

# LEOPOLD BUZZ



Leopold Community &  
Learning Centre

## YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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The Leopold Community & Learning Centre (LC&LC) is a member of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria and a not-for-profit organisation governed by a Committee of Management which meets on a regular basis.

Each member has a strong connection to the greater Leopold area and has a genuine interest in supporting this local grass-root community organisation. We are grateful for them volunteering their time and expertise.

Not only do members attend meetings and belong to sub-committees, a few weeks ago they also rolled up their sleeves and cooked many, many, many sausages on the BBQ at Leopold Bunnings. Whilst the weather was challenging on the day of the BBQ, according to the Chairperson "the weather was hot, windy, cold, dry, wet, wet, sunny, cool and humid" they soldiered on and raised an amazing sum of just over \$1600 for the Centre. Our heartfelt thanks to each and every member of LC&LC Committee of Management for their continued support.

## KEEPING CONNECTED

Welcome to the 51<sup>st</sup> edition of Leopold BUZZ. You can view or download all issues of the newsletter on our website:

[www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au](http://www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au)

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday

9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Phone: 0352 501 301

## WHERE TO GET HELP

In March, Hearing Australia will be conducting FREE Hearing Checks for adults over 18 years at the Leopold Community & Learning Centre. Appointment times begin at 9.30 and are for 30 minutes. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning us on 0352 501 301.

## Rediscover the sounds you love



Book a free\* Hearing check

Location: LEOPOLD COMMUNITY & LEARNING CENTRE  
Level 1, 31-39 Kensington Road  
Leopold Vic 3224  
13 March 2024  
9:30am – 2:00pm  
Call 5250 1301

## AROUND THE CENTRE



Established in 2023, the LC&LC Canasta group (pictured above) has grown from strength to strength in numbers meeting every Tuesday afternoon at 1.00 p.m. for a serious game or two with loads of enjoyment and fun. It is indeed a pleasure to see this delightful group each week – if you would like to join the group, the cost is \$5.00 which includes a cuppa.

## LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD YOUR MEETING OR EVENT?



*We have rooms that you can hire for your event, celebration or meeting*

### **Community Room**

Very large area perfect for big functions.

Includes access to kitchen area making it ideal for functions.

Includes multimedia projector with sound system.

### **Kitchen**

Large kitchen suitable for commercial use.

Has serving window that connects to Community room.

Community Room has a balcony with views over Geelong



### **Kensington Room**

A sunny and spacious room that includes a large TV with surround sound connected. Suitable for meetings and a large range of activities.

### **Multipurpose Room**

Large, open area that can be enclosed with wall dividers.

Located conveniently next to a kitchenette area.



*More information can be found on our website:*

*[www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au](http://www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au) under 'Room Hire'*

## ZUMBA GOLD CLASS

With Monica

Tuesdays

11.45 a.m.

\$10.00





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We are taking Expressions of Interest  
for a series of 4 workshops for....

## BUYING & SELLING ONLINE



Includes:

- Introduction to online shopping
- Learn alternative payment platforms
- Recognise potential scams
- Bargain hunting and Q&A

**Mondays 26 Feb, 4, 18 & 25 March**

**1.00 pm - 2.00 pm**

**Cost: \$10 per session**

**Level 1, 31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold**

**Phone us on 0352 501 301  
to register your interest**



Always wanted to sing?  
Want to meet new people?



## 'Sing out Strong' Community Choir

**Tuesday afternoons  
2.00 - 3.30 p.m.  
During school terms**

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

**Phone 52501301**



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## Child's Reversible Apron Workshop

**Thursday  
15th February  
10.00 a.m.**



**Cost: \$25.00  
Includes all  
materials**

Our first workshop for 2024 and we will  
teach you how to make a child's  
reversible apron with a fun print on  
one side & plain on the other

**Phone: 0352 501 301 to book**

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## SOCIAL CARD GROUP



**THURSDAYS AT 1.00 P.M.**

500, EUCHRE, UNO.....  
COST: \$5.00 INCLUDES A  
CUPPA & BISCUIT



PHONE: 5250 1301  
TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

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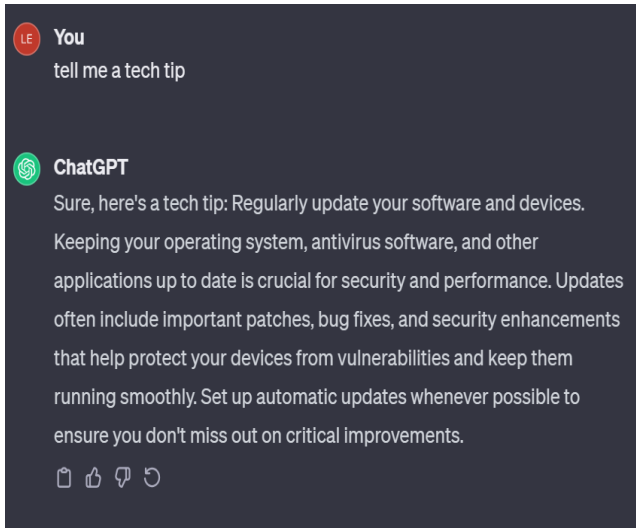
# TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

## ChatGBT

It seems the whole world is talking about AI, especially concerning chatGBT. The concept is: ask or tell it something and it will respond. I've ignored it until now but decided to give it a go.

ChatGBT is free to use but requires an account. I went to their website, gave them my email, made a password and then had to verify the account before I could start. It seems openAI (the company that makes this chat bot) gets spammed a lot because I also had to confirm that I am a human and not a robot and saw that the website had some protections from being overloaded.

I then asked it my first question.



Solid advice, and true. Often just updating your device can fix that annoying little bug that's been hounding you for a while, provided there is an update to fix it of course. And security updates are always a must.

At any rate, chatGBT seems to be an evolution of the old chat bots from when I was a child. It isn't always right but can be useful for information and even be asked to write letters and essays for you with somewhat robotic but quality results.

However, because of this, cheating in secondary and high education with chatGBT written essays are at an all-time high so I guess, as with all things you've got to take the good with the bad.

# Leopold Garden Club



Happy New Year!

Even though the January meeting was light on in numbers, those attending seemed to enjoy their return to Garden Club

A range of plants were available as seedlings; strawberry, tomato and African daisies, while larger fuller grown plants found a home as well.

I for one am glad that the summer has been wet and milder as I have most of my plants in pots.

As part of the session, a demonstration on preparing Bearded Irises for separation and replanting was done. The opportunity to get a bearded iris was also taken.

Also discussed and demonstrated was seed collecting and saving as well as sowing seeds in bulk, plus rejuvenating your potting mix and soil.

Many gardening questions were asked and some topics for the year canvassed with roses figuring quite heavily.

Some Bara Brith was enjoyed with a cuppa. (For those who are unsure what Bara Brith is - It is a traditional Welsh tea bread made with mixed dried fruits)

So why not come along on the third Monday of the month at 1.00 pm to 3.00 p.m. and enjoy a chat and cuppa as well as asking any of your gardening questions – you will get an answer, but I might have to make it up!

Dimitrij Betz  
Garden Club Co-ordinator

Next Meeting:  
19<sup>th</sup> February at 1.00

