What's on at the Ashburton Community Centre

Courses, Activities & Events Guide

Celebrating 40 years of community, connection, stories and shared memories at ACC

Celebrating 40 Years

As part of our upcoming 40th birthday celebrations later this year we invite you to share your ACC story with us. Ideas for what you might like to share include:

- I first came to the Centre in (year)...
- My favourite memory of the Community Centre is...
- This place means so much to me because...
- What I love about the Centre...

  ... or any other thoughts or stories about the Centre you'd like to share.

We have cards at reception that you can fill out and return. These cards will be placed on display as part of the celebrations, or you can scan the QR code and send through your story and we will print them for display. There will also be other opportunities to share stories and memories of the Centre during the year.

Thank you for being part of our story.

July to December 2026

KEY DATES

Jun 27 Ashburton-a-Fair

Jul 1 Global Film Night

Jul 11 Bookfest Ashburton

Jul 13 Term 3 Begins

Aug 5 Global Film Night

Sep 2 Global Film Night

Sep 9 Annual General Meeting & 40th Birthday

Sep 10 Musical Medley

Sep 18 Term 3 Ends

Sep 19 Ashburton-a-Fair

Oct 5 Term 4 Begins

Oct 7 Global Film Night

Oct 22 Get Online Week Trivia Quiz

Nov 4 Global Film Night

Dec 2 Global Film Night

Dec 5 Ashburton-a-Fair

Dec 10 Musical Medley

Dec 18 Term 4 Ends

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CREATE

Our create classes and tutor-led programs in a range of areas in visual art, suitable for beginners through to advanced students.

Acrylic Art for All Abilities

Learn more about materials, mediums, textures and colour, from artist and teacher Lorraine Kelly in a relaxed and inclusive environment. All students are encouraged in this supportive environment to recognise their own talents and abilities.

Mondays 10.30am - 12.30pm
10 classes, $304, starting Jul 13
10 classes, $304, starting Oct 5

Advanced Watercolour Studio

A self-directed class designed for experienced watercolour artists who enjoy working independently while still having access to expert guidance.

In this studio-style format, students bring their own subject matter and materials to explore throughout the session. Our highly respected tutor, Alan, will be present to offer broad direction, guidance and artistic insights as needed. While individual tutorial time will be limited, his expertise will continue to support your creative development. Ideal for students who prefer to focus on their own projects at their own pace. Tutor: Alan Rawady

Mondays 1pm - 3pm
10 classes, $220, starting Jul 13
10 classes, $220, starting Oct 5

Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm
10 classes, $220, starting Jul 15
11 classes, $242, starting Oct 7

Introduction to Watercolour

A fun watercolour class designed for beginners or those with some experience. Learn a variety of watercolour techniques, ranging from traditional to contemporary. You will see a short demonstration and each person receives individual attention. From traditional to contemporary design, learn about colour mixing, brush technique, washes & blending. Tutor: Lisa Gribbin

Tuesdays 11.45am - 1.45pm
9 classes, $274, starting Jul 21
9 classes, $274, starting Oct 13

Watercolour: Beyond the Basics

Take your watercolour skills further in this fun and supportive class. In this class you will learn how to: Create stronger atmosphere, perspective and strong lighting effects, use colour in vibrant ways without it turning muddy, explore rich tones, granulation and metallic effects, paint with more precision and realism, and practise techniques like glazing, dry brush, blending and lifting and more. Work on your own subject matter or join in the demonstration. Please note, this class is not suitable for beginners. Tutor: Lisa Gribbin

Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm
9 classes, $274, starting Jul 7
9 classes, $274, starting Oct 13

Botanical Watercolour Illustration

Learn to paint flowers, fruits and plants in magnificent watercolour, capturing colour and details realistically. Be guided each week as you create botanical works in a contemporary style. Tutor: Lisa Gribbin

Beginners **Thursdays** 1pm - 3pm
9 classes, $274, starting Jul 23
10 classes, $304, starting Oct 15

Advanced **Tuesdays** 9.30am-11.30am
9 classes, $274, starting Jul 21
9 classes, $274, starting Oct 13

Chinese Brush Painting

Join award-winning Chinese Brush Painting artist Echo Wu to learn how to use ink and colour to create paintings on xuan paper. The painting techniques and processes will be clearly and methodically unfolded at a pace which matches the skill level of the student. The course is for both beginner and intermediate students.

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm
10 classes, $304, starting Jul 15
11 classes, $334, starting Oct 7

Art for All Abilities

A warm and inclusive art class for all. Unsure of your own artistic capacity? This class is a safe space to explore a range of tools and mediums to express yourself. Start with basic skills and tools such as pencils, pastels, ink and you will be supported to break down the elements of art to create at your own pace. Tutor: Lorraine Kelly.

Fridays 10am - 12pm
10 classes, $304, starting Jul 17
11 classes, $334, starting Oct 9

Life Drawing

Participants can experience life-drawing in a relaxed light-filled hall with large floor easels provided. Life models are employed offering participants the ability to study and refine their drawing skills using their choice of drawing materials. Participants have the opportunity to draw from a variety of poses, with a new model each session. This allows them to practice and develop skills in different areas, such as in capturing the human form's proportions, gestures, or expressions. This class is run by a Volunteer Coordinator who is an active member of the class.

Saturdays 10am - 12pm
9 classes, $167, starting Jul 18
9 classes, $167, starting Oct 3

Workshop - Drawing Christmas Flowers

Dina's workshop is all about loose and carefree linework with a touch of bold colour.

Illustrator Dina Theodoropoulos will show you how to draw flowers using basic shapes and lines, alongside some basic colour theory. What you'll end up with is a loose and illustrative style of drawing, plus the skills and materials to continue creating long after you complete this workshop.

Intended for anyone who would like to reconnect with their creative self at their own pace, without a care for perfectionism.

Sunday Dec 6, 10am - 1pm, $75
Art pack to be purchased for first time participants: $30

Places subject to availability. Dates, tutors, times and prices many vary, please contact the office for confirmation prior to enrolment.

CONNECT

Connect groups are our volunteer-run social groups supporting people with like-minded interests to connect with each other. To participate in a Connect Group, you need to be a member ($15 p.a. membership fee).

BOOKCLUBS AT ACC

Join one of our warm and inclusive bookclubs here at the Centre. Books are chosen by the participants and sourced through the library. If you are interested in joining please contact our office for more details.

Mind Readers Bookclub

Tuesdays (3rd of the month)
7.30pm - 9.30pm, $5 per session

Novels at Night Book Group

Wednesdays (1st of the month)
7.30pm - 9.30pm, $5 per session

Thursday Afternoon Bookclub

Thursdays (1st of the month)
2pm - 4pm, $5 per session

Wednesday Readers Book Group

Wednesdays (4th of the month)
1.30pm - 3.30pm, $5 per session

Chapter Chasers Bookclub

Wednesdays (3rd of the month)
7pm - 9pm, $5 per session

Older Blokes New Ideas

A group for men aged 50+ to meet in an informal, social environment to share knowledge and experiences, guided by our facilitator, Bill.

Mondays (1st & 3rd of the month)
10am - 12pm

Table Tennis Group

Come and join a friendly group of players in a game of social table tennis. Men and women welcome!

Mondays 1.30pm-4pm, $5 per session

Nordic Walking Group

For members who have completed Nordic Walking for Beginners, join a friendly group to stay healthy and stay connected.

Mondays 10.30am -12.30pm, FREE

Karaoke Group

Sing your heart out in a relaxed fun environment. Karaoke relieves stress, boosts self-esteem and confidence, while also building social connections and it's fun!

Tuesdays 10.30am - 12pm, $5 per session

Scrabble Club

Play Scrabble in a friendly and non-competitive environment. All levels welcome and players are matched with similar standard players.

Tuesdays 2pm - 3.30pm, $5 per session

Drawing Open Studio

An open art studio, drop in to work on your art projects. All welcome. By art tutor Dina Theodoropoulos.

Tuesdays (first of the month)
5pm - 7pm, $5 per session

Spinners and Knitters Group

Join a friendly group of friends spinning, knitting & sharing stories.

Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm (2nd & 4th of the month) $5 per session

Walking Group

Our walking group has been exploring the streets of Ashburton for over 20 years. Join friendly, fit and welcoming people to do your hour of exercise outdoors each week. Meet at the Centre.

Wednesdays 10am, FREE
(voluntary gold coin donation)

Mah Jong Group (Western)

Sharpen your mind with this time honoured game of strategy.
Mah Jong lessons also available, contact the Centre for more details.

Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm,
Fridays 12:30pm - 4pm,
$5 per session

Ashy Writers Club

Tired of writing alone in your pajamas? Write with us! Join Ashy Writers Club every Wednesday 1-3pm for some time out of your busy life to turn your phone off, close the door and actually get words on the page. All genres welcome. All skill levels welcome. Sharing, feedback and the benefit of one another's experience offered if participants want that.

Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm,
$5 per session

Dungeons & Dragons

Play Dungeons and Dragons (5th Edition) with a local group with an experienced Dungeon Master.

Wednesdays 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Group 1: 1st & 3rd of the month
Group 2: 2nd & 4th of the month

Sundays 1pm - 4pm
Group 3: 1st & 3rd of the month
Group 4: 2nd & 4th of the month,

Tuesday 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Group 5: 1st & 3rd of the month**,**
$5 per session

(We also run D&D classes for kids/teens).

Craft, Coffee and Chat

A friendly group of ladies who get together weekly to craft and chat over a cup of coffee. While this is an untutored group, we are always willing to show people new skills such as crochet, knitting, patchwork, sewing and cross stitch. Whatever craft you enjoy doing, bring it along.

Thursdays 10.30am - 1pm, $5 per session

Patchwork and Handcraft Group

Our group has experience in patchwork & hand sewing, crochet, knitting, embroidery, cross stitch and needlepoint. Open to new members. Bring your project & join our friendly group over a cup of tea.

Thursdays 1pm - 3pm, $5 per session

Floral Art Group

A lovely group enjoying flower arranging in both traditional and contemporary ways. Participants bring their own supplies and spend a relaxing morning creating gorgeous arrangements.

Thursdays 11am - 12.30pm,
$5 per session

Sing-a-long Singers

Singing is great for the mind, body and spirit. Proven to relieve stress and release feel-good hormones! The emphasis is on enjoyment and participation! No experience needed.

Thursdays (1st & 3rd of the month)
1.30pm - 2.30pm, $5 per session

Acoustic Group

All welcome! Guitar, banjo, ukulele, mandolin, keyboard & singers.

Fridays (1st & 3rd of the month)
7.30pm - 9.30pm, $5 per session

Blues Jamming Session

Guitar, keyboards, harps, kits (within reason), your voice & amps (minimal).

Fridays (2nd & 4th of the month)
7pm - 9pm, $5 per session

Like to create a Connect group?

If there is a group or activity that you would like to see at the centre that we don't have, please get in touch. We always love to hear ideas on what to add to our program.

MOVE

Stay fit and active by enrolling in one of our Move classes, from fun exercise classes to restorative yoga classes, there's something to suit everyone.

Stay Active Online Pass

Keep yourself active and moving with a range of exercise, movement and dance classes. Your Stay Active online pass allows you to attend any (or all!) of the classes on every weekday.

The classes running at the Centre and will be streamed at the same time to your home. Classes include -

- Balance Back to Exercise, Mon 9.15am, Wed 9am and Thu 9.30am
- Exercise to Music, Tue & Fri 9.30am
- Feel Good Fitness, Mon 12.30pm
- Keep Fit Strength & Conditioning, Tue & Fri, 10.45am

Format: Online - Livestream

Mondays to Fridays
10 weeks, $135 starting Jul 13
11 weeks, $149 starting Oct 5

Brain Health Fitness (formally Ageless Grace®)

Based on Ageless Grace's years of medical research into how to slow down the ageing process of your brain and body in your senior years. An uplifting holistic program for wellbeing which is beneficial for stress and anxiety relief, memory retention, co-ordination, balance and promotes creativity. All 5 areas of the brain are activated – analytical, strategic, kinaesthetic learning, memory/recall, creativity and imagination.

Wednesdays 10.30am - 11.15am
7 classes, $169 starting Aug 5
11 classes, $266 starting Oct 7

Thursdays 9.45am - 10.30am
7 classes, $169 starting Aug 6
11 classes, $266 starting Oct 8

Line Dancing - Introduction

Interested in learning how to Line Dance? This 4-week course is an introduction to line dancing steps, which once completed enables you to transition to our Beginners Line Dancing course. Tutor: Marie Pietersz.

Tuesdays 1.15pm -2pm
4 classes, $55 starting Jul 14
4 classes, $55 starting Aug 18
4 classes, $55 starting Oct 13
4 classes, $55 starting Nov 24

These exercise classes are run at the Centre, and live-streamed via Zoom. To attend at the Centre, please register at our office and purchase an Activity Pass - 5 class pass is $40 ($8 per class), 10 class pass is $80 ($8 per class) or pay as you go for $10 per class. To receive the Zoom link and attend online, please purchase the term-based Stay Active Online Pass.

Balance Back to Exercise

The prescription for exercise as we age is to include a balance of exercises covering endurance (cardio), resistance (weights), balance, and stretching. This fun class offers 10-15 minute mini workouts using functional moves and exercises. Equipment used will vary from our own body weight, free weights, resistance bands, balls, and sometimes even broomsticks! BYO mat and sense of humour.

Tutor: Robin Kenrick.

Mondays 9.15am - 10.15am
Term 3: 10 classes starting Jul 13
Term 4: 10 classes, starting Oct 5

Wednesdays 9am - 10am
Term 3: 10 classes, starting Jul 15
Term 4: 11 classes, starting Oct 7

Thursdays 9.30am - 10.30am
Term 3: 10 classes, starting Jul 16
Term 4: 11 classes, starting Oct 8

Feel Good Fitness

Designed to get your body moving and lift your mood. A joyful exercise class that links simple moves with popular songs, making the class feel familiar, fun and energising. You'll build strength, mobility and coordination while enjoying great music and a relaxed atmosphere. Come as you are, move at your own pace, and leave feeling lighter.

Tutor: Megan Edwards

Mondays 12.30pm - 1.30pm
Term 3: 10 classes, starting Jul 7
Term 4: 10 classes, starting Oct 10

Tai Chi

Join us for this gentle yet stimulating form of exercise. Tai Chi can decrease stress and anxiety, improve your mood and aerobic capacity, increase your energy and stamina, improve your flexibility, balance and agility.

Tutor: Sam Au

Mondays 11.15am - 12.15pm
10 classes, starting Jul 13
10 classes, starting Oct 5

Exercise to Music (50+)

Enjoy moving your body in a supportive and welcoming environment, set to music you know and love. This light to moderate class includes easy-to-follow movement, light hand weights, balance and coordination exercises.

Tutor: Megan Edwards

Tuesdays 9.30am - 10.30am
Term 3: 10 classes, starting Jul 14
Term 4: 10 classes, starting Oct 6

Fridays 9:30am - 10:30am
Term 3: 8 classes, starting Jul 17
Term 4: 11 classes, starting Oct 9

Strength and Fitness

A social and energising class designed to build strength, stability and stamina. Light to moderate weights, cardio fitness, balance work, stretching and floor exercises.

Tutor: Megan Edwards

Tuesdays 10.45am - 11.45am
Term 3: 10 classes, starting Jul 14
Term 4: 10 classes, starting Oct 6

Fridays 10.45am - 11.45am
Term 3: 10 classes, starting Jul 17
Term 4: 10 classes, starting Oct 9

Line Dancing Beginners

Perfect for those with some experience. For those new to Line Dancing a prerequisite of joining the beginners class is to complete the 4-week Introduction course. This class is a fun way to keep active. Have loads of fun while exercising your body & mind. Tutor: Marie Pietersz.

Tuesdays 2pm - 3pm
10 classes, $138 starting Jul 14
10 classes, $138 starting Oct 6

Mat Pilates

Work on your core strength to help your balance and enhance everyday movements. A fun and functional class. Tutor: Robin Kendrick.

Thursdays 10.45am - 11.45am
10 classes, $182 starting Jul 16
11 classes, $200 starting Oct 8

Places subject to availability. Dates, tutors, times and prices many vary, please contact the office for confirmation prior to enrolment.

MOVE cont.

Yoga Online Pass

Our Yoga Online Pass allows you to attend any (or all) of the yoga classes on every weekday. Classes run at the Centre and are streamed at the same time to your home. Classes include -

- Yoga Hatha Continuing Mon & Tue, 9.30am
- Outer Strength, Inner Calm - Yoga for Men, Tue 12pm
- Yoga for All, Wed & Fri 9.30am
- Yoga Stretch & Strengthen, Thu 10am
- Yin Yoga, Fri 10.45am

Format: Online - Livestream

Mondays to Fridays
10 weeks, $195 starting Jul 13
11 weeks, $215 starting Oct 5

Yoga - Hatha Continuing

Integral Yoga for health and wellbeing. A gentle yoga suitable for all ages. Asanas, pranayama and relaxation. Tutor: Mary Thow.

Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am
10 classes, $182 starting Jul 13
10 classes, $182 starting Oct 5

Tuesdays 9.30am - 10.30am
10 classes, $182 starting Jul 14
10 classes, $182 starting Oct 6

Also available online (livestream) as part of our Yoga Online Pass

Yoga-Pilates

A mat-based movement class to help you feel strong, steady and at ease in your body. Combining the core-strengthening, posture-enhancing benefits of Pilates with the mindful, grounding qualities of yoga, each session offers a slow, breath-led flow that improves flexibility, balance and whole-body tone. Tutor: Megan Edwards

Mondays 10.45am - 11.45am
10 classes, $182 starting Jul 13
10 classes, $182 starting Oct 5

Outer Strength, Inner Calm (Yoga for Men)

Just for the guys, build strength, mobility and balance through yoga, and keep up with life! Each class includes a simple sequence of movements and stretches, suitable for all levels. You'll find more ease in everyday activities, like kicking the footy with your kids or grandkids or a Sunday bike ride! Tutor: Megan Edwards

Tuesdays 12pm - 1pm
10 classes, $182 starting Jul 14
10 classes, $182 starting Oct 6

Also available online (livestream) as part of our Yoga Online Pass

Yoga for All

Ideal for newcomers to yoga or those who would like to reap the benefits of yoga in a small inclusive setting. All levels welcome.

Wednesdays 9.30am -10.30am (with Catherine)
10 classes, $182 starting Jul 15
11 classes, $200 starting Oct 7

Fridays 9.30am-10.30am (with Laura)
10 classes, $182 starting Jul 17
11 classes, $200 starting Oct 9

Also available online (livestream) as part of our Yoga Online Pass

Yoga - Stretch & Strengthen

Join qualified yoga instructor Liz in a gentle exercise class designed for beginners. Set to soothing music, the class draws from both yoga and Pilates, with a key emphasis on gently stretching all parts of the body to increase flexibility.

Thursdays 10am - 11am
10 classes, $182 starting Jul 16
11 classes, $182 starting Oct 8

Also available online (livestream) as part of our Yoga Online Pass

Yoga - Yin

Yin is a mostly floor based practice designed to nourish the joints and create space in your body and mind. This style is a more passive practice of yoga. The poses are held for longer as we let gravity do the work as you allow for the softening of muscle and release of fascia to elongate and hydrate throughout the body. Tutor: Laura Goldstraw. Open to all levels.

Fridays 10.45am - 11.45am
10 classes, $182 starting Jul 17
11 classes, $200 starting Oct 9

Also available online (livestream) as part of our Yoga Online Pass

Nordic Walking for Beginners

Nordic Walking can be performed by anyone, anywhere, at any time, is affordable and most importantly lots of fun! Join our accredited Nordic Walking instructors in learning the easy techniques and exploring the many beautiful local parks, ovals and trails all accessible around Ashburton.

Tutor: Sam Au

Mondays 9.30am - 11am
6 classes $145 starting Jul 27
6 classes $145 starting Oct 19

Please also take a look at our Connect Nordic Walking Groups to join once you have completed the Nordic Walking for Beginners class.

LEARN

Tutor-led classes in a range of interesting topic areas from music to languages to tech support and more.

Languages

French for Beginners (Level 2)

"Bonjour!" Do you want to learn French and/or travel to France? Come and discover the basics, how to communicate, order from a French menu and more. This course is ideal for beginners who have a smattering of French and are looking to refresh and improve their conversation. All teaching materials supplied by the teacher. Tutor: Isabelle Martin.

Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.30am
10 classes, $304 starting Jul 15
10 classes, $304 starting Oct 7

French Intermediate Conversation

You've known some French for a while, your grammar and vocabulary are good, so now it is time for communication and conversation! Come and talk, discover cultural themes, revise on structures but mainly improve your conversation skills in this Intermediate French class. Tutor: Isabelle Martin.

Fridays 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9 classes, $274 starting Jul 24
10 classes, $304 starting Oct 9

French Advanced Conversation

"Comment ça va?" Do you already have a knowledge of French? Would you like to improve your understanding and conversation skills? Let's do it together! Work on your vocabulary and grammar in group activities, while also learning about the culture and habits of French people. All teaching materials supplied. Tutor: Isabelle Martin.

Fridays 11am - 1pm
9 classes, $274 starting Jul 24
10 classes, $304 starting Oct 9

Italian Intermediate

Learn Italian in a fun and interactive way. Expand on your current understanding in a supportive and friendly online environment.
Tutor: Martine Bourbon

Format: Dedicated Online Class

Mondays 1pm - 2.30pm
6 classes, $182 starting Jul 13
9 classes, $304 starting Oct 5

Music

Ukulele

Ukulele is such a fun and social way to play music. Classes will be structured with a welcome and a warm up on songs from previous classes, a new song or two with instructions on techniques and difficulties, a chance to ask questions at various points through the class, and a final song.

Beginners

Mondays 2pm - 3pm
8 classes, $146 starting Jul 20
10 classes, $182 starting Oct 5

Intermediate

Wednesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
8 classes, $146 starting Jul 22
10 classes, $182 starting Oct 7

Advanced

Wednesdays 2pm - 3pm
8 classes, $146 starting Jul 22
10 classes, $182 starting Oct 7

Room Hire Available at ACC

Our rooms are suitable for a variety of functions, including meetings, classes, general interest gatherings and workshops. The are purpose built with digital TVs and laptop connectivity, air conditioning/ heating and ample light.

Visit **www.ashburtoncc.org.au/room-hire** for more details, or ask at reception. Reduced rate available for community groups and not-for-profit organisations.

General Interest

Cryptic Crosswords (Online)

Do you avoid cryptic crosswords because they are too hard? Learn from Barbara how these puzzles work for some fantastic mental exercise!

Format: Online Dedicated Class

Mondays 10.30am - 11.30am
7 classes, $35, starting Jul 13
7 classes, $35, starting Oct 5

Mondays 2.30pm - 3.30pm
10 classes, $50, starting Jul 13
10 classes, $50, starting Oct 5

Mah Jong (Western) lessons

Sharpen your mind with this time honoured game of strategy. Learn the rules and expand the hand you play (Western only).

Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm
4 classes, $84 starting Aug 5
4 classes, $84 starting Oct 7

Arts & Literature

Writing Your Life Stories

Are you writing your life story or family history or would like to begin but don't know how? This course is for anyone wanting to be inspired and supported to write their life stories. This course will help provide you with focus for your research and writing; a fortnightly deadline for getting your words down on paper; and ideas and feedback on where you can take it next. It also provides a great way to connect with others who are dedicated to preserving their experiences.

Thursdays 1.30pm - 3pm (fortnightly)
5 classes, $121 starting Jul 16
6 classes, $145 starting Oct 8

For the Love of Literature

Part bookgroup, part literature class. A literary background is not needed, nor do participants need to read the whole book beforehand. Tutor led discussion. An opportunity to join other book lovers, to examine and discuss fascinating works of literature.
Tutor: Barbara Boxhall

Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm
6 classes, $145 starting Jul 14
Text for Term 4: The Quiet American by Graham Greene.
6 classes, $145 starting Oct 6

Places subject to availability. Dates, tutors, times and prices many vary, please contact the office for confirmation prior to enrolment.

TECH SAVVY /

Free classes and one-on-one support for seniors with our volunteer Digital Mentors

Get Connected Using a Smartphone / Tablet / iPad

Do you find the demands today for using technology a challenge?

If you would like to improve your skills and confidence in using your device this course is for you. This course has been designed by our digital mentors to respond to the needs of individuals in the class.

Each week a different topic on how to make the most using your device is selected. In language that is easily understood and using step-by-step guides, these sessions will show you the basic information about how technology works, with participants being encouraged to bring along their own queries for discussion. You will also be shown how to use the fabulous BeConnected resources to further your learning.

Digital Mentors: Lynn Norman and Peter Aarons

Tuesdays 10am - 11.30am

4 classes, FREE*, starting Jul 21
4 classes, FREE*, starting Aug 18
5 classes, FREE*, starting Oct 6
5 classes, FREE*, starting Nov 10

Tech Help Desk

Have all your technology related questions answered in a relaxed one-on-one setting with one of our patient and relaxed Digital Mentors. Whether it is regarding your phone, laptop or tablet our tech help desk can help you.

These sessions are run in-Centre, however you are welcome to book a phone appointment if you prefer. These FREE* sessions can be booked on a half-hourly basis. You can book a maximum of 2 sessions per week.

Monday 10.30am - 12pm (with Chris)
Tuesday 9.15am - 9.45am (with Peter)
Tuesday 12.30pm - 2pm (with Lynn)
Wednesday 10.30am - 12pm (Lynn)
Friday 9am - 10.30am (Peter)

Tech Help Desk available during school terms only. Please call the office to organise your appointment time on 9885 7952.

Please bring the device that you want to talk about with you. Please bring any pass-codes that you have for any IT-related accounts.

FILM NIGHT

Global Film Night & Discussion

Join us each month for a world movie in a welcoming environment and enjoy a casual conversation about the film and its themes.

Wednesdays 7pm - 9.30pm
(1st of the month)
A free event with tea, coffee and biscuits. Please visit our website to view the list of films for the year.

Jul 1: Spear (2015 Australia)
Aug 5: The Zone of Interest (2023 German)
Sep 2: Umberto D. (1952 Italy)
Oct 7: The Munekata Sisters (1950 Japan)
Nov 4: Pity (2018 Greek)
Dec 2: The Man in the Hat (2020 British)

Click Smart
CYBER SECURITY SUPPORT FOR SENIORS

Stay Connected (Click Smart)

This course has been designed to respond to the needs of individuals in the class. Each week a different topic will be selected. These sessions will show you how to expand your knowledge in using your devices, whilst participants are also encouraged to bring along their own queries for discussion. These sessions will have an emphasis on staying safe whilst online. You will also be shown how to use the fabulous BeConnected resources in your own home to further your own learning.

Digital Mentor: Lynn Norman

Mondays 1pm - 2.30pm

4 classes, FREE*, starting Jul 20
4 classes, FREE*, starting Aug 17
4 classes, FREE*, starting Oct 5
4 classes, FREE*, starting Nov 9

Dungeons and Dragons

Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons, a fantasy table top role-playing game. Create a character and go on fantastical adventures with your team to solve dilemmas, engage in battles, explore, gather treasure and knowledge. Lead by an expert Dungeon Master who is experienced in running D&D groups and also working with a diverse range of young people. Sessions will use designed/tailored age-appropriate adventures, beginners welcome!

See our Connect groups for Dungeons & Dragons adults.

Kids (9 - 12yrs):

Mondays 4.30pm - 6.30pm
10 classes $350, starting Jul 13

Thursdays 5pm - 7pm
10 classes $350, starting Jul 16
11 classes $385, starting Oct 8

Youth/Teens (13 - 17 yrs):

Mondays 7pm - 9.30pm
10 classes $350, starting Jul 13
10 classes $350, starting Oct 5

Thursdays 4.15pm - 6.45pm
10 classes $350, starting Jul 16
11 classes $385, starting Oct 8

Thursdays 6pm - 9pm
10 classes $350, starting Jul 16
11 classes $385, starting Oct 8

**FREE for members of the Ashburton Community Centre.*

ROOM HIRERS

Here at the Centre we have a range of programs offered by room hirers. Please contact the organisations directly to find out more.

Spanish Language Course for Children & Teens

by Maria Spanish School

Spanish for children from 5 to 12 years old and 13 to 17 years.

Contact Maria for cost and session details. To book: call 0420 468 820 or email spanishteacher.au@gmail.com. Find out more at: www.mariaspanishschool.com.au

Kids Public Speaking & Drama

by Super Speak

Super Speak is Melbourne's award winning public speaking and drama program for kids. Your child can learn to communicate with confidence, purpose & skill whilst having fun!

Contact Super Speak directly to enrol in their classes run at the Centre on Tuesday evenings. For details, visit www.superspeak.com.au.

Wing Chun Kung Fu Classes

by Wing Chun Melbourne

Discover traditional Ip Man Wing Chun in Melbourne! Join our friendly, safe classes and experience practical & direct self-defence techniques, sticking hands, footwork training, and much more. Start your journey and discover Wing Chun today!

Thursdays 7pm to 8:30pm
To find out more or to book, visit wingchunmelbourne.com.au

If you are interesting in running a program or activity at our Centre, please contact the office.

Life Long Learning Ashburton

by Hawthorn Community House

For older people who are keen to learn, share stories and make new friends. Program includes armchair travels to faraway places, nteresting presentations and much more.

Fridays (fortnightly) 1.30pm–3.30pm
To find out more visit www.hch.org.au

The Ashy Eco Hub

Located in the foyer, our Eco Hub is run by volunteers and brings together our sustainability initiatives including our community bookshelf, our Green Deck project, our container deposit donation point and it serves as a recycling collection point for a range of items. We currently collect the following items for recycling: plastic bread tags, batteries, glasses & hearing aids, wire coat hangers, eWaste (small items only), empty skincare & make-up packaging, corks, printer & ink cartridges.

We are also a container deposit donation point. Your donations support the Ashburton Community Centre and Scouts Victoria.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Justice of the Peace Service

Walk in appointments only, no bookings required.

Mondays 1:30pm - 3pm
Mondays 6.30pm - 8pm*
Tuesdays 10.30am - 12pm
Thursdays 6.30pm - 8pm*
**enter via Highgate Grove*

The Chatty Café at ACC

Brighten your day by dropping in for a cup of tea or coffee and a sweet treat at our chatty table. Join us every **Thursday** from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

Death Cafe

Join experienced funeral celebrants Barb and Patricia for a relaxed, respectful, and open conversation about something we all share: the end of life.

Our Death Café is part of an international initiative (deathcafe.com) and is a gentle gathering for anyone curious or contemplative about death – whether it's your own, someone you've loved, or just the big idea itself. We believe that talking about death can be empowering, comforting, and even life-affirming. It's a part of living, so why not face it together in a safe and welcoming space.

Tuesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm. Cost: $5

Visit our website 'events' section or call us on 9885 7952 for dates.

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