



TERM 1 - 2026

2nd February - 2nd April



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2025



OFFICE HOURS Monday to Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm
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We gratefully acknowledge financial support and our partnerships with the Victoria State Government and Frankston City Council to deliver programs in our community.

Please check in on arrival, and remember to physical distance.
IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THE HOUSE.



Jobs, Skills,
Industry
and Regions



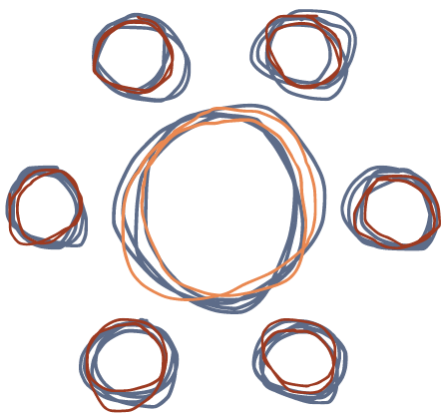
Shanny from the Family Relationship Centre (FRC) at Family Life will be coming along to spend some time with us at the community house this term. Family Life is a specialist family services provider working with children, families and communities since 1970. At the core of their organisation is a vision to build capable communities, strong families and thriving children.

FRC's play an important role in improving family relationships by providing information, support and referral services to families around relationships and parenting. The Family Life FRC supports the diversity of family relationships and specialises in Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) and Property FDR, offering this support across the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula regions.

Shanny will be available to chat with families and provide information and resources about Family Life and FRC services and programs on the following **Dates in Term 1 between 9.30am –1pm 9th Feb; 2nd & 30th March in the lounge.**



An Australian Government Initiative



Social Inclusion Action Group

FRANKSTON

Orwil St Community House INC are excited to be working with Belvedere Community Centre, FCC, BSL and Community Leaders with a disability to deliver an incredible social inclusion project. With funding from the Social Inclusion Action Group Frankston over the next two years we will support emerging leaders with disability to become empowered and build a sustainable model for inclusive community engagement.

We want to hear from people with a disability who are interested in establishing a Peer Action Group program in Frankston. You'll receive training and support from skilled facilitators, this is where Belvedere's experience in developing and delivering training comes in.

The Project will focus on growing the skills, knowledge, and networks of local emerging leaders with disability, offering real-world experience in advocacy, event management, and leadership. A major highlight will be two International Day of People with Disability events - co-designed and led by people with disability.

If you are an emerging leader and this sounds like something you would be interested in being involved in, please give us a call on 9783 5073 or email info@orwilst.org.au.

“Friends of the House” Annual Enrolment fee

To support the ongoing provision of our high-quality services and the maintenance of our facilities, all participants of our services and programs are required to make an annual contribution of **\$10.00** at the start of each year, or upon commencing use of our services and programs. This fee is charged each year and must be paid whether attending one class or many.

**Payment is non-refundable.
Thank you for your support.**

Conversational English Classes

Elevate Your Conversational Skills with a social chat

- ✓ Meet new people from diverse backgrounds
- ✓ Practice speaking English in a relaxed and fun environment.
- ✓ Everyone is welcome!

**Call the office to Express your
interest**



WELCOME TO ORWIL STREET

Thank you for choosing to visit Orwil Street Community House.

Orwil Street Community House (OSCH) offers a range of low cost activities for people of all ages. We offer Information, Referrals, Support, Qualified Low Cost Counselling, Friendship, Volunteering and Student placements, Playgroups, Self-Help Groups. Venue Hire for meetings/classes, Photocopying, laminating, free Wi-Fi and computer access at reasonable rates.

We try to keep our fees and charges low and flexible. We do prefer that participants book and pay online in advance of all classes. Invoiced participants will be charged an administration fee. We want our programs to be accessible for everyone, so please speak to the Manager Karen, if costs are a problem for you.

SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS

Every little bit helps and if you are able to give a little something towards the running of the house, we will gratefully accept donations. Or why not sponsor a place in a program for another member of the community who might have difficulty paying? If you would like to talk more about how you could contribute, please speak to Karen.

FREE LIBRARY

Available everyday in the lounge room or in our Street Library on the front fence - come and take a look, take a book or leave one for someone else.

About our Programs and Activities

PAYMENT IN ADVANCE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ENROLMENTS

Enrolments can be made preferably online or by phone but you must secure your booking with a payment. Fees must be paid in full before the course or class commences.

HOW PROGRAMS ARE RUN?

Some classes will only commence subject to minimum numbers. Times, days or costs may vary from printed details. To avoid inconvenience to you, please check the website and provide all your details when you book in before attending.

CANCELLATIONS

*If a program is cancelled, your payment is refunded in full or it can be transferred to another class. **If you cancel your booking, less than 48 hours before the class we are unable to refund your payment.***

OUR FACILITATORS

Are a mix of passionate, skilled Volunteers and experienced Tutors offering friendly, well-prepared classes and workshops. We also love to hear from new tutors who want to spread their wings and share their skills. New people and ideas are always welcome.

NEED TO SEE A COUNSELLOR? Our Counselling services are offered at a reduced fee by accredited and experienced counsellors. For more information please check out our website or refer to the Counselling brochure.

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A PROGRAM? Let us know!

The house welcomes feedback about our activities, services and supports. Please feel free to talk to our Manager Karen Vanderkaay if you have any suggestions or feedback.

MONDAY

FREE BREAD ON MONDAYS FROM 9AM DURING SCHOOL TERMS
SUPPORTED BY THE BREAKKIE CLUB

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAG

WALK AND TALK Easy and gentle FREE Walking Group. **Starting back on the 2nd of Feb. Cost: Free 9.30am - 10.30am. Bookings Essential. Facilitator: TBC**

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SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP A safe and friendly place for you and your child to have fun while receiving parenting tips and support. Sessions are run by qualified early years professionals and are free to attend. **10am -12pm Eligibility criteria applies. Please contact Elaine at FCC on 9293 7156**

COOKING ON A BUDGET Learn how to cook delicious, meals on a budget and take a meal home with you. **Starting 2nd of Feb. Cost: \$10 per week for 8 weeks (\$80 for the term to be paid in advance). 10am - 12pm Bookings Essential. Facilitator: Karen. MANY THANKS TO CEYLON GIRLS CAFÉ FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THIS PROGRAM.**



SEATED EXERCISE on a Monday Afternoon. Suitable for people with mobility issues wanting to improve strength, balance, coordination and overall flexibility. **Starting 2nd of Feb. 1 - 2pm. Cost: \$7.00 per session. Bookings Essential. Facilitator: Monica.**

TUESDAY

REIKI *Is a Japanese word meaning Universal Life Energy.* A state of deep relaxation combined with a general feeling of well-being is usually the most noticeable effect of the treatment. **Starting back fortnightly from the 10th of Feb. Sessions are for 20 minutes each between 10.45am - 12.45pm. Numbers will be provided on a first come, first served basis from 10.30am. Registration is preferred, but times and places cannot be pre booked. We will prioritise people from time to time. Thank you for understanding. Cost: \$5.00. Bookings Essential. Facilitated by experienced Volunteers**

WELLNESS CREATIVE JOURNEY WORKSHOPS with Denise

Join Denise for a Wellness Creative Journey Workshop — a fun, playful, and non-judgemental space to explore your inner world through guided creative activities. Using artistic expression as a pathway, these sessions invite insight, understanding, self-compassion, and personal healing. The workshops utilize a range of art and craft materials and may include guided meditation. Please check the booking information for details about each topic.

- **Tuesday 17th Feb. WHAT'S IN A NAME?**
 - **Tuesday 17th March. MEETING YOUR ANIMAL GUIDES.**
- 1pm - 3.30pm. Cost: \$25 per class. Materials Included. Bookings Essential. Facilitator: Denise White-Explore your Heart with Art.**

ALANON FAMILY MEETINGS Hope and Help for families and friends of Alcoholics. **Meets every Tuesday throughout the year**
1pm - 3pm. For more information call 1300 252 666.

DERDIEDAS SCHULPRO (SCHOOL PROGRAM) Designed for primary school aged children who understand German or speak it already. Children are taught in small groups of similar German language level. **Tuesday 4:30pm - 6pm during school terms.**
Cost: \$35 per child per session plus costs for books. Please email for more information schulpro.derdiedas@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY

Get Support with BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS make an appointment with Ann to help you improve your skills using your devices. **Starting in 2026 - call the office to make an appointment. Cost \$5 per session. Bookings Essential. Facilitator: Ann**

NEW - DECLUTTER WORKSHOP JOIN DECLUTTER QUEEN HAYLEY GRAVENER for this empowering workshop over two Wednesdays Across both sessions, you'll learn how to let go of unwanted items without guilt, create simple organising systems that actually work, and understand the emotional side of clutter so you can make lasting progress. **10am-12pm 4th & 11th Feb. Cost: \$10. Bookings Essential. Facilitator: Hayley.**

CARD MAKING Learn how to make cards for special occasions and in the process meet some new people in a friendly and fun environment. Take home some wonderful cards that you have made. **Monthly on the second Wednesday of each month. Starting back on the 11th of Feb. 1.00pm - 3.00pm Cost: \$23.00. All materials are supplied. Bookings Essential. Facilitator: Val**

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SOUTH AMERICAN SENIORS GROUP

Meets monthly on the 1st and the 3rd Wednesday of the month 10am - 1pm. For more information contact the house.

TAI CHI ON A WEEKDAY

Join Jinli and Ming for a weekday Beginners class on a Wednesdays from the 4th of Feb. during school terms. Jinli is an award winning Tai Chi instructor and member of the Chinese Seniors Group. **Starting back on the 4th of Feb. 3pm - 4pm. Cost: \$7 per session. Bookings Essential. Facilitator Jinli**

THURSDAY

PATHWAYS FOR CARERS FRANKSTON Offering carers of people with disability, mental illness or elderly people a chance to connect with other carers. **Free morning tea and guest speaker following each monthly walk! First Thursday of each month from the 5th of Feb. Meet on the boardwalk behind Frankston Life saving club at 9.30am for a stroll along the foreshore. Call or email the house for more info and to book in.**

NEW SAFE CIRCLE MOTHER'S GROUP Proudly Supported by Australia Post's People of Post Grants

Led by Rachel, an experienced group facilitator and mum herself, the group will explore topics such as: Self-care and emotional well-being; Building support networks and friendships; What local services and programs are available for you and your family; Sharing the highs and challenges of motherhood. Whether it's your first baby or your fourth, this group is a space to take a breath, connect with others, and feel supported in your parenting journey. **Thursday mornings from 10am starting on the 12th of Feb. Babies and children up to 4 yrs old are welcome. Free to join – bookings essential. There is an intake process for this group so to register your interest, please call our office on (03) 9783 5073.**

IT'S BACK ON A THURSDAY!!! DANCE CLASS FOR WOMEN 50 +

An enjoyable dance class tailored to mature women. Get moving with a range of steps to different dance styles and music. Learn a short dance sequence and warm down with a combination of release/conditioning/yoga exercises. An inclusive class with modifications so you can work at your own ability level. Equipment is provided. **Starting back on the 5th of Feb. 6pm-7pm. Cost: \$10 per session. Facilitator: Annette has many years of expertise in the dance industry and in dance education.**

FRIDAY

PLEASE NOTE - GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY IS FRIDAY THE 3RD OF APRIL, NO PROGRAMS RUNNING ON THIS DAY, TERM 1 HAS ONLY 8 FRIDAYS.

MINDFULNESS Use mindfulness to regain life balance and stability. Explore what uplifts and motivates us and what stands in the way. There will be time for meditation, conversations, silence and sharing. **Starting back 6th of Feb. 10am - 11am. Cost: \$5.00 per class. Bookings Essential. Minimum number of bookings required. Facilitator: Shekhar has over 30 years exp.**

WOMEN'S SHED Workshops Get together with other women and learn to use tools in a fun and supportive environment. The following workshops will run in Term 1:
6th & 13th Feb - Build a small coffee table.
20th & 27th Feb - TBC
6th & 13th March - TBC
20th & 27th March - TBC
Cost: \$30 per person per workshop. 10 am—12 pm. All workshops are advertised online. Please call the office for more information. Bookings Essential. Facilitator: John.

SEATED EXERCISE This chair exercise program is suitable for people with mobility issues wanting to improve strength, balance, coordination and overall flexibility. **Back from the 6th of Feb. 12.15pm - 1pm. Cost: \$7.00 per session. Bookings Essential. Facilitator: Monica.**

SATURDAY

PROJECT FRESH START - Free community meal Saturdays

Join the Project Fresh Start Team for a Delicious Community Lunch the first and last Saturday of each month. **Returning in 2026 on the 1st of February.** Dine in or Takeaway Meals from 12 -1pm. Cost: FREE. Everyone is welcome!

TAI CHI WEEKLY

Two DIFFERENT Classes 7th of Feb - 28th of March (8 weeks). Join Jinli and Ming each Saturday at the house during school terms for one of two Tai Chi Classes starting 9.15am. Jinli is an award winning Tai Chi instructor and member of the Chinese Seniors Group.

Beginners Class 9.15am. Cost: \$7 per session.

Bookings Essential.

Experienced Class 10am. Cost: \$7 per session.

Bookings Essential.

SOUND HEALING

Every 3 weeks 4pm-5pm on a Saturday from the **7th of Feb in Term 1.** Please see website for all dates and to book online.

BYO Yoga Mat if you have one. Chairs will be provided.

Cost: \$15 or \$10 conc. Bookings Essential Facilitator: Mariette

SUNDAY

CHINESE SENIOR CITIZENS OF

FRANKSTON AND MORNINGTON PENINSULA Meeting every Sunday from 9.30am for social connection mahjong, tai chi and all sorts of other wonderful activities. Membership fee applies. **Call the office for more information.**

OTHER SERVICES

SHIATSU THERAPY WITH SUSAN MORSE

Shi-atsu means 'finger pressure' in Japanese. It involves gentle hand pressure and stretching. It can be gentle or vigorous, depending on your body's state of health and your needs. Shiatsu encourages the free flow of energy within the body and helps self-healing. Treatments take place on a futon (mat) on the floor and the client is fully clothed.

**Susan provides a low-cost clinic at Orwil St on Tuesdays 9am -1pm. 1 hour sessions are \$60 or \$40 Concession
Call: 0474 501 549 to book.**

BIODYNAMIC CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY WITH SUSAN MORSE

Susan has more than 20 years' experience in the complementary health sector and is pleased to be offering low-cost treatments at Orwil St Community House on Thursday mornings. Craniosacral Therapy is a gentle, relaxing process that uses light touch to facilitate the body's natural powers of self-healing. It can help address stress, anxiety, fatigue, trauma related issues, menopause, digestive issues and more. **Each session lasts 45 – 60 minutes. \$60 or \$40 Concession
Please call or text Susan on 0474 501 549 to book a session.**

CLINICAL HYPNOSIS ENERGY HEALING

Anxiety Control, Motivation, Stop Smoking, Weight Loss, Stress Relief, Past Life Regression and more. \$70 per session.

Appointments available. Karl Two Eagles, Hypnotherapist

TAROT READINGS WITH GENEVIEVE

Genevieve has been reading cards for 30 years. Tarot readings are a wonderful psychotherapeutic tool for navigating our lives with more clarity and conviction. The cards mirror our issues and answer our questions. We feel seen. Readings are 60-90 minutes, at Orwil House.

COST: \$30 or \$20 Concession. Call 0487927791

NEW HOMEOPATHIC CONSULTATIONS Genevieve Ahearne, Adv.Dip.Hom has been a registered homeopath for 20 years. In honour of two of her teachers, Grant and Louise Bentley, who established their method of using Homeopathic Facial Analysis at Orwil House 25 years ago, she is offering free consultations for the next 3 months. Consultations last 60-90 minutes, at the House. **There will be a \$25 charge for the prescribed homeopathic medicine. Call 0487927791 to book.**

CO-LOCATION @ ORWIL STREET

Does your service or program need a space to live, operate or outreach from?

Orwil Street Community House is committed to providing access to a range of services that meet the needs of the local community.

We'd love to chat with you about how we could work together to support you and assist the community even more!

ROOM HIRE

Please give us a call to discuss the possibilities.

Are you looking for a welcoming space to run a group or hold a meeting? Our recently renovated rooms would be perfect! Orwil Street Community House has a variety of rooms for hire, at affordable rates to suit different needs. We have a fully equipped computer training room that can accommodate up to 8 students. We also have a smart TV in meeting room 1 and a Projector for use at an extra cost.

Please give us a call to see how we might be able to help you. Pop in and have a look around!

Call Karen Vanderkaay, House Manager on 9783 5073

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ALANON Family Groups

A self-help fellowship that offers a program of recovery to the relatives and friends of problem drinkers. This group meets weekly at the house on a Tuesday afternoon 1pm - 3pm. Everyone Welcome!

BRAIN INJURY FRIENDS Brain Injury Friends (BIF) is a peer support group for adults with brain injuries. We meet on alternate Tuesdays at Orwil Street Community House and in the community on the other Tuesdays. Returning on the 20th of January 2026. For more information contact office@braininjurymatters.org or 03 9639 7222.

DADS IN FAMILIES FOUNDATION

To assist, encourage and equip men to understand and deal with the consequential impact of past actions, past training, past experiences, past circumstances and to take responsibility for present and future choices, behaviours and relationships. To affirm men and assist in widespread recognition of the importance of their role and contribution to personal, family and community welfare. **For more information please call Thomas Davenport 0428 311 311**

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

DIDS (DADS IN DISTRESS)

A safe non judgmental peer to peer support forum for dads experiencing trauma through family breakdown and separation particularly those experiencing child custody or contact issues.

Meets every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. For more information and support. Call the helpline on 1300 853 437 or check out the website:

<https://www.parentsbeyondbreakup.com>

WHAT TO DO AFTER A DRINK/DRUG DRIVING OFFENCE?

For more info or to book for a Drink/Drug Behaviour Change Program **Contact: Paul on 0401 684 875. Participants can book online at www.accreditedprograms.com.au**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE TO SUICIDE

This is a support group providing a space to connect with others bereaved by suicide who understand and care. **Meets online first Thursday of each month. 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Cost: Gold coin donation. For more information and to confirm attendance, contact: Support after Suicide on 9421 7640 “All Welcome”** Supported by Jesuit Social Services. This group is in memory of Peter Chaucer and Steven Madden

FRANKSTON BIPOLAR SUPPORT GROUP

The support group provides an opportunity for people living with bipolar to connect with others to share experiences, information and ideas in a safe and confidential setting. **Meets 4th Monday evening of the month at Orwil Street CH from 7- 8.30pm. There is no requirement to register, just come along to any meeting.**

No Cost. Enquiries: Bipolar Life Victoria

Contact the President Amanda Cops Ph: 0403 535 332 or

Email: amanda.cops@mhfa.org.au, or 1300 643 287

COMMUNITY GROUPS

FRANKSTON FAMILY CARER SUPPORT GROUP

This group is for any family member providing unpaid care to a family member with an aged related illness or someone with a disability. Gain support, friendship and information. **This group meet on the first Wednesday of the month 10.00am - 12.00pm. For further enquiries contact Lani Peach 5970 2000**

KINSHIP CARER SUPPORT GROUP Are you a Kinship carer who is caring for a child that is not your own on a fulltime basis? Attend our social support group to gain information, share ideas and have fun in an informal setting. **This group meets monthly during school term, on a Thursday morning 10am - 12.00pm. Back from the 19th of February 2026 For further enquiries contact Sue Gale 9212 5600**

PROJECT FRESH START Project Fresh Start is a not-for-profit organisation that provides free plant-based food to the community. Their focus is on providing free, healthy fresh plant-based food and education around healthy eating and living in a way that sustains the individual, the community, the animals, and the planet. Free meal Saturdays. Join the Project Fresh Start Team for a Delicious Community Lunch. **First and last Saturday of each month. Back from the 31st of Jan. Dine in or Takeaway Meals from 12 -1pm. Cost: FREE. Everyone welcome!**

COMMUNITY GROUPS

SOLUTIONS TOGETHER Provide Individual and Group supervision to Support Coordinators, Care Managers and sole traders working in the NDIS space. **If you are interested in being involved or would like more information please send us a message either via Facebook or email us at info@solutionstogether.com.au**

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Fund raising group for athletes with disabilities.

For further enquiries contact Tina Naughton 9789 8682

TI TREE RENTAL HOUSING CO OP

Common Equity Housing Ltd (CEHL) is a Victorian based not-for-profit company. Our business mission is to provide affordable accommodation to those members of the community who cannot do so on their own. We provide support and oversight of 100+ Common Equity Rental Housing Cooperatives (CERC) spread throughout Victoria. **For further enquiries ring 9208 0800 or free call 1800 353 669**

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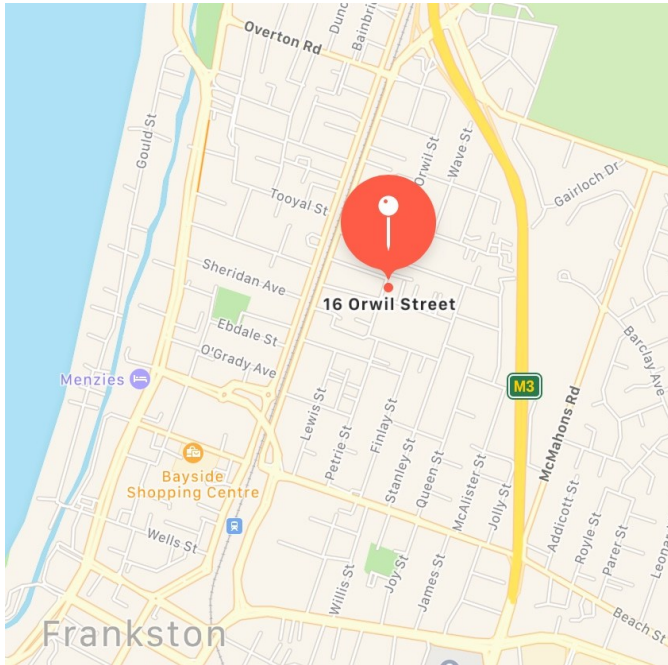
ARE YOU 25 YEARS OR OVER?

**INTERESTED IN MEETING UP WITH
LIKE MINDED PEOPLE WHO IDENTIFY
AS LGBTQIA+ FOR A SOCIAL GET
TOGETHER ONCE A MONTH ON A
FRIDAY NIGHT IN FRANKSTON?**

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**WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST 9783 5073
OR EMAIL [INFO@ORWILST.ORG.AU](mailto:info@orwilst.org.au)**

WHERE TO FIND US



Everyone is welcome.

Please drop in soon!

More information is available via our...

Facebook and Instagram

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Neighbourhood Houses

The Heart of Our Community