

## 12 Government: Local, State and Federal

### Local Government

#### Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Kyneton and district is part of the Macedon Ranges Shire. The Shire comprises: Kyneton, Malmsbury, Tylden, Woodend (West Ward); Lancefield, Newham, Romsey, Riddells Creek, Clarkefield, Darraweit Guim (East Ward); Gisborne, New Gisborne, Bullengarook, Macedon, Mount Macedon (South Ward).

The Shire Council has main offices in Kyneton and Gisborne and sub-offices in Woodend and Romsey. Services are coordinated from either Kyneton or Gisborne with the Kyneton Office being the Administration Centre.

#### Kyneton Administration Centre

129 Mollison Street (PO Box 151) Kyneton 3444

ph: 54220333, web: [www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au)

Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 8.30am-5pm



#### Special contact numbers (only accessible from within the Shire):

General Enquiries:	1300 656 577
Rates Enquiries:	1300 656 574
Community Safety Enquiries: (Local Laws, Animals & Traffic Control)	1300 656 576
Planning Enquiries:	1300 656 578
Building Enquiries:	1300 656 579

#### Emergency after hours contact:

**1300 656 577 or:**

Community Support emergencies: 92566076

Road/Traffic emergencies: 92641584

Council Facility emergencies: 92641038

### **Location of Council Units**

\*Council Services based in Kyneton are: Recreation & Cultural Development, Community Planning & Development, Children's Services, Aged & Disability Services, Youth Services, Housing Services, Finance (including rates and valuations)

\*Council Services based in Gisborne (Robertson St) are: Planning, Building, Environmental Services, Community Support (inc local laws, animal welfare, traffic control), Economic Development & Tourism, Infrastructure Planning, Works (roads, parks and gardens)

### **Rates Payments:**

Rate notices are usually forwarded to property owners in late August or early September. Payment is on a quarterly instalment basis (although the year can be paid in advance) with the Shire forwarding an invoice prior to the due date of each instalment. Due dates for payments are the last days of September, November, February and May.

### **Meetings of Council and its Committees:**

Meetings of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and its Committees are held on Wednesday evenings. The Council and Committee meetings are open to observers except where an 'in camera' matter is being considered.

**Schedule:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 6pm: Finance & Operations, then Policy & Issues Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 7pm: Planning Committee  
4<sup>th</sup> Wed 7pm: Ordinary Council Meeting

Ordinary Council meetings rotate through Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne and Romsey.

Agendas for Council Meetings are available for downloading from the Council Website: [www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au) from 12 noon on the Monday prior to each meeting. Minutes are generally available to download within 5 working days of the Meeting.

### **Communication from the Shire Council to Residents:**

The Council has 4 major means via which they communicate with residents:

- 1) The weekly Macedon Ranges Shire Council Report published by the Shire in the Midland Express, Macedon Ranges Telegraph, Macedon Ranges Leader.
- 2) The Council Update newsletter mailed to each household quarterly.
- 3) The Macedon Ranges Council Website: [www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au)
- 4) Council Ward Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm. Location of meetings is advertised in Council's newspaper reports and in the Council Update.

### **Councillors**

#### **Councillors for West Ward**

Residents are entitled to contact any of the 9 Shire Councillors to pass on or seek information. Below however are the contact details of the 3 Councillors who were elected to the Macedon Ranges Council by the residents of the ward which contains Kyneton – West Ward. Contact details for the other 6 Councillors can be found on the Shire website.

Cr Noel Harvey mob: 0409931620, fax: 54226970 email: [CrNoelHarvey@bigpond.com](mailto:CrNoelHarvey@bigpond.com)

Cr Tom Gyorffy t/f: 54232596, mob: 0439348117 email: [CrTomGyorffy@bigpond.com](mailto:CrTomGyorffy@bigpond.com)

Cr John Connor t/f: 54274078, mob: 0412870500 email: [CrJohnConnor@bigpond.com](mailto:CrJohnConnor@bigpond.com)

**Local Council Elections** across the State are held on the last Saturday of November every 4 years midway between State Elections. The next Council elections will be held in 2008. Most local councils now conduct their elections via postal ballots sent automatically to eligible voters. Macedon Ranges had a postal ballot for its most recent poll. The form of the 2008 ballot has not yet been determined.

### **State Parliamentary Representation**

#### **State Lower House Member: Legislative Assembly**

Kyneton, Malmsbury and Tylden are in the **Ballarat East** State Legislative Assembly seat. **Geoff Howard** (Australian Labor Party) is the elected member. His Office is located at 15 Main Rd Ballarat 3350 ph:53317722. Mr Howard visits Kyneton to meet constituents and notifies of these visits via an advertisement in the Midland Express.

#### **State Upper House Members: Legislative Council**

Kyneton is part of the **Western Victoria Region** which has 5 representatives.

The Legislative Council Members are:

**Jaala Pulford** (Australian Labor Party)

**John Vogels** (Liberal Party)

**Gayle Tierney** (Australian Labor Party)

**David Koch** (Liberal Party)

**Peter Kavanagh** (Democratic Labor Party)

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### **Federal Parliamentary Representation**

#### **Federal Member**

Kyneton, Malmsbury, Tylden, Langley and half of Carlsruhe are in the **Bendigo** Federal electorate.

**Steve Gibbons** (Australian Labor Party) is the elected Member. His office is located at Cnr Williamson & Myer Streets Bendigo ph: 54439055. (postal address is PO Box 338 Bendigo 3550) Mr Gibbons visits Kyneton to meet constituents and notifies of these visits either by mail or by ad in the Midland Express.

#### **Location of polling Booths for Federal and State elections**

Polling Booths on election day are open between 8am and 6pm.

**Local booths** are usually at the following locations but can vary so it is best to check the newspapers to verify locations.

Kyneton: **Kyneton Sporting Complex** Victoria St Kyneton.

Malmsbury: **Malmsbury Primary School** Cameron St Malmsbury

Tylden: **Tylden Primary School** Clowes St Tylden

### **Electoral Enrolment**

All Australian citizens over the age of 18 are required by law to enrol to vote. After residing at an address for a period of a month an enrolled person should change their enrolment details. The form for enrolling/changing enrolment address can be collected from any Post Office.