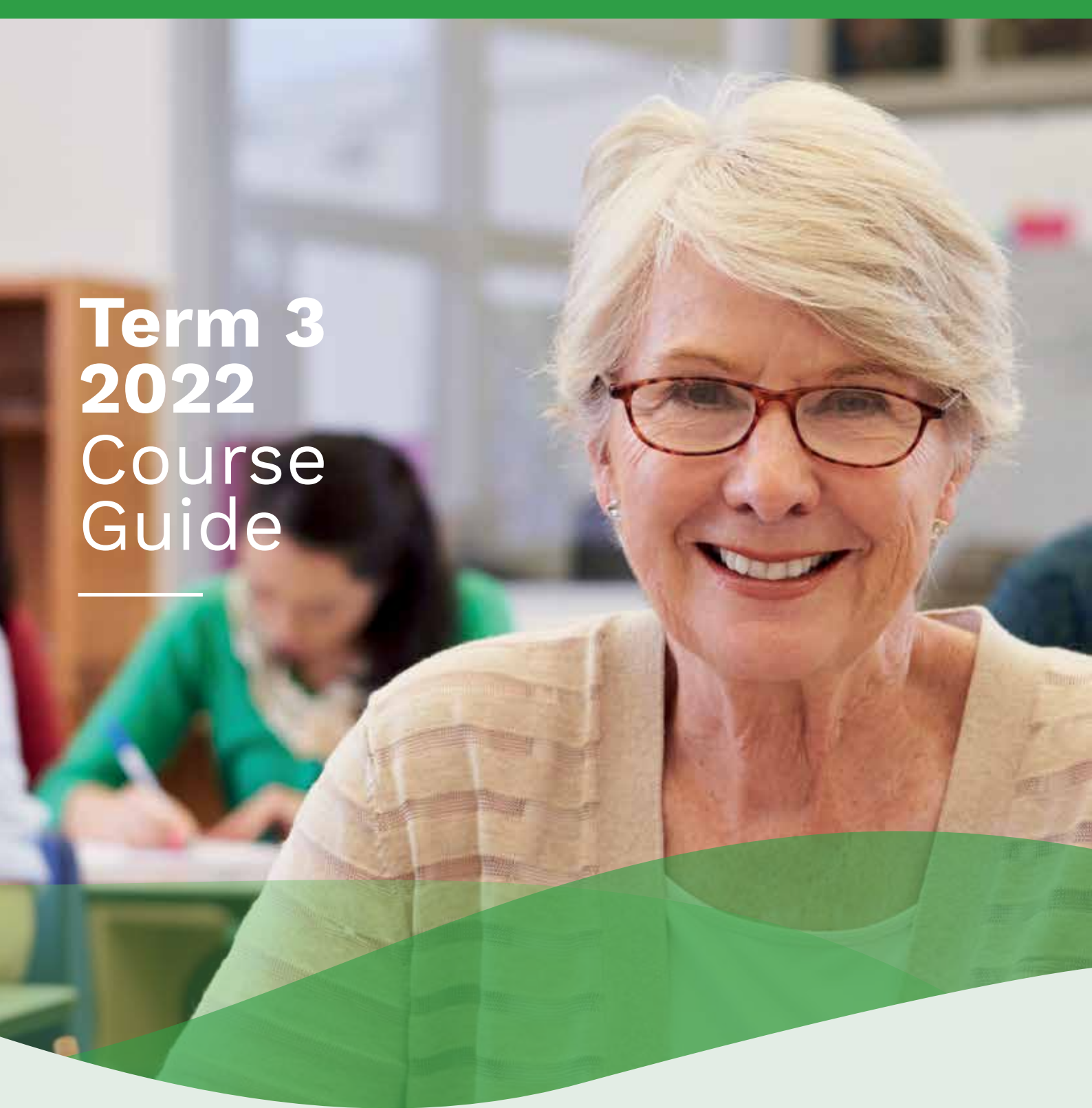


Term 3 2022 Course Guide



**It's never too late
to learn at MDLC**



Mountain District
LEARNING CENTRE

Mountain District Learning Centre | RTO no. 3969
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Industry Training

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL (RSA)

SITHFAB002 Provide responsible service of alcohol is a nationally recognised hospitality unit.



Become qualified to serve alcohol at any licensed venue in Australia.

Do you want to work in the hospitality industry? To work in any bar, club, cafe, restaurant or venue that sells alcohol in Victoria, you will need a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certificate accredited by the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC).

Mountain District Learning Centre (MDLC) is a VGCCC approved provider for their Responsible Service of Alcohol Course offering high quality face to face learning led by a quality industry expert.

Dates for July to be confirmed

Time: 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Fee: \$60

Our MDLC RSA course has a pre-reading and workbook component we require you to complete prior to attending the course.

MDLC also delivers training to large and small groups, schools, businesses and sporting clubs—onsite, offsite or at your venue.

Contact us to book a training session!

Contact us for further details - 9758 7859 or office@mdlc.org.au

Looking to Reconnect to Work or Education?

Register your interest in the Reconnect program, next intake December 2022.

Reconnect at MDLC is here to support you to get back on track with your education and employment goals. MDLC is a provider of the Victorian State Government – Education and Training - Reconnect Program.

Reconnect offers support and education funding for people age 17- 64yrs who have found themselves outside of education and employment.

Reconnect can provide:

- ✓ Course funding
- ✓ One to one mentoring
- ✓ Support to find education and training to suit your employment goals
- ✓ Individual work and learning plan to suit your needs
- ✓ Wellbeing support and an opportunity to try things out
- ✓ Wrap around supports

Participant Eligibility Applies

For more information please visit our website; www.mdlc.com.au/education-skills/reconnect

Contact Kerri – Reconnect Coordinator MDLC
kerrig@mdlc.org.au or call 0481 993 182



Youth Education

THE COTTAGE PROGRAM

The Cottage Program is designed for young people who suffer from acute social anxiety or due to a range of physical, social or emotional reasons experience barriers to attending education within a mainstream School environment. The Cottage program provides a quiet and supportive learning environment developed to support and encourage young people to complete their studies or to re-engage back into education.

Whilst the program is focused on building literacy, numeracy and digital literacy skills students are encouraged and supported in building social connections. Learning extends beyond the classroom and encourages the student to better understand and manage their ongoing physical health and wellbeing. Offering;

22472VIC Certificate I in General Education for Adults

22473VIC Certificate II in General Education for Adults

22474VIC Certificate III in General Education for Adults

Students must be over the age of 15 years by the 1st of January in each given year to enrol. Minimum literacy and numeracy skills apply.

Call MDLC for further information on 9758 7859

This training is delivered using Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding. Eligibility criteria applies.

VCAL – MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

VCAL 2022

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning – Foundation, Intermediate and Senior will be run at MDLC through Mountain District Community College.

Enquiries can be made via MDLC on 9758 7859
Visit www.mdcc.org.au for further information.



Adult Literacy

READ WRITE NOW I (22LLN159004)

Do you or a friend need to get better at reading, writing, spelling or numbers?

Wednesdays 5:30pm – 7:30pm

13 July to 14 December

Boronia Library

Fee: \$160



Please contact the Centre for enrolment

READ WRITE NOW II (22LLN159004)

Do you or a friend want to take the next step to increase your writing, comprehension and spelling skills?

Wednesdays 7:30pm – 9:30pm

13 July to 14 December

Boronia Library

Fee: \$160



Please contact the Centre for enrolment

ENGLISH FOR LIVING AND WORKING IN AUSTRALIA (BASIC LEVEL I) (22LLN159004)

Do you need help with English communication skills, pronunciation, listening, vocabulary, grammar, reading and writing? Join our class to practice your conversation skills for use in day to day life in Australia.

Wednesdays 9:00am – 12:00pm

13 July to 14 December

Boronia Library

Fee: \$180



ENGLISH FOR LIVING AND WORKING IN AUSTRALIA (INTERMEDIATE LEVEL II) (22LLN159004)

Do you want to take the next step to increase your English communication and language skills? Join our class to help use your English language skills more effectively.

Wednesdays 12:30pm – 3:30pm

13 July to 14 December

Boronia Library

Fee: \$180



Computer Courses

BASIC COMPUTERS AND CYBER SECURITY (22DLE2159016)

This course is for learners who have basic computer skills and are ready to learn more, with step-by-step instructions.

Mondays 11:45am – 1:45pm

11 July to 19 December

Boronia Library

Fee: \$160



No classes on public holidays.

BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP (22DLE1159015)

Have you just purchased a laptop and want to learn how to get the most out of it? This class is for you! Come join us for a fun-filled class and go home confident that you can use your device in ways that engage and interest you!

Mondays 2:00pm – 4:00pm

11 July to 19 December

Boronia Library

Fee: \$160



THE VERY BASIC COMPUTER CLASS (22DLE1159015)

This course is for learners with very limited computer skills wanting to learn more, with step-by-step instructions & plenty of practice time.

Thursdays 9:00am – 11:00am

14 July to 15 December

Boronia Library

Fee: \$160



MICROSOFT EXCEL – LEVEL 1 (22VOC159011)

Create, edit and format spreadsheets. Learn to use basic formulas and functions. Create charts, sort and filter data. Spreadsheets can be used to model and manipulate data sets, create graphs, inform future planning, charting and lists.

Thursdays 7:00pm – 9:00pm

14 July to 1 September

Fee: \$125

(includes comprehensive manual)

Basic computer knowledge required.



BASIC BOOKKEEPING (22VOC159006)

Join Anne as she introduces you to the fundamentals of bookkeeping for your business. Work through practical examples using the accounting equation, financial reports, double entry accounting (debits and credits), stock control, cash and accrual accounting methods, ABN, GST, Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet. This course is essential if you want to study an accounting software package such as MYOB or Xero.

Wednesdays 9:30am – 12:00pm

20 July to 7 September

Fee: \$125

(includes comprehensive manual)



Computer Course

BIT BY BIT COMPUTERS

Join Lillian and little bit by little bit become more familiar with computers. Enjoy learning in a relaxed environment and with like-minded others. Class numbers are deliberately kept small. BYO Laptop. Whether you have no experience or just a little – all welcome! Afternoon tea provided, BYO mug for a cuppa.

Thursdays 3:15pm – 5:15pm

Fee: \$5 Pay as you go

On-Line Fun Only

These classes will be held live via the Zoom online platform. It is not a pre-recording and will be like our other classes: engaging, interactive and FUN. It is very easy to join.

SHORT FILM CONVERSATION CAFÉ (22LLN159004)

Fancy a chat? Join Henk on a Wednesday night from the comfort of your own home. Meet new people and enjoy time together remotely via zoom.

Wednesdays 6:00pm – 7:30pm

13 July to 14 December

Fee: FREE



MOVIE CHAT CLUB (22LLN159004)

Watched a good movie recently? Join Henk for Movie Chat Club; every Wednesday night, talk about movies you've enjoyed and would like to recommend to others. Meet new people and talk about movies.

Wednesdays 7:30pm – 9:00pm

13 July to 14 December

Fee: FREE



Wellbeing Courses

BRAINWORKS (22LLN159008)

Are you up for a challenge? Join our program to train your memory, stimulate your concentration, work your reactivity, challenge your logic and increase your confidence.

Wednesdays 12:00pm – 2:00pm

13 July to 14 December 2022

Knox Express Library

Fridays 9:30am – 11:00am

15 July to 16 December 2022

Boronia Library

Fee: FREE



WELLBEING (22LLN159004)

Explore creative activities, gentle fitness exercises, gratefulness and mindfulness to discover how improvements to mental health and well-being can help us meet the challenges of everyday living.

Fridays 11:00am – 1:00pm

15 July to 16 December 2022

Boronia Library

Fee: FREE



LEARNING IN 2022

All our Learn Local classes will be face-to-face (F2F) and via the Zoom Live platform. The Zoom Live Virtual Classroom experience will be simultaneous with the classroom.

Saturday Workshops

SMART PHONES (22ACL159001)

How Smart are they? What can your Smart phone do for you? Sign up for this workshop and find out (F2F only).

Saturday 30 July, 10:00am – 12:00pm **Saturday 20 August, 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Saturday 10 September, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$25



CREATIVE WRITING (22ACL159002)

Want to write but don't know where to start? Or perhaps you've lost your groove and need some fresh inspiration. Join us in this two-hour workshop looking at the creative process, build your writing skills, and pen some prose or just write for the joy of it! This workshop will get the words flowing (F2F only).

Saturday 23 July, 10:00am – 12:00pm **Saturday 13 August, 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Saturday 3 September, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$25



Languages

GERMAN - BEGINNER

Learning German is easy at MDLC. Keep your mind sharp and join our German Native speaker Eva in this course for beginners. The English and German languages stem from the same family & you'll be surprised at the things you pick up without even trying. But best of all, you'll learn what the Oktoberfest is really all about!!!

Mondays 6:30pm – 8:30pm
25 July to 12 September
Fee: \$140

NEW!

Health & Exercise

TAI CHI

Enrol Now and Get the First Lesson Free!

Fluid, gentle movements are relaxed and slow in tempo. Breathing is deepened and slowed, aiding visual and mental concentration.

Tuesdays 1:00pm – 2:00pm
(During school terms only)
Fee: \$10 per session

FITNESS & FUN GENTLE EXERCISE FOR WOMEN 55+

Susan will help you to improve your balance & increase your flexibility & overall fitness from a range of simple exercises.

Tuesdays 9:30am – 10:30am
Thursdays 9:15am – 10:15am
Fee: \$5 per session

BYO: Floor/exercise mat

Leisure Activities

CROCHET 101

Crochet is for the young and old alike, and by the end of this beginners short course, you'll be crafting in no time! Monique will teach you how to comfortably hold your crochet hook, how to tie a slip knot to 'chain' – the basis of all crochet projects, as well as single, double & treble crochet stitches. From there you'll learn simple single stitch squares, before finally moving onto granny squares. This popular course is suitable for the absolute beginners or anyone returning to crocheting wanting a refresher on the basics.

Thursdays 7:00pm – 8:30pm
28 July to 25 August
Fee: \$70

BYO: 6mm Crochet Hook and 8 ply yarn – plain colour of your choice (for beginners we recommend avoiding multicoloured yarns).

NEXT LEVEL CROCHET

Take your crochet to the next level! Whether you're looking to make a blanket using popcorn or bubble stitch, a cute amigurumi toy, or a trendy beanie using a magic circle, Monique will get you going in no time!

Wednesdays 7:00pm – 8:30pm
27 July to 24 August
Fee: \$70

SHADOW BOX

Ideal for protecting precious mementos and memories, come along and learn how to create your very own keep sake shadow box.

This mini course runs over 2 Mondays.

Monday 10:00am – 12:00pm
1 August & 8 August
Fee: \$15 (includes all materials)

NEW!

Workshops

GERMAN FOR BEGINNERS – TASTER SESSION

Have you been thinking about signing up for our Beginners course, but not really sure if it's for you? Come along to this taster session and meet our tutor Eva who is happy to answer all your burning questions without the commitment.

Monday 18 July
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Fee: \$15

NEW!

MACRAME TASTER

Thinking of doing our Macrame Workshop but aren't sure about the Knots? Try our "taster" class to learn the different knots prior to the workshop.

Tuesday 16 August
1:00pm – 2:00pm
Fee: \$10

NEW!

COOKING DEMO

Join Deb our Chef extraordinaire, who will teach you how to make the very best sausage rolls. But best of all, you get to trial them fresh out of the oven! Take home the recipe to make more at home. BYO mug for a cuppa.

Wednesday 28 July
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Fee: \$7.50

MACRAME FLOWER

Join Luise and learn the basics of how to create a beautiful Macrame Flower

Tuesday 2 August
9:30am – 11:30am
Fee: \$7.50 (includes all materials)

NEW!

DECOUPAGE 101 – UNIQUE BOTTLES WITH SHARON

Come and learn the art of decoupage! In this workshop you will learn about the world of decoupage whilst decorating a unique altered vintage bottle!

Monday 15 August
10:00am – 12:00pm
Fee: \$7.50 (includes all materials)

NEW!

FATHERS DAY BRIEFCASE GIFT BOX

Perfect to store your Dad's gift this Fathers Day!

Monday 22 August
10:00am – 12:00pm
Fee: \$7.50 (includes all materials)

NEW!

TREE OF LIFE MACRAME WALL HANGING

Come and make a beautiful Tree of Life Macrame Wall Hanging with the very talented Lynn Foster. Macrame is the process of using knots to create something stunning. By the end of the workshop you will walk away with your own piece of art.

Tuesday 23 August
1:30pm – 4:30pm
Fee: \$45 (includes all materials)

NEW!

FATHERS DAY GIFT CARD

The perfect partner to our Fathers Day Briefcase Gift box! Learn how to make this unique keepsake Fathers Day gift card.

Monday 29 August
10:00am – 12:00pm
Fee: \$7.50 (includes all materials)

NEW!

HYPERTUFA GARDEN POTS

Hyper what?! Hypertufa is a popular, lightweight way to make plant pots. Luise is an expert at making these gorgeous little pots of delight, so come along to this interesting and different workshop to learn how you can make one on a budget.

Tuesday 6 September
9:30am – 11:30am
Fee: \$7.50 (includes all materials)

NEW!

Social Support Activity Groups



HACC/PYP and CHSP programs are for seniors and younger eligible people who are looking for social opportunities. Come along and enjoy some social and recreational time and new experiences in relaxed friendly company. Classes run during school terms. NDIS clients welcome!

MONDAY MORNING ADVANCED CRAFT

Are you an experienced crafter ready to move to the next level?! Lynn will teach you the more advanced techniques to complete various weekly activities. Morning Tea provided. BYO mug for a cuppa.

Mondays 10:00am – 12:00pm
Fee: \$7.50

NATURE CRAFT

Join Sharon for an afternoon of crafting using natural materials. Sessions focus on using recycled & affordable materials. Afternoon tea provided, BYO mug for a cuppa.

Mondays 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Fee: \$7.50

CRAFT & GROW WITH LUISE

Join Luise in this friendly group and learn how to create easy gardening and crafty activities. Morning tea provided, BYO mug for a cuppa.

Tuesdays 9:30am – 12:30pm
Fee: \$7.50

PAPERCRAFT

Join Lynn & Sandy who will encourage you to express your creativity through different simple craft activities in this friendly group. Morning Tea provided, BYO mug for a cuppa.

Wednesdays 9:30am – 11:30am
Fee: \$7.50

MIXED MEDIA ART GROUP

Be inspired! From novices to the more experienced - express your creativity through mixed media art in this friendly group. Afternoon Tea Provided, BYO mug for a cuppa.

Wednesdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Fee: \$7.50

COFFEE & CHAT

**Currently taking
Expressions of Interest!**

Do you enjoy making new friends and enjoying a cuppa and chat in a quiet setting? Come along to this **NEW** inclusive group and enjoy simple activities. Please call our friendly office staff to express interest.

Wednesdays 10:00am – 12:00pm
Fee: Gold coin donation

HILLS MENS SOCIAL GROUP

Join Henk for an informal cuppa & chat at the Hills OpShop in Ferntree Gully Village.

Thursdays 10:00am – 12:00pm

MDLC SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Do you enjoy making new friends & having some fun? Or maybe just an informal cuppa & chat? If this sounds like something you or someone you know might enjoy, a calendar of activities is available upon enrolment. Afternoon tea provided. BYO mug for a cuppa.

Wednesdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Fee: \$7.50

CRAFTERIA

Lynn & Sharon provide the opportunity for creative expression through a variety of recreational craft activities in a warm, supportive and fun environment. No prior craft experience necessary. Afternoon Tea Provided. BYO mug for a cuppa.

Thursdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Fee: \$7.50

WOMEN ON THE MOVE EXERCISE GROUP 65+

Come along for an hour of gentle exercises and stay for a cuppa and a chat in the friendly company of other women! Morning Tea provided. BYO mug for a cuppa.

**Mondays 10:00am – 11:00am (or till
12:00pm for a cuppa)**

Fee: \$3 per week plus \$15 term fee

Keep an eye on our website,
Instagram and Facebook pages for
more fun and engaging events!

 www.mdlc.com.au

 @mountaindistrictlearningcentre

 @MDLC3156

Interest Groups

COMMUNITY GARDEN – VOLUNTEERS & GENERAL INTEREST

Grow some veggies, help care for the chooks, harvest produce, propagate plants & seedlings and assist with our Garden Gate Market. The MDLC Hi-Rise Community Garden welcomes all volunteers & those who need to complete 15hrs for Centrelink obligations. Program runs on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays. New members welcome! For further enquiries call our friendly office staff on 9758 7859.

MDLC BOOK CLUB

Are you a book lover? Do you love to dissect the story and share your conclusions? Then this small, friendly group of like-minded bookworms is just right for you! B.Y.O Mug for a cuppa. Call the office to join.

**3rd Tuesday of the month
1:00pm – 2:00pm**
Fee: Free

PHILOSOPHY FOR THINKERS

The way we think about the world affects the world we live in. Join your facilitator Dean, and this friendly & inclusive group for challenging and stimulating discussions on prominent contemporary philosophers whilst using both modern & traditional ideas. New members welcome. B.Y.O. Mug for a cuppa.

**Every 2nd Friday, 9:30am – 11:30am
(During school terms)**
Fee: \$5 per session

CRAFTY LADIES

Do you enjoy crafting? Or even better, crafting for a cause? Why not join this friendly little group! Currently crafting all kinds of different things like booties, blankets & quilts to into "Backpacks 4 Vic Kids". A charitable organization providing essential material aid for children taken into care & displaced children (0-18yrs). B.Y.O project of choice and materials. Fabrics and other materials are available if you need them. B.Y.O. mug for a cuppa. **New Members Welcome!**

Tuesdays 9:30am – 11:30ish
Fee: \$2.50

MOUNTAIN TREASURES CRAFT GROUP

Come along to the Mountain Treasures craft group on Wednesday mornings and finish all those unfinished projects! This lovely & inclusive group also enjoy selling their beautiful handmade wares at various shopping malls & festivals around Knox. B.Y.O project to work on. B.Y.O mug for a cuppa. **New members welcome!**

Wednesdays 10:00am – 12:00pm
Fee: Gold Coin donation

Events

THE COMEDIANS – ALL ABOUT JONATHAN WINTERS

Join us for a hilarious afternoon watching the famous Jonathan Winters on screen. Discussion and afternoon tea provided afterwards. BYO mug for a cuppa.

Wednesday 10 August

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Fee: Gold coin donation

LIVING IN THE NOW

Join our special guest speaker, Garry Cantwell, on living your best life in the NOW!! All welcome! BYO Mug for a cuppa – afternoon tea provided.

Wednesday 14 September

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Fee: Gold coin donation

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! PLANT SWAP AND DISCUSSION

Bring in plants and bulbs to swap. There will also be a variety of plants for sale (for a minimal fee) from our Hi-Rise Community Garden. All Welcome! BYO mug for a cuppa – afternoon tea provided.

Wednesday 7 September

1:00pm – 3:00pm

MDLC GARDEN GATE ARTISAN MARKET

Market Stall holders encouraged to apply! Our Artisan market is scheduled for the last Saturday in November 2022.

Call 9758 7859 or email rachel@mdlc.org.au for stall holder enquiries and bookings.



About us

Mountain District Learning Centre was established in 1974 as Mountain District Women's Co-op.

The Co-op focused on the interests of local women supporting the sale of hand-made craft items, providing an independent income for the women. The Co-op offered access to local community education making academic achievement a reality for many women.

Today, the Centre provides opportunities for men and women, young and old to access programs for education, skill development, friendship and enjoyment.

MDLC has a strong community development focus and participates in activities that help to strengthen the community including acting as publishers of the Ferntree Gully News, participating in collaborative networks and consultative committees that advance community interests.

Learn Local Endorsed Courses

Classes with this symbol are funded by Learn Local. We require proof of Australian citizenship and residential address.

Concession card holders and pensioners pay only \$50 tuition per year regardless of the number of courses. Amenities and materials fees are not subject to concessions.



Information

MDLC Office hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Finding MDLC

MDLC is only a 5 minute walk from Ferntree Gully railway station. Other options include bus route 755 from Knox City Shopping Centre or bus route 691 (Boronia to Waverley Gardens including Rowville) and 693 (Belgrave to Oakleigh)

Volunteer Program

MDLC welcomes volunteers to help with reception or to help out in our community garden, social support groups and art & craft groups. Some skills or knowledge in these areas preferred. Please contact the Centre on 9758 7859 and chat with our friendly staff for further information. MDLC also welcomes Volunteers who have mutual obligations with Centrelink.

New Courses & Trainers

MDLC is always looking to offer new courses for the local community. If you have a speciality, hobby or interest you'd like to teach, or an idea for a new and exciting program, please contact our friendly staff on 9758 7859 or email office@mdlc.org.au.