



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!

> Victorian Seniors Festival 2025

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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.



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 LGBTIQA+ Communities



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 handson 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

1300 915 171

Thursday 2 October 10.30am - 12.30pm \$15 Islamic Museum of Australia 15 Anderson Road, Thornbury



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.

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!

Introductory Bike Ride







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**



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

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





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**

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

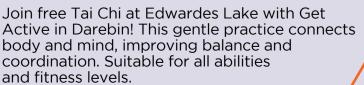


Each Wednesday in October 11am Kingsbury Bowls Club, Dunne Street **0430 732 127**

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







Darebin Cyber Safety Forum



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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