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Major Annual Events (in chronological order)

a) Australia Day Breakfast (January 26)

Each year from 8am to 10am hundreds of Kyneton residents of all ages celebrate Australia Day at a free community breakfast in the centre of town at the Mechanics Institute Reserve. Service Club members serve residents bacon, sausages and eggs and a cuppa whilst local musicians entertain. Contact person is Kevin Thomas 54227130



b) International Women's Day Dinner (March)

Held in the week of International Women's Day, the Dinner is hosted by the Zonta Club of Kyneton. The event is a very popular attraction for women across the region and always features prominent and thought provoking speakers.

c) Kyneton Easter Air Show (bi-annual)

This popular event is held at the Kyneton Airfield in every second year.

d) Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival (First Week of September)

This 11 day festival starts on the Thursday before the first weekend in September and concludes on the second Sunday in September. Contact person for the Festival is Marg Dearthcott 54222282. Website is www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au

In addition to Kyneton's famous Golden Mile of Daffodils half of the town's gardens feature a wide variety of beautiful daffodils.

Open Gardens and flower shows are a major feature of the Festival but a breathtaking variety of activities catering for visitors and families are conducted. These include:

Festival of One Act Plays	Antique Fair	Daffodil Art Prize
Cycle Challenge	Ferret Racing	Sidewalk Sale
Buskers Competition	Paramoor Farm Fayre	Art and Craft Shows
Wine Tastings	Community Concert	Old Time Ball
Grand Parade	Family Street Fair	Fun Run

Some regular highlight events of the Festival are:

(i) Kyneton Antique Fair: This 3 day event (1st Fri evening plus Sat & Sun) held in the Kyneton Town Hall displays and offers for sale a vast assortment of antiques, ranging from militaria, badges and costumes to exquisite jewellery, silverware, china and smaller pieces of furniture. The Fair is conducted by the Friends of the Kyneton Museum.

(ii) Festival of One Act Plays The 3 day Festival (1st Fri evening plus Sat & Sun) has run continuously for more than 50 years and attracts theatre Companies from across the State. It is conducted in the historic Bluestone Theatre and has a youth section (on Friday night) in addition to the adult competition (Sat & Sun).

(iii) Spring Flower Show: Conducted by the Kyneton Horticultural Society - Not only are daffodils featured but also cut flowers, floral art, pot plants and a children's section.

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(iv) Paramoor Farm Fayre Conducted on the farm in the presence of Paramoor's splendid Clydesdale horses. Visitors experience wonderful food, excellent wines, great entertainment, delightful local art, craft and produce stalls on the 1st Sunday in Sept.

(v) Ferret Racing A novel and popular event that takes place in the Mechanics Reserve in the centre of town on the first Saturday morning of the Festival.



Ferret racing & Fun Run, features of Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival



(vi) Fun Run A fund raiser for the Kyneton Hospital, the event caters for all ages and abilities with both a 5k and 10k section in which participants can run or walk.

(vii) Festival of Flowers St Paul's Anglican Church has conducted this event for 26 years. The church is decorated with scores of fantastic flower arrangements, each in accord with the theme set for the year.

(viii) Daffodil Old Time Ball Held on the evening of the 2nd Saturday of September the Ball is one of a handful of genuine Old Time Balls left. Dancers come from across the State to dance, compete for the sashes, and enjoy the great music and the famous supper.

(ix) Grand Parade & Family Street Fair Held on the 2nd Sunday of September these events are the culmination of the festival. A huge crowd of locals and visitors watch the parade and then participate in the magic street activities afterwards.

The **Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival Committee** oversees the Festival Meetings: 1st Tues Newman Room Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm

Contact: Margaret Dearricott 54222282 web: www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au

e) Macedon Ranges Jazz and Heritage Festival (2nd Weekend in October)

Held in Kyneton this is a 3 day festival that starts mid-Friday with free performances in the centre of town followed by a mammoth Cabaret Ball in the Kyneton Town Hall on the Friday night. Over Saturday and Sunday many of Australia's top Jazz groups and artists perform at venues across Kyneton.

The **Macedon Ranges Jazz & Heritage Festival Committee** oversees the Festival Contact: Virginia Glover 54232800 web: www.jazzkyneton.org

f) Annual Zonta Fashion Parade and Dinner (October)

Around 200 women attend this popular event hosted by the Zonta Club of Kyneton which is usually on the evening of the 4th Wednesday of October.

g) Kyneton Wine Dinner (October/November)

Over a sumptuous dinner guests sample the wines that were judged at the Kyneton Wine Show during that day. Contact Sandra Aitken 54234225.

h) Kyneton Cup (First Wednesday in November)

Thousands of Kyneton district residents attend this annual celebration on the Wednesday after the Melbourne Cup. Kyneton Cup Day is a Public Holiday in the district.

Visit www.kynetondistrictracingclub.com.au for more information.

i) Budburst Festival (October/November)

The Budburst Wine and Food Festival is a Macedon Ranges wide Festival and opens in Kyneton on a Sunday with “Budburst on Piper Street” a wine, food and music fair and continues encompassing renowned wineries, dinners at the great eating places of the district and cellar door tasting. Visit www.budburst.com for more information.



j) Kyneton Agricultural Show (3rd Friday and Saturday of November)

The Show is held at the Kyneton Showgrounds on Friday evening from 6pm (highlights: Kyneton Show Idol, Fireworks, thrill rides) and during the day on Saturday (highlights: horse & dog shows, thrill rides). The **Kyneton Agricultural Society** organizes the Show

Meetings: 2nd Mon Watts Pavilion Mollison St Contact: Sharyn Stephens 54232417

k) Malmsbury Village Fayre

Held in the Malmsbury Botanic Gardens on the 3rd Sunday in November the Fayre is a wonderful opportunity to taste the wines, produce and foods of Malmsbury and surrounds, take in the fantastic scenery, listen to great music and visit the Art Galleries. Contact 54232088, web: www.malmsburyvillagefayre.org.au

Attractions: Local and nearby

Hanging Rock

Just a 10 minute drive from Kyneton, Hanging Rock is one of the State’s most popular and intriguing geological and recreational attractions.

Hanging Rock Recreation Reserve Hours are Mon-Sun 9-5pm, Daylight saving 8-6pm (closed Christmas day) Phone toll free 1800 244 711, web: www.hangingrock.info

Mineral Springs

Kyneton Mineral Springs is situated about 3 km North of the township on Burton Avenue (the old Calder Highway beyond Piper St). Excellent quality Mineral Water can be pumped free of charge. The Mineral Springs Park itself is an outstanding location for family picnics. It is shaded by magnificent oak trees and includes children’s play equipment, a free barbeque, ample seating and tables and good public toilets.

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Bluestone and other Historic Buildings

Kyneton is famed for its historic 1850s buildings not only in Piper St but throughout the town and district. A Kyneton Town Walks map which has a marked guide to Kyneton's historic buildings is available from the Kyneton Visitor Information Centre in High St.

Kyneton Farmers Market (monthly on the 2nd Saturday)

Kyneton's monthly Farmers Market is held in the St Paul's Park Piper St Kyneton on the second Saturday of each month from 8am to 1pm. Fresh produce, wines, arts and crafts, plants, clothing and countless miscellaneous items are on sale at bargain prices. Further details from Bill Tangey 54226800.

Kyneton Artisans Market

The Piper Street Artisans Market is held on the 4th Sunday of each month in the grounds of the Emporium on Piper at 89 Piper Street from 9am to 4pm. The Market offers handmade work from artisans including works made from glass, fabric, ceramic, work on paper, iron and much more. Enquiries to Maxine McKee 54226611.

Kyneton Fine China and Wattle Ceramics 50 Wedge St Kyneton ph54223337

Kyneton Fine China create hand crafted bone china flower studies, figurines, jewellery, hand painted collectors items and exquisite oil paintings. Open Tue- Fri 9.30am-4.30pm. Website: www.wattleceramics.com.au

Piper Street

The oldest and most historic street of Kyneton with an abundance of bluestone and other historic buildings Outstanding restaurants and eating places(2 with Age epicure Chef Hat awards & another Age Best Country Cheap Eats) and a wonderful array of shops with antiques, jewellery, exotic homewares luxury items, galleries and the Kyneton Museum.

Black Hill

Black Hill Reserve is a Devonian Granite outcrop 600 metres high. Features of the Reserve are the large granite outcrops and the abundant wildlife including kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas and kookaburras. There are several koalas but they are hard to find. Panoramic views of the surrounding area are available from the higher points. During season visitors can see beautiful wildflowers among the rocks and trees. In August and September the wattle trees come out in full blossom. There are several wonderful walking tracks in the Reserve to meet the fitness and time constraints of walkers.

Black Hill is 9 kilometres North of Kyneton. It is best reached by travelling along Edgecombe Rd towards Redesdale and turning right into Ennis Road.



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Campaspe River Walk:

This linear walk follows the Campaspe River for nearly 3 km around Kyneton. From the Mollison St Bridge its skirts past the Botanical Gardens on to the racecourse and in the process you will see the old weir, native birds, and the Old Mill Ruin.

Kyneton Museum ph 54221228 Hrs: Fri- Sun 11 – 4pm

The Museum situated in one of the oldest bank buildings in country Victoria at 67 Piper Street the Museum has an extensive collection reflecting the history of the area together with Victorian artifacts and costumes.

Website: www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

Kyneton Botanical Gardens (Corner Mollison & Clowes St Kyneton)

Established in 1866, the gardens contain 17 trees on the register of significant trees in Victoria. The Gardens are adjacent to the Campaspe River and to the Campaspe River Walk. Plants provided by Baron Ferdinand Von Mueller were an important element in establishing the Gardens. Website: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~kynbotga/> .



Malmsbury Botanic Gardens (Mollison Street Malmsbury)

Tree planting for the Malmsbury Gardens commenced in 1863 with the assistance of Baron Von Mueller. It is a beautiful setting with the outstanding trees around a central lake. Adjacent to the Coliban River the gardens afford a great view of the bluestone Malmsbury Railway Viaduct

Malmsbury Reservoir (Daylesford Rd Malmsbury)

Construction of this Reservoir commenced in 1866 and was concluded in 1874. The Reservoir supplies water to Castlemaine and Bendigo (along with Lake Eppalock) and many farms along the way via race by gravity. Malmsbury Res is a popular picnic spot.

Malmsbury Viaduct

The famous bluestone Viaduct Bridge which carries the rail line across the Coliban at Malmsbury is a magnificent example of the work of the pioneer railway developers. It can be viewed from the Malmsbury Botanic Gardens or Malmsbury Reservoir.

Wadham Park Training Complex Tylden (Kyneton-Tylden Road Tylden)

Although this training complex is not open to the public, the palace like buildings are well worth the trip to Tylden to observe.

Lauriston Reservoir (Reservoir Rd Lauriston)

Lauriston is the middle reservoir between the Upper Coliban and Malmsbury Reservoirs. Located on the Kyneton-Lauriston Road the environs of this Reservoir are very attractive. It is a great place for family picnics and for walking.

Kyneton Racecourse (Campaspe Place Kyneton)

The Kyneton Racecourse is situated at the end of Campaspe Place. It is often referred to as the prettiest country racecourse in Victoria due to the picturesque landscape, the beautiful elms which line the track and its wonderful riverside setting. The course was

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recognised as Country Racecourse of the Year in both 1999 and 2001. The Kyneton District Racing Club is a major club hosting 15 meetings at the Course each year. The Kyneton Cup meeting held in November on the Wednesday after the Melbourne Cup is the highlight meeting of the year.

The Golden Mile of Daffodils (Burton Avenue Kyneton)

A two metre wide and one mile long carpet of magnificent golden daffodils runs along the side of the Old Calder Highway on the Bendigo side (now Burton Avenue) from the last week or so of August until well into September.

Wineries

Wine produced in the area is held in high regard wines and cellar door visits are experiencing remarkable growth. Wineries include:

Harmony Row

Location: 362 Piper's Creek-Pastoria Rd Pastoria

Ph: 54235286, Website: www.harmonyrow.com.au

Open: Weekends: 10am-5pm, other times by appointment

A large cellar door and function centre. Frequently conducts Sunday concerts at the Vineyard and there is music most Saturdays. Premium wines available at cellar door.

Rosebery Hill (O'Shea and Murphy)

Location: 156 Piper's Creek-Pastoria Rd Piper's Creek

Ph/fax: 54235253

Open: By appointment or take a chance

Rosebery Hill has 24 year old non-irrigated vines grown on the ideal northerly slope. A Bordeaux blend barrel and bottle aged for a minimum of 4 years before release.

Kyneton Ridge Estate and B&B

Location: 90 Black Hill School Rd (via Halloran's Ln) Kyneton

Ph: 54227377, Website: www.kynetonridge.com.au

Open: Weekends & Public Holidays: 10am-6pm, other times by appointment

Award winning wine, modern cellar door with seating for light gourmet refreshments under the sails or by the fire, Cellar door is available for functions.

Barfold Estate:

Location: 57 School Rd Barfold

Ph/fax: 5454234225 Website: www.barfoldestate.com.au

Open: 7 days: 10am-6pm

Super-premium wines from fruit grown in this SW Heathcote region. Intense colour and flavour achieved through slow ripening and minimal intervention.

Metcalfe Valley

Location: 283 Malmsbury-Metcalfe Rd Metcalfe

Ph: 0411 699 700 Website: www.metcalfevalleywines.com.au

Visit by appointment

Bordering the Heathcote region, with a cool climate and rich basaltic soil, Metcalfe Valley produces medal winning spicy shiraz and crisp sauvignon blanc wines.

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Birthday Villa

Location: Lot 2 Campbell St Malmsbury

Ph: 54232789

Open: visit by appointment

Birthday Villa is a boutique vineyard planted in 1968. It produces Gewurztramer and cabernet sauvignon, award winning wines, made by winemaker Greg Dedman.

Tarrangower Estate:

Location: 17 Baldry St Malmsbury (via Ross St)

Ph: 54232088

Open: weekends 10am-5pm or by appointment

Home of the "Revolutionary's Chardonnay" Family operated boutique vineyard and winery with Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Chardonnay grapes.

Zig Zag Wines

Location: 201 Zig Zag Rd Drummond North

Ph: 54239390 Website: www.zigzagwines.com.au .

Open: Weekends & public holidays: 10am-5pm, other times by appointment

Award winning wines produced from unirrigated, 32 year old Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, and later planted Reisling vines.



Basalt Ridge

Location: 199 Zig Zag Rd Drummond North

Ph: 54239108

Open: Weekends & public holidays: 10am-5pm, or by appointment

Basalt Ridge produces high quality award winning cool climate wines.

Cobaw Ridge

Location: 31 Perc Boyers Lane East Pastoria

Ph: 54235227 Website: www.cobawridge.com.au

Open: Mon, Thu, Fri: 10am-5pm, weekends: 12pm-5.30 pm

Wines are 100% estate grown, made & bottled, with full flavour that reflects the vineyard's site. Hand crafted Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Shiraz Viognier & Lagrein.

Big Shed Wines

Location: 1289 Malmsbury Rd Glenlyon

Ph: 53487825 Website: www.bigshedwines.com.au

Open: 7 days 10am-7pm,

A range of excellent wines: red, white sweet and sparkling and a cosy tasting room

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Granite Hills Winery

Location: 1481 Burke and Wills Track Baynton

Ph: 54237264 Website: www.granitehills.com.au

Open: Mon-Sat: 10am-6pm, Sun: 12pm-6pm

Established in 1970 the Granite Hills Winery is revered as the birthplace of “peppery Shiraz” as well as being credited with “Victoria’s best Reisling producer”.

Hanging Rock Winery

Location: 88 Jim Rd Newham

Ph: 54270542 Website: www.hangingrock.com.au

Hours: Everyday (except Christmas Day & Good Friday): 10am-5pm

Producers of premium ‘Macedon’ sparkling, Heathcote Shiraz and ‘Jim Jim’ Sauvignon Blanc, plus a range of wines made from grapes grown in other key regions.

Sandy Farm Winery

Location: 99 Sandy Farm Road Denver

Ph: 53487610 Website: www.sandyfarm.com.au

Hours: by appointment or by chance

Established in 1988 Sandy Farm specialises in producing soft and elegant red wines free of sulphites and chemical residues. Classic Cabernet Merlot and Pinot Noir

Wombat Forest Vineyard

Location: 151-189 Springhill Road Denver

Ph: 54239331

Hours: Weekends & Public holidays: 10am-5pm; other times by appointment.

Produces genuine cool climate wines. Current releases: an elegant Cabernet Sauvignon, a refreshing Pinot Noir and an award winning Sparkling Pinot Noir.

Cloudscape Wines

Location: 60 Pollards Lane Drummond

Ph: 54239225 Website: www.cloudscapewines.com.au .

Hours: Weekends & Public holidays: noon-5pm; other times by appointment.

Makers of fine red wines with no added preservatives Cloudscape is a small unirrigated vineyard where wines are made completely by hand.

