

Gig guide

Thursday

KoLABorAYshun 3 – poetry, multimedia and music with award-winning poet Komninos Zervos and guest poet/songwriter Stefanie Petrik, 7.30pm December 9 at the Exchange hotel, 28 Napier St, Footscray. \$3, incl raffle.

Friday

The Riverside Function Centre Farnsworth Ave, Maribyrnong, over-25s party, 8.30pm-3am. Live music. \$10, 0413 007 666.

Saturdays

Social Success an over-28s night from 7.30pm at Westside Hotel, Laverton. Cost \$10. Details: 9360 3700.
Join DJ Rohan presents one-hit wonders at City Limit's over-28s night at the Westend Market Hotel, Sunshine, 9pm to 1am. Details: 9364 9044.

Sundays

Music Jam at the Rose Hotel, 54 Ferguson St, Williamstown, 3-7pm. Details: 9397 6259.
Blues and Roots
 The Way out West Roots Music Club, 2-5pm Williamstown RSL, 128 Ferguson St. 9397 7642.

Hot kitchen plans

THERE are several good reasons why a stylish and functional kitchen at home is a necessity.

Christmas festivities may require the host having to spend considerable time cooking or entertaining at home, and that means families and guests often spend a significant part of their time around the kitchen.

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Typically, homeowners opt for few walls as an open inviting space allows for significant traffic flow when there are many guests.

Also, an open-plan kitchen, particularly one that adjoins the living room, is popular with young families as parents want to keep an eye on their children.

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Aries March 20-April 19

Think twice before you tackle obstructive situations or individuals head on. Tuesday's move by your ruler Mars to accent long term goals is bound to trigger a review, one that could radically shift your priorities. Knowing that, focus on new and intriguing options and as yet unrealised goals. This will put you in the ideal frame of mind to begin this rewarding cycle of exploration.

Taurus April 20-May 20

While your concerns about the activities of certain individuals are understandable, you can't really stop them. So explain once, and clearly, what's worrying you. Then back off and turn your attention to those tasks you've been insisting you've no time to deal with. Ironically, once you're involved, you'll find them so rewarding that you'll wonder why you've been avoiding them for so long.

Gemini May 21-June 20

The discussions triggered by Monday's encounter between your ruler Mercury and the uncompromisingly honest Pluto may be unsettling. But they'll eliminate confusion and clarify plans. But even these should be considered tentative. Twists, turns and surprises will alter your thinking and the situations you're dealing with.

Cancer June 21-July 21

With so many things on your mind, you wouldn't think this is the ideal moment to analyse how wisely you use your time and whether elements of your daily routine or other obligations should be changed. But what you learn in the process will highlight unrewarding activities and lead to amazingly constructive discussions - and just when exchanges of this nature are likely to prove rewarding.

Leo July 22-August 22

As is always the case, you're juggling a variety of obligations. Recent developments involving people and the activities that give your life a boost are increasingly demanding. And more rewarding. Tricky as it may be, aim to give each of these time every day. This won't merely ensure you're up to date, with frequent and exciting developments, you'll be reorganising those plans regularly.

Virgo August 23-September 22

Not only is being organised important, imposing order on your life relieves anxieties. However, with your ruler Mercury retrograde from this Friday, and the eclipse, on the 21st, triggering a substantial shift in circumstances, even simple plans are subject to change. Some alterations will be minor. But others will lead to the breakthrough you've needed.

Libra September 23-October 22

By no means are you narrow-minded. But the ideas or offers you dismissed recently are resurfacing. They're worth your attention. While you won't necessarily pursue these, what you learn from exploring them will be illuminating. So much that when Wednesday's move by Mars triggers a cycle of intense change, you'll be ready to respond wisely and with courage.

Scorpio October 23-November 21

Between Monday's encounter between Mercury and your ruler Pluto, and next week's between the forthright Mars and Pluto, you've no choice but to be upfront, even about issues you regard as private. Certain individuals have made incorrect assumptions and, unless you explain the facts will act on those. A frank exchange of ideas will prove unexpectedly profitable, and in wonderful ways.

Sagittarius November 22-December 20

Urgent as the certain tasks seem, your priority is to consider the issues raised by today's Sagittarius New Moon. This accents questions about existing concerns and highlights potential changes, marks a sort of personal new year, complete with thoughts about what's on its way out and new goals. What you eliminate now will clear the way for the coming weeks' thrilling opportunities.

Capricorn December 21-January 19

There's no denying the matters you're facing are sensitive, you owe it to yourself - and others - to discuss them frankly. With Mercury meeting the uncompromising Pluto in Capricorn, this Monday, and twice more over six weeks, there's no escaping these. What you learn once you're talking things through will more than justify mastering the courage those first exchanges require.

Aquarius January 20-February 17

Irritating as sudden changes in plan may be, they're not only inevitable, they're in your best interests. Although you're already be aware of some of the promising developments being ushered in by the encounter, in early January, between Jupiter and your ruler Uranus, others appear from nowhere. The more flexible your arrangements the easier it will be to take advantage of these.

Pisces February 18-March 19

There's a difference between being sympathetic to others' dramas and getting so involved that you neglect your own obligations. That's a risk now and, more importantly, is a prelude to dealing with several pivotal issues in close relationships. Harsh as refusing to get involved seems, once you've managed to get some distance, you realise how much these were undermining you.

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