



## Volunteers make a difference!



Our community thrives on the generosity of its people. Beyond simply lending a hand, many volunteers are actively sharing their unique skills and expertise to create positive change.

Jeff Bunney (*pictured*), a retired primary school teacher, also had a small catering business in his earlier years and brings that skill set to the Chatty Café, making delicious coffee and cakes.

By sharing talents and skills, volunteers are making a significant contribution to our community. Other volunteers like Janis Brown and Linda Betz run occasional workshops to teach sewing, patchwork, crazy stitch and more. The community also benefits from Dimitrij Betz who utilises his skills and qualifications to run our Garden Club.

**All** the volunteers at LC&LC join their unique skills and talents to help our community to flourish and thrive.

### Want to get involved?

Consider how your skills and experience could benefit the community; this could include volunteering at our Chatty Café, cooking (e.g., teaching or cooking cakes for our Café), craft skills, hobbies, or maybe you are an accountant who might like to volunteer on the Committee of Management. Perhaps you are a retired mechanic who would like to volunteer teaching the basics of car maintenance, a carpenter who can share handy hints, the list is endless.

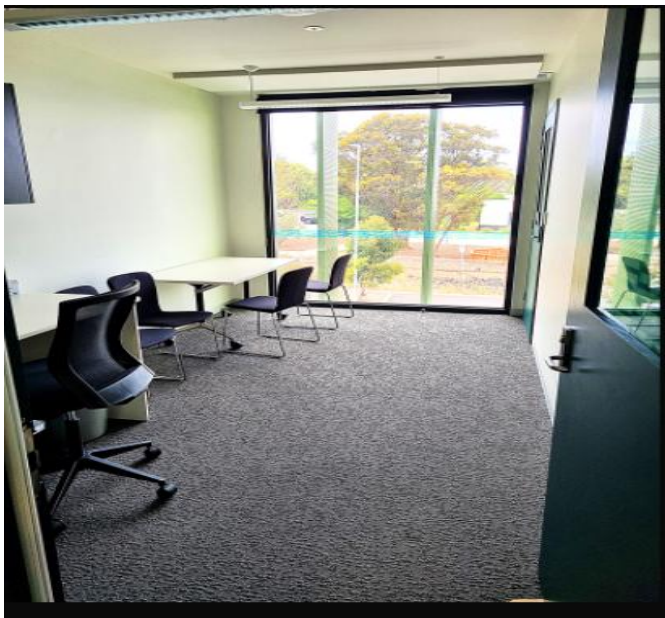
Please contact Sherrill at the Leopold Community & Learning Centre on 52501301 or email [manager@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au](mailto:manager@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au).

You might be surprised at the positive impact you can make!

### Welcome to the 63rd edition of Leopold BUZZ

Previous issues can be found on our website: [www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au](http://www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au)

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 4.00pm



## ROOM HIRE

Is your organisation seeking to provide services or support to residents in the Leopold area or are you a professional looking for a consulting room to work out of a morning/afternoon or day per week? Why not consider hiring one of our consulting rooms. We currently have a couple of spaces available at reasonable rates.

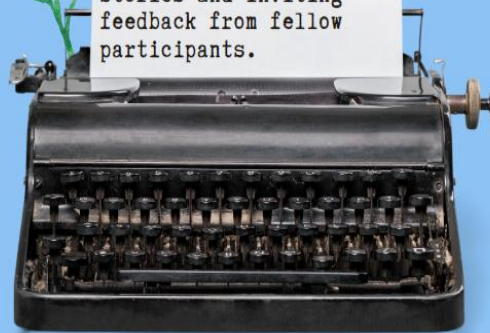
Come visit us at the Leopold Community & Learning Centre, take a tour of our rooms and see how we can help meet your needs.

Contact us today to arrange a viewing on 0352 501 301



## Writing Lines

Fortnightly Writers group led by Dr. June Alexander with focus on resolving difficulties or roadblocks, sharing stories and inviting feedback from fellow participants.



Each writer will primarily focus on crafting and shaping their own piece of creative writing and bringing it to a professional publishing standard.

**First & Third Wednesday of the month at 10.00 a.m.**

**Cost: \$5.00 - includes a cuppa**

To register, phone: 03 52 501 301



## Leopold Community & Learning Centre Community Cookbook

Generational recipes and stories by members of the greater Leopold Community

Available at LC&LC Reception,  
Level 1, 31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold  
Cost: \$5.00



## Invitation to Carers

# CUPPA & CONVERSATION

with those who care

If you care for someone, there is help available; come along on Thursday 27th February and meet Leanne and Heather from the VMCH Support for Carers Program.

VMCH are a state-funded Carer Support Program, providing short-term support for those who are in a caring role. Some of the services they can offer include: Personal Care, Domestic Assistance, In-Home Respite, Residential Respite, "Dinner Ladies" Vouchers and Taxi Vouchers. They also have an Engagement Program that provides events and activities for Carers, to give them a break from their caring role.

Leanne & Heather will have a chat about their program, what it can do to assist you in your caring role, and also answer any questions that you may have about the program.

Light refreshments and tea/coffee will be provided.

**WHEN:** 27th February at 10.00 am  
**WHERE:** Leopold Community & Learning Centre  
31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold  
**RSVP:** 52 501 301 by 24.2.25



Leopold Community & Learning Centre

# FAMILY HISTORY

## DISCUSSION GROUP



Interested in Family History? A new group will hold its first meeting on **Tuesday 18th February at 1.00pm** to discuss format, frequency (whether once a month presentation or weekly meetings) etc.

Possible topics for presentations include:

- Time Lines
- Research Reports
- Archives
- On-line searches

**NEW**

Cost: \$5.00 which includes a cuppa

To register your interest, phone us on 52501301.  
We would love to hear from you!

## 'Use it or Lose it'

### Exercise Classes



Seated Pilate inspired, core focused exercises  
Designed for those who want to grow stronger,  
healthier, more active and independent.

Commencing 6th February

Thursdays at 2.00pm

Cost: \$10 per class



## SWISS ROLL

### DEMONSTRATION

#### Tips, Tricks & Tasty Fun

Part of the 'A taste of life' series of six workshops

Learn the secrets to creating the perfect sponge, the foundation of a flawless Swiss roll!

Join Michelle as she shares essential tips and tricks for getting the sponge just right. Then, watch and assist as we fill it with cream, strawberries (fresh from the garden) and jam before tackling the tricky (but fun!) art of rolling it to perfection.

Savour the  
creation  
afterwards!



Plenty of  
opportunities to  
get involved

Our facilitator for the workshop is Michelle Visser Hodson. Michelle is the owner and operator of award winning Harvest Experience, an immersive garden-to-plate onsite cooking school located in Drysdale. Harvest Experience's aim is to bring people together to have fun and socialise whilst participating in hands on culinary experiences that celebrate sustainable practices, foster creativity, and deepen connections with food.

Monday 24th February at 10.00 am  
Bookings essential: 52 501 301

Cost: \$5.00



Level 1,  
31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold



# TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

## Windows 10 End of Support

If you are using Windows 10 you may have received a notice from Microsoft telling you that Windows 10 will be “EoS” or End of Support from October 14, 2025. You may be wondering what that means.

Microsoft releases a new Windows typically every 5 years and supports each version of Windows for 10. Windows 10 turns 10 years old this year. And so, Microsoft will no longer be updating it as of then.

What will happen when Windows 10 is End of Support? There will be no more updates, including significant security updates for Windows 10. This doesn't “brick” the system, there are still people using Windows 7 after all, but it does mean that when there is a security breach, Microsoft will no longer fix it. If the breach is significant enough, even paid Anti-virus and Security Programs may not be able to protect you. It is why it is ill advised to use End of Support Windows on the Internet after a certain amount of time.

What can I do?

Microsoft offers free upgrades to Windows 11 for Computers that pass their requirements. If it can upgrade, it will tell you and you can simply click download and install. Some newer PCs that can't upgrade may be because they need to turn “Secure Boot” on in their Bios settings.

If your PC is too old, sadly it won't ask you to upgrade but will rather inform you that no upgrade is available and inform you about their coming End of Support.

My PC is too old, what now?

Don't panic or rush, you have until Late October! Start looking for deals, sales and discounts. There are charities like “PCs for Kids” in Geelong that may have second hand laptops with Windows 11 on them for steep discounts. The last thing of Note is that around the time Windows 10 winds up, Windows 12 will probably release, going by what they historically do anyway. If you buy a Windows 12 ready PC or laptop then, you have 10 years before you need to worry about this again.

Windows

### A new journey with Windows 11

We want to thank you for your loyalty as a Windows 10 user. As end of support for Windows 10 approaches, we're here to support you on your PC journey. Your PC is not eligible to upgrade to Windows 11, but it will continue to receive Windows 10 feature and security updates until October 14th, 2025.

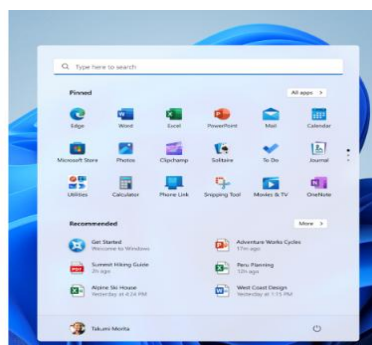
Learn more about how you can prepare for the transition to Windows 11

Learn about end of support

Why Windows 11?

Related content

Learn more



## Leopold Garden Club



A surprisingly well attended meeting for the start of the calendar year. Members entered into the scheme of things by several attendees bringing plants to be given out.

Amongst the plants on offer were: rainbow lilies, maiden hair ferns, peach trees, zygo cactuses, daffodil bulbs, Japanese irises, succulents, bromeliads, begonias, clivias, oregano, thyme and more.

A discussion about a program of topics covering the gardening year was had. Pruning was the first request and will be slotted into the June meeting. Soil was also a much-requested topic, and this will be covered over the next two months.

Next month a soil analysis technique will be covered so members can prepare their samples. Members will need to bring a straight sided resealable glass jar if they wish to take part.

Why not come along to February's meeting which will be held on the third Monday of the month from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Cost is \$5.00 which includes a cuppa and biscuit.

**Dimitrij Betz**  
**Garden Club Co-ordinator**

**Next Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> February**