

Warrnambool Seniors Festival 2026



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1 - 31 October



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BOOKINGS OPEN TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

Welcome to the Warrnambool Seniors Festival 2026!

Throughout the month of October, we invite you to **Connect, Create and Celebrate** with us as we recognise the incredible contribution seniors make to our community.

This year's festival features a diverse program of activities, events, workshops and entertainment designed to suit a wide range of interests, abilities and lifestyles. Whether you're looking to try something new, reconnect with friends, discover a local group, or simply enjoy a great day out, there's something for everyone.

We are proud to launch this year's festival by celebrating our local nominees for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards,

recognising the outstanding individuals who make a positive difference through their dedication, volunteering and community spirit.

The Warrnambool Seniors Festival is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, knowledge and life experiences of older Victorians while encouraging people to stay active, connected and engaged.

We look forward to seeing you throughout October!

Fiona Fitzgerald

*Community Programs Coordinator,
Warrnambool City Council*

For event details please visit: www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival

Warrnambool Seniors Festival 2026 Calendar of Events

DATE & TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	COST	BOOKINGS
Thu 1 Oct 1.30pm-3.30pm	Come and Try Mahjong Afternoon Tea provided	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$2.50	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Fri 2 Oct 10am-10.45am	Warrnambool Annual Orchid Show Tour	Our Lady Help of Christians Hall - 2 Selby Road	\$4	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Fri 2 Oct AQUAFIT 11am PULSELITE 1pm	Free Coffee Friday after Aquafit and Pulselite classes Must attend one of the classes above for a free coffee	Aquazone	FREE COFFEE	To book into classes: Aquazone Reception or call 5559 4500
Fri 2 Oct 1pm-3pm	Come & Try Croquet Afternoon Tea provided Group bookings by arrangement only.	Warrnambool Croquet Club - 60-62 Cramer Street	First session FREE	Contact Judy on 0401 931 461
Fri 2 Oct 1.30pm-3pm	WRRNAMBOOL SENIOR'S FESTIVAL LAUNCH Afternoon Tea provided Celebrating achievements of local nominees: Victorian Senior of the Year Awards 2026. All Welcome.	Archie Graham Community Centre	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Fri 2 Oct 2pm-3.30pm School Holidays	Grandparent's Day - Scones, Stories & Wash Day Fun A delightful hands-on afternoon	Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village	\$15 Adult \$5 Child	Flagstaff Hill Reception or call 5559 4600
Sat 3 Oct 1pm-7pm	Celebration Day - Victorian Launch	Federation Square, Melbourne	FREE	Not required

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Mon 5 Oct 1pm-2pm	Celtic Singalong with Merran Moir & Western Districts Harpists	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$5	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Mon 5 Oct 1pm-3pm	Come & Try Croquet Afternoon Tea provided Group bookings by arrangement only	Warrnambool Croquet Club - 60-62 Cramer Street	First session FREE	Contact Judy on 0401 931 461
Tue 6 Oct 10am-11.30am	Warrnambool Mens Shed Tour Morning Tea provided	Warrnambool Men's Shed - 91 Hyland Street	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Tue 6 Oct 10am-12pm	Pride in Ageing Canoeing Morning Tea provided	TBC	FREE	Contact Jen Walsh on 0492 955 643
Tue 6 Oct 11.30am-1pm	Cooking with Bev (Recipe TBC)	West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House	FREE	Contact Jill on 0418 944 276
Tue 6 Oct 2pm-3pm	U3A Traditional Japanese Performing Arts Tutorial with Peter Hankinson	Reading Room Warrnambool Library	FREE	Warrnambool Library Reception or call 5559 4990
Wed 7 Oct 10am-12pm	Sashiko Stitching Activity with Archie Craft Group Includes craft kit to take home	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$2.50	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Wed 7 Oct 10am-12pm	CONCERT: AMBER JOY POULTON HONKY TONK QUEENS Morning Tea from 10am Concert Starts at 11am	Lighthouse Theatre Studio	\$10	Lighthouse Theatre Box Office or Website
Wed 7 Oct 11am-12pm	Fresh Produce Exchange No produce? Gold coin donations welcome	Archie Graham Community Centre	FREE	Not required
Wed 7 Oct 6pm-8pm	SWH Aged Care Information Session - Know Your Options Before You Need Them Supper provided	Community Health Building - Koroit Street Entrance, South West Healthcare	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Thu 8 Oct 11am-12pm	Come and Try Dragon Boating for Beginners Info Session Morning Tea provided	Archie Graham Community Centre	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Thu 8 Oct 1.15pm-2pm	Warrnambool Botanic Gardens Tour Afternoon Tea provided	Warrnambool Botanic Gardens. Meet at Rotunda	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Thu 8 Oct 1.30pm-3.30pm	Come and Try Mahjong Afternoon Tea provided	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$2.50	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Fri 9 Oct 8.30am-9.30am	Come and Try Dragon Boating for Beginners - On The River	Hopkins River - Dragon Boat Shed at 34 Simpson Street	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Fri 9 Oct 9.30am-2pm	BUS TRIP - PORT FAIRY Glyph Gallery Air-Dry Clay Session - Create your own Pinch Pot. Scenic Drive on the journey home Morning Tea Included	Bus leaves from Flagstaff Hill Carpark at 9.30am	\$30	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Fri 9 Oct AQUAFIT 11am PULSELITE 1pm	Free Coffee Friday after Aquafit and Pulselite classes Must attend one of the classes above for a free coffee	Aquazone	FREE COFFEE	To book into classes: Aquazone Reception or call 5559 4500
Fri 9 Oct 1pm-3pm	Come & Try Croquet Afternoon Tea provided Group bookings by arrangement only	Warrnambool Croquet Club - 60-62 Cramer Street	First session FREE	Contact Judy on 0401 931 461
Fri 9 Oct 2pm-3.30pm	Fascinating Fridays at Flagstaff Hill - Corset and Curves Fashion Parade Includes Devonshire Tea	Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village	\$25 or \$80 all four sessions	Flagstaff Hill Reception or call 5559 4600

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Mon 12 Oct 10.30am-11.30am	U3A Globalisation and Trade Tutorial with Gerry Engwerda	Reading Room Warrnambool Library	FREE	Warrnambool Library Reception or call 5559 4990
Mon 12 Oct 1pm-3pm	Come & Try Croquet Afternoon Tea provided Group bookings by arrangement only	Warrnambool Croquet Club - 60-62 Cramer Street	First session FREE	Contact Judy on 0401 931 461
Mon 12 Oct- Fri 16 Oct	'Then and Now - Changes to Warrnambool' Visual Presentation. Warrnambool & District Historical Society	Playing in Archie Graham Community Centre Dining Room from 9am-5pm	FREE	Not required
Tue 13 Oct 10am-1pm	BUS TRIP - HOPKINS FALLS - EASTERN MARR CULTURAL TOUR Lunch included	Bus leaves from Flagstaff Hill Carpark at 10am	\$30	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Wed 14 Oct 10am-12pm	Easy Gardening: Make a Seed Shaker. Activity with Archie Craft Group Includes craft to take home	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$2.50	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Wed 14 Oct 10am-11am	Archie Garden Tours Take home native plant seedling. Morning Tea provided	Archie Graham Community Centre	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Wed 14 Oct 11am-12pm	Fresh Produce Exchange No produce? Gold coin donations welcome	Archie Graham Community Centre	FREE	Not required
Wed 14 Oct 1.15pm-2pm	Gentle Exercise and Stretch Session with Michelle Steere Learn a gentle exercise program that you can do at home! All equipment provided.	Warrnambool Civic Green	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Wed 14 Oct 2pm-3pm	Warrnambool Community Gardens Tour Coffee and Cake available	Warrnambool Community Gardens - 2 Grieve Street	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Thu 15 Oct 11am-2.30pm	CLASSIC CAR TOUR Enjoy a scenic drive around the district, including Tower Hill, in a classic car, followed by a pub meal at Duke's Commercial Hotel in Koroit.	Classic cars leave from Flagstaff Hill Carpark	\$35 inc. lunch and hot drink	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Thu 15 Oct 1.30pm-3.30pm	Come and Try Mahjong Afternoon Tea provided	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$2.50	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Fri 16 Oct AQUAFIT 11am PULSELITE 1pm	Free Coffee Friday after Aquafit and Pulselite classes Must attend one of the classes above for a free coffee	Aquazone	FREE COFFEE	To book into classes: Aquazone Reception or call 5559 4500
Fri 16 Oct 10am-11am	Come and Try Pickleball	Warrnambool Stadium	FREE	Not required
Fri 16 Oct 1pm-3pm	Come & Try Croquet Afternoon Tea provided Group bookings by arrangement only	Warrnambool Croquet Club - 60-62 Cramer Street	First session FREE	Contact Judy on 0401 931 461
Fri 16 Oct 2pm-3.30pm	Fascinating Fridays at Flagstaff Hill - Maremma Experience Includes Devonshire Tea	Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village	\$25	Flagstaff Hill Reception or call 5559 4600

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Mon 19 Oct 9.15am for 9.30am start	Walk for Wellness. Join the Heart Foundation Walking Group for a walk at your pace. Morning Tea and Fresh Fruit	Lake Pertobe BBQ Shelter (opposite Beach Kiosk Café)	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920 (for new walkers only)
Mon 19 Oct 11am-12pm	Quiz and Coffee Connections Morning Tea provided	West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House	FREE	Contact Jill on 0418 944 276
Mon 19 Oct 1pm-3pm	Watercolour for Beginners with Yvonne Court: Birds	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$5	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Mon 19 Oct 1pm-3pm	Come & Try Croquet Afternoon Tea provided Group bookings by arrangement only	Warrnambool Croquet Club	First session FREE	Contact Judy on 0401 931 461
Tue 20 Oct 2pm-3pm	U3A Traditional Japanese Performing Arts Tutorial 2 with Peter Hankinson	Reading Room Warrnambool Library	FREE	Warrnambool Library Reception or call 5559 4990
Wed 21 Oct 10am-12pm	Microwave Holder Activity with Archie Craft Group FREE craft kit to take home	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$2.50	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Wed 21 Oct 11am-12pm	Fresh Produce Exchange No produce? Gold coin donations welcome	Archie Graham Community Centre	FREE	Not required
Wed 21 Oct 12pm-1.30pm	Seasonal Produce Luncheon with Zac Nicholson and Luke Hand of Lost Cat	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$20	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Thu 22 Oct 9.30am-2.30pm	BUS TRIP - BERRAMBOOL HOMESTEAD TOUR AND LUNCH AT MACS HOTEL MORTLAKE Morning Tea also provided	Bus leaves from Flagstaff Hill Carpark at 9.30am	\$45	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Thu 22 Oct 1.30pm-3.30pm	Come and Try Mahjong Afternoon Tea provided	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$2.50	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Thu 22 Oct 5.30pm-7pm	Daybreak Rotary Club of Warrnambool Social Evening - Drinks and Chat Drinks at bar prices.	Midcity Motel - 525 Raglan Parade Warrnambool	FREE	Contact Robyn on 0423 237 003
Fri 23 Oct 10am-11am	Come and Try Pickleball	Warrnambool Stadium	FREE	Not required
Fri 23 Oct 11am-1pm	A Fun Seaweed Cooking Workshop with Dr. Zoe Brittain	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$5	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Fri 23 Oct AQUAFIT 11am PULSELITE 1pm	Free Coffee Friday after Aquafit and Pulselite classes Must attend one of the classes above for a free coffee	Aquazone	FREE COFFEE	To book into classes: Aquazone Reception or call 5559 4500
Fri 23 Oct 1pm-3pm	Come & Try Croquet Afternoon Tea provided Group bookings by arrangement only	Warrnambool Croquet Club - 60-62 Cramer Street	First session FREE	Contact Judy on 0401 931 461
Fri 23 Oct 2pm-3.30pm	Fascinating Fridays at Flagstaff Hill - Back to School. Discover what school life was like in the 1870's. Includes Devonshire Tea	Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village	\$25	Flagstaff Hill Reception or call 5559 4600
Fri 23 Oct 3.30pm-5pm	Fun Singalong Session with Gabby Steel - Songs from the 60's, 70's an 80's Afternoon Tea provided	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$5	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920

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Mon 26 Oct - Tue 27 Oct 1pm-3pm	Mosaics with Anita. Bring your own chipped teacup and transform it into a beautiful mosaic. Two day workshop.	West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House	FREE	Contact Jill on 0418 944 276
Mon 26 Oct 1pm-3pm	Come & Try Croquet Afternoon Tea provided Group bookings by arrangement only	Warrnambool Croquet Club - 60-62 Cramer Street	First session FREE	Contact Judy on 0401 931 461
Tue 27 Oct 10am-11am	Dahlia Workshop with Rob O'Neill Morning Tea provided	Archie Graham Community Centre	FREE	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Tue 27 Oct 2pm-3pm	SWH Presents Health@Home Expo Connect with Health Professionals from South West Healthcare	Community Health Building - Koroit Street Entrance, SWH	FREE	Not required
Wed 28 Oct 9.30am- 12.30pm	Pure - Hair, Beauty and Wellness Academy Pamper Session. Morning Tea provided	South West TAFE; Building F Block, entrance from Gilles St	\$5 per treatment	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Wed 28 Oct 10.30am- 11.30am	Made@Archie Exhibition Launch - Collect an entry form from Archie Reception. Morning Tea provided <i>Exhibition open until Fri 30 Oct</i>	Archie Graham Community Centre Entries must be received by COB Friday 24 October.	FREE ENTRY	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Wed 28 Oct 11am-12pm	Fresh Produce Exchange No produce? Gold coin donations welcome	Archie Graham Community Centre	FREE	Not required
Wed 28 Oct 1pm-2pm	FREE Afternoon Tea and Coffee after Gentle Exercise Class Must attend the class above for afternoon tea and coffee	Aquazone	FREE Afternoon Tea and Coffee	To book into class: Aquazone Reception or call 5559 4500
Thu 29 Oct 9.30am-11am	Toddle on Hoddle Grandparents, parents and grandchildren aged 0-5 are invited to join this playgroup.	Archie Graham Community Centre	FREE	Contact Jill on 0418 944 276
Thu 29 Oct 1pm-3pm	Watercolour for Beginners with Yvonne Court: Sea Creatures	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$5	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Thu 29 Oct 1.30pm-3.30pm	Come and Try Mahjong Afternoon Tea provided	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$2.50	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Fri 30 Oct 11am - 1pm	A Fun Seaweed Cooking Workshop with Dr. Zoe Brittain	Archie Graham Community Centre	\$5	Archie Reception or call 5559 4920
Fri 30 Oct AQUAFIT 11am PULSELITE 1pm	Free Coffee Friday after Aquafit and Pulselite classes Must attend one of the classes above for a free coffee	Aquazone	FREE COFFEE	To book into classes: Aquazone Reception or call 5559 4500
Fri 30 Oct 1pm-3pm	Come & Try Croquet Afternoon Tea provided Group bookings by arrangement only	Warrnambool Croquet Club - 60-62 Cramer Street	First session FREE	Contact Judy on 0401 931 461
Fri 30 Oct 2pm-3.30pm	Fascinating Fridays at Flagstaff Hill - Hidden Stories of Warrnambool Includes Devonshire Tea	Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village	\$25	Flagstaff Hill Reception or call 5559 4600
Fri 30 Oct 5pm-6.40pm	Movie on the Civic Green: Oddball Pack a picnic and bring the grandkids or a friend	Warrnambool Civic Green	FREE	Not required

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WARRNAMBOOL SENIOR'S FESTIVAL SCAVENGER HUNT

As part of this year's Warrnambool Seniors Festival, we're running a **Scavenger Hunt** to encourage seniors in our community to get out and explore.

It's not about speed or who finishes first, it's about discovering new places, chatting, and noticing the little details. It's also the perfect activity to enjoy with your grandkids or a group of friends.

There are eight locations to visit. Collect your Scavenger Hunt pack, including a map, clues, and an answer sheet, from Archie Reception. At each stop, answer a simple question or complete a fun challenge. This year's hunt explores Warrnambool's street art and local history, with all locations in the city centre.

Everyone who completes the hunt will receive a prize. Good luck!

NINE DAYS OF FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR SENIORS CARD HOLDERS.

Travel for free between **3 to 11 October 2026** on all public transport in Victoria, including:

Melbourne trains, trams and buses, regional trains, coaches and buses (including regional town bus services).

To book, visit your nearest railway station or agent or call 1800 800 007.

FLAGSTAFF HILL SENIOR'S FESTIVAL SPECIAL OFFERS

Warrnambool Residents can enjoy **FREE** daytime entry* throughout October by joining the Flagstaff Hill Ambassador Program.

Visitors from outside the Warrnambool Municipality can enjoy:

- **50% off daytime village entry***
- **50% off the Tales of Shipwreck Coast Sound & Light Show (bookings essential).**

*Event ticket prices are separate to village admissions and fees.

WARRNAMBOOL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INC

Self Preservation in the Role of Carer
Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 October

Session 1: 10am-10.30am

Session 2: 11am-11.30am | FREE

Learn practical techniques to safely assist someone with limited mobility or strength, while protecting your own health and safety.

Led by an Occupational Therapist, this hands-on session will cover:

- Moving safely from lying to sitting
- Assisting from sitting to standing
- Supporting someone with mobility difficulties to navigate their environment
- Safely exiting a motor vehicle and using helpful equipment

Sessions are 30 minutes.

Maximum 10 participants per session.

Participants should be prepared to practise the techniques during the session.

ALERT WARRNAMBOOL

The Road Ahead: Keeping Experienced Drivers Confident and Current
Friday 23 October - 9am-3pm | FREE

Refresh your road knowledge and brush up on your driving skills with a free in-car session with a qualified RACV Drive School instructor.

Sessions will run for 45 minutes per person. Participants will drive a vehicle similar to those used for licence renewal assessments, providing an opportunity to become familiar with a different vehicle and refresh important road rules and driving skills.

Please note: This is **NOT** a licence review. It is a supportive opportunity to keep your skills up to date, your confidence high and awareness focused... all of these things will set you in good stead for 'The Road Ahead'.

Venue: Meet at Archie Graham Community Centre

Bookings Essential:

Contact Archie Reception or call 5559 4920

Pop In & Have a Chat

Friday 23 October - 10am-12pm
FREE

Drop in for a relaxed chat with ALERT Warrnambool, with representatives from RACV Drive School and Victoria Police Community Engagement Team also invited.

Enjoy a cuppa and morning tea while having your questions answered about driving, road safety and staying confident on the road.

Venue: Archie Graham Community Centre

Bookings Essential:

Contact Archie Reception or call 5559 4920





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Website and Program



Thank you to all the community
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