

LEOPOLD BUZZ



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Learning Centre

YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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KEEPING CONNECTED

Welcome to the 50th edition of Leopold BUZZ. You can view or download all issues of the newsletter on our website: www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Phone: 0352 501 301



Free

LEOPOLD COMMUNITY & LEARNING CENTRE

"I Remember When" Life Writing Workshops

Facilitator: Dr June Alexander

Social History Literary Project for district residents in 2024

- Guidance will be provided in creating a story, based on life experience, for inclusion in a book to be published at completion of the course
- Each participant will create a story of about 5000 words
- Ten workshops x 2 hours plus individual mentoring/editing
- Bring along a notebook, pen and your memories
- This life writing series will be helpful for memoirists and everyone who wants to document their life experience

WORKSHOP DATES: Commencing 1.00 p.m.

February 14	July 10 & 31	To find out more about Dr. June Alexander, visit www.lifestoriesdiary.com Bookings Essential
March 13	August 14	
April 10	September 11	
May 8 & 29	October 9	

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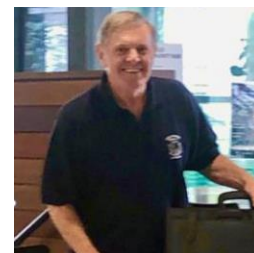
AROUND THE CENTRE

Colleen, our Art Group Leader recently celebrated her 80th birthday.

Happy Birthday Colleen!!



2023 has seen LC&LC grow from strength to strength. We are now offering a new array of programs and activities and have seen numbers in some established groups almost reach capacity. This year also saw the founding of the 'Sing out Strong' community choir and the establishment of our Table Tennis Group - the sound that emanates from this group isn't quite as musical, but much laughter can be heard from the group aptly named 'Hit and Miss'.



Another service we began this year was a JP signing service, Greg Burgess JP, has volunteered to come on a Thursday afternoon to witness and sign documents – a big thank you to Greg for volunteering his time. It was a pleasure to support 'Off your Back' winter coat collection drive for the homeless by being a drop off point. We had a great response from members of the community donating over 100 coats! Community members also donated cups and saucers for our High Afternoon Teas which have been a great success. Again, a huge thank you to those who have supported LC &LC throughout the year.



Many thanks to City of Greater Geelong and Community Bank Leopold for grant funding; allowing new programs to be offered throughout the year.

LC&LC would not be the warm and inviting place it is without the help of our volunteers; from our Group Leaders to the Chatty Café volunteers, thank you to each and every one of you for making 2023 such a great success.

May this Christmas season bring much joy to you and your family.

Sherrill Roache, Manager

2024 CLASSES/GROUPS - Recommencing dates

ART GROUP – recommencing 10.1.24

Are you interested in being creative? The Leopold Art Group meets every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. to share ideas with some instruction and assistance available. BYO project, beginners welcome. Cost: \$5.00

“IN STITCHES” CRAFT GROUP – recommencing 9.1.24

A group of lively craft ladies meet every Tuesday at 9.00am-12noon and Thursdays at 11.00am – 3.00 pm. If you have a project you are working on and would like a chat over a cuppa, why not join them? Cost \$5.00 per session

WRITING LINES – recommencing 7.2.24

Writers group led by June where ideas are shared, and various forms of writing taught. June is a published author and will help you find your voice to get started. First Wednesday of the month at 1.00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00

GARDEN CLUB – recommencing 15.1.24

The Leopold Community Centre Garden Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 1.00 p.m. Dimitrij has a wealth of information to share and usually there are free plants available as well. Cost: \$5.00

FAMILY HISTORY – recommencing 5.2.24

The Family History Group meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 10.00 a.m.

Mark will equip you with the tools and steps to discover your family history and ancestors Cost: \$5.00

SCRABBLE recommencing 10.1.24

The Scrabble Group meets every Wednesday at 1.00 p.m. A cuppa is included. Cost: \$5.00

CANASTA recommencing 9.1.24

If you are interested in playing Canasta our Canasta Group meets every Tuesday at 1.00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00

BOOK CLUB recommencing 1.2.24

The Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1.30 p.m. If you are interested in joining this group, phone the Centre on 52 501 301. Cost: \$5.00

WEIGHTS AND BALANCE CLASS recommencing 10.1.24

Two classes are offered led by Janet, a qualified instructor, who will help participants individually to gain the best possible outcome. Cost \$10 per class Wednesdays 12.50 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. Bookings Essential!

WALKING GROUP recommencing 8.1.24

The Walking Group meets weekly on a Monday morning at different locations across the Bellarine Peninsula.

Cost: \$5.00 annual registration fee. Phone 52501301 for more information

SING OUT STRONG COMMUNITY CHOIR recommencing 30.1.24

All are welcome, no audition required. Meeting every Tuesday 2.00 to 3.00 p.m. during school terms. Cost: Free

‘HIT AND MISS’ TABLE TENNIS GROUP recommencing 11.1.24

Come along and have fun playing table tennis held every Thursday at 10.30 a.m. Cost: \$5.00 and includes a cuppa afterwards.

ZUMBA GOLD CLASS recommencing 6.2.24

Monica leads this fun class with great enthusiasm, suitable for seniors - held every Tuesday at 11.45 a.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per class

SOCIAL CARD GROUP – recommencing 6.2.24

Meeting weekly on a Thursday at 1.00 p.m. Includes 500, Euchre, UNO. Cost: \$5.00 and includes a cuppa.

TECH ASSIST – One on One assistance

Tristan will help you trouble-shoot those one-off problems you are having with your phone, online form, or laptop. Appointments are for 30 minutes at a cost of \$10.00 – double appointments are also available

Wiser Driver – Refresher driving course for seniors.

This popular course will return in May 2024. Join us for an informative, informal, and friendly refresher course, to upgrade your knowledge and build on your experience to keep you driving safely. The program is purely educational and there is no driving involved. We are taking expressions of interest for the course now. Cost: Free thanks to a grant from Vic Roads.

Document Signing

Greg Burgess, Justice of the Peace has made himself available to witness signatures/official documents etc.

Cost: Free First Thursday of each month 1.00 – 2.30 and by appointment every other Thursday. Ph: 52501301

There are also new workshops and events planned for 2024!

Tristan's Tech Tips

Boxing Day Sales

By the time you are reading this the infamous "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" deals are done. If you were after a good deal but missed out this can be very frustrating, especially if you were after a Christmas present for someone. But there is one more major sale coming your way: Boxing Day Sales.

Chances are during the Boxing Day sales we will see similar or even the same discounts that we see every year for Black Friday/Cyber Monday. I mean those two sales are traditionally American anyway, taking place after American Thanksgiving. But Aussies have always had the Boxing Day sales.

If you are prepared for huge crowds or online stock that depletes quickly you can save hundreds of dollars on the tech you have been waiting for. Phones, TVs, Computers and more have traditionally been on sale for steep (or disappointingly low) discounts. If you have been waiting for the right price (or Christmas gift cards are burning a hole in your pocket) now is the time because there won't be a major sale for a while after this.

In modern days, Boxing Day sales can stretch into the new year too and become more of a "New Year's Sale" but the most popular items with the most generous discounts are usually out of stock by then so keep that in mind.

Finally, if you just can't think of a gift for someone, there is absolutely no shame in cash or gift cards! After all, just one day after Christmas there are big sales that I'm sure the recipient will be more than willing to take part in and get exactly what they want.

Have a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! See you in 2024!

Leopold Garden Club



A big thank you to Dimitrij for Co-ordinating the Garden Club this year and writing articles each month for Leopold Buzz. Garden Club members appreciate his wealth of knowledge, the free plants, seeds and bulbs that he brings along every meeting and the welcoming atmosphere that is felt by all.

Next Garden Club Meeting: Monday 15th January 2024 at 1.00 p.m. See you then!