

**Victorian
Seniors
Festival
2026**

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1-31 October



Southern Grampians Shire Council



**Seniors Festival
Program 2026**



Hamilton History Centre “At Home” Exhibition

Everyday except Saturday
2:00pm - 5:00pm

The Hamilton History Centre has a new exhibition called “At Home.” The historic items are themed around the kitchen, dining room and laundry. Can you identify some of the stranger kitchen items, spot the fancy crockery from the Victoria Hotel or put the irons into a timeline?

Venue & Contact: Hamilton History Centre
43 Gray St, Hamilton

Cost: Gold coin donation

Intergenerational Reading & Craft Afternoon

Friday 2 October 2:30pm

Enjoy a reading of “The Giving Tree” by Shel Silverton, then create a collaborative community tree inspired story. This unique event encourages children and older community members to connect through storytelling, creativity, conversation, and shared experiences.

Venue & Contact: Hamilton Library
5573 0470

Cost: Free



An Afternoon of Bingo and Fun

Saturday 3 October 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with the Glenthompson & District Community Association and try your luck with bingo! A fun filled afternoon for all with door prizes and afternoon tea included.

Venue & Contact: Glenthompson War Memorial Hall
0438 774 215

Cost: \$5.00



Hamilton Old Time Dance Club Inc

Saturday 3 October 7:30pm

A fun night of easy program dancing & friendship. With the Tarragal Band, lucky spot, partner & competition prizes on offer!

All welcome!

Please bring a plate.

Venue & Contact: Yulecart Hall
Vivienne Rowe 0427 752 274

Cost: \$10.00



Dunkeld Museum Seniors Afternoons

Each Sunday in October 1:30pm - 4:00pm

The Dunkeld and District Historical Museum is a museum of social history of our beautiful region with a wonderful collection of local history. Enjoy a cuppa and a tour. Beginning the month with the a AGM, followed by a guest speaker Peter Adams who will talk all things Bees, Beekeeping and Honey.

Venue & Contact: Dunkeld Museum
5574 9236

Cost: Free

Fit 55s Class

Each Monday in October 9:30am

This circuit is a lot of fun, it involves a structured warm up, followed by a combination of strength and aerobic work using various stations, all under the instruction of a trainer.

Benefits:

- Increase cardio, core and muscular strength
- Social and fun
- Incorporates group fitness games

Venue & Contact: HILAC 5551 4300

Cost: Free in October!

Ask us How!

Every Monday 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Need help with technology? We'd love to help you with anything and everything. Downloading an app, printing a photo from your phone, online forms, social media, email, wi-fi and anything else you need.

Venue & Contact: Hamilton Library
5573 0470

Cost: Free

Open intro to the Gym

Each Tuesday in October 9:30am

Discover the HILAC Gym!

No membership required and free to attend for seniors. We'll show you how to warm up and use our gym equipment safely.

Venue & Contact: HILAC 5551 4300

Cost: Free in October!

Aqua Adrift Class

Each Thursday in October 10:30am

Fun shallow and deep water exercise classes in our 25m pool, work at your own pace using a range of fun equipment

Venue & Contact: HILAC 5551 4300

Cost: Free in October!

Take a Turn in the Hamilton Botanic Gardens

Friday 9 October 10:30am

Friday 23 October 10:30am

Meeting at the Skene Street entrance, we'll explore the beauty of these Guilfoyle gardens, discover the variety of trees, and share stories along the way.

Venue & Contact: Hamilton Botanic Gardens
5573 0444

Cost: Free



Hamilton U3A Guest Speaker & Morning Tea

Tuesday 13 October 10:00am

Join us for a delicious morning tea with guest speaker Tim Tobin SC, a senior Victorian barrister with more than 40 years' experience.

Bookings essential!

Venue & Contact: Hamilton Baptist Church
0429 914 471

Cost: \$10.00

What's living in our waterways? Discovering aquatic life through eDNA

Tuesday 13 October 7:00pm

Discover what a simple bottle of water can reveal about the creatures living in our waterways through the fascinating science of eDNA. Learn about the native fish and aquatic species of South-West Victoria and Penshurst's unique role as a headwater landscape.

Venue & Contact Penshurst Volcano
Discovery Centre
0403 457 999

Cost: Free



Singin' in the Rain Movie

**Wednesday 14 October
10:00am for Tea, Coffee and
Biscuits**

Movie start time 10:30am

A special Seniors Festival showing of the classic movie Singin' In The Rain starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds.

Venue & Contact: Hamilton Cinema
5573 0429

Cost: \$10.00

Craft Cafe at HIRL

Thursday 15 October 9:30am - 11:30am

Enjoy a relaxed morning of creativity, conversation and community at our Seniors Festival Craft Cafe. With morning tea and a range of hands-on crafts to try including book binding, card making, mandalas, needle felting, knitting and crocheting. Whether you're an experienced crafter or keen to learn something new, everyone is welcome!

Venue & Contact: HIRL
5572 3699

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Hamilton Library Trivia Challenge

Thursday 15 October 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Held in our Hamilton Library, test your general knowledge with a trivia challenge featuring quiz master Courtney McIntyre complete with prizes and nibbles.

Venue & Contact: Hamilton Library
5573 0470

Cost: Free



Casablanca Movie

**Wednesday 21 October
10:00am for Tea & Coffee station
with Biscuits. Movie start time
10:30am**

A cynical expatriate café owner struggles to decide whether or not to help his former lover and her fugitive husband escape the Nazis in French Morocco.

Venue & Contact: Hamilton Cinema
5573 0429

Cost: \$10.00



Hamilton Library Seniors Festival Special Krafty Krew

Wednesday 21 October 1:00pm

A casual and fun craft group exploring many interesting art & craft techniques. Make and take home your creation!

Venue & Contact: Hamilton Library
5573 0470

Cost: Free

PAC Seniors Festival Concert - Sea Wolves Howl

Thursday 22 October 2:00pm
Doors open at 12:30pm with lunch
available from 12:45pm

Sea Wolves Howl brings true stories to life through theatre, music and five women who face the icy sea together. A powerful celebration of resilience, connection, community and the transformative power of nature.

Venue & Contact: Hamilton PAC
5573 0429

Cost: Seniors \$15.00



Welcome to Croquet Afternoon

Tuesday 27 October 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Come along for a relaxed and friendly introduction to croquet! We'll show you how to hold a mallet, explain the basic aims and rules of the game, and, if you're keen, you can join in for a short fun game, followed by afternoon tea.

Venue & Contact: Hamilton Croquet Club
0408 533 961
Cost: Free



KELLY'S HEROES



Kelly's Heroes Movie

Wednesday 28 October
10:00am for Tea & Coffee station with
Biscuits. Movie start time 10:30am

During World War II, Lieutenant Kelly discovers a fortune in Nazi gold hidden behind enemy lines. Determined to steal it, he assembles a small group of soldiers for an audacious mission to capture the \$16 million haul.

Venue & Contact: Hamilton Cinema
5573 0429

Cost: \$10.00

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Hamilton Community House Seniors Festival Garden Tour

Wednesday 28 October 10:00am - 3:30pm

Visit Black's Creek's beautiful extensive garden and enjoy a shared picnic lunch with local families from Carranballac and Streatham impacted by the January 2026 fires.

Bookings Essential

Venue & Contact: Black's Creek,
2273 Carranballac -
Streatham Road, Streatham
5571 9780

Cost: Free



Trivia Challenge with Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 28 October 1:30pm

Enjoy a fun-filled trivia challenge with the Hamilton Senior Citizens Centre Inc! Test your knowledge in a friendly atmosphere, compete for some great prizes, and relax afterwards with a delightful afternoon tea.

Venue & Contact Hamilton & District Senior
Citizens Centre
0499 306 108

Cost: Free

Hamilton History Centre together with Hamilton Visitor Information Centre Old Cemetery Tour

Thursday 29 October 10:00am

Explore Hamilton's Old Cemetery on a guided heritage walk, discovering the stories of some of the town's notable residents. The route starts and finishes at the Coleraine Road entrance. Followed by morning tea at the Hamilton Visitor Information Centre. Bookings required.

Venue & Contact: The Hamilton Old Cemetery
1800 807 056

Cost: Free



Hamilton Community House Hallam House Seniors Festival Lunch

Friday 30 October 10:30am - 1:30pm

Enjoy a celebratory Seniors Festival Lunch with Hamilton Community House Inc at Hallam Close. Bookings Essential

Venue & Contact Hamilton Community House
5571 9780

Cost: Free

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Calendar of Events

October 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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