

Victorian Seniors Festival 2023

Learn. Love. Live.

SENIOR'S FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2023

In the Alpine Shire

Events, Activities & Free Public Transport!

This October there are thousands of events across the state for you to get along to. Check out the 2023 Festival online calendar www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival. Victorian Senior's Card holders can also make the most of eight days of free public transport from 1 to 8 October 2023. Victorian Seniors Card holders can get out and explore metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria on reserved and unreserved V/Line services during the Festival with FREE TRAVEL from Sunday 2 October to Sunday 9 October.

Simply carry your Seniors Myki and Victorian Seniors Card with you on public transport, and 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.

Check out some events that are happening in our neck of the woods (or mountains!) over the month of October on the calendar below.

If you have an event that you would like us to share during Senior's month, please reach out to the Communities team, at communities@alpineshire.vic.gov.au.



Sunday 1

Celebration Day at Federation Square, Melbourne.
ABOUT: This event will launch the festival with a 6-hour line-up of free entertainment and activities for older Victorians.
Where: Federation Square, Melbourne
When: 1:00-7:00pm.

Monday 2

U3A Myrtleford Breakfast
WHERE: Alpine Gate Café
WHEN: 9:00am
COST: Pay for own drinks and meals
CONTACT: kj.mock@westnet.com.au for more information.
ALL welcome!

Myrtleford Probus Seniors and Probus month event!
ABOUT: Join for trivia, morning tea, and meet some new mates.
WHERE: Myrtleford Bowls Club
WHEN: 10:00am-12:00pm
COST: \$2 donation
CONTACT: myrtlefordprobus@outlook.com
ALL welcome!

Tuesday 3

Organ Historical Trust of Australia Concert
ABOUT: Come and hear a presentation by John Maidment OAM and concert featuring Kieran Crichton showcasing the historic Willis Organ in the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta. This event is presented in partnership with the Organ Historical Trust of Australia.
WHERE: Wangaratta Holy Trinity Cathedral
WHEN: 02:00 pm - 03:30 pm
COST: Free!
CONTACT: 0407816321 or wangarattacathedraloffice@bigpond.com

Friday 6

Bright U3A Open Day
ABOUT: U3A Bright will be showcasing their organisation and the activities they have on offer for over 50s. Morning tea available for a \$2 contribution
WHERE: Bright Senior Citizens Centre, Cobden Street
WHEN: 10:00am to 12:30pm
CONTACT: info@u3abright.org.au

Saturday 7

The Mount Beauty Writer's Festival
ABOUT: Everyone has a story ... Come and enjoy the stories of award-winning authors, from thriller and crime novelists, biographies, romance, adventurers to garden guru Costa from ABC's Gardening Australia.
WHERE: West Peak Hotel
 1 Lakeside Avenue, MOUNT BEAUTY
WHEN: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
CONTACT: mtbwriterfestival@outlook.com

Tuesday 10

The Grit and Resilience Festival, Wangaratta
ABOUT: join us at King George V Gardens to connect and share in a bit of wellbeing focused frivolity.
WHERE: King George V Gardens, Wangaratta,
WHEN: 4:00pm-6.30pm.
COST: FREE!

Friday 13

U3A Myrtleford & District, Come and Try Day
ABOUT: U3A Myrtleford & District will be showcasing their organisation and the activities they have on offer for over 50s. Morning tea and a light lunch provided
WHERE: Myrtleford Indoor Stadium.
WHEN: 10.30am - 12.30pm
COST: This event is free, all welcome.
CONTACT: Jan at kj.mock@westnet.com.au or 0401 064 030 for more info!

Saturday 14

Guest Author, Helen Edwards - The Rebels of Mt Buffalo.
ABOUT: Dr Helen Edwards speaks about her new book The Rebels of Mt Buffalo - a captivating time-slip tale in which a girl lost to grief meets a daring rebel on a misty mountain who guides her to rediscover her courage and find her way home.
WHERE: Bright Library
WHEN: 10:00am
COST: FREE
MORE INFO: BrightLibrary1@alpineshire.vic.gov.au, or ph. (03) 5755 1540

Saturday Lunch and Movie, with U3A Myrtleford & District.
ABOUT: Lunch at 12pm at the Riverdeck in Bright. "The Miracle Club" at Sun Cinema Bright will begin at 2pm.
WHERE: Lunch at the Riverdeck, Bright, then Movie at the Sun Bright Cinema.
WHEN: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
COST: Lunch at own expense, and Movie Tickets can be purchased directly from Sun Cinema here!
CONTACT: RSVP for lunch by 6 October by contacting Jan kj.mock@westnet.com.au

Monday 16

The Last Daughter Mount Beauty.
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ABOUT: Co-directed by and featuring Wiradjuri woman Brenda Matthews, this documentary-drama follows Matthews long journey to finding her family. Adapted and raised by a white family, Matthews has fond memories of her childhood, but when memories of her Aboriginal family surface in her mind, she begins to seek the full story from both her families.
WHERE: Mt Beauty Community Centre, Kiewa Crescent Mt Beauty
SESSION TIMES:
 • 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 • 6:00pm - 8:00pm
COST: \$12 general admission & \$6 Concession
CONTACT: healthpromotion@alpinehealth.org.au
BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE!

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Wednesday 18

Glenn Starr's Hit Parade - Hits of the Unforgettable 50s and 60s
ABOUT: Glenn Starr's Hit Parade brings the magic and melodies of the 50's & 60's back into the spotlight for all to enjoy.
WHERE: Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre
WHEN: 2:00 pm performance, followed by afternoon tea at 3:00pm.
CONTACT: 03 5722 8105

FREE TRANSPORT to Glenn Starr at WPACC. After you have made your purchase, please contact your shire to advise you would like free bus transport to and from the event. Alpine Shire residents REGISTER HERE

Saturday 21

Mount Buffalo National Park Introductory Abseiling Tour:
 Introductory Abseiling Tour: Adventure Guides Australia
ABOUT: Join an Abseiling Tour with experienced local guides.
WHERE: Mount Buffalo Gorge
COST: Free for Seniors!
WHEN: Session times -
 • 9:30 - 11:30am
 • 12:30 - 2:30pm
 • 3:00 - 5:00pm
 Bookings can be made here.
Bookings are essential

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 • 10:00am - 12:00pm
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CONTACT: bookings@adventureguidesaustralia.com

FREE Family
 Frog Frolic! Myrtleford Landcare & Sustainability,
ABOUT: Join us for a BBQ dinner as we learn about frogs at our information evening. Presented by Dr. Anna Turner.
WHERE:
WHEN: 6:00pm - 8.30pm
 Register Here!

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Wednesday 25

Picnic Lunch Myrtleford
ABOUT: Join us for the Seniors Festival Community Picnic. Grab you FREE lunch & meet friends for a relaxing lunch with entertainment. Bring some chairs and make a special event of it.
WHERE: Jubilee Park, Myrtleford
WHEN: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
COST: FREE for Seniors
BOOKING: Book here!



Thursday 26

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WHERE: Federation Square, Mount Beauty
WHEN: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
COST: FREE for Seniors
BOOKING: Book here!



Guest speaker, Judy Brewer and afternoon tea
WHERE: Myrtleford Bowls Club.
WHEN: 2:00pm
CONTACT: Jan at kj.mock@westnet.com.au, or 0401 064 030 for more info.

The Bright Croquet Club, Open Day
ABOUT: The Bright Croquet Club will be celebrating Senior Week this year with a special day for all Seniors. The day is free with all equipment provided. Stay for lunch and enjoy a gold coin BBQ and make new friends.
WHERE: 10 Wood St, Bright VIC
WHEN: 9.30am till 2.30pm.
COST: Gold coin BBQ
CONTACT: Contact John Hart for more information at: johnhart6@bigpond.com.

Friday 27

Picnic Lunch Bright
ABOUT: Join us for the Seniors Festival Community Picnic. Grab you FREE lunch & meet friends for a relaxing lunch with entertainment. Bring some chairs and make a special event of it.
WHERE: Howitt Park, Bright
WHEN: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
COST: FREE for Seniors
BOOKING: Book here!
CONTACT: bookings@adventureguidesaustralia.com



Saturday 28

THE MYRTLEFORD SHOW!
ABOUT: The Myrtleford and District Agricultural and Pastoral Society Show is a family fun event to enjoy on a spectacular spring evening.
BUY TICKETS HERE:
<https://www.themyrtlefordshow.com.au/>

On the Home Front, an original play by Pieta Swann
ABOUT: As part of Bright RSL Sub Branch Centenary Celebrations, FAM Events & Productions present On the Home Front, an original play by Pieta Swann, inspired by letters and experiences of North East Victorian men and women during WWI.
WHERE: Bright Courthouse Theatre
WHEN: Two sessions -
 • Sat 28 Oct: 3PM - 4PM
 • Sat 28 Oct: 8PM - 9PM
COST: \$20 BOOK HERE!
CONTACT: Call 0418 564 768 for more information.

Freedom of Entry ceremony
ABOUT: The Freedom of Entry tradition dates back hundreds of years and originates from a custom observed by British regiments in marching through the City of London. Today, the Freedom of Entry is a right which is granted upon a military unit by a Local Government, as a ceremonial occasion with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, guidon/colours flying and band playing.
WHERE: Mafeking Square, Bright
WHEN: 28 Oct 11:00 - 12:00
COST: FREE
MORE INFO: <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/events/freedom-entry-parade>

LOCAL EVENTS

- Bright Make It, Bake It, Grow It Market, October 21st, 9.00am, Howitt Park, Bright
- Mount Beauty Community Market - 1 October, 9.00am Hydro Park
- Myrtleford Farmers Market - 22 October, 8.30am <https://www.myrtlefordfarmersmarket.com.au/>

MUSIC AND THEATRE

- Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre' program <https://www.wpacc.com.au/Whats-On>
- The Cube Wodonga's program <https://www.thecubewodonga.com.au/Whats-On>
- Albury Entertainment Centre's program <https://alburyentertainmentcentre.com.au/whatson>

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