



Kyneton Connect



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Many events in Festival cancelled

It is with sadness that the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival Committee has advised that the Festival for 2021 is proceeding in a much reduced form, with many major events cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

Among the events not proceeding are the Grand Parade and Fair, the Dog Dash, the Open Gardens, the Festival of One Act Plays, the Antique Fair, the CWA Craft Market and the Art Shows.

However the daffodils will still bloom and at this stage the Spring Flower Show on Saturday September 4 and 5, a visual projection light show on Friday September 10, local scarecrow and window displays will proceed.

Barrows of daffodils and flags will decorate the streets and good food, hospitality and shopping will all be there should the COVID-19 regulations at Festival time from 2-12 September allow.

“All being well in 2022 when the pandemic is under control, Kyneton can look forward to a completely restored and expanded series of exciting events when the Festival will celebrate 50 years since its beginning in the 1970s” Festival Secretary Marg Dearricott said.



Editors note: At the time of going to print all events reported in this issue were proceeding. Readers should, however, check with organisers prior to the events.

Optimism about old School site



At the end of June Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas announced the appointment of Working Heritage to oversee the management and adaptation of the community asset, which was the town’s Primary school for 161 years. The Victorian Government has committed to keeping the Old Kyneton Primary School in public hands and creating a unique, creative community hub, with the project receiving a \$12 million investment.

Working Heritage is a not-for-profit organisation that cares for publicly owned heritage places on behalf of the people of Victoria.

It manages a range of historic sites across Victoria, including the former Royal Mint in central Melbourne, Jack’s Magazine in Maribyrnong and the Clunes School of Mines.

In managing the Old Kyneton Primary School and planning for its future, Working Heritage has stated that it will engage with local groups to ensure community aspirations, needs and voices remain at the heart of the project – a commitment that has been seen as cause for optimism by local community organisations.

Working Heritage will also work with Creative Victoria on the creation of a high-quality gallery space on the site to host both local and touring art exhibitions.

Essential works will soon be

undertaken to make the site safe and accessible to enable community use while plans get underway for the longer-term upgrade of the site.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas said “Working Heritage has an impressive track record of successfully and sensitively managing publicly owned heritage sites.”

Kerry Anderson, Acting Chair, Working Heritage Committee of Management, said that Working Heritage was looking forward to working with the community and key partners to bring new purpose to the old school site.

Reservoirs spill

Coliban Water’s storage reservoirs began spilling after rain across the catchment at the end of July.

Both the Upper Coliban and Malmsbury were spilling.

Executive General Manager Climate and Population Adaptation Steve Healy said good rain in June and July has meant the reservoirs have filled earlier than usual.

“When the reservoirs fill to capacity, this typically occurs September or October, but this is the first time they have filled in July since 2012” Mr Healy said.

At the end of July the storages were at more than 98 per cent capacity.

This time last year the reservoirs were at 76 per cent capacity.

The three Coliban Water storages; Malmsbury, Lauriston and Upper Coliban Reservoirs are the main drinking water source for towns from Kyneton through to Bendigo.

For more information and to view daily reservoir levels visit www.coliban.com.au.



Pulmonary Rehabilitation

An eight-week program that teaches people with a chronic lung disease how to manage their symptoms has started up again in Kyneton.

The program covers topics such as how the lungs work, how medications can alleviate symptoms and the importance of good nutrition. The program also includes a weekly exercise component.

After contracting pneumonia following a bout of influenza, Madeline was finding she was breathless after doing the smallest amount of physical activity. Following being discharged from hospital, she was referred to Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's pulmonary exercise and education program.

"The exercises that I learnt as part of the program have really improved my quality of life and have become part of my morning routine," says Madeline.

The program is offered free of charge, thanks to the support of Murray Primary Health Network and is suitable for those with lung complaints such as bronchitis, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) as well as lung cancer.

"I was able to bring my daughter along to the sessions each week," says Madeline. "She took notes for me and has been able to support me through my recovery since the course finished."

For more details including what is required for a referral, contact Wendy Hemphill on 54211666 or email wendy.hemphill@scchc.org.au. You can also pop in to Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive, near Kyneton Health.



Lady Brooks Kinder Raffle

The Lady Brooks Kindergarten PAG is holding a raffle to fund a number of art initiatives for the kindergarten's new facility to be co-located within Kyneton Primary School.

These art initiatives include the development of a new kinder logo and a mosaic art installation created by current kinder groups, to enhance the learning experience for future kinder groups.

Ticket holders are in the running to win a mustang for the weekend thanks to *Sunbury Ford*; vouchers from *Animus Gin Distillery*, *Ruby Café* and *Home Grown on Piper*; or an afternoon tea for 6 people thanks to *CWA Kyneton*. Plus many more prizes thanks to the generosity of local businesses.

Follow this link to purchase tickets www.rafflelink.com.au/ladybrooksaraffle or scan the QR code below.

Prizes will be drawn on Sept 10.



Macedon Ranges police report

While you've been asleep, the night shift crew from the Macedon Ranges have been busy keeping you safe.

They started off with good news story by locating a missing resident safe and well, then they executed a few warrants on a person who had forgotten her appointment with the Magistrate and issued a number of infringement notices to people who had mistaken the Calder Highway for the Albert Park FI circuit.

Just when things were settling down, they received a call from a concerned resident about some suspect activity at a house under construction in Malmsbury.

This call resulted in the arrest of a male and female from Melbourne, these two were remanded in custody until August 16.

This just goes to show that your information is invaluable when it

comes to catching law breakers. To top it all off, they executed a search warrant and located a large quantity of Cannabis.

Meanwhile, the Macedon Ranges Highway Patrol have had their own action packed week.

One of their busier days was when they impounded two motorcycles for speeding between Gisborne and Toolern Vale on the 10th of July.

One was ridden by a 21 year old male from Melton West, his bike was detected at 170km/h in the 100 km speed limit.

The other was ridden by a 20 year old male from Delahey and was detected at 190km/h in the 100km/h speed limit.

This bike was also not displaying a P Plate as required.

Both males were intercepted and interviewed.

Both bikes were impounded for one month, at a cost of \$1006 to each rider. Both will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

New MSRC waste app

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has launched a new app that will replace the current Loddon Mallee Waste Info app.

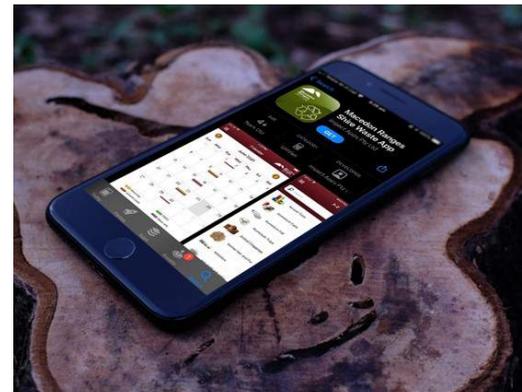
Existing Loddon Mallee Waste Info App users will need to download the new MRSC Waste App.

The Loddon Mallee Waste Info App was not to be updated from 1 July.

The new App will enable people to quickly find the most up-to-date information on what bins go out on what night and guides people on what should and should not go in each bin.

The App is available for both Apple and Android users.

Download the App by searching MRSC Waste App or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bin-days.



Scarecrows Comp on again



The Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival is again calling for entries into its popular scarecrow competition this year to display in home gardens and businesses in the community.

It is now time to make your scarecrows, obtain an entry form and send your entries and photos to the Festival via the web page, social media or by post to PO Box 59, Kyneton.

"Displaying your scarecrows throughout town and on our online pages will allow people to see all of the scarecrows in the Festival," Secretary Marg Dearthcott said.

"Finding scarecrows as you travel around town and seeing them in the shops is great fun and reminds everyone that the Festival is on again.

"Our competition will commence on Friday September 3 and we look forward to receiving entries by Monday August 30 with the judging to take place by September 12" Marg said.

"Look for our entry form on our Festival facebook page, e-mail daffodil@netcon.net.au or ring 54222282."

Entry is free again this year. There are four categories with modest cash prizes for first and second - best individual or family entry, best community entry, best business entry and best on the theme 'Back in Bloom!.

'Get the Job Done'

Health and community services across the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn Shire have come together to develop a new COVID-19 vaccination campaign under the banner 'Get the Job Done'.

'Get the Job Done' communicates the clear message that vaccination will keep our community safe. Central Highlands Rural Health CEO Maree Cuddihy said: "Over the next few months you'll notice our campaign messaging popping up in health and community facilities across the region, as well as in print media."

The COVID-19 vaccine is available through vaccination centres across the state and a full list can be accessed via the Victorian Government Corona Virus website. General Practices and some pharmacies also carry a supply of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Central Highlands Rural Health will be running a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at Kyneton Hospital; however, the opening date has been delayed.

Kyneton from Past to Present

The Kyneton Historical Society is celebrating its 70th Anniversary and its new book on Kyneton just published is the perfect way to acknowledge this milestone.

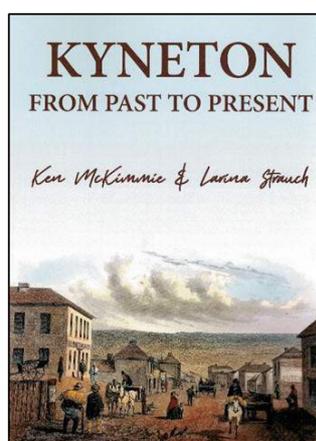
The Book is called "Kyneton From Past to Present" by Ken McKimmie & Larina Strauch.

It contains 221 pages and 420 images and details 41 landmarks of the area.

The book is not meant to be a comprehensive history of Kyneton and district but snapshots of features or buildings.

Each study was built around the earliest image and later images used in sequence to depict how the scene or area has changed over time.

Cost is \$50 and the book is available at the Society at 75 Piper St on Tues 9am to 1pm and Sat 9am to 2pm. It is also available at Aesop's Book Shop 70 High St. Contact the Society on 0418545648.



Contemporary Art Triennial

The 2021 Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial (KCAT) titled *Holding the Circle* is a nine day arts and culture event presented in unexpected places across Kyneton 9 – 17 October.

Buy a ticket, collect a map, and experience inspiring works of art including painting, installation, sculpture, performance and video by eleven artists from across Australia.

Through their work, each artist reflects on place and community, life in our current times as well as the culture, history and natural environment of Kyneton and the local region.

Visit the Triennial website www.kynetoncontemporary.com and subscribe to keep up-to-date, read and watch artist interviews and be first to find out when event tickets are on sale.



Volunteer for KCAT

KCAT is a non-profit enterprise run by a volunteer group of proud locals, including professional artists, curators and producers.

You can join the team in October to help bring KCAT2021 to fruition. Develop skills, meet new people, share some Kyneton love and assist audiences to have a safe and inspiring experience.

All volunteers will receive a free ticket and work in conjunction with event organisers who will provide support throughout the event. KCAT exhibition venues will be open daily and volunteer shifts will generally be 3.5 hrs.

Volunteers must attend a training session before the event, be aged 18+, flexible, reliable and confident to work independently as well as part of a team.

Register your interest via www.kynetoncontemporary.com/volunteer

West Ward Councillors' Update



As we write this article, we are still in an uncertain situation regarding COVID.

We hope that you and your families have navigated the recent lockdown and are managing the current restrictions as well as possible.

We congratulate all members of our communities for doing their part and helping to keep the Macedon Ranges as COVID free as possible.

We continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible and continue to get tested if you have any symptoms.

The 2021-22 Council budget was passed at a special Council meeting in June.

We are particularly excited by the fact that Council was able to fund a broad range of proposals and capital projects across the shire, many of which were in response to representations made from community members and groups to the draft budget.

In fact, the success of many groups and individuals in obtaining budget support for their ideas and suggestions emphasises the importance of community members participating in the budget process and taking the opportunity to have input into the various drafting and consultation stages.

Council also passed the recommendations for the Events & Festivals Grant Program, the Community Funding Grants and COVID Support at its July meeting – these grants highlight the importance of community making representation to Council.

On a lighter note, you may have seen the Connecting Communities Board game in the Midland Express at the end of June.

The game consists of artwork and images contributed by our community that highlight favourite places and activities around our shire.

There is a Connecting Communities Facebook page that is linked to the game (and recently provided a

forum for residents offering assistance to one another as an outcome of the recent storms) and the game is also available to play as an activity in our libraries.

For those of us still impacted by the recent storms, storm recovery information is updated regularly on the Council website. There has been a huge response to Council's offer to residents of free firewood that sourced from storm debris.

Macedon Ranges participated in Victorian Youth Week 2021. We held a well attended retro gaming event in Woodend and the Future Creations Zine launch in Kyneton.

As part of Youth Week, the Youth Services team worked closely with young people in designing a series of workshops and events across the Shire celebrating and showcasing the skills and talents of young people to the community.

On the funding front, Council has received \$50,000 for irrigation design and installation for Malmsbury Botanic Gardens as part of a \$180,000 shire wide grant from DELWP's "Growing Victoria's Botanic Gardens" grant program.

Council also adopted the Malmsbury Botanic Gardens Master Plan 2021 at its July meeting.

The draft Rural Land Use Strategy is currently open for community consultation to August 30.

We will also be seeking community feedback on the Environmental Strategy Update and the Health & Wellbeing and Disability Plans in late August and September.

The Shire's draft Council and Financial Plans are also expected to be available for community consultation from late August.

For those interested in the outcome of the Community Satisfaction survey (conducted earlier this year), the results are expected to be made available on the Council website from the end of September.

Please take care of yourselves and continue to look after one another.

Crs Mark Ridgeway, Jennifer Anderson and Janet Pearce

Spring Flower Show

After a 2 year absence, the Kyneton Horticultural Society will be eagerly hosting its annual spring flower show on Sat Sept 4 from 1pm to 4pm and Sun 5th Sept 5 from 10am to 4pm in the Watts pavilion in the Showgrounds in Mollison St.

The popular flower show is one of Victoria's longest standing and part of the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival.

All are encouraged to enter.

For more details about the show visit www.khs1894.com.

The spring show will be held under the COVID-19 regulations operating at the time.

There will be a plant stall and raffle. Entry \$5. Enquiries can be directed to President, Nicholas Scott on 0438664849. The spring flower show is proudly sponsored by Kyneton Garden Supplies.



Helping households

Macedon MP Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that the Victorian Government will begin providing \$1,000 rebates to support low-income households to replace their old heaters with energy-efficient reverse-cycle systems that can warm their home in winter and cool it in summer and save up to \$300 per year on their energy bills.

The rebates are open to owner-occupier households with an approved concession card or a combined household income of less than \$90,000 and could cover more than half of the typical efficient reverse-cycle system.

Additional rebates of \$200 are available to cap old gas heaters, and \$500 to upgrade electrical switchboards.

For more information, including instructions on how to apply visit heatingupgrades.vic.gov.au.

Rotary has a new President



Kyneton Rotary has a new President, Geoff Barrett, a Kyneton resident for over 20 years including six years as Principal of Kyneton Secondary College (now Kyneton High School). Outgoing president Mark Ridgeway handed over the presidency at a special changeover dinner at Kyneton's Shamrock Hotel where Rotary meets each Monday night.

Mr Barrett said the Club had benefited from the leadership of Mark Ridgeway through a Covid 19 affected year with its 35 members staying connected by Zoom and achieving much locally and internationally.

Kyneton Rotary will continue to support the local community and international projects as it has done for 54 years. Recent projects include a security system at the scout hall, exercise equipment on the river walk and the completion of much needed latrines and fresh water tanks in Kenya.

"Despite being a diverse group of individuals we do function harmoniously and we welcome new members, both males and females, along with their new ideas" Geoff said.

More information on the Kyneton Rotary website or facebook.

Mini Fete

On Sat Sept 18 the Kyneton Friends of Vision Australia will be conducting a Mini Fete 8am-1pm in the Uniting Church Hall at 54 Ebdon St.

Homemade cakes, slices, preserves, plants, produce, craft goods and trash & Treasure and more will be on sale.

Morning tea and light lunch will also be available.

Call Kathy 54227187 or Jean 54221038.

Birds of a Feather

A new lunchtime social event on the calendar starting next month in Kyneton.

'Birds of a Feather' is a quarterly luncheon open to adults who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex.

The initiative of Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Country LGBTI Inclusive Program (CLIP) is providing a new opportunity for connection and support for all members of the rainbow community, including those living in residential aged care.

"It is well known that older LGBTI people are more likely to be single, live alone, be isolated and distanced from their families, and for older community members living in residential aged care, it can be challenging to live openly and feel accepted and supported" says Belinda Brain from CLIP.

"That's why the notion of birds of a feather flocking together is representative of the diverse range of sexual and gender orientations, life stages and capabilities found in the LGBTI community, and is at the heart of our luncheons."

The CLIP team has been championing the health and wellbeing needs of the LGBTI adult community in the Macedon Ranges for the last two years, responding to the need for differentiated support services and providing increased options for people to develop a greater connection to their community and widen their support network.

This has become even more important since the beginning of the pandemic and through periods of lockdown.

The inaugural luncheon will take place on Friday 17 September, 12pm – 2pm at the Shamrock Hotel Kyneton. RSVPs are essential.

For further information, or if cost or transport are an issue, contact Belinda Brain on 54211666 or email belinda.brain@scchc.org.au.



Town Hall Sept performances



There are some great shows coming to the Kyneton Town Hall in September, pandemic permitting.

For those who love passion-filled wicked comedy/drama then *The Hunter*. *The Hunted* is the perfect show.

Desire can be wonderful, can drive you crazy and even get you killed. Think Frankenstein meets Downton Abbey, and everything in between. When: Saturday 11 September, 7pm. For the music lovers, *Daniel Champagne* is a must see.

Daniel is Australian-born Nashville-based and has been touring across Australia and New Zealand. Daniel has been selling out shows where ever he plays. Featuring songs from his five studio albums. When: Friday 17 September, 8pm.

Damien Leith brought the house down the last time he visited Kyneton Town Hall and this time he is teaming up with Darren Coggan in the *Two of Us: The Songs of Lennon and McCartney*.

All the classics like Hey Jude, Let It Be, Here Comes the Sun and so many more! If you love The Beatles, then this will be the best sing-along of all time! When: Saturday 18 September, 7.30pm

Finally, the last KTH Kids for the year with *Electronic Music Adventure* these September School Holidays. This will get the kids off their phones and creating their own soundtrack. This workshop is a highly immersive and interactive creative music making experience.

Participants will learn how to collect and manipulate sounds using intuitive apps on tablets.

Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 September, 10am and 1.30pm sessions each day.

For all bookings phone 1300 888 802 or go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events.

What's New in Business

New owners, new location



As reported in the June Kyneton Connect tractor sales and servicing business L&G Sheppard & Sons has been sold and as of the start of July the business has relocated to 120 Piper St – formerly the Elders Kyneton site.

New owners are Kyneton couple Travis and Alex Young.

They sell Massey Ferguson, Iseki, Burder and Goldacres, and offer an extensive range of machinery and equipment for all types of environments. They also stock John Berins implements and bobcat mowers.

Hours: 7.30am-5pm Mon-Fri and 8am-12pm Sat. Ph 54221821.

Ranges Legal



Law firm Ranges Legal, who also have offices in Gisborne and Riddells Creek, has opened a new office in Kyneton at 3a Market St.

The Director, John Herron is a local Kyneton RSL member.

Sian Rainford, a young lawyer, will also be on-site.

“We are expanding through the Macedon Ranges and very excited to be in Kyneton. We offer a wide variety of representation from family, commercial and court activity” John Herron said.

Appointments necessary
www.rangeslegal.com.au_53261775.

Kyneton Nutrition

Kyneton Nutrition opened its doors at 37 High St in mid-July and has been very pleased with the support from the community to date.

Kyneton Nutrition is a healthy smoothie bar serving tantalising feel-good beverages which excite the taste buds while nourishing the body.



Owners of the new business Darren and Idah Watson have lived in the area for over 14 years

“The 3 step experience you will receive at Kyneton Nutrition features an aloe shot, energy tea and smoothie.

“All 3 parts of the experience come in a variety of flavours and have great individual health benefits including soothing digestion and boosting metabolism.

“Our smoothies are made with water and ice and have 21 vitamins and minerals as well as protein, fibre and healthy fats.

“We can cater for various dietary requirements including gluten free, dairy free and vegan” Idah and Darren said.

Current opening hours are Wed to Fri 8am-3pm and Sat 9am-3pm.

Home Care Package seminar

Age Up Health will be conducting a free seminar about home care packages at the Kyneton Community House on Thu Sept 23 at 11am.

The session is designed to bring clarity to key topics including: who is eligible; how is that process assessed; what are the different package levels and what services packages can provide .

If you'd like to make a booking or need more information call Age Up Health on 1300254326 or email sclark@ageuphealth.com.au.

New B&B for Piper St



Located at 79 Piper Street Le Palmier is Kyneton's newest B & B.

Recently renovated, the Le Palmier studio echoes the comfort of mid-century design whilst being equipped with everything you need for your stay.

For more information visit <http://www.lepalmier.com.au/>

Infrared Sauna

Good Self at 3/48-50 Mollison St Kyneton now has a new Clear Light Sanctuary Full Spectrum Infrared Sauna ready to heat bodies.

Kate Cawley, Good Self Clinic Manager said that these special infrared types of sauna have been around since the 70's in Japan but have been reinvented into a modern warming experience combined with a therapeutic angle.

“Infrared saunas deliver an invisible heat that can penetrate deeply into the cells of the body and can help with pain; stress and insomnia; boosting immunity; weight loss and detoxification and anti-ageing & skin”.

“For more information about our tips on how to best experience infrared heat feel free to give us a call on 54172303 or email hello@goodself.com.au” Kate said



Exercise Physiologist

Jake Dwyer, Exercise Physiologist is now at Springs Medical Kyneton.

Specialising in clinical exercise prescription, Jake will work with you to reach your goals; this could be to lose weight, walk further, reduce pain or improve mood.

Jake works with GPs to ensure that he is aware of your medical history and will inform your GP if there are any other health concerns made visible while exercising.



Jake is also involved in the Put A Spring In Your Step Wellness Program, which is now available to all Kyneton Springs Medical patients.

Armstrong Collins & DeLacy have moved

Local legal firm Armstrong Collins and De-Lacy have moved across the street to new premises.

For several years they have practiced at 143 Mollison St but now operate at 140 in premises formerly Landmark Dwyer.

These offices have been refurbished.



Book Art Exhibition

From Fri 3 Sept to Sun 12 Sept, 9am-5pm, Aesop's Attic Bookshop at 70 High St will display fabulous artworks by artists of all ages

Book Art highlights what can be created from damaged books that would otherwise be recycled or thrown away.

These works are also for sale.

Community House happenings

The Community Lunch has returned to the Kyneton Mechanics Institute each Wednesday from 12:30pm.

Cost is \$5 for a 2 course meal with tea/coffee. Everyone is welcome.

Eligible community members can apply for the State Government's \$250 Power Saving Bonus.

This application must be completed online, however the House understands that many people either lack access to devices or internet, or lack confidence in using technology.

To ensure no-one gets left behind, Kyneton Community House is offering free assistance to anyone who's eligible to apply.

Appointments are available on Wed Sept 1 and Thu Sept 2. Contact the House on 54223433 to book a 10 minute appointment.

Details of all House programs can be found on our website www.kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au or from the House.



The popular *Skills for Life* program will return again this term. Last term 5 students all successfully completed their First Aid accreditation, learnt many job skills and enjoyed some great work experience opportunities at local Macedon Ranges businesses.

If you, or someone you know is interested in participating in a facilitated 8 week program focusing on supported careers development, catering for individual student needs then please get in touch with the House to discuss further.

The Community House gardening team is moving full steam ahead with the set-up of the community garden expansion at the rear of 1 Begg St. Local volunteers have built some workbenches and seats for use and soon we will be constructing a greenhouse to protect all the little seedlings from Kyneton's winter and spring chill.

Kyneton Seniors Club

The Kyneton Seniors Club has been meeting continuously for some 60 yrs, quite a mean feat and the hope is to celebrate this at an event in November.

Membership at its beginning was 80 plus members and the membership today is the same and growing.

The Club now meets at the Shamrock Hotel every Thursday from 11:30 to 2:30pm. A 2 course meal of your choice selected from a menu of several options is served plus a free drink, tea or coffee and biscuits for \$10.

A planned varied program of a quiz, entertainment, discussion, movies, bingo follows, however it is flexible to meet members needs on the day. An aim is to encourage fellowship with the opportunity to reminisce and all to enjoy a good chat.

Members have the opportunity to take advantage of a free bus service to meetings.

"There are many positives, however not having any permanent building greatly restricts the opportunity to extend our vision to serve more effectively.

"Kyneton has great health providers that assist in keeping us healthy and the age of departing is much higher but it also reminds us that through longevity we need to provide quality of life and I'm confident Kyneton Seniors Club has the foresight and compassion to bring this to fruition" Club President Marj Williams said .

To contact Marj call 0407048487.

RM Begg Auxiliary active

Over the winter months the RM Begg markets have been conducted in Bolton Hall but from September will again join the Community market conducted by Kyneton Rotary in the grounds of the Uniting Church in Ebdon St.

The Auxiliary also hopes to conduct a giant garage sale in September – keep an eye out for an advertisement in the local paper.

Also coming up on Sept 7 is the Auxiliary's AGM which will be held in Bolton Hall at 2pm. A warm welcome is extended to family and friends of RM Begg.

Langley Barfold CFA Fabric

On Sat 11 Sept, 9-2pm in Aesop's Attic Courtyard, 70 High St Langley Barfold CFA will conduct its Fabric and Craft Sale.

Around the Galleries

Art on Piper

The Art on Piper gallery welcomes a new member, fibre and textile artist, Sue Dilley, the former president of the Basketmakers of Victoria and member of affiliated associations.



Sue brings a wealth of experience with her sculptural woven forms, 2d hanging textiles and cards which feature eco dyed fabrics and stitched embellishment as a part of the textural story telling.

A collector of natural and man made materials, Sue enjoys transforming waste or under valued resources into works of art. Each material has its own quirks and personality.

"The artists gathering, scheduled at the conclusion of the now wound back Daffodil and Arts Festival for a meet and greet, with drinks and nibbles from 2pm Sun Sept 12 will still be held.

Hope to see you at 44 Piper St to share the fun" Art on Piper President Kathryn Portelli said.

Web: www.artonpiper.com ph: 0407887498.

The Stockroom 98 Piper St

Exhibition following opening 4.30pm Sat 21 August to 3 Oct

Passages of Light – Hilary Jackman

Sculpture Co. Editions – Project #1.

Patrizia Biondi, Tom Borgas, Peter D Cole, Louis Laumen. Mascha Moje, Michael Needham, Louise Paramor, Kate Rohde, Natalie Ryan, James Tylor & Rebecca Selleck & Jason Waterhouse.

To Dwell & Respond – Robyn Phelan

Ceramics by Janetta Kerr Grant, and

Paintings by Greg Wood

The Old Auction House

The Worlds Between - Solo Exhibition by Anne Lawson Aug 5 - Sept 13

Discover the collaged landscapes of rockpools and reed beds in this intricate and engrossing exhibition

Faery Tales & Forest Trails - Solo Exhibition by Caroline Sarah 19 August - 13 September

Enter the forest and embrace our world of Faery Tale costumes

Can't Pin Me Down - Solo Exhibition by Mr Dimples

16 September - 27 September

Mr Dimples quirky characters convey his story of the last few months and that no obstacles can pin him down.

Grant for Anglers

Kyneton Angling Club has received another \$1000 from the State Government Survival Grant monies for sporting clubs. The grant tops up the \$1500 the Club received last year. It means the club can continue to run its days and programs in the new season, after not being able to run its fund raisers for over 18 months.

The Midland and North Central Angling Association, organising body of the Midland Shield and umbrella organisation for the central Victorian fishing clubs also received \$2500 from the survival grant money to assist it to continue its role.

The Club and Association now have the confidence to plan a great season ahead now with tournaments and events including, Trout Opening, Cod Opening, Midland Shield, Family Day and Fly Fishing instruction.



Local member Mary Anne Thomas, John Condliffe, Bart, Maureen, Marlee, Pearl and Dari.

Sporting Schools Grants

Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters is encouraging schools in the Bendigo Federal Electorate to register and apply for Sporting Schools funding. The Sporting Schools Program is a \$320 million Australian Government program that offers grant opportunities for primary schools, and targeted grant opportunities for secondary schools in relation to year 7 and 8 students to help them to promote children's

participation in sport and connect them with community sport.

"Central Victoria has an active sporting culture particularly in schools and the broader community.

"More than 68 schools in the Bendigo region have shared in \$1,772,150 of funding to run Sporting Schools programs since its inception.

"I encourage schools in the Bendigo community to register and apply for Sporting Schools funding and join the millions of Australian children benefitting from fun and free opportunities to get active through sport" Lisa Chesters said.

Grant applications for Sporting Schools Term 4 close on Fri Aug 27.

For more information visit www.sportingschools.gov.au

Council works about Kyneton

The works at Kyneton Town Hall

Kyneton Town Hall works are progressing smoothly, with paint stripping completed and a currently focus on render repairs.

Works are due to be completed in November. Council have been impressed with quality of workmanship and are looking forward to sharing the end result with the community.

Beauchamp St works

Beauchamp Street was asphalted over June, with final clean up and reinstatement works completed throughout July.

Footpath works in Maxwell, Langley and Begg Sts

Maxwell and Langley footpath works were completed at the end of May.

Works that connect the existing footpaths along Begg St and will provide a 1.5m wide concrete footpath (providing better access for all pedestrians, including students of nearby schools) are progressing. Concrete works were completed in Begg St during June and bluestone paving works were completed in late July.

Although wet weather has impacted final clean up, the Council is optimistic that this will be completed shortly.

The roadworks at the Caroline Chisholm Drive and Castles Crescent intersections

The Council recently renewed the asphalt and line markings on Caroline Chisholm Drive at these intersections which should extend the life of the intersections by another 10 years.

Boosting storm recovery



The Council has welcomed the announcement of \$55.5 million recovery funding from government to address urgent requests to help Victorian communities impacted by storm damage in June, including those in the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Operations Crews responded to emergency callouts, and supported the SES in the initial response. Since the event, Council officers have responded to hundreds of calls for on-site clean-up, other support or insurance and financial advice.

Local property owners can now register with Bushfire Recovery Victoria for funding of flood and storm clean-up operations on private properties across Victoria under jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. A link to register with BRV is available on Council's storm recovery webpage, mrsc.vic.gov.au/storm-recovery

The Council has engaged specialist arborists and clean-up contractors to help assess storm damage and lead the clean-up and tree clearing efforts on roadside, parklands and to provide urgent access to private properties. The clean-up is expected to take at least the next 6 months. Officers are identifying sensitive conservation areas whilst gradually reducing the fire hazard.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council CEO Bernie O'Sullivan said staff across all key areas of the Council are still assessing the level of impact in the region, natural environment and the extent of our community's needs.

"We are still assessing what support our community members need for their long-term recovery," Mr O'Sullivan said. "This includes any displaced residents and those in the farming sector whose livelihoods are impacted by reduced access to grazing land for their livestock after

extensive damage to fencing."

Accessing support

If you are a resident or landowner in Macedon Ranges Shire and have been directly affected by recent damage, please visit the Council's website for information updates on the support available. This includes how to register for the \$55.5 million clean-up program delivered by Bushfire Recovery Victoria.

The website also provides general advice on tree removal, drainage, access, road closures and roadside wood collection, transfer stations and free tip vouchers for debris disposal. If you've been affected by this emergency, our relief and recovery staff will be on hand to speak with and help you with your basic needs via the Recovery Operations Centre on 54220237 or email recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Storage capacity doubles

Recycled water is now flowing into the newly constructed 200 megalitre storage lagoon at the Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant which was completed as part of Phase 2 works of the Kyneton Solutions Project.

The new storage more than doubles the storage capacity at the plant. When the plant storage is combined with storage at Hardwick Meatworks as part of Phase 1 works, storage for Kyneton has now tripled. Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas recently inspected the facility which is undergoing a multimillion dollar upgrade to be able to serve the Kyneton region until 2040.

The final piece of Phase Two is a recycled water pipeline to deliver water to local irrigators and businesses.

New irrigators are currently being secured which will see greater reuse of recycled water in the Kyneton region. More information is available at the Kyneton Solutions Project page of Coliban Water's website.



Learning at Tylden Primary



Tylden Primary School has been very lucky to have local performing artist Emilie Bloom at school as one of Regional Arts Victoria's "Creative Workers in Schools."

Emilie is an exciting addition to Tylden's Performing Arts classes across all year levels. Her work has included units on comedy, puppetry and drama.

Emilie is multi-talented and she is currently helping students with the design and development of masks and costumes for the annual school concert.

All students at Tylden Primary School have started the preparations for the annual school concert which will be held next term.

This year's show is *The Wizard of Oz* and it is a very entertaining adaptation of that well-known story. Each year our concert concludes with parents and siblings joining the students on stage for the whole school dance – always a highlight!

To find out more about the Tylden Primary School Annual Concert and for enrolment information, please contact the Principal Lee MacDonald on Ph: 54248244.

Cathouse Players

After much consideration Cathouse Players made the hard decision to cancel their August production of 'Blithe Spirit.'

Director, Bette Sartore saddened by this, explained that postponing the production for a second time was not viable in such uncertain times and with the speed in which guidelines continue to evolve.

The company not wanting to further disappoint all involved and their loyal patrons has also cancelled the remaining 2021 season.

Cathouse Players thanks the community for their ongoing support and moving forward into 2022. Page 9

Croquet Season beginning



The Kyneton Croquet Club season begins on Sept 4 and new players are always welcome.

Apart from the recent long spell of wet weather, croquet has generally been able to continue through the many Covid lockdowns.

Being a non-contact sport, where players can keep well apart it has been one of the few activities people can get involved in, in these difficult times.

Croquet is not just for old people, prior to the wet weather setting in, students from Kyneton High School were on the lawns in Donnithorne St learning the intricacies of the sport.

The Club is hoping that a few might join them again when the weather improves.

Club members play on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1pm and provide all equipment for newcomers. For more information contact Sue Chivers on 0422008914 or kynetoncroquetclub@gmail.org

Fundraisers overcome hurdles

Months in the planning, volunteer Angela White together with RM Begg's Project Co-Ordinator Sarah Collier set a fundraising target of \$15,000 to go towards the \$35,000 needed to build new pergolas for their residents.

With the generosity of local individuals and businesses who donated services, items and their time, a Luxury Raffle and Goods & Services Auction was organised to culminate in a wonderful 'Feel Good' evening to be hosted by Little Swallow Café on Sat July 24. Then lockdown 5.0 descended on Thu July 15 and was extended to Tues July 28. But Ms White and Ms Collier had a contingency plan in place that meant the Raffle and the Goods & Services Auction could be held online.

Daniel Richards and Ed Pursey, co-owners of Little Swallow Café, juggled their plans, food supplies and staffing

roster to host an impromptu 'Charity Fundraiser Pivot Event' across the weekend of 17 - 18 July, with a 100% of takings from take aways donated to RM Begg.

"Everyone rallied and together with the help of so many generous and caring people we raised an incredible \$27,002.00!" Ms White said.

If you would like to be part of RM Begg's ongoing community-wide fundraising drive, you can register your interest and availability via email: admin@raymbegg.org.au or phone: (03) 5421 3600.

Donations can be made via their website: www.raymbegg.org.au/donat

U3A Kyneton

U3A Kyneton was off to a flying start this semester, but unfortunately, like everyone, was a victim of lockdown restrictions mid-July.

However, with restrictions easing, many of its activities, under COVID guidelines were able to recommence.

Prior to lockdown, the First Nations history group visited the Bunjilaka Centre.

Members of the group appreciated the thoughtful and informative comments of their guide, DiDi, a Taungurrong-Yorta Yorta woman.

Some members stayed on and visited the Milarri Garden trail through the indigenous garden at the museum.



Our presentations have recommenced at 2:00pm each Friday in the Red Brick Hall with numbers temporarily limited to twenty, offer a diverse array of speakers and is open to outside guests.

The Christmas in July lunch will be re-scheduled.

U3A Kyneton is holding an afternoon tea for our tutors and new members on Sept 8.

For further information visit the U3A Kyneton website or email info@u3akyneton.org.au or call Secretary, Roni on 54222552.

Rainbow Voices

Rainbow Voices, the Macedon Ranges' first ever LGBTQIA+ Community Choir had its first rehearsal on Sun Aug 15.

Another free rehearsal, will be held on Sun Aug 22 for anyone who missed out on the 15th .

Due to COVID restrictions the Aug 22 rehearsal is again on Zoom.

All LGBTQIA+ people and their friends are warmly welcome!

Musical Director of the Choir is Adam Przewlocki who has enjoyed an illustrious career as a concert pianist, chamber musician and accompanist over a 30 year period across a multitude of countries.

Rehearsals will be on Sundays 4-6 pm at Kyneton Community House as soon as restrictions allow.

In the meantime if you email Adam on sunbury.cantare@gmail.com he will send you a zoom link for the rehearsals.

Presbyterian Church

For several years prior to the Covid19 pandemic, Presbyterian services had been conducted monthly by Gisborne Presbyterian Church in Kyneton's Red Brick Hall. In response to government restrictions these services have been suspended.

Nevertheless regular Bible studies continue in the home of Joy (0411190448) and Noel Johnston (0425768083).

"In July 2020 the Gisborne congregation welcomed Rev Wayne McArdle and each Sunday it holds regular worship from 10am. This is conducted when possible face to face in compliance with the government regulations and via live-stream on the Gisborne Church website.

"Future classes are planned. If you have any questions, contact Wayne (0437133800) or email wfmcardle@bigpond.com Joy Johnston said.

Trail rides

Sun Aug 29 – Elphinstone A full ride, of about 20 km, including country lanes and bush tracks...plus a Green Beans ride, shorter distance.... Both groups meeting at the Elphinstone pub for lunch. Book in for either ride with Sally 0409808161

Sun Sept 26 – Firth Park Bush ride of about 25 km leaving from Firth Park and returning there for a BBQ. Book in with Dianne 0407486121

Kyneton District Trail Riders membership queries: Amy Gross 0408342990.

Kyneton District Services

Accountants

Craig Chester Accounting	5422 1966
Watco Partners Pty Ltd	5792 2580
David J Gibney Pty Ltd	5422 6480
Macedon Ranges Tax & Acc	5422 6460

Acupuncture

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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Auto Services & Repairs

Mead Motors	5422 2450
Kyneton Auto Spares & Repairs	5422 1255
Vereker Bros Smash Repairs	5422 2603

Barber

Quick Snips	0400808157
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Chiropractor

Dr Rohan Kapoor	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 & Haberdashery

Alice in fabricland	0439993389
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Financial Planning

Adrian Plowman & Associates	5422 2622
BTP Business Advisors Pty Ltd	5422 1588

Hair & Beauty

Studio 48	5422 1200
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School Aged Childcare

BugALugs	5422 2767
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Landscaping

Andrew Pearce Landscaping	0404076423
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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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Massage

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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Medical Practices

Campaspe Family Practice	5422 2877
Kyneton Medical Centre	5422 1397
Springs Medical Kyneton	5422 1298

Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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Osteopath

Drs Isabel Mettler & Clare Greig	0423852874
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Real Estate

Ray White Kyneton	5422 2127
RT Edgar	5422 3325

Town Planning Services

Macaulay Town Planning	5422 3054
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Travel Services

Renee@Travel Managers	0418369411
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Veterinarians

Kyneton Veterinary Hospital	5422 1099
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Video Production & Live

Australasian Audio Visual	5422 3791
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Kyneton Events Calendar

Sat Aug 21	Arj Barker 'Comes Clean' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Wed Aug 25	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Sat Aug 28	Hannah Gadsby 'Body of Work' Kyneton Town Hall 5pm & 8pm
Wed Sept 1	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Fri 3-12	Book Art Exhibition Aesop's Attic 70 High Street 9-5.30pm
Sat Sept 4	Spring Flower Show Watts Pavilion Mollison St 1-4pm
Sun Sept 5	Spring Flower Show Watts Pavilion Mollison St 10-4pm
Tues Sept 7	RM Begg Auxiliary AGM Bolton Hall Epping St 2pm
Wed Sept 8	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Fri Sept 10	Visual Light Display on KMI Mollison Street façade 7pm-
Sat Sept 11	Kyneton Community Market Uniting Church Grounds 8-1pm Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8-1pm Langley Barfold CFA Fabric & Craft Sale Aesop's Attic Courtyard 9-2pm The Revellers in Kyneton St Andrews Uniting Church Ebden St 2-4pm 'The Hunter, The Hunted' Kyneton Town Hall 7pm
Sun Sept 12	Meet the Artists Art on Piper 44 Piper St 2pm
Wed Sep 15	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Fri Sept 17	Birds of a Feather Luncheon Shamrock Hotel 12-2pm 'Daniel Champagne' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Sat Sept 18	'Two of Us: Songs of Lennon & McCartney' Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Tues Sep 21	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Tues Sep 28	Electronic Music Adventures Kyneton Town Hall 10-1pm & 1.30-4.30pm
Wed Sep 29	Electronic Music Adventures Kyneton Town Hall 10-1pm & 1.30-4.30pm
Thur Sep 30	Electronic Music Adventures Kyneton Town Hall 10-1pm
Fri Oct 1	'The Travelling Wilburys Sessions' Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Mon Oct 4	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Weds	6, 13, 20 Kyneton Community Lunch KMI 12.30pm
Fri Oct 8	'I have a Face: Jude Perle' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Sat Oct 9	Kyneton Contemporary Art Trenniel Starts Kyneton Community Market Uniting Church Grounds 8-1pm Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8-1pm
Tues Oct 12	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am

Kyneton Art Group Raffle

The Kyneton Art Group will be selling raffle tickets at the Rotary Community Market held at the Uniting church grounds on the corner of Ebden & Yaldwyn St West on Sat Sept 11 from 8.30am to 12.30pm. The raffle is normally conducted in conjunction with the Group's Annual Art Show during the Daffodil & Arts Festival which has been cancelled.

If you would like to buy tickets please call Anna on 0411896852 Also available at Cavaletti Gallery at 37A Pipers St, and Old Auction House 52 Mollison St. Drawing of raffle Tuesday 14th September 2021 at Red Brick Hall at 12 noon. Winners will be notified.

Prizes are: 1st Kyneton Traders basket full of beautiful products; 2nd Tony Barnes pottery; 3rd

Petrol voucher from Koppers Mineral Springs; 4th Pamper package.

The prizes above are all provided by generous local traders.

A possible exhibition may be held mid September.

The Revellers in Kyneton

On Sat Sept 11 the Revellers, better known as the Redesdale Revellers, will endeavour to lighten the COVID load by presenting a light hearted afternoon of entertainment in the Kyneton Uniting Church 2-4pm at a nominal cost of \$10 for all (no concession).

Covid Rules strictly apply which means seating will be limited.

In order to save phone calls at the last moment if lockdown occurs, tickets will be for sale at the door. For information phone Arnold on 0407844220. Page 11

Visual Light Display

On Fri 10 Sept, from 7pm onwards a colourful light show on the Kyneton Mechanics Institute façade will highlight the building in a spectacular way, similar to the White Night displays in Melbourne and Bendigo. The brilliant display of colours will feature the work of Kyneton Primary students and be created and projected by video artist and film maker Jim Coad.



Visual Architecture—a recent example.

Free firewood for residents

As part of storm recovery operations, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is making free firewood available to local residents and ratepayers at its transfer stations until at least September.

Angela Hughes, Director Planning and Environment, said storm recovery operations were focused on cleaning up debris, reducing the risk of fire and maximising opportunities for clean-up activities to further support residents.

“By offering free firewood to residents, cleared debris offers a community benefit, helping residents stay warm next winter,” Ms Hughes said.

To access the free firewood residents and ratepayers must first register their interest, and a booking time will be confirmed for collecting

their wood from Council’s transfer stations.

This will ensure safe loading access and improve management of supplies at the transfer stations, while ensuring COVID-19 protocols are followed.

Firewood collection will be a self-load collection service – i.e. what you can load by hand.

It is not possible for Council to offer a free loading service.

Firewood salvaged after recent storms is expected to need to ‘dry’ for at least 12 months before it is suitable for use.

To book in for firewood self-collection residents need to first express their interest and log a request by calling the Council customer service team on 54220333. A load limit of only one load per day up to 2 cubic metres per household applies under the Victoria Government’s domestic firewood collection regulations. A maximum limit of 16 cubic metres per resident is allowed over the entire collection period. Kyneton Transfer Station is at 140 Redesdale Rd

Football teams forfeit

Sadly because a significant number of players were trapped by the lockdown in Melbourne Kyneton’s senior and Reserves football teams had to forfeit their weekend matches against Sandhurst,

The Under 18s and the netball teams were however able to compete.

Several teams across Central Victorian Leagues were forced to forfeit for similar reasons.

KFN Club Major Raffle results

Robert Young 1st Prize Toyota Hilux or Toyota Prado GXL Kyneton Toyota

Phil Sheridan 2nd Prize Canam Defender Bolton’s Kyneton

Ken Collins 3rd Prize TCL 85” TCL Smart TV Betta Electrical Kyneton

Rotary sponsors science student



Teagan Hickey was sponsored by Kyneton Rotary to the National Youth Science Forum, a competitive summer school program dedicated to exposing year eleven students who are heading into year twelve and are thinking about a career in science, engineering and related disciplines to major scientific institutions and researchers.

Teagan gave an overview to the Club on her experiences to the Club meeting on July 12.

It was a great talk inspiring and very well presented by a future young scientist. She is pictured with Youth Director Hartley Uebergang.

Storm recovery drop-in

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is running a series of community recovery drop-in sessions to help local residents and landholders directly affected by storm damage to access a range of support services. Council invites residents to join multi-agency specialists in their local community where advice and information to assist recovery will be available.

The Kyneton session will be on 2-8pm Fri Aug 20 in the Kyneton Mechanics Institute

All are welcome, and no bookings required but COVIDSafe guidelines will apply. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

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