



Kyneton Connect



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D Day for Heated Pool Feb 25

With tenders now in, the Macedon Ranges Shire Council will debate whether to proceed with construction of the Kyneton Sporting and Aquatic Centre at its meeting to be held in Sacred Heart's Mary Moloney Theatre commencing at 7pm on Wed Feb 25. The Council's budget for the project is \$8.6M. A Council Fact sheet issued on Feb 11 has stated that the budget is not expected to be exceeded. The Council has received a \$2.5M State Government grant for the project.

In 2001/2 there was a consensus at Council level that heated indoor pools should be provided for both Gisborne and Kyneton but that despite the Kyneton community having then raised significantly more money for their pool, the Gisborne pool would be built first and Kyneton's later. Last year the Council included a \$3M loan for the Kyneton project in its budget subject to the Council being satisfied with the tender price.

The project incorporates not only indoor pool facilities into the Kyneton Sporting Complex but refurbished and larger change rooms, new administration and reception area, works to existing building including sports courts, gym, roof and Jack Walker Multi-Purpose room, outdoor grassed recreation area, improved sealed car parking and 4 new synthetic tennis courts to replace 9 grass courts.

If Council does not proceed with the new construction it faces substantial short term costs to fix existing problems at the current pool and the Kyneton Sporting Complex so they are safe, functional and meet regulatory standards. The Feb 11 Council fact sheet estimates costs for repair of serious problems at the current Maxwell St Pool and at the Sporting Complex and to bring them to the required standards at \$5.2M. The current pool has significant problems including the wading pool

leaking so badly that it empties overnight. The Sporting Complex requires asbestos removal. Both venues require significant works to allow disability access.

The Council is likely to have to return its \$2.5M Government Grant if it does not proceed with the project – a major embarrassment that might not bode well for future grant applications. On the other hand the Council may be able to seek grant monies that are now available for the replacement of grass tennis courts to further reduce the cost of the project to the ratepayers.

"If the tenders come in on or below budget, given total of the repairs costs the Council for the current facilities, it is hard to see how the Council could decide not to proceed with the new centre particularly when they will have to return the \$2.5M grant to the government" long time Kyneton Swimming Club Committee member David Sprigg said. "Kyneton's pool is more than 50 years old and is past its use by date. Spending millions of dollars on repairs to extend its life for a few years rather than opting for a new facility which can be used all year round would be very short-sighted indeed"



David Sprigg in the waterless wading pool

Carlsruhe Landcare Group

Meeting dates have been set for the newly formed Carlsruhe Landcare Group. Monthly meetings will be on the first Monday at 7.30pm at Carlsruhe CFA. Contact Sam 54226663.

Kynetonians Honoured on Australia Day

Kyneton community members were well to the fore at the Shire Australia Day Awards presented at Mt Macedon on Jan 26.

The 2008 Kyneton Agricultural Show was named the Macedon Ranges Community Event of the Year in recognition of the quality of, and attendance at this year's show. Show President Michael O'Sullivan accepted the Award on behalf of the Kyneton Agricultural Society saying that it was a great team effort and augured well in the build up to Kyneton's 150th Show to be held in 2010.



Veteran Kynetonian David Wells who is 92 years young was given a Community Achievement Award for a lifetime of service to the community. Flo Watson also received a Community Achievement Award. Flo has served in countless Kyneton organisations and has volunteered at the Uniting (previously Methodist) Church Op Shop for 41 years. She has been Op Shop coordinator for the past 4 years.



David Wells



Flo Watson

Kyneton Sec College Dux

Kieran McNamara 2008 Dux of Kyneton Secondary College has gained entry to his first choice of course – a 4 year Business and Marketing Degree course at RMIT City Campus. In VCE achieving a study score of 40 or more (out of 50) in any subject is recognised as outstanding. Kieran recorded 2 such results 47 for PE and 41 for Business Management.

Speaking at the College Presentation Night in December where he was presented with his dux prize by Victoria University's Alistair Inglis Kieran said "The best advice I received for this year was from a friend who completed VCE a couple of years ago and achieved an ENTER of about 98. He said that Year 12 is the most important year of your education and if you do work hard enough it will pay off and hopefully you will get into your course and it will all be worth it. The 3 or 4 month holiday that most year 12's enjoy at the end of the year is worth the hard work."

"My advice to future Year 12 students would be to choose subjects you enjoy rather than ones where the study score gets scaled up. If you enjoy what you're doing you will be more likely to study and achieve a higher score, and with a higher score the score moves less anyway." he said.

An outstanding guitarist, Kieran has deferred commencement of his Business & Marketing Degree and is taking a gap year to complete a Certificate IV in Music at Victoria University in Sunbury. He starts there next Monday.



Acting Principal Greg Potter, Alistair Inglis, VU Campus Head & Kieran McNamara 08 Dux.

Riverside Christian Church News

The Riverside Kidz Club held each Wed 4-6pm recommenced at 4/48-50 Mollison St on Feb 11. The Church's Foodbank project opened at 4/48-50 Mollison on Jan 19 and operates Mon-Fri 10-12 noon.

Caravan Park Consultation



The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is hosting a community consultation meeting at the Kyneton Town Hall at 4pm on Tues Feb 24 to discuss the future of the Kyneton Caravan Park currently located in the Kyneton Botanical Gardens.

The Caravan Park has been operating for nearly 50 years and at the beginning of 2008 Council took over the day to day management of the Park.

The Council is currently exploring the economic viability of the Caravan Park and is keen to hear a range of community views about the Park's possible future.

Given Kyneton is a significant tourist attraction within the Macedon Ranges and that several people reside permanently at the Caravan Park few local residents advocate not having a Kyneton Caravan Park.

However with significant expenditure needed to bring the current Park up to the required standard and important old trees, 3 of them classified, of the Heritage listed Botanical Gardens lying within the area of the Caravan Park, it has been suggested that now is the time to start planning to shift the Caravan Park to another location in Kyneton.

Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Karen Dunstan on 54220259. Alternatively send written submissions to the Shire Kyneton Caravan Park Consultations PO Box 151 Kyneton 3444 by Feb 27.

Redesdale Bush Market Mar 22

The Redesdale Hall will be the location for the Redesdale Bush Market to be held 8.30-2pm Sun Mar 22. Children's attractions, local produce, wine-tasting and Barbeque Lunch and drinks will feature. Stalls are available. Anyone wishing to book a stall space should contact Carolyn Boyd on 54253194.

No Rest for Rotary

If you thought Kyneton's Rotarians spent January lazing by the pool or snoozing under a tree you would be mistaken. Jan is the month when Kyneton Rotary rolls up its sleeves and gets busy with community projects.

This January the Club continued its work in association with the Friends of the Campaspe River. A dedicated team completed a pathway from Piper St to the Racecourse and took advantage of the low water level to continue its program of removing logs, snags and other obstructions that clog the river and promote the growth of willows. The team led by Ron Bone and Ivan Smith also continued the practice of poisoning willow regrowth.

January was doubly busy because the Club was approached by Golden City Support Services [GCSS] to assist them in the renovation of a house to be used as a temporary respite house until a new purpose built facility is completed in New Gisborne.

The Club accepted the challenge to complete the project by the end of January. Over the next four weeks the Club worked relentlessly to repair fences and gates, replace a vanity unit, repair and replace carpets and vinyls, rejuvenate the garden and repaint the interior of the six bedroom house.

GCSS and the Club were delighted with the end result. A much needed community facility has been restored, the club got to work together for a real purpose and the surplus funds from the project will be used by the club for drought relief.



Club President, Brett Lefebvre, said it was a fantastic effort showing again the 'can do' nature of Kyneton Rotary with all members and a number of friends lending their time and talents. The Club thanks local businesses, Turner Bros Hardware and Carpet Court for their material support.

Fire



The first weeks of 2009 have brought brutally stark reminders of the dangers of Victoria's wildfire prone environment. The 8 Brigades that make up the Kyneton Group of Fire brigades and the Brigades in the Metcalfe Group have been actively involved in responding to several fires most notably the Redesdale fire which started on Feb 7 Kyneton Group Brigades were also involved in the Drummond North fire that threatened Malmsbury two weeks earlier and the fire in Harpers Rd Woodend. Crews from the area have also been sent to Whittlesea and Myrtleford.

The Redesdale-Sidonia fire started at Coliban Park Road and spread rapidly southeast to Sidonia then north towards Glenhope. It destroyed several homes and caused significant agricultural and stock asset losses. We were indeed fortunate that the significant fires in our local area over this period did not cause local loss of life or continue their spread towards the communities of Malmsbury, Metcalfe, Kyneton, Benloch and Lancefield as they might easily have done.

Many lessons will no doubt be learned from these events, as they have been from fires in previous years. The major themes though are likely to remain unchanged:

Plan your response to wildfire **early**;
Prepare your home and property to minimise spread and reduce fire intensity;

If you plan to leave, **leave early** in the day on high fire risk days;

If you are trapped by fire a solid building offers the best protection from radiant heat and death;

Roads and cars are dangerous places to be during wildfires.

Local CFA members who are all volunteers were very appreciative of the thoughts, prayers and kindness of community members in supporting their efforts. Individual gifts of food and offers of support were greatly valued by the volunteers. Many people have registered interest in training as fire-fighters and in support roles – they will be taken up as time permits. The one group we can never forget or thank enough are the members of the Kyneton Fire Brigade Auxiliary who make the BEST sandwiches at the SHORTEST notice with the best will of any caterers anyone knows about!

Greg McIntyre Kyneton CFA Community Safety Officer

Kyneton District Community Responds

Gratitude to and admiration for our CFA volunteers abounds as does grief for those who have lost loved ones and property across Victoria.

Already fundraising activities have been conducted by the Kyneton CWA Dinner Branch and by Kyneton Zonta last Saturday, donations of new goods will be received in the Mechanics Reserve on Sat Feb 21, a Bush Dance will be held in the Redesdale Hall on Feb 27, the Kyneton Bowling Club is holding a Bushfire Relief Benefit on Sat Feb 28, and KDBATA in conjunction with Kyneton Bushland Resort is looking to conduct a fundraising breakfast to support local CFA brigades.



Marcie, Maria, Val, Denise, Sally & Trish of the CWA Dinner Branch

Christian FM Radio Station

On Sat Dec 27 a new Christian radio station began broadcasting in Kyneton on 88FM. The inter-denominational station with programs for all ages, is the 342nd station on the Vision network and covers a 5km radius.

Finale for Ferris Auctions



Lynton & Doug Ferris at the final auction

It's 11am on Jan 10 at Ferris' Auction Rooms. There's a big crowd. It's like the old days. Everything is for sale even the very props that had been part of the Auctions over the years, for this is the last Ferris Auction. The crowd is not there for the bargains. They are there for Lynton and Doug and their families past and present and for the many workers in this world and beyond who had been the fabric of this Kyneton fairytale which had lasted 93 years.

Most of those present are patrons of many years. They are there to ensure that this great Kyneton tradition goes out with a bang not a whimper. It is a nostalgic event and more than one tear is shed. Ross has prepared a poem for the occasion. Lot 369, the big blackboard, is the last item auctioned and when the hammer falls, the crowd spontaneously bursts into 'For they are Jolly Good Fellows'. Lynton brings out bubbly and finger food to conclude the day. It is the end of a Kyneton era - a dignified ending.

Ross Oliver's inspired Poem to Ferris' - can be viewed on www.kyneton.org.au linked to this Kyneton Connect issue.

Uniting Church Garage Sale & Pancake Day

The Annual Garage Sale will be held at St Andrew's Uniting Church 54 Ebdon St 9-2pm this Sat Feb 21. The Church also celebrates Pancake Day on that day with proceeds from pancake sales assisting those with special needs in the region.

All interested in assisting are welcome to donate new and recycled goods such as books, plants, produce, bric a brac, etc. Goods may be left at the Church on Fri Feb 20. Or call Shirley 54221874 or Doug 54223828.

Marcie Wins Music Awards

For Kyneton's Marcie Jones, the 2009 Victorian and National Country Awards held in Whittlesea on February 6th were the best of times and the worst of times.

Marcie won awards for Victorian Best Female Vocal category and The Trailblazers Heritage Award. Both awards were for her song Daddy, written out of concern for the children of Australian Service men and women.

The Davidson Brothers won four awards at the presentation. Hamish Davidson, one half of The Davidson Brothers played guitar and fiddle on Marcie's recording of Daddy.

After celebrating with family and friends late into Friday night, Marcie was booked to judge a talent quest at the festival on Saturday. As the contest wound up around 4.00pm Saturday afternoon, the sky had turned black with smoke. Marcie and her friend and radio co-host, Roni Wildeboer found themselves surrounded by fires and road closures. Marcie had previously lost a house to bush fires and was doubly alarmed to hear her house at Pipers Creek Road was on alert. The girls did manage to drive home to Kyneton safely with both awards still intact.



Marcie Jones and Denise Drysdale performed a duet on Friday night

World's Longest Lunch Mar 13

Tickets are on sale for the World's Longest Lunch at Hanging Rock, a part of Melbourne's Food & Wine Festival. About 200 diners are expected at the long, elegantly laid table set beneath the shady gums to enjoy a three-course meal prepared by Quintessence chef, Alan Davison, complemented by award winning Macedon Ranges wines and beers. Tickets are \$95 and can be purchased by calling 54219638.

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Murray to Moyne

The Macedon Ranges Cycling Club is again entering a team in the annual Murray to Moyne cycle relay on the weekend of April 4 and 5 2009. The team consists of twelve riders with three groups of four people riding in relay formation from Echuca to Port Fairy. The Club will use the event to raise funds for the Kyneton Ambulance Auxiliary and Windarrang Disability Services. Each rider seeks sponsorships and extra fund raising events are held prior to the event.

Scheduled fund raisers are the Australian Trivia Night to be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School at 7pm on Sat Feb 21 (ph Cath 54221986) and a tin rattle to be conducted at the Kyneton traffic lights a week or so before the relay.

Anyone wishing to enquire about sponsoring an individual rider can call Peter Sporle on 54223033.

Uniting Church President Visits

The Reverend Gregor Henderson, the President of the General Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia, will be visiting Kyneton on Mon Feb 23 to attend a lunchtime gathering before heading on to Kerang for the Loddon Mallee Presbytery meeting on Feb 24.

Grant Writing Workshop

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Community Development Unit is launching its 2009 Governance Workshop Series with a free Successful Grant Writing Workshop, presented by 'Our Community'. The workshop will be held at the Woodend Community Centre on Mon Mar 16 at 7pm. Bookings are essential – contact Gaynor Atkin on 5422 0247.

Carlsruhe Community Planning Group

2009 Meetings of the Carlsruhe Community Planning Group will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Carlsruhe CFA.

Vision Australia

Vision Australia's Apr 6 Kyneton Meeting will be held at the new time of 1.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall. On Thursday April 16 a Vision Australia fundraiser featuring Tonia Todman also commencing at 1.30 will be held at the Church Hall.

Stars in their Eyes



On Dec 10 2008 a group of Kyneton Zetland Masonic Lodge members accompanied by officials from Grand Lodge visited the 'Starlight Room' at the Royal Children's Hospital to present a cheque for \$6,000 - proceeds from the very successful 'Ladies High Tea' and other functions organized by the Lodge.

The Ladies High Tea, attended by 105 women from the Macedon Shire and beyond raised an amazing amount of money. The Grand Lodge contributed \$3,000 to the cause.

These donations will enable the Starlight Foundation to grant the wish of a terminally ill child to go to Disneyland and also another, very sick, and deserving child to go on a holiday to the Gold Coast.

The Zetland Lodge intends to continue supporting the Starlight Foundation and another High Tea is planned for 2009.

Acting Workshops Resume

The Drama and Acting Workshop has classes now on Thurs as well as Tues evenings. Classes for 4-7 years are from 4 to 4.30pm; 8-15 years are from 4.30 to 6pm and from 6.30- 8.30pm classes for 16 and over are held. Venue is the Red Brick Hall in Yaldwyn St West. Classes are by Paul Canlan: actor, director and teacher with over 15 years experience. Ph 54221557.

Cambodia Exhib Extended

Gallery 40's "Contrasts in Cambodia " Photographic Exhibition will remain open until Easter. Times are Fri-Sun and public holidays 11-4pm except for the last weekends of Feb & Mar. Gallery 40 is located at 40 Mollison St.

Artisans Market Winds Up

The Artisans Market which had been held in the grounds of the Emporium on Piper on the 4th Sunday of each month ceased operation in December.

R M Begg Plans Unveiled

Concept Plans for the proposed New Aged Care Facility at the Ray M Begg Hostel site on the corner of Epping and Edgcombe St were on display at a well attended public forum at the Hostel at the end of January. It is hoped that work on the new facility will commence by the end of this year and be completed by December 2010. Jim Noy, Chair of the Board of Ray M Begg in introducing the architects Stonehenge Group said that serious consideration had been given by the Board to renovating the current building to meet modern standards but the costs would exceed those of a completely new facility.

Jim informed those present that the new 90 bed facility could cost up to \$15M. He said that the Board had a significant amount to contribute from its reserves but was seeking Federal Government grants and were looking to fundraise to support the new project.

Ray M Begg has 60 beds in its current hostel and has been granted licences for 30 more to bring the total aged care places it can offer to 90. The highly regarded Ray M Begg aged care facility commenced operation in 1959. Stage One of the new Ray M Begg will be a 60 bed facility with two 30 bed linked blocks and the Administration section constructed on the vacant land at the West end of the Epping St RM Begg site. Residents will be able to remain in the current Hostel whilst their new accommodation is being built.

Stage Two will see another 30 bed block built where the current Hostel is located. Rooms in the new facility will be bigger than those of the current Hostel and current residents are being consulted about room design features. The architects, Stonehenge group, have recently completed a new aged care facility in Swan Hill.



Site for new building at Ray M Begg

Alpacas welcome at Daffodil & Arts Festival

Alpaca breeders will converge on Kyneton during the Daffodil and Arts Festival when the Alpaca Breeders Association will hold their Annual Central Region Fair on Sat Sept 12.



The Fair, which was last held in Kyneton some four years ago will feature pens of animals for sale, open forums for people getting started, halter training with an Alpaca 'Whisperer' – alpaca craft work and demonstration of alpaca produce.

'This will be a great event during our Festival which attracts not only daffodil and art events but provides a great showcase for all things Kyneton and district.' Daffodil & Arts Secretary Marg Dearth said.

Fundraising for the 2009 Festival begins on Mar 7 with a sausage sizzle at Safeway, when it is anticipated bulb sales will also begin. For Festival information phone 54222282.

Women's Lunch and Chat

The monthly Women's Lunch and Chat has resumed at the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre at 43 Mollison St. Everyone is welcome. The Lunches are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month 10.30 for 11am. The next lunch is on the March 12.

For more information contact 54223433.

KDHS Community Focus Group

As part of its commitment to serving the needs of the Macedon Ranges community, the Kyneton District Health Service (KDHS) has re-launched its Community Focus Group. The Group, which is an advisory committee to the KDHS Board of Management, meets every two months to discuss topics of interest including key Board and Management Team initiatives, current and planned services.

To ensure that it reflects the needs of the local community, the Group would especially encourage carers of young children to join them.

More details available from KDHS tel: 5422 9920.

Fresh Start on Information Centre Options

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Director of Community Wellbeing Anne McLennan has advised that the Council will employ an independent Consultant to investigate and report upon future options for the delivery of visitor information in Kyneton.

The decision follows concern from several business and community groups that they believed a decision had been made to relocate the Kyneton Visitor Information Centre from Jean Haynes Park to the Museum precinct. Anne has clarified that no decision had been made, however agrees that more consultation and detailed work is required.

It is intended that the process will be transparent and that the consultant will widely canvass community and business opinion from both individuals and organisations and present a detailed assessment and information on the feasibility of all possible options for the delivery of visitor information in Kyneton.



Kyneton Visitor Information Centre High St

Change for Horticultural Society Meeting

The Kyneton Horticultural Society will now meet at 1.30pm on the 3rd Monday to enable those members who have been unable to come to evening meetings to attend. Guest speaker at the Mar 16 meeting is Suzanne Ereuat who will talk about her Burton Avenue garden St Helier.

Netball

Netball training will be commencing soon at the Showgrounds for all Grades: 17 and Under, B Grade, A Reserve and A Grade. Any girls and Ladies who would like a game should ring Carmen O'Connor on 54223055.

Pick a \$5 Box Day

The Ray M Begg Auxiliary is holding a "Pick a \$5 Box Day" in the Function Room, Epping St Hostel from 9.30am on Sat Mar 28.

Dolls, Dolls Dolls at Kyneton Museum

People who love dolls, collect dolls or just like looking at dolls are in for a great time over the coming months at the Kyneton Museum.

The Dolls, Dolls, Dolls Exhibition has opened and will run until the end of April along with a range of events to coincide with the exhibition.

The exhibition features over sixty dolls from beautiful historic dolls to contemporary Barbie dolls.

There will be a Dolls Tea Party on Sun Mar 1st 2–3.30pm where anyone can come along with their favourite doll and help celebrate 'Barbies' 50th birthday.

Entry is \$10 for 1 adult and 1 child which includes the fantastic exhibition, doll related activities and a scrumptious Tea Party. \$3 for each extra child.

A Doll and Bear Valuation Day will be held on Sat Mar 21st 11– 4pm with a talk at 2.00pm.

One of Australia's leading doll, bear and collectable auctioneers, Graeme Horne of Abbingdon Auctions will provide valuations throughout the day on that special treasured doll or bear people have in their cupboard. There will be a talk at 2pm on the day exploring doll and bear collecting. Entry is \$5 per person with the chance to win a \$50 voucher to spend at the next Abbingdon Auction.

Kyneton Museum at 67 Piper St is open 11–4pm Fri Sun ph 5422 1228.



Tourism Promotion for Region

Tourism oriented businesses in Kyneton look set to gain following the State Government announcement, of a major marketing campaign to lure more interstate and international visitors to regional Victoria.

Under the strategy, more than \$16 million will be spent marketing every region in Victoria including a \$7.3 million advertising campaign highlighting spa and wellness experiences in Daylesford and its surrounding villages.

A further aspect of the Campaign is to develop an awareness of Victoria's Villages as a unique Tourism experience. A number of villages and towns in the Daylesford Macedon Ranges region will be featured to demonstrate the character, style and tourist potential of regional Victoria.

Graham Jasper, Acting Chairman of the Daylesford Macedon Ranges Campaign

Committee (the body working with Tourism Victoria to market tourism in this region), welcomed the vote of confidence shown in the region to Hero the next phase of the Jigsaw campaign.

He pointed out that while Daylesford will be the "hero" town in the marketing campaign, all other tourism-oriented towns in the region will benefit – "After all, they are all just a stone's throw away and tourists are sure to take advantage of the proximity of all our villages to visit, shop, stay and eat" Graham said.

The campaign will commence in July 2009 and run for 3 years.

\$10000 Goods & Services Raffle

This year the Kyneton & District Football/Netball Club is running a major raffle for goods and services to the value of \$10,000. The club will honour the raffle winner with \$10,000 in goods and services from any of our loyal sponsors. The winner can choose who they spend the value of their money with and can choose one or several different sponsors goods or services as their prize. There will also be 10 draws of prizes to the value of \$100. Sponsors wanting more



information can contact sponsorship manager Luke Stratford on 0438 816 282.

Footballers/Netballers looking to play for Kyneton can contact the President Travis 'Ox' Law on 0404 652 992 for information about training.

New Aged Care Development



Site work has commenced on the new community Aged Care project in the River Walk Estate at the Southern end of Edgcombe St.

The Development will be situated behind Sanctuary Drive and will extend to the yet to be constructed River Walk Boulevard.

Innovative Care who own recently constructed Woodend Community Aged Care and formerly owned Innisfree in Kyneton are the developing the new facility.

Graeme Croft of Innovative Care said that approval has been given for construction of a 60 bed aged care facility on the site as stage one now under construction, with expansion approval of a further 30 beds and for 58 independent living units of 2 or 3 bedroom design.

The project is due for completion later this year and Mr Croft advised that there has already been excellent enquiries for admission.

Redesdale-Mia Mia PS 125 Yrs

The Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary School will celebrate 125 years of education at the School on Saturday March 28.

The celebration day starts at 10am and will feature School displays, 125th Merchandise for sale, Fun Races for Families, Lunch and a Tour of the Area. To help with planning and displays the School would appreciate any memorabilia – old photos, names, books, stories, anecdotes etc.

The School can make copies of photos etc and return them promptly to owners. Items of interest can be left at the School office or contact Sue Stewart 54392618.



Sharon Grbac, Max Barton & Amy Jacobs share a smile over a shocking pink doll at the Dolls, Dolls, Dolls Exhibition which opened on Friday 13th at the Kyneton Museum

Facelift for Kyneton Primary



After having been a necessary but a little unsightly feature of Kyneton Primary School since 1985 the old portables on the east side of the school were removed late last year. Art Teacher Danny Butterworth and grade 5 and 6 students have added to the appeal of the school grounds by installing large scale replicas of masterpieces, drawn by Danny and painted by the students on the eastern school fence. Danny said that the project not only improved the appearance of the grounds but it helped the students appreciate the work of Masters.



Zoe, Sam, Rachel, Maddie, Ella, Emmy and teacher Danny Butterworth with their artwork

BRIT Courses

An extensive range of courses are being offered during Term I at various locations in the district via the Kyneton Campus of BRIT. These include Cert II & III in Business, Cert III in Business Administration, Cert I & II in Information Technology, Farm Chemical Refresher Course, Beekeeping, Food Hygiene, Intro to Basic Coffee Making, Construction Induction Course and Responsible Service of Alcohol Course. For more details phone Kyneton BRIT on 54210301.

SH College 2010 Enrolments

Families are advised that the deadline for seeking to enrol students in Year 7 Sacred Heart College for 2010 is Feb 27.

ADFAS Central Victoria

ADFAS Central Victoria begins its 2009 series of lectures on Thurs Mar 5 at the Kyneton Town Hall at 7.30 pm. This first lecture is "Art as Power and Parade: in the Courts of Europe before Victoria" given by Patricia Wright from England. She will describe how the courts were hot houses of corruption and ambition where art became a weapon of immense power. Massive spending, propaganda hidden in portraits and manipulative patronage all lead to a splendid heritage.

The second lecture is on Thurs Mar 26 with Susannah Fullerton from Sydney discussing The Diary of Samuel Pepys and Restoration London including the Plague and the Great Fire. Susannah is passionate about Pepys and will paint us a brilliant picture of a fascinating man and his times.

Contact is Lauraine Luckock adfascv@yahoo.com.au

Temporary Police Station for Beauchamp St

The vacant old Telstra Depot site at 44 Beauchamp St looks set to become the location of the temporary Kyneton Police Station whilst construction of the new Station in Jennings St takes place. A Planning Permit for the use of the site for the temporary Station has been lodged and is being processed by the Shire Council. Works to make the site and buildings suitable for the purpose and a new semi-permanent structure are included in the application.

The plans for the new Jennings St Kyneton Police Station, now approved, retain the heritage buildings of the current station including the bluestone lock up (for exhibition purposes only) and Red brick building next to the Fitness Centre. Work on construction of the new Station will commence after the tender has been let. The construction period is expected to be 18 months to 2 years with police operations being conducted out of the temporary Station during that period.



Teddy Bears and Music at the Botanical Gardens April 19



The now Heritage listed Botanical Gardens in Mollison Street will again throng with picnicking bears and their owners at what has become an annual event. The Friends of the Botanical Gardens will again hold its Teddy Bears Picnic at the Gardens on Sun Apr 19. This year it will combine with Musica Botanica which will follow on in the afternoon.

Judging of all categories of bears and prize giving will take place in the late morning and the bears and their families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and stay on for the Concert in the afternoon when all can enjoy music under the Gardens' magnificent canopy of trees. Enquiries Ann 5422 3621.

Kyneton Press Gang

The Youth Development Unit at the Macedon Ranges Shire Council in partnership with the Midland Express has produced a monthly youth page 'Our Space' by young people for young people in the Ranges and Mount Alexander Shires since mid 2007.

Due to the success of a young journalism group: the Castlemaine Press Gang the Youth Development Unit is forming a second group of young journalists-the Kyneton Press Gang. The two groups will work closely, particularly taking advantage of future training opportunities.

The Kyneton Press Gang first met on Wed Jan 28 and has so far produced five published articles in the Express. Membership is open to any young person aged 12-25 years. Also sought are young artists, photography enthusiasts or cartoonists. Media training will also be provided.

The next committee meeting for young people aged 12-25 years living in the Macedon Ranges Shire will be held Wed 25 Feb 4-5pm in the Kyneton Youth Space (Behind Town Hall)

Further info: Merinda 0438 589 390.

No. 2 Sweetheart

No. 2 Sweetheart, a 'Green Boutique' at 37A Piper St, the first shop the ice works building, opened in mid Dec. Proprietor Melinda Wain grew up in Woodend. She recently returned to the area, moving into a new home on 5 acres with her partner Peter, just a few minutes from Piper St.

After a successful career as a make-up artist and hairdresser with Network Ten in Melbourne and Sydney, it was Melinda's passion for all things eco-friendly, organic and recycled, that convinced her to change direction.

No. 2 Sweetheart has a wide range of goods mainly from Australia and also stocks garments by some of the world's leading designers, including clothes from Gorman, Gypsy 05, Skin & Threads and Allotment 88.

Melinda's green boutique also carries a wide range of gifts including soy candles, rebound books, skincare, accessories and a whole lot more.

"I really wanted to come up with something that is eco-friendly, but stylish and attractive as well", Melinda says. Melinda has been delighted with the early response from the people of Kyneton and visitors.

In the near future, Melinda is looking to utilise the talents she used in looking after major Australian and international stars at Network TEN and will be introducing a hairdressing service to the store on a by-appointment basis.

No. 2 Sweetheart is open Tuesday to Sunday, and on major holidays, 10-5pm. Contact Melinda on 0417862803.



Life's Sweet Again

Those with a sweet tooth can rejoice. Karen Brooks has reopened her cupcake paradise Life's Sweet at 59 Piper St. Life's Sweet will be open Thur-Sun 10-4pm serving their designer cupcakes, cakes and other savoury delights.

What's new in Business

Lauriston Press



Sarah Gabriel & partner Con Tsoukas at Lauriston Press

In mid-December Artist Sarah Gabriel opened her business at 37B Piper St in the transformed Iceworks building. At Lauriston Press Sarah sells her own stunning prints, cards and drawings along with printmaking and drawing supplies. She has a growing number of works by other printmakers and artists available. Sarah also offers workshops conducted by herself or visiting artists. Workshops conducted to date include Collagraph Wood Blocks and Linocut. Workshops in the near future are Woodcut for Beginners, Etching (with Kevin Foley), Bookbinding, Pencil and Ink Drawing, Dry Point Etching (with Clare Whitney), Intaglio Perspex Making and Wood Engraving with one of Australia's most talented printmakers Rosalind Atkins.

Lauriston Press is open Thur-Mon 10-4pm. For enquiries or bookings call Sarah on 0423630783.

All workshop details are on www.lauristonpress.com.au.

Royal George Changes Hands

The Royal George at 24 Piper St reopened on Jan 23 after a short break with new owners, Neil Henson and Jim Lakakis. Renowned Chef Matt Fegan is still in the kitchen and business hours remain Wed-Sat for dinner and Thurs to Sun for lunch with the bar open from 5pm on Wednesday and Thur-Sat from 12 noon. Former owners Frank Moylan and Melissa Macfarlane can still be seen about town. Bookings for the George can be made on 54221390.

Safeway Trading Hours Change

Kyneton Safeway has changed its opening hours to 7am-10pm Mon-Sun. Safeway previously remained open until midnight.

Bistro Open at Kyneton Hotel

The Kyneton Hotel (formerly Kelly's) at 82 Piper St opened its newly built bistro in January. The attractive and well appointed bistro which has an extensive menu is open for lunch and dinner from Thur -Sun. Hotel owners Rupert and Abbey had aimed at opening a Bistro since they took over the Hotel so are very pleased that it is up and running and gaining in popularity as residents and visitors discover it. Phone Rupert or Abbey on 54221461.



Abbey & Rupert in the new Bistro

Little Swallow Café

Gourmet quality food at a reasonable price is offered by Piper Street's newest Café The Little Swallow. The café is open Wednesday to Sunday from 8am to 5pm. Owners Steven & Sarah Rogers serve breakfast all day and light lunches. Cold drinks coffee, tea and cakes are also on offer. Chef Steven said the couple started the Swallow so that they could run their own business and prepare the dishes they preferred. The Swallow has been open since early December and Sarah and Steven report that their business is booming and enjoying great local support.

The Little Swallow Café is at 58a Piper St ph 54226241.



Steven & Sarah Rogers with budding Barista Tully Rogers at the Little Swallow Cafe

Shoe Connection relocates



Elaine Cox with customers Adele Mapperson and Glenda Virgona in The Shoe Connection last Saturday

The Shoe Connection has moved from Mollison St to 27 High St to the shop where Watsons Shoe Store previously operated. The changeover occurred in early January in time for Back to School sales.

Owner Alison Curtis says that she is pleased with the new premises which allows much more room for storage in the back area and allows staff to assist more with shoe fitting and sizing. She said that business has been brisk since the move.

"It is not possible to stock every brand but we would welcome enquiries from anyone with particular difficulties or needs." she said

Alison believes that there is scope to introduce some new lines including sports shoes.

"Some of our staff are trained in shoe fitting and can deal with "hard to fit" feet or people with orthotics. People with particular difficulties are encouraged to ring first to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time when trained staff are available."

Opening hours Mon-Fri 9-5.30pm and Sat 9-1pm. Phone is 54222090.

Cyril Says Thanks



Cyril, through his owners, says thank you to the children who found him and arranged for him to be returned home. Cyril, a diminutive indoor dog followed the children home causing his owners much anxiety.

Website Pleases KDBATA

Kyneton's own www.kyneton.org.au website is now averaging more than 180 new visitors a week Webmaster Howard Maylor told members at the February meeting of the Business & Tourism Association held at the Kyneton Bushland Resort on Feb 10. Last week the number of first time visitors hit a record 240. With the website operated in partnership by KDBATA and Kyneton Connections now becoming bedded down the site is seeking businesses and community organisations to take out web-pages on the site. Pages can be set up for a cost as of little as \$100 for businesses and \$50 for community organisations.

The February BATA meeting also endorsed establishing a sub-committee to encourage and facilitate the decorations about the town for 2009. Guest speaker at the February meeting was Gary Hardwick who outlined the operations and approach of Hardwicks Meatworks.

Also discussed at the meeting was its Annual Breakfast to be conducted in conjunction with employment service CVGT in the Richardson Room Kyneton Town Hall, at this stage planned for April 2.



KDBATA's Janet Shackleton & CVGT's Natalie Day discuss the Business Breakfast for Apr 2

KDBATA meet at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each even month. The April 14 meeting of KDBATA will be held at the Emporium on Piper with guest speaker Graham Jasper Acting Chairman of the Daylesford & Macedon Ranges Tourism Campaign Committee.

KDBATA enquiries re membership and the Breakfast should be made to President Janet Shackleton 54227011 and Kyneton webpage enquiries to Howard Maylor 54222772.

Music Returns to Mollison St



Zach Robinson at InstrAmental Music

After a short break, sales of musical instruments, CDs and music tuition are again happening at 109 Mollison St Kyneton. The store had been closed over January due to change in ownership but it opened again on Mon Feb 16 with the new name 'InstrAmental Music'. All of the previous services that Leadbelly's provided will return and InstrAment Musical will be able to offer the use of a recording studio (in Castlemaine). Popular local identity Zach Robinson will manage the store. Hours will be 10-5.30pm Mon-Fri and 10-2pm Saturdays. Phone 54221083.

Vinnies Reopens

Vinnies Store at 134 Mollison St has opened again. Trading hours are on Mondays only from 10am to 4pm.

Charcoal Chicken

Charcoal Chicken at 33A High St reopened on Mon Feb 16.

Youth Jazz Workshops

The Youth Jazz Workshops which arose out of the 2008 Jazz Festival are to commence on Mar 28 at 11am at Kyneton Secondary College. The series of 12 workshops will be held weekly under the leadership of Daniel Healy. Further info Jim Spark 54226062.

Sleep Matters for families

An information forum for families with children from birth to 6 months is being held Thur Feb 26 1-3pm in the Kyneton Town Hall. Bookings essential: ph 54220231.

Sustainability Cyclists in Kyneton

16 young cyclists from the Otesha Project: Cycling for Sustainability will stopover on Feb 22 on a 1300 mile ride through Victoria. Locals are invited to meet the cyclists at a 5pm BBQ in Quarry Reserve hosted by the River Walk Committee.

International Women's Day Dinner

Kyneton Zonta again celebrates the achievements of women at its International Women's Day Dinner in the Kyneton Town Hall on Wed 4 Mar 6.30 for 7pm.

The theme is "Reach for the Stars" in the International Year of Astronomy.

Guest speaker is Astrophysicist Rachel Webster a former Zonta Amelia Earhart recipient and now Professor of Physics at Melbourne University.

All women are welcome. Catered by Cottage on Piper, the Dinner is supported by Macedon Ranges Shire. Tickets are \$35 available from Nancye at Jetset, 20 High Street by Wed Feb 25. Enquiries to Marg 54222428 ah.



Zonta Past President Joan Mills with last year's Zonta Young Woman in Public Affairs Elise Carbone who will also speak at the Dinner

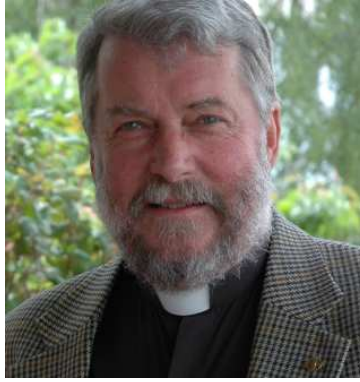
Autumn Flower Show Mar 7, 8

The Annual Autumn Flower Show of the Kyneton Horticultural Society will open for all to see in the Showground's Watts Pavilion 1-5pm on Sat Mar 7 and 10-4.30pm Sun Mar 8. Despite drought weather over the past few years, entrants in the Autumn Show have continued to present magnificent blooms and arrangements. No doubt this year will be the same. Potential exhibitors can collect schedules at Kyneton Florist, Aesops Attic, Watts Fruit Supply and Kyneton Quick Growth. Entries close at 12 noon on Mar 5 and must be received by that time. Phone entries to 54221943 or 54227130.

World Day of Prayer Mar 6

The Kyneton Baptist Church will hold its World Day of Prayer Service at 10am Mar 6 using a service prepared by Christian women in Papua New Guinea.

New Rector Invested



At a standing room only ceremony on the evening of Fri Feb 6 Tony White was invested as the Rector of the Anglican Parish of Kyneton. The Bishop of Bendigo Bishop Andrew Curnow conducted the investiture at St Pauls Anglican Church in Yaldwyn St West. Fr Tony White, previously the Rector of the Parish of Woodend and his wife Robyn, have now taken residence at the Rectory in Yaldwyn St West.

A former Primary School teacher, Fr Tony was ordained Priest in November 2004 and in 2005 became Rector of Woodend where he made many good friends. Tony says that he is looking forward to living in Kyneton, getting to know the people and for the ministry opportunities that it will bring.

Kyneton U3A Term One

U3A Kyneton are offering a great range of activities in early 2009: Ordinary meetings with member forums or special guest speakers are held each Friday at the Community and Learning Centre at 2pm; on the 1st Tues the Poetry Appreciation Group meet at 5 Barton St; on the 3rd Tues the Play Reading Group meet at 2pm at the KCLC and the Music Appreciation meet at the KCLC at 2pm on the 1st Wed. The Lifeball Legends play at the KSC every Wed. For more details contact Doug McIver on 54223828.

Model Railway Club Exhibition

The Macedon Ranges Model Railway Club will conduct its Model Railway, Craft and Hobby Exhibition over the Labour Day weekend March 7, 8 & 9.

The Exhibition will be held in the Quamby at Sacred Heart College with entry via New or Begg St. Opening hours on Sat 7 & Sun 8 will be 10am-5pm and Mon 9 10am-4pm. Contact is Gary on 54271221.

Cooking for One or Two program

Cobaw's Cooking for One or Two program is an interactive cooking course designed to give participants practice in cooking easy, quick and nourishing meals for one or two people.

Cobaw is looking for members of the Veteran Community to participate in the program which is funded by Department of Veterans Affairs. Veterans, Widows, Widowers, Carers are all welcome.

Those who are not a member of the Veteran community should still register interest as there are a few places available for the general community.

The program is particularly designed for men over 50 years, who perhaps never had the need nor opportunity to cook, but now later in life find themselves shopping and cooking but lack the confidence in doing so. The program has also been successfully run with women who are finding it hard to adjust to cooking for less people.

As a group, the participants each week prepare a main meal and a dessert and then enjoy the meal together. Programs run for a six week period. There is no cost and each participant receives a free Nutrition Australia cookbook. Register Alicia O'Brien 54211609.

Macedon Ranges Grand Tour

The 2009 Macedon Ranges Grand Tour a touring event for vintage and classic cars over 25 years old will be held on Apr 4 & 5. The Grand Tour is a chance for lovers of old cars and good food and wine to combine both interests.

The event is open to owners of cars and motorcycles 25 years or older to take part in a fully catered tour of the Macedon Ranges, about 240 kilometres in length with two routes, one for older vehicles and the other for more modern classics.

More than 150 vehicles are expected to take part this year on Sat 4 Apr.

Entry fee includes a substantial Morning Tea, Lunch and Dinner. For info ph 54285197.



Tour President Andrew Fletcher

Kyneton Events Calendar

Thu Feb 19	Community meeting Redesdale—Sidonia fire Metcalfe Town Hall 6pm
Fri Feb 20	Old Time Dance Social Rooms Showgrounds 8pm Relay for Life Trivia Night Kyneton Town Hall 6.30pm
Sat Feb 21	Music Trivia Night Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School 7pm Community Support Effort—Donation of New goods Mechanics Res
Sun Feb 22	Kyneton Amateur Swimming Club Annual Championship Kyneton Pool Harvest Picnic at Hanging Rock—Hanging Rock Reserve
Tues Feb 24	Midweek Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am Kyneton Caravan Park Consultation Kyneton Town Hall 4pm
We Feb 25	Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mtg SH College Mary Moloney Th 7pm 'The Needle & the Damage Done' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Thu Feb 26	Sleep Matters Info Forum Kyneton Town Hall 1-3pm
Fri Feb 27	Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall Hutton Street 8pm Bush Dance Redesdale Hall Deadline for Year 7 Enrolments for 2010 Sacred Heart College
Sa Feb 28	James Blundell at Harmony Row Vineyard Bushfire Relief Benefit Kyneton Bowling Club 7pm
Tue Mar 3	Midweek Races Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Wed Mar 4	Zonta International Women's Day Dinner Kyneton Town Hall 6.30pm
Thu Mar 5	ADFAS Lecture 'Arts as Power & Parade' Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Fri Mar 6	World Prayer Day Service Baptist Church 10am
Mar 7-9	Model Railway Exhibition Quamby Sacred Heart College 9-5pm
Sat Mar 7	Autumn Flower Show Watts Pavilion Showgrounds 1-5pm
Sun Mar 8	Autumn Flower Show Watts pavilion Showgrounds 10-4.30pm
Mar 10-20	'Cunningham Dax Collection' Kyneton Town Hall 11am-3pm
Mon Mar 9	Labour Day Holiday
Thu Mar 12	'The Unusualist' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Fri Mar 13	World's Longest Lunch Hanging Rock Swimming Club Presentation Night Showgrounds Clubrooms 7pm
Sat Mar 14	Kyneton Farmers Market St Paul's Park Piper Street 8.30am
Sun Mar 15	Music Club Kyneton RSL Mollison Street 1pm Kyneton Football/Netball Family Day & Egg Toss Showgrounds 1-5pm
Mo Mar 16	Horticultural Society Suzanne Ereat 'St Helier' Watts Pavilion 1.30pm
Fri Mar 20	Old Time Dance Social Rooms Showgrounds 8pm
Sa Mar 21	Uniting Church Garage Sale & Pancake Day Ebdon Street 9-2pm
Sun Mar 22	Redesdale Bush Market Redesdale Hall 8.30-2pm
We Mar 25	Danny Bhoj at Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Thu Mar 26	ADFAS Lecture 'Samuel Pepys & Restoration London' KynTown Hall 7.30pm
Fri Mar 27	'Pirates of Penzance' Kyneton town Hall 11.30am Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall Hutton Street 8pm
Sat Mar 28	'Pick a \$5 Box' R M Begg Hostel 9.30am Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary 125th Aniv Celebration School 10am-
Thu Apr 2	KDBATA Business Breakfast (tbc) Richardson Room 7am
Apr 4-5	Macedon Ranges Grand Tour
Apr 4-19	School Holidays
Sat Apr 4	'The Tank' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Mon Apr 6	Vision Australia Meeting St Andrews Church Hall 1.30pm
Fri Apr 10	Good Friday
Sa Apr 11	Kyneton Farmers Market St Paul's Park Piper Street 8.30am Football/Netball Kyneton vs Gisborne Kyneton Showgrounds
Tue Apr 14	KDBATA Meeting Emporium on Piper 7pm

Kyneton District Services

Accountants

Keena Jordan & Associates	5422 1966
SGK Business Management	5422 6511
David J Gibney Pty Ltd	5422 6480

Auto Services & Repairs

Vereker Bros Smash Repairs	5422 2603
Kyneton Auto Spares & Re-	5422 1255
KH Automotive Pty Ltd	5422 2059
Porters Mechanical Repairs	5422 3016
Mead Motors	5422 2450
Matheson's Auto Electrics	5422 2000

Barefoot Trimmers

Rebecca Scott	0427554226
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Body Mind & Spirit

Tanja Fairweather	5422 3910
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Computer Services

Kyneton Computers	5422 7000
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Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners	5422 1503
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Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics	5422 2182
Cliff Dawes Electrical P/L	0407349302
Kyneton Electrics	5422 1369

Electrical Appliance Repairs

Kyneton Whitegoods Repairs	0418590295
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Financial Planning

Aust Unity (Damian Liddell)	0410732138
Adrian Plowman & Associates	5422 2622

Funeral Directors

T J Scott & Sons	5422 6455
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Legal Practices

Palmer Stevens & Rennick	5422 6500
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Life & Business Coaching

Trispiral Coaching	5422 6678
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Massage

Massage on High	5422 2522
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Marriage Celebrant

Dave MacMunn	5422 7284
Linda Payne	5422 2451

Medical Practices

Campaspe Family Practice	5422 2877
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Nutrition & Wellbeing Coaching

Visionary Health	5422 3828
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Physiotherapists

Kyneton Physio	5422 2290
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Tarot & Palm Reading

Lakshmi's Circle	5422 6315
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Trailer Building & Repairs

Austec MC	5422 1665
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Tree Services

Five Trees	0438062251
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Veterinarians

Kyneton Veterinary Hospital	5422 1099
Dr Greg McIntyre	5422 1310

Water Carriers

Gillis Water Cartage	5422 1329
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For a sponsorship of \$30 service businesses will be listed for three issues— ph 5422 2990

Site for Playground Set

Planning for the Kyneton Community Playground is proceeding with confirmation from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council that the site of Kyneton's new playground will be at the corner of Victoria and Mair Streets adjacent to the lower Showgrounds oval. The small playground currently located in Mair St is to be replaced with a comprehensive community playground with features and activities which cater for all ages, even the grandparents who take their grandkids there to play.

The first Playground Committee meeting for 2009 was held on Tuesday Feb 10 with discussion around incorporation and formation of sub-committees so that the finer details of the project can be progressed. In addition to the overall Project Committee which will oversee the planning, co-ordination, finances and overall direction of the project there are to be 4 sub-committees: Community Promotion and Networking; Planning, Design and Construction; Community Arts Projects; and Sponsorship and Fundraising. Interim convenors for sub-committees were appointed at the February meeting. Those wishing to help in any way with the project or to join one of the sub-committees should call Nat on 54222860 or Julie on 54211625.

The request for final in principle support for the project is on the agenda for the March Council meeting.



Site at Corner of Victoria & Mair Streets

More Cardio Boxing

The Kyneton Sporting Complex has announced a second Cardio Boxing class to be held on Saturdays 9am, with well known former footballer, boxing trainer now local identity Rene Kink. Moving to Kyneton recently, Rene is very excited about establishing a positive group of people who want to learn Cardio-Boxing and reap the rewards of this social and fun form of training.

All equipment required for Cardio-Boxing will be provided, although in time, students may wish to purchase their own equipment.

The one-hour intensive class consists of a range of non-contact exercises challenging people to think outside the box not only in skill and technique, but in mental concentration also.

Cardio-Boxing is held at the Sporting Complex, Victoria St on Wed at 7pm and now on Sat at 9am. Bookings are essential ph Stadium on 5422 2239.

Family Day & Egg Toss Mar 15

The Kyneton District Football-Netball Club will hold its Family Day and Egg Toss on Sunday Mar 15 from 1pm to 5pm.. There will be kids races, golf nearest pin, footy handball competition and of course the heats and final of the egg toss. Last years winners Tommy Henderson and Jaxon Durham are keen to hold their title as the top tossers. Once again there will be music, face-painting, jumping castle, supa slide and rides. Refreshments will be available and a BBQ will in operation to help people to keep up their energy levels. There will be no BYO alcohol but a bar will operate in the social rooms and in a limited area outside. The cost of entry is \$25.00 per family Adults \$15.00 and students \$10.00. All is set for a wonderful day.

Tigers BJFL Training

Junior Tiger Football training has commenced at the Showgrounds with the Under 15's squad under new coach

Wayne Beckerley (54226669) on Thurs nights at 5pm, and Under 16½'s with recently appointed coach Ben Matricardi (54226701), on Wednesday nights at 5pm. Training will increase to two nights a week in March. Any players wanting to play this year should attend training on these nights. Subject to sufficient numbers the Club hopes to field two Under 15 teams in the BJFL with a team in Division A and a team in Division B, which would allow boys to play at a standard that suits their respective abilities and physical development. Please call Wayne, Ben or Junior Secretary Kevan Richiardi 54221947.

Swimming Club's 50th

The Kyneton Amateur Swimming Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary with great gusto.

The Fancy Dress Ball held Jan 30 was a hoot. The Aquathon held on Fri Feb 13 had more than 60 competitors. 17 year old Eli Geary from Eaglehawk was the overall winner in a time of 27 minutes – 3 minutes ahead of his nearest rival. The Club Championships will be held at the pool this Sunday Feb 22, and will feature the traditional races held annually for the Club's membership.

The 50th Anniversary Carnival scheduled for Feb 28 however, will now not take place.

The Club will hold its Presentation Night 7:00pm Fri 13 Mar at Kyneton Football Clubrooms. Later in the year a public exhibition is planned to highlight the historical significance of swimming locally since early white settlement. Ph David Sprigg 54226230 for more info.



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