

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK



Newsletter

October 2024

SWAN acknowledges the Bunurong / Boon Wurrung people, the Traditional Custodians of these lands and waters where we meet, work and live. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present. In line with our commitment to social justice, SWAN unequivocally supports First Nations People in their campaigns for sovereignty, self-determination, treaties and truth-telling.

Southern Women's+ Action Network

Women of the Mornington Peninsula and across the Southern Metropolitan suburbs of Melbourne striving for social justice.

SWAN aspires to be a supportive community for all self-identified cis or transgender women and for those who self-identify as non-binary or gender non-conforming. We are committed to encompassing greater gender diversity in our membership, practices, social justice actions and in the terminology that we use.*

* cis: a person whose sense of personal identity and gender corresponds with the sex assigned to them at birth

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms>

SWAN NEWS Notice

So you receive the NEWS on the first day of each month, the deadline date is the last Wednesday before the new month starts. Also, to keep you informed on what's happening in our area, check out Diary Dates near the end of this newsletter.

CONTRIBUTION END DATES: *last Wednesday of the month -*
October 23, November 27.

We appreciate all contributions to SWAN NEWS and encourage members to provide information about events, activities and causes, including photos (as long as those photographed have given permission, and the photographer's name and/or source is included).

SWAN Presentation: Jackie Galloway OAM

'Delivering Justice for Women in a Challenging Environment'

On Sunday 15 September, Jackie Galloway OAM, CEO of Peninsula Community Legal Centre (PCLC), a not-for-profit free legal service, spoke passionately about the increasing risk to women and children impacted by family violence, the housing crisis and escalating cost of living, and subsequent pressure on support services and the justice system. Jackie explained PCLC is different from legal aid in that it is not a government-run service but a community managed organisation, staffed by lawyers and by volunteers who are legal and paralegal students, and services over 1.1 million clients across the Mornington Peninsula and South-Eastern Metropolitan suburbs. Services include free legal advice, access to a duty lawyer, referrals and casework, in addition to outreach services and educational programs.



Jackie Galloway OAM (far right) delivers her presentation to SWAN members at Mt Martha House

Photo: Melissa Kelly

Jackie presented three case studies illustrating gaps in the system, communication issues between state and federal courts, and women's voices not being heard, especially for women aged over 65yrs. PCLC's constructive measures for social change and law reform include their School Lawyer Program focusing on the CALD community, their *'This is not who I want to be'* theatre program, a *StreetLaw Coffee Van* offering free coffee, community connection and legal advice, and their association with the Victorian government's Orange Door service.

To mitigate the escalating crisis of insufficient safe housing for women and children escaping domestic violence, Jackie stressed the need for more resources for prevention and trauma recovery work, stating that the trickle-down to frontline services from the current federal government offer of \$20 million is insufficient, and that women and children will continue to be at risk. Summarising the need for free legal services for our community's most vulnerable members, Jackie asserted: *'It's a question of fairness; getting legal help can lead to better outcomes'*.

Jackie gifted her \$200 donation from SWAN to Southern Peninsula Community Support Centre.



L-R: Danielle McCaffrey, Women's Health in the South East (WHISE), Bonnie Einsiedel, SWAN, Jackie Galloway, PCLC and Sophie Panigirakis, Women's Community Shelters
Photo: Melissa Kelly

Thank you to Secret Garden Mornington's donation of beautiful flowers for our guest speaker and also to our raffle sponsors Higher Ground Café Mt Martha and Blackbird Café Mornington.

SWAN AGM 2024

Prior to our Guest Speaker presentation by Jackie Galloway OAM, SWAN's Annual General Meeting for 2024 took place at Mt Martha House on Sunday 15 September and was attended by 34 members. Eight members were elected to the SWAN Committee for 2024-2025. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer were filled after the meeting:

Facilitator:	Diane McDonald
Secretary:	Monica Coyle was co-opted after the AGM
Treasurer:	Erica Churchill agreed to be temporarily co-opted
Ordinary Members:	Marilyn Hoban, Susan Hillman Stolz, Maureen Lucas, Mechelle Cheers, Lyn Jones, Rebecca Cridland, Jill Warner.

FACILITATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

A celebration of what we've achieved and where we are headed!

The past 12 months has seen a strong focus on SWAN's future direction. In November, members participated in a **Forward Planning Workshop** to determine key strategies to pursue. Three interlinked strategies were identified: enhance promotion, diversity our membership, and engage proactively with younger women. Three working groups, comprising members with relevant

skills and interest in these areas were formed to help us progress. Since then, a fourth working group has emerged with a focus on rebranding and updating SWAN's marketing media. Considerable work has also been undertaken to update our online technical platforms.

Work undertaken by these groups include: development of a **common brand** for all promotional materials; design and publication of a suite of promotional postcards, posters and flyers; conduct of an initial **'Publishing your Passion' workshop** to encourage members to write 'Letters to the Editor' in local and mainstream media. The Diversity group is working on ways to promote SWAN in School communities and with other like-minded groups. A **new Instagram** account has been set up to support our outreach, especially to a younger audience. Moreover, efforts are being made to identify topics and guest speakers for our general meetings that respond to the **social justice concerns of a younger cohort**.

Importantly, this past year has seen greater emphasis on **inclusion**. A statement re our commitment to encompassing gender diversity in all our endeavours, now appears on the SWAN website and in our monthly newsletter. Speaking of which, we are proud to say that all the hard work that goes into preparing and circulating **SWAN NEWS** is being rewarded with positive feedback on its content and attractive format. This, together with the considerable work being done to **revitalise the SWAN website** is helping to attract new members.



Diane McDonald delivering SWAN's Facilitator's Annual Report 2023-2024.

Photo: Melissa Kelly

A **SWAN Member Survey** conducted mid-year provided valuable information about the personal and professional skills that members are willing to contribute to further strengthen our volunteer-based organisation. The Survey also identified skills that members want to strengthen. Consequently, in the coming year, we plan to facilitate some workshops to enhance capability in these areas.

The active involvement of members is the lifeblood of SWAN, which in another year or so, will be entering its *fourth decade*! I put it to you that this makes **SWAN the longest running voluntary community organisation for women and those who identify as gender diverse, in the nation**. After fact checking this yourself, let me know if I am mistaken.

In recent months, much work has been undertaken to **refocus the SWAN Bursary** to become a community leadership award for younger women. This will support local students who attend secondary schools in low socio-economic locations.

Significantly, during the past two years, we reaffirmed **SWAN's three-fold purpose** and increased opportunities for women and those who identify as gender diverse:

1. **To meet** like-minded women in our community by:
 - ✓ holding bi-monthly coffee mornings in alternate months;
 - ✓ providing increased opportunity for member engagement during meetings.
2. **To listen** to inspiring speakers re a wide range of justice and equity concerns at:
 - ✓ bi-monthly SWAN Member meetings - both from the local area and city based;
 - ✓ social justice forums and by planning skills development workshops for 2025.
3. **To participate** in advocacy/action activities/campaigns to challenge inequity and injustice by:
 - ✓ targeting housing justice and ending gender-based violence in particular, with a strong focus on promoting community involvement in advocating at local council, state and federal government levels, for systemic change.
 - ✓ provided dedicated time at meetings for members to share information about social justice concerns and actions, and encouraged members to set up other working groups on issues of concern.

Following the devastating outcome of the Voice Referendum late last year, we strengthened our **commitment and engagement with local Aboriginal organisations** and in advocating for their concerns. SWAN members attended events conducted by Our Songlines, Willum Warrain, Baluk Arts, and Nairn Marr Djambana, including Survival Day, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week; contributed to consultations about the MPSC Reconciliation Action Plan; and engaged in meetings to support Treaty. A moving presentation was given at SWAN's NAIDOC meeting by proud Bunurong woman, Jillian Webb, with a focus on Truth-Telling at a local level.

Additionally, through the active participation of our members, we are in the process of **developing stronger links with like-minded organisations** such as Grandmothers for Refugees, local Community Support Centres, Walking Together and the Women's Spirit Program. The work being done by the SWAN Women for Housing Justice group is building connections with a wide range of agencies that are trying to achieve systemic change to address homelessness and social housing on the Peninsula. In November we will join with several other community groups to facilitate the '16 days of activism against gender-based violence' in our region.

34 new members have joined SWAN in the last 12 months. This is testament to the great work that has been done by many dedicated women in our network. People join SWAN for a variety of reasons, not least of which are to connect and make friends with their compatriots and to contribute towards building a more just and equitable society. Our bi-monthly coffee catch-ups provide a good avenue for less formal social connection.

In closing I want to acknowledge the **valuable contribution** made by my **co-Committee members** in undertaking specific roles and tasks, as well as by sharing their views on a wide variety of matters and helping to make decisions to guide SWAN's future.

Importantly, I also want to acknowledge the **significant support** provided by so many **SWAN members** who generously offer their time and skills in countless ways. This includes: the many forms of logistical and practical assistance required to ensure the successful conduct of our meetings; the help given to extend our reach to promote SWAN and to attract women in diverse sectors of the community; and active participation in advocacy, letter writing and action campaigns to address injustice. These are only some of the many ways that members help to fulfil **SWAN's mission to empower women to play an active role in our community.**

I look forward to another great year ahead for SWAN and for all within our network.

Diane McDonald, 15 September 2024

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024 (*excerpt*)

We started the year with \$1,628.61 and ended with \$1,875.66, an increase of \$247.05. We only made two of the usual \$200 donations to Speaker nominated causes as there were two meetings with no speaker present and one meeting was an internal workshop on the Future of SWAN. We provided \$2,760 towards the SWAN Bursary. \$967 of this came from Funds and the rest from member donations specifically for the Bursary, including donations in lieu of presents for a member's birthday party.

We held two public forums to provide factual information regarding the Referendum on the Voice, one in this financial year and one in the last financial year. The expenses for these were covered by Grants from Mornington Peninsula Shire and a small amount from the Australian Communities Foundation. We are very grateful for this support.

SWAN has recently been granted registration as a Charity and also a Tax exemption.** These steps were taken as the tax office now requires more formal reporting for Not for Profit organisations and this is especially complex for organisations which are charities but which are not registered with The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

The detailed financial report has been emailed or posted to you. If you need another copy, if there are any questions, or if you would like further details of the income and expenses I am happy to provide these.

** Please note this applies to our organisation and does not provide tax deductibility for donations.

Erica Churchill, 15 September 2024

Donations instead of Gifts

Are you celebrating a special birthday this year?

Have you thought about a donation to SWAN in lieu of gifts?

This supports our work, including our Education Bursaries for young women to support their social justice journey.

Go to: swanwomen.org.au then 'Donate to SWAN'.

To help us keep track of donations, please also email: swan.women@outlook.com with subject heading '**Birthday Donation**' and include date and amount in your email message.

Alternatively, cash donations can be given to SWAN Treasurer Erica Churchill.

*Please note donations made to SWAN are not tax deductible.

SWAN COFFEE CATCH-UP



Come along and join us in the beautiful coastal village of Hastings for our 2nd last Catch-Up for 2024!

Pelikan Societ  Caf  offers relaxing water views and options to sit outside on the covered deck or inside, weather dependant.

As there is less social time at our Speaker/Member Meetings, this is an ideal opportunity to enjoy the company of like-minded members, established and new.

Bring friends and family, especially younger women, semi-retired and newly retired to find out what SWAN is about.

Sunday 20 October 10.00am.
Our 2nd last for the year!

**Pelikan Societ  Caf ,
2 Marine Parade, Hastings**

**RSVP: Moz Lucas by
Sunday 13 October:
maureenfrances21@gmail.com**

Please let Moz know of your caf  suggestions - preferably caf s with large tables around the Mornington Peninsula and Frankston.

MEET OUR MEMBERS:

A Younger Generation

SWAN can be proud of its cohesive, passionate and inclusive culture that values our founding members – ‘our elders’ – as well as embracing our current and ‘newest’ members. Importantly, however, SWAN’s future is very much reliant on expanding our membership to younger generations. Two of our youngest members highlighted here are making impactful contributions. The profiles of two other younger members – Melissa Kelly and Despi O’Connor have previously featured – they must also be applauded for the vitality and commitment they so generously give to SWAN.

SWAN urges members to consider our organisation’s future and the role younger generations can play in promoting social justice action and advocacy, including bringing our awareness to the contemporary issues they confront. Their input can inform future topics and presenters for our bi-monthly General Meetings. Our alternate-monthly Coffee Catch-Ups are a great way to introduce younger women to SWAN in a relaxed, informal setting. So please bring them along! Whether it be a daughter, granddaughter, niece, neighbour or friend. We need them!

Bonnie Einseidel, SWAN’s first Bursary Recipient

“I grew up in Red Hill and first attended a SWAN meeting aged 16 (almost two decades ago!) with my mother, Jodie Kewley. I lived in Lyon, France, while completing a Master of Translation, then worked in live captioning for Australian news and now predominantly work for Hansard at Parliament of Victoria as a sessional reporter. I’m interested in languages, politics, social justice, running and aerial hoop.”

Bonnie is our youngest member to join at age 16. In 2005, Bonnie received the inaugural SWAN Encouragement Bursary for Young Women in recognition of her advocacy work for asylum seekers. Bonnie is a member of SWAN’s Younger Women strategy group, assisted with developing SWAN’s social media profile and at ‘SWAN’s Future Direction’ workshop, is a regular at our Coffee Catch-Ups, and warmly welcomes everyone while distributing SWAN badges at our General Meetings.



Beck Cridland, new SWAN Committee Member

“During school holidays I spent a lot of time at my grandparents in Rosebud. After turning 40, I moved to Rye. Currently I’m studying a Diploma of Counselling at Chisholm TAFE. Last year, I signed up to volunteer for the ‘Yes 23’ campaign and attended the SWAN ‘Voice Referendum’ forum after which I was very keen to join SWAN. Outside of SWAN I enjoy going to the gym, qigong, live music, local theatre, going to markets and walking with my doggie on the beach.”

Beck is our newest younger member, stepping up from the start to actively engage in SWAN’s advocacy and action for social justice. Beck has created SWAN’s new Instagram page (check it out on p.13), is involved in SWAN’s action groups concerning homelessness, gender-based violence, our Younger Women strategy group, and has just joined the SWAN Committee.



SWAN advocacy on Homelessness & Gender-Based Violence continues ...

Meeting with Zoe McKenzie MP

SWAN Women for Housing Justice Group continues to try to influence politicians at every level to take action. We have continued to meet with local MPs including **Federal Liberal Member for Flinders Zoe McKenzie MP on 17 September**, briefing her on the issues surrounding the housing and homelessness crisis on the Mornington Peninsula. Ms McKenzie was not aware of some of the complexities surrounding the issues and we have now provided her with up-to-date material and have asked her to follow up with the following actions:

1. Investigating our share of Federal funding for social/public housing, Family Violence services and crisis accommodation.
2. Speaking in the Parliament about the Housing and Homelessness crisis.
3. Investigating and securing additional ongoing Federal funding for the three local Community Support Centres.
4. Including in election promises and lobbying to ensure funding by a future Liberal Government for a replacement for The Ranch and/or women's crisis housing for the Peninsula.
5. Writing to/and discussing in person with Federal and State Ministers on the level of local disadvantage and funding needs.
6. Supporting the Zero Homelessness Program: <https://www.melbournezero.org.au/>



L-R: SWAN members Belinda Rodman, Judith Graley, Beck Cridland and Erica Churchill with Zoe McKenzie MP (second from right)

Meeting with Paul Mercurio MP

On **24 September** and representing both the **SWAN Women Against Gender-Based Violence** group and the **SWAN Women for Housing Justice** group, SWAN members Judith Grayley, Belinda Rodman and Maureen Donelly met with the State member for Hastings **Paul Mercurio MP**, to discuss the elimination of domestic and family violence and SWAN's concern about the housing and support needs of women, especially those trapped in violent situations. Mr Mercurio agreed to speak on our behalf with the newly appointed **Federal Minister for Housing and for Homelessness** the **Hon. Clare O'Neil MP** and attend SWAN's proposed Roundtable with elected officials and council.

At present, we are still trying to secure meetings with the **Hon. Clare O'Neil MP** and with **Liberal MP Sam Groth**. Additionally, we have been busy collating and ranking the housing, homelessness, and support service issue responses in the **Mornington Peninsula Shire Candidate survey**, which we will be sharing with you all to inform your decision-making. We'll keep you posted!



L-R: Maureen Donelly, Judith Grayley, Paul Mercurio MP and Belinda Rodman
Photo: Lukas Hogenbirk

NEXT MEETINGS – all welcome:

- **SWAN Women for Housing Justice**
Tuesday 15th October, 9.30am, Room 7, Mt Martha Community House, 466 Esplanade, Mt Martha.
Contact: Erica Churchill churchill.ERICA@gmail.com
- **SWAN Women Against Gender-Based Violence**
Friday 18 October, 12.30pm, Rye Community House, 27 Nelson St. Rye. Bring your own lunch.
Contact: Maureen Donelly maurdone@gmail.com

SWAN Women Against Gender-Based Violence Group

Our group continues to gather statistics for an evidence-based approach as well as member input from lived experience, from those working in the sector, and from allies. We are actively building relationships with stakeholders, gradually developing a policy on what SWAN can do to further advocate in this space, and seeking knowledge and research on current thinking - especially regarding primary prevention of gender-based violence.

Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Family Violence Primary Prevention Collaborative meets bimonthly on a Tuesday 10am-12noon, bringing together different stakeholders including family violence organisations, local government, community groups and community members from Frankston City and Mornington Peninsula. The Collaborative focuses on a primary prevention approach to change underlying social conditions that drive family violence. They share resources and annually plan local awareness raising activities. Members include Women's Health Service, Good Shepherd, Orange Door, Family Life, Department of Education Respectful Relationships, VicPol, and Peninsula Health, as well as local Council representatives.

Contact: Mandy Roche, Equity & Inclusion Officer, Mornington Peninsula Shire

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

- We encourage SWAN members to join in this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (November 25 – December 10).
- We welcome you to our '16 Days of Activism' Planning Meeting on Friday 4 October, 4pm at Rye Community House. Contact: Maureen Donnelly maurdone@gmail.com
- Details of local events will be published in November's SWAN NEWS.



March for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, 2023

Your ongoing letters to the media and to politicians about HOMELESSNESS and GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE still matter. They feed into the issues we will discuss in forthcoming meetings with more of our politicians. Please keep them coming and tell us of responses you receive, including the 'no reply'!

Homelessness Responses: churchill.ERICA@gmail.com

Gender-Based Violence Responses: maurdone@gmail.com

Please support the need for SAFE EMERGENCY HOUSING by signing this petition: [Everybody's Home \(everybodyshome.com.au\)](http://everybodyshome.com.au)



An event to Inspire, Empower & Support women through connection, talking and walking.

[BOOK HERE](#)

The Women's Spirit Project is a grass roots, community led initiative dedicated to helping women transform their lives by delivering accessible fitness, health, and wellbeing programs and activities. Our programs target residents from the Frankston | Kingston | Mornington Peninsula region recovering from addiction, abuse, domestic or family violence, mental health barriers, loneliness, isolation, and poverty.

CIRCLE EVENT ONLY – 16 November 2024

NON WALKERS: If you are not walking, you are welcome to join us at Golden Valley Adventure Camp for the Women's Circle ONLY, by booking your ticket (\$55 inc. dinner).

Bookings opening soon...

Motivational female speakers and inspiring soulful activities, entertainment and dinner on Saturday evening. Activities include movement, meditation, music and vision casting.

** If you're participating in the trek, the Women's Circle is included in your registration costs.

G4R Tenth Anniversary!



SWAN members Marilyn Hoban (2nd L), Maryanne Barclay (4th L) and Susan Hillman Stolz (5th L)

On Saturday 7th September, Grandmothers for Refugees celebrated their 10 Year Anniversary on the steps of St Pauls Cathedral where this community movement was born in 2014 by a group of women who wanted to fight for the release of refugee children from detention. As well as reminiscing on the movement's journey and achievements, current issues for further action were highlighted.

Special guests included Gillian Triggs and David Manne.

SWAN INSTAGRAM

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OR SCAN THE QR CODE



Supporting First Nations



Southern Peninsula Allies for Justice for First Nations

NEXT MEETING: 18 October, 2.30pm at Rye Community House, 27 Nelson St, Rye
Contact: Maureen 0423 806 525

Aiming to amplify First Nations Voices, build community awareness, support Treaty and Truth-Telling and engage with First Nations communities locally. Monthly meetings in Rye. The group has organised a **Cultural Awareness Training** to be held on **Friday 4th October, 12:30 at Willum Warrain Aboriginal Gathering Place**. Places are filling up fast.

Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUEFU>



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TAKE THE PLEDGE

STOP LATERAL VIOLENCE

"We want community to feel safe at our Gathering Place"

KERRY STRICKLAND, CHAIRPERSON NAIRN MARR DJAMBANA



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Walking Together Mornington Peninsula is looking for more people to promote and support First Nations people, organisations, businesses and events. Meetings online:
walkingtogethormorningtonpen@gmail.com

'Our group was formed from many of the Mornington Peninsula Yes23 campaigners who committed to continuing the journey to support local Indigenous Australians as we moved past the Voice Referendum result of 14 October 2023'.



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PROVIDED AT 12:30 PM

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NAIRM MARR DJAMBANA at the BAY MOB EXPO 2024



On 19th September, several hundred people attended to view 44 organisational exhibits **promoting Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health, education and wellbeing** including various community services, Victorian government departments, Aboriginal organisations, Victoria Police, and Frankston City Council.

Photos: Yanni



WILLUM WARRAIN BIG MOB COOK UP



The latest Big Mob Cook Up, always enjoyable, was held at Willum Warrain Aboriginal Gathering Place on 30th August with several SWAN members attending. Photo: Maureen Donelly

**NEXT BIG MOB COOK UP: 11am – 1pm, Friday 25 October, 10 Pound Rd. Hastings.
SWAN MEMBERS & FRIENDS WELCOME!**

Dates for your Diary



- **FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER, 10–11.30am:** *‘Grandmothers for Refugees meeting: Dunkley & Flinders’*, Frankston Library, 60 Playne St. Frankston. More Info: Maryanne 0400 201 689 or maryannebarclay5@gmail.com
- **FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER, 12.30pm:** *‘Cultural Awareness Training’*, organised by Southern Peninsula Allies for Justice for First Nations at Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association, 10 Pound Rd Hastings. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUEFU>
- **FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER, 4pm:** *‘16 Days of Activism Planning Meeting’*, Mt Martha Community House, Room 5, cnr. Dominion Rd. & Esplanade, Mt. Martha. Contact: Maureen Donnelly maurdone@gmail.com
- **FRIDAY 11 – SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER:** *‘Rural Australians for Refugees Conference 2024’*, Kyneton. All welcome. Book your own accommodation. Conference Bookings: <https://ruralaustraliansforrefugees.org.au/2024-conference>
- **TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER, 9.30am:** *‘SWAN Women for Housing Justice meeting’*, Mt. Martha Community House, Room 7, cnr. Dominion Rd. & Esplanade, Mt. Martha. Contact: Erica Churchill churchill.eric@gmail.com
- **FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER, 12.30pm:** *‘SWAN Women Against Gender-Based Violence meeting’*, Rye Community House, 27 Nelson St. Rye. Bring your own lunch. Contact: Maureen Donnelly maurdone@gmail.com
- **FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER, 2.30pm:** *‘Southern Peninsula Allies for Justice for First Nations meeting’*, Rye Community House, 27 Nelson St. Rye. Contact: Maureen Donnelly maurdone@gmail.com
- **SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER, 10am:** *‘SWAN Coffee Catch-Up’* at Pelikan Soci  t  , Caf  , 2 Marine Parade, Hastings. RSVP: Moz Lucas maureenfrances21@gmail.com by 13 October.
- **FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER, 11am-1pm:** *‘Big Mob Cook Up’*, Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association, 10 Pound Rd. Hastings. Contact: (03) 5979 1391 or 0403528034 or willumwarrain.org.au
- **TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER, 11am:** *‘Breast Cancer Awareness Month’* at Nairn Marr Djambana Aboriginal Gathering Place, 32 Nursery Ave. Frankston, lunch provided. Details: p. 15.

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OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER aims to inform readers of current issues and matters of interest.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS If you have information of interest to our members, please ensure you let the editor Moz Lucas know via the email below.

Deadline for our next issue Wednesday 23 October 2024

FACEBOOK AND WEBPAGE Recent events and photos may appear on both the SWAN Facebook page and the website, as well as details of future meetings.

PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSION Please advise at the door of a SWAN meeting if you do not wish to be in photographs or videos, otherwise we will take it that you are happy to have your photo included.

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- * Farrells Bookshop: 143 Main Street Mornington (03) 5975 5034 farrells.com.au
- * Higher Ground Café: 5/5 Howey Rd Mt Martha (03) 5974 4733
- * Nairn Marr Djambana: 32 Nursery Ave, Frankston <https://www.djambana.org.au>
- * Rosebud Book Barn: 891 Point Nepean Rd (03) 5986 6770 info@rosebudbookbarn.com.au
- * Secret Garden: 81 Main Street Mornington (03) 5975 0977 secretgardenflowers.com.au
- * SiSCo Pizza Restaurant: 2113 Point Nepean Rd Rye (03) 5985 3967 melgow3@gmail.com
- * Zen Living: 70 Main St Mornington (03) 5975 1013 zenlivingmornington.com.au

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