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**DAREBIN**

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# **Darebin Springtime Community Events 2025**

**Celebrating  
Victorian  
Seniors  
Festival**



# Launch of Darebin Seniors Festival

Come along to Preston Market to kick-off Seniors Festival! Bring friends and family to enjoy fun activities, live music, and meet stallholders representing their clubs and community organisations. Discover events planned for seniors in your neighbourhood this October and celebrate together!

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**CONNECT  
CREATE  
CELEBRATE**



**Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land and waters we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.**

# LGBTI+ Fun Day Out



**Monday  
13 October**  
11am - 3pm  
Preston City Hall,  
284 Gower Street  
Bookings are  
essential on  
**8470 8063**

**FREE**

Come along and have a good Fun Day Out with the local LGBTI+ community. Singing, dancing, a couple of speeches and a heck of a lot of fun. Celebrate diversity, connect with friends, and make unforgettable memories in a welcoming and joyful atmosphere.

**With Trivia Quiz, live music, singalong, information stalls and more! With special guests:** Maggie Toko, Consumer Commissioner, Victorian Government Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission, and Joe Ball, Victorian Commissioner for LGBTIQ+ Communities



*This event is sponsored by Darebin, Banyule, Nillumbik, and Whittlesea Councils.*



# Events in October

## Darebin Libraries Seniors Festival Program

Celebrate Seniors Festival this October with a range of free programs at your local libraries! Start with *The Comfy Read* at **Northcote Library on 1 October, 2.30–3.30pm** – enjoy a cuppa, biscuit, good reads, and friendly conversation. Then, join hands-on sessions at **Preston Library every Monday**: *Getting Started with MyGov (7 Oct)*, *Smartphone Apps Made Simple (14 Oct)*, *Understanding Aged Care with Services Australia (21 Oct)*, and *Online Safety Basics (28 Oct)*. All sessions run from **10.30am–12pm**. Learn new skills, connect with others, and celebrate lifelong learning! **1300 655 355**

## Brewed History

**Thursday 2 October**  
10.30am – 12.30pm \$15  
Islamic Museum of Australia  
15 Anderson Road, Thornbury  
**1300 915 171**



Come along on a unique cultural journey starting with a guided tour of the Islamic Museum of Australia. Discover Islamic civilisations’ global impact, then experience centuries-old coffee traditions that connect cultures across continents. Warmth, stories, and flavour await!

## Eight Days of Free Public Transport Across the State

**Sunday 5-12 October**

As a Victorian Seniors Cared holder, you can get out and explore metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria with free travel on Public Transport. This includes all metropolitan rail, tram and bus services, all V/Line rail and bus services and all regional town bus services.

FREE

## Transport to Darebin’s Seniors Festival Events

Are you interested in joining Seniors Festival activities? Are you struggling with transport and are wondering how to get there? Please call Council on **8470 8063**. We will discuss your options with you and send you a free 2025 Darebin TravelSmart map showing bike, walking and public transport routes.

## The Moon Festival Celebration

**Sunday 5 October**  
10am – 3pm  
Lunch \$15 (non-members)  
Preston City Hall, 284 Gower Street  
Bookings essential on **0403 111 220**



Enjoy a vibrant day of singing, dancing, Tai Chi, and live musical performances. Entry is free—lunch available for just \$15. Don’t miss this joyful community event!

## Connect & Celebrate at the Shed

**Tuesday 7 October**  
11am – 2pm  
125 Blake Street, East Reservoir,  
Community Hub and Darebin Men’s Shed  
**8458 6774**

Connect with your local community through music, dancing, and fun activities like table tennis, mosaic, and pool. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere and a light lunch. Everyone’s welcome—come and celebrate together!

FREE

## Introductory Bike Ride

**Tuesday 7 October** 9.30am – 1.30pm  
Jika Jika Community Centre  
1B Plant Street, Northcote  
Bookings essential on **8470 8683**



FREE

Meet Darebin BUG members and enjoy a scenic ride to Bundoora Park Cafe for free morning tea. Choose to explore the Coburg Lake route or take the loop back to Jika Jika. A perfect day for cycling and socialising!

## Women’s Walking Football (Soccer)

**Friday 10 October** 10 – 11.30am  
Mott Reserve, Patterson Street, Preston  
Booking essential on **0407 549 811**

FREE

Stay active, have fun, and connect with others! Join Women’s Walking Football this Seniors Month — a fun, low-impact way for older women to enjoy soccer. No experience or equipment needed!

## East Reservoir Multicultural Seniors Open Day

**Saturday 11 October** 10.30am – 3.30pm  
7a Strathmerton Street, Reservoir **8470 8114**

FREE

Join us for a celebration of multicultural seniors featuring cultural performances, delicious food, engaging activities, and visits to the community garden. Connect, share stories, and enjoy the richness of our diverse community together.

## Strettle Wetland Weeding Day

**Sunday 12 October** 10am – 12pm  
Strettle Reserve, Thornbury **8470 8888**

FREE

Join the City of Darebin and Friends of Merri Creek for a weeding day to help care for our natural environment at Strettle Wetlands.

## Complimentary Lunch for Seniors 90+

**Wednesday 15 October** 12.15 – 2pm  
St Georges Restaurant, 77 St Georges Road, Preston  
Bookings essential on **0418 351 034**



The Rotary Club of Preston invites residents aged mid-90s and over, plus one companion, to a free celebratory lunch in their honour. Additional guests are welcome at a cost of \$25.

## Springtime Chandelier Workshop

**Saturday 25 October** 11am – 1pm \$5  
Bundoora Homestead Art Centre  
7 Prospect Hill Drive, Bundoora  
Bookings essential on **9496 1060**



Embrace the season by crafting simple flowers, pom-poms, and tassels from colourful paper. Then, assemble a stunning paper chandelier to take home and brighten your space. Join us for creativity, fun, and springtime joy!

## Cultures Together Choir Singalong

**Saturday 25 October** 2 – 3.30pm  
Northcote Senior Citizens Centre  
18a Bent Street, Northcote **0482 053 886**



FREE

Special performance by the Choir, followed by light refreshments. Come along and celebrate Chinese culture and language. Connect with community and boost wellbeing through music. All voices welcome—sing, smile, and share the joy together!

## Come – Try Lawn Bowls

**Each Wednesday in October** 11am  
Kingsbury Bowls Club, Dunne Street **0430 732 127**

FREE

Looking for a fun, social activity? Try lawn bowls! It’s free, easy to learn, and no experience is needed. Come alone or with a friend—everyone’s welcome. A great way to meet new people and enjoy time outdoors. See you on the green!

## Tai Chi at Edwardes Park Lake

**Fridays 24 and 31 October** 10am – 11am  
Edwardes Lake Park Shelter, enter from Griffiths Street, Reservoir **8470 8305**

FREE

Join free Tai Chi at Edwardes Lake with Get Active in Darebin! This gentle practice connects body and mind, improving balance and coordination. Suitable for all abilities and fitness levels.



# Darebin Cyber Safety Forum

**FREE LUNCH AND  
GIVEAWAYS**

Join us for a fun and informative day all about staying safe online. Learn how to spot scams, protect your devices, and build confidence using technology.

Highlights:

- MC Jacinta Parsons
- Guest speakers & expert Q&A
- Activities & information stalls
- Personal tech help in different languages

**Call 8470 8724 for more information  
and to discuss free transport assistance**



**Thursday  
30 October  
11am-2pm  
Preston City Hall**



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