

Positive Ageing 2025 Program





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Acknowledgement of Country

We recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.

LEAP Program



The Let Everyone Actively
Participate (LEAP) is a Council
program which provides enjoyable
and affordable events and
activities for people aged
50 years and older living in the
City of Whittlesea. The program
enables you to participate in
physical and social activities to
improve and maintain health,
wellbeing, and social connectivity.

LEAP Membership:

Membership is free and available to residents over 50 years of age living in the City of Whittlesea. Participation in all LEAP programs and activities requires enrolment as a LEAP Member prior to attending any of the activities.

LEAP Programs are a wonderful way to:

- Meet new people
- Build new friendships
- Learn new skills
- Remain active and physically fit
- Be socially connected to the local community.



LEAP offers a variety of regular programs, including:

- Sports and recreation
- Exercise classes
- Health and wellbeing educational workshops
- Opportunities to learn new skills.

In addition to this, LEAP members are eligible for a discounted membership to the Thomastown Recreation and Aquatic Centre and the Mill Park Leisure Centre located in the City of Whittlesea.

Becoming a LEAP Member is easy. Simply visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/LEAP or complete online LEAP application form - and return the completed form via email to ageingwell@whittlesea.vic.gov.au Alternatively, you can call the Ageing Well team on 9217 2170 and select option 4.



Social Connection and Center Based Respite

For residents over the age of 65 (50 years or older for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people) who are eligible for services through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). A My Aged Care Assessment and referral is required to participate in some programs.

Participants who are assessed as eligible for social support or centre based respite through My Aged Care and live in the Northern Metropolitan Region (City of Whittlesea, City of Yarra, City of Hume, City of Darebin, City of Banyule, City of Merri-bek, City of Nillumbik) are eligible to attend the programs but will need to organise their own transport to the activity.



Our Programs

The City of Whittlesea offer an exciting range of programs to help keep you active, healthy, and independent for longer.

We have a range of different exercise programs run by professionally trained staff and volunteers. We also have a range of active activities that all LEAP members and Social Support referred members can participate in. Refer to our weekly and monthly timetable.





Monthly Timetable

All LEAP programs recommence from February and social support programs recommence from Monday

13 January

February

Wednesday 19 February Lunch in a Bunch

3rd Wednesdays of the month

- Various locations
- (S) 12pm-2.30pm
- (\$) CHSP \$9

Tuesday 25 February
Morning Melodies with
Evergreens and popular songs
with singer and guitarist John
Bevilacqua (Los Amigos Band)

Join us for a fun filled morning of music entertainment. Morning melodies is a fantastic way to share some of your favourite songs with others and to stay connected to those around you in your community.

- Kirrip Community Centre, 135 De Rossi Boulevard, Wollert
- (10am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12



March

Monday 17 March Information Session

Join us for a coffee and chat about our LEAP and Social support programs. Anyone over 50 years old and living in the City of Whittlesea.

- Barry Road CommunityActivity Centre,36 Barry Road, Thomastown
- 2pm-4pm
- (\$) Free

Wednesday 19 March Lunch in a Bunch



For details see February on page 6

Tuesday 25 March Morning Melodies with Belly dance performance with Rachele Moro

Join us for an interactive, lively Belly dance with Rachele the belly dancer.

- Kirrip Community Centre,
 135 de Rossi Boulevard,
 Wollert
- **U** 10am-12pm
- CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12

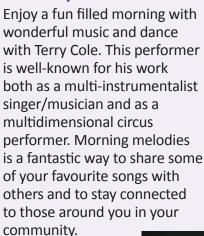
April

Thursday 3 April Senior Clubs Liaison meeting

Meeting for all senior Citizen clubs registrered with City of Whittlesea ONLY

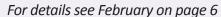
- City of Whittlesea, Civic Centre, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang
- **U** 10am-12pm

Thursday 10 April Morning Melodies with Terry Cole



- Mernda Social Support Centre, 70 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda
- (S) 10am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12

Wednesday 16 April Lunch in a Bunch



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Tuesday 29 April Morning Melodies with Victoria Mantynen, a tribute to Vera Lynn

Join us for the amazing Sincerely Yours show, a tribute to Dame Vera Lynn by the amazing Victoria Mantynen.

- Kirrup Community Centre,135 de Rossi Boulevard,Wollert
- (S) 10am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12



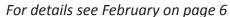


Friday 2 May Know your city bus tour

Our bus tours are designed to provide people aged over 50 with an opportunity to explore the offerings available within the City of Whittlesea. During the tour, you will be shown where to find programs, activities and a range services. Whether you are a lifelong resident of the City of Whittlesea or have just moved to the area, our tour offers you a chance discover hidden gems like walking trails, historical sites and more, fostering a stronger sense of community and shared knowledge.

(\$) \$10

Wednesday 21 May Lunch in a Bunch



Tuesday 27 May Morning Melodies with Burra Square Dance

Burra Square Dance with caller Neil Wynn. Enjoy Burra Square dance performance and join in the Square dancing which is a low impact great aerobic exercise and lots of fun.

- Kirrip Community Centre, 135 de Rossi Boulevard, Wollert
- (\) 10am-12pm
- CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12



June

Thursday 12 June Morning Melodies with Maria Pellicano



Fun filled morning of music, singalong, and dance with singer and guitarist John Bevilacqua from Los Amigos Dance Band.

- Mernda Social Support Centre, 70 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda
- 10am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12



Monday 16 June Information session

Join us for a coffee and chat about our LEAP and Social support programs. Anyone over 50 years old and living in the City of Whittlesea.

- Mernda Social Support Centre, 70 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda
- 2pm-4pm
- Free

Wednesday 18 June Lunch in a Bunch

For details see February on page 6

Fifty Fifty



Life presents many different circumstances. As people age it's important to ensure that they have planned for the future. This session presents information in a simple and interactive way. Booklets will be available at the session as well as other printed resources.

- O City of Whittlesea Civic Centre 25 Ferres boulevard. South Morang
- (10am-12pm
- (\$) Free

Tuesday 24 June Morning Melodies Brian Espiner





Brian's warm vocal style has been likened to Michael Buble and has developed over the years to cover a wide range of styles from modern classical to jazz & pop music.

- Kirrip Community Centre 135 de Rossi Boulevard, Wollert
- (\) 10am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12



July

Wednesday 16 July Lunch in a Bunch

For details see February on page 6

Friday 25 July Know your city bus tour

Our bus tours are designed to provide people aged over 50 with an opportunity to explore the offerings available within the City of Whittlesea. During the tour, you will be shown where to find programs, activities and a range services. Whether you are a lifelong resident of the City of Whittlesea or have just moved to the area, our tour offers you a chance discover hidden gems like walking trails, historical sites and more, fostering a stronger sense of community and shared knowledge.

Tuesday 29 July Christmas in July

Singalong with Laura Kate

Enjoy a fun filled morning with amazing music. Laura is a singer and violinist who specialises in performing timeless classics from a variety of genres including jazz/swing, pop and rock 'n' roll Morning melodies is a fantastic way to share some of your favourite songs with others and to stay connected to those around you in your community.

- Kirrup Community Centre
 135 de Rossi Boulevard,
 Wollert
- (\) 10am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12



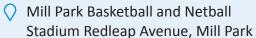


(\$) \$10

Monday

Social Exercise and Walking Football





- (\$\) 10am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$2, LEAP \$4

Exercise for older adults



- Nick Ascenzo Community Centre, 2 Boronia Street, Thomastown
- (\$\) 9.30am-10.15am
- (\$) CHSP \$5, LEAP \$7



Meals for seniors cooking program

Commencing Monday 3 February 2025

- **Barry Road Community Activity** Centre, 36 Barry Road, Thomastown
- (\$\) 10am-1pm
- CHSP \$15



Tuesday

Social Golf





- Growling Frog Golf Course, 1910 Donnybrook Road, Yan Yean
- (\$\) 7am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$11.50 **LEAP \$21 (9 holes)** CHSP \$16.50 LEAP \$31 (18 Holes) Golf cart hire \$24

Exercise for older adults





- Mernda Village Community Activity Centre, 70 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda
- (\$\) 9.30am-10.15am
- (\$) CHSP \$5 LEAP \$7

Seniors Exercise Park





- Barry Road Community Activity Centre, 36 Barry Road, Thomastown
- (10am-11am
- (\$) Free

Social Connections Program



- **Barry Road Community** Activity Centre, 36 Barry Road, Thomastown
- (\$\) 9.30am-2pm
- (\$) CHSP \$18

Wednesday

Social Connections **Program**

- Barry Road Community Activity Centre, 36 Barry Road, Thomastown
- 9.30am-2pm
- CHSP \$18

Lunch in

a Bunch

Various

3rd Wednesday

restaurants

(\$\) 12pm-2.30pm

KEY:

(\$) CHISP \$9

Thursday

Social Golf

\(\) 7am-12pm

(\$) CHSP \$11.50











Friday

- Whittlesea Community Activity Centre, 57-61 Laurel Street. Whittlesea
- (\$) 9.30am-10.15am
- (\$) CHSP \$5 LEAP \$7

Social Connections Program





1910 Donnybrook Road,

Yan Yean

LEAP \$21 (9 holes)

LEAP \$31 (18 Holes)

Golf cart hire \$24

CHSP \$16.50

- (\$\) 9.30am-2pm
- (\$) CHSP \$18

Exercise for older adults



Nick Ascenzo Community Centre, 2 Boronia Street, Thomastown

- 9.30am-10.15am
- (\$) CHSP \$5. LEAP \$7

Dementia Friendly group



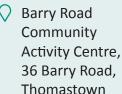
- (\$\) 9.30am-2pm
- (\$) CHSP \$18

Social 10-pin bowling



- U 10am to 12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$5 LEAP \$10 (1 Game) CHSP \$8 LEAP \$16 (2 games)

Social **Connections** "Buongiorno" Italian program



- (\$\) 9.30am-2.30pm
- (\$) CHSP \$18







PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

Dementia Friendly group

The Dementia and Memory program assists those experiencing dementia, early signs of dementia and memory loss a chance to connect socially and to stay active and engaged in the community. It also provides respite for carers

Social Connections

The social connection program is an opportunity for you to connect with others over a range of activities including music, craft, gardening and much more.

Meals for Seniors Cooking

If you are cooking for two or just for yourself, exploring Meals for Seniors is a wonderful way to discover new recipes and engage in the preparation of healthy dishes. With the guidance of a dietitian, you will learn to create delicious meals.



To book visit \mathcal{Q} whittlesea.vic.gov.au/LEAP Scan the QR Code or call **9217 2170** and select option 4.

KEY:



Social Support Group and centre based respite programs

Note: You must be a Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) recipient to attend these programs. If you are a CHSP recipient, you will need a My Aged Care Social Support referral to attend. If you do not have a referral, My Aged Care to organise for an Assessment or if you have any questions about the programs, contact us on **9217 2170** and select option 4.



LEAP member run programs

Note: You must be a LEAP member or a social support recipient to attend these programs. If you are not a LEAP member, visit **whittlesea.vic.gov.au/LEAP** to download the application form or contact us for an application form. If you are a CHSP recipient, you will need a My aged Care Social Support referral to attend. If you do not have a referral, please contact us on **9217 2170** and select option 4.

August

Tuesday 12 August Senior Clubs Liaison meeting For details see April on page 7

Thursday 14 August Morning Melodies with Inca Marka band

Inka Marka is an Australian band that plays Bolivian, Peruvian and Ecuadorian music. Their album Auki Auki was nominated for 2000 ARIA Award for Best World Music Album.

- Mernda Social support
 Centre, 70 Mernda Village
 Drive, Mernda
- 🕓 10am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12

Wednesday 20 August Lunch in a Bunch

For details see February on page 6

Tuesday 26 August Morning Melodies with Jacob Kinniburgh

Join in on the fun with The African drumming. Drumming improves the overall health and wellbeing of older adults.

- Kirrip Community Centre
 135 de Rossi Boulevard,
 Wollert
- (10am-12pm
- \$ CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12

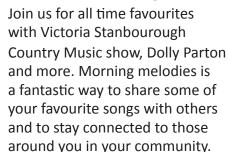
September

Wednesday 17 September Lunch in a Bunch



For details see February on page 6

Tuesday 30 September Morning Melodies Victoria Stanbourough



- Kirrip Community Centre
 135 de Rossi Boulevard,
 Wollert
- 10am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12



October

Thursday 2 October Senior's Festival Launch

City of Whittlesea host several events and activities during October for the Senior's Festival. Keep an eye out for details on our website at

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Thursday 9 October Morning Melodies with Sofia Chapman



- Mernda Social Support Centre, 70 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda
- (\$\) 10am-12pm
- CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12

Wednesday 15 October Lunch in a Bunch

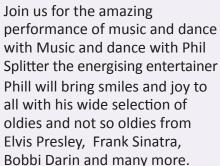


Friday 24 October Know your city bus tour

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(\$) CHSP \$5 LEAP \$7

Tuesday 28 October Morning Melodies with Phil Splitter



- Kirrip Community Centre 135 de Rossi Boulevard, Wollert
- (\) 10am-12pm
- CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12

November

Thursday 13 November Senior Clubs Liaison meeting

For details see April on page 7

Monday 18 November Information Session

Join us for a coffee and chat about our LEAP and Social support programs. Anyone over 50 years old and living in the City of Whittlesea.

- Mernda Social Support Centre, 70 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda
- 2pm-4pm
- Free

Lunch in a Bunch

For details see February on page 6

Tuesday 25 November Morning Melodies



Come on a musical journey with Jane as she performs some of the best loved music of all time The Sound of Music and other popular show tunes.

- **Kirrip Community** Centre 135 de Rossi Boulevard, Wollert
- (\) 10am-12pm
- (\$) CHSP \$6 LEAP \$12

All programs finish on Friday 19 December.





Fee Schedule

Note: If there are applicable fees and charges, make sure to submit payment, as this could affect your eligibility to participate.

PROGRAM	CHSP CLIENTS	LEAP MEMBERS
Social exercise and Walking Football	\$2	\$4
Exercise for Older Adults	\$5	\$7
Seniors Exercise Park	Free	Free
Social 10 pin Bowling	\$5 one game	\$8 one game
	\$10 two games	\$16 two games
Social Connections Program	\$18	(Must be CHSP Client)
Dementia Friendly Program	\$18	(Must be CHSP Client)
Meals for Seniors (Cooking for 2 now)	\$15	(Must be CHSP Client)
Lunch in a Bunch	\$9	
Morning Melodies	\$6	\$12
Know your city bus tour	\$10 flat rate	

GOLF PROGRAM	CHSP CLIENTS	LEAP
9 Holes	\$11.50	\$21
18 Holes	\$16.50	\$31
Golf Cart Hire	\$24	\$24
Annual membership – Seniors Season Pass (Monday to Friday)	\$965	\$965

Other services supported by City of Whittlesea Community Gardens

In the City of Whittlesea, we support several community gardens.

If you love gardening but do not have the space at home and want to meet like-minded gardeners, contact us to find your nearest community garden on **9217 2170** and select option 4.



Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre

- 2 Snugburgh Way, Epping
- Open every day



Greenbrook Triple G Community Garden

- 40 McFarlane Cres, Epping
- Wednesdays



Lalor Community Garden Lalor

- 35 Duncan Road, Lalor
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 10am-2pm



Mill Park Garden Club

- 11 Mill Park Drive, Mill Park
- Third Friday of the Month 12.30-3pm



Links Garden Lalor

- 403 Station Street, Lalor
- Wednesday and Thursday 9am-1pm Saturday 10am-12noon



Carome Homestead

- 10 Hathfelde Boulevard, Mernda
- Unrestricted hours



Mernda Seed Sow and Grow Community Garden

- 2 Heals Road, Mernda
- Wednesday from 10am-12pm



Little learners Village Community Garden

- 211M Gordons Road, South Morang
- Open to the public 24/7



Whittlesea Community Garden

- 55 Laurel Street, Whittlesea
- Monday8.30am-11.30amThursday8.30am-12.30pm

Other services provided by City of Whittlesea

Support at Home Services

Council delivers a range of services through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and provides services to people over 65 years old (or 50 and above for Aboriginal and Torress Strait Islander individuals) who require assistance with daily activities.

Our services are designed to support you in maintaining a safe and independent lifestyle within the comfort of your own home and in the community. Our service can be provided at a frequency that meets your assessed needs which will be discussed with you.

The services available include:



Domestic Assistance

General household tasks such as cleaning, such as vacuuming, mopping, dusting, laundry services and shopping.



Personal Care

Various task as part of your daily routine, such as meal preparation, showring, washing, dressing and more.



Support for Carers

We offer a range of flexible respite services to support carers to take care of themselves. You can take a break or get things done knowing your loved one is in great care. This can be at home, centre based or in the community.



畳/炒 Social Support Individual and Escorted shopping

We can pick you up from home and support you to do your own shopping and other errands like going to the bank or chemist.



We offer a range of options including meals delivered to your home or in a local café or restaurant. Delivered meals have a wide range of fresh and frozen meals to choose from, that cater to most dietary needs.



Property Maintenance

Our services include assisting with minor household reports and modifications to ensure your safety and well-being at home.

To receive these services, an assessment and referral from My Aged Care is required. You can call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 to register and arrange an assessment.



Useful phone numbers

City of Whittlesea

Ageing Well Department

9217 2170: choose Option 4

My Aged Care

\$\sqrt{1800 200 422}

Senior Rights Victoria

\(\sqrt{1} 1300 368 821

Office of the Public Advocate

\& 1300 309 337

publicadvocate.vic.gov.au

Aged Care Assist

\(\cdot\) 0438 849 400

dpvhealth.org.au/aged-care-assist/

Carer Gateway

\(\sqrt{1} 1800 422 737

 ⟨ carergateway.gov.au/ services-and-support

Banksia Palliative Care

9455 0822

Healthy Ageing Service

9231 8443

Northern Health-Advanced Care Planning

9495 3235

nh.org.au/service/ advance-care-planning

Whittlesea Mental Health and Wellbeing Local

\(\) 1800 571 145

Alzheimer's Australia

\(\) 1800 100 500

dementia.org.au

Whittlesea Community Connections

9401 6666

Whittleseacommunity connections.org.au

Rainbow door

\(\) 1800 729 367

Specialist Family Violence Services:

Safe Steps

\(\sqrt{1} 1800 015 188

The Orange Door

\(\) 1800 319 355

Everyone has the right to be free of violence or the fear of violence. If you or someone you know is in immediate danger or experiencing violence, call 000.



Volunteering at the City of Whittlesea

Did you know volunteering is good for you? Volunteering is a great way to make a difference in your local community. Getting involved in volunteering not only builds the community, it can also:

- Reduce loneliness and isolation
- Increase your health and wellbeing
- Be a pathway to employment
- Lower stress
- Grow networks and friendships
- Increase your skills and knowledge

Volunteering opportunities

City of Whittlesea offers several volunteering opportunities where you can enjoy connecting with other people while bringing your diverse skills and interests ranging from:

- Arts and crafts
- Musical talents
- Digital literacy
- Conversational skills
- Sport and recreation
- Cooking and food support
- Transport assistance/ drivers
- Bi-lingual
- Reading and creative writing
- And much more

If you would like to be part of our amazing team of volunteers, contact Ageing Well on 9217 2170 and select option 4.

Council Offices

25 Ferres Boulevard South Morang VIC 3752

Whittlesea Service Hub 63 Church Street Whittlesea VIC 3757

Email: ageingwell@whittlesea.vic.gov.au **Website** whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Postal address
City of Whittlesea Locked Bag
Bundoora MDC VIC 3083

Phone: 9217 2170, select option 4 National Relay Service: 133 677

(ask for 9217 2170)

Connect with us in your preferred language:





Free telephone interpreter service



