

#### **Centre Community Groups**

#### Alexandria's Dance

A range of dances including new vogue and Latin. Friday nights Bill | 9382 0037

**Essendon Square Dance Club** Lessons in social and square dancing.

Thursday nights John and Ruth | 9390 8303

Forever Friendship Dance Ballroom dancing class. **Sundays** Yen | 0412 561 884

Laura Lee Dance Club

Dance club meeting to practice sequence ballroom dancing. **Tuesday mornings** Christine | 0431 533 393 David | 0468 404 823

Maribyrnong Orchid Society

Monthly meetings to educate orchid lovers on how to nurture

Anthony | 0412 040 239

#### Welcome Dance Inc Sequence and New Vogue

dance steps with stretching exercises.

**Friday nights** Thang | 0407 401 336

# Melbourne Church of Christ

Non-denominational Christian church group meetings and kids Sunday school.

Sundays Jon | 0404 089 405

### Flood recovery program update

This October marks three years since the Maribyrnong River Flood in October 2022. Those that wish to come together are invited to attend a community event in partnership with Moonee Valley City Council. This event features a screening of short films featuring community stories, as well as local musicians, a river stories tent, free food trucks and kids' activities. An artist's talk on the Coulson Gardens public artwork, capturing the experiences of the Maribyrnong community will also be happening.

#### Saturday 11 October

5-9pm, Coulson Gardens, (The Esplanade end)

Flood risk packs have been delivered via a door knock to residents at risk in a 1% annual exceedance probability (AEP) flood event – meaning a 1% chance in any given year. If you were not home to receive your pack, a postcard has been left in your mailbox with options to receive your pack.

A barbeque is being held to launch the cards and provide an opportunity for follow up questions. The event will feature a free coffee cart, barbeque and tai chi class.

#### Sunday 21 September

11am-2pm, Burton Crescent Reserve, Maribyrnong

For more information, email emergencymanagment@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or visit www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/flood

#### **Notices**

- Maribyrnong City Council is committed to the safety of children and young people - feedback about the safety of our programs, services or spaces can be confidentially sent to: childsafety@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au
- The Garage Sale Trail is back this November find out more at www.garagesaletrail.com.au/Maribyrnong
- Summer closure dates: Maribyrnong Community Centre closes on 24 December 2025 and re-opens 12 January 2026

#### Jump, Run, Play! Celebrate Children's Week with Active Fun

Council is calling the young and the young at heart to join a series of fun and free activities to celebrate Children's Week from 18-26 October. This year's program encourages movement, creativity, and connection – bringing families together through a variety of inclusive and engaging events. Find out more and get involved in the fun at www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/childrensweek

We acknowledge that we are on traditional lands of the Kulin Nation. We offer our respect to the Elders of these traditional lands, and through them to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples past, present and emerging.

# **Maribyrnong Community Centre Newsletter Term 4 2025**



We are leaping into spring with more than a little excitement, our programs are ramping up along with attendance numbers. Take a look at our latest happenings and join us for cooking, talking or dancing: the stuff of life!

Hope to see you soon — the team at Maribyrnong

## **Special Events**

#### **Drag Bingo** 16 October 1-3pm

Join us for a afternoon of hilarious Drag Bingo. Test your luck and win prizes while you enjoy the show. Including light afternoon tea.

Free, bookings via QR code below

#### **Dying to Talk** 23 October 10-11am

Join Mercy Palliative Care for a supportive afternoon sharing stories, advice, tips and ideas to help you have meaningful conversations with your loved ones about what truly matters to you. Morning tea provided.

Free, bookings via QR code below

#### Beeswax Wraps 25 October 11am-12.30pm

For Children's Week we have a lovely session for kids. making their own beeswax wraps. With funky fabrics and wax to melt in the oven, their school lunches are going to be fully hand-made. For ages 8-12 years, carers welcome.

Free, Bookings via QR code below

#### Flags to Bags 6 November

Help repurpose retired flags into reusable bags for local food relief programs. All skill levels welcome as we come together to prepare 'take home & sew kits' at this fun and friendly session. Tasks include measuring, cutting, pinning and sewing.

Free, Bookings via QR code below

#### Christmas together 11 December 1-3pm

Arnie is back! This year he will perform a Christmas special like no other. Join us for afternoon tea and some beautiful songs and dancing.

Free, bookings via QR code below

Scan the QR code to book into programs or classes.



# **Cooking and nutrition program**

Starts Monday 20 October, 10.30am -1pm (weekly for 6 weeks in total) Maribyrnong Community Centre

The Nutrition Education Skills Training (NEST) is a six-week program teaching adults about healthy eating and easy, affordable cooking in a friendly and fun environment.

Join us as we work through our program cookbook as a group, exploring nutrition, food storage, shopping tips, budgeting and decoding food labels.

Participants are expected to attend all 6 sessions.

Free, registrations essential via QR code.

Program delivered by **OzHarvest**, find out more at www.ozharvest.org/education/nest

## **Maribyrnong Community Centre**

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Email: maricomm@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au Web: www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/maricomm Office opening hours

Office closed weekends and public holidays

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

# **Maribyrnong Community Centre Courses and Workshops**

#### **MONDAY**



#### Gentle yoga

Helen's classes facilitate a connection between body, breath and mind. Each yoga posture uses the breath as a guide and variations are offered. Students are encouraged to listen to their body. Bring a mat, pillow and blanket.

Time: 9.30-10.30am OR

11am-12pm

Date: 6 Oct – 15 Dec Cost: \$80 per term (11

weeks, with 1 week discount)

Book via QR code

#### Carpet bowls

Just like lawn bowls but indoors, carpet bowls is fun, social and gentle exercise. Come and join this friendly group. No experience needed.

Time: 1-3pm

Date: 6 Oct – 15 Dec Cost: \$2 per session

#### Hatha yoga

Experience a holistic and creative approach to yoga with Richard's classes, blending gentle stretching, breath work and meditation. The focus is on mindful breath and movement.

Time: Beginners 6-7.15pm

Intermediate 7.30-9pm

Date: 6 Oct – 15 Dec

Cost: \$12 / \$10

Book via QR code

#### **TUESDAY**

#### Whist cards

Join us for a lively and social card game with great company. If you can play 500, you can learn Whist. Beginners warmly welcomed.

Time: 1.30-4pm

Date: 7 Oct – 16 Dec

Cost: Free, book via QR code



# WEDNESDAY

Line dancing
Step into the rhythm with our popular line dancing class. Heather teaches easy to follow steps set to

contemporary music, with a break halfway through. A great way to stay active and meet new friends.

**Time:** 9.30am-12pm **Date:** 8 Oct – 26 Nov

Cost:

\$56 per term (8 weeks, with 1 week discount)

Book via QR code

#### **KOGO** knitting group

KOGO (Knit One Give One) is a fabulous program where volunteers donate time and wool to knit woollies for those in need. Bring your knitting needles, enjoy some friendly conversation and help spread the warmth.

Time: 1-3pm

Date: 8 Oct – 17 Dec

Cost: Free, book via QR code



## WEDNESDAY cont.

#### Let's Learn English

This program helps learners build literacy and language skills for pathways into accredited language courses, volunteering or work. It's ideal for culturally and linguistically diverse attendees.

Time: 9.30am-1.30pm

Date: 8 Oct – 3 Dec

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Enquiries: Yarraville Community
Centre on 9687 1560 or

info@ycc.net.au



#### **Maribyrnong Walking Group**

Join our walking group for a relaxed walk along our beautiful river, followed by morning tea.
All fitness levels welcome.
Bookings one day in advance.

 Time:
 8.30-11.30am

 Date:
 8 Oct – 17 Dec

 Cost:
 Free, book via QR code

#### **Tablets and devices**

Unlock the full potential of your smartphone or tablet. Join our hands-on classes to learn tips, tricks, and essentials for getting the most out of your device. Perfect for all skill levels – bring your own smartphone or tablet and explore.

Time: 2-5pm

Date: 8 Oct – 3 December

Cost: Free (eligibility criteria)

**Enquiries:** Yarraville Community Centre on 9687 1560 or info@ycc.net.au



#### **THURSDAY**



#### **Digital Essentials Level 1**

This program is for learners with little or no computer experience who want to build digital skills. The course covers social networking, security risks and developing digital literacy, to support pathways to study and work.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Date: 9 Oct – 4 Dec

Cost: Free (with eligibility criteria)

Enquiries: Yarraville Community Centre 9687 1560 or info@ycc.net.au

#### Kangatraining

This baby-wearing fitness class is designed for parents and carers to get active while bonding with their little ones. Led by a qualified personal trainer, each session is tailored to support postnatal health and fitness.

Time: 10-11am

Date: 9 Oct – 18 Dec

Cost: \$10 / \$6 concession

Book via QR code



### **THURSDAY** cont.

#### **Monthly movies**

Come along and enjoy an uplifting, funny or inspiring movie with friends. Bring a plate to share after the screening. Fourth Thursday of each month.

Time: 1-3pm

Dates: 23 Oct, 27 Nov

Cost: \$2 per session

Book via QR code

#### Stitch It

Join our monthly craft group to work on your own knitting, cross-stitch, crochet or other favourite projects while sharing the experience with others. First Thursday of each month.

Time: 10am-1pm

Dates: 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec

Cost: \$2 per session



## **Chatty Café**

Is a global movement promoting connected, social communities. This group is growing each month, come along for a chat and stay as long as you like. Snacks supplied but baking welcome.

Time: 10-11am

Dates: 9 Oct, 13 Nov

Cost: Free, no booking required



#### **FRIDAY**

# Gentle exercise for older adults

In one hour sessions, you will be guided through a range of exercises to improve joint health and muscle strength using weight bearing and resistance training. You will also need to do a short health questionnaire.

Time: 9am-2pm

Cost:

Date: 1 hour each Friday

Fees apply, call Gateway on 9399 3511

### **SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

# Games and puzzles hangout (for over 18 year olds)

Join Mel and a small group of avid cards, games and puzzles lovers for a relaxed and social session. Feel free to bring snacks. Call 9032 4305 to register.

Saturday 4 Oct, 10am-12pm Thursday 16 Oct, 6-8pm

#### Tai Chi

Join Alfred as he takes you through a gentle yet powerful way to improve balance, strength and mindfulness.

Time: 9.30-10.30am
Date: Saturdays

Time: 7.30-8.30am Date: Sundays

Cost: Free, no booking

required





