

Iconic Mill reborn

The old bluestone mill, just off the Freeway in Wards Lane, which for years has intrigued those passing it, has been brought back to life.

Bill and Helen Coleby have restored the historic building and opened it to the public as a craft gin and vodka distillery with bistro, museum and have established a first class garden.



The building, constructed in 1856 during the gold rush, began as a flour mill and helped sustain the growing population.

As milling practices changed over time, the building which the Colebys have named Campaspe Mill Distillery, took on a variety of rural and storage roles. Before the restoration the building was known locally as Wards Mill.

The Mill's sympathetic restoration will allow the public to access this historic icon for the first time.

The Campaspe Mill is open 12-5pm Thu-Mon. ph 0409949516.

It is a must see destination.



Kyneton Connect turns 20



*Kyneton Connections Committee
(member Geoff Barrett absent from photo)*

In April 2006 newly formed community group Kyneton Connections published the first *Kyneton Connect*.

It was auspiced by Cobaw Community Health and with the strong support of dozens of community organisations and the Macedon Ranges Council.

Kyneton Connect seeks to engender pride in the town and its community's achievements and to encourage involvement.

Connect aims to provide key and interesting information to assist new and existing residents.

Over our 20 years what changes, challenges and achievements there have been! We seek to showcase some of them on page 2.

Our town has grown rapidly, community infrastructure has improved greatly and the industrial estates have grown.

Kyneton's major community events- the Agricultural Show and the Daffodil & Arts Festival have strengthened and grown.

But there have been challenges such as the pandemic and the massive windstorm of June 2021.

Kyneton Connect looks forward to continuing to supply Kyneton and district's community with valuable information into the future.

Neighbourhood Watch

A Neighbourhood Watch group is being established in Kyneton. Neighbourhood Watch is a community program that works in partnership with Victoria Police.

Its aim is to encourage communities to stay informed, look out for one another, and help prevent crime through awareness and communication.

The Kyneton initiative will bring together residents, traders and local police to share information about safety issues.

Spokesperson John Taubman said:

"While Kyneton remains a safe and welcoming town, population and visitor growth makes strong community connections important. "Neighbourhood Watch is not about taking the law into our own hands.

"Instead, it focuses on awareness, prevention and encouraging people to report concerns appropriately."

For further information contact kynetonnhw@gmail.com.

Strong support for Appeal

\$25,470 was raised in Kyneton's area for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Lions Secretary Dennis Bertoncini reported that over Muandy Thursday and Good Friday \$10,850 was collected in Kyneton, \$1771 in Tylden, \$2261 Taradale and \$1806 Metcalfe.

A further \$8781 was raised from other sources including \$7110 from collections at Woolworths Kyneton.



Lions collecting at the traffic lights

20th Anniversary

Oct 2019



Cobaw's new building

The construction of Cobaw Community Health's new building at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive progressing

Local Corona Virus Screening

Kyneton Health has built upon its



High School works progressing

The construction of Kyneton High School's new STEAM/Middle Years building continues to make progress

Law Court re-opens

The historic Kyneton Law Court resumed sitting on Mon Oct 15 after important building upgrades

Oct 2018



Wild winds wreak havoc

The most protracted period of gale force winds in living memory on the night of Wed Jun 9 and morning of Thu



Barkly Square revitalised

Barkly Square will soon return to full use following a comprehensive upgrade of its playing surface.



New Chapter for Old Kyneton Primary School



Gearing up for the Daffodil & Arts Festival



The 163rd Kyneton Show

From the past 10 years Kyneton Connect

Kyneton Connect's 20th Anniversary

Kyneton Connections, publishers of this newsletter, thanks all of those individuals, community organizations and businesses who have given us such wonderful support over Kyneton Connect's now 20 years.

Without that support Connect's success and growth would not have been possible.

Connect aims to publish news that is important to residents and to community life and to celebrate the supportive community in which we live. Its circulation has grown from 2,000 in 2006 to 3,850 today, it is emailed to 500 households and is posted on our website www.kyneton.org.au.

We thank the more than 40 local community organisations for their financial contributions.

Very special thanks to Ray White Kyneton who very generously pay for the cost of printing our colour issues.

Thanks also to those who have contributed to our new Kyneton Connect Supporters fund.

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

Very special appreciation to the hard working Kyneton Connections Committee, the volunteers who home deliver Kyneton Connect and to Cobaw Community Health (now Omnia) who continue to support our operations.

Co-editors: *Eric Dearricott & Jenny Hince*

Birthing kit working bee

With help from the community, the Zonta Club of Kyneton will assemble 800 birthing kits at a working bee to be held at St Mary's Church Hall, Hutton St, on Sat May 23 from 10:30 am.

While most Australian women can look forward to the safe arrival of a new baby, in many parts of the developing world rates of maternal and infant mortality are high.

According to the World Health Organisation, worldwide, about 800 women die every day from the complications of childbirth.

Birthing Kits assembled by Zonta Clubs around Australia help to reduce these deaths. The kits are distributed to pregnant women in rural and under resourced communities, in more than 30 countries, through local community outreach programs.

Zonta Club President, Dr Annamarie Perlesz, said: "More than 500,000 women die each year from infections like tetanus, caught from unclean equipment or from giving birth on an unclean surface. These small kits provide the basis for a clean birth, providing a clean mat, gloves, soap, cord ties, gauze and a sterile blade. We look forward to welcoming volunteers to assist club members at this life-saving event".

For further information, or to register your interest, contact Margaret Lynch, on 0408542766.

Kyneton's overflowing bins

For some time traders in the main streets of Kyneton have been frustrated by overflowing public bins near their shops due to what they believed to be inadequate frequency of emptying.

More than a month ago it took 7 calls over a fortnight for a trader to receive a Council response.

But the problem persisted and a little later the Midland Express reported overflowing bins in another part of town.

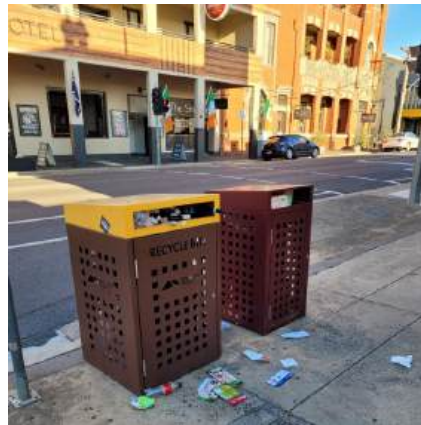
That report seemed to have little impact as on Mon Mar 30 a trader again reported overflowing bins across the town to the Council but by Wed/Thu the problem was back.

The Council has acknowledged earlier queries received regarding an overflowing public bin on High St, and say they appreciate the frustration overflowing bins can cause.

Council's Director Assets & Operations Dom Testoni said "In the Kyneton town centre, bins are scheduled to be collected every day of the week including weekends.

"We are currently working with a new contractor on public bin collections and acknowledge that some concerns have emerged over the consistency of services."

Kyneton Connections President Eric Derricott stated that there was clearly a widespread problem with the clearance of public bins in Kyneton which isn't just one bin and which the Council must treat urgently.



Seeking children's clothing

Joan Mills, Chairperson of the Kyneton Uniting Church Op Shop has expressed appreciation of the community's support over the years.

"We value your help, but this year has seen a dramatic increase in the number of customers and we are all striving to meet the strong demand.

"We are in need of quality children's clothing, toys and bric-a-brac.

"We are dedicated to returning all monies raised to Kyneton community projects and value all of your support" Joan said.

The Op shop at 54 Ebdon St has good vehicle access.

Donations can be left at the rear of the shop.



Kyneton Uniting Church Op Shop

Kyneton CFA news

A CFA reminder that with Daylight savings ended people should change their smoke alarm batteries and also give the alarms a dust.

If they are older than 10 years old the whole unit should be changed.

On Mar 21 and 22 the Fire Brigade Juniors competed at the CFA Junior State Championships in Stawell.

The Juniors had a good time and the under 14s came second overall which was a pleasing result for their efforts over the summer competitions.

The Fire Brigade Seniors competed at the State Championships on Mar 28 and 29 also at Stawell. They were placed first in an event.

When the market shifts, opportunity follows

With cooler days ahead and a change in season, many homeowners begin to consider their next move.

It's often a time to pause, reflect and think about what the next chapter might look like.

If you're curious about the value of your home or what a sale might look like in today's market, Ray White Kyneton is here to help, with honest, up to date advice and guidance every step of the way, at a pace that feels right for you.

Ray White Kyneton, 2 High St, 54222127



RayWhite.

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

Councillors' Update



Autumn in our Shire was recently described as “one of the most visually stunning times of the year”.

The annual Autumn Festival celebrates this, and it had another wonderful launch at the Pig Shed at the Kyneton Botanic Gardens.

We hope you have been, and continue to enjoy the many events and activities planned across the Shire during in April, including the largest pie trail in Australia with 51 options.

Our thanks to all the many people and partners who make this happen- local businesses, groups, associations, sponsors and Council Staff. Don't forget to head to St Paul's Park for a special closing event on Thu Apr 30.

Speaking of fabulous events, Council was so pleased to welcome back the Lost Trades Fair to our Shire.

Hanging Rock was the perfect setting with thousands of people attending.

Many of us will recall the first Fair in 2013 held in Kyneton, and we congratulate the founders- Lisa and Glen Rundell and the large team for their work making this such an inspiring and authentic event.

Thanks to everyone who dropped past and had a chat at the West Ward Community catchup post held last month at the Kyneton Farmer's Market.

We appreciate that some people traveled from other towns to speak to us, and the intent is to rotate around to all towns and meet residents.

Briefings on Tuesdays continue for Councillors and Officers to work together on core business, focusing on the strategic direction and we continue to develop the draft 26/27 budget.

As a group, we recently zoomed in during a briefing to the Youth Summit held in Kyneton from the Council Chambers.

We were all very impressed and proud of the students who presented their group work and reflections from the day and we will receive your feedback and ideas.

We are looking forward to the inaugural Youth Council commencing and thank you to all who applied.

West Ward Councillors have also been busy attending many events and celebrations in the community. We really enjoy these opportunities and appreciate your invitations.

With the State election approaching, the CEO and Mayor Kate are actively increasing their engagement with local Members of Parliament, across both the Upper and Lower Houses.

All Councillors continue to advocate when opportunities arise.

Discussions are focused on ensuring the priorities of our community are clearly understood. They were resolved at the December Council Meeting and are on our website.

This is also a chance for people and groups in our community to also advocate and inform all candidates and MP's what is important for you.

At the March Council Meeting, we endorsed a Notice of Motion to write a letter of support for the Kyneton Sub-branch of the RSL to the Minister of Creative Industries expressing support for the RSL's proposal to establish a Memorial Reserve incorporating the existing WWI memorial located on part of the grounds surrounding the former Kyneton Primary School.

We recognize the significance of honouring those who served and acknowledge the important role such a reserve would play in further preserving local history and provide a place of reflection.

See you at the ANZAC service.

Cr Janet Pearce on behalf of Cr Jennifer Anderson & Cr Kate Kendall

Autumn Festival

With half of April remaining there is still time to indulge in mouthwatering foodie feasts, vibrant weekend markets, enchanting autumn gardens, twilight escapades, guided walks, and captivating art exhibitions and creative workshops of the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival.

The extensive Festival calendar has more than 50 unique events. Follow Australia's Biggest Pie & Tart Trail, featuring 51 mouth-watering sweet and savoury pastry creations, then raise a glass along the Autumn Tipple Trail.

Collect the Autumn Festival Map & Passport, your festival guide to eating and drinking from Woodend and Kyneton Visitor Information Centres or participating venues.



MMR vaccination for adults

Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) are highly contagious diseases, and adults who are not fully vaccinated remain at risk.

If you're between 20–59 years old, you may not have received two doses of the MMR vaccine during childhood. The vaccine is safe, effective and free for eligible adults.

If you're unsure of your vaccination history, you can check your history on MyGov or contact the Council's immunisation team at immunisation@mrsc.vic.gov.au. Staying up to date helps prevent outbreaks thereby protecting the community.

Wood raffle underway

Kyneton Men's Shed is now running the first of two wood raffles outside Woolworths, with a prize of more than 2 cubic metres of quality redgum. Shed president, Ian Curnow said the raffles provide the Shed with much of the income needed to keep the organisation operating and fund projects such as upgrading the waste extraction system.

Tree ID Walk at Baynton



The Baynton Sidonia Landcare Group is holding a Tree Walk at Baynton on Sat Apr 18, 9.30am–12pm.

Tree enthusiast and sawmiller Peter Stone has had a lifelong interest in our native vegetation and has grown hundreds of trees over the years.

Peter will show participants how to ID our commonest trees on local granite, basalt and sedimentary soils.

Peter will explain where in the landscape trees prefer to grow and how to plan for plantings.

The importance of planting understorey for small bird and beneficial insect habitat will also be explained as well as some of the different reasons for planting on farms, such as providing shade/shelter to stock and soil erosion prevention.

Participants will need to walk across paddocks and dirt roads – up to 1km.

Toilets available at the beginning and end of the walk.

Unfortunately, this is not a wheel chair friendly event.

Numbers are strictly limited. Please contact Peter Stone : 0428590343 to register and obtain meeting point.

Textiles disposal has ceased

In response to its query *Kyneton Connect* has been advised by the Shire Council that “the free recycling service for old and damaged textiles is temporarily unavailable at Kyneton Resource Recovery Facility, while the provider finds a new company to service Kyneton and other northern towns”.

The Council advised that Woodend and Romsey are serviced by a different company and remain unaffected.

Malmsbury Village Fayre

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary the 2026 Malmsbury Village Fayre will be held in the Malmsbury Botanic Gardens, 10am-4pm on Sun Apr 26.

The Fayre is famous for its music program, with live acts on the main stage all day, plus over 70 stalls showcasing local community groups and selling arts, crafts, and products.

There is plenty for the kids to do, including a storyteller, bubble fairy, medieval group and lawn games. For a small fee, there is even more fun, including face painting, plaster painting and a wildlife display. Bring your picnic rug and set up for the day.

\$2 entry per person for the fun-filled day out! Dogs on leads are allowed.



Disaster action response plan

On Mar 4 in response to the terrible fires in Harcourt, a collection of representatives of Kyneton community groups met at the Social Foundry to discuss creating a community led disaster response action plan for Kyneton.

Those attending included representatives of the churches, Rotary, the CFA, SES, the Council, the Kyneton Christmas Collective, the Social Foundry and Kyneton Connections.

The round-table discussion sought to explore ways to better utilise our resources, personnel and energies, collectively.

The Kyneton Community House was unable to attend, but in 2024 they, in consultation others, by virtue of a grant from the Shire, had prepared a plan for Kyneton.

Maintenance for Kyneton High

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that Kyneton High School will benefit from a \$920,982 investment from the State Government for maintenance works.

Practical improvements for the school include clean down works, drainage works, repainting works, revarnishing works, roof works, structural works, switchboard works and wall repair.

Free firewood

Local residents are now able to gather free firewood for personal use from designated state forest firewood collection areas.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) Loddon Mallee Region Director Forest and Fire Operations Scott Falconer reminded collectors to stay on formed tracks and only gather from designated areas, to reduce both fire risk and environmental impacts.

If your driver's licence shows your address as being in one of the area's LGAs, you can collect wood from the designated areas.

Residents can collect free firewood from Apr 1 until 30 Jun 30, although individual sites may close earlier if supplies run out.

People can collect up to two cubic metres per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year.

Information and updates, including maps of collection areas, are available on www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood.

Hutton St toilets works

Works to refurbish Kyneton's Hutton Street public toilets started on Mar 10.

The works include construction of an accessible entry door for the existing toilets, and a complete internal refurbishment of all fixtures and fittings.

The toilets will be closed during these works, which are expected to be completed by May.

Alternate public toilets are available at Kyneton Showgrounds, and next to Kyneton Library.



Marist Bros Old Boys

The 2026 Kyneton Marist Brothers Old Boys AGM was held recently and the incumbents were re-elected with Arthur [Roly] Sandilands as President, Paul Brangan Vice President. Len Young Treasurer and Michael [Mick] Halley Secretary.

What's New in Business

The Farmers Wife in Mollison St



Claire Hill with Bec Mason

After two years in Piper St, *The Farmers Wife*, retailer of curated women's fashion, thoughtful gifts & beautiful homewares, has moved to 156 Mollison St.

"We are now settled into a beautiful shared space alongside the well-known local interior designer Alex Muir, whose store has been a much-loved part of Piper St for the past 8 years.

"Together, it feels like a natural and complimentary pairing of clothing and interiors.

"Our new space allows us the room to grow while continuing to offer the same thoughtfully curated pieces our customers know and love.

"We are delighted to now be part of Mollison Street and feel it's a lovely addition for our local community.

"We warmly invite you to visit us in our new space" owner Bec Mason said.

Red Cart reopens

Kathy O'Neill's Red Cart Vintage has recently reopened at its new location at 142 Mollison St.

The original old State Bank building's interior has been reimagined into a fresh, light and inviting space showcasing an evolving display of antique and vintage goods.

Red Cart is open Thu-Sun 10.30-4pm or by arrangement. Ph 0417514595.



CV Sheds relocates

CV Sheds has relocated from Bourke St to a newly renovated facility at 8 Hoyle Court, Kyneton.

CV Sheds currently employs 14 full-time staff and works with up to 10 contractor teams across Victoria, delivering premium turnkey shed projects in the domestic and lifestyle/hobby farm sector.

As registered builders, the company manages everything from permits through to completion.

The move to Hoyle Court's expanded facility provides a strong foundation for future growth.



Hot Mat Studio

Mother and daughter duo Sharon and Brooke Rankin have created a beautiful space for Hot Mat Pilates and Yoga at 48 High St Kyneton.

With a heated infrared room at 34 degrees, Winter is set to sizzle at 48 High St.

"Infrared heat heats the body's core temperature allowing the muscles to move more freely thereby capitalising on your workout" Sharon commented.



"Classes are 45-50 minutes in duration and run 6 mornings and 4 evenings each week.

"Come in and say hello by booking your first class for free using code FREECLASS via website kynetonpilates.com.au".

Local artist behind FOKE

Kyneton's Holly Clinton is the founder and artist behind FOKE, a print-led Australian design brand.

Holly creates original artwork designed to repeat across textiles and objects. Bold prints that eventually become pieces you can actually live in.

One of the brand's signature pieces is the Ren Dress, an easy everyday favourite designed for movement and comfort, available in sizes XS-3XL.

You can explore the collection at www.foke.com.au or follow along on [Instagram@foke_store](https://www.instagram.com/foke_store). Locals can also book a studio appointment to see the prints up close.

For studio appointments call 0459635808.



Rene Spence – counsellor

Rene Spence, a level 2 registered counsellor is now seeing adults, adolescents and couples in private practice in the allied health suites at 29 High St, Kyneton.

He works with clients facing a wide range of challenges and issues, including anxiety, depression, stress management, grief and loss, and relationship concerns.

Rene uses techniques from various counselling methods tailored specifically to each person's current presentation and lived experience.

He is also trained in Gottman Method Couples Therapy.



Pension increases welcome

Increases to the age pension and other government payments took effect from March 20.



John Condliffe and Doug McIver with Federal Member Lisa Chesters

Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters has welcomed the increases.

“Aged pensioners, disability support pensioners and carers will receive about \$22.20 extra in their fortnightly payments which will help them make ends meet.

“Parenting, ABSTUDY recipients aged 22 years and over, and rent assistance payment recipients will also see an increase to their payments.

“The boost to payments will make annual pensions \$5545 higher since Federal Labor formed Government after the 2022 Federal Election” Ms Chesters said.

Our Lady of the Rosary PS

Kyneton’s Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School is inviting families to 2 events during term 2.

The first will be on Thur Apr 30, from 11.30am to 12.30pm, when school tours will be offered during an Open Day.

Second will be the Annual Showcase evening on Thu May 28, 4.30 – 6pm.

You are encouraged to bring along any family members who may also like to experience the community spirit at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School.

The School asks that you register for both these events via its website www.olrkyneton.catholic.edu.au as they want to make sure they are well prepared for you and have plenty of sausages for the Showcase evening.



ANZAC Day commemorations

The Kyneton RSL Sub-Branch will again commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who served in all wars and other conflicts by holding a Dawn Service in Kyneton followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL, and Day Services in Kyneton, Trentham, Malmsbury and Taradale. Times for these services are as follows:

Kyneton Dawn Service: 5.45am at the Cenotaph, followed by the Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL, then the Day Service and march.

Kyneton form-up for the march at the corner of Mollison and Yaldwyn Sts, is at 9.15am to step off at 9.30am to march to the cenotaph for the service. The Malmsbury service is at 8am, Trentham 11.30 and Taradale at 1.30.

All are welcome at any of the services to either just attend or to also lay floral tributes during the services.

Local schools will be commemorating ANZAC Day with services and with attendance by a small band of RSL volunteers where requested.

The Aged Care facilities will also have commemorative services in the days leading up to ANZAC Day.

Future commemorations will be advertised on the Kyneton RSL website and in the RSL as well.

Detox Your Home Sat May 16

Residents can dispose of household chemicals safely for free at the *Detox Your Home Kyneton* event at the Kyneton Saleyards, 87 Saleyards Rd, 9am-12pm on Sat May 16.

This contactless, drive-through event allows residents to drop off paints, pesticides, cleaners, and poisons, which are then disposed of safely by trained chemists.

Registration via the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website is essential.

Kyneton Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens meet weekly on a Thursday 11am-2pm.

The next meetings are:

Apr 16 – Lunch at Harper Lee Cafe

Apr 23 – Lunch at R.S.L.

Apr 30 – Lunch at the Bowling Club followed by a General Meeting.

Activities will be Raffle, Bingo, Speakers, Trade Table on the 1st week of the month.

New members are welcome

Contact the Secretary on 045 1763008

Small shifts-big canteen impact



Harry, Lettie & Vero at the Kyneton Primary Canteen

Kyneton Primary School is creating a nutritious canteen for students with support from Vic Kids Eat Well and Omnia Community Health.

The school serves students close to 200 meals a week, and their canteen manager involved the school community in the development of the new menu.

Families shared recipe ideas and students helped name new items, making the canteen a place for connection and inclusion.

The school’s canteen manager, Sarah Lockhart, has also introduced a range of tasty, fruit and veggie packed options proving popular among students.

New menu items include homemade seasonal soups, veggie-filled pasta bolognese, lentil dahl with veggies, homemade baked beans with chopped spinach, healthy milk pops made with Greek yoghurt, milk and fruit and colourful icy poles made with vegetable juice.

Nutritious options are priced affordably to encourage uptake.

“The students were proud to name the healthy milk pops and loved ordering them,” Ms Lockhart said.

Volunteers Community Day

Kyneton Station Volunteers are partnering with the Rotary Club of Kyneton to host a Community Planting Day and Sausage Sizzle at Kyneton Station 10am-1pm on Sun May 17.

All are welcome.

The community are invited to plant out daffodil bulbs and pots of native plants. Chat with the Station Volunteers about volunteering at the station.

A regular monthly working bee will also be held on Apr 19, 9.30-11.30 am.

You are welcome to attend to see if volunteering at the station is for you.

For further information please email stationvolunteers1@gmail.com

Around the Galleries

At the Stockroom

98 Piper Street

May 2-Jun 7 : Exhibition

Opening: Sat May 2, from 4 pm

Patrizia Biondi

Provisional Structures

Eleanor Alice

A New Magic – Bubbling Over

Art on Piper 44 Piper St

Jahne Hope-Williams will be showcasing more than fifty bears and dolls from her range of Care Bears (repaired preloved bears) and Blanket Dolls (made from vintage woollen blankets), many as soft sculptures, inspired by techniques taught to her by her friend, the late Mirka Mora.

The Doll House runs at Art on Piper until May 5.



After the colourful window display during Autumn, AOP members will continue their environmental focus with Patterns in Nature and Winter Warmth for May and June. www.artonpiper.com

The Old Auction House

52-56 Mollison St

Queerthentic Artist Callout, \$2k in Prizes!

Queerthentic is a Regional LGBTQIA+ Art Prize that reveals authentic stories from regional LGBTQIA+ artists; from the mundane to our fabulous culture, or the influence of queer history on the past, present, and future.

Applications Close – Apr 23

An Exhibition of the Queerthentic works will be held at the Old Auction House Apr 30 – May 25.

More information and applications via <https://www.mraai.org.au/queerthentic2026>

Upcoming exhibitions are:

Apr 2-20 “Seasons of the Ranges” –

Group Autumn Festival Exhibition

Apr 2-27 “Ranges” – *Artist Collective*

Apr 30-May 25, “Queerthentic” –

Regional LGBTQIA+ Art Prize

May 14-June 1, “Impressionist

Landscapes” – Paul Melnyczuk

Dream like landscape photography exhibition exploring intentional camera movements to achieve a painterly effect through the lens.

Textile & Fibre Arts Skill Share at the Library

Are you an embroiderer, knitter, weaver, crocheter or other fibre artist, or would you like to learn? The Kyneton Library is offering a monthly informal textile and fibre arts skill share on the first Wednesday of the month, 1–3pm. No bookings required.

Last month those attending learnt how to make simple baskets and cordage from common garden plants and discussed plant dying.

Bring along whatever you’re working on, or just come for a look, a chat and some inspiration.

Audition for ‘Broadway, Baby’

Kyneton Theatre Company is inviting auditioners for the forthcoming musical theatre showcase – *Broadway, Baby* Is there a role from a musical you’ve always wanted to perform on the big stage? This is your chance!

KTC are looking for singers/performers for our musical showcase and they’d love you to audition!

Auditions will be held on Sat Apr 25 and Sun Apr 26 at the Uniting Church in Ebdon St with further auditions available by appointment.

Register to audition via kynetontheatrecompany.com.au



Kyneton Theatre Company’s Erin

Redesdale Revellers 2026

Back for their 37th year, the Redesdale Revellers will return to Sutton Grange Hall with their brand-new 2026 show, “60s & Beyond!” on the Saturdays and Sundays of 2 weekends May 2 & 3 and May 16&17 with all shows commencing at 2pm.

“We love performing at Sutton Grange Hall,” enthused producer and long-time Reveller Dennis Perry.

“We love our amazing audiences, and the feedback has been that everyone has a great time.

“So, in 2026 we’re back with a new show and looking forward to more packed houses.”

First conceived in the late 1980s, the show was the brainchild of the late Arnold Jenkins and Lyn Brown, and their spirit continues to inspire the Revellers at Sutton Grange.

Each performance is followed by a delicious afternoon tea, with funds raised going towards the upkeep of Sutton Grange Hall and supporting local community groups.

Tickets remain great value at \$25.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DJQZE> email: RedesdaleRevellers@gmail.com ph 0487619473.

Tylden Primary Open Days

Tylden Primary School Principal Bree Sliwczynski has issued a warm invitation to visit and experience all that Tylden has to offer on its Open Days to be held 10am-12pm Saturday May 16 and 9.30am-2.30pm Tuesday May 19.

“Tylden Primary School has a proud reputation as a friendly school that provides a comprehensive education to the children in the local community.

“Our students are motivated learners who are curious, articulate, socially capable and well equipped for the future.

“The high quality, knowledge rich curriculum challenges and engages all students.

“Students particularly enjoy the spacious grounds and gardens that are so conducive to play, exploring and relaxation” Bree said.

Phone: 54248244 or Email: tylden.ps@education.vic.gov.au

The Great Trentham Spudfest



The Spud Olympics

Fresh from being crowned Gold in Australia's Top Tiny Tourism Town Awards, Trentham will welcome more than 10,000 visitors on 2–3 May for the 19th Great Trentham Spudfest.

This beloved festival celebrates the region's proud potato-growing heritage, dating back to the 1860s when Trentham's rich red volcanic soils proved ideal for producing exceptional spuds.

Today, the event brings together local growers, artisans, musicians and food producers for a weekend that blends flavour, farming and community spirit. Saturday's Street Fair transforms the heart of town into a bustling carnival of spud inspired dishes, local produce, a makers' market, live music and the ever-popular Spud Olympics.

Sunday's Discovery Day invites visitors to slow down and explore beyond the main street with tours, tastings, freshly harvested potatoes and farm gates open. All the details: <https://www.trenthamspudfest.org.au>

Kyneton VIEW Club Update

The Kyneton VIEW Club is due to hold its first birthday on Mon Apr 20. Founder and CEO Nicole Brownlee and author/illustrator Ann James will be speaking about the wonderful Story-Box Hub Library for Aussie families and children.

Local poet Anne Gleeson and musician Sarah Lander will also attend.

In May, Mandy Costello will tell the Club more about the way The Smith Family works with schools to support children facing disadvantage, and then in June, Victoria Gibson will entertain with the intriguing topic of "Let's Make a Deal".

Kyneton VIEW meets every 3rd Monday at 11 for 11.30am start at the Kyneton Hotel.

For more information contact Lyn on 0418126392.

Kyneton Rotary calls for local people of action

The Rotary Club of Kyneton is inviting local people to step forward, connect with like-minded neighbours and help drive positive change.

"As part of a global network of 1.2 million members Kyneton Rotary is inclusive and open to all individuals just like you, a person who likes solving real problems and are ready to tackle new challenges.

"Whether it's improving local infrastructure or supporting international health and education initiatives, the Club offers a platform to turn passion into impact" Kyneton Club President Peter Symons said.

"Joining Rotary isn't just about volunteering; it's about joining a community of friends committed to service".

Rotary's portfolio of projects include: Local – the Kyneton Community Market: the Campaspe River Walk, the "train" park, school and youth programs, maintaining community seating for MRSC; and operating bbq's to support local community groups; Health and Research—significant contributions to Prostate Research and global Polio Plus to end polio globally.

International Support—the Cambodian Rural Student Trust and the Hill-tribe Sponsorship Fund to support young people in developing countries finish school and attend university; and WASH to provide clean water and sanitation for girls in developing countries.

"We are looking for people who want to make a difference and meet new friends in the process.

"If you are a person who likes to make an impact and solve problems, there is a place for you here" Peter says.

To learn more about Kyneton Rotary's projects or how to join, follow @ Kyneton Rotary on Facebook or call Peter on 0414471253 .

Woodend Arts Festival

Woodend Winter Arts Festival will be held over the long weekend Jun5-8.

The Program covers classical music, jazz, world music, literary events and visual arts, educational programs for young people and a series of free community events. Visit the Festival website for full program details.

Mother's Day High Tea with the fabulous Gretta Ziller



On Sun May10 from 2 to-5 pm Gretta Ziller will be back in Lauriston Hall for a fabulous afternoon of music while guests nibble delicious High Tea treats.

Gretta Ziller is an Australian singer songwriter and multi-instrumentalist (including bagpipes!) whose work spans Americana, alt country, folk, and roots music.

She was selected as the first recipient of the Country Music Association of Australia Academy of Music Scholarship, which took her to Nashville and included an official showcase at AmericanaFest in 2023. Tickets \$35 with Children under 15 @ \$15. BYOG. Book via Trybooking

Kyneton Community Lunch – Sponsorship opportunity

The much-loved Community Lunch has until recently been funded through a Food Relief Grant.

Now that funding has ended, KCH are seeking a corporate sponsor to help continue providing meals for the community.

Anyone able to support the Kyneton Community House food relief program is asked to contact CEO Claire on 54223433.





Seatbelts save lives.

Driving unbuckled? If you or your passengers drive without a fastened seatbelt, you could each receive a \$407 fine. The driver will also face 3 demerit points.

If you take risks while driving, chances are you will be caught.

Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.

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Veterinarian

Dr Greg McIntyre 5422 1310

Kyneton Events Calendar

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| Fri Apr 17 | Inflated Pool Fun Kyneton Sports and Aquatic Centre 1-3pm |
| Sat Apr 18 | Tree ID Walk Baynton 9.30am-12pm |
| Sun Apr 19 | Community Picnic in the Gardens Kyneton Botanic Gardens 11-3pm Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 1.30-5pm |
| Wed Apr 22 | Community Lunch 35 High Street 12.30pm (each Wed during term) |
| Thur Apr 23 | Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am Kyneton Community House Annual General Meeting 35 High St 7.30pm |
| Sat Apr 25 | Anzac Service Kyneton Cenotaph 9.30am Football-Netball Lancefield v Kyneton (away game) Battle of the Wines Liberty Flat Farm Taradale 2pm |
| Sun Apr 26 | Malmsbury Village Fayre Malmsbury Botanic Gardens 10-3pm |
| Apr 25 & 26 | KTC Broadway Baby Auditions Kyneton Uniting Church Ebden St |
| Thur Apr 30 | Our Lady of the Rosary School Tours 11.30-12.30pm |
| May 2 & 3 | Great Trentham Spud Fest—about Trentham Redesdale Revellers '60s & Beyond' Sutton Grange Hall 2pm |
| Sat May 2 | Football-Netball Kyneton v Wallan Kyneton Showgrounds RM Begg Auxiliary Market RM Begg Car Park 9-1pm |
| Sun May 3 | CRAFT VIC 'Making it as a Maker' Bluestone Theatre 2-3pm |
| Fri May 8 | Melb International Comedy Festival Roadshow Kyn Town Hall 7.30pm |
| Sat May 9 | Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm |
| Sun May 10 | Mothers Day High Tea with Gretta Ziller Lauriston Hall 2pm |
| Wed May 13 | Support at Home Information Session Kyneton Library 10-11am |
| Fri May 15 | Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm |
| May 16 & 17 | Redesdale Revellers '60s & Beyond' Sutton Grange Hall 2pm |
| Sat May 16 | Football-Netball Kyneton v Melton Centrals Kyneton Showgrounds Detox your Home—Kyneton Saleyards 9am-12pm |
| Sun May 17 | Country Struts Honky Tonk Kyneton Mechancis Institute 2pm |
| Sat May 23 | Football-Netball Kyneton v Romsey Kyneton Showgrounds Zonta Birthing Kit Working Bee St Mary's Hall 10.30am |
| Thur May 28 | Our Lady of the Rosary School Annual Showcase 4.30-6pm |
| Sat May 30 | Football-Netball Kyneton v Diggers Rest Kyneton Showgrounds |
| Sun May 31 | "Mo'ju" Kyneton Town Hall 4pm |
| June 5-8 | Woodend Winter Arts Festival throughout Woodend-look for program |
| Sat June 6 | RM Begg Auxiliary Market RM Begg Car Park 9-1pm |
| Sun June 8 | King's Birthday Holiday |
| Sat June 13 | Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm Football-Netball Gisborne Giants v Kyneton (away game) |
| Thur June 18 | Vika & Linda Bull Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm |

Daffodil bulb sales continuing

Sale of quality bulbs by the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival will continue every Saturday from now until mid-May.

Sales will be outside Kyneton Woolworths on Apr 18 and May 2 & 16, at the Lancefield Market High St, Lancefield Apr 25 and at the Rotary Community Market - cnr of Ebden St & Yaldwyn St West, May 9.



Invitation to Picnic in the Gardens



The Friends of Kyneton Botanic Gardens are hosting a Picnic in the Gardens as part of the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival on Sun, Apr 19.

The event is a free, BYO picnic commencing at 11am with special guest, Dr Greg Moore, live acoustic music, the Kyneton Primary School Choir and organised kid's activities with Fairy Caitlin and Simalabim the Wizard! Frank's Caffeine Truck will be on site serving great coffees too.

The event will finish around three in the afternoon.

With favourable weather the Friends are hoping as many people as possible will bring their chairs, picnic baskets, family and friends to enjoy the entertainment and the Gardens at their absolute autumn best. In the case of inclement weather the event will re-locate to the 'Pig Shed'.

Dr Greg Moore is an arboriculturist, an expert in trees, and a former Principal of the University of Melbourne Burnley campus. He is a regular on ABC Radio Melbourne and an informative and entertaining speaker. Greg has a long association with the Kyneton Botanic Gardens going back some twenty years and will lead a walking tour of the gardens commencing at 1.30pm near the

Gardener's Cottage.

On the way in for the picnic don't forget to admire the magnificent new, 25 year old fan palms adorning the Gardens' revamped front entrance. For details on the Picnic in the Gardens please go to the Friends website at: FKBG.com.au/

Netball courts not ready

The new netball courts at Kyneton Showgrounds were not ready for play by the original target of Kyneton Football Netball Club's first home game on Apr 3.

The Council had regretfully advised disappointed user groups and key stakeholders in mid-March that the court works would not be completed in time for round one.

"A number of factors contributed to this timeline shift, including inclement weather" a Council spokesperson said. Revised timelines are targeting completion the netball courts by late April, with court lighting expected to be finalised by mid June.

Interim alternate usage arrangements were implemented including temporary lighting installed at Kyneton Primary School to allow netball training to continue.

On Apr 3 the netball matches were relocated to Woodend and shuttle buses were provided between Kyneton and Woodend.



Netball courts on Apr 3—a work in progress

Vika & Linda at the Town Hall



Vika & Linda Bull, two of Australia's most celebrated and enduring voices will be perform at the Kyneton Town Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thu Jun 18.

The duo captivate audiences with their powerful harmonies and magnetic stage presence

Their Show is named after their forthcoming album *Where Do You Come From?* - their most personal and compelling collection yet.

The audiences will be treated to songs from the new album together with the songs and stories of their inimitable career.

Purchase tickets through the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website or call 1300888802.

Old Time Dancing at Kyneton

The year has started well for "Old Time Dancing at Kyneton" whose dances are held in St Mary's Hall Hutton St each month alternating from the 3rd Friday night to the 3rd Sunday afternoon.

The next dance will be held on Sun Apr 19 1.30-5pm.

Entry is \$8 with music provided by the very popular Rod McKenzie. If you can come along, dance organisers would greatly appreciate you bringing a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Fri May 15 will be the following dance, from 7.30-11pm, with Family Rhythm providing the music.

Enquiries to Julie 0400126870.

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