternoon Tea



Coffee with a Cop is an opportunity for you to ask questions, discuss issues and get to know your local police.

**MONDAY
4 AUGUST
10AM TO 12PM**

THE COFFEE CLUB
(located outside Kmart)
Altona Gate Shopping Centre
Millers Road, Altona North



For more information,
please scan QR code

*Come along
and join us for a
FREE cuppa and
a friendly chat*



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LANGUAGE LINE INTERPRETING SERVICES IN ALL LANGUAGES
Your Council in your language



VICTORIA POLICE

What's been happening?

Thanks to **Community Bank, Altona and Laverton, Bendigo Bank**, for supporting the many ineligible refugees and migrants to enrol in our English language classes.

Here is one story -



Marallano.

Julia Marallano came from Peru to Australia ten months ago.

Two of her four children live in Australia. At 83 years of age this is a major lifestyle change for Julia.

Most of Julia's life in Peru was spent living on the land, growing crops and then selling her produce at local markets.

It was no surprise therefore that when we started the gardening sessions at Spotswood Julia was in her element.

Julia is currently living with her daughter Ana in Newport. Family is very important to her, and she loves spending time with her four granddaughters.

Also, she has encouraged her younger sister Alejandrina (aged 79) to attend English classes with her.

Although their English is limited, both sisters are grateful for the opportunity to learn more about life in Australia and make new friends while improving their English skills at our Centre.

Lynne Hewet
Education Coordinator.



Lara and Lucila both attended the Network West sponsored two-day **Mental Health First Aid Certificate Training**.



Newmark Primary School Williamstown tapestry unveiled, on their social project, learning about the rich cultural diversity within our local community.



On display at Joan Kirner House.



New **Recycling Made Easy Hub** at Joan Kirner house, with new recycling options.

- Blister packs.
- Light globes.
- Oral care products.
- Small e-waste.
- Printer cartridges
- Stationary.
- X -rays.
- CDs and DVDs.
- Bread tags.



Claire's computer class at Joan Kirner House.

Manager's Musings

Having been a finalist in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2023, and a winner in 2019, this year we have decided to be a sponsor for the biennial **Hobsons Bay Business Excellence Awards** in the category of 'Creating social change and diversity'.

More details [HERE](#).

Good luck to all applicants and see you at the Business Excellence Awards Gala on Thursday 23 October.



Coming up – Adult Learning Australia's 2025 **Adult Learners Week**. September 1 to 8.

Commemorating a 30th anniversary, with the theme of 'Celebrating learning together'.

More details [HERE](#).



We will be having a Free Community BBQ to celebrate on Wednesday September 3.

- **NEW** list of programs for semester two [HERE](#).
- **NEW** timetable for semester two [HERE](#).
- **NEW** brochure for semester two [HERE](#).

Thanks.

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