



Semester 2 2023

# NEIGHBOURHOOD & COMMUNITY



**Maldon  
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Centre Inc**  
Friendship & Learning



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COMMUNITY  
HOUSE**

Castlemaine  
**permaculture hub**



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Castlemaine Community House, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, Castlemaine Permaculture Hub and Bendigo TAFE acknowledge we are on Dja Dja Wurrung country and that the members and elders of the Dja Dja Wurrung community and their forebears have been custodians of this land for many centuries performing age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation, and renewal. We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this nation. We pay respect to the elders, past and present, of the Dja Dja Wurrung nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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# COURSES, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

## Art, Craft & Design

### \*\* Art Pathways

This comprehensive visual arts program is particularly beneficial for students wishing to prepare a folio for entry into tertiary studies or pursue a career in the arts, or start an arts business. Running over 18-weeks, Art Pathways explores sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking and more.

Wednesdays & Thursdays • Jul 19 to Nov 30 •  
36 sessions (break during school holidays) •  
9:30am - 4pm • \$1100 full/\$750 conc./\$950 EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

### Art Pathway – Info Sessions

Come along to meet the Art Pathways tutors, see the wonderful learning space and learn what you'll be doing during the course!

Thursday June 15, 11 am • Tuesday July 4, 6pm • Free  
• **Castlemaine Community House**

### \*\* Arts Professional Practise Fundamentals

This new course compliments our Art Pathways course as it focuses on the essentials of an Arts Professional Practice. Over 19 weeks, students will explore the business side of art, working toward a solo or group art event.

Terms 3 & 4 • Mondays • Jul 10 to Dec 4 • 20 sessions • 9:30am - 12:30 pm • \$195 full/\$130 conc./\$150 EBD • **Castlemaine Community House**

### Earring Making

In this Workshop you will learn how to fabricate three sets of earrings using traditional silversmithing tools and techniques.

You will learn to create three different styles of earrings: Stud earrings, Hanging earrings and Hoop earrings

Saturday Jul 15 • 10am - 4pm • \$200 •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

### \*\* Intro to Arts Therapy

Dip your toe into exploring Arts Therapy as a career with this 10 week course. Taught by qualified and experienced Arts Therapist, Marcela Olea, bring your questions, interest and passion for exploring art as therapy.

Tuesdays • Oct 3 to Dec 12 • 10 sessions • 9:30am - 12:30pm • \$140 full/\$90 conc./\$120 EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

### Life Drawing

Using both traditional and experimental techniques and a variety of mediums, learn how to draw the human figure confidently and open up possibilities for dynamic drawings.

Tuesdays • TBA • 6 sessions • 6 - 8:30pm • \$260 full/\$240 conc./\$250 EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

### \*\* Simple Woodwork: Part 1

Make your own Adirondak chair in just 4 weeks. Learn simple woodwork skills like wood preparation, cutting and measuring. Materials included.

Tuesdays • TBA • 4 sessions • 6:30 - 9:30pm • \$60 full/\$45 conc. • Venue: Maldon Men's Shed •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Sterling Silver Ring Making

If you are looking for an outlet for your creativity, jewellery making can offer a rewarding choice. Creating a sterling silver ring is a great introduction to the joys of working with metal!

Saturday Jun 17 • 10am - 4pm • \$210 •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## \*\* Woodwork Projects: Part 2

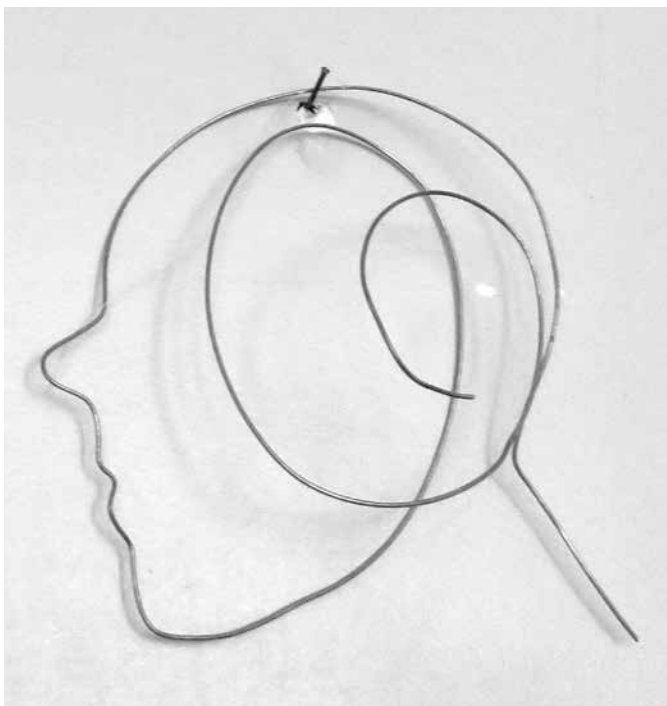
Bring your own project ideas to fruition with support from experienced Men's Shed members. This 4-week course is suitable for learners who have completed an Adirondak Chair or equivalent. Materials NOT included.

Tuesdays • TBA • 4 sessions • 6:30 - 9:30pm • \$60 full/\$45 conc. • Venue: Maldon Men's Shed •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## 3D Needle Felting

Why not have a stab at needle felting? This flexible workshop is suitable for people at all skill levels. The start of the workshop covers basic needle felting techniques and then it's time to let your creativity shine

Saturday Aug 19 • 1 - 5pm • \$105 full/\$85 conc./\$90 EBD • **Castlemaine Community House**



# Employment Skills & Digital Literacy

## \*\*\* Australian Defence Force Preparation - Certificate II In General Education For Adults (22473VIC)

This course is designed for those who have not completed a year 10 level and require such a level to join the Australian Defence Force. The content of this course provides you with general skills in reading, writing, numeracy and employability skills. Throughout your study you are assisted to establish further learning and pathway options including the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

Enrol anytime • 6 months • Full, subsidised & concession fees available • Online self-paced •  
**Bendigo TAFE**

## \*\* Café Skills

Dreaming of becoming the best barista in town?! This short course (13 hours) is the perfect way to start learning the craft of coffee creation, and help get your first job in a café.

Terms 3 & 4 • TBA • 2.5 hr x 5 classes • \$95 full/\$80 conc./\$85 EBD • **Castlemaine Community House**

## \*\* Handy Me (Queer)

Power up and learn the important DIY skills for fixing stuff at home! To hammer or not to hammer, sometimes that is the question... And Perri has the answers for you! This course will set you on the right track for increased independence and being a DIY Queen. .

Term 3 • TBA • **Castlemaine Community House**

## \*\* Online Marketing

You've got the website, time to get it up in the socials! Gain understanding on what's the best fit for you – Facebook, Insta, Youtube, a blog or...? Learn how to create content, explore what works and how to get the attention you want online.

Term 4 • Mondays • Oct 9 to Dec 11 • 10 classes • 5:30 - 8:30pm • \$75 full/\$40 conc./\$65 EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**



### \*\*\* Police Entrance Exam Preparation (B350AP01)

Prepare yourself for the police force. Equip yourself with the confidence and skills needed to undertake your Victorian Police Entrance Exam and progress on your pathway to becoming a police officer. Revise your skills and strategies in spelling, Maths, reasoning ability, English and writing, whilst at the same time, understanding the various sections within the exam itself and learning some strategies to help get you through.

Start: Jun 5, Jul 31, Sep 4, Nov 6 • 5 weeks • \$405 • Online virtual classe • **Bendigo TAFE**

### \*\* Small Business Computer Skills

If you're starting a small business and would like to develop your computer skills using Excel (spreadsheets) and Word, then this 10 week course will get you on the right track.

Term 4 • TBA • 10 classes • \$70 full/\$40 conc./\$55 EBD • **Castlemaine Community House**

### Tech Help to stay connected

Improve your computer skills every week using the Be Connected program and supported by friendly volunteer digital mentors.

Thursdays • 9:30 - 11am • Free • **Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

### \*\* Trade Skills: Thermal Efficiency

A new short course to gain skills in how to improve the energy efficiency of your home. Start with understanding your energy use (electricity, gas, etc), how to reduce usage and the practical skills to do this yourself.

Terms 3 & 4 • TBA • **Castlemaine Community House**

### \*\* Trade Skills: Farming Skills

Get your boots on, and out to the farm to learn the basics on a real vegetable producing farm! This short course includes developing understanding of on-farm OHS, practical skills and opportunities for discussion.

Terms 3 & 4 • TBA • **Castlemaine Community House**

### \*\* Website Design Course

Build a captivating website for your small business using WordPress and the intuitive Elementor drag-and-drop page builder.

You'll learn how to create engaging content and craft it into your page layout. Perfect for those wanting to get online without paying big bucks.

Term 3 • Mondays • Jul 10 to Sep 11 • 10 classes • 5:30 - 8:30pm • \$70 full/\$40 conc./\$55 EBD • **Castlemaine Community House**

## Environment & Sustainability

### \*\* Eco-Carpentry and Natural Building Fundamentals

A thorough and highly practical introduction to the world of natural building and beginner carpentry. Learn resourceful and ecologically-centred construction through fun building projects around the community garden and get some more tools under your belt for resilience and self-sufficiency.

This course is made up of 2 modules: Natural Building for Beginners; and Carpentry for Beginners. Students are welcome to enrol in the whole course or an individual module.

Term 4 • Thursdays (Natural Building) Oct 5 to Dec 7 • Fridays (Carpentry) Oct 6 to Dec 8 • 20 classes • 9:30am - 3:30pm • Whole course: \$550 full/\$300 conc./\$470 EBD - Individual module: \$300 full/\$170 conc./\$250 EBD • **Castlemaine Community House**

## **\*\* Eco-Carpentry and Natural Building – Intermediate**

Take your carpentry and natural building skills to the next level! If you've completed a carpentry and natural building course with Perri before, this course will extend and deepen your knowledge and skills.

This course is made up of 2 modules: Intermediate Natural Building and Intermediate Carpentry. Students are welcome to enrol in the whole course or an individual module.

Term 3 • Natural Building: 6 classes, 9:30 am - 3:30pm, Mondays & Tuesdays, Jul 31 to Aug 14 • Carpentry: 6 classes, 9:30 am - 3:30pm, Fridays & Saturdays, Aug 4 to Aug 19 • Whole course: \$310 full/\$220 conc./\$220 EBD - Individual module: \$170 full/\$130 conc./\$130 EBD •

**Castlemaine Community House**

## **\*\* Intro to Gardening**

Learn the basics of vegetable gardening from soil and seeds to plant care and harvesting. Each week a different topic will be covered, and will include hands on time in the garden as well as an activity to take home and try.

Term 3 • Wednesdays • Jul 12 to Sep 13 • 10 sessions • 9:30am - 12:30pm • \$80 full/\$55 conc./\$70 EBD •

**Castlemaine Community House**

## **Intro to Keeping Goats workshop**

Thinking of keeping goats? Goats are the ideal homesteader's companion – they can provide milk, meat, weed control and are endlessly entertaining. This one-day workshop will help you decide if goats are a good fit for your life. We will run through the various practical considerations for keeping goats, with plenty of time to answer all your questions about goats and goat keeping

Saturday • October (date to be confirmed) • 9am - 4pm • \$110 full/\$80 conc. Early Bird before Sep 15 •

**Castlemaine Permaculture Hub**

## **Intro to Organic Veg growing**

In this one day workshop you will be introduced to the basics of food growing and learn how to garden with nature using organic principles to care for and improve the soil ecosystem. From this session you will take away the skills and confidence to start and grow a food garden at home.

Wednesday • Oct 4 • 10am - 3pm • \$100 full/\$70 conc. Early Bird before Sep 1 •

**Castlemaine Permaculture Hub**

## **Intro to Permaculture workshop**

Permaculture, what is it? And how can you start doing it?

This one day Introduction to Permaculture workshop is a great place to find out! Explore Permaculture Ethics + Principles, how to apply the principles to a property, and What is Permaculture Design.

Providing you with the confidence to apply permaculture on your own journey towards a more sustainable and abundant life.

Wednesday • Oct 18 • 9:30am - 3pm • \$110 full/\$80 conc. Early Bird before Sep 15 •

**Castlemaine Permaculture Hub**

## **Maldon Food Garden Tour**

Visit local veggie gardeners on a walking tour to learn the local tricks of backyard food growing in Maldon.

TBA • 2 - 4pm • Free •

**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## **Natural Beekeeping course**

This unique course teaches the fundamentals of Natural, Bee Centric, Organic, Beekeeping practices and theories. While also inspiring a reverence for the miraculous, wordless lives of honey bees whose complex communal patterns and systems draw us into greater and more sacred connections to life, nature and community.

Saturday & Sunday • Nov 11 & 12 • 9am - 4pm • \$580 full fee/\$480 Early Bird •

**Castlemaine Permaculture Hub**

## Permaculture Design Course (PDC)

Design a life that works for you, your community and the planet.

This Permaculture Design Course (PDC) focuses on the application of permaculture to a wide range of situations. It's not just about food growing (although that's a big part of it).

Fridays • Jul 28 to Nov 24 • 16 sessions • 9:15am - 3:15pm • \$1190 full/\$980 conc. •  
**Castlemaine Permaculture Hub**

## \*\* Summer Garden Shorts – Women

Get your garden ready to grow some great Summer produce! Over 5 sessions, students will develop beginning skills in soil preparation, seed raising and vegetable gardening essentials. Grow your own lettuce, and more!

Term 4 • Nov/Dec • 5 classes •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

# General

## Acting - Creating a Character

Have you ever wanted to dip your toe into the world of acting, create a character and have a whole lot of fun along the way? Well, here's your chance!

Fridays • Oct 20 to Dec 15 • 8 sessions • 1 - 4pm •  
Cost TBA • **Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## \*\* Chainsaw

Learn safe chainsaw use with an experienced instructor. Women strongly encouraged to take part! You'll take wood home for your own use.

Saturday • TBA • 10am - 3pm • \$50 full/\$30 conc. •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## \*\*\* Diploma of Justice (22594VIC) – Free TAFE course^

Our online Diploma of Justice (22594VIC) can prepare you for a career in Justice, including in corrections, court services, customs, legal firms, or state and federal policing. You can study this course flexibly through a self-paced option, completing it in 12 to 18 months.

Note if you are eligible for a Free TAFE^ place, you will not have to pay tuition fees for this course. Additional fees, such as course materials or consumables fees, may apply.

Enrol anytime • 1 year FT; 18 months PT • Full, subsidised & concession fees available • Online self-paced • **Bendigo TAFE**

## Road Closures

Learn all the skills to follow a traffic management plan for events and festivals.

Tuesdays • TBA • 9am - 3pm • \$50 full/\$30 conc. •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**



# Health & Wellbeing

## Belly Dancing: Beginners

Learn the exotic art of belly dance for fun & fitness. Anita will teach you the basic movements like hip circles, undulations, snake arms etc. Join in the fun and learn to sway to Middle Eastern Rhythms.

Wednesdays • Jul 12 to Sep 13 • 10 sessions • 2 - 3pm  
• \$120 • **Castlemaine Community House**

## Belly Dancing: Intermediate

Explore more challenging movements, dancing with a stick & finger cymbal. There is also a focus on choreography, costumes and performance. For those with some experience or who have completed a beginners course.

Wednesdays • Jul 12 to Sep 13 • 10 sessions • 10 - 11:30am • \$120 • **Castlemaine Community House**

## Breath Centred Yoga

Breath is the key. Rhythmic, slow, fluid movement and breathing enables us to really feel. We become attentive to the aliveness of our bodies. This gentle, moving breath practice is nourishing and energising.

Mondays • Jul 10 to Sep 11 • 10 sessions • 12 - 1:15pm  
• \$15 per session – casual attendance •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## Brisk Walk

No booking required, all welcome!

Tuesdays during school terms • 7:30 - 8:15am •  
Free • Meet outside the Neighbourhood Centre •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Chair Yoga

A very gentle class designed for people who require special consideration.

Fridays • 11am - 12pm • \$120 for 10 sessions or \$15 per class • TO BOOK: Text Wendy 0490 064 084 •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Easy Aerobics – Exercise to Music

Get moving to music and take the fun way towards fitness through simple dance steps. No experience necessary, beginners welcome! Continues through January and beyond.

Wednesdays • 9 - 9:45am • \$10 • TO BOOK: Sean 0419 210 043 • **Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Feldenkrais Workshop: Changing Habits

Are you spending a lot of time sitting glued to your computer, eyes focused forward, neck and shoulders hunched, and tense, belly and diaphragm contracted, and breathing shallowly? Now is the time to address non-beneficial physical postures and patterns!

Sunday Aug 20 • 9am - 12pm • \$119 full/\$99 conc. or EBD • **Castlemaine Community House**

## Feldenkrais: Learning Immersion Program

The Feldenkrais Method offers you a new lens for viewing the mixed messages your brain is giving and receiving as it tries to navigate old hurts, new fears, and constant reactions to our ever-changing world, and how these messages can cause much pain and physical discomfort. In this 7-session course, participants will learn how to build new healthy habits, build new patterns of movement, increase vitality and more!

Fridays • Jul 28 to Sep 8 • 7 sessions • 9:30 - 10:45am • \$219 full/\$194 conc. or EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## Gentle Tai Chi

Supported by Castlemaine District Community Health.

Thursdays • 10:30 - 11:30am • \$5 donation per session • TO BOOK: Jenny 0417 475 270 •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## No Lights No Lycra

It's time to get out your dancing shoes!

2nd Friday of the month • 8 - 9pm • \$10/\$5 conc. •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**



## Hatha Yoga

**Castlemaine:** This is a gentle class for bodies that require special understanding, with a good warm up and easing into postures that will suit a variety of levels.

**Maldon:** A gentle yoga class, suitable for all levels of ability, discover yoga with Wendy and enjoy it for life.

Tuesdays during school terms • 9 - 10:30am or 10:40am - 12pm • \$120 for 10 sessions or \$15 per class • **Castlemaine Community House**

Wednesdays 5 - 6:30pm & Fridays 9 - 10:30am • Starts Feb 1 & 3 • \$120 for 10 sessions or \$15 per class • TO BOOK: Text Wendy 0490 064 084 • **Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Out of Town Walks

Regular forays to places around the region. 3rd Monday of the month (17 Jul, 21 Aug, 18 Sep, 16 Oct, 20, Nov). Times vary with the destination. All welcome. Bookings required.

3rd Monday of the month • 9:30am - 12pm • \$7 includes morning tea • **Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Qigong: Friday Evenings

Qigong is a low impact form of physical exercise that can help improve balance and equilibrium and flexibility in the muscles and joints through gentle flowing movements.

Fridays • Jul 14 to Sep 15 • 10 sessions • 6:30 - 7:30pm • \$91 (up front) or \$10 per session • **Castlemaine Community House**

## Qigong: Saturday Mornings

Qigong is a low impact form of physical exercise that can help improve balance and equilibrium and flexibility in the muscles and joints through gentle flowing movements.

Saturdays • Jul 15 to Sep 16 • 10 sessions • 10 - 11am • \$91 (up front) or \$10 per session • **Castlemaine Community House**

## Social Walks

No booking required, all welcome! Meet at the Neighbourhood Centre.

Fridays & Mondays during school terms • 9:30 - 11am • \$1 donation for a cuppa • **Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Yoga & relaxation

Open your body and mind with yoga and relaxation. First class is free.

Mondays • 6 - 7:30pm • \$12 casual • TO BOOK: Call Andrea on 0427 772 878 • **Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

# Hospitality & Cookery

## Cheese Making

Master the art of cheese making! Cheese making is a simple skill anyone can learn. It only takes a little knowledge to become a master and the superior handmade flavour will impress anyone.

Sunday Aug 20 or Nov 5 • 11am - 3pm • \$140 • **Castlemaine Community House**

## Fermenting Made Simple

What is fermented food? Do you know they are good for your gut health? How is it made? What types of ferments are there? In this workshop you will learn to make five simple ferments on the day and take them home so you can continue to ferment for years to come.

Saturday Aug 19 or Nov 4 • 11am - 3pm • \$140 • **Castlemaine Community House**

## **\*\* Preserving Plenty – Spring Edition**

This course will equip students with the necessary know-how to safely preserve produce in a delicious way. Learn how to reduce food waste, stock your pantry with tasty and healthy goodies, and share food with loved ones.

Term 4 • TBA • 10 x 3 hour classes •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## **Sourdough Bread Making**

Learn the tricks to make your very own homemade sourdough bread, pizzas and muffins with expert baker Ken Hercott. This full day workshop will have you returning home with bread in your arms, pizza in your tummy, a head full of inspiration and the leaven to make it happen.

Saturday Jul 29 or Sep 23 or Nov 25 • 9am - 5pm •  
\$185 full/\$170 conc./\$175 EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## **\*\* Spring Garden Herbal Tea – Women**

Spring has sprung, the flowers ris'... Thea is passionate about growing things, and tea! This course (for women only) brings together those passions, as students learn what/when/how to grow the plants, to brew delicious teas.

Term 4 • October • 5 sessions •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

# **Languages & Writing**

## **French: Beginners**

Get an easy introduction to French or strengthen your current French knowledge in this beginners class. For those with no or very little French experience.

Mondays • Oct 2 to Dec 11 • 11 sessions • 5:30 - 6:30pm • \$255 full/\$235 conc./\$245 EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## **French: Intermediate**

Take it to the next level! Graduate from the Beginner Level classes into this Intermediate French course.

Tuesdays • Oct 3 to Dec 12 • 10 sessions • 5:30 - 6:30pm • \$240 full/\$220 conc./\$230 EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## **French: Level 2**

For those who have completed the French Beginners course and would like to take their knowledge of the language further.

Tuesdays • Oct 3 to Dec 12 • 10 sessions • 7 - 8pm •  
\$240 full/\$220 conc./\$230 EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## **Spanish: Beginners**

Get an easy introduction to Spanish or strengthen your current Spanish knowledge in this beginners class.

Mondays • Jul 10 to Sep 11 • 10 sessions • 4:30 - 6pm •  
\$245 full/\$225 conc./\$235 EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## **Spanish: Intermediate**

For those who have completed the Spanish Beginners course and would like to take their knowledge of the language further.

Mondays • Jul 10 to Sep 11 • 10 sessions • 6 - 7:30pm •  
\$245 full/\$225 conc./\$235 EBD •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

***Keep your brain alive  
and active, sign up for  
a new course, hobby,  
passion today!***

*And maybe even make a new friend or 2 along the way...*

# COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## Activities for Children & Young People

### Young At Heart Playgroup

A chance to meet other local families in a fun and friendly environment.

Wednesdays during school terms • 10 - 11:30am • Free • **Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

### Occasional Childcare

An opportunity for your child to learn and spend valuable play-time with other children in a caring environment, giving you time for your own activities.

Suitable for ages 6 months to 4 years AND school-aged kids in school holidays.

Enrolment packs are available at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre or [www.maldonnc.org.au](http://www.maldonnc.org.au). Contact us for more information.

Every Monday • 9:30 - 2:30pm • \$60 per session  
CHILDCARE SUBSIDY APPROVED •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Adults & Community

### Carer's Drop-in Support Session and Morning Tea

Are you caring for someone, such as a parent, child with a disability or partner? Join this monthly gathering of carers, as they share and support each other.

1st Wednesday of each month • 10 - 11am for carers of people under 18 yrs • 12 - 1pm for carers of adults  
• Free • **Castlemaine Community House**

### Community Christmas Lunch

Join us for this annual celebration of community spirit and generosity, whether as a volunteer, a donor/ support or to enjoy an amazing Christmas lunch together. A great way to spend the day, connected with your community.

Dec 25 • Castlemaine Town Hall • Free Free Free! •  
**Castlemaine Community House & friends**

## Spring Ball 2023!

Stay tuned for this year's theme and get ready for the event of the year, happening on Saturday 14th October. Scan QR code for more details.



## Community Kitchen Garden

Welcomes all folk of all ages, abilities, levels of interest, knowledge & commitment to come by and be a part of our fabulous garden!.

Tuesdays • 10am - 12pm • Free •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## Community Lunch

**Castlemaine:** The most popular lunch in town, our weekly 2 course, vegetarian meal is not only AMAZING value, but is also a local institution and great way to get to know your community. Join us!

**Maldon:** Enjoy a delicious 2 course meal in the company of others from your community. Frozen take-home meals also available on the day.

Tuesdays during school terms • 12.30 - 1:30pm • \$7 donation • Castlemaine Town Hall •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

Wednesdays • 12pm • suggested donation \$7 • Maldon Community Centre, Francis St, Maldon •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Bus tours

Themed day trips on the Baringhup-Maldon Community Bus, open to all.

Wine Appreciation (July 27 & Nov 30), 9.30 - 4pm, \$25

Art Lovers (Sep 28), 9.30 - 4pm, \$25

Makers & Producers (Aug 31), 9.30 - 4pm, \$25

Op Shoppers (Oct 26), 9.30 - 4pm, \$25

Pub lunch (Dec 14), 11 - 3pm, \$10 (lunch not included)

Bookings required •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Food Links Network Spring & Summer Gatherings

Seasonal gatherings to share seeds, plants, produce, information, questions, expertise and community spirit. All are welcome to join!!

Spring, and again in Summer – schedule TBA • Free •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## Maldon Market: Hand Made, Home Grown

Monthly farmers and makers market held on the second Sunday of every month from 9am to 1.30pm.

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre • 9am - 1:30pm • Gold coin donation to a local community group •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Spring Ball!

Throw off the winter woollies, come on out of hibernation and party with the town! Theme to be revealed soon...

Oct 14 • Castlemaine Town Hall •  
**Castlemaine Community House & friends**

## Tarrangower Dementia Alliance

Working towards a dementia friendly community in Tarrangower, if you have experience of dementia and would like to contribute, please contact: info@maldonnc.org.au or 5475 2093.

Last Friday of the month • Maldon Athenaeum Library • 10:30am - 12pm • Free •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Trivia Night!

Make a team, book your table and join the fun for a night of trivial facts, nonsense factoids and laughable truths!

Saturday Aug 5 • tickets go on sale late June • Castlemaine Town Hall •  
**Castlemaine Community House & friends**

# Clubs & Societies

## The Castlemaine Coffee Morning

We gather to discuss our electronics, radio communications, media and IT interests. Some of us are members of the Bendigo Amateur Radio and Electronics Club but all our groups are open to members and non-members alike.

BYO takeaway coffees and cakes from nearby cafes.

Last Sunday of the month •  
Castlemaine Community House • 10 am • BYO  
Coffee & cakes • **Castlemaine Coffee Morning**

## Cryptic Crossword Mornings

Do you struggle with the cryptic crossword? Do you want to keep your brain active? Let's puzzle together over a cryptic crossword

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month • 10am • Free •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Maldon Golden Movies

The Film Society screens interesting and unusual shorts followed by memorable movies each month.

3rd Thursday of the month • 7pm • \$25 per annum •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Night Sky Appreciation Society

The Society will investigate the heavens each month with telescopes and binoculars. Starts with general discussion in the hall, then off to the Beehive.

Mondays • Jul 17, Aug 21, Sep 11 @ 7pm • Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 11 @ 8:30pm • Free •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Repair Café

Bring clothes, radios, toys and all kinds of household goods to be repaired. You'll have a chance to join our fixers to learn how to repair your useful items and avoid throwing them in landfill.

Last Sunday of the month •  
Castlemaine Community House • Gold coin  
donation • **Castlemaine Repair Cafe**

# Community Transport

## BUS CHARTERS

The 11-seater bus is available for commercial hire. 20% discount for community groups. You can drive yourself, or we can provide a driver.

To charter the bus, please call 0428 329 299 or email [baringhupbus@gmail.com](mailto:baringhupbus@gmail.com)

More information: [www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus](http://www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus)

\$125 per day + fuel or short term hire is \$15 per hour + fuel (min 2 hours) •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE

A local flexible door to door community transport service running on Tuesdays & Fridays for people in Castlemaine, Maldon and surrounds. Also runs to Maryborough (Tuesdays) and Kangaroo Flat (Fridays).

Full timetable and information:  
[www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus](http://www.maldonnc.org.au/community-bus)

To book, please call 5475 2093 or email [info@maldonnc.org.au](mailto:info@maldonnc.org.au) the day prior.

Suggested donations is \$5 per trip •  
**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**



# SERVICES

## Be Connected

If you need assistance using digital devices such as laptops, tablets or smart phone, make an appointment to see 1 of our digital mentors!

Mondays (fortnightly) by appointment • 11am - 1pm  
• Free • **Castlemaine Community House**

## Financial Counselling

Financial counsellors provide information, support and advocacy to people in financial difficulty. The service is free, independent and confidential. By appointment only, contact Castlemaine Community House to make an appointment.

Provided in partnership with Catholic Care Victoria

By Appointment • Thursdays (fortnightly) • Free •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## Food Bank

Castlemaine Community House has opened a Food Bank to provide relief for anyone needing a bit of extra support with food and supplies. Check in with our friendly reception staff to access this emergency support.

Monday to Friday • 9am - 3pm • Free •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS)

Mount Alexander NILS is here to assist you if you are on a low income or have a concession card and can't get credit through the usual agencies. Come chat with Alison, our NILS volunteer, about a loan for a computer, white goods, etc.

Wednesdays (by appointment) • 9:30am - 3pm • Free •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## Power Saving Bonus (Electricity)

This one-off \$250 payment is designed to help ease the cost of living for eligible Victorian households. To ensure no one gets left behind, Castlemaine Community House and Maldon Neighbourhood Centre are ready to help people complete their Power Saving Bonus application.

Monday to Friday • 9am - 3pm • Free •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday • 9am - 3:30pm  
• Free • **Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Public Access Computers & Internet

**Castlemaine:** Our Open Access computers are available for the public to come by and use for typing up documents, internet browsing, research, etc. We also offer printing at 20c per page.

**Maldon:** Our computers, scanner and printer are available during opening hours for all. From 16 January.

Monday to Friday • 9am - 3pm • Free •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday • 9am - 3:30pm  
• Free • **Maldon Neighbourhood Centre**

## Reconnect

Funded by the Victorian State Government, the Reconnect program provides support to early school leavers and other high needs learners to overcome the barriers they face so they can participate in education, training or to gain employment. This free service will provide personalised support and financial assistance towards education related expenses. Eligibility criteria applies. .

By appointment • Free • Refer to [bendigotafe.edu.au](http://bendigotafe.edu.au) for eligibility criteria • **Bendigo TAFE**

## Services Australia and Medicare Agency

Castlemaine Community House is an agency for Services Australia and Medicare. You can hand in forms or use our computers and phones to contact government agencies. The office is open 9-3pm Mon-Fri (closed 12:30-1pm for lunch). We can fax or photocopy original documents for you and certify copies of documents.

Monday to Friday • 9am - 3pm • Free •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee

Are you a casual worker? You may be eligible to get sick and carer's pay. We're helping community members to access the Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee. To ensure no one gets left behind, Neighbourhood Houses across the state are ready to help people sign up and access the Sick Pay Guarantee..

Monday to Friday • 9am - 3pm • Free •  
**Castlemaine Community House**

## ***Volunteers make our community world go round!***

*If you'd like to learn about volunteering with Castlemaine Community House or Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, at our lunches, in our gardens, or as a digital literacy support, just get in touch with us, we'd love to hear from you.*

## ***Support your local Neighborhood & Community House by becoming a member!***

*Call Maldon Neighbourhood Centre at 5475 2093 or Castlemaine Community House at 5472 4842 to ask how to become a member today, and support your local Community/Neighbourhood House.*

## ***Learn Local***

***Did you know?** Learn Local courses count towards job seeker activity requirements and can even be funded by your jobactive provider, speak to them today. Scan QR code for further details.*



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\* EBD refers to Early Bird Discount, as a discount offered to those who book into a course or workshop at least 3 weeks in advance.

\*\* This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government Funding.

\*\*\* Some or all of this training is provided with State or Commonwealth Government funding. Eligibility criteria applies. Refer to [bendigotafe.edu.au](http://bendigotafe.edu.au) for more information.

^ Free TAFE on selected courses only. Some fees and charges may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. [freetafe.vic.gov.au](http://freetafe.vic.gov.au)

These course guides are printed on recycled paper.

Please be sure to dispose of them responsibly, such as into recycling, or use in your garden as mulch!



**CASTLEMAINE  
COMMUNITY  
HOUSE**

### Castlemaine Community House

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E: reception@cch.org.au  
www.cch.org.au



**Maldon  
Neighbourhood  
Centre Inc**

Friendship & Learning

### Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Inc

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Maldon VIC 3463  
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E: info@maldonnc.org.au  
www.maldonnc.org.au



## Castlemaine permaculture hub

### Castlemaine Permaculture Hub

Castlemaine Permaculture Hub provides an energising, accessible community space for you to connect, create and grow with others in a way that enables you to add value to the health, resilience and viability of the Castlemaine region and beyond.

castlemainepermaculturehub.com.au



### Bendigo TAFE's Castlemaine campus

Bendigo TAFE's Castlemaine campus is a boutique campus that provides training from foundation courses through to industry skillsets.

Exciting new offerings in 2023

Our VCE Vocational Major (VCE0000001) and Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC0000001) provide hands-on learning experiences and are inclusive to all kinds of learners. Our teachers and staff care about individual learning needs. We understand everyone learns differently and at their own pace.

Employing a more diverse range of assessment strategies rather than exams, alleviates some of the pressure students face when considering the VCE. The courses prepare students to transition successfully into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training, university, or directly into employment. Bendigo TAFE is excited to be able to offer both courses, locally in Castlemaine.

Online options for Defence and Law Enforcement Pathways

Whether you are looking to enter the Australian Defence Force or sit for the Victorian Police Force Entrance Exam, we have the courses to get give you the skills and confidence to do so. If working in corrections, court services, customs, legal firms or state and federal policing is your ideal career, then our Diploma of Justice (22594VIC) will provide the preparation you need. All are offered online in either a self-paced model or supported online learning with virtual classrooms, with regular enrolment intakes you can start whenever you are ready.

It's time to Unleash You at Bendigo TAFE.

Visit [bendigotafe.edu.au](http://bendigotafe.edu.au) or call 13 TAFE (13 8233) to find out more.

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