

LEOPOLD BUZZ



Leopold Community & Learning Centre

YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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"Hit & Miss" Table Tennis Group

Our new weekly social Table Tennis Group is up and running!

Whilst some of the group have lots of experience and talent, there are also a number who have no idea about the rules.....at all. As a result, there has been quite a lot of laughter emanating from the Kensington Room on a Thursday morning!



The Leopold Community & Learning Centre will be closed on Monday 13th March 2023 due to Labour Day public holiday.

SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR FREE

HEARING CHECK



Wednesday 15th March 2023

Phone 52 501 301 to book

DOCUMENT SIGNING

Leopold Community & Learning Centre is making available an Honorary Justice of the Peace on the First Thursday of each month from 1.00pm to 2.30pm and by appointment every other Thursday. This is a free service staffed by a local JP. Phone us on 52 501 301

KEEPING CONNECTED

Welcome to the 41st edition of Leopold BUZZ. You can view or download all issues of the newsletter on our website: www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au or email: info@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au
OFFICE HOURS:
Monday – Thursday 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

ROVING REPORTER



I wandered upstairs to check out the activities for this year and spotted this beautiful traditional Shetland Hap (shawl) made out of 2 ply wool created by Lin at the "In Stitches" craft group.

This group does knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrap booking, you name it, they do it! The talent is incredible - there is a lot more to 'craft' than meets the eye!!

I also spotted Table Tennis, Canasta, an exercise group, community choir and more.

All the participants at the Leopold Community Centre have an enjoyable experience in whichever activity they choose. So wander upstairs and have a look - well worthwhile !!

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Chatty Cafe

MONDAYS AND
WEDNESDAYS

10.00 A.M. TO
12.00 P.M.



Join us for Coffee, Cake and a Chat

\$5.00 Donation

The Victorian Government has announced a new **POWER SAVING BONUS** starting March 24th 2023.

This means that from the 24th March, any eligible household can apply for the \$250 power saving bonus once again.

If you need help with the PSB, feel free to call us on **5250 1301** to book an appointment where we can fill out the application with you.

To Apply you will need:

- Your newest (as of applying) full electricity bill with Account number, meter number and NMI
- To be the account holder
- You also need to have not applied for the new PSB already.

Electricity Bill

J Smith
123 Sample Rd
Sampletown NSW 2000

Customer number 1111 1111 1111
Account number 0000 0000 0000
Service address 123 Sample Rd, Sampletown NSW 2000
Tel number 0000 0000 0000 0000

This account is based on an estimated meter reading
Electricity account summary: 24 Mar 2019 to 25 Jun 2019

Item	Final Rate
1 Opening balance	\$100.00
Payment received thank you	\$100.00
2 Direct Debit	\$100.00
3 Adjustments	
3% Discount for paying your bill by the due date (inc. GST \$4.40)	\$3.30
4 Balance carried forward	\$0.00
5 Current charges (inc. GST \$23.43 - see over for details)	\$23.43
6 Total amount due (inc. GST \$23.43)	\$23.43
7 2% discount on usage if you pay this bill by the due date	\$4.69
Total amount due with 2% discount	\$18.74

Due Date
16 Jul 2019

Total amount if paid
after due date
\$214.18

Total amount with discount
if paid by due date
\$214.18



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Neighbourhood Houses Victoria



Good Shepherd
A service of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne



\$250 POWER SAVING BONUS



With the announcement of a new Power Saving Bonus, it will mean that the current round of the PSB will close 23.59pm on 23rd March 2023.

If you have not applied for the current round, then you still have a few more weeks to apply. For help applying, contact us on 52 501 301.

Leopold Community & Learning Centre presents

Living Healthy & Well



The Living Healthy & Well program will comprise of a number of sessions/workshops held over the year. It is aimed at boosting health, knowledge and wellbeing with practical hands-on experience.

The program is designed for all ages and stages of life: Mums and bubs, healthy lunch box ideas for students, general well-being, understanding of nutrition as well as valuable information for seniors.

There will also be workshops on growing your own food and demonstrations of healthy cooking and recipes.

Back to Basics

Back to basics is the first in a series of Nutritional Health and Living Well sessions covering a range of information to help you make some informed choices on nutritional ways to feed your body, identify harmful toxins and get ideas how to make some easy 'good choice' substitutes.

Session 1: Back to Basics

Monday 27th March 2023

10.00 a.m.

Bookings essential: 52501301

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Zip Pouch Workshop



Come along and join us in making these fun little zip pouches.

Fabrics, zips, sewing machines etc supplied

Total Cost: \$15.00

- Cosmetics
- Sewing bits 'n' pieces
- pencils etc.



Fabric Selection



16th March at 10 a.m.

Bookings essential: 52501301



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CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP



Wednesday 22nd March
Time: 11.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
Cost: \$10.00

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



Bookings essential : 52 501301

Bellarine Writing Competition

SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2023
(AGE 16 AND ABOVE)

FIVE TOPICS: \$200 FOR EACH WINNER. OVERALL WINNER \$1,000

TOPIC 1 THROUGH THE WINDOW

- 750 words max
- Entries close Friday 17th March
- Please include a phone number with your entry
- Entries to barrysproull@gmail.com
- Winner notified on Sunday 19th March by phone

TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

NBN Providers – Opinion article

The National Broadband Network or NBN has reached most households in Leopold at this stage. Due to somewhat regulated pricing, Telcos offer temporary discounts, better service or bonus subscriptions to things in order to entice you into joining them.

Here are some (but not all) NBN unlimited data providers to consider. Please note Mbps means Megabits per Second and is basically the speed of the internet, older houses use old copper lines that may not be able to do more than 70Mbps. Speeds can go over 100Mbps but that's not typical for most households. All prices are monthly.

Telstra – Includes Kayo Sports Basic so there's that at least.

50Mbps: **\$95**. 100Mbps: **\$110**.

Aussie Broadband – Not the cheapest but have Australian based call centres for tech support.

50Mbps: **\$79**. 100Mbps: **\$99**.

Kogan – Nice price for BYO modem.

50Mbps: **\$68.90**. 90Mbps: **\$78.90**.

Tangerine – Often does bonus money off for 6 months then the price below afterwards.

50Mbps: **\$69.90**. 92Mbps: **\$89.90**.

Dodo – Is offering \$10 off per month for the price below for the first 12 months right now.

50Mbps: **\$75**. 100Mbps: **\$85**.

These companies stood out to me as a good representation of NBN prices as a whole from the higher end like Telstra to the lower end like Kogan.

I can't make a recommendation officially but the cheaper companies are completely viable as is Aussie Broadband if you need a pain free Aussie call centre for whenever things go wrong.

Leopold Garden Club



This month's meeting is going to deal with bulbs for spring flowers and bulbs in general. There should be plenty of bulbs for free as they have been promised for the day of the meeting.

I already have a quantity of Dutch Irises to distribute courtesy of a member of the Community Centre Art Group who knew of my interest in the Garden Club. A member of the general public contacted me to ask if she could bring in a box of lifted daffodil bulbs to be offered to club members. Carol, a club member, will also be bringing a large quantity of bulbs to the meeting. So, there will be plenty to go around.

All are welcome to attend on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Leopold Community Centre at 1pm for all your gardening questions, enjoy a cuppa with good company and possibly come away with bulbs, seeds, and seedlings and on some occasions attendees have gone home with a full-sized plant. The cost is \$5 and includes a cuppa.

The February meeting had a small part about seed saving and the examples shown which included dill, Florence fennel, butter crunch lettuce, Monte Rosa tomato, parsnip, and various poppy seeds. Once the seeds are dried and ready, they will be collected and put into small seed packets which will be given to the members for free.

There was also a Tomato tasting at February's meeting of the Monte Rosa and it is hoped that the March meeting will allow other tomato varieties to be tasted.

The Garden Club enables attendees to ask their gardening questions and share their gardening experience with likeminded people over the 2 hours with that cuppa break in between or a cuppa in fact at any time.

So, come along to the next meeting on 20th March.

Dimitrij Betz
Garden Club Co-ordinator