



Williamstown
Community
and Education
Centre Inc

Newsletter July 2019

**Joan Kirner House and Spotswood Community House
For Members, Committee, Staff, Volunteers, Students, Parents,
Stakeholders, Centre users, Partners, Sponsors and Our Community**

Find us on 



*Melissa Longo, Marketing and Events Coordinator, giving to
Our Community*

Altona, Laverton **Community Bank**[®] Branches and
Point Cook Business Centre



**Thank you to Altona, Laverton Community Bank Branches and Point Cook
Business Centre
for supporting the
Engaging Refugees and Asylum Seekers Project.**

Upcoming Birthdays

Alice, Volunteer on July 4. Heap, Teacher on July 7. Rita, Teacher on July 20. Fedra, Teacher on July 24. Lucienne, Committee Secretary on July 27.

In the Media

- 'Member Visit - Williamstown Community and Education Centre' in **ACEVic Newsletter** [HERE](#).

Coming Up...

- Term Break. Monday July 1 to Friday July 12.
- Wednesday July 17, 24 and 31 - **FREE Willy Walking Group** from 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House. *
- Wednesday July 17, 24 and 31 - **FREE Community Morning Tea** at 11.00 am at Joan Kirner House. *
- Wednesday July 17 – **FREE Improve Your Digital Skills Info Session**. 11.15 am. Joan Kirner House. [See details below](#).*
- Wednesday July 24. **FREE Barista style coffee at the Pop-Up Social Café**. [See details below](#).



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New Programs!

- **Zonta Club of Melbourne's West Inc.** Joan Kirner House on Tuesday evenings (Monthly). Call Faye on 0411 607 995
- **Plus Yoga.** Spotswood Community House on Saturday mornings. Call Nina on 0418 175 744.
- **Wu Tao Dance.** Joan Kirner House on Saturday afternoons (Monthly). Call Jo on 0438 414 331
- **Sunrise Yoga and Meditation.** Joan Kirner House on Thursday mornings. Call Ron on 0411 723 669
- **Hello Music Classes.** Joan Kirner House on Thursday afternoons. Call Karen 0414 776 613.
- **After School Spanish Club.** Spotswood Community House on Tuesday afternoons. Call Gaby on 0467 097 102.



Semester Two Brochure

Out now.

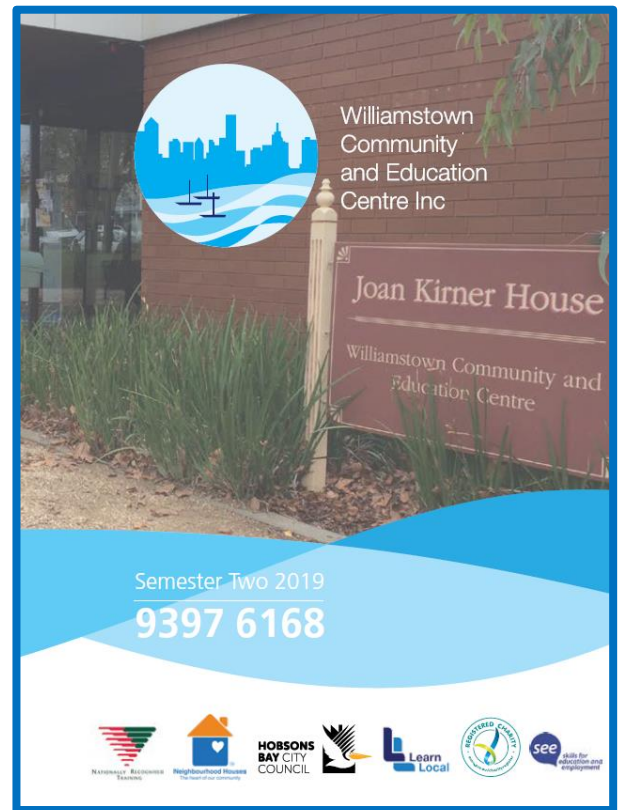
Pick one up from Joan Kirner House or Spotswood Community House.

Copies will also be available at other community centres, libraries, local schools and information centres.

Also online [HERE](#).

Lots of new programs, courses and activities at more locations across Hobsons Bay.

GROUP/CLASS	WHERE	WHEN
Beginners Writing	Joan Kirner House	Mondays
Communication Skills / Basic Literacy (Disability Group)	Joan Kirner House	Mondays
Computers for Beginners	Joan Kirner House Altona North Library Altona Meadows Library	Mondays to Fridays
Introduction to Computers (Disability Group)	Joan Kirner House	Tuesdays Mornings
Beginners Reading	Dulcie Shaw House	Tuesdays
Intermediate Reading & Writing	Altona North Library	Tuesdays & Fridays
High Speaking	Joan Kirner House	Wednesdays
Intermediate Conversation	Spotswood Community House	Thursdays
Beginners Conversation	Spotswood Community House	Fridays



Willy Walking Group braving the cold!



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Improve Your Digital Skills



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Come and find out how you can develop your digital skills and confidence through *Be Connected*

Wednesday 17 July 11.15am

**Foyer, Joan Kirner House.
14 Thompson St Williamstown.**

Be Connected is a free Australian government initiative helping Australians to get the most out of going online.

You can access interactive learning activities, training courses, web apps and 'how-to' videos.

There are training courses covering the basics of using computers and digital devices, online shopping, socialising online and much more.



Pop-Up Café at Joan Kirner House

Gateway Community Services has a portable coffee caravan that will be set up regularly on Wednesdays at Joan Kirner House.

On Wednesday 26 of June we went through a trial and the result was fantastic.

Great barista style coffee, for free, for everyone!



The initiative encourages people to come out of their homes and enjoy a free hot drink, snack and promote social engagement.

People will enjoy board games, iPads, tablet use and other activities.

The Café will be run by Project Officer Alex, and trained volunteers.

The Café will have chairs and tables and distribute information about their own community services.



The official Launch at Joan Kirner House will be on Wednesday morning July 24 at 11.00am.

Update - Parking at Joan Kirner House

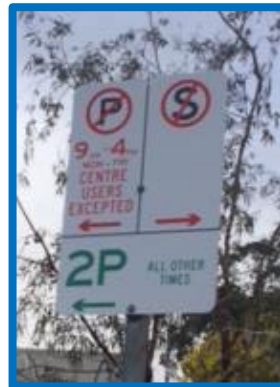
*Our ongoing campaign to have reserved parking for our Centre users on the Thompson **and** Cecil street frontages of Joan Kirner House.*

GOOD NEWS - Council recently put signage up to reserve our Thompson Street frontage. So, our campaign is having some impact.

Thompson Street



BEFORE



AFTER

BAD NEWS – This is only a handful of parking places and is totally inadequate. We need Cecil Street frontage reserved as well.

GOOD NEWS – We now have nearly 200 signatures on our Petition at Joan Kirner House and another 38 online.

BAD NEWS – Just received news through Facebook (?), that Robina Scott Kindergarten will be running Three-Year-Old programs out of the Council venue at 83 Cecil Street next year.

So, on top of the chaos we already have with St Andrews, Kids by the Bay and ourselves having childcare, on top of this 81 Cecil Street will be redeveloped into a Childcare Centre for Kids by the Bay and 83 Cecil Street will be running all day, every day for Robina Scott!

Drop offs, pick-ups, and general parking will be mayhem.

We need to get our Petition to Council about a month out from their next Council Meeting.

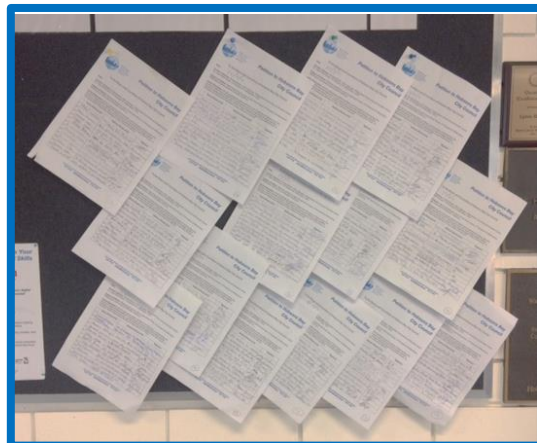
We are aiming for their 13 August Meeting. These meeting are live streamed and recorded. See Council web site [HERE](#).

So, we will be delivering the Petition to Council in mid-July

If you haven't signed yet, now is the time to act. If you can't drop into the Centre, then it's online at Change.org [HERE](#)

Thanks to everyone who has supported our Centre with this campaign.

I'll keep you all informed of developments...



This Month's Profiled People

Malour Guy - Volunteer

Malour started at the Centre in 2018 and helps out with students in computer classes.

Malour has worked at Williamstown North Primary School helping children with special needs.

She holds a Certificate of Education Support from Monash University.



Gemila Esmail - Childcare

Gemilla started with the Centre in 2014 and works with Kate, Barb and Yuri in our Occasional Care and Activity groups.

She is friendly, kind and caring with a passion for working with children.

Gemila has a Certificate III in Children Services and a Diploma of Children's Services.



Peter Hanlon – President

Peter has been our President since 2015.

Peter has lived in Williamstown for over 20 years, has been on the Board of the Williamstown Festival, was the Manager for Seaworks and currently runs his own local home improvements business.

He has worked in the TAFE sector for over 15 years specialising in the Tourism and Hospitality sector. His qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Business Administration and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.



Managers Musings

A reminder to all that our Centre is many things to many people, and we are responsible for numerous agreements and contracts, as well as associated regulations, acts and laws at local, State and Commonwealth levels.

We are –

- **A Community Centre** - With a Service Agreement to meet Objectives and Key Performance Indicators for the Hobsons Bay City Council.



- **A Neighbourhood House** – With a Service Agreement to deliver the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program for the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services.
- **A Registered Training Organisation** – With the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority and a Contract for delivering accredited training for the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training.
- **A Learn Local** – With the Adult, Community and Further Education Board delivering Pre – accredited training through the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training.
- **A Childcare Centre** – With a Licence to Operate a Children’s Service, Limited Hours Type Two, with the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training.
- **An Incorporated Association** - Registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.
- **A Not-for-Profit Charity** - Registered with the Commonwealth Government, Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.
- **A Skills for Education and Employment Provider** – With six other local providers making up the Learning for Employment Consortium for the Commonwealth Government Department of Education.



Some good news for teachers, we now have two short throw digital projectors, so no more argy bargy on who gets to use which projector 😊.

It’s also pleasing to see staff taking up the VDC professional development opportunities.

Aside from having the Pop-up Cafe caravan at Joan Kirner House each Wednesday, you will notice as you travel down Melbourne Road, we are storing it for Gateways in the backyard of our Spotswood Community House.



New back fence at Spotswood Community House

Sad news is that Andrea Kydd from Childcare has left us. Andrea started at the Centre in 2007 and was an extremely dedicated staff member.

I estimate that she has fostered the development of over 600 local children.

Also leaving us is Claire Teisen.

Claire has been with us since 2010 leading the Wakety Pals Drama Group on Thursday afternoons at Joan Kirner House.

On behalf of members, Committee, staff, volunteers, students, Centre users, children, parents and all our community, a big 'Thank You' to both Andrea and Claire.

We all wish both well in their new adventures.

And a happy mid-year term break to everyone.

Thanks,

Mark.

Mark Brophy, PhD
Manager
Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc