

LEOPOLD BUZZ



Leopold Community &
Learning Centre

YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Connecting the community is at the heart of everything we do at the Leopold Community & Learning Centre. Thanks to a Leopold Community Bank and Community Enterprise Foundation grant, we are thrilled to announce the establishment of a Community Choir for the greater Leopold area.

The 'Sing out Strong' Community Choir will bring people together from all walks of life regardless of gender, age, disability, economic status etc. through the common love of singing.

With the help of Catherine, a professional teacher/choir leader, the choir will meet once a week during school terms and be available to perform at community events.

Phone: 03 52501301 to register your interest.

Always wanted to sing?
Want to meet new people?

Introducing.....

'Sing out Strong' Community Choir

All are welcome
No audition required

Commencing early 2023

It doesn't matter if
you are a complete
beginner or if you are
a regular performer.
We'd be delighted to
hear from you



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 Bendigo Bank

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11 NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE DAY



The Leopold War Memorial
Committee Inc. will hold a
ceremony on
Remembrance Day, Friday
11th November at 10.30 am
Leopold War Memorial
91 Melaluka Road, Leopold

All are welcome

Lest We forget

KEEPING CONNECTED

Welcome to the 37th edition of Leopold BUZZ.

You can view or download all issues of the
newsletter on our website:

www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au

email: info@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Phone: 52 501 301

LC&LC ROVING REPORTER



If you can guess what this is, go upstairs to the Community Centre. The first person with the right answer will get a free cup of coffee at the Chatty Café!!

The Chatty Café is open Monday and Wednesday mornings 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Meg, member of 'In Stitches' Craft Group with her awards from the Royal Geelong Show

- Mrs Isla Adamson Grand Champion Award Homcraft
- Best exhibit



Bellarine Writing Competition Result SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2022

WINNER OVERALL: Mark Towse – 'An Accidental Meeting'



JUDGES' COMMENTS

Mark's story about a troubled man jumping off a building is graphically expressed. The conversation between the two main characters, Tom and Frank, with reminiscences and pointed questions, maintains the tension to the end. It is deftly crafted, a complex combination of the internal thoughts and dialogue which make it unique and entertaining to the reader.

Read Mark's winning story on our website:

www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au –under 'Community Noticeboard'

About the Author - MARK TOWSE

Mark is an Englishman living in Australia. He would sell his soul to the devil or anyone buying if it meant he could write full-time. Alas, he left it very late to begin this journey, penning his first story since primary school at the ripe old age of 46. Since then, he's been published in anthologies and journals and his work has also appeared on many exceptional podcasts such as the "The No Sleep Podcast," "Creepy, Tales to Terrify," etc. His most recent novella, "One Last Shindig" from D&T Publishing was published in March 2022.

We can help you compare energy deals and claim your **\$250 Power Saving Bonus** in time for Christmas.

**\$250
POWER
SAVING
BONUS**



Leopold Community & Learning Centre is helping members of the community apply for the \$250 Power Saving Bonus.

Simply phone us on 0352501301 to make an appointment.

To be eligible you must

- Be a Victorian residential energy consumer
- You must be the account holder
- Only one payment per household

CHRISTMAS STOCKING CLASS

Bookings Essential
Phone: 52 501301



Fully lined

Last class for the year!

Thursday 17th November
10.00 a.m.
Cost: \$20.00



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CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP

Monday 14th November
Time: 1.00 p.m. Cost: \$10.00

- What is Cyber Security?
- Antivirus & Antimalware
- Fake websites and phishing
- Ad blockers
- Payments online and PayPal



Bookings essential : 52 501301

Planning for 2023

Community Centres/Neighbourhood Houses bring people together to connect, learn and contribute to their local community through social, educational, recreational and support activities.

The Leopold Community & Learning Centre (LC&LC) welcomes people of all ages, abilities and walks of life, creating opportunities for people to enrich their lives through connections they might not otherwise make.

We offer a variety of classes and activities including 'In Stitches' Craft Group, Garden Club, Weights and Balance class, Writing Group, Technology help etc. and our Chatty Café.

We are currently planning our activities for 2023. We would love to hear from you if you have any new ideas/suggestions for courses or groups to be included in our program for next year.

Getting feedback from the community is essential to the future of LC&LC and we have uploaded a feedback form on our website for you to use:

www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au

Alternatively, you are very welcome to come in and have a chat with us.

We appreciate your comments to help us keep growing as a Community Centre/Neighbourhood House.



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- Learn strategy
- Gain problem-solving abilities
- Language comprehension
- Enhance math skills
- Meet new friends



SCRABBLE

Wednesdays at 1.00 pm



CANASTA

Tuesdays at 12.30 pm

Cost: \$5.00 per game
Includes cuppa

TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

Online Bargain Tips

If you are anything like me, you want to buy a product at the best price & wait for a bargain to do so. Here are some basic tips to help out:

- Every year there are certain major sales. There is "Black Friday" followed by "Cyber Monday" coming up soon around the American thanksgiving holiday, and Aussie companies and websites take part too! There are also generally Boxing Day and Easter sales too, so keep an eye out.
- There is a website called ozbargain.com.au (not a sponsor) where users can post bargains they have found both at physical stores & online. I have saved hundreds of dollars using this website.
- Use a Credit Card or PayPal to buy online for buyer protection and don't trust any unknown or insecure websites that seem too good to be true.
- Be mindful of "grey imports" these are products that come from other countries such as China so the packaging etc. may not be in English but are otherwise legitimate. Warranty claims can be a pain sometimes though because they are not the "Australian version" of the product and may have a different product code/serial number or the wrong charger in the box.
- Many websites such as eBay, Amazon, Catch, Kogan etc. have a subscription service with exclusive perks & discounts attached, they also commonly have free trials if what you want is subscription only.

With these tips you can save a lot of money online, I know I have and would have appreciated knowing about oz bargain in the past!

Leopold Garden Club



The October meeting of the Leopold Community Centre Garden Club turned into a gardening feast. Not only because a member brought in an array of sweet slices to have with the afternoon cuppa but several members brought in seedlings and plants to give out. These included several varieties of tomato, a range of herb seedlings (parsley, rosemary and thyme), gooseberry, silver beet seedlings, cordyline and dragon tree plants. The giveaways did not end there, several jars of different types of marmalade and a number of bags of freshly picked lettuce. It is my expectation that tomato seedlings will be among the offerings at the November meeting.

There was a good number of interesting and relevant gardening questions asked; several about tomatoes, in particular one about using egg shells at the bottom of the holes which tomato plants are going into. This is not bad practice since it supplies additional calcium to the plant. The calcium will help prevent tomato end rot (brown discolouration and damage at the end of the tomato) which is caused by a calcium deficiency.

This and more gardening information awaits you at the Leopold Community Centre at 1pm on the 3rd Monday of the Month there is a charge of \$5 but for this you not only get garden related information, a chance to get hold of various seeds, seedlings, and plants by being there, but best of all, good company and a chat with a cup of tea or coffee, and a biscuit.

Dimitrij Betz,
Garden Club Co-ordinator

Next Meeting: 21st November 1.00pm – 3.00pm