



Williamstown
Community
and Education
Centre Inc

Newsletter

May 2019

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

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Williamstown High School Visit to Joan Kirner House on Friday 4 April

"Hi Mark,

Thanks so very much to you and Lara for the comprehensive presentation and tour this morning – the kids were buzzing with conversation about it on the way back to school.

You have both gone out of your way to make us feel welcome and supported.

I look forward to continuing a partnership with Williamstown Community and Education Centre and Williamstown High School in the future.

Geraldine."

Geraldine Famularo.
Health and Human Development & VET – Community Services Teacher.
Williamstown High School | Pasco Campus.

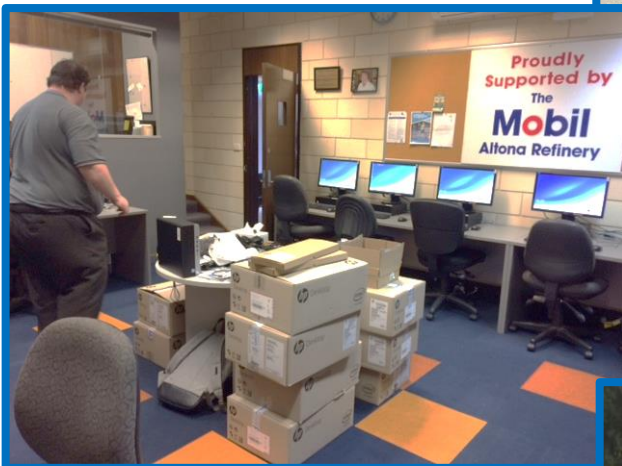
**Term One Break up Bocce
on
Thursday April 3**



**Croquet for Spotswood
Community House!**



New computers at Joan Kirner House.



Works at Spotswood Community House.



Upcoming Birthdays

Jeff, Committee Member on May 3 and both Jim, Teacher and Peter, Project Officer on May 4.

Coming Up...

- Wednesday May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 - **FREE Willy Walking Group** from 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House. *
- Wednesday May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 - **FREE Community Morning Tea** at 11.00 am at Joan Kirner House. *
- Saturday May 4 - **The Message Tree**. Informal Gathering to share research relating to two important histories from Thompson Street shared with Boon Wurrung. Open discussion and short walk. Joan Kirner House, 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- Tuesday 14 May – **Annual General Meeting**, Joan Kirner House, Room One, 4.00 pm. All welcome!
- Monday 20 May to Sunday 26 May – **Neighbourhood House Week**.
- Monday 20 May to Sunday 26 May – **National Volunteers Week**.
- Thursday 23 May – **FREE Volunteers 'Thank You' BBQ and presentation**. All Welcome! *



**Sponsored by Hobsons Bay Community Fund and Hobsons Bay City Council.*

Computer Classes for Absolute Beginners

At Altona North Library and at Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre, sponsored by Hobsons Bay Libraries.

Contact Lynne on 9397 6168 for more details and bookings.



Welcome Kate to Childcare

This Term we have a new passionate Childcare Leader for the Monday, Thursday and Friday groups.

Kate Daffy has had over ten years experience in nannying, babysitting, childcare, leadership and childhood education. She has worked, including internationally, with children from newborn to 15 years old.

Kate has a Diploma of Early Childhood Education from Swinburne University, and after raising two children herself to Primary School level, she is excited to re-enter the workforce with us.





PARENTING CONNECTION PROGRAM



Do you find yourself
constantly scolding,
shaming, punishing,
threatening or controlling
your child?

Are you ready for change?
Then come and learn how to
connect to yourself and your
child and see your relationship
improve dramatically.

4 Week Course

Tuesday 14th May 2019 - 4th June 2019

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Williamstown Community Centre
14 Thompson Street Williamstown
Suzanne Marambio | 0430 151 953

www.pmacademy.com.au



@presentmindfulness

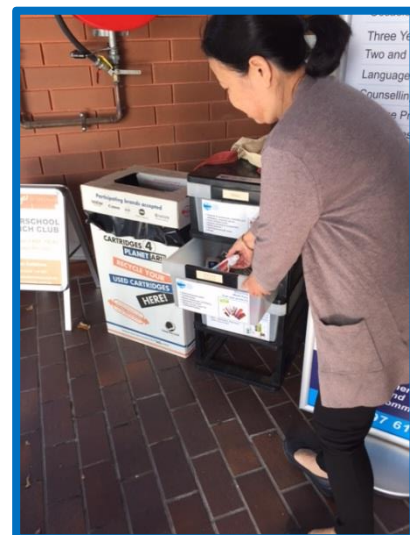
Students Getting into Recycling

“New arrivals to Australia learning English at our Centre have a lot more to learn about Australia than just the language.

I recently facilitated sessions with students showing them all the recycling and sustainable practices we have at our Centre.

This includes –

- *Recycling beauty products and oral care products with Terracycle.*
- *Printer cartridges and smart devices through Planet Ark and Close the Loop.*
- *A host of other items including batteries, cork, glasses, gift cards, X rays, etc through Green Collect.*



We also have our Garden Produce Exchange, Book Swap, DVD/CD/Games Swap and Seed Bank.

Also, with so many people using our centre our waste is significantly reduced through our compost and worm towers.

Thanks,

Anne.”

Anne Douglas
Project Officer

Our once poor cousin Spotswood has come a long way...



Adult Community and Further Education Grant

We are very excited to announce a successful application and resultant project sponsored by the Adult Community and Further Education Board Capacity and Innovation Fund

The Project description is -

A student Activity Book focusing on Hobsons Bay, for teachers delivering pre-accredited English Language courses and the Accredited English as an Additional Language (EAL) Framework Course.

Activities will be aligned with units in the EAL Framework Course.

The Activity Book will be an information resource on local services, programs along with useful community information. I.e.; local health and medical information, leisure activities, local community centre information, waste and recycling, local laws, child care, aged care, recreation, local events and festivals, local clubs, parking laws, etc. all relevant to the Hobsons Bay area.

Once completed, the Activity Book will be published on our website for others to freely download and use.

A version that can be edited will also be available, so if there are changes to content, or the resource needs to be altered for another Council application, etc, then this can be done by individual Learn Local organisations.

To be fair, the idea came from a similar but different resource developed by Maribyrnong Council.

However, this one will be different in many ways!

Watch this space...



3. Reading – Welcome Book
Read the Welcome Book with your teacher, pages 20 and 21.

Discuss

What is this story about?

Can you describe a:
a) Bus Zone
b) School Zone

What are some of the rules about driving and parking around schools?

4. Reading Signs
Look at the signs and answer the questions
Tick ☒ if correct or Cross ☐ if wrong

School Zone
In a school zone you must drive 40 km/h

a. at 9am on a Wednesday? ☐
b. at 4pm on a Saturday? ☐
c. at 8.15am on a Sunday? ☐
d. at 2.45pm on a Monday? ☐

Parking at Joan Kirner House – Follow up

In the last Newsletter I brought up the need for our Centre users to have parking reserved at our Joan Kirner House on Thompson and Cecil street frontages.

To see what I wrote, the April Newsletter is on our website, under 'About Us' [HERE](#) (Page 8).

I thank all those who contacted me, including media, after the Newsletter went out.

The ideas for action and offers of assistance and support were fantastic. Ideas like a Petition, Media Release, 'Snap and Send', Letters to Council, etc. Thanks.

However, there is no need for any 'action' yet.

Council moves slowly, and we need to give them the opportunity to address our request.

I will be meeting with a Ward Councillor and a Council Executive shortly to discuss further.

In the meantime, to address a few items people have raised with me.

“But you have parking out the back off Council Place?”

11 parking spots and one disabled parking spot is grossly inadequate for our needs.

The cost of being a successful and growing Community Centre is that community need increases.

We have 22 staff, 22 volunteers, over 60 childcare enrolments, nearly 100 students a day attending and over a dozen other programs running out of the venue in a week.

This is the sign in our rear carpark. All we want is for this to be replicated on our Thompson and Cecil street frontage.



But only 9.00 am to 4.00 pm and excluding school and public holidays.

“How will this affect other residents who live near the Centre?”

Most residence in this area have off street parking already, they have Council Parking permits and if they are travelling by car to work it does not affect them.

Other news is that 85 Cecil St plans (Corner of Thompson St) to build yet another childcare centre looks like going ahead.

So even more demand on parking.

Everyone I've spoken to are very sympathetic to our concerns.

I'll let you know how we go in our negotiations with Council in the next Newsletter

In the meantime, if you have any contacts in Council, it would be great if you could help by raising this issue.

And keep the ideas coming!



**9.30 am on a Thursday morning. Cecil St frontage full.
Most cars are NOT Centre users.**

Hobsons Bay 2020 Community Grants Program OPENING SOON

Can a Council grant assist your group/ organisation to meet a local need?

Council is looking to support projects from local clubs, community groups and organisations that meet a community need, promote health and wellbeing and address grant priorities.

Applications open 3 June and close 31 July at 12pm. For further information and to view guidelines and eligibility go to www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/communitygrants

Grant applicants can apply under four categories: Small expenses (up to \$500), Toyota Equipment and Resources (up to \$1,000), Vibrant Community Project (up to \$5,000) and Invested Together Project (up to \$10,000 over 2 years).

Grant applicants are encouraged to attend community information and grant writing workshops (bookings essential)

Date: Thursday 6 June 2019
Time: 6pm to 8.30pm
Where: Hobsons Bay Civic Centre,
115 Civic Parade, Altona
Meeting room 3

Date: Wednesday 12 June 2019
Time: 10am to 12.30pm
Where: Hobsons Bay Civic Centre,
115 Civic Parade, Altona
Meeting room 3

To book: Call 9932 1000 or email: commdev@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

For further assistance or to discuss a grant application,
please call Council's Community Grants Officer on 9932 1000
or email commdev@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au



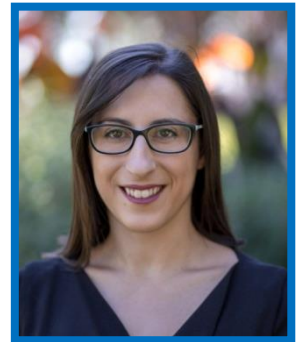
This Month's Profiled People

Lucienne Galea – Committee Secretary.

Lucienne has been on the Committee since 2014. She has experience in the not-for-profit sector including working as a Business and Development Officer for Table Tennis Victoria.

She has completed a Bachelor of Laws and is now working as a Trainee Lawyer at Nicholsons Lawyers and Consultants. Lucienne can speak two languages, both English and Maltese.

Lucienne also holds a Bachelors Degree in Arts and Business with a major in Human Resource Management and Philosophy.



Heap Lay Ma - Teacher

Heap started with us in 2016. He is a popular Teacher in both English language learning and Computer classes.

He is a very energetic and passionate teacher with significant experience.

Heap has a Bachelor of Education and a Graduate Certificate in TESOL.



Maureen Shaw - Volunteer

Maureen started with us in 2008 and helps out Claire Hynes with the disability Literacy group on Monday mornings at Joan Kirner House.

She has significant experience and knowledge in helping people with a disability.

Maureen has a Certificate III in Disabilities and Aged Care.

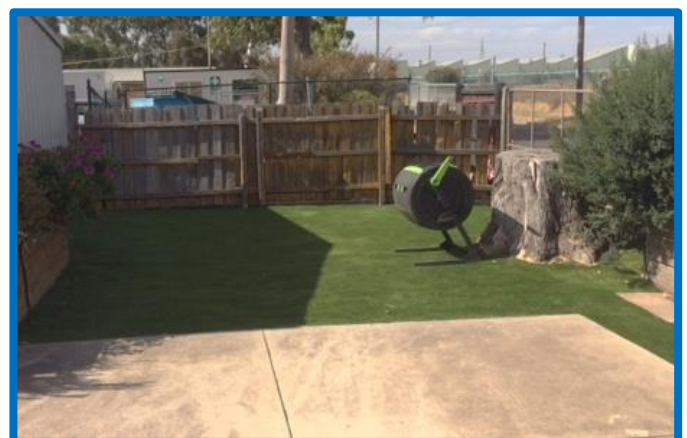
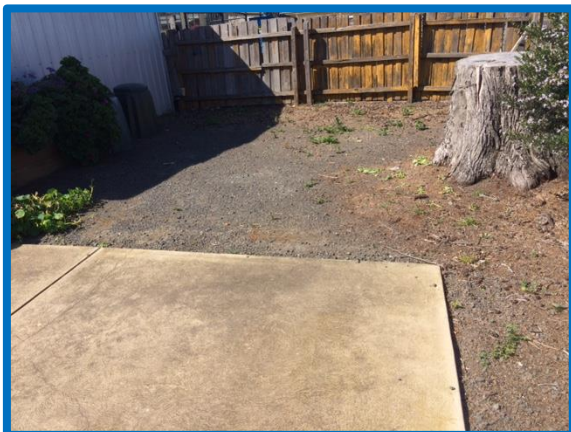


Managers Musings

Another busy month.

Significant works were undertaken at Spotswood Community House.

The gravel was replaced with concrete paving and synthetic turf laid in the rear.





At Joan Kirner House we replaced 17 old computers, both in the classrooms and for office use.

Of course, we had to iron out a few bugs, but all good now. Thanks Lara.

All Childcare staff have also had their annual First Aid training update.

Its another busy month again in May. Our AGM, several Morning Teas, BBQ, etc.

It would be great to have a good turn out on the 23 May to officially recognise and 'Thank' all our fantastic volunteers.

Thanks,

Mark.

Mark Brophy, PhD
Manager
Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc