

# Victorian Seniors Festival 2025



Activities and Events in  
**Bass Coast**



**The Victorian Seniors Festival is a major state-wide festival for and involving seniors and runs from 1 to 31 of October every year.**

**The Victorian Seniors Festival delivers a range of free and low-cost events for older Victorians. Celebrate positive ageing and take part in events and activities close to home and right across the state.**

#### **Acknowledgement of country**

Bass Coast Shire Council acknowledges the Bunurong as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the Lore





# Social Tennis

*Bookings not required*

**Presented by: Phillip Island Tennis Club**

**Cost: Gold coin donation**

The Phillip Island Tennis Club offers social and competitive tennis for all ages, along with coaching sessions including Cardio Tennis.

Join the Phillip Island Tennis Club for a relaxed social hit of mixed tennis in Cowes. Wear comfortable sports clothing and runners, and enjoy a friendly game along with a light morning tea. A great way to stay active, meet new people, and have fun on the courts!

## **When**

Thursday, 2 October

## **Where**

1 Chapel Street, Cowes

## **Time**

9:30am - 11:30am

## **Contact**

Amanda  
phillipislandtennisclub@gmail.com



# Pickleball

**Bookings required**

**Presented by: The Rhyll Tennis Club**

**Cost: Gold coin donation**

The Rhyll Tennis Club invites seniors to join in the fun of pickleball! A social sport that's easy to learn and great for fitness. Across seven 'come and try' sessions during the Seniors Festival starting from Friday, 3 October, friendly club members will guide participants through the basics, with all equipment provided.

These welcoming sessions are a chance to meet new people, stay active, and enjoy the supportive community atmosphere at the Rhyll courts. No experience needed, just come along and give it a go!

For further information about the sessions, see the contact information.

## **When**

Friday, 3 October

## **Where**

40 Lock Road, Rhyll

## **Time**

10:30am - midday

## **Contact**

**For bookings contact:**  
Amanda  
rhylltennis@gmail.com



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# Garden Plywood Art Workshop

Bookings required

Presented by: Bass Coast Shire Council  
x Luminous Galleries Coronet Bay

Cost: Free

In this hands-on workshop, participants will be guided to paint and decorate their own unique plywood art pieces using vibrant colours and simple techniques.

No experience is needed, just curiosity and a willingness to get creative! At the end of the session, each participant will have their own signed and varnished artwork, along with a photo to capture the moment. It's a relaxed, social, and inspiring event where seniors can connect, share stories, and discover the joy of making art together.

## When

Sunday, 5 October

## Time

10:00am - 1:00pm

## Where

Coronet Bay Hall, 39A Gellibrand Street, Coronet Bay

## Contact

Ann  
0438 086 983



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# A Seniors Festival Gathering

Bookings required

Presented by: U3A

Cost: Gold coin donation

Seniors are invited to join the U3A community for a relaxed game of bocce, meet existing members and tutors, and enjoy good conversation. Light refreshments will be provided, and a gold coin donation is appreciated. A fun, social way to connect, stay active, and discover what U3A has to offer!

## When

Friday, 10 October

## Where

239 White Road, Wonthaggi

## Time

4:30pm - 7:30pm

## Contact

Gary  
0438 999 495  
secretary@u3awonthaggi.org.au



# Streeton Court Big Band Concert

**Bookings required**

**Presented by: Warrawee Seniors' Club**

**Cost: Free**

The Warrawee Seniors' Club invites seniors to a free concert featuring the Streeton Court Big Band, composed mostly of local musicians who have delighted audiences at the Club before.

This over 50's event offers a lively, social atmosphere celebrating music and community. Come along to join the fun and reconnect with friends!



## When

Saturday, 11 October



## Where

22 Abeckett Street, Inverloch



## Time

2.00pm - 5.00pm



## Contact

### For bookings:

Michelle

(03) 5672 5263

warrawee.seniors@gmail.com



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# Fluid Art and Mural Workshop

*Bookings required*

**Presented by: Bass Coast Shire Council  
x Luminous Galleries Coronet Bay**

**Cost: Free**

Using a mix of bold paints and hairdryers to move colour across the canvas, participants will create striking, one-of-a-kind artworks.

No prior art experience is needed, just an open mind and a sense of fun! At the end of the session, each participant will have their own artwork to submit into the exhibition.

## **When**

Saturday, 11 October

## **Time**

2:00pm - 5:00pm

## **Where**

Coronet Bay Hall, 39A Gellibrand Street, Coronet Bay

## **Contact**

Ann  
0438 086 983



# Wonthaggi Citizens' Band

*Bookings required*

**Presented by: Bass Coast Cultural Venues**

**Cost: \$30 per person**

Established in 1910, the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band is one of Wonthaggi's longest-running community organisations, proudly enriching the town's cultural fabric for over a century. Guided by their mission, 'dedicated to nurturing the future of music in our town,' the band provides accessible, high-quality brass music tuition for all ages.



## When

Saturday, 11 October



## Time

7:30pm



## Where

The Union Theatre, 96 Graham St,  
Wonthaggi



## Contact

Bass Coast Cultural Venues  
(03) 5671 2470  
[cultural.venues@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:cultural.venues@basscoast.vic.gov.au)



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# Glenn Starr Country Concert: Forever Classics - Hits of the 60's

Bookings required

Presented by: Latrobe City Council

Cost: Free

Take a trip down memory lane with the Hit Parade 50s & 60s Live Show, starring the charismatic Glenn Starr. Enjoy smooth vocals, big-screen moments, and all your favourite classics from legends like Bobby Vee, The Monkees, Paul Anka, and Roy Orbison.

More than just a concert, this performance will have you singing, grooving, and reminiscing about the golden days of rock 'n' roll.

Free bus transport proudly provided by the Victorian Seniors Festival for residents of Bass Coast and South Gippsland. Once you've booked your concert ticket, don't forget to reserve your seat on the bus by completing the online form on the Latrobe City Council website.



## When

Sunday, 12 October



## Time

11:30am - 2:00pm



## Where

Kernot Hall, 50-70 Princes Dr,  
Morwell



## Contact

Enquiries from Bass Coast Shire  
harriet.nunan@basscoast.vic.gov.au  
or 0457 457 532

Enquiries from South Gippsland Shire  
grace.west@southgippsland.vic.gov.au  
or 0429 269 400



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# Growing Old Ungracefully - David Scheel

Bookings required

Presented by: Bass Coast Cultural Venues

Cost: \$10 per person

After the international success of David Scheel's flagship show, 'Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only the Piano Player', and its sequel, 'Mad Maestros', comes David's first wholly new show in 8 years. Growing Old Ungracefully is a hilarious take on the ageing process, a personal view as David's own hair begins to change colour! Nothing is sacred: health issues, dodgy product labelling, scammers targeting older people, even the taboos of sex, religion and politics!

## When

Tuesday, 14 October

## Time

11:00am

## Where

Berninnet, 91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes

## Contact

Bass Coast Cultural Venues  
(03) 5671 2470  
[cultural.venues@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:cultural.venues@basscoast.vic.gov.au)



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# Aluminium Art Workshop

*Bookings required*

**Presented by: Bass Coast Shire Council  
x Luminous Galleries Coronet Bay**

**Cost: Free**

Seniors will learn how to design and trace shapes onto corflute using glue, then bring them to life by wrapping the designs in shimmering aluminium foil. With friendly support and inspiring examples, participants will create their own textured, metallic artworks.

## **When**

Saturday, 18 October

## **Time**

1:00pm - 4:00pm

## **Where**

Coronet Bay Hall, 39A Gellibrand Street, Coronet Bay

## **Contact**

Ann  
0438 086 983



# Discovering Lost History Tour

Bookings required

Presented by: Wonthaggi and District Historical Society

Cost: \$5

Step back in time on a guided bus tour through Archies Creek, Dalyston, the Powlett River tent town, and the pioneer mines of Wonthaggi. With guest speakers sharing stories along the way, participants will discover the rich local history of these sites, especially those where little evidence of the past remains today.

This unique tour helps ensure that the stories, struggles, and achievements of earlier generations are remembered and recorded for the future.

A wonderful chance to connect with local heritage while exploring the district together.



## When

Tuesday, 21 October



## Where

Murray St, Wonthaggi



## Time

10:30am - 12:15pm



## Contact

**For bookings please contact:**

Fay

0479 001 447

[admin@wonthaggihistoricalsociety.org.au](mailto:admin@wonthaggihistoricalsociety.org.au)



Image: 2024 Seniors Festival Seated Yoga Class at Warrawee Club

# Come and Try Tai Chi Class

**Bookings required**

**Presented by: Harmony Tai Chi**

**Cost: Gold coin donation**

Discover the benefits of gentle Tai Chi in this relaxed, beginner-friendly session. Tai Chi supports balance, muscle strength, and overall wellbeing, while also reducing stress and promoting relaxation.

Seniors are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing, bring a water bottle, and enjoy this calming, health-focused experience. Please book prior to Saturday, 18 October.



## When

Tuesday, 21 October



## Where

Anderson Inlet Angling Club, 88 The Esplanade, Inverloch



## Time

9:00am - 10:00am



## Contact

**For bookings please contact:**

Heather  
0412 463 344



# The Bridge Play Experience

*Bookings required*

**Presented by: Phillip Island Bridge Club**

**Cost: Free**

Join Phillip Island Bridge Club for a welcoming introduction to Bridge, the ultimate card game of strategy and fun. Whether you'd like to play with guidance from one of our friendly club mentors or simply watch and learn from experienced players, this event is the perfect way to give Bridge a try.

Playing Bridge is a wonderful way to keep your mind sharp, meet new people, and enjoy a social challenge. The Phillip Island Bridge Club also hosts regular competition sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.



## When

Wednesday, 22 October



## Where

Newhaven Hall, 23 Cleeland Street,  
Newhaven



## Time

Midday - 2:30pm



## Contact

**For bookings please contact:**

Caroline  
0418 369 557



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# Forever Young and Vital

Bookings required

Presented by: Corinella and District Community Centre

Cost: FREE

The Corinella and District Community Centre proudly supports the Waterline District communities within a 20km radius, offering a wide range of lifestyle activities, events, and lifelong learning opportunities.

They provide a welcoming hub that advocates for local communities, fosters connection, and helps reduce isolation. Join the Centre this Seniors Festival for a Community Lunch and Games Afternoon.

## When

Thursday, 23 October

## Where

48 Smythe Street, Corinella

## Time

Midday - 4:00pm

## Contact

Greg  
(03) 5678 0777  
coord@cdcc.asn.au



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# Damien Leith presents Roy Orbison and Friends

Bookings required

Presented by: Bass Coast Cultural Venues

Cost: \$65 per person

Award-winning singer Damien Leith brings the magic of Roy Orbison's music to life in a special solo acoustic showcase. In this intimate setting, Damien will perform Roy Orbison's greatest hits from 'Oh, Pretty Woman' to 'Crying' and 'Only the Lonely' allowing every lyric and melody to shine.

## When

Saturday, 25 October

## Time

7:30pm

## Where

The Union Theatre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

## Contact

Bass Coast Cultural Venues  
(03) 5671 2470  
[cultural.venues@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:cultural.venues@basscoast.vic.gov.au)



# Seniors Art Exhibition

*Bookings not required*

**Presented by: Bass Coast Shire Council  
x Luminous Galleries Coronet Bay**

**Cost: Free**

From Sunday, 26 October to Saturday, 30 November, the Luminous Gallery Coronet Bay group, will showcase, the incredible creativity of seniors in a special community art exhibition. The program will officially open with a celebratory event on Saturday, 2 November at 4:00pm, featuring a relaxed BYO BBQ by the foreshore, where participants are invited to bring along family and friends. This is an alcohol free event.

This exhibition is the culmination of hands-on workshops, highlighting the joy, imagination, and artistic talent of local seniors. Guests are encouraged to come along, connect with the community, and celebrate the artworks together.



## When

Sunday, 26 October - Sunday,  
30 November  
Exhibition Opening - Sunday,  
2 November



## Where

Coronet Bay Foreshore



## Time

4:00pm



## Contact

Ann  
0438 086 983



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# Victorian State Concert Orchestra

Bookings required

Presented by: Bass Coast Cultural Venues

Cost: \$15 per person

For nearly 100 years, Victorian State Concert Orchestra has become renowned for an ever-changing program that ranges from the classics – Bach, Mozart and Tchaikovsky and contemporary composers such as John Williams (Star Wars) and Peter Allen.

## When

Sunday, 26 October

## Time

2:00pm

## Where

Berninnet, 91-97 Thompson  
Avenue, Cowes

## Contact

Bass Coast Cultural Venues  
(03) 5671 2470  
[cultural.venues@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:cultural.venues@basscoast.vic.gov.au)



# Community BBQ

*Bookings not required*

**Presented by: Bass Valley Community Group**

**Cost: Free**

Bass Valley Community Group is a not-for-profit organisation serving the Bass Coast region. We empower and connect locals through aged and disability services, social programs, community events, and our Hadden House Op Shop.

Join us for a free, relaxed community BBQ during Seniors Week! This welcoming event offers seniors the chance to connect with others, learn about local support services, and enjoy good food and conversation. Celebrate the contributions of our seniors while fostering friendship, creativity, and community spirit across the Bass Coast region.



## When

Wednesday, 29 October



## Where

3 Peters St, Corinella



## Time

10:00am - midday



## Contact

Toni  
(03) 5678 2277  
[coord@bvcc.org.au](mailto:coord@bvcc.org.au)



# Free Public Transport

Sunday, 5 October to Sunday, 12 October

As a Victorian Seniors Card holder, you can get out and explore metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria with eight days of free travel from Sunday, 5 October to Sunday, 12 October.

## How to travel during the free travel period

Remember to always carry your Seniors Myki and Victorian Seniors Card with you on public transport. Touch on and off as usual, you won't be charged. On regional services that don't use Myki, just show your Victorian Seniors Card to the conductor or bus driver.

You need to reserve a seat on long distance V/Line trains and some coaches. To book a seat on V/Line services requiring reservations, visit your nearest station or agent or call 1800 800 007 from 10:00am on Tuesday, 2 September.



# Statewide Events

Discover events and activities across Victoria at [seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](https://seniorsonline.vic.gov.au)



For state-wide events please see the Seniors Festival Events Calendar for 2025.

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Bass Coast Shire Council is committed to fostering a healthy, inclusive and connected community that regularly participates in recreation and social activities.



To find out more about Healthy Ageing in Bass Coast, go to **[www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/healthy-ageing](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/healthy-ageing)** or contact the Connected Communities Team at **[basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au)**



**13 36 77**

If you are deaf, hearing-impaired, or speech-impaired, please use the National Relay Services.

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