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Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre



Term 2, 2026 Courses & Activities

New Courses & Workshops



Graphite Workshop with Peta Harrington



Discover the art of creating stunning greyscale nature drawings with H and HB pencils in this one-day workshop! Perfect for both beginners and experienced artists, this hands-on session will guide you through essential shading and blending techniques to bring depth and realism to your work. You'll start by practicing fundamental skills before applying them to draw beautifully detailed gum leaves. A small materials list will be provided upon enrolment. Come along and elevate your drawing skills in a relaxed environment!

Saturday 6 June, 9:30am - 3:30pm

\$125

Needle Felting Workshop

Join us for a gentle and uplifting morning of creativity as you discover the art of needle felting. Using soft, natural wool, you will craft your own Pocket Pal or Pocket Goddess—a small, meaningful creation that reflects your personal style and imagination. This beginner-friendly workshop is perfect for anyone curious about exploring a new craft, expressing creativity, and enjoying a mindful, hands-on experience. All tools and materials are provided, including a take-home felting kit so you can continue your creative journey at home and keep exploring the endless possibilities of this beautiful craft.

Saturday 2 May, 10:00am - 1:00pm

\$75



Save the Date and Donate!

Biggest Morning Tea 2026

Our much-anticipated annual Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council and support their efforts for research, prevention, and support is coming up! Jot down the date and make sure you keep an eye on our social media and website to register for this sell-out event. This year you can donate ahead of time! Scan the QR code to make your donation today, and help us make a difference.

Thursday 18 June, 10:30am - 1:30pm

Save the date

Mental Health Matters



Mental Health for Everyday Life

NEW

This introductory course is designed for carers, volunteers and anyone wanting to better understand mental health. Explore common challenges, recovery-oriented and trauma-informed principles, and practical ways to recognise and respond to distress with empathy and confidence. Build communication skills and strategies to support others in everyday situations while caring for your own wellbeing.

Thursday 21 May-25 June, 12:30pm - 3:00pm | \$65 (Concession \$35*)

MAKE A DONATION

to our
Biggest Morning Tea



Help us raise funds for the Cancer Council



Learn Local – Pre-accredited Training



Learn Local courses can help you get the skills you need for study, work and life. Learn Local courses are government subsidised and are offered at low or no cost to eligible Victorian adults. Class sizes are small, with training delivered by highly experienced professionals in a relaxed environment. **Check our website for more details or contact us.**

Mental Health for Everyday Life

NEW

This introductory course is designed for carers, volunteers and those who want to build a stronger understanding of mental health. Explore common mental health challenges, recovery-oriented and trauma-informed principles, and practical ways to recognise and respond to distress with empathy and confidence. Through discussion and guided activities, develop communication skills and strategies to support others in everyday situations while learning how to protect and care for your own wellbeing.

Thursday 21 May - 25 June, 12:30pm - 3:00pm, 6 weeks
\$65 (Concession \$35*)

Floristry

Learn floral design skills—from wrapping and tying to arranging and more. Create a variety of beautiful floral arrangements while learning colour harmony and proper care techniques. Make a new piece each week, including charming hand-tied posies, elegant gift boxes, and exquisite corsages. Our hands-on approach ensures practical experience, working directly with a diverse selection of flowers and foliage. Build both confidence and creativity as you learn to handle and arrange materials with precision and flair. All flowers and materials are included, with an optional \$30 toolkit available to keep.

Introduction to Floristry

Tuesday 5 May - 23 June, 10:00am - 12:00pm, 8 weeks
\$255 (Concession \$200*)

Level 1 Floristry

Tuesday 5 May - 23 June, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, 8 weeks
\$255 (Concession \$200*)



How to Use AI

Curious about artificial intelligence but not sure where to begin? This friendly, hands-on course is perfect for beginners wanting to explore the possibilities of AI. Learn how AI tools can make everyday tasks easier and more enjoyable, like planning trips, writing emails, finding recipes, or managing simple digital tasks. The course also covers how to use AI safely and responsibly, with practical tips on privacy, online safety, and building confidence in the digital world.

Monday 27 April - 22 June, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, 8 weeks
\$15 (Concession \$5*)



*Concession prices for ACFE courses are capped at \$50 tuition per calendar year. Course fees may incur additional costs such as administration, materials, amenities, etc. For more information about the fee structure for pre-accredited courses please speak to one of our friendly staff.

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CapCut Video Editing for Beginners (Online)

Bring your video content to life with CapCut! This hands-on course focuses on the technical foundations of video editing—cut and splice clips, work with audio, add transitions, text and effects, and more. Export content to share on platforms such as Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, and more. Gain understanding of key technical elements like formatting, timing and resolution. Ideal for small business owners, content creators or anyone interested in producing videos who wants to lift their editing skills and create polished content with confidence.

Wednesday 6 May - 24 June, 7:00pm - 9:00pm (via Zoom), 8 weeks
\$65 (Concession \$35*)



Canva for Beginners (Online)

POPULAR

Gain confidence creating beautiful, eye-catching designs with Canva. Learn to navigate the platform, use templates, apply colour and typography, edit photos, and design for social media. You'll finish with your own custom project such as a poster, flyer, or social media post made entirely from scratch.

Thursday 7 May - 25 June, 7:00pm - 9:00pm (via Zoom), 8 weeks
\$75 (Concession \$40*)

Canva for Business (Online)

Take your Canva skills to the next level and create professional, branded visuals for your business. Learn to build a brand kit, design templates, use Canva's AI tools, and manage content efficiently across social media and marketing platforms. You'll finish with a mini brand package ready to promote your business!

Tuesday 5 May - 23 June, 7:00pm - 9:00pm (via Zoom), 8 weeks
\$75 (Concession \$40*)



Introduction to Xero (Online)

Gain confidence using Xero to manage your business finances more efficiently. This practical course guides you through key features of the software – from setting up accounts and reconciling transactions to generating reports and tracking cash flow. Designed for those with basic bookkeeping knowledge, it will help you streamline your financial processes and make the most of Xero's powerful tools.

Tuesday 5 May - 23 June, 7:00pm - 9:00pm (via Zoom), 8 weeks
\$65 (Concession \$35*)

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Introduction to Creative Writing (Self-paced) **FREE**



Study writing at your own pace with this flexible, self-paced course. Join this self-paced course that you can complete in your own time and at your own pace! Whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced writer looking to refine your craft, you'll find valuable insights and practical techniques tailored to your needs. Over the duration of the course, you'll engage in a variety of writing exercises and receive personalised feedback on your work. You'll have the opportunity to write personal reflections, short stories, and more, all while developing your unique voice and style. Our flexible format allows you to learn at your own pace, making it easy to fit into your schedule.

Self-paced, no classes - join any time!

All Abilities Courses



Designed for people with additional learning needs, these courses build communication, literacy, numeracy, confidence, and social skills. Activities are tailored to individual goals. Carers, support workers, and assistance animals are welcome. Free trial offered.

Let's Cook!

Build confidence in the kitchen and learn to prepare a variety of recipes that are simple to make and tasty to eat! Learn basic cooking skills and food safety, then enjoy the meal you have made with the group. All ingredients included.

Friday 24 April - 26 June, 9:30am - 12:00pm, 10 weeks
 Friday 24 April - 26 June, 12:30pm - 3:00pm, 10 weeks
 \$180 per term*

Creative Art

Explore a wide range of art materials, including watercolour, acrylics, clay, and mixed media, while creating your own unique artworks in a supportive, social environment. Learn new techniques, and enjoy expressing your creativity. All materials are provided.

Friday 24 April - 26 June, 12:45pm - 2:45pm, 10 weeks
 \$120 per term*

Creative Writing (Self-paced) **FREE**

Write at your own pace with this online, accessible course. Lessons, exercises and personalised feedback are sent by email. Explore personal reflections, short stories and more, while developing your unique voice and style.

Self-paced, no classes - join any time!



Natural History painting combines artistic creativity with scientific accuracy, often using live subjects or photos for reference. Techniques range from detailed work with microscopes to expressive wet-on-wet styles. Students explore various methods and techniques, guided by Nature in Art tutors to achieve accuracy while nurturing their unique style.

Terry Napier

Join Terry, an accomplished botanical artist and founder of the Nature in Art program, as he shares his expertise in Natural History watercolour painting. Terry has been teaching and sharing his talent for over 25 years. With his gentle and patient teaching style, Terry will guide you in the art of creating realistic depictions of plants, native animals, and birds, while helping you develop skills in painting techniques and colour mixing. Suitable for beginners and experienced students.

Monday 27 April - 22 June, 7:00pm - 9:30pm	8 weeks
Tuesday 28 April - 23 June, 9:30am - 12:00pm	8 weeks
Tuesday 28 April - 23 June, 1:00pm - 3:30pm	8 weeks
\$280	

Peta Harrington

Peta will guide you through the techniques needed to create realistic Natural History paintings using pencil and watercolour, focusing on flora and fauna as your subjects. Emphasising careful observation and technique, you will learn to capture the details and beauty of your subjects. Peta tailors her teaching to meet each student's individual skill level - from beginners to experienced - providing support and encouragement to help you refine your skills.

Wednesday 29 April - 17 June, 9:30am - 12:00pm	8 weeks
Friday 1 May - 19 June, 9:30am - 12:00pm	8 weeks
\$240	

Peta McDonald



Explore the fascinating connection between Science and Art with Peta McDonald. This course is designed to equip you with the skills needed to accurately depict natural subjects through drawing. Beginner or experienced artist, these structured classes will guide you through sketching, shaping with shading, recognising colours and adding texture and detail to your drawings. Starting with graphite and progressing to coloured pencils, you'll be amazed at what you can accomplish with a willingness to explore and experiment!

Wednesday 22 April - 17 June, 1:00pm - 3:30pm	9 weeks
Friday 24 April - 19 June, 1:30pm - 4:00pm	9 weeks
\$268.75	

Health and Fitness



Regular group exercise is a great way to improve both physical health and mental well-being. Join us at Warrandyte South Hall for classes that are suitable for all fitness levels, led by our experienced and supportive instructors. **Enquire about a FREE trial session anytime!** Email enrol@parkorchards.org.au or call us on 9876 4381 to arrange your trial.

Monday

Yoga and Mindfulness

Yoga and mindfulness helps to improve focus and self-awareness. In these classes you will practice Hatha Yoga which involves exploration of breath, postures and meditation to reduce stress and anxiety. This wonderful, inclusive class is suitable for all levels and abilities.

Monday 6:30pm - 7:30pm
20 April - 22 June, 9 weeks

\$154



Tuesday

Yoga

Enjoy this practice, which is shown to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and increase mobility. Start your day and week right with this safe, inclusive, and encouraging class which is suitable for all levels of ability and experience.

Tuesday 9:30am - 10:30am
21 April - 23 June, 10 weeks

\$170



Stay Fit/Live Fit

A fitness class suited for our 50+ community who are looking to keep or build strength and flexibility for functional health! Combine strength, fitness and balance training while making friends and having fun. The class will involve resistance exercises, and weight training to help develop self-confidence, flexibility and cardio health.

Tuesday 12:30pm - 1:30pm
21 April - 23 June, 10 weeks

\$110



Wednesday

Yoga

Increase your health and wellbeing with this relaxing yoga practice. This class incorporates breathing exercises, delivered at a gentle pace making it suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. Leave feeling uplifted and ready to start your day!

Wednesday 1:30pm - 2:30pm
23 April - 24 June, 10 weeks

\$170

Thursday

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a gentle exercise that combines slow, smooth movements and mindful breathing to relax the body and calm the mind. In this class, you'll learn a sequence of flowing movements designed to improve balance, coordination, and flexibility. Each session focuses on steady progress and relaxation. Suitable for beginners and those looking for low-impact movement.

Thursday 9:30am - 10:30am
23 April - 25 June, 10 weeks

\$160



Rhythm & Movement

Movement not only stimulates our muscles and circulation but also supports mental health, boosts mood, and helps us express ourselves. This class combines structured and freestyle dance (including ballroom and global styles) with a focus on strength, control, and coordination. Join us for a fun, energising way to move your body, clear your head, and enjoy the rhythm.

Thursday 11:00am - 12:00pm
23 April - 25 June, 10 weeks

\$160



Are you a carer? Carers are people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue or who are frail aged. **Carers receive 5% off any course with the Carer Friendly logo.**



Clubs and Groups **FREE**

Social Walking Group

Explore new and interesting places, and enjoy a walk as you meet new people and enjoy lunch together! Stay connected and fit while you connect with like-minded locals.

Third Thursday 9:30am - 1:30pm (monthly)

Weekly Walkers

Join our local weekly walks for relaxation, fitness, or simply to connect with others.

Tuesday 9:00am - 10:00am (weekly)

Beekeeping Club

Connect with local beekeepers and take part in activities, discussions, and projects, guest speakers, and gain confidence as a beekeeper.

First Tuesday 6:00pm - 7:00pm (monthly)

Genealogy

Research and share knowledge about tracing your family tree.

First Saturday 2:00pm - 4:00pm (monthly)

Garden Lovers

Help keep our garden beautiful in the company of other passionate gardeners!

Tuesday 10:30am - 12:00pm (weekly)

Photography

Connect with fellow photography enthusiasts, share ideas, and embark on exciting photography adventures. **While our Club is free there is a \$6.00 per member annual Victorian Association of Photographic Societies affiliation fee*

First Thursday 7:00pm-8:30pm (monthly)

Book Club

Connect with fellow book lovers and enjoy discussions about monthly reads in a relaxed setting!

First Monday 7:30pm - 9:00pm (monthly)

Scones Together

Seniors, join us for this free social event. Enjoy scones, guest speakers, and fun activities.

First Monday of each month, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

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Manningham City Council



Adult Community & Further Education (ACFE)



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Government funded places will be offered to eligible applicants as indicated by the Department of Education and Training

Vocational Education & Training



Our courses are led by highly experienced trainers with extensive training and industry experience. They possess an in-depth understanding of adult learners, especially those who are returning to study. Our small class sizes provide personalised attention for each student. **UPDATE: You may be eligible for a government-subsidised place, even if you already have a higher qualification.***

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care CHC30125

Are you passionate about making a difference in children's early years? Discover a rewarding career that allows you to inspire and shape the future generation. Our nationally recognised and accredited Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care is your gateway to becoming an Early Childhood Educator, Kindergarten Assistant, Nanny, or working in Out of School Hours Care. This comprehensive course harnesses your creative and communication skills while providing essential knowledge for nurturing and supporting young children's development. Embark on a fulfilling journey in the early childhood industry and gain the vital skills needed to make a positive impact on young minds.

Commencing 7 May 2026 (Tuesday and Thursday), 9:15am - 3:15pm

Flexible delivery, face-to-face or real-time via Zoom

Funded \$493.66 | Funded concession \$286.12*

Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC30221

Are you interested in assisting children in schools? As a qualified Education Support Worker, you can pursue a fulfilling career in education, playing a vital role in supporting students with diverse learning needs and contributing to their educational journey. You will provide support to both teachers and students within the school environment. This nationally recognised training is ideal for employment as an Education Support Assistant, Support Worker for children with disabilities, or a Teacher's Aide. Additionally, this certificate can serve as a stepping stone for further study in the field of education.

Classes in Park Orchards

Commencing 24 August 2026 (Monday and Wednesday), 9:15am - 3:15pm

Face-to-face delivery

Classes in Upper Ferntree Gully

Commencing 25 August 2026 (Tuesday and Thursday) 9:15am - 3:15pm

Blended delivery

Funded \$438.99 | Funded concession \$276.85*

Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care CHC50125



Exceptional Early Childhood Educators have the power to shape a child's future, fostering success, well-being, and a lifelong love for learning. This course covers essential topics such as learning frameworks, child health and well-being, leading educational teams, and much more. You'll also build confidence in supporting diverse needs and creating meaningful learning experiences. Completing the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care provides you with the opportunity to advance your career, deepen your knowledge, gain professional recognition, increase your earning potential and make a lasting impact as a leader in the field.

Commencing 1 May 2026 (Friday), 9:15am - 3:15pm

Commencing 22 June 2026 (Monday), 9:15am - 3:15pm

Funded \$537*

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment TAE40122

This nationally recognised and accredited course qualifies you to deliver nationally accredited vocational training in registered training organisations (RTOs), TAFEs, enterprises, community organisations, and schools. You will develop skills in the design, delivery, and assessment of vocation-based training. After completing the course, you will have gained knowledge on how to perform competency-based assessments, develop learning programs based on national training packages, deliver presentations, train groups and individuals, and address learners' language, literacy, and numeracy skills.

Enquire with our staff or check on our website for more information on our next intake!

Funded \$895.50 | Funded concession \$368.25*

Full fee \$3347.60 | Full fee concession \$2852.50

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment TAE40122 - Upgrade

Now is the perfect time to upgrade to the latest TAE40122 qualification. Our upgrade program is designed specifically for experienced VET Trainers and Assessors who hold TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and have accrued at least two years of training experience delivering nationally recognised qualifications or units of competency within the past four years. This is an individual RPL process with no set intake dates, allowing you to enrol anytime and complete the process online, with no class attendance required.

Enrol anytime - study in your own time

\$400 - \$500* (variation based on units eligible for credit transfer)

***Funding eligibility criteria apply and availability and criteria can change, so please check with us for the latest details.**



Identify and Report Children and Young People at Risk CHCPRT025

This refresher program helps qualified educators strengthen their skills in recognising and reporting abuse, neglect, or harm in children and young people. Designed for those in education, childcare, health, and community services, it covers legal and ethical responsibilities, workplace procedures, and key legislation. Participants learn to identify indicators, document and report concerns correctly, and communicate with authorities professionally. Completing this unit supports safe environments and duty of care obligations.

Enrol anytime - Delivered online, study in your own time. Refresher program, suitable for experienced ELC Staff.

\$150

Group discount may be available, contact us for a quote.

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Early Learning Centre

Session Times

Our Early Learning Centre session times allow families able to choose pickup at either 1:00pm or 5:00pm for greater flexibility. This schedule is designed to offer more convenience and options for families, while giving children extra time to learn, play, and grow in a supportive and engaging environment.

Sessions and Fees – Term 2, 2026

Monday to Friday

8:00am - 1:00pm \$93.75*

8:00am - 5:00pm \$168.75*

Annual Enrolment fee \$20

A SunSmart hat will be provided to each child.

*Fees listed are before Child Care Subsidy (CCS) has been applied.

One room, one team – present, engaged, and connected

Our not-for-profit Early Learning Centre operates as a multi-age group service, encouraging children to learn from and with each other in a natural, community-focused environment. Our centre is one large, open floor space that encourages freedom of movement and collaboration, creating a safe and connected space for children to interact and connect.

The team offer our children flexible learning opportunities to enjoy the choice of both indoor and outdoor play spaces, encouraging active and meaningful exploration and supporting a healthy body and mind through play in a safe setting. We have been offering childcare for over 30 years, building strong connections with our families, and offering inclusive, flexible, and future-focused early education that prepares children for lifelong learning.

Our Educators offer stability, experience and engagement supporting children in our care. Our team of educators have been with us for many years which builds strong, trusting relationships with each child, supporting their individual development through our play-based program that fosters curiosity, creativity and exploration. Our educators' long-term commitment to our service helps create a consistent, nurturing environment where every child is known and valued. To maintain and ensure a high standard of care during staff absences, we have our own dedicated relief bank of casual Educators that are familiar faces who understand our routines, children, and our values.



The Early Learning Centre operates Monday to Friday during school terms. We welcome children aged 0-6 years and offer both permanent and casual booking options (dependent on availability), and you have the flexibility to tailor care to your needs. At our service, we believe in fair and transparent fees – you only pay for the care you use. We do not charge for public holidays or absences (with a minimum of 48 hours' notice given).

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Find us on
Instagram

School Holiday Childcare Sessions

We offer casual school holiday care during each of the term breaks throughout the year, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

This is also available for school-aged children not currently enrolled in our service (under 7 years of age).

Please contact office@parkorchards.org.au or call us for more information on (03) 9876 4381.



Driveway Safety – Don't Go if You Don't Know

This time of year can be busy and stressful, and it is easy to be in a rush. On average, each year 7 children aged 0-14 are killed and 60 are seriously injured in driveway run-over incidents in Australia. Remember the Kidsafe message: Supervise, Separate and See.

Supervise children whenever vehicles are moving.

Separate play areas from driveways.

See where children are before getting into the car.

A quick check could save a life. To read more on how to stay safe around driveways this school holidays, visit: <https://www.kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/driveway-safety/>

National Families Week – 11-17 May 2026



National Families Week is celebrated each May across Australia, recognising the vital role families play in our lives and community. Led by Families Australia, the week encourages families to connect, celebrate and enjoy activities together. From picnics and playgroups to school events and morning teas, it's all about bringing people together to celebrate family, whatever form that comes in! No matter what family looks like for you, National Families Week is a time to reflect on the strength of family bonds, reconnect with loved ones and enjoy activities that bring us together. Visit www.nationalfamiliesweek.org.au/about/ to learn more.

World Bee Day – 30 May 2026

This important day raises awareness of the importance of protecting bees and other pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to a sustainable future. In past years our centre has invited local beekeepers to attend and present to the children about bees and their important role in our ecological systems.

To learn more about World Bee Day and how to get involved, visit the official website: www.worldbeeday.org.au

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