



Kyneton Connect

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Recognition for Yanti Turang



The work of Yanti Turang, a nurse with extra-ordinary achievements, was recognised when she was named as a Paul Harris Fellow at the March meeting of the Kyneton Rotary Club. Yanti, originally from Kyneton, worked in Sierra Leone during the Ebola outbreak.

Now she is on the frontline of another medical crisis.

She played a major role for the state government of Louisiana in New Orleans, by helping set up and direct a 2000 bed facility to combat COVID. New Orleans is currently where she resides.



Yanti and her husband Alex have been on leave from the USA with her family in Kyneton.

Facelift for Town Hall

Restoration works at the Kyneton Town Hall will commence soon, thanks to the federal government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

received \$1,441,261 through the fund, allocating \$632,989 to the restoration of the Town Hall.

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters has called for further investment from the federal government whilst detailing the local works.

"It's fantastic to see upgrades and maintenance on some of the region's most historic and well-known buildings but we need more funding" Lisa Chesters said.

Restoration works to the Kyneton Town Hall facade include repairs to various architectural elements and painting in heritage colours to restore the heritage value of the building.

Works would also include new lighting, to be used to highlight the Kyneton Town Hall as a prominent heritage building in Kyneton.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is funding an additional \$300,000 to undertake chimney restoration works, window renewals, re-rendering and painting, fascia, gutter and stormwater renewals on the south side of the Kyneton Town Hall.

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These works are important for improving safety, as well as boosting economic and social outcomes in the region," Lisa Chesters said.



MRSC's Julian Summers, Colin Marshall & Shane Walden with MP Lisa Chesters

The Show must go on!

That's the attitude of the Kyneton Agricultural Society who have determined that its 160th Show, will be held this year.

Dates: Carnival night, Fri Nov 19 5.30-10pm, Show Day, Sat 20 Nov 10-4pm.

For more details or to volunteer to help with the Show email Secretary Josie at kynetonshow@gmail.com.



Photo from past Kyneton Show

Emerging from the pandemic

With the easing of restrictions, community and business activities in Kyneton and District are resuming.

The weekend just past saw the resumption of Football-Netball at the Kyneton Showgrounds, and both second Saturday markets operating.

Organisers of key community events such as the Daffodil & Arts Festival, the Kyneton Show and the Kyneton Antique Fair have announced they will take place in 2021; entertainment has resumed in the Kyneton Town Hall and many community groups have resumed in person meetings.

COVID vaccinations of local residents in phase 1b have commenced.

There have been some hiccups related to COVID such as the cancellation of the Whole Town Garage Sale in March but overall progress towards resumption of most of the regular activities has been steady. Such minor hiccups may occur but Kyneton Connect encourages all community groups to advise us of their activities so that the whole community are aware of the opportunity to participate in them.

Kyneton Connect's 15th Anniversary

This issue marks the 15th anniversary of the first issue of Kyneton Connect. The vision for and the publication of the first edition feels far closer than 15 years ago.

Nevertheless we hope that our readers feel that we have achieved our original goals which were to offer the community groups a guaranteed place to communicate their activities and events, to encourage participation of new and longer standing residents in the activities in our town and to demonstrate to all that Kyneton is a great place with great people, and to advocate for our community.

Kyneton Connect has been and will remain unashamedly parochial about Kyneton.

Kyneton Connections, publishers of this newsletter, thanks all of those individuals, community organizations and businesses who have given us such great support over the past 15 years.

Special appreciation to those listed below, most of them community organisations whose financial support over the past years has been vital to our continued operation.

Kyneton RSL, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Uniting Church Opportunity Shop, Windarring, Sunbury-Cobaw Community Health, Kyneton High School, Sacred Heart College, Business Kyneton, Lions, Rotary, Zonta, Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival, Kyneton Primary, Kyneton Community House, Kyneton U3A, RM Begg, Kyneton Agricultural Society, Kyneton Tennis Club, local churches: Anglican, Baptist, Uniting and Our Lady of the Rosary; Kyneton Zetland Lodge, Kyneton Masonic Lodge, Kyneton Horticultural Society, Kyneton Handweavers & Spinners, Kyneton Trail Riders, Kyneton Football-Netball Club, Marist Brothers Old Boys, Joyce Fraser, Arnold Jenkins, Jean & Doug Hedington, Di Foggo & Rod Moore, Central Highlands Rural Health, Kyneton Croquet Club Friends of Botanical Gardens, Tylden Primary, Kyneton Golf Club, Kyneton Aero Club, Kyneton Art Group, Kyneton Angling Club, Friends of the Kyneton Museum and ADFAS Central Vic.

Very special thanks to Ray White Real Estate Kyneton who from June 2015 have generously paid for the cost of printing every second issue of Kyneton Connect.

We also express sincere thanks to our service business sponsors listed next to the Events Calendar and to the many people and organizations who provide articles and information for this newsletter.

Very special appreciation to the hard working Kyneton Connections Committee, the more than 30 volunteers who home deliver *Kyneton Connect*, to the Windarring Kyneton Copy Centre team who print it and to Cobaw Community Health (now Sunbury-Cobaw Community Health) who auspiced us and continue to support our operations.

Co-editors: *Eric Dearricott & Jenny Hince*

Kyneton Library Storywalk

Enjoy a story walk through the streets of Kyneton these school holidays.

The Library has installed pages from three lovely bunny-themed books in the windows of shops along High, Mollison and Piper Streets.

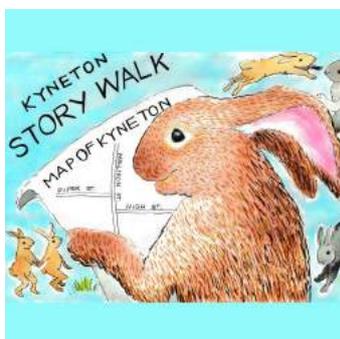
Enjoy a walk, a story and some retail therapy all at the same time.

Stories are aimed at children 8 years and under, but can be enjoyed by everyone.

Parental supervision is recommended.

If you'd like to borrow a copy of any STORYWALK book, membership to the library is free.

For more information visit Kyneton Library, 3 Baynton St.



Council customer service

As of Mon April 12 the Macedon Ranges Shire Council increased its in-person customer service hours.

Mon to Fri at Kyneton and Gisborne the centres will open: 9-4pm and at Woodend and Romsey: 9-2pm.

These hours will be trialled for a three-month period.

The Council advised that the increases are in line with and consider COVID-19 guidelines and easing of restrictions.

The Council will also seek to provide additional support to the community, in the coming months by trialing a web-chat function via Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au

Funded through a successful grant application to the Rural Councils ICT Infrastructure Support Program, website visitors will be able to use the web-chat feature to more easily find information relevant to them.

Since re-opening following closure during the pandemic lockdown in person customer service times in Kyneton have been 10-3pm. Prior to the pandemic they were 8.30-5pm.

Kyneton Museum - Undone

An immersive re-interpretation of the Kyneton Museum collection, Undone is a playful encounter with the Kyneton Museum collection, engaging with history and its gaps, as part performance, part exhibition.

Created by cross disciplinary local artists and Metanoia Theatre, the work is an immersive choose-your-own journey through collective possibilities for an imagined future.

Six performers (Alexandra Harrison, Jannete Hoe, Israel Aloni, Greg Ulfan, Gorkem Acaroglu, Yogashree Thirunavukarasu, Kasey Sinclair) perform across the Kyneton Museum, in both indoor and outdoor locations. Audiences are free to roam the 90 minute performance, led only by their curiosity. Internationally acclaimed local visual artist, Desmond Lazaro re-curates the existing collection to immerse audiences in an exploration of our past, present and future.

Performance times: Fri and Sat 7pm, Sun 5pm throughout June.

Book 1300888802 or online mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events

3 generations support RM Begg



Easter Saturday saw the Ray M Begg Auxiliary conduct their Annual Easter Fair on the lawns at the front of the Aged Care facility in Epping St and across the road at Bolton Hall.

The glorious Easter weather provided the perfect backdrop for the many stalls offering a wide range of hand knitted items, toys, jams, cakes, plants, books, etc.

And with the support of Rotary conducting a barbecue, Alan Simpson from Faraday Olives and Deborah Keating with her mosaics, there was something for everyone.

A successful raffle was drawn on the day with the major prize being: Meal for 4 (plus wine and drinks) donated by Daniel and Ed from Little Swallow Café.

Other prizes included wine again donated by Kyneton Ridge Winery. Prize Winners were: 1st Grace Brosnan 2nd Marg Ewington 3rd Gayle – Staying at Bushland Resort; 4th Marj Tangey 5th Helen Rohn.

The Auxiliary wished to convey their sincere thanks to local businesses and the community for their contribution in helping them to raise nearly \$5,000.

Pictured enjoying the day with the oldest resident of Ray M Begg, Max Barton (aged 100 plus), along with her daughter Sarah Collier and granddaughter Stephanie Anish.

Toilets petition

A group of Kyneton residents who use the Campaspe River Walk and its environs is collecting signatures on a petition to present to the Council seeking toilet facilities along the Walk.

Whether it is people using the Walk, using the exercise equipment or wanting to picnic in Quarry Reserve the lack of toilets is a problem.

People wishing to sign the petition or willing to help collect signatures on the petition can call Sue Ogden on 0408013322.

Frontline workers receive vaccine

Sixty high-risk frontline staff at Central Highlands Rural Health's Kyneton campus were amongst the first in the region to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine was administered on Wed Mar 10 by the Loddon-Mallee's mobile vaccination team and was given to staff working in Kyneton Health's Respiratory Assessment Clinic, Urgent Care Centre and Acute Ward.

Kyneton resident Mandy McGee is an Associate Nurse Unit Manager at Kyneton Health and was one of the first frontline workers to receive the vaccine.

Mandy's vaccine was administered by Endorsed Enrolled Nurse Trish Allen, who also received the vaccination. Trish is one of a number of staff at Central Highlands Rural Health to complete the National COVID-19 Vaccination training program to support the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine.

On Thu Mar 18, Central Highlands Rural Health continued its phase 1a roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine to residents in Creswick, Trentham, Daylesford and Creswick Aged Care facilities.

More than 70 residents across the three sites rolled up their sleeves to receive the vaccine.



(Photo by Sandy Scheltema)

Climate emergency declared

At its March Meeting the Macedon Ranges Shire Council voted to declare a climate change emergency. The resolution moved by Cr Mark Ridgeway and carried 7-2 will see the Council considering further actions to address climate change in its next budget.

32 other Victorian local Councils have also declared a climate emergency.

Bowel scan kits

During May, Kyneton Rotary have organised the sale of Rotary bowel scan kits with both Kyneton pharmacies at a cost of \$20.

Collectors return to the Streets



Lions Team at lights: Richard Wyatt, Denise & Denis Bertoncini & David Quarrell

After a COVID-enforced hiatus, tin rattlers at the traffic lights, and Street walkers were back, collecting for the Good Friday Children's Hospital Appeal from residents and holiday travellers in Kyneton.

Over \$18,500 was collected from the Kyneton area, with Kyneton Cubs, Scouts, CFA and residents walking the streets for the cause.

A total over \$17 million was raised for the Children's Hospital state wide.

Kyneton's Area Manager, Roley Sandilands said "it was a great result, one in which all that contributed should be very proud". He thanked all the volunteer collectors who helped out, and of course all those who donated.

Roley said the Lions Club collectors at the Mollison St, High Street traffic lights did a fantastic job collecting \$7502.75 on Thu and Fri. The District Fire Brigades were out collecting again, with Taradale \$1048.85, Metcalfe \$1735,40, and Tylden \$250.

Safeway raised \$2587 throughout the year, and Kyneton's RSL raised over \$1700, while Tyquin Earthmoving collected \$1900.35.

And of course many businesses around town returned full tins of donations collected all year.

Roley thanked the Commonwealth Bank, Agricultural Society, Midland Express and Kyneton Police, who continually offer support and assistance for the Appeal each year.

Spud Luncheon

Vision Australia Kyneton will be holding their Spud Luncheon at 12 noon on Fri May 14 in the Uniting Church Hall. Cost of the three course meal will be \$15. All welcome. Enquiries: Kathy 54227187 or Jean 54221038.

West Ward Councillors' Update



We are sure most of you are aware we have been recruiting for a new CEO and it is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Bernie O'Sullivan to commence as Macedon Ranges Shire Council's CEO from 10th May 2021.

Bernie and his family will already be known to many of you as he grew up in Kyneton. A brief history of his recent experience prior to joining us is available on the Council website. He will have a very busy first few months as he arrives just in time for the Council vision, plan and budget. Please make him feel welcome.

We would like to thank Acting CEO John Nevins for looking after the Shire since November 2020. His time as Acting CEO finishes on April 21 and we are most grateful for his knowledge imparted and how much he has embraced being part of our community during the short time he was here. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

By the time of publication deliberative engagement, via a community panel picked to represent the demographics of our communities as closely as possible, will be complete and their community vision and council plan draft will be being presented to Councillors for consideration.

This is the first time we have done this. The whole community will get to see their recommendations and how Council responded, along with providing input to the final documents in May and June. Thank you to those who have already provided us with some early input, but we remind everyone to make sure once the documents are released in a draft format to make a submission even if it is the same as what you have stated previously.

Budgets and Council plan items do change in response to community feedback, but we are hopeful that this deliberative engagement process will have produced something closer to

the community's expectations than ever before. With the State government rate cap each year we have limited funds to provide new and different projects and services whilst ensuring business as usual is maintained at high standards.

Other consultation occurring over April and May includes supporting businesses in Covid recovery and beyond, Macedon Ranges Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy, and the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct design.

All current consultation information is on the Have Your Say section of our website.

Enjoy the Autumn Festival continuing to support our great local businesses and spending time sharing our wonderful outdoors before the winter weather kicks in.

Councillors, Jennifer Anderson, Mark Ridgeway & Janet Pearce

Victoria St Zebra Crossing

The new zebra crossing in Victoria St, Kyneton is now fully operational with a crossing supervisor on duty to assist local students using the crossing.

The infrastructure was funded through the TAC program "Towards Zero" campaign, whilst the extra supervisor was fully funded from Council's 2019/20 Budget.

Ms Hughes, Director Planning and Environment encourages drivers in Kyneton to be aware of the new crossing and associated speed limits.

"As this is a new zebra crossing, we encourage drivers to be cautious and familiarise themselves with changed traffic features as they are approaching the corner of Victoria Street and Market Street." Drivers may be used to seeing school crossings marked with red and white poles and flags out when the crossing is active – this indicates to drivers they must stop when the crossing is in use.

"Zebra crossings work differently in that they are always active pedestrian crossings so drivers should be

prepared to stop at any time to give way to pedestrians.

"The school crossing supervisor is on the zebra crossing during peak school times to be an added reminder for drivers of their responsibility to stop for pedestrians"

The crossing supervisor is also there to assist children using the crossing, adding another level of safety.

Kyneton Antique Fair 2021

The 25th Kyneton Antique Fair will return to the Kyneton Town Hall on Fri Sep 3 5-7.30pm, Sat Sep 4 10-5pm and Sun Sep 5 10-4pm – the first weekend of the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival.

It will now be a fundraising event for Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor to support the friendship we have as a Shire with the community in Turiscai in the mountains in East Timor.

This is timely given the devastation of twin disasters – flood and Covid as storms hit the country over Easter.

Friends of Botanic Gardens

Like many community organisations the Friends of the Kyneton Botanic Gardens were low key in 2020 but still managed to communicate between shire and the general public with their enquires.

The members of their Executive for the coming year were elected at the AGM in March.

Executive President is Lyn Bayley (Currie), Treasurer Mal Closter, Membership secretary Maureen Spark, Committee Margot McDonald, Annemarie Perlesz, Ann Tomlinson. Member ship fee is \$10.



The Executive are pictured above on an earlier occasion.

New Pastor at Baptist Church



Kyneton Baptist Church were pleased to welcome their new interim Pastor, Rev Stephen Parish, at a service in Kyneton on Sun Mar 14.

Stephen is from the nearby community of Clunes and will balance this new 2 day per week role with his Pastoral Care position at Maryborough District Health Service and time with his wife, Linda, on their 50-acre hobby farm.

Stephen has previously ministered at places as diverse as Alice-Springs, Rosebud and, most recently, Ballarat. He looks forward to getting to know this community as he serves here during 2021.

Life after school

Planning for life after school can seem daunting, when you have a disability. The options may appear limited to special programs, however with preparation and planning it is possible for young people with a disability to thrive after school.

An introductory webinar being held by Belonging Matters in conjunction with Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, aims to assist carers, family members, friends or teachers of students with an intellectual disability or autism to understand the options available for an inclusive life after school.

The webinar, which takes place on Friday 23 April between 10am and 12.30pm, will share stories of people with a disability who have pursued inclusive pathways, after school including employment and will look at the importance of harnessing gifts, interests, passions and strengths as well as creating clear goals and a vision for the future.

To book your place go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/life-after-school-tickets-148542208745>.

For more information, contact Belonging Matters on 97398333.

Friends of Black Hill

It was with great anticipation and excitement that the Friends of Black Hill Group held their first meeting for 2021.

On Sun Mar 28 about 15 members of the Friends' group plus some new members met at Black Hill Reserve to hear a talk by Karen Thomas from the Bendigo Field Naturalists Group.

Karen spoke about native species in the area, both past and present, and talked at length about setting up and managing a nesting box program.

Black Hill Reserve has a number of nesting boxes in place installed some years ago by the Friends Group with assistance from Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Karen was able to provide information about ongoing checking and sustainability of these boxes.

She also bought along many specimens of birds and animals belonging to her group, sourced from natural attrition and preserved. The group was interested to see and hold these specimens and learn more about them.

Karen spoke at length about setting up nesting boxes for phascogales (a threatened species) and sugar gliders, both of which are present in Black Hill along with brush tail and ring tail possums, bats, kangaroos, powerful owls and recently, wombats, to name some of the wildlife.

Friends of Black Hill meet every second month, usually at the Reserve and are keen to welcome new members.

The group works in conjunction with the Council in maintaining the Reserve and habitat for flora and fauna and are currently commencing building relationships with the traditional owners, the Taungurung People.

Guest speakers are often invited to provide information to the Group.

For further Group information e-mail friends@blackhillreservekyneton.com Or contact Wanda on 0419301083.



Kyneton Community House



Kyneton Community House has enjoyed having the majority of its courses and activities resume face to face in Term One.

The weekly Community Lunch at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute has resumed with those attending embracing the delicious \$5 lunch. The organisers love to see new people each Wednesday (during school terms) from 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Unfortunately, the Whole Town Garage Sale had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

The Community House apologises for the disappointment and hopes to do it later in the year if they are able.

Term 2 at the Community House is shaping up to be full of fantastic activities including Karate, Yoga, Italian, Art, First Aid, RSA and more. Check out the Community House website and the Program Guide that will be landing in your letterbox soon.

Annual General Meeting – to be held Thu Apr 22 from 7:30pm.

Contact 54223433 to register your attendance by April 19.

Pedestrian safety pursued

In early March residents who live south of the Kyneton Station and who use or would like to use either Trentham Rd or Lauriston Res Rd to walk to the station or to come into the township met with Council officers and Councillors to demand greater safety for pedestrians.

The residents protested that there is neither a sealed footpath or an unsealed track for pedestrians along either road and that walking along the side of either road was extremely dangerous.

Council officers committed to investigate the matters raised by the residents and report back as soon as possible.

What's New in Business

Harvest



Tracy & Scott Page recently opened the Harvest store at 1/80 Piper Street. Harvest has a combination of botanical themed products, indoor plants, caneware, gifts and selected homewares.

They also offer floral designs and packages for weddings and events.

"We decided to build a work studio for our floral work and design and it all evolved into a retail and work studio.

"We love being in our space in the Harvest Shed – come visit to find something for yourself or the perfect gift" Tracy said.

Contact Tracy 0419205025 Open Thurs-Sun 10-4pm.

New owners for Pharmacy



Ben Huynh and Ron Khoo are the new owners of Terry White Kyneton Chemmart Pharmacy.

Ben and Ron who are also affiliated with the Amcal pharmacy in Kyneton advise that they will be maintaining the same arrangement with the Terry White group as previously.

Linen House coming

Linen House which has outlets across Victoria and in NSW and South Australia will very soon open an outlet in Kyneton at 4/12-14 Piper St (formerly Unmarked).

Macedon Ranges Glass

Macedon Ranges Glass who have been operating in the Macedon Ranges for 50 years, will soon be opening a new showroom in Kyneton.

The showroom will be located at 89E Piper St. More details in the next *Kyneton Connect*.

Friends of Kyneton Sth formed

Friends of Kyneton South are a group who have formed to object to the proposed development of 87 housing lots along Harpers Lane.

"As the applicant has lodged an appeal to VCAT the group have had to engage a Barrister to help them reach an outcome that suits Kyneton and not turn the area to look like a suburb of Melbourne" group spokesperson Nicola Turner said.

We need to raise funds and have set up a bank account in Bendigo Bank and Go fund me.

"Anyone wishing to financially support our quest should call Peter Gait 0 4 3 8 0 4 7 7 2 8 or email ruthfgwilliams@bigpond.com" Nicola said

The group are also arranging fundraising activities.

They had a stall at the community market on Apr 10 with a variety of goods available.

On Apr 24 a garage/car boot sale will be held at 58 Harpers Lane from 9-1pm (weather permitting)

The group has arranged a Classical and Contemporary concert in the Masonic Hall, Yaldwyn Street West on May 16. Doors open at 2pm and the concert will commence at 2.30.

Tickets are for sale at the door and are \$20 adult and \$10 for children. Afternoon tea is included and will be enjoyed after the concert.

"At all three events raffle tickets will be sold and drawn after the concert. Beautiful hampers and painting donated by local artist Lynette Joy are the prizes.

"Please support us as every dollar counts" Nicola Turner said.

For more information go to the *Friends of Kyneton South* on facebook.

Grants applications now open

Local community groups and organisations are encouraged to apply to the Council's grants programs, the

Community Funding Scheme and Events & Festivals Grant Program for 2021-22.

Applications close 5pm, Mon May 3.

This year, the Council is providing \$80,000 in additional grants streams to support local community groups during the pandemic.

COVID-19 Recovery fund support

Up to \$5,000 is available to eligible not-for-profit groups or organisations based in Macedon Ranges Shire for:

Support to be COVIDSafe compliant, Virtual events, Online content, Re-opening events for community facilities, Reactivation events to get clubs and groups back together, Alternative ways of holding events, Bringing people together and Social inclusion.

Community Funding Scheme

The Community Funding Scheme (CFS) provides funds to not-for-profit community groups for programs and initiatives that benefit the Shire and meet local needs in line with Council goals.

Events and Festivals Grant Program

This program assists groups and organisations seeking funding and/or in-kind support for events and festivals within the Shire. Three different funding tiers apply, depending on the size, focus and complexity of the proposed event or festival.

For more information, call 54220333, email grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants



Trail Riders April & May rides

Sun Apr 25 – Korweingboora
A bush-ride of about 25 km with a few climbs and a saddlebag lunch.

Book with Tony Ross 0437345703.

Sun May 30 – Greendale

Another bush-ride of about 20 km mostly single file trails with creek crossings, hills, gullies and old mines. Saddlebag lunch.

Book with Garry Fischer 0400640433.
KDTR Membership queries: Amy Gross 0408342990.

FOGO Shire wide from July



In July, the Macedon Ranges Shire Council will expand the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service shire-wide to all Macedon Ranges households.

This completes the roll-out, which began in February 2020 to over 16,000 properties across the shire.

Properties and households new to the FOGO service will receive a letter detailing upcoming changes in the coming weeks, including the date for bin deliveries.

“Since the FOGO bins launched, over 9,257 tonnes of organic material has been saved from landfill,” said Shane Walden, Director Assets and Operations.

“The shire-wide roll-out of FOGO ensures all households can dispose of food and garden organics in an environmentally friendly way.

“This reduces the amount of waste that goes into landfill.”

Mr Walden highlighted that FOGO services complement existing home composting systems by taking overflow during the colder months when compost can be slower to break down.

“Many people manage their households food and garden waste through home composting, worm farms, chickens and livestock. FOGO services can compost things that worms and chickens don’t like to eat.

“This includes things such as meat, bones, seafood, rose prunings, and weeds, including noxious weeds (for example, blackberries and gorse), pet droppings, compostable kitty litter, compostable packaging and more.”

Learn more about FOGO by visiting mrsc.vic.gov.au/FOGO or calling Council on 54220333.

Archie Roach—May 2

Celebrated singer-songwriter and storyteller Archie Roach will perform songs from his new record “Tell Me Why”. at the Town Hall at 3pm May 2.

Wine, Food & Music

The historic Kyneton Mechanics Institute will be the venue for a Celebration of Harvest highlighting Macedon Ranges Wine and this year’s harvest, vintage and the colours of autumn.

On Sat Apr 24 enjoy local wines, delicious foods, live music and a beautiful autumn vibe at the KMI at 81 Mollison St.

At this event you will get to meet local winemakers and enjoy beautiful wines complemented with delicious foods.

There will be live music and a great atmosphere, in the hall, decked out with the colours of autumn to relax and socialise with friends and family.

There are two sessions: 1.30–5pm (all ages), and 6–9.30pm (18+).

Tickets are limited and must be pre-purchased.

For more information and to purchase tickets go to the Visit Macedon Ranges website.

Rainbow Coffee Club

The Country LGBTIQ+ Inclusion Program’s monthly coffee catch-ups are back. Rebranded as the Rainbow Coffee Club, they will be meeting on the last Friday of the month starting Fri 30 Apr 30 from 11am-12pm.

The social group is an initiative of Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health as part of its ‘CLIP’ program which supports the health and wellbeing of adult lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer people in the Macedon Ranges.

It is hoped that the group will offer a regular opportunity for members of the local LGBTIQ+ community to get together and make new connections.

The Rainbow Coffee Club will meet at The Social Foundry, 86 Mollison St, Kyneton.

For more information, call Belinda Brain on 54211666 or email healthpromotion@scchc.org.au.

The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party

On Sat June 19 from 7pm Kyneton Community House will conduct The Mad Hatters Tea Party.

Come down the rabbit hole with them for a night of fun and frivolity!

This year’s Community Lunch event will be an evening of High Tea, drinks, entertainment and auction.

Feel free to dress up in costume or just come in your glad rags.

There will be a prize for best costume! Your ticket will give you a selection of delicious high-tea style goodies and decadent desserts.

You’ll also receive a complimentary cocktail upon arrival.

Drinks for the rest of the evening will be available at bar prices. No BYO.

This is a Covid Safe event – contact details for all guests will be required.

Croquet Club

It has been a very successful start to the year for the Kyneton Croquet Club.

The Club began the year with four twilight ‘come and try’ croquet sessions.

The lawns and club house were booked by a number of groups for private functions plus the opportunity to have a go at croquet.

This has resulted in an almost one third increase in Club membership.

In mid-March the Club held their open invitational event.

This was the first opportunity for players from many other clubs to get out and have a game and resulted in 28 entries from eleven other clubs across Victoria and New South Wales descending on Kyneton to take on the local players.

The Club has also been holding its new Club singles championship with players competing for the John Teed Cup.

The final round was held in mid-April.

New players are always welcome to come and try with games played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information call Dave Wauchope, Club President, on 54221656 or Sue Chivers, Club Secretary, on 0422008914.



Around the Galleries

Art On Piper 44 Piper St



The gallery welcomes equine painter Kirsty Williams who expresses her passion for horses in broad, passionate brushstrokes as its newest member.

The guest for April/May is Steve Seremetis, an emerging artist using oils, acrylics and pastels in a variety of personal discovery journeys.

The Old Auction House 56 Mollison St
Open 9am—5pm

Highlights from the Gallery:

- 'Vistas' – Apr 15–May 10

Discover landscapes in all mediums and styles in this group exhibition.

- 'Abstraction' - 22 April-31 May

A group exhibition of emerging abstract artists.

- "Rainbow Bridges" – May 13-24

In line with IDAHOBIT day Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health present their intergenerational project of interviews and photographs of members from the LGBTIQ+ community.

- "Australian Avian" - May 27– Jun 21

Six artists from across the country present the diversity of Australian fauna.

The Stockroom 98 Piper St

Open Thu-Sat 10:30 -4pm, Sun 11-4pm

Exhibitions from Mar 20–May 2.

Michael Carney, *Roadside Picnic: past, present and future all at once*

The title *Roadside Picnic* comes from the 1971 Russian science fiction novel of the same name where the discovery of alien artefacts leads to how we see the world.

Naoise Halloran-Mackay, *kyline 2*

In this series of paintings, the artist reduces satellite images of roofs from recently built houses into abstracted architectural forms.

Kristin Burgham, *resence*

Industrial ceramic production methods inform her practice.

and Claudia Pharès. *Shift Work*

Shift Work is about acknowledging the invisible labour entailed in raising children.

See Stockroom website for Exhibitions following May 2.

New Arts Achievement Award

The Zonta Club of Kyneton, at its International Women's Day dinner on Wed Mar 3, launched a new and exciting club award – the Arts Achievement Award.

The award has been created to encourage young women in the Macedon Ranges region to continue their creative arts studies during their secondary studies.

The successful applicant will be awarded \$400 to support their ongoing studies and provide opportunities to pursue further artistic talents.

Applicants must be aged between 16-19 years of age, currently enrolled in secondary studies in a creative arts area and live within the Macedon Ranges Shire Council area.

Applications are now open. Closing date 26 April 2021.

For award applications contact awards@zontakyneton.org.au



Local artist, Jenni Mills, Zonta President Donna Fabris and Zonta's Pip Close

ADFAS is back

ADFAS Central Victoria is providing a COVID friendly 2021 Arts based digital lecture program.

ADFAS offering eight digital lectures from February to October.

Each lecture is available for viewing across four weeks from the day you access the link on your home computer or TV.

The May and June lectures are the intriguing *Portraits in Stone: The Great Cathedrals of Medieval England* and the sensational *The Age of Jazz*, respectively.

For further information on the remaining lectures and pro rata membership please call Nicky Peters, Chair, ADFAS CV on 0400958499.

Rotary hits a century

Australia's first Rotary clubs were chartered in Melbourne and Sydney 100 years ago this year.

Rotary clubs throughout the nation are celebrating this important anniversary.

Kyneton Rotary Club was chartered in 1967 and over the ensuing 54 years has been involved in a wide variety of projects that contribute to the liveability of Kyneton and surrounds as well as making the world a better place.

One of Kyneton Rotary's most significant local projects has been the ongoing clean-up of the Campaspe River and development of the river walk.

In recent years Rotary has ploughed thousands of dollars into a wide range of local projects including providing equipment and scout hall security for re-establishing the Kyneton Scout group.

In a move to re-direct the energies of Year 12 Schoolies celebrations, groups of Year 12 students from Kyneton have travelled to Vietnam volunteering for humanitarian work at an orphanage.

Kyneton Rotary funded the erection of much needed latrines and water tanks in Kenya.

Rotary Club of Kyneton meets weekly each Monday evening from 7 pm at the Shamrock Hotel.

Club President Mark Ridgeway said that the club is always on the lookout for new members, both women and men, who support Rotary's ideals and who wish to become involved with other like minded people to make the world a better place.

"If you are interested in joining Rotary or coming along to one of our meetings, then you can contact us through our website at www.kynetonrotary.org.au" Mark said.



Rotary President Mark Ridgeway with Mary-Anne Thomas MP at the Riverwalk exercise equipment launch

New CEO for MRSC



New CEO Bernie O'Sullivan

Macedon Ranges Shire Council appointed Bernie O'Sullivan as Chief Executive Officer at its meeting on Wed March 24.

Mr O'Sullivan is currently in the position of Director Strategy and Growth at the City of Greater Bendigo.

Prior to that Mr O'Sullivan was Acting Chief Executive Officer at the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA VIC) and worked as Deputy Secretary, Regional Services for the Victorian Departments of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), and Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI).

Mr O'Sullivan will commence with Council on 10 May 2021.

He will be focused on engaging with community and businesses, delivering on capital works projects, and ensuring the organisation is able to deliver a strong customer experience through the use of contemporary technology.

"I am very honoured to become the Chief Executive Officer of the Macedon Ranges Shire.

"It is going to be highly rewarding to return to my home region and make a positive difference to our local community.

"There are great opportunities to contribute to an optimistic and liveable future for the Macedon Ranges, and I'm keen to ensure the community is at the centre of our work" Bernie O'Sullivan said.

Bernie will replace John Nevins who has been Acting Chief Executive Officer since 21 October 2020. Mr Nevins will be finishing with Council on 21 April and Angela Hughes will be acting as Chief Executive Officer until Mr O'Sullivan commences.

CWA Creative Arts Exhibition

CWA members all across the Macedon Ranges have been working hard throughout this last year: crafting, preserving, and creating, to show off their efforts in our upcoming exhibition.

Whether craft or cookery, this year's event to be held at the Masonic Centre at 7 Yaldwyn St East on Sat 17 and Sun April 18 is bound to be the best one yet.

All are welcome to visit the Exhibition and see CWA members skills and competitive spirit on show across 222 entry categories. The announcement of winners and presentation of trophies will take place at 1.30pm Sunday.

It wouldn't be a CWA event without some home-style catering, and this year the Macedon and Kyneton Branches will be cooking up a storm providing lunch and morning and afternoon teas, so come and visit the Exhibition and enjoy some CWA classics.

Entry to the Exhibition is \$5, with children under 16 free.

Times are 10-4pm Sat and 10-3pm Sun.

Healthy Homes Project

The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group Healthy Homes Project aims to alleviate the many disadvantages suffered by low-income families living in cold, substandard, housing by improving the overall energy efficiency of up to 15 homes in the Macedon Ranges.

A pilot study, conducted in the Macedon Ranges, demonstrated that a 30% reduction in energy usage is achievable by implementing a number of simple home improvements. The associated improvements in indoor temperatures also provided significant comfort and well-being benefits.

Referrals are now being sought from welfare agencies, churches, schools, food banks and other appropriate agencies.

These referrals will identify needy cases who would benefit from a home energy audit. Following the audit, specific energy efficiency improvement measures will be implemented at no cost to the occupant.

Project sponsors and volunteers who can provide goods, services, or donations to support the project are also being sought.

To obtain a referral form, or for further information on volunteering or sponsorship, please contact Bob evansrgw@bigpond.com or James james.mackenzie@mrsq.org.au

U3A Kyneton

The first term of U3AKyneton has come to an end. And what a term it has been, with over 200 enrolments.

Members have enjoyed stimulating short and long term courses in history, bridge, language, horticulture, Mah Jong, current affairs and film club. Bodies have been rejuvenated in walking groups, Tai Chi, cycling, bushwalking, low impact exercise and table tennis.

U3A members have socialised over coffee, cooking classes, our Friday afternoon meetings and during our many other activities.

The U3A Friday afternoon meeting at the Red Brick Hall is open to both members and non-members. Speakers have been outstanding, covering diverse areas of interest from an insight into China to riding the Camino in Spain.

Term 2 commences on April 19 and introduces a number of new short courses, including; international folk dancing, Australian history, acrylic painting, and Propaganda -The Dark Art.

For further information take a look at the U3A Kyneton website, [email:info@u3akyneton.org.au](mailto:info@u3akyneton.org.au) or call the Secretary, Roni on 54222552.



Young Woman in Public Affairs



This year the Zonta Club of Kyneton has made their Young Women in Public Affairs Award to Molly Consiglio of Sacred Heart College.

The goal of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program is to encourage young women to participate in their community. Molly demonstrated her commitment to the her community in many ways.

In the area of leadership Molly has held positions of Junior College Captain and Cricket Captain.

As an active and enthusiastic volunteer, Molly states "volunteering has been part of my life". She is on the committee for a non-profit charity Camp4Cancer and as part of that was involved in raising over \$50,000 for the Peter McCallum Hospital and Cancer Research.

She acknowledged her opportunity to assist through her sporting involvement, helping young women and girls become active members in clubs and advocating for change to allow this to eventuate.

New car parking at Station

Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll and Member for Macedon Mary Anne Thomas announced in March that new car parking will be built at Kyneton station.

The Victorian Government is delivering new and upgraded car parking spaces on the southern side of the Station.

The new car park will feature improved CCTV and lighting.

For more information visit carparks.vic.gov.au.

Author event:

Rural romance author, Fiona Lowe, will be speaking about her new novel 'A Home Like Ours' at Kyneton Library on Fri Apr 30 at 11am.

To book a ticket either go online at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone 54221365.

Defibrillators save lives

Kyneton Rotary has stepped up to assist Ambulance Victoria to record the locations of life saving Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the Kyneton area to enable rapid access in the event of an emergency.

According to Ambulance Victoria, it attends more than 5500 cardiac arrests each year but unfortunately only one in 10 survive. The early use of a defibrillator by members of the public can significantly increase survival rates.

That is why an up to date register of AED locations is critical in making the life saving devices available for use as soon as possible to people who need them.

AED locations can be registered on the Ambulance Victoria website or register.myaed@ambulance.vic.gov.au It will only take a few moments but it could save lives.

Your horse and your land

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is offering a \$100 discount for horse owners to participate in an online equiculture course.

Equiculture – short for equine permaculture – is a holistic horse property management program that promotes sustainable farm and pasture management techniques designed with your horse's welfare and natural behaviour in mind.

The equiculture program is delivered digitally, with participants able to learn at their own pace.

Fifteen modules teach participants all about healthy soil and pasture, managing weeds, mud and erosion, property design and layouts as well as managing optimal equine health.

Completion of the Equiculture course can also be incorporated into the Pony Club Australia K or C certificates.

To get your discount code, contact Jason McAinch on 0455210436 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/sustainable-farming Places are limited so get in quick!

Visit the Equiculture webpage to find out more: www.equiculture.net.



Probus Club of Kyneton



At last the Kyneton Probus Club is back in action.

The AGM, held in March, saw outgoing President, Phil Parkinson pass the role of President to Hartley Uebegang.

Phil was appointed Vice President.

Other Officers are: Treasurer: Ian Geddes; Secretary: Vicky Malcolm; Speaker Coordinator: John Wells; Trips Coordinator: Ruth Geddes; Welfare Officer: Margaret Gray; Attendance Officer: Roy Gibbs; Newsletter Editor: Helen Forsyth and Catering Officer: Margaret Wells.

Club members are looking forward to their first trip since the shutdown which will be to King Island in April.

All Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am when members gather in the dining room at the Shamrock Hotel.

Meetings are a lively forum featuring guest speakers, plenty of humour, morning tea and a warm welcoming environment.

After meetings many take the opportunity to socialise over lunch at the Shamrock.

If you are retired or semi-retired, Kyneton Probus' wide range of activities such as picnics, outings, tours, cinema days and theatre provide a great opportunity to make new friends and to catch up with old acquaintances.

Interested? Please contact Vicky (secretary) on 0419588344 to enquire.

CO-Op AGM

The AGM of the Kyneton and District Co-Op, the body formed to seek to ensure the old Primary School building and site in Baynton St remains in community hands, will be held May 15.

There are at least 4 casual vacancies on the Board to be filled at the meeting with nominations closing on April 15.

For further information call Rob Bakes on 0427580803.

Kyneton District Services

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Kyneton Events Calendar

Sat Apr 17	Football Netball Kangaroo Flat v Kington (away game) CWA Creative Arts Exhibition Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St West 10-4pm
Sun Apr 18	CWA Creative Arts Exhibition Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St West 10-3pm
Wed Apr 21	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Sat Apr 24	Football Netball Kyneton v Sth Bendigo Night (Showgrounds) Celebration of Harvest Kyneton Mechanics Inst 1.30-5pm & 6-9.30pm
Sun Apr 25	ANZAC Day
Wed Apr 28	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Fri Apr 30	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow Town Hall 7.30pm
Sat May 1	Football Netball Castlemaine v Kyneton (away game)
Sun May 2	Archie Roach Performance—'Tell Me Why' Town Hall 8pm
Wed May 5	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Fri May 7	Aust Blues Bros 21st Century Tribute Show Town Hall 11.30am
Sat May 8	Football Netball Kyneton v Eaglehawk (Showgrounds) Kyneton Farmers and Makers Markets St Pauls Park 8-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8-1pm
Wed My 12	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Fri May 14	Vision Australia Spud Luncheon
Sat May 15	Football Netball Kyneton v Maryborough (Showgrounds)
Mon May 17	IDAHOBIT Flagraising Kyneton Town Hall 12-12.30pm
Wed My 19	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Wed My 26	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Sat May 29	Football Netball Gisborne v Kyneton (away game)
Wed Jun 2	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Sat Jun 5	Football Netball Kyneton v Sandhurst (Showgrounds)
Wed Jun 9	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Sat Jun 12	Football Netball Strathfieldsaye v Kyneton (away game) Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn Street West 8-1pm
Jun Jun 13	A Taste of Ireland Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Wed Jun 16	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm

Barkly Square lighting

At the end of February, Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas joined Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors to officially launch the new facilities including the new soccer pitch lighting at Barkly Square, made possible with the

support of the State Government who contributed \$100,000 to the project.

The lighting opens the door for local clubs, including the 300-strong Kyneton Rangers District Soccer Club, to extend training and host night competition.



Lisa has a baby boy

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters MP and her partner, Matt Emond have welcomed the arrival of their son, Charlie Peter Emond.

Charlie was born at Bendigo Health at 1.37pm on Apr 9, weighing 3.498kg.

Lisa and baby Charlie are in good health and doing well.

Daughter Daisy is thrilled to have become a big sister.

Charlie is named after his great great grandfather Charlie Krausgrill who was an active member of the Eaglehawk and Bendigo community.



ANZAC Day

The Kyneton RSL regrets to advise that there will no march on ANZAC Day this year, however, the fallen will not be forgotten.

An abbreviated Dawn Service will be held at the Cenotaph in Mollison St commencing at 6am, however, there will be no Gunfire Breakfast following the service.

The traditional ANZAC Day service will commence at 10am at the Cenotaph although in a modified format.

There will, however, be the opportunity for people to lay wreaths. Following the service members are invited back to the RSL for refreshments.

Kyneton FNC Raffle 2021



The Kyneton Football Netball Club is conducting a major raffle with first prize a Toyota Hilux Rugged X or a Toyota Prado GXL from Kyneton Toyota valued at \$74,385

2nd Prize is a Can-am Defender HD8 XU from Bolton Motorcycles valued at \$25,999

3rd Prize - an 85 inch TCL smart TV from Betta Electrical Kyneton valued at \$2250

The raffle is drawn on Aug 7. Tickets are \$100.

Daff Bulb Sales Continuing

It is now possible for the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival to sell their bulbs outside Woolworths on Sat Apr 24. They are also being sold online and will be on sale too at the monthly 2nd Saturday Community Market in the grounds of the Uniting Church.

Bulb varieties available can be viewed on the Festival's Facebook page or by emailing Secretary Marg Dearthcott on daffodil@netcon.net.au.

She will send you photos and prices of all bulbs on sale and details of how to pay. For more information call Marg on 54222282.



Disability Parking Permits change

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has now transitioned to the new state-wide Accessible Parking Permit (APP) Scheme and online system.

Residents and organisations who require a new permit, or need to renew or replace a permit, will need to apply via this new process.

All existing Macedon Ranges Shire Council permits will remain valid until they expire, but old application forms will no longer be accepted.

Three different parking permits are issued under the new Scheme:

An Australian Disability Parking (ADP) Permit - formerly the Category 1 Blue disabled permit

A Double Time (DT) Permit - formerly the Category 2 Green Permit

An ADP Organisation Permit - formerly Blue organisation permit

To apply for a permit or renew an existing permit, applicants should:

Start an application online at accessibleparking.vic.gov.au,

The applicant will receive an application reference number via SMS.

Applicant then takes reference number to their GP or occupational therapist, who will complete an online assessment and submit the application.

Applications will be assessed by the local Council.

A paper-based version of the application is also available.

Improvements have been made include allowing occupational therapists to complete assessments, in addition to GPs, introducing a permanent disability classification, so many will no longer have to return for reassessment, increasing the permit length from three years to five years for individuals, and providing temporary permits for 6, 12 or 24 months.

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