

LEOPOLD BUZZ



Leopold Community &
Learning Centre

YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Ladies, ever wanted to try something different?

BELLY DANCE WORKSHOP

Thursday 11 April at 1.00pm

This one-hour workshop offers a crash course into the world of belly dance. A fun, interactive experience, suitable for **absolute beginners**.

Belly Dance is an ancient art form, an amalgamation of the folkloric, nomadic and classical dances of the Middle East. It is for women of all ages, all shapes and all abilities.

Expect to laugh, to connect with community, to improve all aspects of your wellbeing, and to celebrate life.

Hip scarves provided. Wear comfortable clothing that allows freedom of movement. Cost is free!!

If there is enough interest we will be offering classes commencing Term 2. Phone: 52501301 to book in.



KEEPING CONNECTED

Welcome to the 52nd edition of Leopold BUZZ. You can view or download all issues of the newsletter on our website:

www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au

Phone: 0352 501 301

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

WHERE TO GET HELP

Fancy \$250 towards a new washing machine?

If you're considering replacing your old washing machine, Barwon Water can help you decide. They are offering a \$250 rebate for eligible customers who purchase a new efficient front-loader washing machine. On top of the rebate, you could save around 26,000 litres of water, \$62 a year off your bills and up to \$107 a year in energy costs. By upgrading to a 4.5-Star WELS and 4-Star energy-rated front loader, you'll save water, energy and money!

To be eligible you must:

- Live in a property connected to mains drinking water.
- Be a Barwon Water residential customer that pays for water by receiving a Barwon Water bill.
- Have purchased and installed an eligible washing machine after 1 December 2023 and prior to applying for the rebate (proof of purchase e.g. receipt, tax invoice).

For more details, contact Barwon Water:

www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au

AROUND THE CENTRE

A "labour of love"



This beautiful christening gown was made by a member of the 'In Stitches' craft group after not having sewn for 40 years. With the help of Janice (group leader), she was able to sew the garment in time for the birth of her first granddaughter who lives on Thursday Island.



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'Sing out Strong' Community Choir

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

We are looking for a **volunteer pianist**, if you are interested, we would be thrilled to hear from you

Phone us on 52501301



Bendigo Bank

Community Bank
Leopold



Are looking for Social Support
Home Visiting Volunteers

genU's Social Support Home Visiting Program supports older people who may be feeling isolated and lonely, to feel connected to their local community.

They carefully match you with an elderly person based on interests, background, location and life experiences to visit them in their place of residence to help build a meaningful connection. Visits could include conversation and reminiscing, playing cards or board games or looking at photo albums.

Requirements: be 18 years and above, commit for 6 months, willing to obtain NDIS Worker Screening Check and Working with Children Check.

Time Commitment: Hours are flexible and bite-sized (up to 2 hours a week or fortnight) during Monday to Friday 9.00 – 5.00pm.

Contact genU to find out more: (03) 5282 0038
volunteers @genu.org.au



Save the Date:
THURSDAY 23RD MAY 10-11.30

This year we are combining with the Leopold Library to host Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. More details to follow



Funky Square Holdall



Leopold Community & Learning Centre
31-39 Kensington Road,
Leopold

Workshop

Suitable for pot plants, fruit, chocolates, pens, pencils etc. Let your imagination run wild!!

Total Cost: \$20 which includes all materials

Join Us!
Have Fun!

Bookings Essential
Phone: 52501301

Thursday
21st
March
10.00 a.m.



LEOPOLD COMMUNITY & LEARNING CENTRE

EUCHRE



THURSDAYS AT 1.00 P.M.

COST: \$5.00 INCLUDES A CUPPA & BISCUIT

All are welcome, whether you are an experienced player or someone who is wanting to learn the game!



Phone: 5250 1301 to register
31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold



CHATTY CAFÉ

Mondays & Wednesdays

10.00 am to 12.00 pm



Hearing Australia HEARING THE NATION TOUR 2024 IS COMING TO LEOPOLD!



**Free
15-minute
hearing
checks for
adults**

13th March 9.30am to 2.00pm

Phone us on 52501301 to book an appt.

Leopold Community & Learning Centre,
Level 1, 31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold



Refresher course for responsible older drivers



Cost: FREE

4 sessions x 2 hours over 4 weeks

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.

Monday 6, 13, 20 & 27 May 1.00-3.00 p.m.
Bookings essential Phone: 52501 301

TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

(Opinion article)

Prepaid phone plans 2024

I recently got a notice that my prepaid phone plan was increasing from \$20 to \$25 soon. This is disappointing because when I first went with my plan the cheapest option was only \$10, now their cheapest is \$25. Only a few short years ago we had a renaissance in the industry of cheap phone plans, it was fantastic. But lately plans have skyrocketed in price. I can't tell you if those increases are justified or not with 3G shut down and carriers paying licenses for mobile space ext., but I can tell you I'm leaving my carrier because there are cheaper plans out there. I will now list the cheapest monthly prepaid plan I can find for each of the big three carriers: Telstra, Vodafone and Optus. Note this won't be their premium 5G plans except for Optus.

ALDImobile

Telstra

Aldi Mobile

\$19 per 30 days

Unlimited Calls and Texts

10GB Data with Roll over

kogan.com

Vodafone

Kogan Mobile

\$15 per 30 days

Unlimited Calls and Texts

10GB Data with Roll Over

Moose
mobile

Optus

Moose Mobile

\$16.80 per Month for 1 year, then \$19.80 per Month

Unlimited Calls and Texts

15GB Data with Roll Over

Only cheap plan with 5G if you want that.

I personally will be switching to Aldi because I want to use the Telstra network, it just seems to have better coverage where I live but your mileage may vary.

Leopold Garden Club



A very well attended March meeting (29) was enjoyed by all. Particularly as a bonus of fresh scones, jam and cream, had been bought along by a thoughtful member, Evelyn.

Besides the answering of numerous questions on gardening, the meeting had many give-a-ways.

Plants given away included Hoyas, Green Goddess, Italian Parsley, Lilacs, Aquilegia (Columbine), Calendula seedlings, Bearded Iris and Daffodil Bulbs.



There was also a demonstration on tomato seed saving and splitting Aquilegia (Columbine).

An extended time over scones and a cuppa added to the atmosphere of Garden Club as well as great conversations and good humour.

We have space for more, so come along on the third Monday of the month at 1.00p.m. Cost of \$5.00 includes a cuppa and biscuit.

Dimitrij Betz
Garden Club Co-ordinator

Next Meeting: 18th March at 1.00 p.m.