



Kyneton Connect



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Childcare expansion



Community House CEO Claire Rawlinson and President Alan Moor

After a two-year pursuit, Kyneton Community House is on the point of acquiring the Lady Brooks Kindergarten site in Hutton St.

If the acquisition is successful, the Community House will be able to expand its community occasional childcare service.

The Community House also has plans to create a thriving children's service hub at the Hutton St location.

The site is Victorian Government land and was formerly used by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for provision of early childhood education and maternal and child health services but the Shire has now moved those functions to new locations.

Cadets moved to Gisborne; fears for Drill Hall future

Towards the end of February the weekly parades of the 430 Squadron Air Cadets were moved from Kyneton to Gisborne Secondary College.

Since their first parade more than 40 years ago the Air Cadet's home had been the Mont St Quentin Barracks (the Drill Hall) in Market St.

In 2020 the Cadets temporarily relocated to share the Kyneton Scout Hall in Langley St for their operations whilst refurbishment works were undertaken at the Drill Hall.

During that work it is understood that serious structural problems were discovered and the works were put on hold and the Air Cadets remained in the Scout Hall – until February.

In response to Kyneton Connect enquiry in late March a Defence Spokesperson said "The Kyneton Drill Hall remains unfit for cadet activities.

"An enterprise-wide audit of the Defence estate and infrastructure was conducted in response to the recommendations of the Defence Strategic Review, to assess whether the estate meets Defence's contemporary requirements. Funding determinations for remediation of the Kyneton Drill Hall will be based on broader Defence priorities.

"Alternate arrangements have been made for 430 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets to parade in fit for purpose facilities at Gisborne Secondary College" the spokesperson concluded.

Ominously the relocation to Gisborne Secondary College has been described to parents of the Cadets as a 'temporary enduring solution'.

There is now serious concern for the future of the historic Drill Hall which was built in 1903



The Victorian Heritage Database Report states "Of the remaining examples of Victorian Drill Halls, Colac and Kyneton are the most stylistically interesting. Kyneton has no other building that is similar to this structure"

Draft Kyneton Movement Study released – input sought

The Draft 2024 Kyneton Movement Network Study was tabled at the March MRS Council meeting and is open for resident input and submission via the Your Say section of the Council website until Mon May 13.

The draft report outlines a total of 116 potential projects, ranked from highest to lowest priority and will very significantly impact movement about Kyneton well into the future.

The draft contains recommendations for all aspects of infrastructure and movement including vehicular traffic, pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and parking.



The Study has ideas for many intersections

The 2018 draft of the Movement Study drew strong community criticism necessitating a revised approach from the Council. It had included proposals such as speed humps in many key town streets, multiple one way streets, an attempt to radically cut traffic flow in Edgcombe St and two town bypass routes and traffic flow statistics and projections that were clearly erroneous.

"Pleasingly the latest draft has far more realistic and practical proposals. "It tackles matters that the community knows needs addressing and has abandoned most of the previous unpopular proposals although it has continued to propose traffic calming for New, Bodkin and Begg Sts" Kyneton Connections' Eric Dearthcott President said.

"When implemented the Study will significantly affect every resident in the area.

Kyneton Connections encourages everyone to look at it online and send input to ensure the Council has adequate feedback for their final decisions" Eric concluded.

Connect's 18th Anniversary

This issue marks the 18th anniversary of publication of this community newspaper which is published by residents group Kyneton Connections.

The print run for *Kyneton Connect's* first issue in April 2006 was 2000.

These days 3850 hard copies of *Connect* are printed, many RSDs have been added to those letterboxed, every business in town receives a copy, 500 people receive it by email and it is posted on www.kyneton.org.au.

Kyneton Connect seeks to foster involvement and pride of residents in Kyneton's life, to share important news about the area which might not be available elsewhere and to provide a reliable means for community organisations to publicise their activities.

Kyneton Connect is very grateful for financial contributions from more than 40 community groups including the Council, individuals, the revenue from the liner advertisements next to the calendar, and the generosity of Ray White Kyneton who now pay for the 2 colour issues each year.

Kyneton Connect is also most grateful to those who deliver and fold as well as those who provide articles.

Kyneton Connections also hosts the Kyneton Community website www.kyneton.org.au, manages the displays in the Kyneton community window adjacent to the Council Offices in Mollison St, runs the Community noticeboard in front of the Post office and makes representations to the Council and governments about important local issues.

Anyone interested in being part of Kyneton Connection's operations should contact President Eric Dearthcott on 54222990 or email edearthcott@bigpond.com.



Art Group at Garden Show



The Kyneton Art Group participated in the recent Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. "So many people came through and made many wonderful comments about the beautiful paintings displayed".

"Some of our paintings were sold. A wonderful experience for us and thank you to the people from Kyneton, Castlemaine & surrounds who came to visit" Art Group President Anna McGrath said.

Poet Anne Gleeson at Library

On Thu May 9 2-3pm renowned poet Anne Gleeson will present poetry from her collections that explore the experiences of motherhood.

This event will resonate with many. Bookings required.

Visit goldfieldslibraries.com or call Kyneton Library directly on 54221365.

Weed removal

As part of the October 2023 flood recovery program, the North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) is partnering with the Council to undertake removal of Weeds of National Significance such as Willow, Blackberry and Gorse along the Campaspe River and Post Office Creek in and around Kyneton.

The program is focused on preventing further decline of the waterway and reducing the potential for flooding of residential areas by removing woody weeds – predominantly Willows.

Works will also include revegetation stabilisation works to reduce erosion and enhance the river and creek's natural values, and improved water quality and supply.

The expected start date for works is April, with revegetation works targeted for completion by spring.

Backyard Growers Launched

On Sun Mar 3 the new community group, Kyneton Backyard Growers, launched its weekly Fruit and Veg Share at the Lion's Kiosk in the Kyneton Mechanics Reserve.

There was an amazing array of Kyneton-grown produce; apples, nashi, herbs, rhubarb, silverbeet, spinach, tomatoes, spring onions, beetroot, potatoes, squash, zucchini, garlic and more.

The idea for KBYG started with locals Giovanni Giordano and Lenka Thompson with the aim of bringing Kyneton gardeners together to share their growing knowledge and donate their homegrown produce to the rest of our community for free.

The idea was quickly taken up by 7 other local growers which then blossomed to 15 growers by the time of the launch.

One of the Kyneton growers, Isabel Mettler says "It just makes me so happy to share food with other people. It creates a community. People don't feel lonely and we get to eat yummy healthy gifts whilst meeting new folk and learning more about gardening."

If you can't make the Share but would like some produce, please reach out and KBYG can arrange to have a bag dropped off at your place.

KBYG is always on the lookout for more land to grow in, or local growers to donate, or local receivers to take the produce.

If you would like to be a part of this initiative please email kynetonbackyardgrowers@gmail.com, or call Giovanni 0418997015 or Lenka 0425786377.

KBYG's Fruit and Veg Share is every Sunday 10am-12pm.

If you have produce to share please drop it off between 9am-10am. All remaining produce goes to either the Kyneton Community House or the Kyneton Food Bank.



Autumn Flower Show



The Kyneton Horticultural Society's Autumn Flower Show in the Watts Pavilion at the Kyneton Showgrounds is on this coming weekend, Sat Apr 20 1-4pm and Sun Apr 21 10-4pm.

The flower Show will be opened by the current president of the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria at 2pm Sat followed by a flash mob performance .

Dahlias, roses, cut flowers, shrubs, foliage, pot plants, cacti, succulents, floral art, plus a presentation of seasonal fruit and vegetables will be on show. There is also a children's section focusing on creativity.

The \$5 entry fee gives you access to the Flower Show display as well as trade and florist displays, a plant stall and a second hand garden books stall. Refreshments can be purchased.

The Biggest Morning Tea

Everyone is invited to the Biggest Morning Tea at the Kyneton Airfield on May 11, part of an Australia wide community event that raises vital funds for those impacted by cancer.

You can see old aeroplanes and new aeroplanes; old cars and new cars; all there to be inspected while you enjoy munching on fresh scones, delicious cakes and a tea or a coffee; all for a donation to the Cancer Council.

Join the fun 10.30am to 1pm.

Mechanics Institute heating

The gas boiler at Kyneton Mechanics Institute failed in the second half of 2023.

The Council investigated replacing it with electric heat pumps which are a clean energy heat source, however this would have required significant and costly building works which were not a viable option at this time.

The Council has advised *Kyneton Connect* that a like for like gas boiler will replace the failed unit in the coming weeks.

Absent Sanitary bins

Towards the end of March *Kyneton Connect* was informed that there were no sanitary disposal bins in most of the shire owned female public toilets in Kyneton and perhaps elsewhere in the Shire.

In response to *Kyneton Connect* queries the Council's Director Assets & Operations Shane Waldon said that sanitary disposal bins are provided in public toilets located at the Visitor Information Centre, Duck Duck Goose & Larder and the toilets adjacent to the Library as well as at what seemed to be all of the toilets located inside Council buildings.

Mr Waldon confirmed that past vandalism has influenced the locations where sanitary bins are provided.

"However, this is generally in low use and remote locations. Council is reviewing its current level of provision for sanitary bins" he said.

Kyneton Connect had checked some of the toilets before contacting the Council and so replied to Mr Waldon advising that we found no sanitary bins in the three main Kyneton Public toilets: the Visitor Information Centre, The Library and the Hutton St toilets.

Mr Waldon replied promptly saying: "Staff physically attended the Library and Visitor Information Centre today and found that the bins were indeed missing. "We contacted our contractor, who replaced the missing bins, one at each location.

"I can confirm that currently, we do not provide any bins at Hutton St.

"Staff will be inspecting other sites to ensure that all sites that are meant to have sanitary bins supplied have at least one bin" Mr Waldon concluded.



Hutton St—no sanitary bin



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

Smoke Alarm Installations



North West Region has kicked off the Smoke Alarm Installation Program with Kyneton CFA being one of the Brigades who have opted to participate.

As part of the program CFA members visit homes to provide a smoke alarm installation service targeted to people who cannot obtain, install, or maintain smoke alarms.

Referrals for the Smoke Alarm Installation Program can be made by emailing the Community Engagement Team nwr-commeng@cfa.vic.gov.au or by phoning the Fire Safety Outreach number on 0499416941, leaving your details and then one of the team will return your call.

Free podiatry service

If you need to see a podiatrist and you have diabetes, heart problems or a chronic lung condition, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's podiatry service at Kyneton is free. Their podiatrist is available every Tuesday and you can usually be seen within three weeks.

Podiatrists look after the health of your feet and can assess, diagnose and treat conditions affecting the feet. They can check the blood flow to your toes, manage bunions and wounds, help reduce ulcers and sores, check how you walk and help with shoe choices.

Good foot health can help with balance and prevent falls and tripping. To make an appointment, email admin@scchc.org.au or call 54211666

Councillors' Update



It's a beautiful time of the year, rich in colours as the leaves are starting to turn.

We know it's a popular time for visitors.

We hope that the organised Autumn Festival events showcasing towns across our Shire, popular returning trails such as the Pie Trail and the Edgy Veg competition as well as the Treasure trail, markets, and wide range of concerts celebrating locally based artists held in our local community halls and venues, assist visitors and locals to move around and enjoy the whole of our Shire, and the warm hospitality of our businesses.

The Budget and Council Plan for this final year of Council is a big focus for us at the moment.

Thanks to all those that submitted and attended the Submitters Committee Meeting on-line to present their ideas. We have read them all, and it's always a challenging decision to allocate funding when there are so many requests and projects.

Also, thank you to everyone who takes the time to share your thoughts on the various strategies, masterplans and policies.

We are conscious of the timing and number of consultations that are open at the one time. Submissions for the Barkly Square Multipurpose Facility Options have closed and a report will be presented back to Council.

At the March Scheduled Council Meeting (SCM), the Draft Kyneton Movement Network Study (KMNS) was endorsed for release for 6-week consultation period.

It has key findings and provides a list of recommendations based on the traffic analysis and references to other Council plans and strategies. <https://yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au/>

We know this has taken some time and we thank everyone for their patience.

Council also endorsed progressing the KMNS as a separate process from the Kyneton Urban Design Framework.

Both contain information that is important to progress the draft Kyneton South Framework Plan and we understand there is much community interest in all of these projects.

Council recently hosted a Youth Summit and it was wonderful to hear all the ideas and thoughts that were shared.

Areas discussed included transport, environment and global warming, school holidays, mental health, physical activity, art and leisure, and careers and education.

Our thanks to all involved in organising the day and the very enthusiastic participants.

Council will definitely be reflecting on all the points that you raised.

Best wishes

West Ward Councillors

Janet Jennifer and Mark

Flying Scholarship program

The Kyneton Aero Club are continuing their Flying Scholarship program this year.

The goal is to offer young people within our region the opportunity to learn to fly and hopefully begin an aviation career.

The Aero Club would like them to experience the same freedoms and opportunities that many of its members have been lucky enough to enjoy.

Visit www.kynetonaeroclub.org for further information.



Friends of the Botanic Gardens are back

The Friends of the Kyneton Botanic Gardens, whose numbers have significantly increased, are active again. The Friends have a new Committee, a refreshed website, updated strategic plan and an exciting calendar of proposed projects and events.

The Friends group provides volunteer and financial support for projects and events in the Kyneton Botanic Gardens and plays an integral role in promoting, developing and maintaining the gardens.



Garden working bees have already been held and are now scheduled monthly for the rest of 2024. On Apr 30 the next Gardens working bee, under the guidance of MRSC gardeners, will focus on rejuvenating the existing rose bed and planting woodland plants beneath some of the existing trees for more diversity.

To participate, you must be a member of FKBG (sign up forms will be available on the day) - contact christineboorman60@gmail.com to register interest.

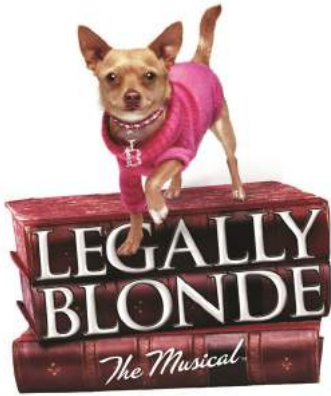
The FKBG working bees for the remainder of the year are on the last Tuesday of each month except in December which is on Dec 17.

The Autumn Members Day on May 5, to be held in the Gardens, is an opportunity for all members to meet the new committee, learn more about the FKBG group's proposed plans plus help out with planting bulbs for spring alongside celebrity guests.

If you would like to join the Friends as a Member the current introductory membership is \$10 (single) or \$20 (family) valid to end December 2024.

The Friends of the Botanic Gardens will have an information stand at the Horticultural Society's Autumn Flower Show on Apr 20 & 21.

Auditions for “Legally Blonde”



Kyneton Theatre Company have announced that auditions for their October performance of “Legally Blonde” will be held on May 4 & 5 at the St Andrews Uniting Church at 54 Ebdon St.

KTC are looking for performers, back stage, lighting and crew for this amazing show.

They are also on the lookout for a Bruiser. If you have a well-behaved puppy, preferably that would fit in a tote bag, who dreams of being a local star, then this show is for you.

Email kynetontheatre@gmail.com for an audition for you and/or your pup.

Kyneton Community Market

Kyneton Community Market is held on the second Saturday of the month in the grounds of the Uniting Church, Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West from 8.30 am to 1 pm.

The Market is organised by the Rotary Club of Kyneton and has a variety of local & visitor stall-holders who sell a variety of products including plants, pet supplies, bric-a-brac, clothing and lots more plus the Rotary Club’s tasty sausage sizzle & bacon and egg rolls.

All funds raised go the local community and Rotary projects.

For new stall-holders to join the Market email mdridge@gmail.com or phone Roy 0438157302.



Relocation request rebuffed

A March request from Kyneton Connections that the Council consider moving the new Baynton St EV charging station from immediately in front of the main pedestrian entry to the soon to be completed new Gallery and community facilities at the Old Kyneton Primary School site appears to have been dismissed.

Kyneton Connections told the Council that the charging station had been placed in a position that will significantly detract from what promises to be a highly significant local and regional facility.

Director Assets and Operations Shane Waldon responded on behalf of the Council saying “The installation of the EV charging station in Baynton St was a Victorian Government funded project, via Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

“DEECA’s provider assessed several sites in Kyneton for installation of the EV charging station, based on a range of criteria.



“Baynton St is a public location that was identified as the Kyneton site that best met the criteria.

“It is considered that an EV charging station near the new facility will be complimentary to this use and will not detract from the facility”.

Kyneton Connections has been proposing to Council that a standing local community Committee should be set up to advise Council Officers on the practical implications of project details before they are commenced.

Kyneton Pony Club

Kyneton Pony Club are seeking sponsorship during 2024 to help maintain the new cross country course that was completed last year.

The committee and a small group of volunteer families upgraded the cross-country course in time for the highly successful Kyneton Horse Trials in November.

However, the course already has a few damaged jumps and the committee would like to ensure that these are fixed straight away to avoid what happened during lockdowns and wild weather when the grounds became overgrown and in a state of disrepair.

Kyneton Pony Club would also like to continue adding jumps to their already amazing course, which is used by riders from all over Victoria.

If any local businesses are able to help the club with the donation of cash or materials please contact Kate Coleman on 0404205144.



Kyneton Pony Club meets on the first Sunday of the month at Rollinson Reserve. The club is excited to announce that they are now accepting adult riders, so if you are looking to get back into horse riding or want to try something new and fun, please get in touch by calling District Commissioner Bridget Fraser on 0402130401.

Golf Club membership offer

Kyneton Golf Club has seen a recent surge in membership, fostering a vibrant community spirit.

Investments in drainage and course maintenance have significantly improved playing conditions. The Club offers a challenging yet rewarding experience amidst stunning natural scenery.

For the 2024-2025 financial year, Kyneton Golf Club has announced a special full adult membership offer, including 14 months of golf up to June 30 2025. This provides access to golf all year round including exclusive competitions.

The Golf Club encourages anyone interested to reach out and give it a try. With its thriving community, enhanced facilities, and enticing membership offer, the club promises a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all.

Web: www.kynetongolfclub.com.au.

What's New in Business

The Farmers Wife Kyneton



Kara Chapman of the management team

The Farmer's Wife recently commenced business at 15A Piper St and is generating significant interest. It is Bec Masons third Farmers Wife store having commenced with the Farmers Wife Creswick in Nov 2015 a little later expanding to Daylesford and now in Kyneton.

The Farmer's Wife stores have become a well known destination for beautiful feminine fashion as well as fashion accessories, bath & body products, homewares and gifts with stunning products, curated with care, showcased in exquisitely designed stores managed by a team of talented women.

The Farmers Wife is open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm and Sun 11am-3pm. Ph 0429987309.

New Owners at Fika Café

Lou Morris and Abbey Bolitho have taken over the Fika Café in Caroline Chisholm Drive

They continue to draw strong support from the nearby housing estates, the Hospital, Sunbury & Cobaw Community Health and adjacent businesses as well as from across Kyneton.

Hours are 7am-3pm.

Great breakfast and lunch offerings are on sale to eat there or take away. They include egg & bacon rolls and toasties, croissants, schnitzel rolls and sandwiches, wraps and hot chips, cakes etc and of course coffee.

Ph 0490151260. Fika is on Instagram and facebook.



Bowling Club Bistro is Back

Having been severely hit by water damage caused by the Christmas-New Year hail storm the upstairs bistro-restaurant at the Kyneton Bowling Club opened again under the new name Jo's@Jack High.

The restaurant is sparkling with new carpet and a total repaint.

The modern Australian cuisine of new chef Lee Littlepage has received a good response from patrons and there is a special seniors lunch menu Wed-Fri.



Chef Lee & KBC Manager Leeanne Forde

The Bistro is open Wed-Sun 11.30-2pm for lunch and from 5.30pm for dinner. Ph 44122000.

The bistro caters for functions and offers the biggest space in Kyneton for those occasions.

Tidy Tails dog grooming



Tidy Tails, has recently opened in Kyneton. A new home based grooming salon offering one on one appointments in a clean, cage free and calm environment for your precious pups! Owner/ Operator Amy Stevens offers a range of services from nails trims & baths to de-shedding those double coated breeds and full grooms and styled trims for your fur babies. You can find Tidy Tails on both Facebook and Instagram and can contact Amy on 0408878339 to make an appointment.

St Andrew's Antiques



Specialists in the unusual and interesting, father and son team, Glenn and Ben Rollo with a combined 80 years of experience have launched St Andrew's Antiques, Vintage, Art and Collectables, in the old Ajax factory at 20 Beauchamp St. You will discover an enormous variety of antiques along with life from long gone eras, industrial items and art and collectables sourced from Australia and stretching beyond to continents across the globe – all for sale.

From antiques and furniture to glass ware and memorabilia, from the small to the large to that purely unique piece – it's all waiting to be found.

Soon the business will be expanding to a second section in the Foundry which will encompass even more variety featuring the traditional through to vintage French furniture and signage along with some Memento mori items, Ben's art studio will also be open to the public soon with works available for sale.

Open weekends, from 10 to 4pm.

For more information, contact GRollo@tpg.com.au or via Facebook.

Dinner at the Little Swallow

Popular Kyneton Café-Restaurant The Little Swallow at 62 Piper St has extended its hours and now offer dinner on Fri and Sat evenings.

Hours now Sun-Thu 8am-3pm and Fri Sat 8am-9pm. Ph 54226702.



Little Swallow's Daniel and Ed

Italian comes to High St

Business has gone gangbusters for Dan Hewson and Lydia Greenwood's pop-up pasta restaurant since they set up at Shirley at 38A High St in early March – especially since they featured in *epicure-Good Food* in the *Age* on March 27.

Dan and Lydia had previously popped up atop Lulie Tavern in Melbourne and were recently in the Red Hill Hotel in Chewton. They expect to be in Kyneton until at least June.

Dan's exquisite pasta dishes are a revelation to local diners and are nicely supplemented by Local and Italian wines.

La Nostra is open 5pm-late Wed-Sat
www.nostrakitchen.com
Ph 0449593865.



Johnnie O'Donnell Gardening

Johnnie has recently moved back to the Kyneton area where he spent his school days, after 15 years away, living in the Melbourne and Geelong areas. He now has vast experience in all aspects of gardening and concreting work.



Johnnie is offering a gardening, lawn mowing, concreting and maintenance service, to all of Kyneton and surrounding areas.

Please contact him on 0439197727 for quotes, questions or any other information. He looks forward to hearing from you soon.

Zonta Young Women's Award



Zonta's Maxine McKee presents Award to Olivia Hedge

The first of the Zonta Club of Kyneton's awards for 2024, the Young Women in Public Affairs award of \$400, was presented to year 12 student, Olivia Hedge, on the evening of March 27.

In her junior years at Kyneton High School, Olivia led the establishment of the school's Sustainability Team.

This year she is School Captain and represents students on the School Council.

As a volunteer in the community, Olivia spearheaded the Electrify3442 project, and has a leadership role in the organising committee.

The objective of the project is to help the 3442 community to lower emissions and to save money.

In accepting her award, Olivia noted that this recognition will give her the confidence to apply for courses in the male dominated field of biotechnology, allowing her to eventually work in the field of agricultural innovation.

Zonta Club president, Jenny Kerr, said that: "The club was pleased with the standard of applications for the YWPA award and congratulates Olivia on her success".

Olivia has now been nominated for the Zonta District 23 award.

Seniors back in action

Kyneton Senior citizens have welcomed the club's getting back together again for 2024.

Activities have included Quiz, Bingo, entertainment by "Justus", Trade Table, etc.

All have been well satisfied to share meals from the Seniors choice menu plus the sweets to follow from the Shamrock Hotel.

"The bus pick up is such a benefit as more members take advantage of this great service. A bus with disabled

access is so urgently needed" President Marj Williams said.

"We continue to provide a \$19 meal to all members with the club subsidising \$9 for each member at this stage. Guests are welcome to attend paying \$19.

"Our membership fee is \$10 with all memberships a free birthday meal voucher of \$10" Marj said.

To enquire call Marj on 54222840.

New President at Kyneton RSL

The Mar 27 AGM of the RSL Sub-Branch saw some changes to the committee with Mike Gretton, formerly the RSL's long serving Secretary becoming President.

All who nominated were re-elected unopposed with one new committee member coming on board.

A meeting with staff from local member Mary Anne Thomas' office was held at the RSL to assist Veterans to install the new Veterans card on their mobile phones for easy access to the app.

Staff from Mary-Anne Thomas' office have offered eligible Veterans the chance to contact the RSL on 54226735 and staff from Mary-Anne's office will then assist groups to install the card on their phones.

Local veterans are being assisted wherever possible with provision of home maintenance and handyman tasks.

If you or a Veteran you know is in need of help please contact the RSL who will give information and assistance with making bookings for you. This is a free service to eligible service members.



Around the Galleries

At the Stockroom

98 Piper Street

Current Exhibition 16 March 21 April

Laura Woodward
This Fearsome Drop

Joshua Cocking

A foreign body

Angela Hayes

Slab

Cusack & Cusack Gallery

31 Piper St

Adam Cusack will again conduct drawing workshops at the Piper St Gallery on Sat Apr 27, Sat May 25 and Sat Jun 22.

For full details visit www.cusackgallery.com.

Art on Piper 44 Piper St

Art on Piper has been enjoying an Autumn themed exhibition and is celebrated its sixth birthday on Sun Apr 14.

During April and May AOP is featuring two different guest artists: – local photographer, Tatiana Korinsky who will display her images captured when living abroad, and exquisite floral painter from Melbourne, Ali Hill.

www.artonpiper.com.



The Old Auction House

52-56 Mollison St

The Old Auction House is back on board after repairs and repainting and have a bumper selection of workshops, exhibitions, and new makers joining them.

Art or craft workshop include:

-3D Wet Felted Pod Workshop: Apr 20

Kokedama (Japanese Moss Ball) Workshop, May 20

-Australian Botanical Still Life Workshop: Jun 1

Discover your talent for acrylic painting while creating a still life artwork for your wall

Silver Jewellery Making for Beginners, various dates

The gallery is also full up with a wide range of artists, themes, and upcoming exhibitions are:

Apr 11 - 6 May 6 "All I can See"

Apr 18 – May 6: "Heartbreak Hotel", Katy Stiffe & Sarah Schwabe

May 9- Jun 3, "Perception"

May 9 - May 27: "Fly, Climb, Crawl"

May 30—Jun 17: "Intimate Connections", Ameila Johnson

Jun 6 - Jul 1, "Clear Cut"

Details on workshops and exhibitions at theoldauctionhouse.com.au

Trio Art Studio and Gallery

98 Trio Rd Kyneton

Throughout April Trio Art Studio and Gallery has been hosting its "Poetry in Print" Exhibition.

The Exhibition showcases a partnership between original images and the written word and features contemporary printmakers. Visit the Trio website for further details.

A Classical Celebration

The Gisborne Singers proudly present their first concert of the 2024 season on Sun Apr 28 at Kyneton's Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Featuring soprano soloist Merlyn Quaife and the Macedon Ranges Chamber Orchestra, the program includes: Handel - *Zadok the Priest*; Mozart - *Exsultate, Laudate Dominum* from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore, Regina Caeli*; Haydn - *Te Deum*.

Tickets \$55 full, \$45 concession, under 12 free. Book via www.trybooking.com/COHHD.

Kyneton Municipal Band

Kyneton Band members are currently preparing for a busy ANZAC Day when they will perform at four services over the day: Malmsbury, Kyneton, Woodend and Taradale.

Over Easter Flugal Horn player Harry Gatt travelled to Adelaide to compete in the Australian National Band Championships.

The Band members are very proud of Harry with the way he has developed his musical skills. He finished fifth out of 13 in the competition.



Croquet teams' success



The Kyneton Croquet Club has just completed a very successful season. The division 1 and 3 teams won the Northern District Croquet Assoc (NDCA) pennant competition.

Kyneton also won both our inter-club challenges against Macedon Ranges Club based in Gisborne and the Castlemaine Club.

A number of players have done well in tournaments around the state, particularly Damien Hadfield in winning the Victorian Croquet Assoc (VCA) handicap singles title at Cairnlea and the Boort open singles event.

New player Margaret Parker was successful in winning division 3 of the NDCA playoffs at Quarry Hill and will represent the region at the VCA Regional Championships.

While there is little formal competition through the winter months, social play will continue on Mon, Wed and Sat beginning at 1pm and new players are always welcome.

For more information contact Graham Smith on 0411707358 or look for the Club on facebook.

Winter Arts Festival

For nearly 2 decades the Woodend Winter Arts Festival has brought together acclaimed Australian and international talent with the music, literary and arts community of the stunning Macedon Ranges over the June (Queen's/King's Birthday) long weekend. the heart of one of Victoria's best food and wine regions. This year's Festival spans Fri Jun 7 – Mon Jun 10.

Visit the Festival Website for full details.

Connect deliverers needed

Please email Eric if you can help edearriscott@bigpond.com

Stationeers' Railway gardens

Everyone is welcome to join the newly formed Kyneton Stationeers group working to tidy and enhance the gardens surrounding the beautiful bluestone Kyneton Railway Station buildings and the gardens adjacent to the car park area.

The Stationeers program aims to improve the look and feel of railway stations across Victoria by encouraging and supporting enhancement work undertaken by volunteers.



It is a partnership between Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria, the Department of Transport and Planning and V-Line.

The Kyneton Stationeers group is a collaboration between Kyneton Horticultural Society and Kyneton Rotary Club.

Their desire is to improve the garden areas adjacent to the station buildings and carparks through activities such as planting, weeding and mulching.

Kyneton Stationeers meet the third Sunday of the month between 10am and noon at the front of the Kyneton station entry building.

To join the group all you need to do is turn up, sign an attendance sheet then set to work.

Pathway to employment

In an effort to facilitate sustainable employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, Windarring has unveiled its tailored NDIS Employment Supports program.

Aimed at individuals aged 15 years and above in Kyneton, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Gisborne, and neighbouring areas, this initiative aims to foster independence, skill development, and confidence among participants, paving the way for their integration into sustainable open employment.

Unlike traditional placement-oriented methods, customised employment emphasizes capacity and skill development over immediate job placements.

Windarring's employment supports encompass a spectrum of services including, travel training, computer literacy, money management, workplace readiness and more.

If you are ready to start your specialised employment journey, you can reach out to the Windarring Employment Support team email employmentsupports@windarring.org.au or call 54227001.

Campaspe Management

The Campaspe River and Land Management Group has had some exciting opportunities for community involvement this month and the coming months.

A night discovery walk in the Kyneton Botanic Gardens was held on Thu Apr 11.

There will be a planting activity 10am-12pm on May 12 - meet at the river end of Jennings St.

On Wed Jun 5, World Environment Day a revegetation activity using rare local species will be held near the Old Railway Weir 10am-12pm.

The meeting point is the carpark in McKenna Drive in the Botanic gardens.

CR&LMG is a local Landcare group and welcomes volunteers of all ages and abilities to continue to make the Campaspe River bank accessible to the public.

No special skills are required and activities are open to people of all ages and abilities.

Tools are provided. Wear gloves and sturdy shoes and BYO water and spend a couple of hours improving our local riverside.



CR&LMG volunteers on Clean-up Australia Day in March

Children's Speech, OT and Physio



Families whose children require speech therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy have access to more options locally at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health.

Appointments are available immediately for children 6 years and under living in the Macedon Ranges who are on a NDIS plan.

Appointments are also available for those not on a NDIS plan.

Sunbury and Cobaw's allied health clinicians see children aged up to 10 years old for their physiotherapy service, and up to 6 years for speech and occupational therapy.

Families do not require a formal referral. You can call the Kyneton office on 54211666 and a staff member will run through the referral process with you.

For families who have concerns about the development of their baby or pre-school child, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health also runs fortnightly drop-in sessions where parents and carers can come along with their child and chat to one of the child and youth health team.

The drop-in sessions are held at various venues. No appointment is necessary, just call 54211666 or email admin@scchc.org.au to find out when the next drop-in session is being held.

Great Trentham Spudfest

The 16th Great Trentham Spudfest, will bring together local potato growers, artisans, music, food vendors, and local history across the weekend of May 4-5.

Experience all manner of spud food, fresh regional produce, local artisan makers, live music, horse and cart rides, and loads of activities for kids and adults alike.

On Saturday evening there is Spudfest Cèilidh, an entertaining evening of authentic cuisine, folk music and dancing.

Cathouse present "Gaslight"

Playwright Patrick Hamilton's original Victorian thriller will be presented by Cathouse Players at their pop-up theatre at the Kyneton Masonic Centre, 7 Yaldwyn St West for six performances only, June 14 - 23. Tickets \$25/20 all inclusive. Companion card is welcome. Bookings via trybooking.com/CNMFY or Katie/Brian 0490485850.

Successful RM Begg Aux Fair



The RM Begg Auxiliary's annual Easter Fair held on Sat Mar 30 was a huge success with in excess of \$3500 raised on the day.

Raffle prize winners 1st: Rosie Devey; 2nd L Ciunik, 3rd: Patricia Nagle; 4th: Reagan Matheson; 5th: Jeremy Briscoombe; 6th: Elaine Barron.

Kyneton Community House

Term 2 courses and activities are now available for booking through www.kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au or by coming into the House at 34 Mollison St.

There are some great new weekend short courses on offer; Woodworking and Creative Collage along with many of the House's popular programs returning.

The Community Lunch team are excited to announce a partnership with Little Swallow Cafe. The wonderful team at Little Swallow will be cooking for the lunches each week from Apr 24.

Enjoy a tasty 2 course meal prepared by local chef legends at the Good Food Hub 35 High St Kyneton. A \$7 donation is appreciated.

The Good Food Hub is also open on Tuesdays for lunch through the Small Bites pop up café program.

The aim of this program is to get people job ready in Hospitality in a nurturing inclusive environment.

Enrolments for this program are open now.

Social Craft group will be running

each Tuesday at 35 High St.

It is open for anyone who would like to bring along their craft project, or start a new one.

Expressions of interest are also open for a day time book club. Please contact the House on 5422 3433 to add your name to the list.

KCH is also offering free events for Carers.



The Community Lunch team

There will be further events through to the end of June, with the next event being a free Feldenkrais trial class on Apr 19.

Carers are also invited to contact the Community House if they see a course on the KCH Program Guide that they are interested in, even if it's not listed as a Carers event.



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Craig Chester Accounting	5422 1966
Watco Partners Pty Ltd	5792 2580
David J Gibney Pty Ltd	5422 6480

Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine

Dr Michele Downes	0407582036
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Art Studio and Gallery

Maxine McKee at Trio Art	0467025354
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Auto Services & Repairs

Kyneton Auto Spares & Repairs	5422 1255
Vereker Bros Smash Repairs	5422 2603

Catering & Cafe

Angies Café & Bakeshop	5422 6112
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Chiropractor

Performance One	5422 6488
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Concreting & Paving

MBC Concreting & Paving	0417545159
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Dental

Campaspe Dental	5422 3988
Kyneton Dental	5422 6159

Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners	5422 1503
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Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics	5422 2182
Kyneton Electrics	5422 1369

Fabric, Yarn & Haberdashery

Alice in fabricland	5422 6031
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Financial Planning

BTP Business Advisors Pty Ltd	5422 1588
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Fishmongers

The Fishmonger Kyneton	0408127392
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Holistic Health

Maiaveda Retreat & Spa	0420580886
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Insurance

Simplex Insurance Solutions	5422 3333
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Legal Practices

Palmer Stevens & Rennick	5422 6500
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LP Gas Supplies

Hendersons the Gas People	5422 7408
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Medical Practices

Campaspe Family Practice	5422 2877
Kyneton Medical Centre	5422 1397
Springs Medical Kyneton	5422 1298
Goonawarra Medical Centre	9744 9900

Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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Osteopath

Organic Mechanic Osteo	0423852874
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Physiotherapy

Central Pelvic Health Physio	0487018665
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Real Estate

Broadhurst Property	1300380980
Ray White Kyneton	5422 2127
RT Edgar	5422 3325

School Aged Childcare

BugALugs	5422 2767
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Shoe Suppliers

Kyneton Shoes	5422 2090
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Town Planning Services

Macaulay Town Planning	5422 3054
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Veterinarians

Dr Greg McIntyre	5422 1310
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Kyneton Events Calendar

Wed Apr 17	Kyneton Community Lunch 35 High Street 12.30 every Wednesday
Thur Apr 18	Kyneton Community House AGM 35 High Street 7pm
Fri Apr 19	'The Lydians and the Maine Groovers' Tylden Hall 7pm
Sat Apr 20	Football Netball Kyneton v Romsey Showgrounds Community Choir Workshop & Sign-up Day Kyneton Town Hall 10.30am Autumn Flower Show Watts Pavilion Kyneton Showgrounds 1-4pm
Sun Apr 21	Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 1.30-5pm 'The Vintage Blues Machine' Kyneton Museum 12-4pm Autumn Flower Show Watts Pavilion Showgrounds 10-4pm
Mon Apr 22	Sacred Heart College Open Evening Sacred Heart College 4-8pm
Thur Apr 25	Anzac Dawn Service and Day Service Kyneton Cenotaph 6am & 9.30am Football Netball Lancefield v Kyneton away game
Fri Apr 26	'The Martini Set' Lauriston Ha ll 6-10pm
Sat Apr 27	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Sun Apr 28	Maslmsbury Village Fayre Malmsbury Botanic Gardens 10-3pm 'The Martini Set' Kyneton Museum 12-4pm Gisborne Singers—'A Classical Celebration' OLOR Church 2.30pm
Wed May 1	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow Ky Town Hall 7.30pm
Fri May 3	Fashion Parade St Paul's Hall 1.30pm
May 4 & 5	The Great Trentham Spudfest—throughout Trentham
Sat May 4	RM Begg Auxiliary Craft Stalls 22 Epping Street 9-1pm
Thur May 9	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Sat May 11	Kyneton Farmers and Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Kyneton Airfield 10.30-1pm
Fri May 17	Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30-11pm 'Tash York's Happy Hour' Kyneton Town Hall 7.30-8.30pm
Sat May 18	Football Netball Kyneton v Macedon Showgrounds
Sat May 25	Football Netball Melton Centrals v Kyneton away game
Sat Jun 1	Football Netball Kyneton v Diggers Rest Showgrounds RM Begg Auxiliary Craft Stalls 22 Epping Street 9-1pm
Jun 7-10	Woodend Winter Arts Festival Throughout Woodend
Sat Jun 8	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
Fri Jun 14	Cathouse Players 'Gaslight' Season starts Kyneton Masonic Centre
Sat Jun 15	Football Netball Wallan v Kyneton away game
Sun Jun 16	Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 1.30-5pm

Creative Arts Exhibition

This year's annual two-day Creative Arts Exhibition of the CWA Central Highlands Group will be held in the Lancefield Mechanics Institute on Apr 20 & 21. CWA members from all over the region will fill the hall with a showcase of art, crafts and preserves and cooking. Times: Sat Apr 20: 10am - 4pm, Sun Apr 21: 10am - 3pm.

Fashion parade

A winter-wear fashion parade at 1:30 pm, at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, on Fri May 3. You can try & buy on the day. Entry \$15 to book call 54221869.

Save the date

Kyneton Agricultural Show
Nov 15 and 16.

2024 Festival Fair at OKPS

The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival Committee is well into planning for the 2024 Festival has announced that the Fair, after the Grand Parade on Sept 15, will be in the renovated Old Primary School grounds as it was in 2022. Meanwhile Daffodil Bulb Sales are progressing well, with upcoming bulb sales on Apr 20 & 27 and May 4 outside Woolworths Kyneton, with last bulb selling day at the Kyneton Rotary Market in St Andrews Uniting Church grounds in Ebdon St on Sat May 11.



Jenny, Michelle and Peter selling bulbs outside Woolworths

ANZAC Day Services

ANZAC Day commemorative services will take place on Apr 25 in Kyneton, Trentham, Malmsbury and Taradale.

For Kyneton there will be the usual Dawn Service at the Kyneton Cenotaph at 6am followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL. This will be followed by the Day Service at 9.30am.

Other service times are Trentham at 11.30am, 8am service at Malmsbury and 1.30pm service at Taradale



Kyneton supplements Trentham's Water

For those who hadn't been warned it was a major surprise in early to mid-March to see and hear water tanker after water tanker (as many as 12 a day) rumbling past their houses to access hydrants.

The tankers were carting water to Trentham, which like Kyneton is in the Coliban Water area of responsibility.

Coliban is commissioning a new 1.2 megalitre tank installed as part of the Trentham Clear Water Storage Project which will increase storage capacity and improve water security and reliability for Trentham.

Coliban says that in Kyneton water has been sourced from the industrial estates as well as hydrants in Caroline Chisholm Drive and Edgecombe Sts.

Towards the end of March the frequency of tankers had decreased markedly but some carting may continue to be necessary due to weather and plant conditions.



Autumn Festival continues

There is still plenty of time to participate in the Festival Treasure Trail including Biggest Pie and Tart Trail and the Tipple Trail as well as music in Community Halls throughout the Macedon Ranges. It finishes on Apr 28. For more information go to the Visit Macedon Ranges website.

Barrier to prevent falls

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has placed a temporary barrier to prevent falls at the top of a step down into the new disabled car park at the front of the Red Brick Hall in Yaldwyn St West.



The barrier has been installed following a number of approaches to the Council by U3A Kyneton about the dangerous step and six separate U3A member falls as a result of the step.

The temporary barrier will be replaced by a permanent handrail which is expected to be installed within the next 4-6 weeks.

Field Naturalists

Formed in 2020, the Macedon Ranges Field Naturalists aim to foster interest in the region's natural values and to help preserve its native species, communities and ecosystems.

If you love nature walks and participating in citizen science with like-minded people, they would love you to join them. Go to www.macedonrangesfieldnaturalists.org.



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