

Capture the Moment – Photography Classes at Prahran Place

Whether you're just starting out with your camera or looking for a creative way to express yourself, Prahran Place is offering two exciting photography courses this Term 4—both led by our talented tutor **Deborah Dorman**.

Camera Essentials

Wednesdays, 6pm–8pm (8–29 October, 4 weeks)

This hands-on course is perfect for beginners or anyone ready to move beyond "auto mode." Over four weeks, you'll build confidence by mastering the exposure triangle—aperture, shutter speed, and ISO—and learn how to control light, focus, and motion. You'll experiment with depth of field, freeze fast-moving action, and discover how to turn your creative ideas into striking images.

Course fee: $180 for 4 x 2-hour sessions

Photography for Women

Saturdays, 10am–12pm (11 October–22 November, 6 weeks – no class Nov 1)

Designed for women (and those who identify as women), this supportive course is about much more than technical skills. Across six weeks, you'll explore identity, creativity, and visual storytelling through guided projects. From self-portraits and everyday moments to nature studies and creative diptychs, each session builds towards a final presentation of your work. It's a chance to reflect, connect, and create meaningful images in a safe and inspiring space.

Course fee: $180 for 6 x 2-hour sessions

Meet Your Tutor

Deborah Dorman is an experienced photographer and educator with over 10 years of teaching at RMIT, plus a professional background running her own studio. She brings warmth, technical know-how, and a deep appreciation for visual storytelling, helping learners build both confidence and creative vision.

Both courses are held at **Prahran Place, 40 Grattan Street, Prahran**. Places are limited, so early registration is recommended.

To book your spot, click on the links above to enrol online, or call **(03) 9510 7052.** Come along, expand your skills, and see the world through a new lens!



Seniors' Week Trivia Afternoon at Prahran Place!

Looking for a fun way to spend the afternoon with good company and a few brain-teasers? Then grab a friend (or come solo and make some new ones) for an afternoon of trivia, fun, and community connection at Prahran Place.

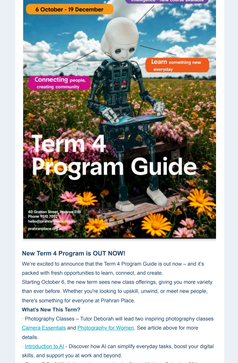
Date & Time - Wednesday, 1st October, 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Join us for a warm, friendly afternoon of trivia where you can:

- Put your knowledge to the test across a range of fun topics
- Share plenty of laughs with others in the community
- Compete for prizes for the winning team!

This event is part of Seniors' Week celebrations, but everyone is welcome—whether you're a trivia buff, a casual guesser, or just in it for the company and the cuppa. Best of all, entry is FREE!

To book your spot, call **(03) 9510 7052** or register here.



New Term 4 Program is OUT NOW!

We're excited to announce that the Term 4 Program Guide is out now – and it's packed with fresh opportunities to learn, connect, and create.

Starting October 6, the new term sees new class offerings, giving you more variety than ever before. Whether you're looking to upskill, unwind, or meet new people, there's something for everyone at Prahran Place.

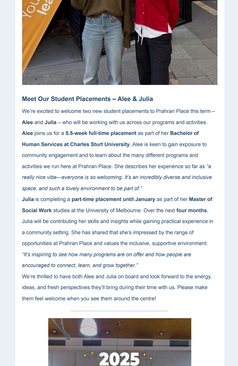
What's New This Term?

- Photography Classes – Tutor Deborah will lead two inspiring photography classes Camera Essentials and Photography for Women. See article above for more details.
- Introduction to AI - Discover how AI can simplify everyday tasks, boost your digital skills, and support you at work and beyond.
- Once off Craft Workshop – Japanese Hanko Stamp Making. Saturday, 26th October. 1pm-3.30pm

Our much-loved Women's Circle and Men's Social Group are also active, creating space for friendship and community connection.

Many of our courses are government subsidised, making upskilling more affordable than ever. Don't miss this chance to build your confidence and capabilities in a supportive environment.

Term starts October 6 – bookings are open now! Download the full guide here.



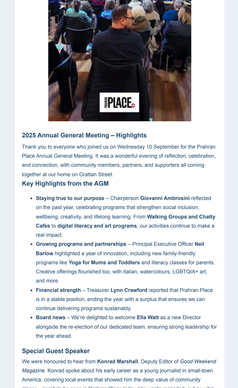
Meet Our Student Placements – Alee & Julia

We're excited to welcome two new student placements to Prahran Place this term – **Alee** and **Julia** – who will be working with us across our programs and activities.

Alee joins us for a **5.5-week full-time placement** as part of her **Bachelor of Human Services at Charles Sturt University**. Alee is keen to gain exposure to community engagement and to learn about the many different programs and activities we run here at Prahran Place. She describes her experience so far as *"a really nice vibe—everyone is so welcoming. It's an incredibly diverse and inclusive space, and such a lovely environment to be part of."*

Julia is completing a **part-time placement until January** as part of her **Master of Social Work** studies at the University of Melbourne. Over the next **four months**, Julia will be contributing her skills and insights while gaining practical experience in a community setting. She has shared that she's impressed by the range of opportunities at Prahran Place and values the inclusive, supportive environment: *"It's inspiring to see how many programs are on offer and how people are encouraged to connect, learn, and grow together."*

We're thrilled to have both Alee and Julia on board and look forward to the energy, ideas, and fresh perspectives they'll bring during their time with us. Please make them feel welcome when you see them around the centre!



2025 Annual General Meeting – Highlights

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday 10 September for the Prahran Place Annual General Meeting. It was a wonderful evening of reflection, celebration, and connection, with community members, partners, and supporters all coming together at our home on Grattan Street.

Key Highlights from the AGM

- **Staying true to our purpose** – Chairperson **Giovanni Ambrosini** reflected on the past year, celebrating programs that strengthen social inclusion, wellbeing, creativity, and lifelong learning. From **Walking Groups and Chatty Cafés** to **digital literacy and art programs**, our activities continue to make a real impact.
- **Growing programs and partnerships** – Principal Executive Officer **Neil Barlow** highlighted a year of innovation, including new family-friendly programs like **Yoga for Mums and Toddlers** and literacy classes for parents. Creative offerings flourished too, with Italian, watercolours, LGBTQIA+ art, and more.
- **Financial strength** – Treasurer **Lynn Crawford** reported that Prahran Place is in a stable position, ending the year with a surplus that ensures we can continue delivering programs sustainably.
- **Board news** – We're delighted to welcome **Ella Watt** as a new Director alongside the re-election of our dedicated team, ensuring strong leadership for the year ahead.

Special Guest Speaker

We were honoured to hear from **Konrad Marshall**, Deputy Editor of *Good Weekend Magazine*. Konrad spoke about his early career as a young journalist in small-town America, covering local events that showed him the deep value of community places—parallels he sees in Prahran Place today. His words reminded us how vital neighbourhood houses are in creating belonging, connection, and inspiration.

The evening closed with refreshments and conversations, celebrating the people, partnerships, and programs that make Prahran Place thrive.

Thank you to everyone who attended and continues to support us—we look forward to another year of growth, inclusion, and community spirit.

Stay connected with the Prahran Place community! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news, classes, and events.

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