

Kyneton Connect



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Kyneton High works start



There's much excitement at Kyneton High School, with demolition works in progress to upgrade school buildings and create a modern learning environment for students.

The Food Technology building (near the bus interchange) has been demolished, soon to be replaced with a new STEAM building to complement the newly established Technology & Innovation Hub and form an entire STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) complex.

The works are part of \$10.9M of further works announced last year by State Member Mary-Anne Thomas to help deliver a 21st century education to students in 21st century facilities.

The double story STEAM building will encompass specialist classrooms - brand new art studios, food and hospitality, with new kitchens and a commercial kitchen, science labs, plus general-purpose classrooms.

Phase two of the school works will be demolishing the current Art and Design building, opening up the space to form a communal agora.



Students, teacher Faye Zollia with Mary-Anne Thomas

Truck wash follow up

Kyneton Connect has drawn the attention of the Council to concerns raised regarding the new Kyneton Saleyards truck wash.

It has been reported that it can take up to four hours to wash a big truck whereas with the old truck wash it took one hour.

Shane Walden, Director of Assets and Operations has responded.

"Council officers are in conversation with the Livestock & Rural Transporters Association of Victoria (LRTAV) relating to the upgrades at the Kyneton Saleyards.

"Council is investigating claims that the washout time has increased since the upgrade works.

"No one has informed the council of a fourfold increase in wash times.



"When council officers recently met with representatives from the LRTAV, we listened to their concerns.

"Officers briefed them on the investigation process to date and future actions.

"These actions include reviewing the computer data from the truck wash. As part of the upgrade project, the Council fitted a roof over bays 2 & 3 of the Kyneton Truck Wash to protect truck drivers from the elements and enable rainwater harvesting for use in the truck wash. The upgrade included installing a

The upgrade included installing a new pump house and replacing the old water pumps with new models.

"The upgrade intends to provide a water-efficient system that also meets the needs of the LRTAV and drivers" Mr Walden said

Premier officially opens Hub



Julie Landy (Acting CEO), Mary-Anne Thomas, Margaret McDonald (Former Cobaw CEO), Dan Andrews, Riwka Hagen (Former Cobaw Chair), Peter Donlon (Sunbury & Cobaw Chair),

On Thursday April 13 Premier Dan Andrews accompanied by Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas officially opened the Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health Hub at I Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton. It was the fulfilment of a promise the Premier had made on one of his

Premier had made on one of his visits to the Hub when it was under construction.

The \$9.8M Hub offers residents increased access to a range of vital health, family and community services under one roof.

The Hub actually commenced operation in mid-2020 with many staff working remotely for much of 2020 and 2021 pushing back the opening to 2022.

The Hub includes 14 consulting rooms for allied health, counselling, paediatric and family services as well as new e-health technology to provide clients in remote areas with the health care they need, when they need it.

The site also provides dedicated areas for youth and children's services and meeting spaces for the community to use.

The facility was proposed, planned and its construction overseen by Cobaw Community Health but in late 2020 the Service resolved to merge with Sunbury Community health and on Jan I 2021 became Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health.

Goodbye Lady Brooks Kinder



After 70 years in Hutton Street Kyneton's kindergarten, now named Kyneton Kindergarten, has relocated to 49 Edgecombe St in the grounds of the Kyneton Primary School.

Classes commenced in the new kinder from the start of Term One but external ground works, especially for car parking, proceeded throughout the term.

The buildings of the old Lady Brooks Kindergarten in Hutton St are now vacant but the Maternal and Child Health Centre and the Kyneton Toy Library continue at the site.

The history of the Kindergarten in Hutton St is interesting:

A public meeting was called by the Shire President, Cr. F.C. McCormack in Sept 1952 to consider and adopt a constitution in respect of the Kyneton & District Pre-School Association.

The meeting was attended by a large crowd and noted that a previous appeal launched by Dr. J.F. Connell raised a thousand pounds.

In Feb 1953 the opening of the Kyneton Kindergarten took place on Thursday morning when ten children of pre-school age attended. Another ten children commenced at the centre on the following Monday.

At its first annual meeting the secretary of the Association, Mr. F. Cossins gave an overview of the work carried out and money that has been spent in finishing the Pre-School Centre. A total of £1071 had been spent and included the finishing of the interior of the building which was already on site.

The annual report of 1955 revealed more improvements and a solid financial position. Two groups of children used the facility amounting to 60 children and a country group for children to attend on a Thursday afternoon was introduced.

The next major change occurred in 1975 with a new kinder, replacing the old outdated structure that had

served pre-school education in Kyneton.

Overall cost of the project \$40,000 with State & Federal funds being advanced.

The earlier building was removed by the Malmsbury Youth Training Centre inmates and the landscaping & equipment enabled through a donation of \$8000 from Rotary Club Kyneton.



The kinder Bakery cart, still at the old site, originally owned by Murray's Bakery in Mollison St, was donated by the Kyneton Rotary Club in the early 1970s but has been restored since then.

Prior to its closure Lady Brooks was operating at full capacity with 114 children attending half day sessions held every day in both classrooms and three qualified teachers and three assistants.

Research for this article was done by Larina Strauch – Kyneton Historical Society.

Kindergarten registrations

Online registrations for three and four year old kindergarten in 2023 in the Macedon Ranges Shire, are now open.

Register online before 30 June 2022 at mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten.

Home support

From 10am to 12 noon on April 26 Macedon Ranges Shire Council is holding a free information session for older people, their families and Carers in the Kyneton Mechanics Institute to explain what the Commonwealth Home Support Program is and who can benefit from services available locally, how you can access support and approximate costs.

Information sessions will also be held at Woodend Community Centre on May 12 and online on May 30.

New book club forming

Do you enjoy reading? Would you like to join a book club? A new free book club is forming in Kyneton.

The book club meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

For more information call Christine 0434597743

"If I can, you can"

Former Kyneton Football Netball Club President Karen O'Sullivan, radio and TV journalist and Club legend Hayden Walsh have joined forces to publish "If I can, you can". Hayden Walsh has been Kyneton's senior timekeeper since 2014.

"If I can, you can", tells the story of the 31-year old's life, and living with cerebral palsy.

Hayden was born with his disability but has refused to be defined by it.

"I was told as a young boy that I was given the body I have, and the life I have and it's up to me to make the most of it. That's what I am doing; living my life to the best of my ability." says Hayden. The one-eyed Collingwood supporter has a unique bond with the AFL Club's former player and coach Nathan Buckley, who has provided a moving Foreword for the book.

When Hayden was II years old, he became the first Auskicker with a disability to be involved in a game during the half time break in an AFL match. He was photographed leaving Princes Park with his walking sticks above his head, showing appreciation to the applauding football crowd.

The photo made page three of the Herald Sun newspaper the next day. Hayden was instrumental in the Kyneton Football Netball Club fielding its first ever all abilities team in 2021.



Call for childcare expansion

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters has met with parents, educators, and Macedon Ranges Shire Council to show her support for the expansion of childcare services in Kyneton.

Ms Chesters, tour began with a visit to Kyneton Community House, to learn about their desire to expandinto the old Lady Brooks kindergarten site.

"Community childcare is in high demand in the Kyneton area, with around 40 children currently on the wait list at Kyneton Community House," Ms Chesters said.

"The unmet demand would be partly resolved if the centre was able to relocate to the old Lady Brooks building, giving the potential to obtain an extra room and hire additional staff.

"The site is already home to a maternal child health facility and toy library, so this move makes sense.

"The larger space would enable more families to access the care they desire for their children and help service the region's unmet demand."

Lisa Chesters also met with a group of local parents, who have been struggling to find care for their children.



"Local mums are frustrated.

"They want to return to work but can't.

"Many are stuck on long waiting lists for every centre between Gisborne and Castlemaine.

"Some have been told there are no places available for them at the new childcare centre, yet to be opened in Kyneton".

"I've also met with Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors to discuss the issue," Chesters said.

"Early childcare plays a vital role in getting skilled parents back into the workforce. It is essential for our local economy. "We know how important early learning is for our children. We know these are some of the most important years for development.

"This is a crisis. Every family should be able to access affordable and appropriate early learning and childcare for the children." Ms Chesters said.

Power outage cause located

Powercor crews believe they may have found the cause of multiple power outages in parts of Kyneton, Macedon Ranges and the Central Highlands.

Residents and businesses in the area had experienced seven unplanned outages between Feb 23 and Mar 8. The outages were being caused by an intermittent fault that was not always there.

Attempts to locate the fault were complicated by a safety switch called a Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter (REFCL).

The REFCL provides important protection from bushfires by almost instantly cutting power to the feeder if there is a fault.

It is a very good safety device but also detects very minor issues and cuts off power extremely quickly making it difficult to find a fault as typically there is no damage.

On March 9, crews inspected and replaced a variety of items – surge arrestors, fuses, insulators, and high-voltage leads – on seven high-voltage power poles along Martin Street South in Blackwood.

After careful examination of these items, crews found an insulator that had visible burn marks indicating a fault had occurred. This is consistent with what engineering teams expected to be found from the type of fault believed to have caused the outages.

The insulator has now been replaced and taken back to the Ballarat depot for further studies.

However, to be certain there are no other faults occurring, Powercor is continuing to test the network. Crews will be closely monitoring while these tests occur.

Good news for residents inside Kyneton's Tilwinda Estate and all Tilwinda residents facing on to Harpers Lane is that outages for them will soon be less likely because they will be moved on to the Kyneton grid.

Daffodil bulb sales continuing

The sale of bulbs by the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival continued outside Woolworths on Apr 16.

Further sales will take place outside Woollies 9-12.30pm on Sat Apr 23 with further sale dates and locations to be advised in the media and on the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival's Facebook page.

Secretary Marg Dearricott reminded people that as well as in person sales, it is possible to visit the Festival's Facebook page to look at the wide variety of bulbs available and order online by e-mailing daffodil@netcon.net.au. Orders can be delivered within 5 kms of Kyneton or if from out of town can be collected from Hendersons the Gas People during business hours.



The Festival's Virginia Love and Peter Henderson sell bulbs outside Woolworths

Old Time Dance is back

Old Time dancing is about to start again in Kyneton.

After two years plus, when dancing was not allowed under Covid-19 restrictions, a group of people with great memories of Old Time Dancing at St Mary's Hall have been working to bring this much loved pastime back to Kyneton.

The inaugural dance will be held on Fri May 20, 7.30 – 11pm, at St Mary's Hall in Hutton St.

Music is by the Family Rhythm Band. Cost of entry is \$8 pp.

A plate to share for supper would be greatly appreciated.

Come along, bring your friends, you don't need a partner.

Great music, good exercise, supper and lovely company. All this for \$8.00.

Dance dates for the remainder of 2022 will alternate, 7.30-11pm on the third Friday of May, July, September, November) then 1.30-5pm on the third Sunday afternoon of (June, August, October) until the final dance of the year to be held on Friday 16 December.

Further information - Julie Wilson 0400126870. Page 3

West Ward Councillors' Update



We hope you have all been enjoying and participating in the many events happening around the Shire during the Macedon Ranges Autumn Leaves Festival.

It's been rich in nature experiences, promoting local produce and businesses, family events and something for all ages.

It was officially launched on the weekend of the 26 March and it will still have some days left when this edition of Kyneton Connect is released, finishing on the 25 April.

The second iteration of the Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial was also a great success. Congratulations, and we acknowledge how much work is involved in planning and presenting a week long event.

Importantly on the same weekend at the opening of the Autumn Leaves, Council's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was also officially launched at three sites with each of the three Traditional Owners.

Smoking ceremonies and Welcome to Country were celebrated on Dja Dja Wurrung Country at the Malmsbury Common, on Taungurung Country at the top of Bald Hill and on Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country at Jacksons Creek.

It was very special showing Council's genuine commitment to reconciliation, building strong relationships, respect and trust between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and our communities. To share knowledge and learn.

There have been many strategies and areas open for consultation recently and we realise some of you may feel overloaded.

You may have heard that Council has received an offical updated offer from the Victorian Government to purchase the East Paddock at Hanging Rock.

Council is inviting residents to share their opinions with us.

Submissions close on Fri Apr 22 on our website mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay It is not much time from when this issue of Kyneton Connect is released. Even if the survey is closed, you may like to send a written submission with your thoughts through over the weekend to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Please share your feedback with us. There will also be an opportunity to present in person to Councillors on the matter on Thursday 12 May.

You may have been involved over the past few years with Council's "Move it" program and a range of activities to encourage active ageing for those over the age of 65 years.

Council is proud of its success and delighted that it was recently recognised by the Local Government Professionals (LGPro) winning the Active Ageing and Wellbeing Award.

The project was a partnership of the Loddon Mallee region which includes ten Local government areas. It was led by our Council and funded by the Federal government.

It's budget time and Councillors have held many workshops with Council Officers over the last months.

It is also a time to reflect on the second year of the Council Plan.

We appreciate all the work and expertise of staff and thank you to those in our community who have made contact with us highlighting areas you wish us to consider for funding and works.

As always it is a challenge to balance the budget and competing priorities. We know that with Federal and State elections this year, there is also an opportunity for Council to advocate for projects and we are meeting with sitting members and candidates to discuss these.

We look forward to being able to reflect on ANZAC Day in person this year.

Best wishes

Crs Janet Pearce, Mark Ridgeway, and Jennifer Anderson

Kyneton High Alumni

Kyneton High School recently hosted a panel of alumni (exgraduates), to talk to the current year II & I2 students about how to 'Thrive and Survive' their last two important years at school.

Six enthusiastic alumni took time off from work and university studies, to give back to their old school by offering help, support and guidance to current students.

They each shared their own experiences of years II + I2 and provided practical tips and advice on how to manage time and workload, preparation for exams, the importance of looking after mental and physical health - as well as touching on their post-school pathway to their current studies or careers.

The visiting alumni were treated to a school tour with Principal Ana Rees to see the new buildings, classrooms and developments since they left, and it was lovely listening to shared stories of their old school days,.

Alum Jamie Gramberg (class of 2007) from Cookie Crumbs provided morning tea - a great example of alumni supporting alumni.

Alumni involved were:

Maggie Copeland (class of 2019) – Studying a double degree in Exercise Science and Physiology:

Carmen Smith (class of 2018) – Studying a Bachelor of Science majoring in Computing and Software Systems;

Janelle Spinks (class of 2017) – Studying a Masters of Science (Chemistry);

Sean Gottschling (class of 2014) – Civil and Dams Engineer;

Jess Cockerill-Wright (class of 2013)

– Prison Officer involved in training staff, and CFA FireFighter;

Tom Woodman (class of 2013) – runs his own building and construction business 'Zenith Building and Construction'



Principal Ana Rees with Alumni

Barkly Square upgrade



The playing surface at Barkly Square, the home of Kyneton & District Soccer Club for more that 40 years is to be upgraded.

On Mar I2 Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas visited the Square to announce that the Victorian Government had allocated \$500,000 for the upgrade from its World Game Facilities Fund.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has committed \$250,000 for the works.

The current playing surface is plagued by poor drainage and an uneven soil profile, which over the last five years has resulted in a significant number of games being relocated to other venues outside the Shire

The funding will redevelop the soccer playing surface at Barkly Square to ensure a fit for purpose playing surface.

Works will include new surface, new irrigation and drainage and improvement works to provide additional opportunities for participation.

It is anticipated that work will commence in late 2022 in time for the 2023 winter season.

Urban Sea Shanties choir

The Council is calling out to existing local choirs and the singing community to join a community choir, learning a repertoire of songs during a 4-month period, culminating in a performance at Kyneton Town Hall in September.

Participation is free, and open to people aged 12+.

Rehearsals will be held on Saturday mornings from May to September.

To get involved visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au/get-involved or call Andrea on 0429605619 to find out more.

No 2022 Spud Luncheon

The Kyneton Auxiliary of Vision Australia have advised that they will not be able to conduct their spud Luncheon this year.

Community House Term 2

Kyneton Community House are pleased to have made it through Term I with little interruption, a welcome relief after the last 2 years. During 2021 some students from Windarring undertook an Art project, painting a beautiful mural (pictured) in the courtyard at Little Swallow Café.

Due to the various lockdowns the House was unable to celebrate the project completion until recently.



Coming up in Term 2 the House will again be running its Digital Literacy course on Wednesday afternoons for those who need a little extra assistance with their device (laptop, iphone, tablet etc).

On Thursday mornings a room has been set aside for anyone who would like to come along with their craft project to work on it with a cuppa and some company.

A new program is starting, "Everyday Employability Skills" which focusses on gaining hospitality skills such as Barista training, using a point of sale system and running a meal service.

This program will be running on a Tuesday at the High St premises.

The Kyneton Community House Annual General meeting will be held at 34 Mollison Str on Thur Apr 28 from 7pm. To register phone 54223433 before April 25.

Cathouse to present "Rooms"

After the disappointment of needing to cancel their 2021 production of 'Blithe Spirit', Cathouse Players are back in rehearsals, much to the delight of Director, Bette Sartore.

Opening mid- June, 'Rooms' is a reflection on relationships in the many forms they take.

From marriage to old friends and complete strangers, 'Rooms' explores how we perceive ourselves and others and the impact this has.

From thought provoking to a chuckle, audiences will witness the emotions we all feel at times.

Cathouse Players will perform, as

usual at the warm and inviting Kyneton Masonic Centre,.

Complimentary interval

Complimentary interval refreshments, yet again will include wine and supper for evening performances and their much loved High Tea with Bubbles during matinees.

Tickets \$20/\$25. For enquiries call 0490485850.

Parent-Child Mother Goose

Parents and carers of pre-school children are invited to discover the benefits of sharing songs, rhymes and storytelling as Kyneton sees the return of Parent-Child Mother Goose.

The program has been running in the Macedon Ranges for about ten years and when restrictions prevented the groups meeting in person two years ago, staff kept families connected by sharing music and storytelling videos and a fortnightly interactive newsletter.

"We are so happy to be back in person," says Tracey Thiele, Child and Parent Project Facilitator.

As well as being a fun activity for pre-schoolers, the Parent-Child Mother Goose program enhances the bond between child and carer, connects families in the community and allows for the opportunity to share tips and ideas on parenting.

The use of songs, rhymes and stories can also have a positive impact on language and literacy development and school readiness.

"The program is particularly beneficial for those parents or carers who are new to the area or who don't have a support network close by," says Tracey.

Parent-Child Mother Goose will take place on Thursday mornings from 19 May at Sunbury and Cobaw's community meeting room at I Caroline Chisholm Dr.

Registrations are essential so please contact Tracey Thiele on 54211666 or email tracey.thiele@scchc.org.au

Fashion parade

Ladies, the fashion parade, followed by afternoon tea is back on at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Yaldwyn St West on Fri May 6 at 1:30 pm. Try & buy clothing on the day.

Try & buy clothing on the day Admission \$15.

For bookings call 54221869.

Musk Lane Urban Winery



One of Kyneton's best kept secrets, Musk Lane Wine's Urban Winery and Cellar Door has fully reopened after the pandemic closure.

Located down Turner's Lane, off High Street, opposite the Pizza and Wine Club, it offers a unique area that serves as a wine bar, dining space and beer garden.

Musk Lane moved into their Kyneton home in 2019 and produce all of their wines there. Winemaker Brendan Lane says it's a relaxing place where patrons can enjoy the wines in the place they were made.

A feature is the weighing of wine for patrons. Says Brendan: "Our wine glasses are all handmade and vary slightly in capacity, so we weigh the wine rather than filling each glass to a desired level."

Musk Lane is open Friday to Sunday, 12 noon until late.

Campaspe Dental relocation

Campaspe Dental Practice has moved about 30m from its former location to new premises in the Ambulatory Care section of the Kyneton Hospital.

After 6 successful years of managing patients oral health, Campaspe Dental now has its own dedicated reception area and three state of the art operating rooms.

With the additional space the practice can accommodate more dentists and visiting specialists to meet the needs of patients without having to leave the local area.

The members of our team are: General Dentists - Dr. Asha Madan, Dr. John Vu & Dr. Nadia Barrett Periodontist - Dr. Sara Byrne who can provide gum care

Prosthodontist- Dr. Varun Garg who can assist with dentures, implants and other cosmetic procedures; and Orthodontist - Dr. Andrew McDonald who can treat irregularities in the teeth and jaws. Call 54223988 to make a booking.

What's New in Business

Pollen

On Feb 23 husband and wife team Ruth Laird Spence and Rene Spence opened "Pollen" at 5 High St near the corner with Mollison St.

"We have lived in town for nearly 7 years and are pulling our experience into our new local business and are delighted to be focussing our energy back into the town instead of into the city" Rene said.

"We called ourselves Pollen in reference to the cross-pollination of people and community that we all need in order to thrive.

"I part-own and have run the award winning Modern Vietnamese restaurant Uncle in Melbourne since 2013 and have been in the hospitality industry for 25 years" Rene said

"My wife is a potter under the moniker Fork Ceramics and our space is a hybrid of coffee shop with her ceramics along with locally handmade objects with Emily Dellios's smaller wooden chopping boards, spatulas and vases; porcelain earrings by Froni Binns and leather offerings from Jess Wootten" he said The couple are aiming at simple delicious food and beverages with coffee by Proud Mary, milk by Inglenook, Istra smallgoods and Meredith goats cheese as well as other high quality offerings.

Initial opening hours are Wed - Fri 9 -3pm but will grow into Saturdays.



Angie's at the Bowling Club

Angie's Café & Bakery whose premises at 8 High St were significantly damaged in the downpour of Jan 27 have relocate operations to upstairs at the Bowling Club where Angie also runs the Bowling Club restaurant Jack High. Angie's is open 9am-2pm Mon-Sat offering its regular breakfast, lunch, coffee, tea and snacks.

It could be September before the old premises are restored.

Angie will be able to operate out of the Bowling Club until at least the end of May when her contract for operating Jack High is up for renewal.

Jack High is open for dinner Thu-Sat 6-8pm. Call 44122000 for both venues.

Oak Lane & Co

Oak Lane & Co have opened a further outlet at 66 Piper Street, corner of Powlett St, to further display their tasteful collectable items. Oak Lane & Co is owned by Carla Bakker and Simon Raynor.

Also located at 96 Piper St, Oak Lane & Co opened late in 2018.

This new extra location gives Oak Lane & Co the opportunity to showcase and sell a wider range of their collection. Open 10-5pm Thur-Sun. Phone 54221303.



New at Chiropractic Life

Chiropractic Life at 47 High St has welcomed Dr Zoe Synnot to the Practice.

Chiropractic Life has remodelled th former Cobaw premises in High St to make it a modern, light and welcoming space that caters for families and individuals alike.

The team at Chiropractic life strives to provide professional service and a patient-centred approach.

To make an appointment and find out what Chiropractic Life Kyneton can do for you call 44118944.



Arts & Collectable Centre



Windarring Disability Services has opened a new space located at 58 Mollison St, – next to its Kyneton Copy Centre.

"Our Art Gallery space – is a space where barriers are eliminated and creativity flows." Windarring's Shaelae Desmond said.

"Our aim is to showcase the work of our unique artists to exhibit & sell artworks to our local community.

"Our Gallery presents a range of different artworks, such as paintings, sculptures, upcycled art pieces, drawings, ceramics, and hand-made items.

"We work with a diverse range of individuals in supporting them to be creative and create specialized art works.

"Profits raised from everyone's artwork goes directly to the individual artist and supports them on their journey of creativity.

"In our space, we also have a Vintage Market Space with high quality vintage items and clothing for sale.

"All profits raised from items sold go directly to back to Windarring and our programs for individuals with a disability.

"In the back of the building our artists work on their creations in our large art space that has been recently renovated and tailored to suit each individual's art interest, with fully stocked art supplies, paints, and a sewing machine.

"The art space is also available for hire for use on weekdays and weekends for those interested in running workshops or utilizing our fantastic space".

If you would like to find out more about the Arts & Collectable Centre call 54227001.

Machine Knitting

Since the easing of covid restrictions, groups of machine knitters have resumed meeting together to share knowledge and skill of this fascinating, rewarding, and sometimes challenging, process.

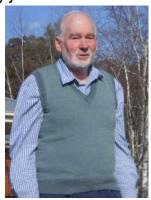
Clubs of machine knitters in Victoria are listed at the MKAV website.

Visitors are welcome at meetings, and if you wish to continue attending you will be asked to pay a small annual membership fee.

Meetings usually include demonstration, supported learning of techniques, and 'show&tell'.

A small group meets from time to time in Kyneton, and they welcome inquiries.

Call Joy Johnston 0411190448.



Noel Johnston wearing a machine knitted woollen vest

Federal Election May 21

Polling places on election day will be open 8am-6pm. At the time of going to print polling booth locations had not been publicised.

Kyneton, Malmsbury, Tylden, Lauriston, Redesdale and much of Cahlsruhe are in the Bendigo Federal electorate.

People unable to attend a polling booth on election day can apply for a postal vote or attend a pre-poll voting booth. Pre-poll voting commences on May 9 but the locations of early voting centres are yet to be announced.

Applications for postal voting for those who are unable to attend a booth on election day have already opened but ballots cannot be sent out until April 26.

Known candidates for Bendigo at the time of going to print were Lisa Chesters (Labor)-the sitting member, Darin Shade (Liberal), Cate Sinclair (Greens), Elijah Suares (United Australia Party), Ben Mihail (Pauline Hanson's One Nation), Matthew Bansemer (Liberal Democrat).

Community Funding Scheme -

Applications for the Council's annual Community Funding Scheme grant program open Monday May 23.

The Community Funding Scheme provides funds to local community groups and not-for-profit organisations for programs and initiatives that benefit the shire and meet local needs.

Applications will be accepted online until Mon June 27 via the grants administration system smartygrants.

The Council's Community Development Team will be providing a face-to-face workshop in Woodend on Wed May II and an evening online information session via zoom on Thur May I2 to go through more details about the grant and how to apply using smartygrants.

For more information or to register for a workshop call 54220333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants

Seniors back at the Shamrock

Kyneton Senior citizens began 2022 at the Shamrock.

"We were welcomed by new proprietor Manny and his new staff.

"Our members are all excited by the fact we could meet face to face with friends not only for a meal but the opportunity to chat, laugh, talk and listen" President Marj Williams said.

Kyneton Seniors meet weekly on Thursdays at the Shamrock.

Times are 11-2.30pm.

All seniors are welcome for a 2 course meal of their choice plus tea, coffee and a free drink for \$10.

For more information call Ray Williams, Secretary on 0419124159.



Trail rides

Sun Apr 24 East Trentham to Firth Park 10am start. Book with Di 0407486121

Sun May 22 I 0am start for Drummond ride. Book with Julie 0427 859 586

To find out about joining the Trail Riders Club contact Amy 0408342990.

Around the Galleries

The Old Auction House 56 Mollison St

Upcoming Exhibitions

A Little Birdie Told Me - group exhibition of Avian art

21 April - 9 May

Places - Solo Exhibition of Liz Zylinski 28 April - 23 May

Winds of Change - group exhibition of climate change art

12 May - 30 May

My Impression - group exhibition of Australian Printmakers

26 May - 20 June

The Stockroom 98 Piper St Exhibitions to May 8 Melancanny by Michael Needham A Path Laid Down for Walking by Greg Wood

Tender Sticks by Talitha Kennedy Narcissus and Friends by Vanessa Lucas.

Art on Piper 44 Piper St

Pastel and oil artist Sharon Pappas has joined the team of twenty four creative locals at the Art On Piper gallery, producing her sensitive images of the region in a variety of display options — framed and unframed, mini canvases and high gloss boards — perfect as keepsakes for travellers, gifts to new residents to the area or beautiful reminders of the secret places people know.

Definitely a must see on your next gallery visit, 10 - 4 six days a week (closed Tuesdays).

Lancefield accomplished painter, Margaret Morgan, will be guest for May and June with her exhibition 'Trekking Around The Ranges' offering expressive moments that she has skilfully captured of the local environment that she loves.

www.artonpiper.com



Sharon Pappas at Art on Piper

U3A Kyneton

U3A Kyneton is back to offering its full set of activities.

Social activities include a weekly coffee morning and chat, a fortnightly film club and a monthly lunch group. Outdoor courses include bushwalking and cycling.

There are over 40 courses to choose from. For the mind - poetry, the book circle and current affairs are popular and frequently controversial. The weekly Friday 2pm U3A sessions at the Red Brick Hall at 23 Yaldwyn St West always feature great guests – the April 22 guest for example will be Athol Guy.

Further information can be found via the U3A Kyneton website, by email at info@u3akyneton.org.au or call Roni on 0439360763.



Kyneton Municipal Band

Things are getting back to normal after two interrupted years for the Kyneton Municipal Brass Band members.

The Band performed a Sunday afternoon concert in the Botanic gardens during February, played for the Lancefield Relay for Life on Mar 5 and then provided some Australian music for the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Citizenship ceremony on Mar 22.

The band members are now preparing for their biggest day of the year, ANZAC Day, when they will be participating in ceremonies at Malmsbury, Kyneton, Woodend and Taradale.

The Band rehearses every Friday night at the Red Brick Hall at 23 Yaldwyn St West. starting at 7.30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come along to listen or to join in.

Tuition and Instruments are provided to anyone wishing to learn to play a brass instrument.

Experienced players are always welcome.

For more information call Bandmaster Hugh Davies 0418 519398.

Strong end to croquet Season



A very successful croquet season for the Kyneton Croquet Club came to an end in early April.

With four teams in the Northern District Croquet Association Pennant Competition, Kyneton took out the Division One title, were runners-up in Division Two and second and third in Division Three.

In the playoffs for the regional golf croquet singles championships held in Quarry Hill in early April, Kyneton's Pat Fahy took out the Division 3 section. Pat will now go to the state championships in Melbourne later this month.

The Club singles championship was taken out by Damien Hadfield for the second year.

Although competition play has now come to an end until September, social play will continue every Mon, Wed and Sat from Ipm.

New players of all ages and abilities are always welcome.

Open Days at Tylden PS

Tylden PS will hold Open Days for 2023 enrolments in Education Week. Families are welcome to visit for a school tour 10-2.30pm on Thur May 26 or on Sat May 28 9–12 pm.

The Open Days are a great way to experience Tylden PS in operation and find out more.

If the dates do not suit you are invited to ring the school on 54248244 to talk with Principal Lee McDonald about enrolment for Prep or any other level in 2023, and arrange an alternative tour time.

Ray M Begg Auxiliary

The Ray M Begg Auxiliary held a very successful Easter Fair on Sat Apr 16. The Auxiliary thanks all volunteers and the community for their support. During the winter months the R M Begg Auxiliary stalls from Bolton Hall in Epping St.

The dates of the stalls will be 9-1pm Sat July 9 and Sat Aug 13.

Zonta breast care cushions

The Zonta Club of Kyneton has been making breast care cushions since 2001.

Zonta Breast Care Cushions are provided to people in the post-operative phase of breast surgery.

These cushions have been distributed locally to doctors' surgeries and Kyneton Health.

The Club has made and distributed approximately 500 cushions in total.

"It is not only the cushions which bring comfort, but also the message of love and support to one woman from another through the enclosed postcard from Zonta" Central Highlands Rural Health's CEO, Maree Cuddihy, said:

"The cushions provide physical and emotional comfort to our community nursing clients who are undergoing breast cancer treatment.

We are very thankful for the ongoing support from members of the Zonta Club of Kyneton."

Donna (President), Margaret and Nancy were presented with a certificate of appreciation by Maree during their recent visit to the hospital.

Central Highlands Rural Health's Community Nursing team at Kyneton receives referrals from metro and regional health services for their hospital in the home program post-mastectomy.



Front Zonta's Margaret Lynch, Donna Fabris & Nancye Peucker and at back Susan Jennings, Maree Cuddihy & Alison Lowe of Community Nursing

Men's Shed wood raffle

Kyneton Men's Shed is holding its first raffle for some two years with two cubic metres of River Murray red gum as the prize.

The tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and six for \$10.

Shed president lan Curnow said tickets for the raffle can be purchased outside Woolworths on April 22, 23, 29 and 30.

The raffle will be drawn on Saturday April 30 after midday.



"Shed hours, start around 10 am Wed to Fri, but sometimes it closes by 2 pm if there are less than two blokes in attendance.

"Tuesday is Ladies Day, and there is currently a ladies woodwork course underway - the first of many, as the waiting list now extends into the 2nd half of 2023." The Shed is currently making bench seating for schools, native animal breeding boxes and wooden toys. It also undertakes community work and has delivered the second wooden playhouse which included wooden furniture.

New RM Begg Manager

Kate Hayward says taking on the role of General Manager at RM Begg Kyneton Aged Care is like coming home.

The Woodend resident began working as a cleaner, food services assistant, part time cook and a personal carer at RM Begg in the late 1980's before undertaking her Nursing training in the 1990's.

"RM Begg is very dear to me. I worked here as a young woman, my father lived here, and there are people still working here now who I worked with in the early days".

She says long-time RM Begg CEO Sarah Collier had been a great mentor who encouraged her to pursue a career in nursing.

Since then, Kate has worked at various Aged Care facilities and has over 16 years' experience as a General Manager.



Kate Hayward GM with Residents Rosie Devey. Jan Bradbury and Bev Coutts

"It's a privilege to be back and be able to ensure RM Begg Kyneton

Aged Care continues to provide excellent care for our residents. It has always been the facility of choice in the Macedon Ranges."

Ms Hayward says she acknowledges the challenges that RM Begg faces and would love to see the facility remain as a standalone organisation, but she is open minded when it comes to change and is confident the current Board will make the right decisions about RM Begg's future. Ms Hayward began her new role on March 7.

Mentoring boys

Men who work with or regularly interact with teenage boys in the Macedon Ranges are being invited to take part in a six-week program which aims to explore the important role mentors play in guiding young people as they move towards adulthood.

The program is run by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health.

Anyone in a leadership or mentoring role such as sports coaches, teachers and group leaders are encouraged to attend.

'Mentoring Boys' is being held from 6.30-8.30pm from Mon May 2 until June 6 with the venue location to be confirmed. To register, contact kathryn.chai@scchc.org.au for more information.

Call for reading volunteers

New volunteers are being sought for the Turning Pages program which runs at Kyneton Primary (working with year 4-6 students) and Kyneton High School (working with Year 7 students) one-to-one on their literacy skills.

"Turning Pages is a fantastic program designed for non-teachers to help anyone to improve their reading and spelling" Co-ordinator Jackie Nieuwenhuizen said.

You only need a couple of hours a week (more if you like!) on days and at times to suit you. On-going support is provided by Jackie.

If you are interested please call 54211100.

Music at the Market

Kyneton Farmers Market will feature live music.

On May 14 the music will be by Caliz Liminar World Music Ensemble. For June 11 the music is from the Philip Cheek Trio,.

For Farmers Market enquiries call Catherine 0434820618.

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Kyneton Town Hall in May

Kyneton Town Hall is headlining some inspiring artists and presenting stunning performances during May.

It starts with some of Australia's very best Comedians starring in the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow, 7.30pm Wed May II.

Experience all the fun and excitement of a Hollywood backstage tour where you can be part of the movie magic that is "Game Boys Cinematic Universe" – 7.30pm Friday 13 May.

At 3pm on Sun May 15 the Town Hall will host BLUE: The Songs of Joni Mitchell, in a beguiling afternoon of melancholic songs, poetic storytelling and haunting vocals.

On the following Sunday, May 22 also at 3pm Kutcha Edwards will be singing up country with his award winning show and release Circling Time – Songs & Stories!



On Thur May 26 at 8pm acclaimed guitarist Daniel Champagne who has been selling out shows across Australia and overseas will be playing a selection from his five studio albums. This is followed by Echoes of Pink Floyd on Fri May 27 who will be recreating all the Pink Floyd classics with an amazing light show and performance starting at 8pm.

Purchase tickets on 1300 888 802 or mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets.

'Dido and Aeneas'

In their first performances since May last year the Gisborne Singers will be presenting Henry Purcell's immortal opera *Dido and Aeneas* on Sundays May I & 8 at Kyneton's Bluestone Theatre, 28 Hutton St. There will be 2 performances (Ipm and 3pm) on each Sunday.

Dido and Aeneas is the oldest English opera, being written in 1688 during the Baroque period.

A world of triumph and tragedy comes together in a semi-staged production featuring Kristen Leich in the title role of Dido.

The program also features alternate casting, providing the opportunity for small solo parts from within the choir. Tickets through TryBooking: \$40 adults, \$30 concession, \$20 students, children under 12 free.

Lauriston Hall upgrade



On Mar 25 Minister for Regional Development and Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas visited Lauriston Hall to inspect the completed works, supported by a \$50,000 investment through the Victorian Government's Stronger Regional Communities Program.

The building has a long history of community spirit, with two local sisters pooling their money to fund construction of the community hall in the early 1930s.

The upgrade ensures the hall can continue to be an important cultural and social hub for locals and visitors, including space for children's playgroups, performances, not-for-profit group meetings, exhibitions and private functions for the Lauriston community.

The project included rehabilitation works to retain the hall's heritage character, while a new kitchen, bathroom and entrance have modernised its internal fit out.

Local community members joined the Lauriston Hall Committee to collaborate on the development of the project delivered by the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Kyneton Masonic Lodge

The Kyneton Masonic Lodge meets at 7 Yaldwyn St West on first Monday of each month with the exception of January.

"The Masonic Lodge is one of the largest benevolent organizations in the world raising money for many and varied needs" Kyneton Lodge Master Brian Chester said.

"We at the Kyneton Lodge are always looking for new members to join us so if interested please contact me on 042047411.

"We also have a very nice hall with full kitchen facilities which we hire out to local community groups as well as private patrons who need a hall for their celebrations."

Basically Nocturnal

After a successful sold out season in 2018, Thomas Currie is returning to Kyneton's Bluestone Theatre on April 29 with a brand new show, "Basically Nocturnal".

"Basically Nocturnal" is a night of witty stories and songs with adaptions of music from the 60's to now, as well as original material.

Featuring songs from Billy Joel, Barry Manilow and more, a band of synthesisers, drums and cello, along with Currie's voice will transport an audience whereever their imagination leads them.

This production premiered at the Melbourne Cabaret Festival in 2021 and is in Kyneton before returning to Melbourne for yet another season.

Basically Nocturnal is suitable for all ages and will play at the Bluestone Theatre on Apr 29 at 7:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased online at thomascurrie.com.au.



Probus: busy year ahead

March saw the induction of the 2022/23 Management Committee for the Probus Club of Kyneton.

The members of this year's Management Committee are Phil Parkinson (Pres), Julie Saliba (VP), Ian Geddes (Treasurer), Ruth Geddes (Sec), John Wells, Enid Farmer, Margaret Gray, Margaret Wells, Helen Forsyth and Roy Gibbs.

Monthly meetings continue to be held at the Shamrock on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30am.

If you are retired or semi retired and wish to meet new friends in a Club focussed on fun, fellowship, well being and life long learning contact President Phil 54221289.

Can you help deliver Connect?

Extra helpers are always welcome.

If you could assist by delivering Kyneton Connects please call Eric on 54222990.

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Kyneton Events Calendar	
Sat Apr 23	Football-Netball Strathfieldsaye v Kyneton (away game)
Mon Apr 25	ANZAC Day Commemoration in Kyneton Cenotaph 10am
Tues Apr 26	'A Community Conversation' I Caroline Chisholm Dr I.30 & 6pm
Wed Apr 27	Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm and each Wed.
Thur Apr 28	Kyneton Community House AGM 34 Mollison St 7.30pm
Fri Apr 29	Thomas Currie's 'Basically Nocturnal' Bluestone Theatre 7.30pm
Sat Apr 30	Football-Netball Kyneton v Sth Bendigo (Showgrounds)
Sun May I	Gisborne Singers 'Dido and Aeneas' Bluestone Theatre 1pm & 3pm
Fri May 6	Fashion Parade St Paul's Hall 1.30pm
Sat May 7	Football-Netball Kangaroo Flat v Kyneton (away game)
Sun May 8	Gisborne Singers 'Dido and Aeneas' Bluestone Theatre Ipm & 3pm Afternoon Tea with the Cartwheels Lauriston Hall 3-5.30pm
Mon May 9	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse I Iam
Wed May 11	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow Town Hall 7.30pm
Fri May 13	'Game Boys Cinematic Universe' Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Sat May 14	Farmers & Makers Market St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm
	Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
	Football-Netball Kyneton v Golden Square (Showgrounds)
Sun May 15	'Blue: The songs of Joini Mitchel' Kyneton Town Hall 3pm
Fri May 20	Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm
Sat May 21	Federal Election Voting 8-6pm
Sun May 22	'Kutcha Edwards—Circling Time'Kyneton Town Hall 3pm
Thu May 26	'Daniel Champagne' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Fri May 27	'Echoes of Pink Floyd' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Sat May 28	Football-Netball Eaglehawk v Kyneton (away game)
Sat Jun 4	Football-Netball Kyneton v Sandhurst (Showgrounds)
Sat Jun 11	Farmers & Makers Market St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm
	Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-Ipm
	Football-Netball Maryborough v Kyneton (away game)
	Tex Perkins & Matt Walker Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Mon Jun 13	Queen's Birthday Holiday

Kyneton Events Calendar

Cartwheels at Lauriston Hall

On Mothers Day May 8 Lauriston Hall will host an afternoon tea with live music provided by the Cartwheels from 3-5:30pm.

The Cartwheels are golden guitar winners Wendy Phypers, Dave Patterson and their son Charley Phypers. The Cartwheels have played at major festivals around the country including Tamworth and the Gympie Muster and have a live show which features Wendy's amazing voice and great country swing tunes. Supported by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, this event is family orientated.

Tickets at \$25 via Trybooking .Kids under 15 free.

Please purchase a ticket for catering purposes.



Kyneton CFA juniors excel



A team of young Kyneton CFA brigade members has taken on, and defeated, the Chief Officer's Chargers in one of the most popular events of the CFA/VFBV State Firefighter Championships.

Under 17 team members Nic Hanna, Sam Foster, Royce Sharp and Spencer Zan competed in the Chief Officer's Challenge, in front a huge crowd at the State Urban Senior Championships at Shepparton on Mar 26

The race pits CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan and three of his Deputies against a team of challengers.

The Kyneton Under 17 Juniors won the honour of competing in the event after taking out the wet hose striking one disk twice in the State Urban Junior Championships on the previous weekend.

Initially the race didn't go as planned as the Kyneton team were initially ruled to have made a technical mistake with a hose, however in the re-run of the event the junior team took out the event in a time of 21.48 seconds, ahead of the Chief's Chargers in 22.15 seconds.

Speaking after being presented with their medals, the team paid tribute

to their coaches Brett and Emma Magrath who have worked tirelessly with them, practising the skills required for the Championships.

Light Show a great success

The Daffodil & Arts Festival were at last able to present its Light Show on Friday April 8 when work with Visual Architect Jim Coad and the children from Kyneton Primary School was displayed on the Kyneton Mechanics Institute.

Along for the evening were 'The Gardeners' puppets who provided some great extra fun for those who enjoyed the Light show.

Viewers sat in the Mechanics Reserve to eat take away, listen to the Vintage Blues Machine Live Music and to socialise.

The evening proceeded from 6.30pm to about 9pm when it was brought to an end with a sudden downpour of rain.

The Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival is pleased to let you know that the festival received funding from Visit Victoria. There is a survey link to attendees after the event - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P77SS3T

By completing the survey, visitors can go into a draw to win a \$300 voucher from Macedon Ranges P r o d u c e - h t t p s : // www.macedonrangesproduce.com.a



ANZAC Day 2022

The Kyneton RSL Sub-Branch will again be organising the



traditional ANZAC Day march and ceremony in Kyneton on Mon April 25 to commemorate the 107th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. ANZAC Day begins with the Dawn Service conducted at the Kyneton Cenotaph in the Mechanics Reserve at 6am. Attendees should begin assembling at about 5.45am. This service will be followed by the traditional Gunfire Breakfast which will be held at the Kyneton RSL club rooms. A gold coin donation is requested for the breakfast and all monies collected will go to providing welfare support for our veterans.

The ANZAC Day march in Kyneton will form up at the corner of Yaldwyn and Mollison Streets at 09.30am and step off at 09.45am. The march will proceed to the Cenotaph where the ANZAC Day ceremony will be conducted at 10am.

Following the service the march will continue along Mollison Street to the RSL where it will disband. Refreshments will be provided at the RSL following the march.

In the lead up to ANZAC Day, the Kyneton RSL will be conducting its annual appeal and badges will on sale in town and at the RSL.

People are encouraged to buy a badge and wear it with pride - all monies collected goes in support of veterans.

Please note that anyone attending the Kyneton RSL for the Gunfire Breakfast or refreshments following the service will need to QR Code in and show proof of having been double-vaccinated.

Any enquiries should be directed to the Secretary of the Kyneton RSL, Mike Gretton, on 5422 6735.

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