

What's On In The West?

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What's On In The West is a newsletter containing a list of all the free and low-cost activities you can check out during the upcoming school holidays!

If you would like to contact us about this document, or if you have any other enquiries relating to Brimbank Youth Services, please call 9249 4110 or email bys@brimbank.vic.gov.au.

What's On In Brimbank?

Art with Aviva | 8-12 YEAR OLDS | Aviva Reed is a visual ecologist, illustrator and collaborator on the Small Friends science-adventure book project. Make art and explore storytelling, science and ecology with Aviva. Bring pencils, pen and paper and join in this fun activity from home. Presented in partnership with Brimbank's Environment Department.

ZOOM | THURS 14 JAN | 11.00-11.45AM

Register: www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au

Wildlife of Brimbank | ALL AGES | Meet the wildlife who live in and around Brimbank in this special live online presentation by Reptile Encounters! Learn about local species and how we can help look after them. Special appearances by the Blue-Tongue Lizard, Growling Grass Frog and more! Presented in partnership with Brimbank's Environment Department.

ZOOM | WED 20 JAN | 2.00-3.00PM

Register: www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au

Kids Summer Book Club | 8-12 YEAR OLDS | Have you read an amazing story you'd like to share? Join in to chat all things books and find your new favourite read. We'd love to hear what you've been reading over summer!

ZOOM | THURS 21 JAN | 2.00-3.00PM

Register: www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au

Summer Reading Challenge: Get in the Game, Read! | 5-13 YEAR OLDS | Join the Summer Reading Challenge for a chance to win an Android tablet with \$100 of eBooks, or one of 5 Book Vouchers. All you need to do is read 6 books over summer, or read for 6 hours! Enter as many times as you like – the more reading you do the more chances to win!

CHALLENGE CLOSES ON SUN 31 JAN

Register: www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au

The Bowery Theatre | FAMILY-FRIENDLY | STACC has heaps of online events to check out, including workshops, galleries, web series, theatre and more!

Link: <https://bowerystacc.com.au/events/>

NGV Kids on Tour: Art is for Everyone! | 5-13 YEAR OLDS | The NGV presents a series of fun art and design activities. Book online for templates, some art materials and activity booklets. Availability limited. Collect at your local branch. NGV Kids on Tour is generously supported by The Truby and Florence Williams Charitable Trust, managed by Equity Trustees, and the Packer Family and Crown Resorts Foundations as part of the Your NGV Arts Access Program for Students, Children and Families.

ZOOM | FRI 1 JAN | 2.00-3.00PM

Register: www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au

Family Movie Day | FAMILIES | Enjoy a family day out. Plenty of fun activities including a BBQ lunch, movie, snacks and live entertainment. No charge.

SAT 16 JAN | 12.30-3.30PM

RSVP: 9249 4555

Creative Cooking (2 SESSIONS) | Come together in the kitchen to cook, learn, eat and have fun exploring new recipes. No charge.

Venue 1: West Sunshine Community Centre, 25 Kermeen Street, West Sunshine

FOR 5-8 YEAR OLDS | TUE 12 JAN | 10.30AM-1.00PM

RSVP: 9249 4555

Venue 2: Westvale Community Centre, 45 Kings Road, St Albans

FOR 9-12 YEAR OLDS | WED 13 JAN | 10.30AM-1.00PM

RSVP: 9249 4665

Dance (2 SESSIONS) | Move your body and feel the rhythm in these creative dance workshops. No charge.

Venue 1: Westvale Community Centre, 45 Kings Road, St Albans

FOR 6-12 YEAR OLDS | WED 13 | 1.00-2.00PM

RSVP: 9249 4665

Venue 2: Sydenham Neighbourhood House, Level 1, 1 Station Street, Taylors Lakes

FOR 13-25 YEAR OLDS | WED 20 JAN | 11.00AM-1.00PM

RSVP: 9249 4224

Family Chalk Mandala Art and BBQ Picnic | FAMILIES | Westvale Community Centre | Bring the fam for a BBQ picnic and help us create mandala artworks in our courtyard for the whole community to enjoy. No charge.
WED 20 JAN | 11.00AM-1.00PM
RSVP: 9249 4665

Sports Clinic | 6-12 YEAR OLDS | West Sunshine Community Centre | Come along and try range of indoor sporting activities. No charge.
THURS 21 JAN | 1.00-4.00PM
RSVP: 9249 4555

Boot Camp | 13-25 YEAR OLDS | West Sunshine Community Centre | Get your rear into gear and be challenged in this fun fitness class. No charge.
TUE 19 JAN | 10.00-11.00AM
RSVP: 9249 4555

Launch Party! | 12-25 YEAR OLDS | Brimbank Learning Futures (Visy Cares Hub) | Bring your friends and be entertained by the talented crew from the House! program. Catering provided. No charge.
SAT 16 JAN | 5.00-7.00PM
RSVP: 9249 4555

Football Clinic (Soccer) | 8-12 YEAR OLDS | McKechnie Reserve | Join with friends or meet new people on the day. No charge.
WED 13 JAN | 2.00-4.00PM
RSVP: 9249 4224

Football Clinic | WOMEN | McKechnie Reserve | Have fun and develop your skills. No charge.
THURS 14 JAN | 2.00-4.00PM
RSVP: 9249 4224

Beyond Your Resume | JOBSEEKERS | Get help with writing cover letters, responding to key selection criteria, applying for jobs online and interview preparation. Bookings essential. Please call 9249 4116 or email learning@brimbank.vic.gov.au to make an appointment.

Study Support In Brimbank | STUDENTS | A guide of local Study Support programs currently being offered across Brimbank.
Link: [Click here](#)

Scholarship Support | STUDENTS | 1 on 1 help for young people applying for scholarships. Bookings essential. Please call 9249 4116 or email learning@brimbank.vic.gov.au to make an appointment.

African Fusion Dance Christmas Special 2020 | WOMEN | McKechnie Reserve | H Sunshine Youth Space and Youth With Love present this free energetic dance event! No charge.
ZOOM | MON 21 JAN | 5.30-6.30PM
RSVP: coordinator@sunshineyouthspace.com

ACTIVITIES FOR UNDER 5s

Holiday Mixer | 2-5 YEAR OLDS | Join Santa's elves as they take you on a fun filled magical adventure where you will be trained up to be one of Santa's little helpers this Christmas. Mesmerising magic, crazy Christmas games, Santa's scavenger hunt and tales of the North Pole await. Places limited. No charge.
ZOOM | SAT 19 DEC | 10.00AM
Register: [Click here](#)

Special Library Night Before Christmas | 2-5 YEAR OLDS | Join us as our very talented staff perform a special library interpretation of The Library Night Before Christmas. No charge.
PREMIERES ON YOUTUBE ON SUN 20 DEC:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/BrimbankLibrariesAUS/videos>

Christmas Cultural Storytimes | 2-5 YEAR OLDS | Leading up to Christmas we will be holding 4 special Christmas themed storytimes for families and children. Join in as we celebrate the different ways people celebrate the holiday season. No charge.
WATCH NOW ON YOUTUBE:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/BrimbankLibrariesAUS/videos>

Summer Storytimes in the Park | FAMILIES | Join us for songs, stories and fun in the beautiful parks of Brimbank as we celebrate summer and share our love of books in the great outdoors. Don't forget to bring a picnic rug to sit on, sunscreen, a hat and a morning snack. Bookings required. No charge.
More info: www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au

What's On In Maribyrnong

Isolation Creations | A series of workshops, performances and activities for you to watch and join from home! Showcasing local talented young people. New videos added regularly.
Links: [Website](#) and [YouTube](#)

Friday Night Live | 12-25 YEAR OLDS | A regular live event showcasing local young performers, industry professionals, and guest speakers. Start the weekend right and join in the live stream to enjoy original music and live performances by talented young people in the west! No cost.
ZOOM | SING WITH ME | FRI 18 DEC | 6.00-7.00PM
ZOOM | BREAKING | FRI 15 JAN | 6.00-7.00PM
Register:
<https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/phoenix-youth-hub/Events-Activities>

Create With Me | 12-25 YEAR OLDS | An arts program for young people to explore their creative side from home. With a series of guest presenters, try out new styles of art and learn new skills. No experience needed, No cost.
ZOOM | RECYCLE AND UPCYCLE JEANS | THURS 17 DEC | 6.00-7.00PM
Register:
<https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/phoenix-youth-hub/Events-Activities>

Same Different Me | 18-25 YEAR OLDS | International students can tell their stories through the 'Same Different Me' project with Story is Connection. These workshops give students the chance to tell their stories through improv theatre, and develop a group piece to be performed for the wider community. No cost.
ZOOM | MON 21 DEC | 5.30-7.00PM
Register:
http://bit.ly/Same_Different_Me_Workshop_EOI

Phoenix Photography Competition | 12-25 YEAR OLDS | An opportunity for young photographers to showcase their works. From amateur to experienced, all photographers are welcome to enter. The theme for the competition is 'Change'. No cost.
ENTRIES CLOSE ON MON 1 MAR
Register: [Click here for more info](#)

Summer Scavenger Hunt | 12-25 YEAR OLDS | **Phoenix Youth Centre** | Get involved in a scavenger hunt around Footscray. Find clues and visit different locations and destinations in search of the next clue or task. Prizes for the winning team. Register in teams of 2. Café/restaurant lunch provided. No cost.
WED 20 JAN | 11.00AM-2.00PM
Register: phoenix@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

What's On In Hobson's Bay

Beginner Skate Program | 12-25 YEAR OLDS | **Bryan Martyn Netball Court** | Our program is designed to teach basic skateboarding skills and enable participants to ride a skateboard with confidence. No skateboard? No worries! Skateboards will be available on site. Required: Helmet and appropriate closed shoes. Registration essential.
SESSION TIMES:
1ST SESSION | MON 11 JAN | 10.00AM-12.00PM
2ND SESSION | MON 11 JAN | 1.00-3.00PM
1ST SESSION | THURS 19 JAN | 10.00AM-12.00PM
2ND SESSION | THURS 19 JAN | 1.00-3.00PM
Register:
www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

Tennis Program | 12-25 YEAR OLDS | **Commonwealth Reserve Nelson Palace Williamstown** | Join us for a fun, outdoor tennis coaching clinic delivered by professional coaches. The session will then follow a fun round robin tournament! Tennis rackets provided. Required: Hat and water bottle. Registration essential.
TUE 12 JAN | 11.00AM-12.30PM
Register:
www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

YeS Project | 12-20 YEAR OLDS | Designed by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. The workshop-based digital and social health program encourages young people to act as positive leaders and supportive friends in social spaces, especially online. Registration essential.
SESSION TIMES:
ZOOM | WED 13 JAN | 10.00AM-5.00PM
ZOOM | THURS 14 JAN | 10.00AM-5.00PM
Register:
www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

RSA Online Course | 16 YEARS AND OLDER | A standard, 4 –hour course to receive a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate that is a requirement for those who sell, offer or serve alcohol. Registration essential.

SESSION TIMES:

ZOOM | FRI 15 JAN | 10.30AM-2.30PM

Register:

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

Clay Play | 12-25 YEAR OLDS | Newport Community Hub | A safe, warm-hearted casual space for young people of Hobsons Bay to learn a variety of hand building techniques. Registration essential.

SESSION TIMES:

FRI 8 JAN | 1.00-2.30PM

Register:

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

Survivor Challenge | 12-18 YEAR OLDS | Altona Beach | UP brings you an exciting program for survivor fans. Join us in our very own survivor party! A program that challenges you physically and mentally! Prize to be won by the winning team. Registration essential.

SESSION TIMES:

WED 20 JAN | 10.00AM-1.00PM

Register:

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

What's On In Melton

Melton Youth Services | Check out the website!

Link: melton.vic.gov.au/FSHA

What's On In Wyndham

Wyndham Youth Services | Check out the website!

Link:

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services>

What's On In Moonee Valley

Valley Youth Services | Check out the website!

Link: <https://valleyyouth.org.au/>

What's On In Melbourne

What's On Today | The City of Melbourne website has a list of virtual events you can check out, including podcasts, classes, archives and more.

Link: [Click here](#)

Zoos Victoria | Virtual tours and more!

Link: <https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/>

Young Change Agents | 10-18 YEAR OLDS |

Registrations are now open for several programs delivered by Young Change Agents in collaboration with the Academy for Enterprising Girls! Open to young women who are passionate about environmental sustainability, gender equality, mental health, fashion and/or everything in between!

Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/young-change-agents-17042073256>

Scienceworks | Explore their range of creative, family-friendly, hands-on activities!

Link:

<https://museumsvictoria.com.au/scienceworks/at-home/play/>

Junior Rangers | Free activities that will help you understand the environment and uncover the wonders of Victoria's parks.

Link: <https://juniorrangers.com.au/make-and-do/>

NGV Kids | Continue to connect with art and each other from home with the Gallery's free online live events, activity sheets, games and eBooks.

Link: <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/kids/>

ON TRACK Collaborative Song Writing + Dance Workshops | GRADE 5 TO YEAR 12 | ON TRACK is an exciting and energetic song writing music program giving students the skills to turn their experiences into song! Learn to break, spin and spiral with L2R Dance Crew PLUS Excursion to IMMIGRATION MUSEUM. ON TRACK is FREE with lunch and snack provided with HEAPS of prizes up for grabs daily.

Wyndham Park Community Centre | MON 18 JAN TO FRI JAN 22

Melton Indoor Recreation Centre | MON 18 JAN TO FRI JAN 22

Link: Contact alie.pickin@mushroomgroup.com or [click here to register](#)

Serendip Sanctuary's Junior Rangers Program | CHILDREN | 100 Windermere Road, Lara | Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria, with the support of Parks Victoria, would like to invite kids of all ages who are blind or vision impaired to Serendip Sanctuary's Junior Rangers Program this summer! Places limited, bookings necessary. No charge (2 adults max).

WED 20 JAN | 10.00AM-12.30PM

RSVP: Miriam on miriam@blindsports.org.au or phone (03) 9822 8876

Ramp and Roll Skate Clinic (2 SESSIONS) | 12-25 YEAR OLDS | PRAHRAN SKATE PARK | Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria would like to invite 12-25 year olds who are blind or vision impaired to a free skateboarding clinic this summer! In this session for beginners, pro skater, Renton Millar, will teach you how to safely roll and turn, and the basics of using skate ramps. Please BYO Helmet, Runners & Water Bottle.

SESSION 1 | WED 27 JAN | 10.00AM-11.00AM

SESSION 2 | WED 27 JAN | 11.00AM-12.00PM

RSVP: Miriam on miriam@blindsports.org.au or phone (03) 9822 8876

Stuff to Watch

Brimbank Leisure Centres | Videos of workouts you can do from home and more.

Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWbliiJGIFQ7T1uS78yh3g/videos>

Brimbank Live + OPPORTUNITY TO BE A RADIO HOST | Listen to local podcasts and explore a variety of interesting shows and topics! Want to be a radio host yourself? Apply now by emailing brimbanklivefm@gmail.com. No previous experience required, just be passionate and ready to learn! This opportunity is available for ages 12+.

Link: <https://www.livefm.online/brimbank-live>

BYS Wellbeing Video | Learn how to make pancakes and have good mental health!

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YNy8hg_sCo&t=6s

Brimbank Youth Services

B-Heard Youth Support Program | The team is still working to support young people during these difficult times. While face-to-face counselling and support services have been suspended, we continue to take referrals for phone and/or video sessions.

Contact | If you would like to speak to someone on our team, please call or email us.

Phone: 9249 4110

Email: bys@brimbank.vic.gov.au

Website | Find information on what services we provide, articles on our blog and more!

Link: <https://brimbankyouth.com/>

Social Media | We share loads of free online resources, media, updates, stories, events and tips to help you get through this time, so follow us now!

Facebook: [@brimbankyouth](https://www.facebook.com/brimbankyouth)

Instagram: [@brimbankyouth](https://www.instagram.com/brimbankyouth)

What's On At Home: April and July Editions | If you haven't already, make sure to check out the previous editions of WOA for a list of other fun activities that you can do from home.

Link: <https://brimbankyouth.com/whats-on-at-home-july2020/>

Link: <https://brimbankyouth.com/whats-on-at-home-april-2020/>

The BOLD Source Issue 1: Advocacy | Check out our free youth magazine, composed of stories created and edited by local young people.

Link: <https://brimbankyouth.com/the-bold-source-issue-1-advocacy/>

Brimbank City Council Coronavirus Updates | Stay up to date with what the City of Brimbank is doing during the pandemic.

Link: <https://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/emergency-information/coronavirus-covid-19>

L2P Program | A program to help you learn to drive.

Link: <https://brimbankyouth.com/programs/l2p-learner-driving-program/>

YMCA

Virtual Y | An online platform where you can access exclusive fitness, nutrition, wellbeing, family and youth-friendly content!

Link: <https://virtually.ymca.org.au/>

Innovation Youth Centre

The Survive and Thrive Manual | IYC developed a great survival self-help manual resource to help young people in lockdown. The manual has directories to services based in Melbourne's North, social groups and boredom busters.

Link: [Click here to access.](#)

100 Story Building

Learn At Home Resources | UNDER 12s | Are you a young writer? Cultivate a creative mindset with this list of free activities that will help you with generating ideas, moving past writing blocks and more.

Link: <https://www.100storybuilding.org.au/learn-at-home-resources>

Link: [A User's Guide to A Pandemic \(a publication written by young writers\)](#)

Headspace Australia

COVID-19 Information | Resources to help you deal with how coronavirus is affecting you and your mental health.

Link: <https://headspace.org.au/covid-19/>

CMY

MY CONNECT | The Centre for Multicultural Youth has launched a new initiative called MY CONNECT, a free and confidential info line during coronavirus (COVID-19) that helps young people to understand what support they are eligible for. Available Mon to Fri from 8.00AM-8.00PM
Contact: call 03 9340 3770 or email myconnect@cmynet.au

Stay Connected!

Hobsons Bay UP

Facebook: [@HobsonsBayUP](#)

Instagram: [@hobsonsbayup](#)

Website: <https://linktr.ee/hobsonsbayup>

Email: adminys@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Maribyrnong Youth Services

Facebook: [@PhoenixYouthCentre](#)

Instagram: [@phoenix_youth](#)

Website: <http://www.phoenixyouth.com.au/>

Email: phoenix@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

Melton Youth Services

Facebook: [@cityofmeltonyouthservices](#)

Instagram: [@meltonyouth](#)

Website: [Click here to access the website.](#)

Email: yse@melton.vic.gov.au

Moonee Valley Youth Services

Facebook: [@ValleyYouthMV](#)

Instagram: [@valleyyouthmv](#)

Website: <https://linktr.ee/valleyyouthmv>

Email: youth@mvcc.vic.gov.au

Wyndham Youth Services

Facebook: [@youthinwyndham](#)

Instagram: [@youthinwyndham](#)

Website: [Click here to access the website.](#)

Email: youthinwyndham@wyndham.vic.gov.au

For Parents

Click for Vic | A curated selection of the many local businesses who can deliver straight to your door.

Link: <https://www.visitvictoria.com/things-to-do/click-for-vic>

COVID-19 Guide for Parents | UNICEF Parenting have created several helpful resources to help you navigate the pandemic as a parent.

Link: [Click here](#)

Supporting Children During the COVID-19 Pandemic

| Emerging Minds have tons of helpful information to help parents support their kids during this time.

Link: [Click here to access the website.](#)