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WHAT'S ON



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS





COMPUTERS & TECH HELP

LET'S TALK SCAMS

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Friday 17 & 24 October, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Geelong West & Lara libraries

Victorian Seniors Festival

Learn how to spot and avoid common scams in this practical session designed to keep you safe online and over the phone. Get clear advice on what to look out for and what to do if you think you've been targeted.

MAKE & CREATE

HEARTFUL HIGH TEA: A CREATIVE WELLNESS WORKSHOP

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Tuesday 21 October, 10:30am-1:00pm
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library

Victorian Seniors Festival

Celebrate positive ageing at this special high tea and creative workshop for seniors. Enjoy a relaxing session of mindful art-making, good conversation and a touch of elegance, no artistic experience needed. Wear your finest high tea attire if you wish.



GET CREATIVE WITH CRICUT

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**Various times, Geelong West,
Corio & Waurin Ponds libraries**

Learn the basics of Cricut and Design Space® in this beginner-friendly session. Create a personalised item to take home and get inspired for your next project.



JOBS & LIFESKILLS



ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP



Tuesday 15 September, 12:00noon-1:00pm
Online

Want to make a difference in your community? Learn how to engage with Australia's political system and take action on the issues that matter to you. Discover practical ways to participate and create change.

FOOD 4 FUTURE



**Various dates in September,
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek,
Newcomb, Colac & Boronggook
Drysdale libraries**

Funded by VicHealth

Learn essential food skills in free three part workshop series for ages 15-24. Gain experience in meal planning, budgeting, and cooking, plus earn a TAFE food handling certificate! Take home a kitchen kit, veggie box, and meal. Free event. See website for details.



Celebrate the Victorian Seniors Festival with us this October, a month of events promoting connection, engagement, and active living for older Victorians.



READING, BOOK CLUBS & WRITING GROUPS

GET TO KNOW: HORROR FICTION

Tuesday 28 October, 12:00noon-1:00pm
Online

Midwinter Words writers weekend

Love a good scare? Explore the horror genre beyond the big names and discover new authors and reads to keep you up at night. Perfect for fans of chilling stories and dark tales.



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VOICES FROM THE SHADOWS...

Thursday 30 October, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Belmont Library

Gather for a shared reading of classic Gothic poetry and prose in an atmospheric group setting. Bring a favourite extract to read aloud or just listen and enjoy works by Poe, Dickinson, Brontë and more.

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Explore more events:
www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

WHO'S WHO – PORTRAIT EXHIBITION

Saturday 30 August – Sunday 9 November
Various times & locations

Celebrate young local artists in this annual portrait exhibition featuring works by students from across the region. Visit displays at various libraries and Geelong Gallery. Grab a trail map and explore the creative talent on show.

Partnering with Geelong Gallery.



SO YOU WANT TO BE A MARINE BIOLOGIST?

Thursday 11 September, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Leopold Library

Hear from local marine science experts as they share what life is really like as a marine biologist, from study to working in and out of the water. Get tips on how to get started and explore if this exciting career is right for you. Part of our Career Pathways Series for youth.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: DESIGN & DISCOVER

Monday 22 September – Friday 3 October
Various locations

This September, we're getting creative! Inspired by the Archibald Prize exhibition in Geelong, our libraries are hosting a line-up of arts and design activities for all ages. Try your hand at pet portraits, collage storytelling, neurographic art, fantasy map making and more.



REGISTER FOR AN EVENT

Bookings for events are free unless otherwise indicated. To attend most paid events and workshops, you must be a library member (free to join).

YOU CAN BOOK:

Online – find and register for an event on the library website:
www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on

In person – staff at your local library can book on your behalf.

By phone – [03] 4201 0600

Cover: Comedian and design enthusiast Tim Ross is coming to Geelong Library & Heritage Centre on Sunday 11 October 6:00pm-7:00pm for The Australian Dream? Part of Roam Geelong.

WHERE YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL

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Bookings are essential



Event is online



Book sales & author book signings at events



Paid tickets. Full details on our website



Refreshments provided

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www.grlc.vic.gov.au



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SEPTEMBER

WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

04 Thursday 4 September, 6:00pm-7:30pm
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library

BARBARA COOK – I RETIRED & NARRATED MY BOOK INTO AN AUDIOBOOK

Join local author Barbara Cook as she shares the journey of bringing her book to life, from manuscript to audiobook. Hear how following intuition, embracing lifelong learning and using the library's recording studio led to unexpected opportunities.

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EXHIBITION TALK

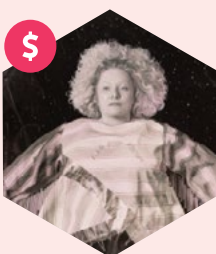
Saturday 6 & 20 September & 11 October, 11:00am-12:00noon
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS – ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2025

Hear from Archibald Prize artists, sitters and moderators as they share the stories and creative processes behind the portraits. Explore the stories, ideas and creative processes behind Australia's most celebrated portrait prize.

Presented in partnership with Geelong Gallery.

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WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

10 Wednesday 10 September, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Ocean Grove Library

YOUR LEGACY, YOUR WAY: WILLS & PLANNING FOR PEACE OF MIND

Learn the essentials of wills and estate planning in this practical session with local legal expert Gabrielle McManus. Find out what makes a valid will, why powers of attorney matter and what happens if you don't have a plan in place. Ideal for anyone looking to update or start fresh.

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WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

13 Saturday 13 September, 10:30am-1:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

RACHEL MATTHEWS – WRITERS WORKSHOP

Readers Are Writers – Your Words, Your Way

Think you're not a writer? Think again. Join author and lecturer Rachel Matthews for a relaxed, hands-on workshop that encourages everyone to explore storytelling in their own way. Expect playful writing prompts, creative insights and a welcoming space, no experience needed.



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13 Saturday 13 September, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Boronggook Drysdale Library

THE FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF GRIGGS CREEK

Hear the fascinating local history of Griggs Creek and the families who farmed the land through drought, depression and change. Learn about their links to Geelong Football Club, the flax industry and more, including First Nations history in the area.

Presented by Dr Ann Hodgkinson from the Bellarine Historical Society.

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OCTOBER

WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

04 Saturday 4 October, 10:30am-12noon
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

SUPER BRAIN WORKOUT WITH MAGGIE FLANAGAN

Victorian Seniors Festival

Explore practical ways to support your brain health in this interactive workshop for seniors. Learn how daily habits like movement, nutrition, mindfulness and connection can help protect your brain and boost wellbeing. Includes activities, tips and take-home resources.



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09 Thursday 9 October, 3:00pm-6:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

HONOURING THE PAST – CREATING THE FUTURE

Explore stories of Geelong's built environment through a series of talks and panel discussions with local experts. Reflect on the past, consider the future and discuss how we can shape a more inclusive, sustainable approach to heritage as our region continues to grow.

Presented in partnership with the Geelong Branch of the National Trust.



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AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



11 Saturday 11 October, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

THE AUSTRALIAN DREAM? WITH TIM ROSS

Part of ROAM Geelong

Comedian and design enthusiast Tim Ross explores Australia's deep connection to home ownership in this insightful and entertaining talk. Through archival gems, short films and personal stories, Tim unpacks what the Australian Dream has meant, and what it could become.

Presented in partnership with Modernister Shows.



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MOVIES, MUSIC & PERFORMANCE

18 Saturday 18 October, 1:30pm-2:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

ORCHESTRA GEELONG CONCERT

Victorian Seniors Festival

Enjoy a lively concert of classical favourites performed by Orchestra Geelong, the city's longest-running community orchestra. With over 35 musicians on stage, this special event offers an up-close experience of orchestral music.

Presented in partnership with Orchestra Geelong.



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18 Saturday 18 October, 4:30pm-5:30pm
Queenscliff Town Hall

MELISSA LEONG – GUTS

Hear Melissa Leong discuss her powerful memoir *Guts*—a candid exploration of identity, mental health, food and finding joy through adversity. From MasterChef to memoirist, Melissa shares stories of resilience, risk-taking and what it means to live boldly.

Presented in partnership with Queenscliffe Literary Festival. Tickets go on sale Friday 12 September.



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WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

23 Thursday 23 October, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Colac Library

CITIZEN SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Learn about local birdlife with Colac birder Adam Fry and discover how to take part in citizen science using the iNaturalist app and a birdwatching kit from our Library of Things. Enjoy stunning bird photos and pick up tips for observing birds at your own pace.

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WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

25 Saturday 25 October, 1:30pm-3:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

SUSTAINABILITY IN YOUR HOME

A practical and inspiring forum on sustainable living at home and in the garden. Hear from expert speakers and discover everyday actions to help reduce your impact, save resources and live well. Ideal for anyone on a sustainability journey.

Presented in partnership with Geelong Sustainability.



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29 Wednesday 29 October, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

JANE HARPER – LAST ONE OUT

THIS EVENT IS NOW FULLY BOOKED, WAITLIST AVAILABLE.

Bestselling author Jane Harper returns with *Last One Out* – a gripping mystery set in a forgotten town, where a grieving mother searches for answers. Join Jane in conversation as she discusses her writing, the inspiration behind this haunting new novel, and why she's drawn to the secrets of remote Australia.

Presented in partnership with The Wheeler Centre.

