

Kyneton Connect



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Toy Library needs new home



In August, Macedon Ranges Shire Council plans to hand back the Hutton St site of the former buildings of the Maternal and Child Health Centre, the Toy Library and Lady Brooks Kindergarten to the state government leaving the Kyneton & Districts Toy Library homeless after 38 years of in-kind support from the Council.

Demand for the Toy Library is at its strongest so its potential closure is something the Toy Library Committee and members are desperate to avoid.

The Council have helped the Toy Library to contact organisations to find available space but without success.

"The Hutton Street building is a much-loved asset so it's a shame that at a time when there's a growing need for community facilities, the Council isn't retaining it", says Kyneton & Districts Toy Library President, Angela Sloan.

The Toy Library is 100 percent volunteer-run and provides a diverse range of quality toys that encourage creativity and physical activity for an affordable annual subscription.

Members include founding members who are now borrowing toys for visiting grandchildren.

Kyneton parent Barry said the library was a Saturday tradition and brought excitement to his two boys. "My boys love coming to the library to have a play, see other kids and choose some toys," he said.

If you know of a potential home for the library, please contact kynetontoylibrary@gmail.com.

And check out their window display on Mollison St by the Post Office. Editor's Note:

When contacted for comment Maria Weiss, Council's Director Community said "Council is not evicting the toy library from its current location - the building's potential future use and tenancies are a matter for the relevant government department once the site is handed back".

"Council supports the toy library continuing to operate from the Victorian Government-owned site."

NAB in Kyneton to close

Last Friday the National Australia Bank announced that it will close its Kyneton Branch from July 6.

The NAB has been in Kyneton since 1872 and has occupied its current building on the corner of Mollison and Jennings Sts since 1877.

In its statement about the closure the Bank said "More and more, our customers are choosing to do their banking online, over the phone, or by video conference. And, as they continue to bank differently, it's important that we continue to adapt with them"

NAB suggested their branch in Gisborne or the Kyneton Post Office as alternatives to its customers.



At one stage the local NAB branch had reduced its opening hours to 9.30-12.30pm per day but in recent

times they had been 9.30-4.00pm Mon-Thu and 9.30-5pm Fri.

In its statement NAB cited reduced customer usage of the bank over 2020, 2021 and 2022. The statistics published in their statement showed transactions at the Kyneton Branch remained relatively stable between 2020 and 2021 but declined significantly in 2022.

Jennings St Roadworks



The Jennings St roadworks commenced on Mar 20 and were expected to be completed in 6 to 8 weeks from that date.

The closure of Jennings St near Mollison St as well as the closure of entry to the Woolworths car park has caused a major rethink by many motorists of their normal routes, especially with it unfortunately coinciding with a major reduction in parking spaces in that Car Park due to building works at Woolworths.

Shane Walden, the Council's Director of Assets and Operations said that the road condition was in dire need of attention – it was expected to worsen over winter if not addressed.

"Due to high demand within the construction industry, mid-March was our earliest possible start date and a detailed traffic management plan is in place to maintain safe, detoured vehicle access to all local businesses and residents" Mr Walden said.

The 6-8 weeks included some contingency for poor weather but also recognised the added complexity of existing, shallow underground utilities. Page I

ANZAC Day 2023



The Kyneton RSL Sub-Branch will again be organising the traditional ANZAC Day march and ceremony in Kyneton on Tues Apr 25 to commemorate the 108th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.

ANZAC Day in Kyneton will begin with the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph at 6am.

Attendees should begin assembling at about 5.45am.

This service will be followed by the traditional Gunfire Breakfast which will be held at the Kyneton RSL Club Rooms.

The ANZAC Day march in Kyneton will form up at the corner of Yaldwyn and Mollison Sts at 9.30am and step off at 9.45am.

The march will proceed to the Cenotaph where the ANZAC Day ceremony will be conducted. Following the service the march will continue along Mollison St to the RSL where it will disband. Refreshments will be provided at the RSL following the march.

ANZAC Day ceremonies will also take place in Trentham, Malmsbury, Woodend and Taradale.

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

All monies collected will support our veterans.

At Kyneton Library

The history of Malmsbury Bluestone.

Come on a pictorial tour of local and significant buildings and sites telling the Malmsbury bluestone story from 1856 to the 1980s.

Presented by Dr Susan Walter, Coordinator Bendigo Regional Archives Centre. Thur Apr 27 at 5.30pm

Craig Castree. Seed saving.

Experienced horticulturist Craig Castree provides tips and tricks for being successful at saving and raising your own seeds. Thur May II at 2pm

Launch of the Kyneton Library Seed Savers group.

Sat May 13 10am-12pm.

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Kyneton Maternal & Child Health Service relocated

In February the Kyneton Maternal and Child Health service relocated to the Ambulatory Care Centre building adjacent to the Kyneton Hospital in Caroline Chisholm Drive. The relocation followed the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's decision to hand back the existing leased site of the former Lady Brooks Kindergarten and the Maternal and Child Health Service to the Victorian Government.

At the new Kyneton MCH hub, staff and clients will have access to a large waiting area, reception, large consulting room, a room for new parent groups and a courtyard.



Baby Henry and mother Jacqui at MCH hub

Mother's Day Melodies

Adam Przewlocki's three choirs: the Divine Divas Show Choir, Rainbow Voices Community Choir and Kyneton U3A Singers will be presenting a 70 minute show at the Sunbury Uniting Church 10-20 Barkly St Sunbury at 1.30pm Sat May 13 all for \$15.800k via www.trybooking.com/CHRGU.

Community and Events Grants

The next round of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Community Funding Scheme and Events and Festivals grants will be opening on May I and will close June 5.

To help community members be more successful in their grant applications, information sessions and grant workshops will be running in April and May – these are free events, but bookings are essential.

The initial Grant Information sessions will be held on Apr 26 – one at the Woodend Community Centre 10-12pm and the other online via Zoom 6.30-7.30pm

To register for one of the information sessions or to view the guidelines for either grant program, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants or contact the grants team via grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au or 5422 0216 (Melissa Telford, Community Funding Scheme) and 5421 9521

(Nicole Pietruschka, Events and Festivals Grants) to discuss your project ideas.

Auxiliary raises \$5500

Saturday Apr I saw the Ray M Begg Auxiliary conduct its annual Easter Fair at Bolton Hall.

Although the day was cold and overcast it once again was a successful event.

The raffle which had been operating outside Woolworths for the previous two weeks was drawn and the winners were:1st Rupert Dalley, 2nd Sheila Moody, 3rd Frances Girvan, 4th Dave Quarrell's family, 5th Malcolm Mc Kellar, 6th Julia Sievers, 7th Linda Walker, 8th Dusanika and 9th Judy.

The Auxiliary thanked the following businesses for their support: Rationale / Betta Home Living/Terry White Pharmacy and Woolworths who have contributed and helped make this a successful day in raising approximately \$5500.

The next fund raiser is a Monster Garage sale on Apr 22, 9am – 2pm. Their Craft Stalls, will be held Sats May 6 and Jun 3, 9 – Ipm with much on offer, including toys, books, knitted goods, preserves, and cakes.

Cheaper rail fares commence

On Mar 31 Public Transport Minister Ben Carroll joined Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas in Kyneton and Woodend to celebrate the commencement of cheaper regional rail fares that day.

The cost of a daily ticket on the entire regional Victorian network is now capped at the same prices as metropolitan daily fares – currently \$9.20 for a full fare or \$4.60 for a concession.

On a weekend or public holiday, daily fares are capped at \$6.70 and currently just \$3.35 for concession. Whilst in Kyneton the Minister also inspected the recently completed extension to the Station's car park, which has added 50 additional parking spaces.



Station Master Josh Smith, Mary-Anne Thomas and Minister Ben Carrolll

Bulb Sales!



Chris, Mavis, Peter and Jess selling

The Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival's annual sale of daffodil bulbs continues.

Over the coming weeks the bulb stall will be outside Woolworths Kyneton 9am-12.30pm on Saturdays Apr 22 & 29th and May 6, and also at the Kyneton Rotary Community Market, Corner of Ebden & Yaldwyn St West, Sat May 13.

Those wo can't make it to the stalls can view the large variety of bulbs on offer online either on the Festival Facebook page or website www.kynetondaffodilandartsfestival.com.au then email their order to kynetondaffodilandartsfestival@gmail.com.

Festival activities & events

The Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival is once again calling on the creative minds of our local community to express interest in conducting events and projects in the 2023 Festival program.

This year's Festival is from Aug 31 to Sep 10, and will feature events and activities throughout Kyneton and its surrounding areas.

Expressions of interest open on Apr 21 and the deadline for submissions is Jun 4.

Interested individuals, local businesses, groups or organisations can submit their proposals through an online form available on the Festival's website.

The Festival is looking for events, pop-ups and projects that relate to daffodils, Kyneton, local businesses, tourism and family fun.

If you need any guidance or wish to discuss your ideas before submitting your proposal, please contact Secretary Jess Grant kynetondaffodilandartsfestival@gmail.com or phone at 0466639080.

Rewilding event May 7

Hosted by local conservation organisation, Biolinks Alliance, an expert panel will debate whether 'rewilding' can solve wide-spread environmental challenges in Central Victoria at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute at I I am on Sun May 7.

'Rewilding' is embraced worldwide as an approach that goes beyond saving single species or patches of remaining habitat, to restoring the wider natural processes, and missing species, that support life. This free event brings together an eminent panel of experts and thinkers to discuss what rewilding could look like in Central Victoria, why hasn't it been taken up widely so far and what potential does it have to restitch the natural fabric of life, so it can support future generations.

For free tickets, go to eventbrite.com.au and search 'Rewilding Central Victoria'.



Bandicoot photo: Dave Watts

Student visits to Canberra

Federal Member Lisa Chesters is encouraging local schools to take advantage of new rebates to visit the nation's capital in 2023.

New rebates for schools available via the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program will make it more affordable for schools and students to visit Canberra this year as part of their civics and citizenship education.

The program includes visits to Parliament, the Australian War Memorial, the Museum of Australian Democracy, and the National Electoral Education Centre at Old Parliament House.

"I strongly encourage all schools in the Bendigo electorate to consider a visit to Canberra and see Australia's democracy in action" Ms Chesters said.

Kyneton Connect thanks **Ray White Kyneton** of 2 High Street for its sponsorship of this issue by generously meeting the cost of its production.

Clarity sought on Drill Hall

Parents of Kyneton Airforce Cadets (430 Squadron) are frustrated that the Cadets have no permanent home and the future of the Drill Hall they used to call home, is in jeopardy.

Their long-standing home at Mont St Quentin Barracks Drill Hall in Market St built in 1903 has fallen into disrepair.

A few years ago, the squadron were informed renovations would be done, and they were to move to a temporary home in the Kyneton Scout Hall for a few months.

"The staff, cadets and their families are extremely grateful to the scouts for their incredible support accommodating them, but they want to see the squadron return to the hall permanently.

"The Australian Airforce Cadets 430 Squadron in Kyneton has recently increased from 13 to 35 active youth members, as well as increased their staff and they are very cramped at the scout hall" parent Laura Denton said.

"Renovations done at the Drill Hall revealed further problems, and the building is now in an unusable state, with need of restumping, re-roofing and further renovations.

"The future of the Hall is uncertain, and the information from the Defence force who oversee the building is lacking or confusing.

"Nobody seems to know how long it will take for the work to be completed, or if anything is to be done at all, and there was talk of demolition" Ms Denton said.

Concerned parents are seeking community support to ensure the Hall is restored and the cadet squadron is returned to their home. The parents have contacted the Office of Federal Member Lisa Chesters who have advised Kyneton Connect that the matter is being followed up with the Office of the responsible Minister Matt Thistlethwaite.



West Ward Councillors' Update



It is April and Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival time.

We hope you are all finding the time and have the opportunity to join in as well.

A highlight of the opening weekend was the walk up Bald Hill Reserve and the discussions and information provided by the Friends Group and Council Officers from our Environment team along the way.

Voting is open for the Telstra Macedon Ranges Community Choice Awards. Thanks to everyone who nominated businesses. Now is the chance to actually vote via the Council website until 2 June.

As you are aware, Council has many chances for residents to "Have Your Say" on various draft strategies, masterplans and documents.

Council is required to review and prepare our General Purpose and Amenity Local Law every ten years... and that is now. The draft is available and it provides us with the opportunity to address new issues, changing expectations and ensure our laws remain strong, fair and address the needs of our community. We would appreciate your feedback through "Have Your Say" on the MRSC website.

The Shire Wide Footpath Plan is another draft out for comment that we are sure is of interest to many. It is open until 30 April and is exploring the matrix, design parameters, material selection and updating the current priority footpaths up until 2027.

The launch of the Cool-ER Changes Program at the Kyneton Town Hall was very successful with a great turn out (150 registered) and many people contributed their thoughts to creating a shire-wide Climate Emergency Response Plan for Council and the community.

We also launched a short film made by Council on climate conversations between our younger and senior residents called "Bridging the Divide". We hope to keep that momentum and interest going and people participating in the themed workshops which will run until June. Thank you to all the user groups who worked together with the consultant and Officers to progress this. We know it requires listening to the needs and requests from many different groups, at times requiring some compromises. It is a very positive outcome and we can look toward some budget considerations to progress the actions in the plan.

Speaking of Budget.... Councillors and Officers have had many workshops and discussions over the last months.

There is always much to consider and we appreciate that some people already took the opportunity last year to contact Council and let us know what areas they felt were important.

There is a process and after the Draft Budget and Council Plan is endorsed, there is then a period for written submissions and then verbal presentations to Councillors and Officers.

We hope many of you will participate.

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Kyneton for their 30 year celebration of hosting the annual International Women's Day dinner.

The Puppy Pride parade down Mollison Street and celebrations at the Kyneton Botanical Gardens was a great day.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the ANZAC Day service.

Best wishes,

Crs Janet Pearce, Jennifer Anderson and Mark Ridgeway

Invitation to euchre players

If there are any euchre players looking for fellow players, a small group meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30pm in the Kyneton RSL.

New players are always welcome. For more information call Irene Marshall on 54222204.

Kyneton Municipal Band

April is one of the busiest times of the year for the members of the Kyneton Municipal Band.

On Apr 18 the Band provided some Australian music at a citizenship ceremony.

On Anzac Day the Band will play at at four ceremonies, starting at Malmsbury, followed by the Kyneton parade and service, the Woodend for their parade and service and then the Taradale ceremony.

As well as the above services the Band's buglers are also performing the last Post at the Dawn services at locations around the Shire. It is indeed their busiest day of the year.

The Band is now settling in to its temporary rehearsal space at the Mechanics Institute while its usual rehearsal room at the Red Brick Hall is being renovated.

Anyone is welcome to come and join the Band on a Friday night at 7.30pm either to listen or play.

Contact Bandmaster Hugh Davies on 0418519398.

Woolworths alterations





The works that have significantly reduced the number of parking spaces in the Kyneton Woolworths carpark are expected to be completed by June/July.

The works will result in a dedicated area for the ever-increasing collection of online orders.

Parking will be almost as previous once the works are completed.

Run the Rock returns

Popular running event, Run the Rock will return to Hanging Rock Apr 29 Runners of all capabilities and their families are welcome to join in.

With four distances to choose from (22K, 13.5K, 5K or Kids 2K) runners are encouraged to challenge themselves and chase after their 2023 running goals.

To register go to https://solemotive.com/pages/run-the-rock-event-village

Redesdale Revellers



The Redesdale Revellers are back for their 34th year.

The Revellers will be returning to Sutton Grange Hall with their brandnew show for 2023, "Dare to Dream".

"Sutton Grange have welcomed us with open arms", enthused long time Reveller and producer Dennis Perry. "We had three sold-out shows last year, so in 2023 we're going one further with an extra show added to the program".

The show, first conceived in the late 1980s, is the brainchild of the late Arnold Jenkins and Lyn Brown, and their spirit was with the Revellers at Sutton Grange last year.

Dennis proclaimed "they would be thrilled that audiences filled the hall to enjoy an afternoon' of great entertainment".

The Revellers will be performing their unique Cabaret-style show this year across two weekends in May: 6 & 7, and May 20 & 21 all at 2pm.

Tickets are \$25 and every performance includes afternoon tea, with funds raised going to local community groups and upkeep of the Sutton Grange Hall. Bookings: https://www.trybooking.com/CGMSC

E:- RedesdaleRevellers@gmail.com Call or text the Revellers hotline: 0487619473.

New youth space for Kyneton

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Youth Services team will host a new youth space called Wednesday Knights at the portable behind Council's Kyneton office, starting on April 26 and operating from 4-5:30pm every second Wednesday.

The free, supervised sessions will be open to secondary school-aged children, with food provided and games such as Dungeons and Dragons and Magic the Gathering.

For information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Youth or email youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Lions applaud community's generosity

On behalf of the Kyneton Lions Club local Royal Childrens Hospital Appeal Co-ordinator Dennis Bertoncini has thanked the community of Kyneton and district for the contributions to the Appeal which saw in excess of \$20,000 donated.

The Lions themselves, in cold, rainy weather collected \$12,862 on Thursday and Friday at the High/ Mollison traffic lights.

Taradale CFA collected \$1722, Tylden CFA \$1254 and Metcalf CFA \$4284. Woolworths raised \$4284.



Lions Rob Scott, Dennis Bertoncini and Gerry Rutter collecting at the traffic lights

Businesses and IDAHOBIT

Kyneton businesses and community organisations are being encouraged to get creative in advance of next month's IDAHOBIT celebrations.

International Day Against LGBTIQA+ Discrimination is marked across the world each year on 17 May and this year Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health will be handing out free pride packs which include resources and information to help them show support for the LGBTIQA+ community.

The packs include a flag, a poster, an IDAHOBIT window sign and other useful materials.

The organisation is partnering with Macedon Ranges Shire Council to encourage businesses to get creative with dressing up their windows or foyers with rainbows. Any registered business or community organisation with an ABN will have the opportunity to win a prize for the most creative rainbow displays. First prize is a \$1000 voucher to be spent on another Macedon Ranges business with \$500 on offer for the runner up.

To support businesses in promoting LGBTIQA+ visibility, the Health Service is holding an online workshop, 'Safe and Inclusive Spaces'

on Wednesday 3 May, 7pm – 8.30pm – book your place here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WelcomingSpaces2023.

To register for your free pride pack go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/IDAHOBITPridePack

Call Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health on 54211666 or email healthpromotion@scchc.org.au.

Work underway at OKPS

Construction works are clearly evident at the Old Kyneton Primary School in Baynton St, with the first stage of the site's tranformation into a creative community hub underway. This first phase of works focuses on the iconic bluestone heritage building, the original school which dates back to the 1800s.

Important work will be undertaken to restore the building, creating internal spaces for a new gallery and exhibition area, and a new food and beverage offering.

A new link building will also be constructed providing a main entry to welcome visitors to the site, as well as a space for future events.

Construction firm McCorkell, which specialises in complex cultural heritage sites, has been appointed to carry out the works.



MP Mary-Anne Thomas with the specialist team at the OKPS

Deception - Cathouse Players

Cathouse Players are well into rehearsals for their June production of *Deception*, a collection of stories each exploring how and why we may deceive: an innocent mistake; a way of protecting ourselves; maybe even something sinister?

Excitingly, this includes the World Premiere of *Over She Goes* by local playwright and Cathouse actor, Helen Gramberg, who also stars as Veronica Walker.

Playing June 17-25. Bookings via trybooking.com/CEUSG or Katie/Brian 0490485850.

The Fishmonger-Kyneton



Four weeks ago, The Fishmonger - Kyneton opened its doors, located in a fully restored shop at 43 Mollison St (diagonally opposite The Old Auction House Art Gallery).

Fishmonger Andrew Bates and his partner, Janet provide fresh and seasonal seafood to Kyneton with an emphasis on quality, range and value. Bringing you the best fresh fish and seafood sourced that day and processed in house to make available fillets, cutlets, butterflied fish, as well as whole fish and an array of seafood, together with a stock of pasta, canned, jar & smoked fish and seafood products.

Customers are welcome to come in store to browse and take the opportunity to ask Andrew, a qualified chef, questions about anything fish related – he is always happy to give cooking and storage advice.

Follow them on Instagram and Facebook: Ph 0408127392.

Trading: Tue 10-5.30pm, Thu & Fri 9 -5.30pm, Sat 8.30-1pm.

Organs expanding

Organs Bus Service was founded in 1929 by Reg and Alma Organ and from the 1960s, the company was managed by Reg and Alma's two sons, Neil and Geoff Organ and their wives, Gwen and Betty.

The business experienced a rapid expansion and grew to a fleet of 51 vehicles.

In 2007, the Organs sold their business and it was brought under the umbrella of the Donric Group.

Organs now have 81 buses and coaches including some brand new Irizars.

Organs have also expanded its fleet to include 12 buses in Bendigo.

Organs coaches are now recruiting drivers for school runs and charters. If you are interested please call their office on 54221788 - all training and licencing will be provided.

What's New in Business

Barry Made fashion and Courtyard

Sisters Maddie and Charlie Barry opened their dual businesses Barry Made and Courtyard on Thu April 6, at 96 Piper St (facing on to Wedge St – where the Garden Tap was formerly located).

They are open 7am-3pm every day. Courtyard is an ideal place for a start of day coffee and a bite to eat including toasties, cinnamon twists, pastries etc baked daily.

Barry Made, their adjacent Fashion boutique features their own Barry Made design clothing with women's clothing suitable for all ages and styles. Ph 54235136.

It is a real sense of deja vu for Kyneton as their aunts ran the very popular clothing store Siss's in High St in the 1990s.



Maddie and Charlie Barry

Awaken Yoga

Awaken Yoga Studio is a supportive, nurturing space that welcomes people from beginners to seasoned practitioners.

The Studio in Beauchamp St is run by Bec Taylor and offers weekly classes of various styles that include movement, breath work, mantra, meditation and sound healing.

For more information and to book head to www.awakenyogastudio.org or call 0428801323.

Bec also has an upcoming Trentham based retreat, in collaboration with Nat Dowling of Wander Into Wildness. The Compass Retreat is a weekend of Yoga and Sound Healing Stay at The Pond House, or at home and come for the Retreat May 26-28.



Twenty-nine29

"Twentynine29" at 29 High St Kyneton is home to a collective of like-minded complementary healthcare practitioners working together under one roof.

At "29" you will find osteopaths with an interest in gentle, whole family care, traditional Chinese medicine practitioners, well versed in acupuncture and East Asian herbal medicine, massage therapists, Zen Thai Shiatsu practitioners, counsellors, family therapists, psychotherapists and naturopaths.

"As a group of collaborative practitioners with many years of expertise in our own fields, we often work together to find the right solution to whatever your health concern may be. We aim to be here for our community and help wherever and however we can" Codirector of "29" Isabel Mettler said.

"Whatever your problem may be, we are here to help you and your family back to full wellbeing" she said.

Find more information via www.twentynine29.com – bookings or inquiries can be made with individual practitioners via the links on thei webpage.

"29" also offers professional, private consulting spaces – get in touch to be part of a connected and supportive wellbeing practice.



Lucy James, Isabel Mettler and Clare Greig Organic Mechanic Osteo directors

Workshop Expansion

The Old Auction House at 52-56 Mollison St have announced that a range of new workshops have been added to their already full schedule of weekend craft workshops.

Acrylic Landscape Painting, Card Making and Scrapbooking as well as Printmaking workshops are among the new offerings. To see their full range of workshops visit https://theoldauctionhouse.com.au/workshops.

Kyneton on Riverside



Kyneton on Riverside (KoR) recently hosted a successful community Easter egg hunt for locals.

Suzana Bojkovski, Kyneton on Riverside's Marketing Manager, said it was great to see the excitement of the kids and to meet families who are new to the area.

As construction of homes within Stages 4 & 5 progresses, more homeowners are expected to join the community, with many already completing their homes and several homes started in Stage 6 & 14.

The latest release of Stage 10 and 11, offer direct access to Kyneton station, cycling tracks, and is surrounded by green space.

Wine Award

In early March Brendon and Dee Lawler received notice that their Wombat Forest Vineyard and Winery at 189 Springhill Rd Denver had won a Australian Good Food Guide Reader's Choice Award.

"It took us completely by surprise. We had no idea that our customers had been voting for us until we received notification" Dee said

Wombat Forest Vineyard and Winery are open 11- 5 Friday to Sunday and offer a Seated Wine Tasting Experience, wine by the glass, seasonal platters and take away sales.

They planted their vineyard from scratch 26 years ago. It is completely family owned and run.

Ph 0408799187.



Sunbury & Cobaw Community Health

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health is a not-for-profit organisation providing a wide range of free and low-cost health, wellbeing and community services.

From their offices in Kyneton, they deliver programs in early childhood health, services for young people, families, adults, for those accessing My Aged Care and those living with a disability.



They are also a Services Australia agent so you can get help accessing Centrelink, Medicare and other government agencies. The organisation also has staff in Romsey, Woodend and Sunbury.

The health service has been a trusted part of the Kyneton community for 37 years.

In the early 1980s the Kyneton Welfare Coordinating Committee was formed which was made up of professional workers involved in welfare service provision, as well as local religious leaders and other members of the community.

This group was committed to maximising health and welfare services across the local community, and to identifying and responding to service gaps.

A successful funding submission to the Victorian Government resulted in the establishment of Cobaw Community Health in 1986 which was named after the Cobaw Range, a small section of the Great Dividing Range to the east of Kyneton.

The organisation's first staff comprised a social worker, a community nurse, an occupational therapist, a speech pathologist and a volunteer coordinator.

In January 2021, the organisation merged with Sunbury Community Health and there are now over 250 staff across its four sites.

The organisation is a key local employer and offers flexible working conditions in an inclusive, values-

based environment, with a vision of healthy connected people and healthy connected communities.

The new premises on the corner of Bourke St and Caroline Chisholm Dr was opened in 2020 and is home to clinicians and professionals such as a physiotherapist, occupational therapists, a pulmonary and cardiac nurse, a diabetes educator, a dietitian, a podiatrist, counsellors and social workers.

There are a number of exercise groups that are held at the Kyneton office including one for those managing a chronic lung condition, those recovering from a heart attack or heart surgery and a group for those with hip and knee osteoarthritis.



For those needing assistance to get out and about in the community, the social support bus trips run four days a week taking small groups to a wide range of local, regional and metropolitan venues.

The organisation offers parenting support, housing support and has staff from the Centre for Non-Violence, The Orange Door and the Centre Against Sexual Assault colocated on their premises.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health is a registered National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and Home Care Package provider.

It is also rainbow tick accredited providing a safe and inclusive space for the LGBTIQA+ community.

The organisation also drives important health promotion initiatives in collaboration with local and regional community partners.

To find out more about what Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health can offer you, visit www.sunburycobaw.org.au, call 54211666, or pop in and see them at I Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton.

Around the Galleries The Old Auction House

52-56 Mollison St

Conjure - May 11 - 29

Abstract art encourages the viewer to reflect and question what they see in front of them - an outcome that will differ from viewer to viewer.

Go With The Flow - Dani Legge - May 25 - Jun 19

Adventures in fluid art pouring.

Art on Piper

44 Piper St

Art on Piper has welcomed four new abstract making members – glass jewellery by Sophie Newman, expressive paint on canvases by Emily Medbury, fluid pour under resin by Gayle Fidler, acrylic collages and encaustics by Marian Alexopoulos. Statement pieces for the body and the wall, plus cards for gifting.



Open 10 until 4 every day except Tuesdays. www.artonpiper.com

At the Stockroom

98 Piper Street

Upcoming Exhibitions

29 April - 4 June

Gallery One

Troy Emery What will happen when the sun dies

Gallery Two

Hayley Arjona ΩMNI

Ceramic Space

Alichia Van Rhijn Pink Moon

Next Exhibition 10 June - 16 July Gallery One

Angela Chauvin Antidote

Gallery Two

Anthea Kemp

Ceramic Space

Dawn Vachon Props

Windarring Gallery - Happy Series



On Thu Mar 23, Windarring opened its Gallery Space at 58 Mollison St to the community to celebrate the "Happy" series by Daniel Butterworth – who is a local artist, and former Archibald Prize finalist.

This series involves 7 portraits of participants who attend services at Windarring with a range of different disabilities – all portraying a different version of what "happy" looks like in their own unique way.

Daniel Butterworth says — "Happy preconception is something we need to dismiss when it comes to people. The idea that we feel sorry for people who are born with cognitive issues and have sustained an injury and things we regard as the "norm" seem challenging for some.

"The Happy series is to point out that a lot of people who identify as this are happy, and in a lot of cases, some of the happiest people in society"

The series is on display at the Gallery until the end of April.

Handweavers & Spinners

"As part of the upcoming Daffodil and Arts Festival, the Kyneton Handweavers and Spinners Group is running a fun new competition.

The Fingers and Toes Festival is looking for entries to cover those pinkies!

Gloves, mittens, socks, slippers, booties - knitted, crocheted or felted. Hand spun or commercial fibre, pretty or plain.

There are 24 classes to choose from. There is even a novelty classes:

Biggest pair of socks, smallest pair of socks, Christmas stocking or daffodil themed items. And a children's class for budding knitters.

The closing date for entries is Aug I with the items needed at the end of that month.

So come on knitters and crocheters of Macedon Ranges and beyond, show your work and warm up those fingers and toes and visit the Festival on Sept 2, at the Red Brick Hall, Yaldwyn St West.

Full details and entry forms from - fingersandtoesfestival@gmail.com

Finding Freedom

Actor, comedian and broadcaster Tom Ballard will be host and key speaker at a highly-anticipated afternoon of information and entertainment set to mark the beginning of Refugee Week 2023

Scheduled for Ipm Sun Jun 18 at Kyneton Town Hall, the event includes an appearance by photographer and human-rights campaigner Mufazar Ali.

Ambassadors from the Refugee Council of Australia will also attend – taking part in a Q&A session, speaking of their experiences fleeing oppression and seeking to rebuild their lives.

Launched by Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees (MRRAR) and supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the afternoon will include serving of light refreshments and the drawing of MRRAR's major raffle.

Prizes totalling over \$2,500 in value have been donated by local businesses and organisers believe the raffle may sell out prior to the event.

Also on the day a writing competition will be launched exploring the theme of, 'What does it mean to be free?' It will be open to all secondary students from Years 7 to 12.

Enquiries regarding admission to the event, purchase of raffle tickets and participation in the writing competition, can be directed to: mrrar.secretary@gmail.com

CWA Creative Arts Exhibition

The CWA Central Highlands Group will conduct its Creative Arts Exhibition 2023 in the Lancefield Mechanics Institute Sat 29 Apr, 10-4pm, and Sun 30 Apr, 10-3pm Admission fee \$5.



Community House Term 2

Kyneton Community House is gearing up for an exciting Term 2 with lots of community participation and winter gatherings.

The Small Bites café program on Tuesdays is ongoing, upskilling people and serving small seasonal offerings for minimal charge.

IT wizard, Alannah, is also available on Tuesdays 12-2pm at the Good Food Hub at 35 High St, to help with all your smart phone niggles and general advice.

She is also able to help anyone to apply for the current round of the State Government's \$250 Power Saving Bonus, available to every household with an electricity bill.

Simply bring along a recent intact bill and your ID and she will step you through the process.

Some really fabulous new courses will also be available in Term 2 including an Italian Cookery extravaganza, a small scale carpentry offering and a sustainable gardening course

There has been some community feedback in recent months around the potential in Kyneton for a meals delivery service, meals on wheels community style as it were.

The House is currently collecting surveys from those who might want this type of service.

Paper copies of the survey are available from the House office, the community lunch or one can be emailed on request.

The Community House is also seeking interest from those wanting to undertake a Diploma of Community Services or a Certificate 4 in Disability Support locally.

Partners in Training can offer these courses at the House for \$200-\$300 (or less for concession).

Also happening in Term 2 is a Youth Take Over program the House is running jointly with Central Ranges LLEN and the Social Foundry.

Participants will learn barista and cafe skills, customer service and work readiness skills, then 'take over' the Good Food Hub Cafe.

Those aged 16-25 are eligible to participate; and will receive \$500 to cover costs.

The program will run Thursdays from 4th May to 22nd June, 9:30am -

2:30pm, with some additional hours of work experience serving customers.

Contact the House to express interest or register through www.youthtakeover.org.au.

Folk Dancing



U3A Kyneton will conduct an Intergenerational Folk Dance Event in the Kyneton Mechanics Institute Hall, 3-4.30pm Sun Apr 23.

The event is free and open to all residents of the Macedon Ranges. Everyone is welcome.

The MRSC have kindly provided U3A with funds to host a LIVE BAND for the fun-filled folk-dance afternoon.

No dance experience is required and if your knees or other body parts aren't up to it, then you can sit and enjoy the music.

Dances will be from Israel, Macedonia, the United Kingdom, Greece, and more. Mostly done in circles or pairs, the dances will be simple and social.

Bring your children, grandchildren, extended family and friends. This will be a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get together and have some fun. Please ensure you wear appropriate shoes and bring water.

To assist organisation, if you plan to a t t e n d p l e a s e e m a i l u3akyneton@gmail.com with your name, and how many people you expect will be attending with you.

Men's Shed community support

Kyneton Men's Shed (KMS) is still seeking tradies and men from all other backgrounds to help with the increasing number of community jobs that are being asked of it.

"We are looking for carpenters, boiler makers and metal workers," said KMS president, lan Curnow. "A retired accountant would also come in handy – not that our finances are particularly complicated."

Mr. Curnow said the autumn KMS wood raffle outside Woolworths was proving extremely popular.

He urged the community to support the Shed by buying tickets which he said were a bargain at \$5 for three or \$2 each.

KMS members, including BUPA Care participants, and several of the associate members have also been involved in making 250 toys for Syrian children who have lost their homes and now live in displaced persons (IDP) camps in north west Syria.

Members have completed the first consignment of toys for Aussies Knitting for War Affected Kids (AKWAK).

The fifty colourful pull-along whirling toys have been delivered to AKWAK's Victorian representative, Kim Bear, who attended the Shed last week to thank the members for their effort.

She described the effort by the KMS representatives as "terrific", adding that first consignment would be warmly welcomed by AKWAK and the displaced children.



Sustainable House Kits for hire

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is partnering with Goldfields Library to provide Sustainable House Kits. These kits allow residents to conduct self-assessments of their home and offer practical tips to help increase energy efficiency and lower the cost of bills.

Kits can be borrowed via the Woodend and Gisborne libraries, using a library card.

For information and availability, contact the libraries directly (Gisborne — 5428 3962; Woodend — 5427 2074) or visit https://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/.

Kyneton Old Time Dance



The next Kyneton Old Time Dance will be held in St Mary's Hall in Hutton St, 7.30-IIpm on Fri May 19, with Family Rhythm providing the music.

The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming.

Entry cost is \$8. Supper will be provided. It would be appreciated if you could bring a plate to share. Come along with a partner or on you own, you will be made welcome.

Enquiries - Julie 0400126870.

Jesus Club

Jesus Club is a program for adults with intellectual disabilities such as Down Syndrome, Autism, Fragile X Syndrome, Prader-Willi Syndrome, or any intellectual disability.

Most members are adults 18 years and older, anyone open to learning about Jesus regardless of religion or cultural background is welcome.

Jesus Club Kyneton will be conducted by the Anglican Parish of Kyneton and is the first to be held in Victoria and is a church-run inclusive social group supporting adults with additional needs, including their families and carers.

It will be a safe, welcoming and loving community to have fun, make friends and learn God's word together.

Jesus Club Kyneton will run for 2 hours on the first and third Sunday of the month from 3-5pm and will include games, music and singing, a short Bible talk, craft and food.

The first meeting will be held Sunday, May 7. The cost is \$10 to cover supplies. Jesus Club Kyneton will be held at St Paul's Anglican Church.

It doesn't matter if the people coming have never been to church, or never intend to come to church, what their background is, or why they want to attend Jesus Club, all are welcome.

If you would like to know more information please contact Rev'd Wayne on 0491482580 or email: lesusClubKyneton@gmail.com.

Mozart's Requiem May 7

The Gisborne Singers are presenting Mozart's Requiem for their first concert of the year in collaboration with the Macedon Ranges Chamber Orchestra

Their Kyneton performance will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Kyneton at 2pm on Sunday May 7.

Tickets \$55 adult, \$45 concession, under 12 free. Book via:

https://www.trybooking.com/CGXZN



Kyneton District Trail Riders

The Kyneton District Trail Riders are a group of horse riders who ride in the local area through forest and back roads often to pubs, cafes, catered bbqs or have saddle bag lunches.

Rides take place on the last Sunday of the month. Visit their Facebook page for more in depth details.

Membership is required for insurance purposes a Day Membership is the minimum.

Please go to www.athra.com.au/membership

Enquiries - Sally Phillips 0409808161.

Tools 4 Living Well

A new group has started up in Kyneton for people experiencing mental health challenges. 'Tools 4 Living Well' aims to support people dealing with issues such as anxiety, depression, panic attacks and stress.

The group is facilitated by one of Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's counsellors and the sessions draw on experience of the members of the group as they share their mental health stories and their strategies on how they have coped in the past.

Group members can be referred to individual counselling if they feel that this would work for them either in addition to or instead of the peer support group.

"Tools 4 Living Well allows people to connect with others who are going through similar life experiences," says Gina Alvarez from Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health who are running the group. "We will provide a warm, supportive and reflective space where people will have the opportunity to learn from each other, and develop the skills to improve their wellbeing."

Light refreshments will be available and a supervised space for children with activities will be provided.

The group meets every Tuesday between 9.30am and 11.30am at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's building at I Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton.

To register your interest please contact Gina Alvarez on 03 5421 1617 or email gina.alvarez@scchc.org.au.

Old Boys at Torrumbarry

The 2023 Kyneton Marist Brothers Old Boys undertook their annual 3 day visit to Torrumbarry Weir Tourist Park in mid-March.

The fishers among them found out that reports of a proliferation of post flood carp were true, and each caught only the obnoxious carp, which they carped about!

Brian Fleming was the adjudicator for the *Possum Trophy* that is allocated at this weekend gathering. He selected Bill Young who had emulated Maxwell Smart with a shoe phone.

Bill now has his name inscribed on the trophy along with the past winners and is custodian for a year.



New Medical Centre

In February Goonawarra Medical Centre opened for business at 165 Mollison St Kyneton.

Currently it is open Mon-Fri 9am-2pm but as its number of patients builds hours will be extended.

Services include family medicine, chronic disease management, children's health and immunisation, skin cancer checks and treatments, minor procedures, women's health, travel health advice and heart checks.

Appointments can be made through website www.gmckyneton.com or by calling 97449900.

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Accountants		
Craig Chester Accounting	5422 1966	
Watco Partners Pty Ltd	5792 2580	
David J Gibney Pty Ltd	5422 6480	
Acupuncture & Chinese Medicin	ne	
Dr Michele Downes	0493537100	
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Kyneton Auto Spares & Repairs	5422 1255	
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	Kyneton Events Calendar
Sat Apr 22	RM Begg Aux Garage Sale Bolton Hall 9-2pm
	Football-Netball Kyneton v Sandhurst Kyneton Showgrounds
Sun Apr 23	Intergenerational Folk Dancing Kyneton Mechanics Institute 3pm
Tues Apr 25	Anzac Day Commemoration Kyneton Cenotaph 10am
Fri Apr 28	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow Town Hall 7.30pm
Sat Apr 29	Football-Netball South Bendigo v Kyneton Away game
	Run the Rock Hanging Rock
Ap 29 & 30	CWA Creative Arts Exhibition Lancefield Mechanics Inst 10am
Sun Apr 30	Deisel: Greatest Hits Tour Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Fri May 5	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse I I am
Sat May 6	Football-Netball Kyneton v Maryborough Kyneton Showgrounds
	RM Begg Auxiliary Craft Stalls Bolton Hall 9-1pm
May 6 & 7	Redesdale Revellers Sutton Grange Hall 2pm
Sun May7	'Rewilding Central Victoria' Kyneton Mechanics Institute I Iam
	Mozart Requiem Our Lady of the Rosary Church 2pm
Sat May 13	Mothers Day Melodies Sunbury Uniting Church 1.30pm
	Football-Netball Gisborne v Kyneton Away game
	Kyneton Farmers and Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30am-Ipm
	Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-Ipm
	Tim Winton's Love Letter to Ningaloo Kyneton Town Hall 7pm
Fri May 19	Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm
May 20 & 21	Redesdale Revellers Sutton Grange Hall 2pm
Sat May 27	Football-Netball Kyneton v Castlemaine Kyneton Showgrounds
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Australia's Biggest Morning Team Fly-In Kyneton Airfield Lano & Woodley "Moby Dick" Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm

Kyneton Football-Netball Eaglehawk v Kyneton Away game

Kyneton Farmers and Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30am-Ipm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-Ipm Football-Netball Kyneton v Kangaroo Flat Kyneton Showgrounds

Kyneton Community Lunch (Weds during term) 35 High St 12.30pm

RM Begg Auxiliary Craft Stalls Bolton Hall 9-1pm

Woodend Winter Arts Festival Through Woodend

'Junklandia' Kyneton Town Hall 1.30pm

World Environment Day

U3A Courses

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Sat Jun 3

Mon Jun 5

Jun 9-12

Sat Jun 10

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U3A Kyneton's photography course, run by experienced amateur photographer Ken Galbraith, is open to anyone with a camera, from basic models to high-end ones.

Ken is happy to share his experience in photo editing and enhancement.

The group meets monthly at the Mechanics' Institute or at a local scenic venue.

New members are welcome and will be given special tuition to understand the basics of photography and the use of the camera's various

There are many other U3A courses including American History, Poetry, French, Film Club, and History of Propaganda.

Check out the U3A Kyneton website, https://u3akyneton.org.au/ courses/ to see the full range of options offered.

Kyneton's water disruption



At 4.30 on Sun Apr 16 Coliban Water advised that the requirement for Kyneton and Malmsbury residents to boil their drinking water had been lifted.

Coliban Water, in consultation with the Department of Health, issued the boil water notice following a water main burst in Rennick Ave on Apr 11. Drinking water trailers where residents could fill suitable containers to supplement their drinking water supply were located at the Kyneton Showgrounds and in the carpark next to the Malmsbury General Store.

The burst water main resulted in a supply interruption for some Kyneton customers and very low pressure for others. The water main was repaired in the early hours of Wednesday 12 April.

Vet retires after 50 years

At the end of March highly regarded Veterinarian Leigh Coghlan who had served animal owners in this district for 50 years closed the doors of his Kyneton Veterinary Hospital on the corner of High and Ferguson Streets for the last time.

Leigh first started business in Kyneton in June 1973 and was located at 166 Mollison St for some years

He relocated to his 67 High St location in 1990.

Leigh had sought to encourage another vet to take over the business but unfortunately there was a reluctance to take on the larger animals challenge required of country

Property numbers

Macedon Ranges Shire Local Law covers a wide range of matters, including, property numbers!

Where the Council has allocated a number to a property, the owner/ occupier of that property must ensure the property is clearly marked with that number.

This requirement ensures both Council officers and emergency services staff can easily identify an address in an emergency and/or service-related call.

For more details on this, and other requirements within our Local Law, as well as the opportunity to have your say on the draft Community Local Law Read more www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/local-laws

2024 Kinder registrations open

Online registrations for 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten in 2024 are now open for the Council's eight kindergartens in the Macedon Ranges including the Kyneton Kindergarten in Edgecombe St.

For information on when your child is eligible to start kinder, and guidance on making an informed decision about which year is in the best interest for your child to start their learning journey, go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

For further advice you can book an appointment with a Maternal and Child Health Nurse on 54220281 or mchadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Register online by Jun 30 at mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego or call our Enrolment Officer on 54220239.



Red Brick Hall works

Improvement works at Kyneton's Red Brick Hall in Yaldwyn St West have commenced.

The works will include a kitchen upgrade, indoor toilets, renovation of the heritage doors as well as construction of an appropriate disability access ramp at the front of the Hall along with 2 disability car parking bays. Following the works grass will re-established adjacent to the disability car parking.

Works are expected to be completed by the end of June.

Regular user groups U3A Kyneton, the Kyneton Art Group, the Handweavers and Spinners and the Kyneton Municipal Band will then be able to move back into their home.



External work at the Red Brick Hall

Porters Mechanical Repairs

After 37 years in business Ken & Shirley Porter of Porters Mechanical Repairs are

Their staff will be staying with the new owner, Frank Buffone who will be taking over on the 28th of April.

Porters Mechanical Repairs will be an additional business for Frank who owns and operates Sunbury Tyre Power.

The Porters will be staying in the district and continuing their involvement in the community.

Ken and Shirley would like to thank all their customers for their patronage over the years.

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