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October

2025

Indigo Seniors Festival

Victorian
Seniors
Festival
2025

**CONNECT
CREATE
CELEBRATE**



Acknowledgement of Country

Indigo Shire Council acknowledges the original custodians of the lands of the Indigo Shire. The people of the rivers and the hills have walked these lands for thousands of years as well as today, and we pay respect to the elders of the past and present.

The **Victorian Seniors Festival** celebrates our community members aged over 60 and honours the significant contributions they make to the vibrancy of the Indigo Shire.

The **Victorian Seniors Festival** supports events throughout the state to be funded by the Victorian State Government Active Living Grant.

Visit their website to find out what's happening across the state!



Stay safe and well

Be Covid Safe. Hand sanitise. You are welcome to wear a face mask. If you are unwell, please stay at home.

CEO Message



Welcome to the Seniors Festival 2025

Indigo Shire Council is proud to have brought this festival to our communities. This year's Victorian Seniors Festival theme is 'Connect, Create, Celebrate', and for our Indigo Seniors Festival, we have lined up a fantastic program of free and discounted activities just for you.

We provide a raft of free events through our library programming across the Shire, as well as through the Beechworth Historic Precinct. In collaboration with passionate volunteers, we are able to bring you free events in historic Rutherglen in 2025.

Through the Victorian State Government Active Living Grant we have been able to financially support 12 community groups to host a wide variety of incredible events! You can find them all here, as well as extra events hosted by your communities.

We're proud to celebrate our seniors and the vital role you play in our community. Thank you to everyone involved—you make this festival possible.

I hope to see you at the events and encourage you to connect, create, and celebrate.

Trevor Ierino
CEO Indigo Shire Council



Free public transport

Sunday 5 October to
Sunday 12 October

As a Victorian Seniors Card holder, you can get out and explore metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria with eight days of free travel from Sunday 6 October to Sunday 13 October.

How to travel during the free travel period

Remember to always carry your Seniors myki and Victorian Seniors Card with you on public transport. Touch on and off as usual, you won't be charged. On regional services that don't use myki, just show your Victorian Seniors Card to the conductor or bus driver.

Where you can go

You'll be able to travel for free on all public transport in Victoria, including:

- Melbourne trains, trams and buses
- Regional trains, coaches and buses
(including regional town bus services)
- We recommend travelling during off-peak hours. You'll be more likely to find a seat.
- Useful information for booking travel in regional Victoria



- You need to reserve a seat on long distance V/Line trains and some coaches. To book a seat on V/Line services requiring reservations, visit your nearest station or agent or call 1800 800 007 from 10:00am on Tuesday 10 September.
- Seats can fill quickly so book early! You'll need to collect your tickets within 48 hours.
- You can only travel free in economy class.
- To make a group booking for up to 19 travelling on a V/Line train service or 12+ travelling on a V/Line coach service, visit your nearest station or agent.
- For larger groups, please submit a group booking request from 10:00am on Tuesday 10 September at: www.vline.com.au/grouptravel
- If you book and can't travel, let us know prior as your seats can be relocated to other customers wanting to travel.

What's On

for Senior's Festival 2025



Library programming

We are excited to share a wide variety of free events accross the shire delivered through our library programming this Senior's Festival.

Find out more on pages 6-10.

Beechworth historic precinct

Delve into the history of Beechworth with facinating free events across the historic precinct.

Find out more on pages 11-13.

Historic Rutherglen

In collaboration with The Carlyle Army, Rutherglen Wine Bottle Committee and The Rutherglen State Gold Battery Committee, join us for a deep dive into the region's unique history.

Find out more on pages 14-15.

Community events

Made possible by our incredible communities, there are an amazing 13 events to get involved in from Wahgunyah to Sandy Creek, we've got you covered!

Find out more on pages 15-22.

What's On

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Libraries

World Postcard Day

There's nothing quite like the joy of discovering a postcard in your mailbox—handwritten messages, vibrant images, and unique stamps all wrapped into one delightful surprise.

Celebrate the charm and connection of postcards on their special day!

“Wish you were here” is this year's World Postcard Day theme. With just four words, it captures everything a postcard is about: the moment you pause, look around, and think of someone far away with whom you would love to share the view or the adventure you're having.



This year's World Postcard Day artwork by [Uran Duo](#) celebrates that instant of connection, inviting you to pick up a card, jot down a few lines, and bridge the distance between “here” and “there” in the nicest way paper and postage can offer.

Visit Indigo Shire Libraries to write your own postcard—we'll take care of sending it for you.

Wednesday 1 October

**Chiltern, Beechworth, Yackandandah and Rutherglen
Libraries**

9:00am – 5:00pm

What's On

Library programming



Chiltern

Creative art workshop with Lisa Bishop Play with colour this Seniors Month!

Join Chiltern based artist Lisa Bishop for a free Colour Play with Ink workshop. All materials are provided so just bring yourself and unlock your creative side.

Registrations are essential as spaces are limited.

Wednesday 1 October

Chiltern Library

10:30am – 12:00pm (morning tea provided)

Register here



Services Australia at Chiltern Library

Need help navigating Centrelink, myGov, or Medicare? Services Australia is coming to Chiltern Library to offer personalised, one-on-one assistance.

Get support with:

- Checking your eligibility for payments and concessions
- Setting up and managing your myGov account, including password resets, linking services, and creating secure passkeys to protect against scams
- Accessing the right information and resources
- Booking appointments (in person or by phone)

Bookings are essential – in person or call Chiltern Library (02) 6028 1143

Please bring photo ID and any relevant documents related to your enquiry.

Friday 31 October – during library hours

What's On

Library programming



Tangambalanga

Sowing Seeds for a Great Garden

Join Evelyn from Albury Seed Savers for an inspiring session on how to grow a thriving, resilient garden.

Seed collection and storage – Fire-wise plant choices

Attracting birds and wildlife – Preparing for germination and propagation. Plus, enjoy seed giveaways!

Bookings essential.

Register here



Friday 3 October

St Mark's Anglican Church Hall

10:00am – 12:00pm (morning tea provided)

Rutherglen

Baby Boomers Ballet

Embrace the dancer within and join Merge Dance Company for a special ballet session. This unique event offers a chance to experience the grace and joy of ballet in a fun, welcoming setting. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a first-timer, come and rediscover the elegance of ballet. Bookings essential.

Register here



Monday 13 October

Rutherglen Soldiers Memorial Hall

10:00 – 11:30am (morning tea provided)

What's On

Library programming



Yackandandah

Reclaimed Jewellery Workshop

Give your old costume jewellery a new lease on life. Join Kurt from The Cats Pyjamas for a creative workshop where you'll transform a piece from your collection into something fresh and fabulous.

Places are limited—bookings essential.

Register here



Thursday 23 October

Yackandandah Senior Citizens Centre

10:00 – 1:00pm (morning tea provided)

Beechworth

Creative art workshop with Lisa Bishop Play with colour this Seniors Month!

Join Chiltern based artist Lisa Bishop for a free Colour Play with Ink workshop. All materials are provided so just bring yourself and unlock your creative side.

Registrations are essential as spaces are limited.

Register here



Tuesday 28 October

Beechworth Library

10:30am – 12:00pm (morning tea provided)

Our libraries play a vital role in connecting our communities.

Our library staff are ready to welcome you at any and all of our 4 branches .

Beechworth Library

101 Ford Street, Beechworth

T: 03 5728 8043

Monday – Friday – 9am – 5pm

Saturday – 9.30am – 12pm

OUTREACH & HOME DELIVERY

Unable to visit the library?

You can access the whole library collection with our home delivery service.

Speak to us if you, a friend or neighbour requires this service.



Chiltern Library

corner of Main and Crawford Streets, Chiltern

T: 02 6028 1143

Monday – 9am – 5pm

Tuesday – Closed

Wednesday – Friday 9am – 5pm

Saturday – 9.30am – 12pm

Rutherglen Library

153 High Street, Rutherglen

T: 02 6033 6801

Tuesday – Friday – 9am – 5pm

Saturday – 9.30am – 12pm

Yackandandah Library

High Street, Yackandandah

T: 02 6028 1180

Monday – Friday – 9am – 5pm

Saturday – 9.30am – 12pm



iPad LOAN PROGRAM

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Who: Library patrons 55+ & those with disabilities

What: Free iPad Kits, internet data, and support for an 8-week loan .

Intro session, user guide, and handback support

Apply Now



What's on

Beechworth Historic Precinct



Seniors Festival in the Beechworth Historic Precinct

Enjoy a series of **free** events in the Beechworth Historic Precinct throughout the Seniors Festival from 6-10 October.

Bookings for all events can be made the following ways:

Email: groupbookings@indigoshire.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1300 366 321

or in person at Beechworth Visitor Information Centre, 103 Ford Street.

Ned Kelly Walking Tour

Led by Education Officer, Chris Hayes through the Beechworth Historic Precinct, the Ned Kelly Tour is an accessible and enjoyable way to learn about Beechworth's rich and colourful past.

Participants will see many of the buildings associated with the Kelly legend and hear stories behind the events which eventually brought the Kelly era to an end.

Monday 6 October

11:00am

Location: 103 Ford Street – meet at the front of the Visitor Information Centre

What's on

Beechworth Historic Precinct



Climate change's impacts on cultural collections

Burke Museum Collections Manager will lead us on an exploration of cultural collections and the impacts of climate change. Find out about how this impacts the unique Burke collection, and the brilliant work being done across the industry.

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A.

Tuesday 7 October

11:00am

Location: Burke Museum, 28 Loch Street.

Kelly Trials Experience

The Beechworth Courthouse played a significant role during the Kelly outbreak of 1878–1880, as the location of more than 40 trials and hearings for the Kelly Gang and its sympathisers.

The Kelly Trials Exhibition provides an immersive 270-degree, wrap around multimedia experience, telling the stories of crime and punishment, governance and law, and bushranger Ned Kelly.

Wednesday 8 October

11:00am

Location: Historic Courthouse, 94 Ford Street.

What's on

Beechworth Historic Precinct



Secrets & Specimens: Art, Empire, and Evolution at the Burke

Join Education Officer Sally Huguenin for a fascinating look at the Burke Museum's Natural History Collections and explore unexpected links between 19th-century science, art, and empire. From colonial explorers to Napoleon and Darwin, discover how the pursuit of knowledge in the 19th century helped shape the modern world.

Thursday 9 October

11:00am

Location: Burke Museum, 28 Loch Street.

Gold Rush Walking Tour

This accessible walking tour of the Beechworth Historic Precinct with Education Officer Sally Huguenin tells the story of the 1850s Gold Rush in Beechworth – once the richest alluvial goldfields in Victoria.

Participants will learn the stories behind the significant historic buildings, people and events that helped shape Beechworth, visiting many of the National Heritage Listed buildings associated with governance on the goldfields.

Friday 10 October

11:00am

Location: Meet at the front of Historic Courthouse, 94 Ford Street.

What's on

Historic Rutherglen



Visiting With The Past

Join The Carlyle Army volunteers Judy Harrison and Nyree Wiggins as they take you back to 1865 to visit with the past of the Carlyle Cemetery.

Wear your comfortable shoes for the main walk - 45 mins, or the shorter option - 20 mins, to learn about the the many historic sites and burials and the background life stories and events of the historic cemetery. Cool drinks and morning tea provided - Please note there are no toilets.

Monday 20 October

10:00am

Location: Carlyle Cemetery, 167 Distillery Rd, Wahgunyah - meeting at the Cemetery Rotunda.

The Gold and the Bold

Immerse yourself in this special event provided by passionate volunteers Nyree, Neville and Gary at The Rutherglen State Gold Battery.

Enjoy the talk on the history of the first few months when Rutherglen was discovered and gold being its catalyst! This is followed by a viewing of the gold processing video inside the public viewing deck which demonstrates how the gold battery stampers work crushing the quartz and processing for the gold by-product.

Cool drinks and morning tea provided - Please note there are no toilets.

Tuesday 21 October

10:00am

Location: The Rutherglen State Gold Battery, Battery Road

What's on

Historic Rutherglen



A Conversation with Malcolm Campbell

Join Malcolm Campbell and the Rutherglen Wine Bottle Committee for a talk and tour to hear how the water tower became the iconic Wine Bottle.

If you have not had a chance to see inside the tower then this is your chance to do so and to help celebrate its 125th birthday!
Cool drinks and morning tea provided.

Thursday 23 October

10:30am

Location: Rutherglen Wine Bottle, 45 Campbell Street

Seniors Festival Historic Rutherglen

Enjoy a series of **free** events in Historic Rutherglen throughout the Seniors Festival this October.

Bookings for events can be made the following ways:

Visiting with the Past & The Gold and the Bold

Email: Nyree Wiggins nyreeterry@bigpond.com

Rutherglen Wine Bottle Tour

Email: Julie Taylor adliakj@bigpond.com

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Fridays at the Farm

You are invited to a very special Seniors Festival Friday at the Farm.

The kettle will be boiling and an old fashioned morning tea ready!

Bring your friends, bring your family (but sadly not your pets).

See a working farm, go for a spring walk or simply breathe deeply and take in the mountain vista.

There is no cost and no need to bring anything.

Registrations are essential for catering and insurance purposes. Follow the link or scan the QR code to register:

events.humanitix.com/fridays-at-the-farm-seniors-festival-2025

Accessible facilities and a warm welcome awaits.

Friday 24 October

10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: The Farm Mudgegonga, 187 Pini Lane Mudgegonga, 3737

www.thefarmmudgegonga.com.au

Register here



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Yackandandah

Cemetery Walk – Yackandandah & District Historical Society

Commemorating a selection of the 61 World War 2 defence force personnel who are buried in the Yackandandah Cemetery. Hear about the people from our district as we walk to their gravesides. Participants receive 2 booklets – a transcript of the event and a record of all 61 Veterans buried at the cemetery.

Sunday 19 October

2:00pm

Location: Yackandandah Cemetery, Cemetery Lane Yackandandah

Cost: Free

Contact: museum@yackandandah.com or 02 6027 0627

Time-Travellers Trivia – Yackandandah Women's Shed

Join the Yackandandah Women's Shed for a delicious subsidised lunch at the Yackandandah Hotel for an afternoon of trivia! Trivia questions are on the 1960s and 70s – so brush up your memory and get ready for some laughs and fun.

Complimentary chocolates, tea and coffee are provided. Alcoholic beverages are at the patron's expense.

Tuesday 28 October

12:00pm

Location: Yackandandah Hotel, 1 High St, Yackandandah

Cost: \$20

Contact: yackwomensshed@gmail.com

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Beechworth

Come and Try Croquet – Beechworth Senior Citizen Croquet Club

Please join the Beechworth Croquet Club for a nice free morning tea and game on our lawns. Have a fun hit with us on either day – or both! All you need to bring is flat soled shoes and the Club will provide the rest including coaching tips.

BEWARE: CROQUET IS ADDICTIVE

Tuesday 14 & Thursday 16 October

10:30am – 12:30pm

Location: Beechworth Croquet Club, 1A Harper Ave.

Cost: Free

Contact: 0493 767 086 or beechworthcroquetclub@gmail.com

Sunday Social Paddle

Join the Beechworth Golden Serpents Dragon Boat Club for a special Sunday paddle.

This is a wonderful chance to celebrate our community on the water, enjoy a relaxed paddle, and share the experience with friends or family who'd love to give paddling a try.

Afterwards, we'll keep the good vibes flowing with a follow-up brunch – the perfect way to catch up, laugh, and refuel together.

Sunday 12 October

10:00am – 11:30pm

Location: Lake Sambell – meet at the boat ramp

Cost: Free

Contact Ros: 0491 723 381 or message on [Facebook](#)

Register here



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Beechworth

Come and Try Session – Beechworth Dancing

Join us for a free session! We're a lively group of social dancers from across the north east who come together to dance, learn, enjoy each other's company and have a great evening.

Singles or couples of all levels and ages are welcome, from absolute beginners.

Thursday 9 October

7:00pm

Location: Oregon Hall, Quercus Beechworth, 26 Ford Street

Cost: Free (usually \$5 per class)

Contact: 0417 560 481

Celebrating 150 Years – Beechworth Primary School

Come for a stroll down memory lane on an historical tour of Beechworth Primary School as they celebrate their 150th birthday!

Stay for the school fete with music, games, sausage sizzle, refreshments and competitions.

BYO picnic lunch and rug – alcohol free event.

Saturday 18 October

11:00am – 2:00pm

Location: 17 Junction Rd, Beechworth

Cost: Free

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Beechworth Health Service Garden Tour

Join Kel and his garden team for a tour of the beautiful BHS Hospital grounds to celebrate Senior's month.

Morning tea provided.

Wednesday 22 October

10:00am

Location: BHS, 52 Sydney Rd, Beechworth – meet at the flag poles at the front of the acute entrance

Cost: Free

Contact: beechworthdragonboatclub@gmail.com

Rutherglen

Fairway Friends – Seniors Golf Lessons

55+ and eager to try golf? This is for you!

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming 5-week program designed especially for beginner senior golfers – both men and ladies!

- Learn the basics of playing on course
- Understand simple golf etiquette
- Build confidence with easy technique training
- Meet wonderful new people in a supportive environment!

Led by our fantastic PGA Professional from Melbourne Sandy Jamieson. All equipment supplied, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer.

Saturdays 11 October – 22 November

10:00am – 11:00am

Location: Rutherglen Golf Club

Cost: Free

Contact: kristybryant20@hotmail.com

Register here



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Kergunyah

Light lunch and music with The Troubadour

All are welcome to join the Kergunyah Hall Committee in a social gathering to celebrate Seniors Month.

You will be treated to live entertainment from "The Troubadour" solo singer guitarist, as well as a delicious light lunch and refreshments.

Wednesday 29 October

12:00pm

Kergunyah Memorial Hall, 19 Kergunyah Road.

Gold coin donation

Bookings required for catering purposes and to secure a seat.

Contact Jenny by text or phone 0419 627 350

Sandy Creek

Seniors Morning Tea with the Bush Balladeer, Don McQueen

The Bush Balladeer, Don McQueen will entertain our local seniors with bush poetry and storytelling over morning tea.

Everyone is invited to attend this intergenerational event – family, carers and other members of the public are warmly welcomed!

Tuesday 14th October

10:00am

Sandy Creek Memorial Hall, 464 Lockharts Gap Rd, Charleroi

Gold coin donation

Booking essential for catering: 0407 278 343 or

sandycreekhall@gmail.com

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Wahgunyah

Celebrate Seniors Festival with the Wahgunyah Tennis Club!

Tuesday 7 October

11:00–12:00pm – Peaceful Warrior,
Yoga and Reiki

12:00–1:00pm – Light lunch

1:00–2:00pm – Line dancing

Wednesday 8 October

1.30pm – Quilting demonstration

2:00pm–3:00pm – Art and Craft

3:00pm – Cardio Tennis/Social
Tennis

All activities will be held at the Wahgunyah Community Centre.

Email: tsjohnstoneclan@gmail.com

Phone: 0409 692 884

Stanley

Outing to Rutherglen

The Stanley Social Group invite you along on an outing to Rutherglen to enjoy a subsidised light luncheon for fun and fellowship.

Car sharing can be arranged.

The collective meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Wednesday 8 October

Contact Libby Kingdon for more information about the event or to join the Stanley Social Group – 0412 203 319 or libbykingdon17@gmail.com

Senior Citizen Clubs

Chiltern

1st Thursday of the month.
14 High Street,
Chiltern
Dianne Hurley - (03) 5726 1720

Rutherglen

4th Wednesday of the month.
12 Douglas Street,
Rutherglen
Chris Bourke - 0421 257 509

Beechworth

Activities daily.
1A Harper Avenue
Beechworth
Chris Dormer - 0458 606 922
beechworth.scc@gmail.com

Yackandandah

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & 2nd
Friday of the month.
14 Wellsford Street,
Yackandandah
Susanne Sukroo - (02) 6027 1027

Wahgunyah

2nd Wednesday of the month.
School of Arts, 33 Foord Street,
Wahgunyah
Elvie George - 0407 542 298



Indigo
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3As are independent, voluntary seniors groups that provide educational, recreational and social activities aimed at retired and semi-retired people.

At Indigo U3A our aim is to provide opportunities for those who are retired and semi-retired to learn, teach, share and connect in a friendly and warm environment.

We focus on enabling members to expand their knowledge in existing areas, and to explore new fields and activities. Our program covers a wide range of interest areas, from academic to physical to artistic, offering members both intellectual engagement and social connection.

You can find us at the Beechworth Railway Station – 3B Harper Avenue Beechworth.

Find out more about what is on offer at Indigo U3A!

Website: indigou3a.org.au/about-us/

Email: indigo.u3a@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Houses are the heart of our communities. They bring people together to connect, learn and contribute to their local community through social, educational, recreational and support activities.



11 Main Street, Chiltern
(03) 5726 1405
m.murphy@glenviewhealth.org.au



29 High Street, Yackandandah
(02) 6027 1743
manager@ycc.org.au



26-30 Ford Street, Beechworth
0403 865 095
reception@quercusbeechworth.com.au

These inclusive community-based organisations welcome people of all ages, abilities and walks of life, creating opportunities for people to enrich their lives through connections they might not otherwise make.



Family History @ the library

Whether you're just starting out or you're an experienced family historian, the Library is the ideal place to delve into your family history. Indigo Shire Libraries family history groups meet each month to explore resources and records that can assist with your family history detective work. Join us to share and discover your family stories.

No bookings required.
www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/Libraries





As older LGBTI+ individuals, your experience, skills and ideas can help shape the future of our communities.

Pride in Ageing aims to:

- Reduce Social Isolation: Create vibrant, connected communities for older LGBTI+ people.
- Tackle Ageism: Challenge stereotypes and promote inclusivity.
- Drive Lasting Change: Foster sustainable improvements in our lives and communities.

Funded by the Victorian Government and working with community members and local organisations, Pride in Ageing centres the experience and needs of older LGBTI+ people in rural and regional areas to help design and build their own solutions.

If you would like to meet with your local Pride in Ageing regional coordinator (Ovens Murray), contact:

Natalie Gower

0490 130 654

natalie.gower@switchboard.org.au



switchboard.org.au/prideinageing

Let's connect and make your voices heard!

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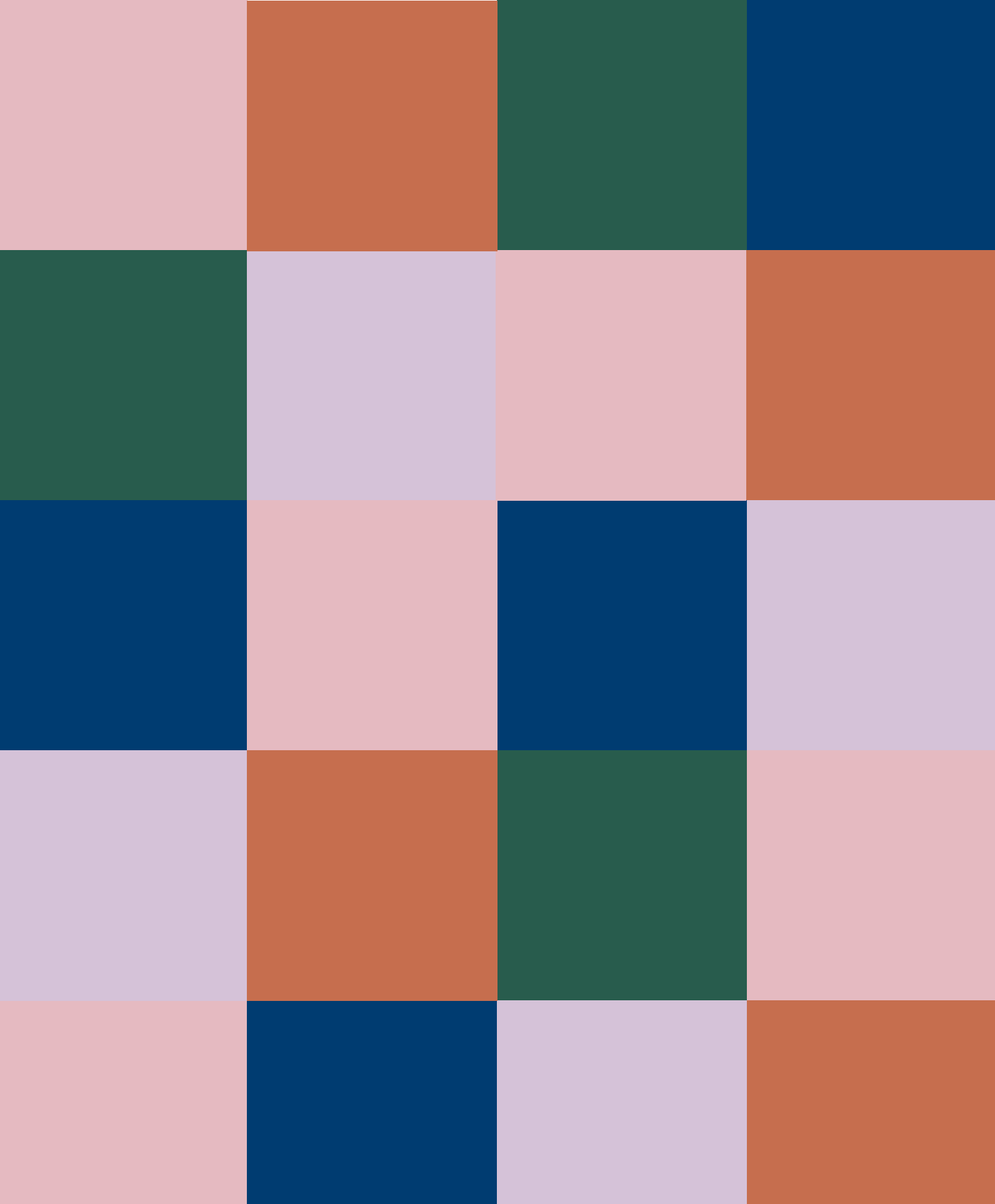


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www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival



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