



THE GRAPEVINE Winter / Spring 2026 Term 3 Program July — September



Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House is run by a community based Committee of Management. We aim to provide a positive, welcoming environment where you can meet new friends, learn or share skills, ideas and information. If you are interested in being more involved in your Neighbourhood Centre call in and chat to the Centre Manager. For updates follow us on Facebook@WNCatMitchellHouse or visit our website: www.wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com



WNC Contact Details:

Email: reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com

Ph: 5672 3731, Address: 6 Murray St, Wonthaggi 3995.

Mitchell House is open:

Mon to Thur 9.30 am - 4.00 pm, Fri 9.30—1pm, with access to the centre after 1 pm being by prior arrangement only.

WNC is on the land of the Bunurong Boonwurrung people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional owners of this land where we gather to learn, work and play. We thank the elders past, present and emerging for their continuing custodianship. We acknowledge the value, diversity and integrity of the Aboriginal culture that surrounds us.

Always was, always will be



On Wednesdays during school terms, we invite you to join us at 12.30 for a free communal lunch. Every week at Mitchell House, delicious vegetarian meals

made from fresh & healthy seasonal produce are prepared by our talented chef Emma. To book your seat call 5672 3731 or email us at: reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com If possible, we do appreciate a gold coin donation.

Please note we cannot cater to specific dietary requirements.

FROZEN MEALS

Our current food program consists of the weekly, Wednesday, community lunches (during school terms) and our 'take away' frozen meals program. The meals are freely available to those in need.

We can also provide you with an up-to-date list of the current food relief agencies servicing Wonthaggi.

Simply call in to Mitchell House during office hours and our friendly staff and volunteers at the front counter will be happy to assist.



**NO HATE.
NO FEAR.
REFUGEES
ARE
WELCOME
HERE.**

BASS COAST REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP GROUP

Our group is committed to welcoming UNHCR refugees to become part of our local community. We provide support through a Commonwealth Government program; the Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP). Under the CRISP program we have now sponsored three Syrian families to come to Wonthaggi. Our welcoming community has helped these refugee families successfully settle in Wonthaggi and begin rebuilding their lives. More information is available on our Web-site bcrrsg.com.au

We are very appreciative of the generous support in our community. If you would like to help, you can make a financial donation, join our group, or subscribe to our newsletter mailing list.

Thanks for your support. You can contact us at:
bcrrsg2021@gmail.com

The Inner Wheel Wonthaggi Owls

COMMUNITY PANTRY

Wednesdays
1pm to 2pm

At the RSL Wonthaggi Sub Branch
(Opposite the Workmans Club)

**Free groceries, toiletries, household items etc for those in need
NO QUESTIONS ASKED!**

Donations always needed and welcomed!
Items can be dropped into the donation trolley (near self serve checkouts) at **Wonthaggi Woolworths** or directly during pantry sessions at the RSL

Check our facebook for CANCELLATIONS and for list of donations required:
The Wonthaggi Owl Ute - Community Pantry

Health and Well-being...

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Share your experience of narcotic addiction in a supportive group. **Mondays 7.00-8.00pm.**
Contact David for more information on:
0416 970 709

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to achieve sobriety. We currently have a group that meets at Mitchell House on Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday AA Group - 7.00—8.00pm

Contact Sophie for more information on:
0438 741 097

KOORIE PLAYGROUP -

Learning Through Play Wednesdays
10am—12pm

FACILITATED BY VACCA and RAMAHYUCK

For more information / to register contact:

- * **VACCA Gippsland** phone 03 5135 6055,
website: www.vacca.org or
- * **Ramahyuck Morwell** phone 03 5120 4300,
website www.ramahyuck.org

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

FREE BAYSIDE HEALTH SUPPORTED PLAY GROUPS Monday & Friday mornings

Families with a Health Care Card (or equivalent) can enrol via Bayside Health (formerly Bass Coast Health) for these facilitated playgroups. The groups run from 10.00 to 11.30am each Monday & Friday during the school terms. Call Janine on 0457 834 960 to enroll for either group.

YOGA CLASS WITH LINDA: Tuesday's 10.30 - 11.45am during school terms

Come and try the transformative power of YOGA in a safe and supportive space. Linda trained as a yoga teacher in 1978 and has extensive further training in yoga, meditation, philosophy & yoga therapy. She teaches classical yoga including postures (asanas), breathing, (Pranavama), relaxation and meditation (Dharana & Dhyana) aiming to create a wholistic yoga experience of body/mind integration. Please bring a yoga mat & light blanket/shawl. **\$10.00 per class, \$8.00 for WNC members.** Pre-enrolment is required, for enrolment forms call 5672 3731 or email: reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com

KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN

Show your Support!



Neighbourhood
Houses Victoria

nhvic.org.au/2026-campaign

**STRONG
COMMUNITIES
START HERE**



SEATED YOGA WITH MAREE

Seated yoga is suitable for all abilities. It can be done seated or standing & using the chair for support. Improve flexibility, movement, concentration, strength.

Thursdays 2.00 - 3.15 \$10.00

LearnShare CIRCLE DANCING:

Wednesdays 2 - 3.00 pm

This is a small group who dance weekly. Come along and join in and have some fun with others.

Members: \$4, Non members: \$6

NOTE: For the first time in ages this group has a few vacancies so if you'd like to give this a go, now is the time!

NEW: WONTHAGGI KARATE Tuesdays 5pm—7pm

Karate is so much more than just punches & kicks; it is about building strong, confident and resilient people. Whether you're looking for fitness, focus or a supportive community, karate has something to offer everyone. Costs start from \$5 per class. For more information and/or to book contact Matt at wonthaggikarate@gmail.com or call 0423325559

LearnShare WEIGHT MANAGEMENT GROUP

Monday 2.00—3.00pm

WNC Members: \$4, Non-Members: \$6

What is the best weight management tool? Accountability. We hold a friendly, informal, weekly meeting, to discuss how our week has been. We provide support to one another and share our experiences and resources. Email to express your interest: reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com

BASS COAST PARKINSONS PEER SUPPORT GROUP

**1.00pm – 2.30pm 2nd
Friday of the month**

Parkinson's is a neurological disorder with a complex range of symptoms unique

to each individual. Living with Parkinson's can be extremely isolating and challenging for both individuals and their families. While the Parkinson's journey is a deeply personal experience, it doesn't have to be undertaken alone.



Connecting and Sharing...

MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Thursdays 10.30 am - 12.30pm during school terms. A social group for culturally diverse women in our community, providing friendship and social connection.

Members gain self-confidence and better understanding of their rights and responsibilities as citizens, together with opportunities to develop practical life skills.

Members: \$4, Non Members: \$6



LearnShare UKULELE GROUP

Thursdays 9.30 am - 12.00pm

Members:\$4 Non Members:\$6

Play the Uke with a group, learn some new tunes and meet some new people. Bookings preferred. Ph. 5672 3731.

LearnShare

MONDAY NEEDLEWORKING GROUP

Mondays 9.30am – 1.00pm **M:\$4, NM:\$6** per session.

Bring along your supplies, your ideas and the project you're working on - anything from embroidery, cross stitch, patchwork etc. Whether hand craft or machine based, you will be able to work on your own projects and even to benefit from your fellow crafters' knowledge and skills.

Wonthaggi Food Co-op

10.30am Second Saturday of the month –

11/7, 8/8 and 12/9 This is a local group that buys food in bulk & distributes it at a low mark up to their members. Distribution is from the multi-purpose room at Mitchell House, 10.30am to 12.30pm, 2nd Saturday of each month. Stocklist & other information is available from: wonthaggicoop@gmail.com

LearnShare CRAFT and A CUPPA GROUP

Fridays 9.30am – 12 noon

M:\$4 NM:\$6

You will be warmly welcomed into this group of friendly, craft loving folk. They are very willing to share their ideas & skills so all you need to do is turn up with your latest project and be ready for a chat!



HOUSING MATTERS BASS COAST: AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL!

Are you concerned about the housing crisis? Bass Coast Housing Matters, a group auspiced by WNC, is creating local solutions. We meet monthly, and work with and lobby Council, State Government and others for more and better public, social and other affordable housing. To find out more, look us up on Facebook, go to:

www.housingmattersbasscoast.weebly.com
or email: HousingMattersBC@gmail.com

BASS COAST TAC L2P DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM

This highly effective program helps young people aged 16 – 23 years who have a learner's permit but no access to a supervising driver. Our trained volunteer mentors are matched with a young person to assist them to gain the required 120 hours of supervised driving before undertaking their probationary licence test.

New mentors are always needed, so if you have ever thought about helping a young person to get their driver's licence but weren't sure how to go about it, then you're in luck!

All you need to do is contact our L2P Program co-ordinator Melanie Mumford. Mel will make sure you have all the information you need to take your first steps towards making a real difference in the life of a young learner driver.

You can contact L2P Co-Ordinator Melanie Mumford on 0467 590 679 or email: basscoastl2p@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com



Timetable of weekly activities...

		WED	THURS	FRI
MON	TUES	VACCA & RAMHAYUCK Supported Koori playgroup 10am-12pm	Ukulele Group 9:30am - 12:00pm	Bayside Health Supported Play Group 10:00am-11:30am
Bayside Health Supported Play Group 10:00am-11.30am	YOGA with Linda 10:30am - 11:45am	Community Lunch 12:30pm - 1:30pm (during school terms)	Multicultural Women's Group 10.30am-12.30pm	Craft and a Cuppa 10:00am - 12:30pm
Needleworking Group 9:30am - 12:30pm	L2P Program 10:30 am - 5:00pm	Circle Dancing 2:00pm — 3.00pm	L2P Program 10:30am - 5:00pm	SAT Wonthaggi Food Coop 10.30am second Saturday of the month: 11/07, 08/08 and 12/09
Weight Management 2.00pm — 3pm				
L2P Program 10:30am - 5:00pm			Seated Yoga 2:00pm - 3:00pm	SUN
Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Wonthaggi Karate 5pm—7pm	AA Wednesday 7:00pm—8:00pm	Weight Management Group 2.00pm—3.00pm	

Neighbourhood Houses began in the 1970's with people coming together to share their knowledge and skills with each other at low or no cost in a process we call **LearnShare**.



LearnShare recognises that whether working with our hands, our head or our heart, throughout our lives we all acquire valuable knowledge & skills. As part of the ongoing process of lifelong learning, we can all learn something new as well as share what we know - through LearnShare.

WNC MEMBERSHIP: We encourage everyone to become Members. Your membership fee helps us to ensure Mitchell House stays open and contributing to our community. The annual (financial year) fee is \$20.00 for an individual or \$30.00 for family membership. If you have a Centrelink concession card the cost is \$15 (individual) or \$20 (family). Membership forms are available at the Centre or you can download one from the website. **Members have access to the LearnShare activities for a reduced rate (\$4.00) and also receive, via email, a copy of our program Grapevine & our Connections newsletter- both published each term. Of course you can also pick them both up at Mitchell House.**

VOLUNTEERING WITH US:

It takes a team of volunteers to sustain a vibrant & friendly Neighbourhood Centre. We rely on the generous donations of time and care that our volunteers bring to tasks such as being a LearnShare facilitator, a mentor to young learner drivers or working on the front desk answering the phones, providing customer service and other general office duties. We also have people who keep our gardens in good shape, who cook wonderful meals for us to provide and those who assist with any and all of the tasks it takes to maintain a warm and welcoming community space. **We need people 9.30 am - 4.00pm for half or full day shifts. You'd be joining a team of great people as well as gaining experience working in our wonderful local community.**

Whatever type of volunteering you undertake with us, we will provide training and ongoing support. You can call or drop in and speak with the Manager or visit our website and follow the link to 'volunteer-with-us'. Just complete the online volunteer application form and we will be in touch.