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All aboard for Seniors Festival



**Plus: Get fresh
Fresh starts
Fresh fishing**

Seniors Festival 10 - 16 October: 45 events for the 55+

MAYOR'S MESSAGE...

This year's Port Phillip Seniors Festival has over 45 events for local 55s + to enjoy. Starting with the Mayor's Tea Party, it's a week of music, eating, meeting and celebration. Make sure you pick up a program or scan through the listings on the inside back cover.



You don't need to be a senior though to make the most of the change of season. This *Diversity* looks at great ideas for buying and growing fresh food. From more honey bees on rooftops to new community gardens (complete with chooks), there's a growing range ways to eat well.

It's a good opportunity to consider the benefits of buying locally produced food, such as supporting our local economy and reducing our carbon footprint.

The warmer nights and longer evenings are also perfect for relaxed dining – maybe at outdoor tables – at our amazing local dining precincts. We are so lucky to have such a great range – from high end foodie excellence through to casual el fresco.

On another subject, this Council knows it's important that we don't take our neighbourhood character for granted, and we always want to hear your views on what neighbourhood character means for you. We welcome your contributions to the conversation about important assets such as the South Melbourne Market and the St Kilda triangle.

The market is a vital community resource and in recent years Council has invested over \$13 million to ensure it's future as a genuine local market. The market will continue to offer fresh food and handy things in the down-to-earth, friendly style that our locals and visitors love.

Likewise, the St Kilda Triangle is another conversation that you are all invited to be part of. Come to the speaker's tents, visit the website, have your say and read what others think. With your input and ideas, we are sure to see fresh ideas flourish for this important location.

Fresh! That's a good theme for an edition of *Diversity*, read on and enjoy.

**Mayor Cr Rachel Powning,
City of Port Phillip**

Council pays its respects to the people and elders, past and present, of Yalukit Willam and the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge and uphold their relationship to this land.

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Growing up green



Baby Greens is a free Council event packed with fresh ideas about 'greening' your baby. It's about environmentally-friendly ideas that are good for baby, you and the planet.

See environmentally-friendly nappies; learn how simple it is to clean green and breathe easy in your child's environment; hear why some of our residents love cargo bikes as their preferred mode of kiddie transportation and see them in action.

The St Kilda Mums group will share their reuse and recycle program for families in need, and how parents can get involved.

Some excellent door prizes too.

Wednesday 23 November, 10.30 am - 12.00 pm, St Kilda Town Hall. This is a free event, but please RSVP to rsvpenviro@portphillip.vic.gov.au or call 9209 6548.

Linking Neighbours spring carnival

Kick on after the Seniors' Festival with the Linking Neighbours spring carnival activities.

There are bus trips to Living Legends, international home of rest for champion race horses on both 25 and 26 October. After morning tea and a tour of the homestead, the tours will visit Rupertswood (the home of the first Ashes) for a tour of the mansion and lunch in the magnificent banquet room.

The day after the Melbourne Cup, Linking Neighbours are having a lunch at the St Kilda Town Hall. This will be an opportunity to don your most spectacular hat and enter the fashions on the field competition.

To finish the year, there is a Christmas lunch at the William Angliss Restaurant on Wednesday 7 December.

For bookings and details of how to join Linking Neighbours contact Michael Wood via ASSIST on 9209 6777.



Living Legends CEO Andrew Clarke with Might and Power.

Cover: Seniors-go-round at Luna Park with (left to right) Peter Couchman, Lesley Greagg, Kay Rowan, Henry Bell, Meyer Eidelson and Father Bob Maguire. Photo: Chris Cassar

Port Phillip Community Group volunteers bake fortune cookies at Red Scooter with inspiring messages created by community people. Left to right: Ana Ruffett, Joel Reilly, Sharmaine Fisher and Fur Wale. Photo: Chris Cassar.



Exploring sweet misfortune

Port Phillip Community Group is launching their MisFortune Cookie Enterprise during Anti-Poverty Week 2011. Messages produced by individuals who experience poverty will be placed inside cookies with the help of the Red Scooter Head Chef Joel Reilly and will be sold at local cafes and food outlets during Anti Poverty Week next year. Proceeds from sales will go towards a new vocational no interest loan scheme to help people wanting to enter the workforce pay for licence tests, uniforms and equipment. If you have some expertise, resources or time to share with the project call 8598 6615 or email tullia@ppcg.org.au

Meanwhile, Theatre Works is to host the premiere of *Site UnSeen*: an interactive multimedia theatre piece which explores the underworld of social exclusion and homelessness with mirth, satire, beauty and grim reality. The site-specific production has been developed in collaboration with people who have experienced homelessness and combines visual installations, images, simulation, sound-scapes and actors. Audiences will be taken through the streets of St Kilda before heading to Theatre Works on Acland Street. The performance runs from Thursday 6 October through to Saturday 22 October. Book tickets at theatreworks.org.au

On your bike!

Wednesday 12 October 2011 is ride to work day and everyone is invited to enjoy the fun.

City bound riders can enjoy breakfast at Federation Square. If you are cycling past St Kilda Town Hall, drop in for a community breakfast from 7.30 am - 9.30 am on the Carlisle Street forecourt.

Find out everything you need to know and register for more info at ride2work.com.au

iPhone users can try the free RiderLog application. It uses the GPS to record your trip and sends the data to the Bicycle Network to help lobby for better facilities!



Comment wanted on pokie planning

A planning scheme amendment with stronger restrictions on gaming machines is out for public comment.

The revised policy is based on Council's Responsible Gambling Policy, adopted in May 2011. The amendment (Am C88) will apply to planning permit applications for electronic gaming machines in Port Philip. It seeks to reduce the impact of gaming on vulnerable communities by managing the location of new electronic gaming machines.

New gaming machines will be discouraged in locations near community support and referral services and within 400 metres of public and community housing concentrations.

The details of the amendment can be viewed at the council offices and libraries or online at portphillip.vic.gov.au/planning_amendments.htm or phone ASSIST for more information. Submissions are invited before 31 October 2011.

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Pic: Chris Cassar

Many Communities is the theme of the Montague Continuing Education Centre's forthcoming exhibition at Gasworks (24 October - 4 November). The exhibition will be a collaborative sculpture, designed and made by students with the assistance of artist Fleur McArthur. The students are using materials such as wire, copper and mesh to create a figurative sculpture based on outlines of themselves.

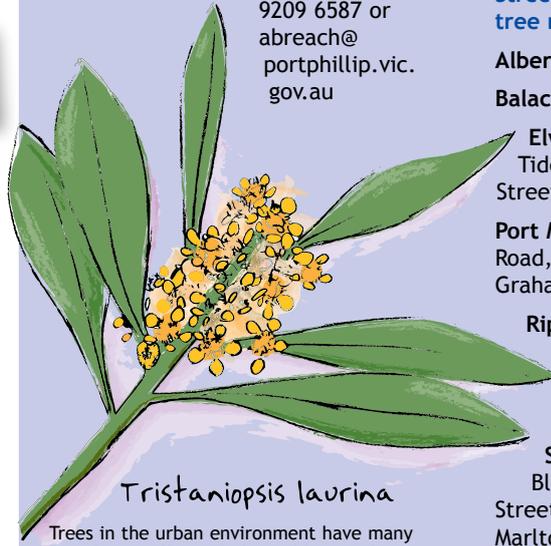
Montague Continuing Education Centre is a South Melbourne secondary school for students aged 15 - 19 with an intellectual disability. This project has been supported by the City of Port Phillip Cultural Development Fund.

Trees: Coming to a street near you

Almost 500 new street trees were planted in the first year of the Greening Port Phillip program. The plan seeks to increase the total area of tree canopy cover and the overall number of street trees.

Council has funded a second round of street tree planting across 56 streets, to be completed by July 2012. See the list to the right to see if your street is included.

The new tree policy and a five-year plan for streetscape upgrades are available from the Council website. For more information contact Alison on 9209 6587 or abreach@portphillip.vic.gov.au



Tristaniopsis laurina

Trees in the urban environment have many benefits to offer including adding to the character of a neighbourhood, calming traffic, discouraging illegal parking, increasing the amount of available shade, providing a habitat for native wildlife and cooling the air.

Streets receiving infill planting

Elwood: Dickens Street, Foam Street, Gordon Avenue, Hood Street, Milton Street, Normandy Street, Wave Street, Wilton Grove, Alfriston Street, Pozieres Avenue, Vautier Street.

Port Melbourne: Danks Street West, Prohasky Street, Rocklea Drive, The Bend, Spring Street East.

South Melbourne: Sturt Street.

St Kilda: Baker Street, Bath Street, Bundalohn Court, Redan Street, Robertson Avenue, Fawcner Street.

Streets receiving a full or partial street tree renewal

Albert Park: Young Street.

Balaclava: Balston Street.

Elwood: Dryden Street, Mason Avenue, Tide Street, Lytton Street, Mitford Street.

Port Melbourne: Esplanade East, Todd Road, Plummer Street, Derham Street, Graham Street.

Ripponlea: Maryville Street.

South Melbourne: Brady Street, Woodgate Street, Sturt Street, Montague Street, City Road.

St Kilda: Blessington Court, Blessington Way, Clyde Street, Lynott Street, Carlisle Street, Herbert Street, Marlton Crescent, Pakington Street.

St Kilda East: Sebastopol Street, Westbury Street.

St Kilda West: Pier Street.

Spring fresh gardens

You can't help but double take as you pass by Sarah von Bibra's garden in Albert Park – the camellias are really showing off at this time of year. Sarah moved to the property 26 years ago and has worked at creating her own little patch of England right here in Port Phillip.

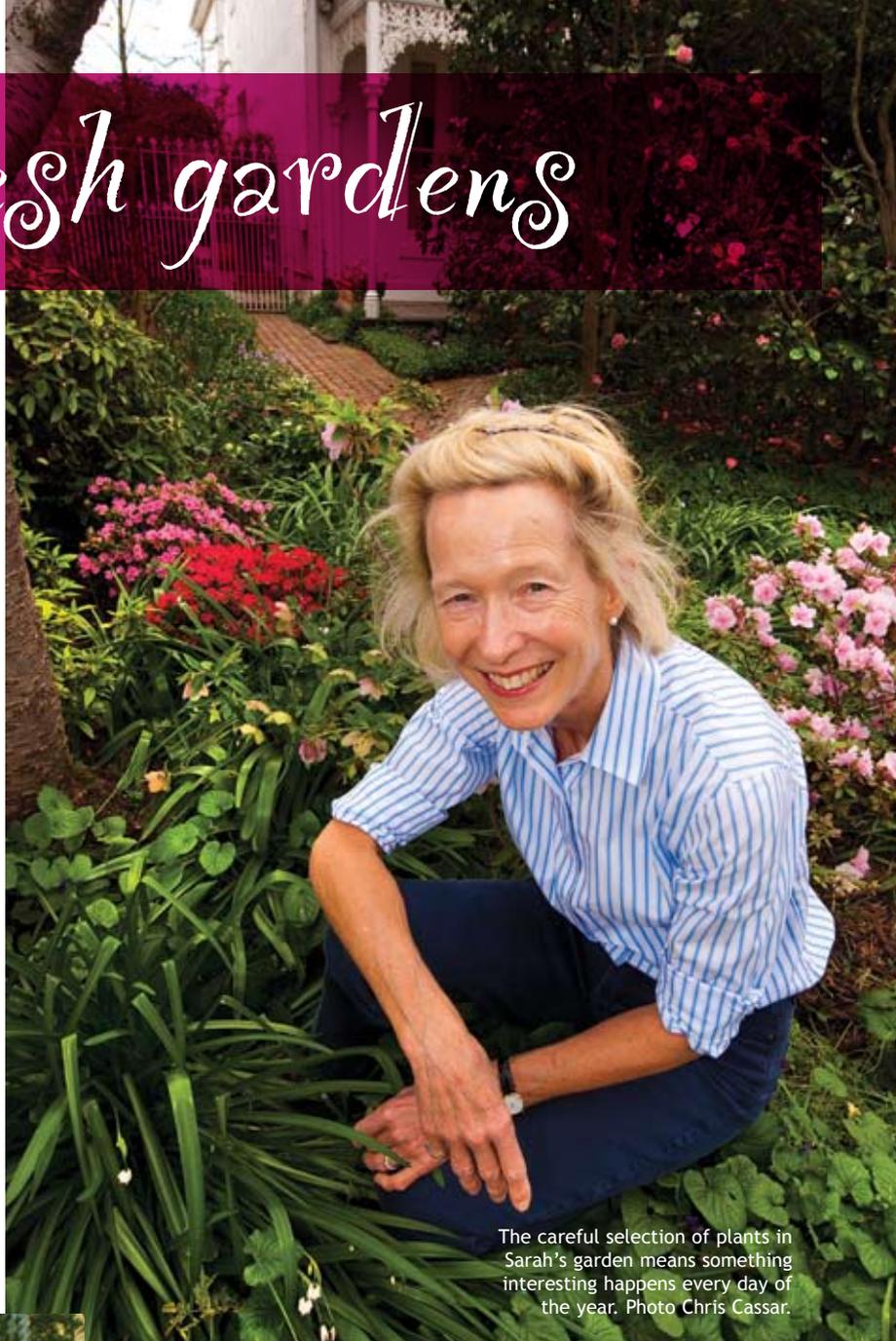
'I've always been interested in gardening. Mum and Dad had a beautiful garden in England where I grew up. When I moved into a flat in London I'd jump in the car most weekends and visit National Trust gardens. When we moved into this house I went to lots of open gardens for inspiration.'

'My late father's gardening implements are the ones I love most – made to last forever. He moved to Australia when he was 75; I had been living here for 10 years. He brought almost all of his tools with him and made a beautiful garden just a few streets from here.'

While flowering ornamental fruit trees steal the show, Sarah's favourite plant is a modest little English primrose tucked away at the side of the house. 'This rare wildflower is my favourite. In England, you see primroses and violets in their thousands – we picked them as kids to make fragrant bouquets.'

Sarah's tip for budding gardeners, 'Plant what you enjoy'

Sarah is Chair of Selectors for Open Gardens Australia and has previously opened her garden for all to see. If your garden could hold people's interest for at least 30 minutes (the only prerequisite) call Sarah on 9690 6092 to find out how to get involved in Open Gardens Australia.



The careful selection of plants in Sarah's garden means something interesting happens every day of the year. Photo Chris Cassar.



Noel and John Gilchrist dressed up their courtyard with a vertical garden.

Green tips for small spaces

Transform your balcony or courtyard into an urban sanctuary – John Gilchrist of Elwood suggests:

- Sun or shade? Choose plants to suit the conditions
- Recruit some worms! A worm farm gives an endless supply of top quality fertiliser
- Self-watering pots mean your plants still get fed when you're out of town

Nurture a nature strip

Council has a set of guidelines and a species list to help you make the most of your nature strip. The species list recommends lots of hardy natives – low water consumption and low maintenance. Albert Park resident Nancy Price dug out the grass and planted small natives – goodbye lawn mower, hello feline haven! Nancy's cats think it's the purrfect playground. Visit portphillip.vic.gov.au/nature_strips.htm to find out more.

Balcony beauties

Mark Cohen from Bayside Flower and Garden in Elwood shares his top five balcony plants. 'Here are some of our favourite plantings for containers. They are wind and sun tolerant, and happy with little water.'

- *Dasyliirion wheelirri* (Desert spoon)
- *Dracaena draco* (Dragon tree)
- *Aloe plicatilis* (Fan aloe)
- *Nolina nelsonii* (Blue nolina)
- *Aloe ferox* (Cape aloe)

VOICE IN THE CROWD...



Pic: Andrew Tauber (Newspix)

St Kilda before sunrise

Tom Hafey is the earliest of early birds. Every day he braves the chilly waters of Port Phillip at 5.20 am – and loves every second of it. He explains his love of St Kilda, the beach and Melbourne's most exciting place to be.

'We've got the lot right here: the beach, the big attractions and lots of action.

'St Kilda has always been a place that people want to be. Maureen, my wife, and I loved to come dance in St Kilda in the days of the Palm Grove, St Kilda Town Hall and other great venues. The night life was a magnet to thousands who wanted to have fun.

'We moved to St Kilda about 20 years ago and we love it – the cafes, restaurants and the many things to do.

'I've always been active in the mornings since coming from Shepparton in the mid-1960s. Moving back to Melbourne from Sydney in 1988, we chose St Kilda because of the water and how handy it is to everything, including the city.

'At 5.20 am I've pretty much got the beach to myself – especially in the winter, but there are some cyclists, joggers and walkers.

'I love it. It's what I do and I'd recommend it to everybody. Keep active. You don't have to do it at dawn, but keep walking the legs and keep moving.

I also urge people to look after their neighbourhood – I hate seeing graffiti and rubbish left by thoughtless people. Keep the beach fit, so we can all stay fit!

Tom (Tommy) Hafey played football for Richmond and went on to coach Richmond, Collingwood, Geelong and Sydney. After coaching Sydney from 1986 - 88, he took up residence in St Kilda.

Make a fresh start

Forget the snooze button and check out what starts as the sun rises.

Peak Adventure



Kayak lessons from beginner to advanced at Sandridge Life Saving Club in Port Melbourne with experienced kayaker Jarad Kohler. Group sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 6.30 am - 7.30 am. Visit peakadventure.com.au

SUP Boarding

Stand Up Paddleboarding is based at the St Kilda Sea Baths and from October will be holding mid-week paddle sessions every Wednesday at 9 am with instructors available. \$20 for an hour session all inclusive. Call 0416 184 994.

Padre Coffee

Café at the South Melbourne Market opens on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 6 am.

Middle Park Exercise Stations



The new 'exersite' at Middle Park beach has six different pieces of equipment for users of all fitness abilities, as well as gardens, beach, a beach shower, filtered water refill station, picnic tables and plenty of seating.

Vuelta

Opens 6 am. Apart from stocking all the top cycles it also has a service centre, early morning spin classes and a café which opens at 6.30 am weekdays. 90-92 Inkerman Street, St Kilda. vuelta.com.au

YWCA Rowing

Based on Albert Park Lake, it offers training sessions in the early hours of the morning from around 6 am onwards. To get involved in YWCA Rowing visit one of their fun Come and Try days on the first Sunday of every month at 10.00 am - 11.30 am. Cost \$10. Visit ozonline.com.au/ywca-rowing

Melbourne Bike Share

Port Phillip is lucky enough to have a number of stations in its area – available 24/7. Rent a bike at one of the South Melbourne stations on the corner of York/Cecil, Coventry/Clarendon, York/Clarendon or Market/Clarendon Streets. There is also a station at MSAC in Albert Park and some along St Kilda Road. melbournebikeshare.com.au

Yoga Boot Camp



Pic: Marcus Jones

Classes are run by experts at Soul Train Yoga on St Kilda Beach during the warmer months and at The Linden Gallery studio during the cooler months. The eight class programs run on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.30 am - 7.30 am. Call Alison Ritchie on 0407 092 967 or visit soultrainyoga.com

Yogareal

Offers Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga classes starting at 6.15 am with experienced instructors. Level One, 45 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park. Visit yogareal.com.au

In Full Bloom

Get some flowers early in the morning to freshen up the office for the day or stay in that special someone's good-books. Opens at 7 am weekdays, located at 280 Clarendon Street, South Melbourne. infullbloom.com.au

Dundas & Faussett

Café which opens for brekkie at 6.30 am both weekdays and weekends. 111 Dundas Place, Albert Park.

Buy fresh

South Melbourne Market and Cecil Street precinct

Bypass the supermarket and stock the fridge with fresh goodies from the South Melbourne Market. Don't forget your green bags and a trolley and a break for a latte along the way. Try an oyster for \$1 in the seafood section, run your fingers through a basket of lentils in the dry goods store, nibble some olives and fill up the fruit bowl.

Or, pick up the kitchen knife and get chopping at the South Melbourne Market's cooking school. Recent classes have featured Adam D'Sylva from Coda and chef and author Tony Chiodo. To see the current schedule, visit southmelbournemarket.com.au/cooking-school, or call 9209 6295 for more information.



Freshly baked bread is just one of the fresh delights at the South Melbourne Market

Farmers Markets

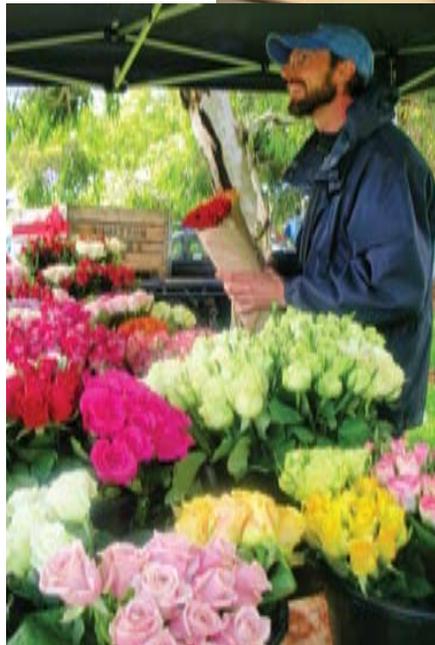
Buy direct from the source at a farmers market. Try marinated olives and new season olive oils, honey, jams and chutneys, spice mixes, pâtés, pasta, free range meats and eggs, artisan cheeses, flowers and seedlings. The markets are plastic bag free.

Veg Out Farmers Market

First Saturday of every month
Peanut Farm Reserve,
Chaucer Street, St Kilda
8.30 am - 1.00 pm

Gasworks Farmers Market

Third Saturday of every month
Gasworks Arts Park,
21 Graham Street, Albert Park
8.30 am - 1.00 pm



Rooftop honey — natures working bee

Melbourne City Rooftop Honey want to bring bees back to the city. The project operates by installing and maintaining hives and caring for honey bees using natural beekeeping methods. Local businesses sponsor a hive which is installed on a rooftop or garden area.

Dead Man Espresso in South Melbourne are buzzing over their adopted friends and have harvested their first batch of liquid gold, 'there might be some left over for our menu, maybe to spread on crumpets,' says Maddie from Dead Man.

Dumbo Feather publishing in Princes Street, St Kilda and restaurant Golden Fields in Fitzroy Street are the newest additions to the hive of activity at Rooftop Honey. For more information on how you can sponsor your own hive, buy Rooftop Honey or donate to the cause, visit rooftophoney.com.au



EcoCentre fresh produce boxes

Boxes cost \$30 and contain a variety of organically grown fruit and veggies. You can order over the phone with a credit card by calling 9534 0670 or online with PayPal or a credit card at ecocentre.com/ecoshop. Order by noon Friday and your box will be ready for pick up after 10 am on Saturday.

Port Phillip EcoCentre, 55A Blessington Street, St Kilda



Grow fresh

A little patch of your own

Start small and grow the veggies you like, are the top tips from Little Veggie Patch Co.'s Fabian Capomolla. 'It's much easier to manage your garden if you start small, and there's no point going to the trouble of planting and maintaining a patch if you're not keen on the produce,' he says. Choose varieties that are suited to small spaces and don't forget to put the tomato seedlings in on Cup Day. If you need some help to set up your own veggie patch, call the Little Veggie Patch Co. on 9531 5594 or visit them at 2a Brighton Road, East St Kilda.

Community gardens

If your backyard is more concrete than compost, think about becoming part of one of the many community gardens operating in Port Phillip. Start off by attending a working bee at your nearest garden. Get to know the other gardeners and put your name down to join. Some gardens have waiting lists for plots, but a helping hand with clearing, weeding and watering is always welcome. Here are some places to start.

Dig In
Dig In Community Garden has raised vegetable garden plots and includes wheelchair accessible facilities. Working bees are held the first Sunday of the month at 11 am. For further information please contact Port Melbourne Neighbourhood House on 9645 1476 or email admin@pmnh.org.au

West end of JL Murphy Reserve, Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne

Fisherman's Bend Community Garden
A small plot fee applies and limited gardening tools are available. For further information please contact Port Melbourne Neighbourhood House, admin@pmnh.org.au or call 9645 1476.

Corner of Dunstan Parade and Centre Avenue, Garden City

St Kilda Community Gardens Club
Twenty-four veggie plots located at Railway Place, close to the Balaclava train station, email stkildacommunitygardens@gmail.com for more details.

2 Railway Place, Balaclava

Mary and Basil Community Garden, Albert Park
Mary Kehoe Community Centre
224 Danks Street, Albert Park

Veg Out
Working bees are held on the first Sunday of the month. More info at vegout.asn.au

Corner of Shakespeare Grove and Chaucer Street, St Kilda



Fab's Spring planting ideas:

- Tomatoes • Beans • Eggplant
- Chillies • Capsicum • Corn

Fabian says nothing beats growing your own herbs and veggies. Photo: Chris Cassar

Planter boxes with heart

If you're thinking of expanding the veggie patch at your home, workplace or school, the Salvation Army make wooden planter boxes that raise the garden bed off the ground, allowing for comfortable digging and planting. Construction of the boxes provides employment for people with disabilities. Find out more at creativeopportunities.org.au or call 9386 7611.



Chooks have arrived at Dig In community gardens.

Try a chicken

Borrow some chooks, a henhouse and accessories and try out having chickens. If you like them enough you can invite your fowl friends to stay for keeps. Visit bookachook.com.au for more details.

Hooked on fresh fish

With the warmer months ahead, it's a perfect time dust off the fishing rod and head out for a spot of angling in Port Phillip. Here are some tips from former Victorian Recreational Fishing Chairman Bob Pearce.

Best locations: St Kilda, Kerferd Road and Lagoon piers all provide good fishing options. Piers are like artificial reefs and attract fish to feed around them, so sometimes it can be worth fishing under the pier rather than casting away from it.

Best times: The best times tend to be early morning and late afternoon/evening, but there is a chance of catching a feed of fish at any time of day.

Types of fish: Off piers there are flathead, snapper, whiting, bream, salmon, trevally, garfish, mullet and mulloway (in the lower Yarra River). If you go boat fishing you can find snapper, whiting, gummy sharks, bream, salmon, garfish, and mulloway. Flounder may be speared at night when seas are calm.

Best baits and lures: For snapper use pilchards, squid, fish fillets of almost any kind and soft plastic lures. Off piers you can use whitebait, bluebait, mussels, pippies and sandworms.

To fish in Victoria you will need a Recreational Fishing Licence, obtainable from the Department of Primary Industries. Licences come in 2-day (\$6), 28-day (\$12), yearly (\$24.50) or three-year (\$66) options. Exemptions apply for under-18s and over-70s as well as a number of seniors card holders. Visit dpi.vic.gov.au or drop by your local angling store to purchase a licence.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD FOCUS...

A ride through history

ST KILDA: Luna Park turns 100 next year and St Kilda Historical Society is hosting a free evening on its history with speaker Meyer Eidelson. View historic film and photos and share your memories and stories. Bring along any memorabilia or images. Thursday 20 October, 6.30 pm at St Kilda Library. For enquiries call 9209 6866 or email info@skhs.org.au



All smiles: Postcard from 1950-1959.

Award for environmental group

PORT MELBOURNE AND BEYOND: Kayak instructor Jarad Kohler and Clean Across Bass Strait have won the Pam Keating Environmental Sustainability Award at the Keep Australia Beautiful – Clean Beach Challenge Awards. Jarad, who runs kayak lessons from the Sandridge Life Saving Club, paddled across Bass Strait with the environmental group, who picked up rubbish wherever they camped.

Walk into history

This year's Neighbourhood Walks program concludes with tours of Port Phillip's rich religious history, environment and landscape. Bookings are essential for all tours. Email walking@portphillip.vic.gov.au or call 9209 6522.

ST KILDA: Visit ancient places of worship and their lost schools on St Kilda Hill. Saturday 15 October, 2 pm - 4 pm.

SOUTH/PORT MELBOURNE: Walk from South to Port and consider how our trees, streets and landscapes have evolved to create the character of both neighbourhoods. Sunday 13 November, 10 am - 12 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Explore the changes that have occurred at Southbank and nearby precincts since 1985, when the (then) Victorian Government proposed to revitalise the area. Sunday 4 December, 10 am - 12 pm.

New community housing a ton of blessing



ST KILDA: A big welcome to the new residents of the recently completed community housing located on Blessington Street. The \$9.2 million development of 26 apartments was funded by the federal government and the Port Phillip Housing Association.



NEIGHBOURHOOD FOCUS...

School to showcase great art

ALBERT PARK: Albert Park College's art show Gala Night will be held on Friday 21 October from 7.00 pm - 10.30 pm and will feature artwork sales, a live auction and art awards. Tickets \$20 per adult, \$10 for under-16s and \$50 for family of two adults/two children. The exhibition continues on Saturday 22 October from 10 am - 4 pm with artwork sales, creative workshops, Rotary Club Book Fair, raffle, Masterchef cookoff and BBQ – entry by gold coin donation. For enquiries, tickets and entry forms email apcartshow@gmail.com or call 0410 596 415.

Digital gardening

ALBERT PARK: Learn For Yourself is holding computing classes with a fresh twist – learn how to use the internet while learning about great gardens from around the world. Cost is \$5 per person. Held at the Shoreline Community Room, corner Mills Street and Beaconsfield Parade. For enquiries call Gillian Morrison on 9682 5390.

School fete to rock

ST KILDA: The ever-popular St Kilda Primary School Fete will this year see comedian Brian Nankervis host Rockwiz for Kids as well as art and photo exhibitions, sustainability, craft and second hand stalls, vintage and new designer clothing, showbags, a health and wellbeing centre and rides. Sunday 23 October, 9 am - 4 pm at St Kilda Primary School, Brighton Road. See their groovy video with the breakdancing lollypop man at stkildaprimariefete.com.au



Party for the gardens

ST KILDA: The Friends of St Kilda Botanical Gardens is to hold a cocktail party on Wednesday 16 November to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the St Kilda Botanical Gardens.

There will be a Fête Champêtre similar to that held when the gardens first opened, as well as music, garden games and live entertainment. For more information about the event visit foskbg.org

Food for thought

ST KILDA: SLOWDown Café Bar Restaurant and Transition Town Port Phillip will be holding two screenings over October/November as part of their Appetite for Insight monthly foodie film nights. On Monday 10 October they will be showing *End of the Line* – a documentary about global overfishing and on Monday 14 November *The Economics of Happiness*, which is based on the economic localisation movement. Arrive for both films at 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start. To book tickets call 8534 3030 or email transitiontownportphillip@gmail.com

Courses a class act

ELWOOD: The Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre is offering a variety of creative classes including screenwriting with Patrick Edgeworth, oil painting with David Ralph, watercolours with Genevieve Rees, life drawing/painting with Manwel Cassar, pasta sauce workshops with Giuseppe Casdia and jewellery making with Birgit Holdinghausen. There is also a knitting group. For enquiries and bookings call 9531 1954.

Reel good history

ST KILDA: The St Kilda History Society is hosting 2011: A *Screen Odyssey* about the history of The Astor Theatre. Film writer Tara Judah and theatre proprietor George Florence will present a talk on the history of the 75 year old cinema. Sunday 13 November at 3 pm at the Community Room, St Kilda Library. Light refreshments and popcorn provided. Entry \$5 or free if you are a member of SKHS or a linked group. RSVP to 9209 6866 or email info@skhs.org.au



Marzipan the cat greets guests to The Astor. Pic: Joe Armao.

Library's new look

ST KILDA: The St Kilda Library is being upgraded, with new furniture, new-look public toilets and a rearrangement of the collections area for easier use. The works are to be finished in early 2012. Call the Library on 9209 6138 for further information.

Sand-tastic!

ST KILDA: Beach volleyball is on during October to March every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6 pm - 8 pm at St Kilda Beach. Teams are mixed four-a-side and you can enter as a team or individually. Entry fee is \$20 per person which includes a drink and pizza slice at Republica bar at the end of each evening. Enter via email at republica@vicbeach.com.au or phone Big Al on 0422 242 308. For more information visit vicbeach.com.au

Cotton Club comes to Topolinos

ST KILDA: Newly established theatre company AfterDark Theatre will be presenting Charlie Carbone's Cotton Club – a comical story about a group of struggling 1930s club owners in Atlantic City who decide to celebrate the demise of their business with a party.



The dinner theatre show will be at Topolinos on Fitzroy Street, 29 September and 6 October at 7.30 pm. Tickets are \$55. To book visit melbournefringe.com.au or call 9660 9666.

Spring clean for the canal

ELWOOD: Join the Elwood canal clean up and stop litter entering our bay. Meet on the grassy canal banks by the Glenhuntly Road bridge opposite Elwood Primary School. Bring gloves and a couple of bags – one for recyclables. Sunday 16 October and Sunday 6 November at 10 am.

Saving water in rain-garden city

GARDEN CITY: Residents are invited to a BBQ and demonstration of an exciting water saving initiative helping homeowners to divert rooftop stormwater to gardens and lawns. Residents can see how the system works first hand and sign up for free installation by a plumber. This Australian first pilot project is a partnership between the City of Port Phillip, Melbourne Water and the Plumbing Industry Commission of Victoria. Saturday 22 October, 10 am - 1 pm, Fishermen's Bend Community Centre, corner Centre Avenue and Dunstan Parade.

Spiritual walks

PORT MELBOURNE: Join Reverend Peter Batten for meditation and healing on the free labyrinth walks at Port Melbourne Uniting Church, Sundays 9 October and 13 November, 5 pm - 6 pm. Call 0419 255 585 for more information.



Gardeners, cooks, yoga newbies, volunteers and community members are all part of Christ Church Mission in Acland Street.
Photo: Chris Cassar

ST KILDA: Behind the beautiful heritage church on Acland Street is a community centre that brings together a wide range of activities. The Christ Church Mission caters for people coping with ageing or loss and offers homely meals for the isolated. Volunteers, aptly named Garden Nomads, lend a hand to folk who can't manage even to do the weeding. Yoga, cooking and computer classes are among other creative programs. A number of 12-step groups also hold meetings in rooms at the centre. The centre is looking for new volunteers and supporters to help keep the Mission going and the funds coming in. If you want to get involved, contact Liz Ng on 9534 9250 or ccmisk@ozemail.com.au

Weave the World Wide Web

MIDDLE PARK: U3A Port Phillip is offering free personalised training in the use of the internet for people over 50. The training is particularly suited for people with little or no experience with the internet and is relevant to both PC and Apple products. At the Middle Park Community Centre. To get involved call U3A Port Phillip on 9696 3495.

Blessing of the animals

EAST ST KILDA: Celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals on Sunday 9 October with an individual blessing for your pet at St James the Great Church. Patron of this community festival John-Michael Howson OAM will speak at a brief service commencing at 2 pm, doors open 1.45 pm. Free entry but donations are appreciated. 435 Inkerman Street, East St Kilda. For more information visit stjamescommunity.org.au



Pic: Joe Armao.

Fun and remembrance are on at the RSL

ELWOOD: A lot is happening at Elwood RSL during spring. On Monday 31 October starting at 7 pm they will be holding their Cup Eve Calcutta. You can book tables of 6 - 10 at \$100 per table prior to the evening on 9531 4331. On Tuesday 1 November from 1 pm onwards visitors can bring their own picnic lunch and watch the Melbourne Cup race day festivities live on the big screen.

Be part of the Remembrance Day commemorations at the RSL on Sunday 13 November at 9.15 am and join the Ormond Road march behind the Rats of Tobruk pipe band. Afterwards there will be a special remembrance service at St Columba's Church and a free lunch back at the clubrooms.

Preservation group for local history

MIDDLE PARK: The Middle Park History Group has been set up with the aim to preserve and promote the heritage of the local suburb. The group recently held a photo exhibition and will soon publish the first book on Middle Park with funds contributed by Council and local businesses. Interested residents are invited to join. For enquiries call 9090 7964.



Dressed up: A family at the old Buffers Parade, Middle Park in the 1950s.

IN BRIEF

Award for women friendly cycle club



Pic: Andrew Taylor

The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Danny Cohen, St Kilda Cycling Club and the Hon Greg Hunt MP

St Kilda Cycling Club won a National Award in Canberra for increasing the participation of women in cycling. The club currently has the highest female membership in Victoria, lead by the club's strong Women's Committee.

Cycling is a male dominated sport and the club has worked hard at providing a great environment for women entering the sport. For more information on the club, visit skcc.com.au

Enter your crafty creation



Donate your latest craft project to the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project Sale and Fundraising Devonshire Tea. Exhibition proceeds go to the project. Items will be judged by comedian Denise Scott. Contact Ardyn Batiste on 9699 3795 or Marcelle Thomas on 9682 1085 for more information.

Live music at 11.30 am and 12.30 pm; judging at 2 pm
Saturday 8 October, 11 am - 4 pm
Kilbride Centre, 52 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park

Grow some new skills

Share and celebrate skills for living more sustainably in the inner city at Skills Fest 2011. Free, hands-on activities for all ages include bicycle maintenance, worm farming, composting, windowsill gardening, knitting, recycled art, story-telling, ball skills, vegetable gardening, music, dance and computer skills.

Saturday 5 November, 11 am - 3 pm
Port Melbourne Uniting Church and Simply Living Community Garden, Corner Nott and Bridge Streets, Port Melbourne

Spring sporting events and road closures

Sundays 1 October - 1 April

St Kilda Cycling Club Criterium Races
8.00 am - 12 noon

Road closures: White, Boundary Munro, Johnson and Brady Streets
skcc.com.au

Sunday 9 October

Melbourne Marathon, 6.30 am - 12.30 pm

Road Closures: Canterbury Road, Fitzroy Street, Beach Road
melbournemarathon.com.au

Sunday 16 October

Around the Bay in a Day, 6.30 am - 6.00 pm
bv.com.au/general/great-rides/20005/

Sunday 13 November

City2Sea, 8.30 am - 12 noon

Arts Centre, St Kilda Road to Catani Gardens
Road Closures: St Kilda Road, Fitzroy Street, Beaconsfield Parade
thecity2sea.com.au

Sunday 20 November

Gatorade Triathlon Series Race 1

7.00 am - 10.30 am

Catani Gardens

Road Closures: Beaconsfield Parade, Marine Parade, Jacka Boulevard, Point Ormond Ave and Ormond Esplanade. supersprint.com.au

Community Leadership Training

Do you have a great community project in mind but aren't sure how to make it happen? City of Port Phillip's Community Leadership Training course is a series of free workshops running in October/November 2011. Increase your confidence and skills to make a contribution to your community. Contact 9209 6548 or for more information email enviro@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Tipples and tries for the homeless

Wine Rules brings Victorian wineries together to play touch football, show off their best wines and raise money for St Mary's House of Welcome, who support Melbourne's homeless and disadvantaged. There will be bands, wines to sample, touch rugby, food stalls and activities for kids.

Sunday 20 November, 10 am - 6 pm
Elwood Park, Head Street, Elwood

Robot exhibition



Professor Willoughby's *Last Robot* is a richly illustrated picture book that allows children to see the world through the eyes of robots. This exhibition features original art from the book. Robot building workshops with Luke C Jackson (author) and Antoine Toniolo (illustrator). Free admission.

Gasworks Arts Park Foyer
21 Graham Street, Albert Park, Victoria
28 September - 9 October
9.00 am - 5.30 pm

Crowd Play, Melbourne Fringe Festival



Crowd Play is a giant, all-singing, all-dancing event to be held in venues around Melbourne and everyone's invited to be involved. For more information visit melbournefringe.com.au/crowdplay

Wau Wau Sisters

The Wau Wau Sisters' Last Supper is a raucous, ridiculous reinvention of the Last Supper, complete with 12 disciples, umpteen cocktails, fun and abandon.

Tix \$30 full, \$25 conc, \$25 tightarse

Tuesday. To book visit melbournefringe.com.au or call 9660 9666. More info at wauwauisters.com

The Wau Wau Sisters' Last Supper
GH Hotel, 1 Brighton Road, St Kilda
28 September - 2 October and 4 - 9 October,
8 pm



JCAAA Activities

Groove Central is a Zumba style dance fitness program is for men and women with disabilities, aged 16 years and over.

Thursdays 4 pm - 5 pm, 13 October
- 15 December

Betty Day Community Centre
67 Argyle Street, St Kilda

All Abilities Fitness is a combination of fun exercises to build strength, improve fitness and balance. Make friends and have fun at this brand new program.

Thursdays 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm
MSAC, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park

The All Abilities Dance Party is being hosted at Melbourne Bowling Club with licensed bar, MC, DJs, food, prizes and more.

Saturday 26 November.

Call Bianca at JCAAA on 9209 6753 for more information.

Workshop launch of draft Greenhouse Plan

Council has prepared a Draft Greenhouse Plan for a low carbon city. The consultation for the plan will be launched by Ian Porter, CEO of the Alternative Technology Association, at a community workshop on Tuesday 4 October (for venue details see enviroehub.com.au). Ian will lead a discussion on renewable energy, energy efficiency and ways to encourage community and industry to take up low carbon options.

Council is inviting the community to comment on the Draft Greenhouse Plan at the launch event and via the Have Your Say Website, haveyoursaytportphillip.net.au

Eco-friendly apartment blocks

Reduce your apartment block's energy, water and waste and join the growing number of Sustainable Owners Corporations and Apartment Blocks (SOCs & Blocks) in Port Phillip. Round three of Council's free SOCs & Blocks program is now open for registrations. Find out more about the free program, hear past participants' success stories, and win door prizes. RSVP to rsvpenviro@portphillip.vic.gov.au or call 9209 6548.

South Melbourne Town Hall Theatre
Thursday 13 October, 6 pm - 7.30 pm.

Learning to move with ease and grace

The Feldenkrais Method uses gentle movements performed with awareness to stimulate the brain to re-organise and improve the functioning of the body. Classes are suitable for all ages from 16 years upwards. Cost per class is \$10 (concession \$5) RSVP to 9690 1076 (book ahead as numbers limited).

Tuesdays from 11 October, 1.00 pm - 2.15 pm
Kilbride Centre, 52 Beaconsfield Parade,
Albert Park

1,2,3,4 lots of choirs and some more...



Melbourne Singers of Gospel is a local choir rehearsing in South Melbourne. The next try out night is in November to join for 2012. Interested locals can contact Kate at 0448 677 684 or melbournesingersofgospel@mail.com or go to msgchoir.com.au for further details.

St Kilda community choir Loose Arrangement has an eclectic music mix including African, Gospel and Rock. New members welcome. Saturdays 3 pm - 5 pm. \$15 pw. Call Di on 0418 962 669 for more details. St Kilda Uniting Church, corner Chapel and Carlisle Streets, St Kilda.

Chapel Street Sings (formerly St Kilda Sings) is now located at Prahran Mission, 211 Chapel Street, Prahran. The community choir inclusion program is offered by Creativity Australia in partnership with the Port Phillip Tenant Participation & Community Facilities Program. For more information call 8679 6088 or visit creativityaustralia.org.au

The Cadence Choir is forming a cappella group of mixed singers with a view to performing. All parts needed especially male. A mix of world music, jazz, folk, gospel, modern and original compositions. Enquiries to Rosemary on 0407 332 725 or email romac@iinet.com.au Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm, Sandridge Community Centre, Port Melbourne.

Unwanted electronic items

Electronic waste has the potential to damage our environment if not diverted from landfill by recycling.

Don't dump unwanted goods on the street – take them to the Resource Recovery Centre for recycling.

Recycle

Port Phillip residents can recycle unwanted electronic goods at the Resource Recovery Centre for free!

- Televisions
- Mobile phones
- All computers, monitors and associated parts (including CPUs, mice, keyboards, cables)
- Printers, scanners, fax machines
- Photocopiers
- Video cassette tapes
- Small domestic appliances (kettles, hi-fis, irons, juicers, microwaves, vacuum cleaners)
- Workshop tools (electric saws and drills)
- Household batteries

Visit us

Port Phillip Resource Recovery Centre

cnr White and Boundary Streets, South Melbourne
Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 3.30pm; Saturday and Sunday, 9.00am to 1.00pm
For more information, call ASSIST on 9209 6777

Cave exhibit



Lisa Stewart, *Caves of Requirement*, conceptual digital collage, 2011

Lisa Stewart's *Caves of Requirement* presents a series of interactive multi-sensory installations, each designed to address a different need or requirement. Visitors can decide which 'cave' they wish to enter based upon their emotional state.

Opening night, Friday 11 November
6 pm - 8 pm

12 November - 11 December 2011,
Tuesday - Friday 1 pm - 5 pm; Saturday &
Sunday 11 am - 5 pm

Linden Centre for Contemporary Arts,
26 Acland Street, St Kilda

No doubt about Market future

The reason that so many people love South Melbourne Market is the special ambience and atmosphere. With over 140 stall holders, the market provides a diverse alternative to supermarkets and chain stores.

Council is absolutely committed to keeping the market going strong. Over the past nine years Council has invested \$13.2m in capital improvements, including major upgrades to food stalls, new sprinklers and a new roof for Vegie Lane. It's all about making the market more attractive to more people.

New attractions like the night markets, more Cecil Street food outlets, more local buskers and the cooking school means more reasons to visit the market. Behind the scenes, there are more schools visiting the market and stronger links between the market and community charities.

Best of all, the market offers fresh food and handy things in a no frills, friendly environment.

MS Support Group

People living with Multiple Sclerosis or a neurological condition are invited to a regular meet up group in South Melbourne. To find out more, call Gayle Homann at MS Australia on 9845 2763 or email gayle.homann@msaustralia.org.au

South Port Uniting Care Hall
319 Dorcas St, South Melbourne

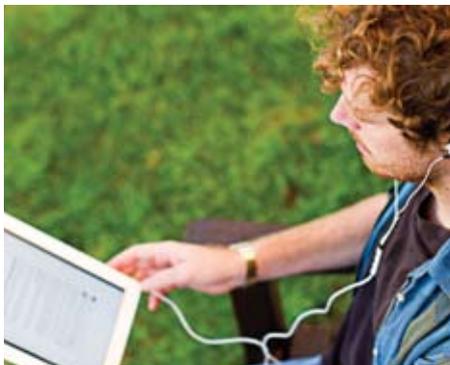
Style after dark



Style After Dark is South Melbourne Market's interpretation of a night market. Stretching along the street under the Market's wide verandas, Style After Dark offers a vibrant market for the local community of clothing designers and makers. Stalls emphasise locally-designed, locally-made and collectible clothing and all things associated with it – accessories, jewellery, headwear. Enjoy an eclectic mix of shopping, live entertainment and affordable food in Cecil Street or the market's food hall – what more could you want?

South Melbourne Market
Thursday nights 5.30 pm - 9.30 pm,
20 October to 24 November

Download, snap and win



The library has dived into the digital age and you can be part of the action anywhere, anytime. Use the library web site to download audio books and e-books by popular authors. Discover new stuff with Sorcer, an easy to use program that helps you explore the topics you like. Follow links in the catalogue to a wide range of data bases – giving you free access to some amazing stuff.

To celebrate these new digital collections, the library is holding a competition during October. All you have to do is send a photo of yourself in an interesting location and pose listening to or reading an e-book downloaded from the library web site. Prizes include a \$250 voucher from Readings.

Photos along with the title you were listening to or reading will be uploaded to the library website. Get your friends to vote for you!

For more information go to the library website portphillip.vic.gov.au/library.htm
Entries close 31 October 2011

Reliving history in The Rock



Pic: Robert Spillane.

In *The Rock* two cultures collide as the now infamous story of Azaria Chamberlain is reinvented in a bold, contemporary work that resonates as strongly as it did 30 years ago.

Contemporary dance forms, such as Butoh, Pitjantjatjara language, text and physical theatre combine to move through different worlds, laws, cultures and faiths and tell this epic story of the desert, persecution and a lost child.

Theatre Works
26 October - 5 November
14 Acland Street, St Kilda
Bookings line 9534 3388

At St Kilda library



Bollywood dance class with Gowri Dances of India

Tuesday 18 October, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Love vintage – talk with Nicole from Circa Vintage Clothing

Thursday 27 October, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Japanese classical music – with Shamisen player, Noriko Tadano. An Obu Sister City event

Thursday 10 November, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

All events are free but bookings required to 9209 6655 or email library@portphillip.vic.gov.au

SENIORS FESTIVAL EVENTS

Monday 10 October

Empowering Elders

– your legal rights later in life

Betty Day Centre

10.30 am to 12 noon

Also repeated on Tuesday and Wednesday at different locations

Trugo Open Day

South Melbourne Trugo Club

12 noon to 3 pm

A Greek Feast – Luncheon

Port Melbourne Neighbourhood House

12 noon to 2 pm

Tuesday 11 October

Mentoring Your Memoir

Writing Workshop

Betty Day Centre

10 am to 4 pm

Lost Socks Home

– sewing & sculpture party

Port Phillip Eco Centre

10 am to 12 noon

Fun Try Croquet Day

Elwood Croquet Club

11 am to 3 pm

Seniors Week Polish Lunch

Betty Day Centre

12 noon to 2 pm

A Traditional Greek Feast

147 Liardet Street, Port Melbourne

12 noon to 2pm

Share and Care Variety Entertainers

Claremont House

2.00 pm to 2.45 pm

Ethical Supermarket Shopping Tour

Port Phillip Eco Centre

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Wednesday 12 October

Grandparents and Special Friend Day

St Kilda Primary school

9.00 am to 11.30am

Port Melbourne Elderly Citizens and Trugo Club Bus Trip

Meet at Port Melbourne Town Hall

9.30 am - 3.00 pm

Gardening for Life

Uniting Church, Port Melbourne

10 am to 12 noon

Crew Rowing – seniors come & try

Power House, Albert Park Lake

10 am to 12 noon

Singing Hearts Russian Choir

Betty Day Centre

1 pm to 3 pm

World Music Recital

Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood

Learning Centre

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Festival Forum 'Can We Be Ageless?'

St Kilda Town Hall

3 pm to 4 pm

Seniors Festival Art Exhibition

The Gallery, St Kilda Town Hall

Launch 4 pm to 6 pm

Thursday 13 October

Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club

Lunch and Guided Tour

12 noon to 2.30 pm

Singalong around the Piano

Gasworks Arts Park

1 pm to 3 pm

Symbols and Significance of

Jewish Festival of Harvest – Sukkot

South Melbourne Senior Citizens'

Club

6 pm to 9 pm

Friday 14 October

The Big Playdate

Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood

Learning Centre

10 am to 12 noon

George the Conductor

Cora Graves Centre

10.30 am to 12 noon

Baykeeper Beach Ramble

West Beach, St Kilda

11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Over 55's Community Connection 'Masters Class' & BBQ

St Kilda Police & Citizen Youth Club

11 am to 1 pm

Russian Songs & Dance Concert

Betty Day Centre

3 pm to 5 pm

U3A Port Phillip Trivia Challenge

Mary Kehoe Centre

7 pm to 10 pm



Saturday 15 October

'Life in Port Phillip'

old photographs exhibition

The Melbourne Camera Club

12 noon to 4 pm (Sat and Sun)

Bookmaking: Food Stories

Port Phillip Eco Centre

2 pm to 4 pm

U3A Seminar:

'The Genetics of Human Behaviour'

Mary Kehoe Centre

2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Sunday 16 October

Around the Hill South Melbourne

Meet at The Melbourne Camera Club

10.30 am to 12 noon

South Melbourne Garden Club

visit to Royal Botanic Gardens

'Guilfoyle's Volcano'

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

'Port Phillip Writes' Seniors Writing Awards

St Kilda Library

2 pm to 4 pm

'Everybody has a voice, let's use it'

Betty Day Centre

5 pm to 6 pm

Greek National Day Celebration

South Melbourne Community Centre

5 pm to 11 pm

Also in October

Cultural hub

6 October, Grattan Gardens

Community Centre, 1.30 pm to 4 pm

Stepping Stones Musical High Tea

26 October, Christ Church

Community Centre

2 pm to 4 pm

Seniors Festival Art Exhibition

Meet the Artists

30 October, St Kilda Town Hall

12 pm to 4 pm

SENIORS FESTIVAL 2011

10-16
October
2011

Victorian Police Band will get people dancing at the Mayor's Tea Dance



Enjoy Cosmo Cosmolino and local choir Loose Arrangement at the Gasworks free afternoon concert



Sunday 9 October

Free concert at Gasworks Arts Park

1 pm to 4 pm

Gasworks Arts Park, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park

Enquiries phone 8606 4200.

No bookings required. All welcome.

Monday 10 October

Mayor's Tea Dance

2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

St Kilda Town Hall

Free, includes refreshments

RSVP essential by Monday 3 October, ASSIST 9209 6777.

Entry by ticket only

Pick up a free and complete Festival Program at Port Phillip town halls and libraries.

Download a PDF copy of the program from www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/seniors_festival.htm



2011 Victorian Seniors Festival

Be inspired!

