



Over 50s Festival

Event Planner
1-31 October



Connect
Create
Celebrate



8 Days of Free Public Transport

Enjoy Free Public Transport During the Festival!

Victorian Seniors Card holders can travel free across Victoria from 5 to 12 October 2025 as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

This includes:

- Metropolitan trains, trams and buses
- V/Line train and coach services
- Selected regional bus services outside the myki-enabled area

It's the perfect time to explore events near and far—whether you're heading into the city or discovering something new in regional Victoria. Just carry your Seniors Card and enjoy the ride!

Using your myki:

From Sunday 5 to Sunday 12 October 2025 you won't be charged when you touch on and off.

Plan your journey: www.ptv.vic.gov.au/journey



Connect. Create. Celebrate.

Welcome to Yarra Ranges Over 50s Festival!

We have a bumper line-up of inspiring, joyful, and diverse events this year, all kicking off on 1st October 2025.

From creative workshops and toe-tapping performances to heartwarming community gatherings and energising activities. There's no shortage of ways to connect with others, express yourself and celebrate the richness of ageing.

Find an event near you:

- Visit Events Online: www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au
- Pick up a festival guide from your local community link, or library from early September.

A heartfelt thank you to the many local community groups, businesses and volunteers who make this festival possible. Your generosity, creativity and commitment to supporting older people help bring the spirit of the festival to life in every corner of our community. Your events and activities create welcoming spaces for connection, learning and celebration—and we are truly grateful. Let's celebrate the diversity, creativity and vitality of older people.

Join us in making this year's festival unforgettable!

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Celebration Day

Mark your calendars for Sunday 5 October!
Federation Square is the place to be from 12 to 7 pm as we kick off the Victorian Seniors Festival 2025 in style!

Celebration Day is a jam-packed, 7-hour extravaganza of free entertainment and activities designed especially for older Victorians, their friends, and families. Expect live music, dancing, games, workshops, and plenty of surprises that'll keep you smiling all day long.

Live Performances: Non-stop music, dance, and choral acts across the Main Square and The Edge Theatre, featuring talented older artists and community groups.

Mass Ukulele Jam: A joyful, interactive ukulele performance bringing together all ages—bring your uke and join the fun

Workshops & Activities: From movement and wellness sessions to creative arts and cultural showcases, there's something for everyone to try.

Pop-Up Table Tennis: Celebrate 100 years of Table Tennis Victoria with demos, tips, and games led by club ambassadors.

Stallholder Alley: Explore marquees hosted by festival partners and organisations supporting older Victorians, with plenty of interactive displays.

Whether you're here to groove, connect, or simply soak up the festive vibes, this is your moment to celebrate ageing boldly and joyfully. Come join the party!

Scan the QR code for more!



Join U3A Classes throughout October!

Attend any classes or events run by U3A Yarra Ranges during October for free!

Bookings are required

Visit u3ayarraranges.com.au to view what's on!

Contact U3A Yarra Ranges to book.

P: 03 9728 1132

E: secretary@u3ayarraranges.com.au



U3A ACTIVITIES



Walking groups



Bike Riding Group



Places of Interest



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U3A YARRA RANGES



Our Website
u3ayarraranges.com.au



Locals Behind the Lens

A Community Photography Competition

Lilydale Village is inviting locals of all ages and skill levels to capture the heart of their neighbourhoods. From street scenes to smiling faces, submit your photo and help us celebrate what makes Lilydale special.

Open to all skill levels. Submit your photo for a chance to win \$500!

Submissions open 15 September 2025

Submissions close 12 October 2025

Visit lilydalevillage.com.au/whatson/locals-behind-the-lens/

Place Based Positive Ageing Reference Group

Do you love where you live and want to help make it even better for older adults?

We're forming a Place-Based Positive Ageing Reference Group - and we want you on board!

This is your chance to share your local knowledge, lived experience, and bright ideas. Your voice will help shape age-friendly initiatives right where you live.

Let's work together to make ageing in our community not just positive, but powerful.

Expressions of interest now open—scan the QR code and join the conversation!



See it again!

Events happening more than once

Every
Wednesday
& Sunday

10am - 2pm

Free

Introduction to local native plants and environmental volunteering

Nursery open day to introduce the local native plants of the Yarra Ranges and surrounds and the value of environmental volunteering.

Debbie - 03 9727 0594

Candlebark Community Nursery

www.candlebark.org.au

Book
Now

Every
Monday,
Tuesday &
Friday

10am - 2pm

Free

Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre Tours

We are a community theatre. While there are no performances during the festival, we are open for tours. Large or small.

Lucia - 03 9735 1777

Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre

<https://www.lilydaleatc.com>

Every
Monday

10:30am -
11:15am

Donation

Over 50s Chair Pilates

All ages, all abilities. We want to get you moving, improve your balance, and build your strength. The only class in the Ranges.

Jeanette - 0411 477 850

Monbulk Living and Learning Centre

www.mountainpilates.net.au

**Every
Monday**

From 6:30pm

\$20

**Open
Monday -
Friday until
Oct 18th**

11am - 3pm

Free

**Everyday
until
5th October**

10am - 5pm

\$15

**Every
Tuesday**

From 7:30pm

Free

Rock and Roll Dance Class

Join us for Rock and Roll Dance Classes, in a fun progressive social class. Come along and dance to the Classic Jukebox Hits!

Jon – 0419 507 626

St Patricks Community Hall, Lilydale

www.alleycatzmelb.com

Spring Show Exhibition

Annual Sherbrooke Spring Art Exhibition. Come and see over 100 artworks across all mediums created by members of Sherbrooke Art Society.

Leanne – 0414 458 918

Sherbrooke Gallery

<https://www.sherbrookegallery.com/>

Blossom Festival

Every year as our orchard blooms, we open up our orchard for visitors to come and enjoy. Wander through blossoms, visit our farm gate & more

Michael 1300 243 779

Cherry Hill Orchards

<https://cherryhill.com.au>

**Book
Now**

Ballroom & New Vogue Dance Lessons

Free dance lessons for beginners and those wanting to brush up their dance skills

Will - 0418 330 626

Mt Evelyn Hall

Follow Dancing under the Stars on Facebook

Dancing With Purpose

Following COVID lockdowns, a compassionate group in Yarra Junction rallied to support people experiencing social isolation, loneliness and homelessness near the Yarraburn Centre. A single Facebook post sparked swift action—within 90 minutes, locals donated tents, bedding, and supplies. This moment of generosity inspired a deeper commitment to community care.

With support from Yarra Ranges Council and a Community Enterprise Group grant, volunteers launched monthly lunches serving around 50 people. When funding ran low, they turned to dance—hosting New Vogue and Ballroom events that now draw over 60 attendees at Kilsyth.

Volunteers manage logistics, music, and MC duties, with upgraded equipment and licensing ensuring sustainability. A grand ball in April welcomed 90 guests, and July’s “Christmas in July” drew 65. Their mission continues—supporting those in need across the Yarra Ranges.

Every second Saturday of the month features a community ball, and Tuesday nights offer free beginner dance classes. Their website, Dancing Under the Stars Kilsyth, invites all to join.

This is more than a dance story—it’s a testament to hope, unity, and the power of community. When people come together with open hearts, incredible things happen. Join the fun **Ballroom & New Vogue Dance Lessons running every Tuesday!**



Image: Christmas in July. Dancing Under the Stars

Every
Tuesday

9:30am -
10:30am

Free

Step and Connect Women's Social Walks

Access HC invites women to join our Step and Connect Women's Walking Groups.

Megan - 03 9738 8812

Mooroolbark Community House

<https://inspiro.org.au/services/community/health-promotion/step-and-connect/>

Every
Tuesday

12:30pm -
1:15pm

Donation

Over 50s Chair Pilates

All ages, all abilities. We want to get you moving, improve your balance, and build your strength.

The only class in the Ranges.

Jeanette - 0411 477 850

Tecoma Uniting Church

www.mountainpilates.net.au

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11am - 12pm

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Mt Evelyn Community House

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Every
Wednesday

From 6:30pm

\$10

Bingo Night at the Bowls Club

The Warburton Bowls Club will again be hosting four amazing nights of BINGO this October. Stop in and see what all the buzz is about!

Mathew - 03 5966 2391

Warburton Bowls Club

www.warburtonbowls.bowls.com.au

**Every
Wednesday**

**11:15am -
12:15am**

Free

Step and Connect Women's Social Walks

Access HC invites women to join our friendly walking groups—move, chat, and feel great!

Megan - 03 9738 8812

Selby Community House

<https://inspiro.org.au/services/community/health-promotion/step-and-connect/>

**Thursday
9th, 16th &
23rd October**

10am - 12pm

Free

Come Craft with Me

Come craft with me and you will see some treasures to behold, with yarn and thread and glue it's said Mt Dandy U3A is gold.

Sharyn - 0491 064 569

Farndons Hall

u3amountdandenong.org.au

**Every
Thursday**

**9:30am -
10:30am**

Free

Step and Connect Women's Social Walks

Women welcome to join Access HC's walking groups for wellness, laughter, and community.

Megan - 03 9738 8812

Lilydale Community House

<https://inspiro.org.au/services/community/health-promotion/step-and-connect/>

**Every
Thursday**

**5:30pm -
6:30pm**

Free

Step and Connect Women's Social Walks

Access HC's Women's Walking Groups offer connection, gentle exercise, and a space to meet others.

Megan - 03 9738 8812

Lilydale Lake

<https://inspiro.org.au/services/community/health-promotion/step-and-connect/>

Every
Friday

10am -
10:45am

\$7

Over 50s Chair Pilates

Get moving, build strength, and boost balance—fun fitness for all ages and abilities. The only class of its kind in the Ranges!

Jeanette – 0411 477 850

Cockatoo Seniors Hall

www.mountainpilates.net.au

Friday
10th & 24th
October

10am - 12pm

Free

Come and Try Lawn Bowls

No pressure, just fun. Join our friendly U3A bowlers for an introduction to our healthy inclusive sport. Morning tea provided.

Liz - 0419 387 667

Yarra Junction Bowling Club

Friday 17th &
Saturday 18th

8:30am - 4pm

\$17

Wandin Silvan Horticultural & Farm Machinery Field Day

Now in our 56th year, this very popular local event promotes local and regional business and services.

Nan - 0429 428 537

Wandin East Recreation Reserve

www.wandinsilvanfielddays.com.au

Every
Saturday &
Sunday

1pm - 4pm

\$65

Rag Rug Weaving Workshop

Fun learning experience. Recycled Cotton Sheets and Doonas transformed into beautiful Rag Rugs. Max of 6 people

Sharnn – 0438 363 979

Selby

Follow Earthwise Craft on Facebook

Book
Now

**Every
Sunday**

11am - 2pm

Donation

Running Rabbits Military Museum

The Running Rabbits Military Museum for real experiences of Military history from Pre- WW1 to present. Part of the Upwey-Belgrave RSL

Brian – 0409 197 913

Upwey-Belgrave RSL

www.upweybelgraversl.org.au



Image: Running Rabbits Military Museum

Week 1

1-5 October

Wednesday

1

9:30am - 11am

Free

Guided Walk in Glenfern Valley Bushlands

Guided walk in Glenfern Valley Bushlands which was transformed from a degraded and neglected site into a haven for wildlife
Marleen - 0409 231 032

Glenfern Valley Bushlands

www.glenfernvalleybushlands.org.au/

Wednesday

1

10:30am - 11am

Free

Chair Cardio - Online Seated Exercises

Stay active at home! Join our live Zoom workouts for older adults - fun, social, and safe. Classes available for all fitness levels.
Carole - 0411 246 741

Online

bit.ly/2025SeniorsFestival

**Book
Now**

Thursday

2

2pm - 3:30pm

Free

Creative Colouring for Adults

Join us for inspirational ideas to channel your inner colouring genius. Relax and unwind with our creative colouring group for adults.
Deb - 9800 6457

Lilydale Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=61567

**Book
Now**

Thursday

2

2pm - 3pm

Free

Falls and Balance Class Introduction

Physiotherapist-led class targeting muscle strength, body awareness, and endurance to reduce fall risk. Try this fun way to stay active.

Healesville Library - 9800 6497

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=71157

Book
Now

Thursday

2

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Free

Memories Remembered

Join Julie the Joyful Songstress showcasing well known and popular songs from the 50s to the 70's. These carefully curated songs will take you on a joyful trip down memory lane.

Julie - 0408 528 261

Japara House

Book
Now

Thursday

2

10am - 2pm

Free

Mt Evelyn Discovery Camp

Join us this October at Mt Evelyn Discovery Camp for fun, wildlife, nature walks, food & community perfect for Over 50s Festival!

Jai - 9736 2228

Mt Evelyn Discovery Camp

camps.ymca.org.au/mt-evelyn-discovery-camp

Kathi's Commitment to Connection and Ageing Well

Kathi lives and works in the Yarra Ranges where her days are split between two deeply meaningful roles. She works part-time at Discovery Community Care in Mount Evelyn where she helps create spaces and opportunities for social connection through art programs, community lunches and engaging volunteers. Kathi often encounters older people who are trying to navigate complexities in the later part of their life and is passionate about helping them find purpose and connection, often encouraging volunteering where capacity allows. Kathi spends the rest of her week as a carer supporting both her parents who live separately and independently. Her personal and professional experiences have deepened her understanding of the challenges older people face and inspired her to act.

This year, Kathi helped launch the Ageing Well Series designed to empower people, with the support of their community, to age well by engaging people of all ages in meaningful conversations around ageing with dignity, safety, knowledge and support. By bridging generations and helping people to navigate systems with confidence, Kathi and her team are hoping to “help people stay at home longer and safely”. The series involved two well-attended workshops and will culminate with a Celebratory Expo during the Over 50s Festival with expert presenters, music and entertainers. Kathi believes “we all have a role in honouring the generation ahead of us” and “we can be the ones to make change” to inspire a cultural shift in Australia to raise the wellbeing of older people.

Join Kathi at the Ageing Well Expo, Friday 3rd at Discovery Church, Mt Evelyn.

Friday

3

10:30am -
2:30pm

Free

Ageing Well Expo - Let's start the conversation
Explore healthy ageing, live music, info stalls & fun! Celebrate living well, find ways to be socially connected in community.

Kyra – 9736 2323

Discovery Church, Mt Evelyn

<https://forms.gle/x2EpVDY1ZoL2V1d99>

Book
Now

Friday

3

10:30am - 11am

Free

Chair Strength - Online Seated Exercises

Stay active at home! Join our live Zoom workouts for older adults - fun, social, and safe. Classes available for all fitness levels.

Carole – 0411 246 741

Online

<https://bit.ly/2025SeniorsFestival>

Book
Now



Image: Kathi,
Ageing Well
Expo

Week 2

6-12 October

Monday

6

10:30am - 12pm

Free

Seniors Storytelling Workshop with Cora Zon

Join our fun and friendly workshop to explore personal storytelling and create a handmade zine (mini book) to hold your story.

Healesville Library - 9800 6497

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=70669

Book
Now

Monday

6

1:30pm - 2pm

Free

Better Balance - Online Balance Exercises

Stay fit from home! Join live Zoom workouts for older adults—safe, social, and suitable for all fitness levels

Carole – 0411 246 741

Online

bit.ly/2025SeniorsFestival

Book
Now

Monday

6

1:30pm -
3:30pm

Free

Wandin Garden Club Get Together

Floral displays, trading table with loads of goodies. A speaker and delicious afternoon tea. Visitors are most welcome.

Jenny 0427 764 771

Wandin uniting Church Hall

Follow Wandin Garden Club Inc on Facebook

Book
Now

Tuesday

7

2pm - 3pm

Free

Apps for Crafters

Learn about a whole range of apps to help you with your crafting activities. We'll cover apps for knitting, embroidery, sewing and more.

Healesville Library - 9800 6497

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=70812

Book
Now

Wednesday

8

10am - 11am

Free

Home Fire Safety with Lilydale CFA

Join the Lilydale CFA at Lilydale Library to learn about all the things you can do to keep you safe in your home.

Deb - 9800 6457

Lilydale Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=70164

Book
Now

Wednesday

8

8:30am -
9am

Free

Pilates Online Floor Exercises

Move, connect, and feel great! Our Zoom workouts for older adults are fun, inclusive, and perfect for every fitness level.

Carole - 0411 246 741

Online

bit.ly/2025SeniorsFestival

Book
Now

Wednesday

8

10am - 12pm

Free

Senior Citizens Open Day

Join us for a cuppa & chat! Discover activities, support & even stay beyond midday for Bingo.

Everyone's welcome!

Jackie - 0408 527 753

Lilydale Senior Citizens Centre

Thursday

9

1pm

Free

Free Movie Screening of Thelma

Catch Thelma at The Memo. Free drink for Seniors Card holders. A heartwarming film and a perfect afternoon out
Screening starts at 1pm.

The Memo, Healesville

Tour and Discussion at Expressions 5 Photography Exhibition

A tour of the Expressions photography exhibition with discussion of the displayed photographs and Q+A of the fundamentals of photography.

Rod 0447 571 312

Arts Centre Warburton

yrps.org

Book
Now

Friday

10

1pm - 3pm

Free

Image: Lilydale Senior Citizens Club



Friday

10

2pm - 3pm

Free

Dame Nellie Melba

Dame Nellie Melba was Australia's earliest and much-loved Opera Singers.

Deb - 9800 6457

Lilydale Library

<https://events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=69858>

Book
Now

Saturday

11

7:30pm -
11pm

\$15

Dancing under the Stars Kilsyth

Ballroom and New Vogue Dance for Seniors where people come together to meet friends, getting fit and dancing the night away

Will - 0418 330 626

Kilsyth Memorial Hall

Follow Dancing Under the Stars on Facebook

Book
Now

Saturday

11

11am - 3pm

Free

Get with the Flow

Unleash your arty side at our fun Flow Painting Day!

Shona - 0409 505 086

Healesville Living and Learning Centre

<https://hllc.org.au/>

Book
Now

Saturday

11

9:30am - 3pm

Free

Heart to Heart

Come sew and connect to make a difference, one heart at a time. Join us to sew scented hearts, supporting Life's Little Treasures.

Libby 0499 381 612

Hoddles Creek Hall

www.quiltsfororphans.org/

Week 3

13-19 October

Monday

13

10am - 11am

Free

Autism and Ageing

Hear local autistic author & academic Sandra discuss autism and ageing. Everyone welcome, especially autistic people.

Diane - 03 9294 6559

Civic Centre Lilydale

www.autisticprofessor.com/about-us

Monday

13

12pm - 1pm

Free

Chair Yoga with Healesville Connect

Enjoy an hour of free, fun, gentle and relaxing chair yoga where you don't have to get on the floor! No mat required, just comfy clothing.

Healesville Library - 9800 6497

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=64679

Book
Now

Tuesday

14

10:30am - 11am

Free

Building Strength Online Standing Exercises

Stay active at home! Join our live Zoom workouts for older adults - fun, social, and safe. Classes available for all fitness levels.

Carole - 0411 246 741

Online

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Book
Now

Tuesday
14

2pm - 3pm

Free

Financial Planning with Services Australia

Join Services Australia at Lilydale Library to hear about Financial Planning. Creating a Financial Plan

Deb 9800 6457

Lilydale Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=70433

Book
Now

Tuesday
14

10am - 4pm

Free

Laptop Lifeline Tech Support Drop-in

Got tech issues? Bring your laptop, charger & passwords for help with Windows over a cuppa. Drop off old laptops to donate to students.

Ray - 0410 311 857

Wandin Senior Citizens Centre

Tuesday
14

11:30am -
12:30pm

Free

Memories Remembered

Join Julie the Joyful Songstress showcasing well known and popular songs from the 50's to the 70's. These carefully curated songs will take you on a joyful trip down memory lane.

Julie - 0408 528 261

Lilydale Community House

Book
Now

Image: Ray
Laptop Lifeline



A Purpose-Driven Life Delivering Laptops and Hope

Ray isn't slowing down, he's powering up. A long-time resident at Lilydale Valley Views Retirement Village, Ray and fellow residents generously donate toys to the Les Twentyman Foundation each Christmas. But everything changed after a heartfelt visit from Les himself to the Village with a 'Back to School' program volunteer in tow who shared their struggle to obtain a laptop for a 14-year-old girl. "I had a spare laptop at home with Windows 10 and Office installed" Ray says. "I packed it up and handed it over. That moment changed everything." Ray shifted focus from donating toys to collecting and refurbishing donated laptops to deliver to local public schools within Yarra Ranges for students in need. From wiping dozens of devices to coordinating large-scale deliveries, Ray has now donated hundreds of laptops, with his work reaching Upper Yarra Secondary College students, First Nations students, and beyond. Ray is incredibly grateful to the organisations and individuals who have donated laptops. He now works directly with schools to ensure every student in need receives a laptop at the same time, with no strings attached, saying "No child should feel left out or wonder why they weren't chosen". At 81 years young, Ray says he doesn't feel old. "You only age quickly by sitting around doing nothing," he says. "We all need purpose and motivation in life. I still shed a tear when I think back to that 14 year-old girl searching for someone to help her achieve her dreams."

Join Ray at the Laptop Lifeline Tech Support Drop-in on Tuesday 14th at Wandin Senior Citizens Centre

Wednesday

15

10:15am -
11:45am

Free

Meditation and Morning Tea - A Wellness gift to you.

Enjoy a 30 minute meditation with our meditation Guru, Estelle. Enjoy the experience. Follow up with delicious homemade morning tea. Julie 9730 2887

Yarra Glen & District Living and Learning Centre
www.yarraglencom/livingandlearning

Book
Now

Wednesday

15

1pm - 2pm

Free

Green Cleaning

Make 6 custom natural cleaners (including surface spray, dish liquid, room mist, and more) using essential oils and non-toxic ingredients.

Healesville Library 9800 6497

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=70906

Book
Now

Thursday

16

12:30pm -
2:30pm

Free

Community Lunch at Healesville Library

Come along for a free lunch centred around social connectedness and friendship making.

Healesville Library 9800 6497

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=70904

Book
Now

Friday

17

10:30am - 11am

Free

Stretch and Relax Online Seated Exercises

Exercise at home with us! Live Zoom classes for older adults—safe, social, and tailored to all fitness levels.

Carole – 0411 246 741

Online

bit.ly/2025SeniorsFestival

Book
Now

Friday

17

12:30pm

\$9

The Friends Movie Screening

Join the Upper Yarra U3A for a movie screening of The Friends followed by a delicious light supper in the hall.

Bea - 0419 352 754

Arts Centre Warburton

**Book
Now**

Image: Hall Stories by Damian Callinan



Week 4

20-26 October

Monday

20

2:30pm -
3:30pm

Free

Poetry & Spoken Word Event

Read your poetry or spoken word - or read a favourite by another writer. Be inspired by your fellow writers in a welcoming environment.

Healesville Library 9800 6497

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=71215

Tuesday

21

2pm - 3pm

Free

Healesville Library Book Chat

Share whatever you have been reading in the last month and hear recommendations for your next read.

Healesville Library - 9800 6497

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=66017

Wednesday

22

From 6:30pm

Free

Free Bingo at the Bowls Club for Get Online Week

Celebrate Get Online Week with free Bingo at the Bowls Club! Fun, prizes, and digital resources for all—proudly supported by GoodThings Australia.

Mathew - 03 5966 2391

Warburton Bowls Club

www.warburtonbowls.bowls.com.au

Wednesday

22

10:30am -
11am

Free

Cardio Walking Online Exercises

Stay active at home! Join our live Zoom workouts for older adults - fun, social, and safe. Classes available for all fitness levels.

Carole – 0411 246 741

Online

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Book
Now

Wednesday

22

From 9:45am

Free

Pathways for Carers & Self Care Floral Workshop

Celebrate Carers Month with a floral workshop and walk, plus insights from Mental Health and Wellbeing Local on support services for carers and families.

Amanda May - 1300 368 333

Meet at Beechworth Bakery, Healesville

Wednesday

22

11am - 12:15pm

Free

Step and Connect Women's Social Walks

Access HC invites women to join our Step and Connect Women's Walking Groups.

Megan - 03 9738 8812

Olinda Community House

<https://inspiro.org.au/services/community/health-promotion/step-and-connect/>

Wednesday

22

10:30am -
12pm

Free

Seniors' Gardening With Kathleen

Located in our Community Garden

Bookings are essential and the event is FREE for Members over 50 yrs old.

Julie 9730 2887

Yarra Glen & District Living and Learning Centre

www.yarraglen.com/livingandlearning

Book
Now

Thursday

23

2pm - 3pm

Free

Staying safe online with the Commonwealth Bank

Learn how to identify scams & suspicious links, protect yourself from scams & fraud, securely access online banking and more.

Deb - 9800 6497

Lilydale Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=71408

Book
Now

Friday

24

10am - 11am

Free

Planning your future with Johnstone & Reimer, Lawyers

Join local lawyers to learn the ins and outs of Wills, Estate Planning and Powers of Attorney.

Deb - 9800 6457

Lilydale Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=70166

Book
Now

Saturday

25

From 1:30pm

Free

Grand Tea Party

Singularity Choir (locally based choir) to perform Gilbert & Sullivan's "Iolanthe", followed by a grand afternoon tea

Helen - 0438 113 122

Olinda Community House

olindaprobus.org

Book
Now

Sunday

26

10am - 3pm

\$25

Gulf Station Heritage Festival

A celebration of traditional trades in a historic setting. Hands-on activities, demonstrations, tours, farm animals, market stalls, & more.

National Trust Australia - 9656 9800

Gulf Station

nationaltrust.org.au/places/gulf-station/

Week 5

27 - 31 October

Tuesday

28

2pm - 3:30pm

Free

Last Tuesday Writers' Group

We invite local writers to join us on the Last Tuesday of each month for feedback, support, inspiration, and lively discussion.

Healesville Library - 9800 6497

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=66029

Tuesday

28

10am - 11am

Free

Tour of Melba Park

Join Maria to hear about the history of this iconic park, some wonderful stories associated with significant trees, the gates, and much more.

Deb - 9800 6457

Melba Park Gates

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=69861

**Book
Now**

Tuesday

28

From 1pm

Free

A Musical Treat with Anthony Gerace live

Enjoy a live performance by the accomplished and versatile singer Anthony Gerace followed by afternoon tea.

Ken - 5962 1550

Healesville Senior Citizens Centre

Tuesday

28

From 1:30PM

Free

Meet with the CWA Wandin

Join the CWA Wandin to connect, give back, and support those in need through community chats, charity ideas, and heartfelt local action.

All welcome!

CWA Hall, Wandin

E: cwa.wandin.vic@gmail.com

Thursday

30

4pm - 6pm

Free

Bring your music to life through zine making

Indie musician Noah, from Great Earthquake, explains the process of releasing music in the unique fashion of a physical zine (mini book).

Healesville Library – 9800 6457

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=71312

Book
Now

Thursday

30

From 7:30pm

\$28/\$26 Conc

Hall Stories by Damian Callinan

Damian combines his skills as a storyteller, stand-up and character actor, to examine the quirks, traditions and characters of the Athenaeum

Yarra Ranges Box Office - 1300 368 333

Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre

<https://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Explore-Yarra-Ranges/Events/Hall-Stories-by-Damian-Callinan>

Thursday

30

From 1pm

Free

Free Movie Screening of Thelma

Catch Thelma at the Arts Centre Warburton.

Free drink for Seniors Card holders. A

heartwarming film and a perfect afternoon out

Screening starts at 1pm.

Arts Centre Warburton

Friday

31

2pm - 3:30pm

Free

Make a Photo Calendar

Learn how to select photos for your calendar, how to edit them (if needed) and how to create your photo calendar using the Snapfish website.

Healesville Library - 9800 6497

Healesville Library

events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=70813

Book
Now

Image: Butter Making at Gulf Station



Have Your Say – We'd Love Your Feedback!

Your experience matters to us. Help shape future Over 50s Festivals by sharing your thoughts on this year's events and activities.

Whether you attended one event or many, your feedback helps us improve and continue to celebrate ageing in meaningful and inclusive ways.

Tell us what you loved, what could be better, and what you'd like to see next year.

Scan the QR code to complete a short survey or contact our Healthy and Active Ageing Officers for more ways to share your views.

Thank you for being part of the 2025 Over 50s Festival!



Venues

Arts Centre Warburton

3409 Warburton Hwy, Warburton

Candlebark Community Nursery

308 Hull Rd, Mooroolbark

Cherry Hill

474 Queens Rd, Wandin East

Civic Centre

15 Anderson St, Lilydale

Cockatoo Seniors Hall

77 Pakenham Rd Cockatoo

CWA Wandin

48 Hunter Rd Wandin North

Discovery Church

89 Monbulk Rd, Mount Evelyn

Farndons Hall

42 Falls Rd, Mt Dandenong

Glenfern Valley Bushlands

Glenfern Rd, Upwey

Gulf Station Historic Farm

1029 Melba Hwy, Yarra Glen

Healesville Library

110 River St, Healesville

Healesville Living and Learning Centre

1 Badger Creek Rd, Healesville

Healesville Senior Citizens Centre

18 Green St, Healesville

Hoddles Creek Hall

630 Gembrook-Launching Place Rd, Hoddles Creek

Japara House

54-58 Durham Rd, Kilsyth

Kilsyth Memorial Hall

Mt Dandenong Rd, Kilsyth

Lilydale Library- Box Hill

Institute Lilydale Campus

Jarlo Drive, Lilydale

Lilydale Athenaeum

39-41 Castella St, Lilydale

Lilydale Community House

7 Hardy St, Lilydale

Lilydale Lake

435 Swansea Rd, Lilydale

Melba Park Gates on Corner of Market & Castella St, Lilydale

Monbulk Living and Learning Centre

21 Main Rd, Monbulk

Mooroolbark Community House

125 Brice Ave, Mooroolbark

Mt Evelyn Discovery Camp

70 Tramway Rd, Mt Evelyn

Mt Evelyn Hall

Wray Cres, Mt Evelyn

Mt Evelyn Community House

50 Wray Cres, Mount Evelyn

Olinda Community House

79-81 Olinda-Monbulk Rd, Olinda

Selby Community House

Unit 2/1 Minak Rd, Selby

Sherbrooke Gallery

62 Monbulk Rd Belgrave

St Patricks Community Hall

65 Clarke St, Lilydale

Tecoma Uniting Church

1566 Burwood Hwy, Tecoma

Upwey-Belgrave RSL

1 Mast Gully Rd, Upwey

Wandin East Recreation Reserve

Unit 5/2 Old Baker Rd, Wandin

East

Wandin Senior Citizens Centre

401 Warburton Hwy, Wandin

North

Wandin Uniting Church Hall

Cnr Beenak and Hunter Rd,

Wandin North

Warburton Bowls Club

3455B Warburton Hwy,

Warburton

Yarra Glen & District Living

Learning Centre

12-14 Anzac Ave, Yarra Glen

Yarra Junction Bowling Club

Recreation Reserve, Yarra

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