

Creative Japanese Workshops at Prahran Place

This October, Prahran Place is delighted to host two workshops led by artist **Junko Azukawa**, offering our community the chance to explore the beauty of Japanese art and tradition. Whether you're drawn to delicate ink paintings or intrigued by the idea of carving your own personal seal, these workshops provide a unique opportunity to learn, create, and connect.

Japanese Ink Painting – Cherry Blossoms

Sunday 26th October 2025 | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Step into the meditative world of **Sumi-e**, the ancient Japanese art of ink painting. Participants will learn to capture the essence of **cherry blossoms** using traditional brushes, ink tones, and Japanese Washi paper.

Japanese Hanko Stamp Carving Workshop

Sunday 26th October 2025 | 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

With places limited to just seven participants, this intimate workshop ensures plenty of one-on-one guidance. By the end, you'll take home a personalised Hanko that reflects your unique style and creativity.

All materials are supplied, but bookings are essential.

About the Artist

Born in Toyama, Japan, Junko Azukawa began studying traditional Japanese calligraphy at the age of five. Since moving to Australia in 2005, she has exhibited widely, taught across schools and community groups, and collaborated with musicians, filmmakers, and dancers. Her work *Bamboo Grove and the Dragonfly* is part of the National Gallery of Victoria's collection.

Secure your spot now and immerse yourself in the beauty of Japanese art at Prahran Place.

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You're Invited – Prahran Place Annual General Meeting

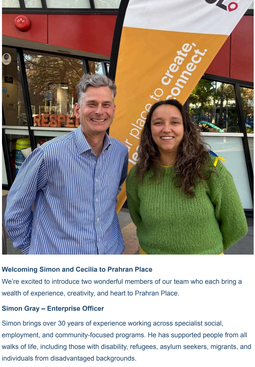
We're excited to invite all community members, volunteers, participants, and supporters to our Annual General Meeting (AGM).
The AGM is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Reflect on the highlights and achievements of the past year
- Celebrate the people, programs, and partnerships that make our centre thrive
- Look ahead to our future plans and priorities
- Connect with our Committee of Management and dedicated staff

This year, we're thrilled to welcome **Guest Speaker: Konrad Marshall – Deputy Editor, *Good Weekend* Magazine**, who will share his insights and experiences.

Event Details
When: Wednesday 10 September 2025, 6.00–8.00pm
Where: Prahran Place - 40 Grattan Street, Prahran
Light refreshments provided
Whether you've joined our programs, volunteered your skills, or simply value being part of our community, your voice and presence matter.
RSVP via this link. Annual General Meeting | Wednesday 10 September at 6.00pm - 10 Sep, 6:00 PM

We'd love to see you there!
All are welcome.



Free Information Session: How to Live at Home for Longer

Home is where the heart is — and with the right support, you can stay there longer. As we get older, our needs change, but our desire to remain living independently in our own home often stays the same. To help you understand the options available, Prahran Place is hosting an information session in partnership with LaTrobe Community Health.
This session will explain how to access **government funding and support programs** designed to make life easier and safer at home. Whether it's a little extra help with cleaning, gardening, transport, personal care, or social activities, there are services available to keep you comfortable and connected in your own community.
What the session will cover:

- The new Support at Home program
- The Commonwealth Home Support program
- Eligibility and how to apply
- What services are available
- Costs and subsidies
- How to choose the right Provider
- Other government-supported programs

You'll also have the chance to speak directly with representatives, ask questions, and receive practical assistance if you need help applying online. Every attendee will take home a handy **information pack** for future reference.
Event Details
When: Wednesday 29 October 2025 11.00 AM – 12.00 PM
Where: Prahran Place, 40 Grattan Street, Prahran VIC 3181
Cost: Free
RSVP: https://www.socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=39865
Please feel free to join our monthly BBQ Bash at Prahran Place which starts at 12pm straight after this session!

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about how to **maintain independence, security, and connection as you age**. Come along, ask questions, and take the first step toward staying in the place you love — your home.

Proudly presented by Prahran Place in partnership with LaTrobe Community Health.

Welcoming Simon and Cecilia to Prahran Place
We're excited to introduce two wonderful members of our team who each bring a wealth of experience, creativity, and heart to Prahran Place.

Simon Gray – Enterprise Officer

Simon brings over 30 years of experience working across specialist social, employment, and community-focused programs. He has supported people from all walks of life, including those with disability, refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.
In addition to his professional expertise, Simon is also a practicing painter and an ex-chef, with a strong passion for food, art, and travel. His creativity and commitment to community engagement are a perfect match for the values of Prahran Place.

Cecilia JJ White-Sage – Administration Officer

Cecilia joins us as our new Administration Officer, bringing a strong background in front-of-house, administration, and community work. For over a decade she has volunteered with charities, social initiatives, and community events, combining her love of people with her organisational skills. Cecilia is passionate about creating a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who visits Prahran Place — and she admits she might even join a sewing class herself one day!
Outside of work, she continues to champion community causes, always striving to create spaces where people feel supported and connected. She believes that "real change happens when communities come together," a philosophy that perfectly reflects the mission of Prahran Place.

We are delighted to have them on the team, helping to make Prahran Place a welcoming and inspiring hub for our community.

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

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