Activities & Courses Term 3&42022



Kensington Neighbourhood House \$1975

The only certainty is change!

This program has been developed to take into account the Covid environment. These courses and activities will run with social distancing and with health and safety processes in place. We have planned with optimism, but of course, it may not be possible to offer all of the courses and activities at the time. We continue to follow all Government regulations and advice and have Covid Safe plans in place for all programs.

Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation Kensington Neighbourhood House acknowledges the Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri and Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, on whose land we meet, share and work. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge that we benefit from the rich teaching and learning that has been taking place on this land for thousands of years.

Welcome to our house!

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Vocational Education

Service Stars

Want to work in hospitality or other service industries? Learn about different types of employment, workplace culture and laws and how to find and apply for jobs during this 2 week program. This course is run in partnership with Service Stars Community Jobs Alliance and, when possible, includes paid work experience.

Contact us on 9376 6366 for more details.







English Classes

English courses run all year. Students can enrol at any time by attending an interview with our Education Coordinator.

English & Work Skills - Level 1

General English class for preintermediate students, helping you to take the next step into further education or employment.

Date Wednesdays and Thursdays

Time 9.30am–12.30pm

Cost \$12.50 per term

(Government funded)

Sew & Grow

Learn the basics of hand and machine sewing while building your English language skills. This course also includes excursions and microbusiness skills. A playgroup for preschoolers runs at the same time so that parents/carers can concentrate on study.

Date Tuesdays
Time 10am-12pm

No Cost

English & Work Skills - Level 2

General English class for intermediate students, helping you to take the next step into further education or employment.

Date Mondays and Tuesdays
Time 9.30am–12.30pm
Cost \$12.50 per term
(Government funded)

Computers & Internet

Getting Started with Computers

Digital essentials for beginners, helping you learn or develop your skills for using a computer and the internet.

Date Fridays
Time 10am-12pm





Job Services

#WorkNOW

This program in partnership with Wingate Avenue Community Centre and North Melbourne Language & Learning is part of the Victorian Governments Jobs Victoria Employment Service - a major activity to help Victorian jobseekers gain employment. #WorkNOW employs Community Employment Consultants to work closely with employers to identify job opportunities and prepare job seekers for those roles.

#WorkNOW provides services that:

- Assist jobseekers to gain employment
- Actively engage with employers to identify job opportunities
- Offer flexible services designed to meet the needs of jobseekers
- Link to community support services to meet the needs of jobseekers and maximise employment outcomes
- Address gaps in, and compliment existing services, including Commonwealth services

Call us on 9376 6366 for more info

No Cost

Skills First RECONNECT

Are you interested in updating your skills? Are you looking to study? Are you looking to work?

Our Reconnect Workers provide individual support to find a job, or do a course, that suits your strengths and aspirations.

Eligibility: Unemployed for six months or more. Not engaged in education for six months or more. An Australian or NZ citizen, or holder of a permanent resident visa OR seeking asylum with Bridging Visa E, SHEV or TPV.

Call us on 9376 6366 for more info

No Cost



People Helping People

Get Help with your Forms and Other Documents

This is a free program for people who need help with filling out forms (Housing Forms, Passport Applications, Centrelink forms etc). Our pool of friendly volunteers are keen to help where they can. Telephone 9376 6366 to book an appointment.

No Cost

Kensington Neighbourhood Heroes

This website posts our current volunteering opportunities plus those from other Kensington organisations.

If you want to be a Kensington Neighbourhood Hero by volunteering in our great community then go to: kensingtonneighbourhood heroes.com

Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteers play an integral part in several of the House's programs and operations. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer we are regularly looking for help in our various volunteer lead programs, including:

- Study Support Program (Mondays or Wednesdays 5.30pm – 7.30pm)
- Seniors programs (various days/times)
- Help with Form Filling (various days/times)
- Food Share Pantry (various days/times)

Alternatively if you have particular skills to offer, don't hesitate to pick up the phone or drop in for a chat.





Help For Renters #1 - The secrets of successful applications

What are landlords and agents looking for when they assess tenants? Come along to this two hour workshop to find out! Laura Hunichen will walk you through the do's and don'ts of preparing a successful rental application. Laura has years of experience in property management and wants to help tenants have the best rental experience possible. There'll be plenty of time to discuss experiences and ask questions.

Date Tuesday 19 July Time 6.30–8.30pm

Presenter Laura Hunichen

No Cost

Help For Renters #2 - Know your rights and protections

Whose job is it to remove mould from a rental property? How do you get emergency plumbing service? Can your landlord drop in anytime? In this session, property manager Laura Hunichen will help you understand your rights as a tenant and how to deal with unexpected issues in a productive way. Bring your trickiest renting problem and she'll do her best to solve it!

Date Tuesday 9 August
Time 6.30–8.30pm
Presenter Laura Hunichen
No Cost



The Arts

Painting & Drawing: Expanding your Approach to Making Art

Learn a range of creative art techniques suited to your personal preferences. A chance to explore and discover your artistic talents in a relaxed and informal setting.

Date Wednesdays

Time 10.30am-12.30pm

or 1–3pm

Tutor Rohan Schwartz

is a Naarm-based (Melbourne) artist and educator with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Honours in Painting from the Victorian College of Arts, as well as a Graduate Diploma of Teaching from the University of Melbourne.

Cost Term 3 \$200 / \$150 (conc) Term 4 \$220 / \$165 (conc)

Watercolours for Beginners

This six week beginner watercolour class is intended to be a relaxing environment and perfect for students with limited to no watercolour experience. This class aims to teach students basic watercolour techniques step by step.

Date Thursdays 6 October – 10 November (inclusive)

Time 6.30-9pm

Tutor Yasaman Dehghan

is an award-wining,
professional artist who
has exhibited her works in
Australia and overseas. She
has taught at the Watercolour
Society of Queensland and
her paintings have been
commended for capturing
character, essence and light.

Cost \$150 / \$100 (conc)



Suminagashi

Suminagashi or 'floating ink' is the process of marbling plain paper with water and ink to transform it into something vibrant and colourful. It originated in Japan as early as the 12th century. In this workshop you will practice this technique of floating ink on water to create patterns. It is very relaxing and no experience is necessary. Come and make wrapping paper, cards or artwork.

Date Saturday 12 November

Time 2.30-5pm **Tutor** Rohan Schwartz Cost \$50 / \$30 (conc)

Knitting & Crochet

Whether you're a complete beginner or know a few basics. our wonderfully versatile teacher Anne will accommodate your learning needs. Initial materials and equipment supplied.

Date Thursdays

4 July-15 September

(inclusive) Time 6.30-8.30pm

Tutor Anne Douglas

Cost Term 3 \$200 / \$150 (conc)

Procreate® for iPad (Digital art)

In this 3 hour workshop, local artist Parul Sen. will teach you how to use the Procreate App to create digital artwork. Parul is renowned for her gorgeous digital illustrations of Kensington locations. She will share her knowledge of the Procreate platform while walking you through the process of creating a simple illustration of your own.

Participants need to bring their own iPad and iPencil and have the Procreate® app (\$14.99)

Date Wednesday 3 August or Wednesday 5 October

Time 6-9pm Tutor Parul Sen Cost \$80 / \$50 (conc)

'KenSingers' -The Kensington **Community Choir**

Kensingers is a great social outlet for locals to meet, gather and sing to their hearts' content. Being part of a community is at the heart of everything we do, and singing at community events and settings is part of the choir calendar. Kensingers is a no-audition community choir. Reading music is not a prerequisite. Everyone is

Date Tuesdays

Cost Term 3 \$100 / \$50 (conc)

Date Saturday 30 July Time 1-4pm

Macramé Flower Wall

Join Melbourne macramé maker Oz

for this relaxing workshop and learn

how to weave a beautiful macramé

flower wall hanging. This unique

begin your macramé journey.

During this workshop, you will

be guided in how to make your

which can be displayed proudly

in your home (visit our website

to see photographic examples).

Your gorgeous macramé flower

will be made from an all-natural

Australian yarn. This class is perfect

for absolute beginners wanting to

try macramé for the first time. The

result will be a unique decoration

macramé flower wall hanging

3 hour workshop is a great way to

Hanging Workshop

Cost \$60 / \$40 (conc)

welcome.

Time 7.30-9pm

Term 4 \$110 / \$55 (conc)





A Trio of Small Bowls (Traditional Japanese Pottery)

In this hands-on workshop, talented ceramicist – Shoko Mafune – will help you to design and create a nest of 3 small bowls. You will learn how to hand build with clay and pinching and coiling methods. All materials provided. You can choose a glaze in class and Shoko will glaze and fire your bowls for collection a couple of weeks later.

Date Thursday 11 August

Time 6-8pm

Tutor Shoko Mafune

Cost \$75 / \$55 (conc)

Polymer Clay Beads

Polymer clay is an oven baked modelling clay which can be formed into any shape imaginable. In this 3 hour workshop you'll learn how to mould polymer clay to create different bead shapes and how to make multi coloured and patterned beads from scratch using a variety of different techniques including applying gold leaf. You will then bake and assemble finished pieces – taking home 2 bead necklaces, 1 pair of drop earrings and 1 pair of stud earrings or a ring. All materials provided.

Date Saturday 8 October

Time 2-5pm

Tutor Anna Kolusniewski
Cost \$85 / \$65 (conc)



Resin Cheeseboards

Create your own unique cheeseboard using vibrantly coloured resin. You'll learn how to prepare the wood by taping, how to measure and mix pigment into resin and apply to the board, with a large selection of colour options available including metallic powders. Our tutor, Anna, will demonstrate how to create a sea water edge effect with cells using a hair dryer. You will be required to wear gloves and please bring an apron. Suitable for complete beginners. All materials provided, including wooden cheeseboard, Resin cheeseboards can be collected 48 hours after the class.

Date Saturday 13 August

Time 2.30-5pm

Tutor Anna Kolusniewski

Cost \$90 / \$65 (conc)

Pressed Tin Christmas Decorations

Learn how to design a variety of pressed tin ornaments, how to draw designs on tin, cut out, emboss using a variety of different tools and finally how to colour using ink. Create your own designs or use our reference materials to create Mexican folk art inspired, retro, contemporary, kitsch or gothic Christmas decorations.

Make up to 20 ornaments, depending on your pace. All materials provided, no experience necessary.

Date Saturday 12 November

Time 2-5pm

Tutor Anna Kolusniewski

Cost \$85 / \$65 (conc)



Social Groups

Vietnamese & Indochinese Elders Social Group

This group meets every fortnight on a Thursday. Meetings include gentle exercise, information sessions with guest speakers and lunch. The group also go on outings throughout the year. Bookings are essential. Fees are kept to a minimum. A detailed program is available from the House.

Date Fortnightly Thursday

Time 10am-12pm

(Except for outings)

Cost \$25 per year

Tuesday Book Group

Join our casual and chill Kensington Book Group. Details of books chosen each month can be found on our website or you can participate in conversations and find out more by joining the Facebook Group:

Kensington Tuesday Book Group

Date Tuesday 5 July, 2 August, 6

September, 4 October, 8 November, 6 December

Time 7–9pm

No Cost

Tuesday Movie Social Night

Come and join us for a night out dinner and a movie every month at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville. Free community transport is available for those living in Flemington, Kensington and North Melbourne. Contact for the next dates. This program is for older women wanting to socialise in the evening.

Date Tuesdays

(occurs once a month)

Time 5-9.30pm

Cost \$15 (purchase own dinner)

Wednesday Social Group

Enjoy a two course meal and bingo in the company of this friendly social group of seniors. The program includes lunch outings every 4 – 6 weeks. A detailed program is available from the house. Bookings are essential.

Date Wednesdays

Time 12.30–2pm

(Except for outings)

Cost Lunches \$8 / Bus trips \$5 plus entry and lunch costs

Sister Circle

A monthly gathering for African Australian women. The Sister Circle provides the space and time to talk about things that matter in a safe, supportive environment.

Call 9376 6366 for further details No Cost

Threading Stories

This is a creative and social program taking place on the Kensington Estate on Thursday afternoons for residents over 55. This program is an opportunity to learn or practice creative skills (such as knitting, sewing, craft), while forming connections and exchanging ideas and stories.

Call 9376 6366 for further details No Cost

Book and Movie Group

Participants follow a book list provided by the Melbourne Library Service. Ring, email or check our website for information on the latest book, movie and meeting date.

Date Mondays

11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November, 12 December

Time 7-9pm



Children

Creative Arts for Kids

Explore the creative arts and use your imagination. Discover and experiment with new ways of making art in a fun and relaxed space.

Date Tuesdays

Time 3.30–4.15pm 5–8 year olds 4.30–5.30pm 9–12 year olds

Cost 5-8 year olds

Term 3 \$120 / \$80 (conc) Term 4 \$120 / \$80 (conc)

9-12 year olds

Term 3 \$150 / \$100 (conc) Term 4 \$150 / \$100 (conc)

Or

Date Wednesdays

Time 3.30–4.15pm 5–8 year olds 4.30–5.30pm 9–12 year olds

Tutor Lily O'Connell

Cost 5–8 year olds

Term 3 \$120 / \$80 (conc) Term 4 \$132 / \$88 (conc)

9-12 year olds

Term 3 \$150 / \$100 (conc) Term 4 \$165 / \$110 (conc)

Tuesday Morning Playgroup

A facilitated playgroup for parents/ carers and children under 4 years old. A variety of learning activities are set up each week and participants also enjoy songs and stories. BYO drink bottle and snack.

Date Tuesdays
Time 10am-12pm

Facilitators Amran Guleid & Rawia Bid

No Cost

Code Club

Code Club Australia is a nationwide network of free, volunteer-led, after-school coding clubs for children aged 8-13. Each session children undertake a project that teaches computer programming in a fun interactive way using computer games, animations and websites. Code Club is about fun, creativity, and learning through exploring.

Date Mondays or Wednesdays

Time 3.45-4.45pm

No Cost

Study Support

Volunteers help students from Prep to Year 12 with numeracy, literacy and general school studies. Get help with your homework, assignments, revision and preparing for tests and exams. Subject specialists (Maths, Sciences, English) available. Bring your own text books and stationery.

This program runs at 94 Ormond Street, Kensington

Date Mondays and Wednesdays

Time 5.30-7.30pm





Food

Devonshire Tea Masterclass

It all starts with a scone! Come and join us for a fun afternoon of baking and enjoying scones fresh from the oven. Devonshire tea devotee, Therese Slee, will teach you everything you need to know about creating perfect scones at home. This workshop includes time to enjoy a traditional Devonshire Tea complete with pretty china, jam, cream and pots of tea.

Date Saturday 30 July Time 1–4pm

Presenter Therese Slee Cost \$50 / \$30 (conc)



Make Your Own Jams and Chutneys

Learn the basics of preserving starting from scratch including the use of sugar, salt and vinegar. During this class you will make pear and vanilla jam, strawberry and rhubarb jam, and apple chutney as well as learn lots of tips and tricks to help you on your way to preserving at home. Therese will teach you preserving basics including sterilizing jars and setting jams. You will receive a jar each of jam and chutney to take home

Date Saturday 10 September

Time 1-4pm

Presenter Therese Slee Cost \$50 / \$30 (conc)

Colombian Empanadas

The larger than life owner and head chef of Donde Mama, Verena Puello, is back to share her love of Colombian cooking. She'll show you how Colombians make empanadas using corn flour and a variety of fillings. You'll also get to make a delicious dessert and join your fellow classmates for a 2 course meal.

Date Saturday 13 August
Time 10am-1pm

Presenter Verena Puello Cost \$60 / \$40 (conc)

Vegetarian Mediterranean Cooking

Join Arzu to taste something different, simple and healthy. Arzu will teach you 4 yummy dishes in 2 hours and will talk about her experiences as an Istanbul girl. Ingredients, recipes and clear instructions provided.

Date Saturday 8 October Time 10am–12.30pm Presenter Arzu Yilmaz Cost \$50 / \$30 (conc)

Fermented Foods for Good Gut Health

Fermented foods are easy to digest and provide heaps of beneficial bacteria for good gut health. In this hands-on workshop you will learn about the benefits of fermented foods while making your own jars of sauerkraut and kimchi to take home. All ingredients and recipes provided.

Date Saturday 8 October

Time 2-4pm

Presenter Anne Douglas
Cost \$50 / \$30 (conc)

Sourdough 101

Our tutor, Michael Slee, started making sourdough bread 15 years ago and is still using the same live culture that he will share with you in class. This interactive workshop covers sourdough culture care, sourdough fermentation and baking. You will receive your own sourdough culture (starter) and will make dough to take home for baking. You'll also get to sample fresh baked sourdough in class! All ingredients and recipes will be provided.

Date Saturday 22 October

Time 2-5pm

Presenter Michael Slee Cost \$60 / \$40 (conc)



The Environment

Wildlife Friendly Gardening

Whether you have a big backyard, a community garden plot, a green rooftop or pot plants on your balcony, everyone can create space for nature in our City! Come and learn about the importance of planting indigenous plants to celebrate the character of the local environment and enhance our local biodiversity. You'll meet other like-minded gardeners and have a chance to look, feel and smell some of our favourite indigenous plants for Kensington gardens during this session.

Date 22 October
Time 2–4pm

Presenter Gardens for Wildlife - Melbourne

No Cost

Food Share Garden in McCracken Street

Come and be a part of a community garden group who take care of this food garden, consisting of 16 raised garden beds growing herbs and vegetables. Membership takes the form of participating in working bees held approximately every three months and helping water the garden over the course of the year. Come and help grow more food in Kensington.

Call to find out more.

No Cost

Kensington Town Hall Compost Hub

Kensington Town Hall Compost Hub provides space for local residents to compost their organic food scraps, reduce landfill and create compost.

To join go to facebook.com

/KensingtonCompostHub

and complete the Membership Registration Form.

No Cost

Health + Wellbeing

Gentle Movement

This is a mindful movement class that combines yoga, relaxation and exercise for peace of mind and body. Suitable for people aged 55 and up of all abilities

Date Mondays
Time 10–11am

Instructor Rhonda Weatherby

Cost \$20 per month

Healthy Living and Learning

Join our weekly program at the Community Hub, 94 Ormond Street, Kensington, for residents. Come along and share a healthy meal with others. We also have gentle exercise classes and creative and gardening activities when possible.

This program is supported by Hotham Mission, Unison Housing, coHealth, 78 Seniors Club and the Kensington Chinese Friendship Group.

Date ThursdaysTime 12–2pm

No Cost

Gentle Exercise

Improve your stamina, strength, flexibility and balance in our low impact gentle exercise class.

Suitable for people aged 55 and up of all abilities.

Date Fridays
Time 10–11am

Instructor Samantha Flanagan

Cost \$20 per month

Women Dance and Celebrate

This monthly movement session brings women together to celebrate movement and being in the body. Explore and learn various circle dances and styles from across the globe. No previous experience required. Come and meet others and enjoy the music.

Date Mondays

(second of the month)

11 July, 8 August,

12 September, 10 October,

14 November, 12 December

Time 7–9pm

Facilitators Bev Wyburn

& Pauline Galvin



Community Initiatives

Kensington Repair Hub

The Kensington Neighbourhood House is part of a group of organisations that have established this initiative. Pop up repair hub sessions occur at Christ Church Kensington Hall on Sundays. Bring down items to be repaired such as clothing, jewellery and small wood items, and small electronic goods and computers (when repairers are available).

Check our Kensington Repair Hub on Facebook for up to date details.

Date 26 June, 24 July, 21 August, 18 September, 16 October, 20 November, 18 December

Time 1-4pm

McCracken Street Food Share Pantry

The concept is simple: give what you can and take what you need. This is a free food pantry for the community. Non-perishable, unopened, items within the expiry date are accepted. Simply place donated items in the pantry. Open 24/7. This pantry has been established with the hope that it will be loved and respected by the Kensington community and become a source of much needed food.



Reconciliation Action Plan

We are developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) that consists of numerous processes and activities. Our aim is to build meaningful, collaborative relationships with First Nations people and our local communities through this work. Get in touch if you would like to work with us or have ideas.

Kensington Seed Savers

Kensington Seed Savers have a Seed Swap and Share at the Neighbourhood House and at Eastwood St Community Gardens. Drop off excess seeds that you have collected from your garden at the Seed Swap. If you are looking for seeds to grow in your garden check what is available in the Seed Swap. Our aim is to collect, share, swap and store seeds from Kensington Gardeners.

For more information go to the Kensington Seed Savers Facebook page.

Kensington Farm Collective

The Kensington Community Farm Collective is program focused on actively "farming" about 60m of local land available to relocalise and decarbonise our food. A collection of local organisations including Kensington Neighbourhood House are collaborating to share resources, knowledge and skills to bring our food source closer to us. This program is in response to the industrialised, land degradation. chemical pollution and high carbon footprint of our current food system.

Contact Esther on 9376 6366 for more information.

Community Events

We run a number of free events throughout the year to celebrate our community. Come and join us to celebrate Social Inclusion Week in November.

Check our website and Facebook page for details.



About Us

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Enrolment Details

- Full term fees to be paid in advance where possible
- Refunds will apply when a class is cancelled through insufficient numbers
- Adult & Community Further Education (ACFE) funded courses comply with the Ministerial policy on fees and charges

Contact Details

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- Our Users
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This organisation respects your right to information privacy. Information which we collect and hold on participants is kept in accordance with information privacy laws.







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