



Pictured in the centre, Bronwyn Shearer (Community Bank Leopold), and LC&LC Committee of Management members Jill Lewis and Alan Davis (Chair)

In 2007 a group of local people gathered together with the aim of obtaining banking services for the Leopold community. None of the four big banks were interested, so as a result they contacted the Bendigo Bank who had a profit-sharing model known as Community Banking.

The Community Bank Leopold branch opened in April 2009 and in May 2024 relocated to their own building in Dorothy Street, Leopold. Community Banks are different to other banks in that they are a franchise which is owned by locals and the profits stay local. In fact, 207 local people own shares in the company which is governed by a volunteer board.

The bank's relationship with the Leopold Community & Learning Centre (LC&LC) goes back to our beginning, we were established by the Community Bank following a community needs study. The community asked for a neighbourhood type centre and the bank established and fully funded LC&LC for the first 4 years of its operations. We are now funded by the Department and Family, Fairness and Housing, however, the bank has continued to support LC&LC via their grants program and just recently agreed to a broad sponsorship of the Centre.

To date, the Community Bank Leopold have invested just over \$2.38 million into the community, which is a huge investment by a small business. Bronwyn Shearer, Company Secretary, commented that "If people bank local – the profits stay local and we all benefit".

We are extremely grateful for the support we have received from Community Bank Leopold, which has enabled us to continue to serve the community with programs and groups such as the Community Choir, Dementia Program, our lovely Garden Room which the community so enjoy, Girls Social Group and the recent much appreciated sponsorship.

WHERE TO GET HELP

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH LAUNCHES NEW VEHICLE SECURITY QUIZ TO COMBAT RISING THEFT

In response to growing concerns about vehicle theft and items being stolen from vehicles across Victoria, Neighbourhood Watch, supported by RACV, has launched: *How safe is my vehicle?*, an online quiz designed to help Victorians protect their cars and belongings from theft.

The free ***How safe is my vehicle*** quiz provides practical advice, security recommendations, and step-by-step guidance for vehicle owners to protect their vehicle, including caravans.

The report generated from the quiz, includes:

- Information about the latest anti-theft technologies
- Best practices for secure parking
- Practical tips to prevent theft from vehicles

Victorian vehicle owners are encouraged to secure their vehicle and prevent crime by completing the quiz at :
howsafeismyplace.com.au/vehicle/

Welcome to the 68th edition of Leopold Buzz.

Previous copies are available on our website:
www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au.
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday
9.00am to 4.00pm

AROUND THE CENTRE



LC&LC Community Choir Theatrical Journey Concert

The concert was a fantastic success with a range of 'toe tapping' songs to more wistful ones, taking the audience from the beginning of theatrical songs to well-known recent ones.

A big thank you to Catherine Senftleben, whose expertise and deep leadership skills inspired and guided the choir towards a unified and noteworthy performance.





Leopold Community & Learning Centre



'Sing out Strong'

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Every Tuesday at 2.00 pm

Commencing 22nd July 2025

Level 1, 31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold

Term 3

Fun winter

program



The first few weeks of Term 3 will see a new Winter Program packed full of surprises and fun after which there will be a more serious program getting ready for the Christmas Concert at the end of the year.

Why not come along and join in, new members are always welcome!



KEEP LEARNING AT HOME

Free Online Resources

Term Three bookings open



AWESOME WORKING DOGS



INTRODUCTION TO
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



INTERNATIONAL MOVIES
WITH A MEANING

<https://www.unassessedol.net/>

Unassessed

Online Learning 

Philanthropically conceived and implemented

Leopold Community & Learning Centre
Level 1 (Lift available)
31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold
Phone: 52 501 301



Chatty Cafe

**MONDAYS and
WEDNESDAYS**

**10.00 am to
12.00 noon**

Why not join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat
Everyone is very welcome !!





Australian Multicultural
Community Services



Leopold Community &
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Dementia Support Group

Date: Next Meeting 9th July
Day: Every 2nd Wednesday
Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm
Venue: 31-39 Kensington Rd, Leopold

FREE

- Enjoy a FREE cuppa and light brunch
- Connect with other carers
- Bring your loved ones with you

An informal group facilitated by one of AMCS's
Dementia Care & Support Co-ordinators

To register call Cindy Jobe on 0403 183 022
or call LC&LC on 52 501 301

ZUMBA GOLD CLASS

**CLASSES IN RECESS
RECOMMENCING TUESDAY
19TH AUGUST 2025 AT 11.45AM**

Cost: \$10 per class
Level 1, 31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold



Phone:
0352 501 301

WEIGHTS & BALANCE CLASS

**LED BY
JANET ASHTON**



**ESPECIALLY
DESIGNED
FOR SENIORS**

Term 3 commences 23rd July
9 week term

**Limited spaces available in the Wednesday
2.00pm and Thursday 1.00pm classes**

**Cost: \$10 per class if paid in advance for term
OR \$15 per class 'pay as you go'.**

Level 1, 31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:
PHONE 0352 501 301



‘A taste of life’

**A series of six workshops with
demonstrations and tastings of how to
cook delicious, healthy food on a budget**

WORKSHOP 5: Flatbread Fun & Flavourful Fillings

Come join the fun as Michelle shows how to make soft,
pillowy yoghurt flatbreads — quick, easy, and no yeast
needed! We will then roll, shape and cook them up fresh
in the pan.

We'll explore tasty fillings and toppings like spiced
potatoes, herby cheeses, and fresh herbs — so many
delicious ways to enjoy them! Stick around to taste the
results and take home plenty of inspiration to wow your
family and friends.

WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY 10.00 AM
COST: \$5.00

Bookings Essential: Phone 0352 501 301



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TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

How often should you update your devices' system?

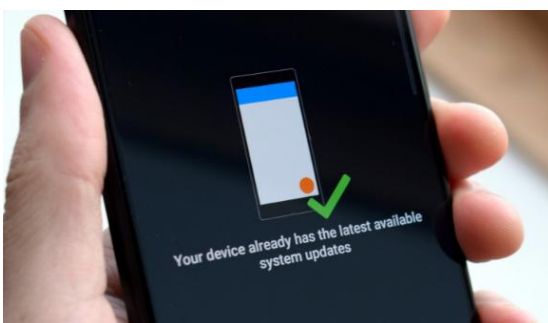
The short answer is as soon as they are available. System (and app) updates are an essential part of your devices routine. Whether they are your phone, PC, TV ext., you should push through that update as soon as you can. Sometimes updates change how things look/work, especially phone updates that upgrade to a new version of Android or iOS, and they can be frustratingly often – Looking at you Windows 10/11. PC updates can also be agonisingly slow. I know some people who delay performing updates for as long as possible for this reason, but this is a bad idea.

What updates do:

- Close up security holes, making the device less vulnerable
- Fix bugs, including annoying ones that may make apps or PC/phone function incorrectly
- Improve performance and efficiency, which can lead to better battery life or a smoother, “lag free” experience
- Add new features. This one may or may not be a good thing
- Increased compatibility. For example, your device may not work with the newest Bluetooth device until a system update

Sometimes when you wait too long, system updates may start to “fail” or be unable to be completed. One example I’ve seen is when someone has a really old version of Windows 10 or 11 and need to download something called the “update assistant” in order to force through the newest version, and it usually takes a long time.

If you get into the habit of updating as soon as they are available, you should generally be just fine. As annoying as your phone looking different can be, I would recommend doing the update, if only for the sake of security.



Leopold Garden Club



The June Garden Club meeting was attended by 22 that defied the poor weather to come along.

Attendees went away with a selection of plants including orchids (cymbidiums, crucifix, dendrobium) impatiens – pink and white, choc mint and mini zygocactus.

During the half-way break for a cuppa, we were treated to freshly baked scones, jam and cream by Evelyn, a member of the Garden Club.

Attendees were all given a ticket and liliun bulb on entry and then took part in the raffle distribution of the orchids.

The opportunity was taken to ask a selection of gardening questions and also to have garden tools sharpened by Joe at a cost of \$2.00 each going to the Community Centre. Knives can also be sharpened for \$3.00 each. Members can leave items to be sharpened at reception during office hours with an approx. turnaround time of one week if it is more convenient.

So, take the opportunity for good company, a cuppa with biscuits, free plants (the Garden club members are very generous) and the chance to ask garden related questions.

The Garden Club meets on the third Monday of the month 1.00pm – 3.00pm the cost being \$5.00 which includes that cuppa and biscuits.

Dimitrij Betz

Garden Club Co-ordinator

Next meeting: 21st July at 1.00 p.m.