



Kyneton Connect



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Early works start at old KPS



Early works are now underway on the Old Kyneton Primary School redevelopment project.

The early works will include various building and services investigations to develop a better understanding of the existing conditions and assist with finalising the design and preparation for construction. The early works were expected to continue for approximately 7 weeks.

Temporary fencing has been erected at the site. Only the basketball court area remains outside the fenced project zone.

All works during this initial period will be contained within the building itself. Last week work was taking place in the bluestone building.

A spokesperson for Creative Victoria informed *Kyneton Connect* that the bluestone building investigative works have commenced to better understand the conditions of that building and remove any hazardous materials.

The playgrounds situated on site will not be accessible during this early period and during major building work next year.

Following these investigations and the finalisation of the design, building works will commence. Creative Victoria has advised that the eastern grassed area will be used for site logistics throughout the project but the basketball courts continue to be available, and they encourage community members keen on hiring that area to contact Creative Victoria and Working Heritage to discuss potential use and access.

The ABC's Gardening Australia highlights Kyneton

Kyneton and the Daffodil and Arts Festival received wonderful coverage on the ABC's Gardening Australia program, screened on Nov 25.

The visit of celebrities Costa Georgiadis and Millie Ross and the crew could not have provided a better advertisement for the Festival, daffodils and the town with their 2 day visit to Kyneton.

Not only did they take part in the Parade and Fair celebrations but visited an open garden, Rosebery Hill the home of Barry and Ruth Murphy, and their part in the history of the Festival.

The program, broadcast Australia wide, drew an incredibly large audience, with the Festival receiving calls after it was screened from interstate viewers wishing to book accommodation for next year's Festival.

Last week Gardening Australia won the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Award for Best Lifestyle Program.

For anyone who missed the program it can be viewed on ABC's IView (Episode 34), a short version on the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts facebook page entitled Go for Gold, or by contacting the Festival on 54222282.



Princesses Mabel and Mollie & Prince Alfie with Costa Georgiadis

Mary-Anne Thomas holds Seat



Mary-Anne and supporters on election night Member for Macedon Labor's Mary-Anne Thomas comfortably retained her seat in the State election.

There was a 3.8% 2pp swing to the Liberals in Macedon, but some swing was considered likely given the massive 9.3% swing Mary-Anne achieved in the 2018 election.

Kyneton ALP members were pleased with the result here where there was a 3.2% swing to Labor at the Sports & Aquatic Centre booth, taking Labor's 2pp vote there to 70%.

Kyneton Labor President Eric Derricott said it was a well deserved outcome for Mary-Anne who had done so much for the town, especially the new Kyneton Primary School and the major works at Kyneton High.

Kyneton Stonemason Huntly Barton who ran as an independent gained a primary vote of 5.4%.

For the first time Kyneton had an early voting centre in Saleyards Rd with 5400 people taking advantage of the chance to vote before polling day.

Premier Dan Andrews has reappointed Mary-Anne to the challenging Minister for Health position but has added Leader of the House (Legislative Assembly) to her responsibilities.

Mary-Anne, who lives in Kyneton, is likely to be joined by another Kyneton resident, Georgie Purcell of the Animal Justice Party who is well placed to win a seat in the Upper House for Northern Victoria Region.

Change at Festival Committee



2023 Festival Executive Sharryn Smith, Michelle Skiller, Peter Henderson and Jess Grant

Exciting changes took place at the AGM of the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival on Dec 6 when a new generation joined the Executive of the long running Festival.

Peter Henderson will continue as President with new members Jess Grant Secretary and Public Officer, Sharryn Smith Vice President and Michelle Skipper as Treasurer.

Long serving Secretary Marg Dearricott and Treasurer Eric Dearricott who had filled those positions for 19 and 17 years respectively have stepped down, but will remain with the Committee to consult and assist the new group to settle in to run, organise and conduct the Festival.

'We were delighted to help the Festival reach its 50th year and look forward to the next generation's contribution to our whole town celebration' Marg and Eric said.



Retiring Secretary and Treasurer Marg and Eric Dearricott

Community Carols Dec 18

The traditional Kyneton Community Carols will be held in St Pauls Anglican Church on Sunday Dec 18 starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Diabetes Education

A new diabetes education service has started in Kyneton.

Run by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, the service is for adults who have pre-diabetes, type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes education can help with blood glucose monitoring and with the use of glucose monitoring devices.

A diabetes education nurse can also support the use of injectable insulin and discuss other medications and lifestyle changes that can be made to help manage diabetes.

Family members or other support people are welcome to come along to the appointments.

Sunbury and Cobaw also run an 8-week education and exercise group program called 'Don't Sugar Coat Diabetes' featuring guest speakers covering topics such as podiatry, exercise physiology, diet and cardiac health.

To find out more, contact 54211666, email admin@scchc.org.au or pop into 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton

Kyneton Community window

Kyneton Connections, in cooperation with Macedon Ranges Shire Council, organises the displays of Kyneton community organisations in the Community window in the Council building in Mollison St adjacent to the Post Office boxes.

The current U3A Kyneton display will occupy the window until around the end of January.

Any other group who may be interested in having a display in the window is encouraged to contact Kyneton Connections President Eric Dearricott 0419357192 or email edearricott@bigpond.com.

Christmas & New Year Library hours

The Kyneton Library will close at 5pm Fri Dec 23.

It will remain closed Dec 24-27 inclusive.

For Wed 28 -30 Dec library hours will be 10am – 5pm.

The Library will open Sat Dec 31: 9:30 -12:30pm but will be closed Mon Jan 2. Kyneton Library opens at 9:30am Tues Jan 3 and resumes normal hours thereafter.

State School Spectacular



Lana Hughes performing

At 7pm on Sat Dec 17, Channel Seven will broadcast a 2 hour special of the Victorian State School Spectacular. After the broadcast the Spectacular will be available for viewing on demand.

This year local talent from Malmsbury Primary School were in the mass choir and Lana Hughes and Darby Harrison from Kyneton High School participated. Over 3000 state school students performed dance and choir with orchestra.

Lana was a Speciality Act of Tap and Darby was in the stage management crew.

KFNC seeking volunteers

Here's your chance to help support the Kyneton Football Netball Club. Volunteers are required to assist with various jobs beginning early next year from game day set up to on-field help, the Club needs you.

President Hayden Evans, "Our club is only as good as the volunteers that assist us.

"By registering as a volunteer with our Club, you are providing an irreplaceable service which benefits the local community and increases social cohesion.

"Our club relies on volunteers to ensure we can remain sustainable."

If you can help, complete the online form at kynetonfnc.com/volunteer, email manager@kynetonfnc.com or call 0407308938.

Australia Day Breakfast

After a COVID caused break, Kyneton again will celebrate Australia Day at its traditional free community breakfast hosted by Kyneton's Service Clubs led by the Lions Club on Thur Jan 26 2023. The breakfast, held in the Kyneton Mechanics Reserve starts at 8am - all are welcome.

Christmas Lunches

Kyneton Community House will be running its annual Christmas Community Lunches Dec 20 & 21.

The House welcomes this opportunity to offer community members an inclusive celebration together, especially in light of the challenges of recent years.

Places are going fast, but if there are any seats still available you can book through the Community House website or give the House a call. Anyone wanting to volunteer on either of the two days please contact the Community House, as any help is greatly appreciated.

The new Kyneton Community House website is now live.

All courses set to run for Term 1 2023 can be booked through it or the main office on 54223433.

On offer are community education classes in carpentry, hospitality, gardening, art and much more.

Also, if you would like to be a part of the Community House's volunteer team in 2023 look at what the House does and reach out,

The Kyneton Community House Good Food Hub is looking for artists to exhibit their works. There will be many opportunities for group or solo shows throughout 2023.

The Community House is also running another Community Art Project with a partner organisation to create a new public mural. Bookings for this offering are set to start on the 6 Feb and are now also being taken via the website or main office.

The Kyneton Twilight Festival hosted by the Community House on Dec 3 was a magnificent success with great stalls and strong attendance from the moment it started at 3pm until its end time of 7pm.

The House thanks all who came along to enjoy the entertainment and support the stall holders on the day.



Horticultural Society cancels 2023 Spring Flower Show

The Kyneton Horticultural Society Committee has decided to cancel its Spring Flower Show.

In an email to the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival in mid-October Society President Nicholas Scott said that it has been a struggle to get entries this year as Spring was so late and that the cancellation was a trial.

The Spring Flower Show has been a key element of the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival since the Festival's inception in 1973, but even before that on its own was one of Victoria's major daffodil show events, drawing entries from all over the State. At that time Kyneton and district was the home of many of the State's top daffodil breeders.

The commencement of the Daffodil and Arts Festival was a partnership between the Horticultural Society and the Daffodil & Arts Festival with the Festival starting on the first weekend in Spring to avoid clashes with other major Flower Shows.

Kyneton has been regarded as one of the top Spring Flower Shows and continued to attract Show exhibitors from across the state as well as locally. All flowers on show, not just daffodils were of a high standard and the Show drew many visitors to the town.

Representatives of the Festival have met with the Society's Executive to ask them to reconsider the cancellation, but they remained steadfast in their decision to cancel.

At its general meeting following its AGM on Dec 6 the entire membership of the Festival decided to write to the Horticultural Society to ask them to again reconsider their decision to cancel the 2023 Kyneton Spring Flower Show.

"Our coverage on the ABC's Gardening Australia has generated Australia wide interest in Kyneton and its daffodils and is likely to result in many more visitors to the district in 2023.

"What will those visitors think if we don't even have a Flower Show to exhibit our signature flower and the

other blooms that flourish here?" "We do hope the members of the Horticultural Society decide to reverse the decision to cancel" Daffodil & Arts Festival President Peter Henderson said,

Barkly Square Reconstruction



The Barkly Square sports field reconstruction project, funded by the Victorian Government and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, was due to commence in early October 2022.

However, the recent wet weather delayed the project's start.

Works have now started on site.

"It is hoped that favourable weather will continue so the reconstruction works can progress.

"Council now expects work completion around March/April 2023. "The ground will remain closed for the 2023 winter season to allow the establishment of the new turf surface" Shane Walden the Council's Director Assets and Operations said.

The Barkly Square sports field reconstruction will include: stripping, cultivating and re-grading of the existing playing surface; removal of the existing turf wicket table; installation of a new sub-surface irrigation system; installation of a new sub-surface drainage system; installation of new sporting infrastructure for soccer and cricket, and resurfacing the playing field with warm season grass.

Ron Cole, President of the major user of the Square, the Kyneton District Soccer Club told *Kyneton Connect* that the Club had expected that Barkly Square would not be available for the Club to use for the 2023 season and was negotiating to ensure that players would have both training and playing facilities in 2023.

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

West Ward Councillors' Update



Finally, summer and some warmer weather has arrived.

Due to the heavy rains experienced in October, with almost constant rain since, Council's every day work has been harder to perform, and we have had the extra workload of dealing with flood damage on many of our roads, particularly those around Darraweit Guim, in the far east of the shire.

Despite these difficulties we have still been able to celebrate and recognise the many achievements of our staff and the community.

Council celebrated our signing of Every Age Counts pledge against ageism by recognising older residents for their contribution to their local community, with special guest commissioner for Senior Victorians Gerard Mansour.

Many familiar and hardworking Kyneton faces were amongst those receiving recognition, nominated by their peers.

Since we last wrote Council has won an award for our four bin system at the Waste and Innovation Recycling Awards in the regional category.

Thanks everyone for learning what goes where and for reducing waste in the first place.

Your efforts have resulted in 74% diversion of kerbside collection from landfill, the highest rate in the state.

Our Autumn Festival also recently won gold in the Events and Festivals category at the Victorian Tourism Awards, above Ballarat, and Geelong, as well as bronze behind Bendigo and Bass Coast in the Local Government Award for tourism category.

Those of you who organise events and festivals through the year will be aware of just how much hard work goes on behind the scenes.

Please contact Council if you want to get on board with the Autumn festival in March 2023.

Speaking of events despite the rain we were so excited to be at the

160th Kyneton Agricultural Show.

There was so much to see and do. Congratulations to all involved.

The night prior we held the Josh's Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards, with Kyneton Drystone Walling Centre being named Business of the Year. Pearce Electricians won the People's choice award. Congratulations to all finalists and winners.

Our big news for this edition, if you haven't heard by now, is the election of Cr Annette Death, from Riddells Creek to Mayor and Jennifer Anderson to Deputy Mayor. Please introduce yourself to Annette as she gets to know more about other parts of the Shire.

It has been a big year as always, and we endorsed our annual report at the end of October. It is available for viewing on our website.

We had many early budget ideas from the community, and we will be commencing our briefings on the budget this December in time to release a draft for your consideration in April.

Other completed documents demonstrate how much we have achieved including the annual environment report which again is on our website.

Throughout the year, with your assistance we have endorsed and progressed multiple site master plans and shire wide strategies. Your input is so valuable, and we really appreciate the time you take to let us know what you think and thank you for it.

Hopefully we can all get some well-earned rest over the December January break. Please check our website for any altered hours.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful staff who make everything Councillors and the community have provided input into the best it can be for the whole community.

It is a real team effort.

Please continue to stay alert to any current health warnings, and take care of yourselves, so you can continue to take care of others.

Very warm wishes.

Crs Jennifer Anderson, Janet Pearce, and Mark Ridgeway

Pulmonary Rehabilitation

A free eight-week program that teaches people with a chronic lung conditions how to manage their symptoms is taking referrals for an immediate start.

The program run by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health 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.

The program is suitable for those with lung complaints such as bronchitis, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) as well as lung cancer.

Those attending are welcome to bring a family member or friend along.

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 visit Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Kyneton.

Share your passion and knowledge of the region

Do you love living in the Macedon Ranges?

Why not share that passion and knowledge with visitors and locals too.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has vacancies for volunteers at both the Kyneton and Woodend Visitor Information Centres.

The Visitor Information Centre volunteers play a vital role in welcoming visitors to our region by responding to face-to-face and over the phone enquiries.

For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/volunteer or call 1800244711.



Kyneton Show breaks record



It was hot and sunny one day, cold and wet the next, but it didn't matter at all as a record 8,000 people turned out for the 160th Kyneton Show on Nov. 18 and 19.

The sun shone on the Friday carnival and more than 3,000 people took advantage of the blue skies and warm temperatures, doubling the previous record. Young families joined local teenagers waiting for the gates to open, excited to be able to hang out with their friends again after no show for three years.

The weather turned on Show Day but the 5,000 strong crowd was still a record, up by more than 1,000, with total attendance up by more than 30 per cent.

Kyneton Agricultural Society secretary Josie Rutledge said the show's success reflects how much it's valued by the community.

"Thank you to everyone who came to the show. You're the reason why we love putting on the show and why it's growing," Mrs Rutledge said. "There was just so much joy on both days and it was just wonderful to see everybody gathering as a community together again."

She thanked all those who entered their animals or dressed pets and youngsters to participate in the children's pet parade while hundreds more entered the pavilion competition with a record 2,571 entries, continuing a tradition that started at the first Show in 1858.

The new LEGO pavilion under the grandstand was so successful, plans are already underway for an even bigger competition next year.

There were also record entries in the children's pet parade and the first tied result, then another, with judges unable to choose between a calf and a lamb, with another tie for the first blue-tongued lizard and an unflappable chook.

A surprise finale to the legendary Friday night fireworks impressed the huge crowd gathered in and around the grandstand. Free laser tag in the

hay bales was a carnival highlight, transformed on Show Day to a farm-inspired obstacle course with the rain just another challenge to conquer for hardy country kids.

"The show only happens because of every single one of the volunteers who come and help to make it all possible," Mrs Rutledge said.

"It's an enormous effort but everyone just shares that enthusiasm to make it the best show we can and seeing so many happy people just makes us smile."

Visit Victoria and the Macedon Ranges Shire council were major sponsors, while the state government funded free admission for children 14 years and under. Many local businesses generously provided funding and in-kind contributions as well as generous prizes for the fund-raising raffle. "That support is just so crucial so that we can keep admission prices affordable and provide so many free events and activities," Mrs Rutledge said.

The 2023 Kyneton Show will be on November 17 and 18, 2023.

Call Josie on 0439 743 865 if you want to contribute in any way. "There are lots of ways to get involved, even if you only have a few hours to spare," Mrs Rutledge said.



Autumn Festival wins

Victorian Tourism Award

The Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival has been crowned the state's best of its kind at the 2022 Victorian Tourism Awards announced in Melbourne on Dec 1.

The Festival – delivered by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and local businesses and community organisations edged out the Adventure Park Geelong Winter Glow Festival and the Ballarat Heritage Festival to take top spot in the Festivals & Events category.

The Autumn Festival attracted close to 1.6 million visitors this year and

provided a welcome boost to the local economy.

As a category winner, it will now go on to represent Victoria at the Australian Tourism Awards to be held in Sydney in March 2023.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council also took out bronze in the Local Government Award for Tourism category, which recognises excellence in tourism planning, facilities and the contribution to the Victorian tourism industry.

The Victorian Tourism Awards showcase the state's leaders in tourism excellence and acknowledge outstanding innovation, industry professionalism and collaboration.

Hedingtons thanked for their community contribution



Jean and Doug with Nicholas Scott at tree-planting in their honour

A tree planting honouring the work of Jean and Doug Hedington thanking them for their many years of voluntary community service for many groups, societies and charities was attended by their family and many Kyneton friends .

The Kyneton Horticultural Society assisted them to plant a Japanese Larch at the Kyneton Uniting Church on Mon Nov 21 and later hosted speeches at the football clubrooms.

Not only were the Hedingtons members who contributed to the Horticultural Society, their work with the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival, Vision Australia, the Kyneton Show Society, Red Cross, Kyneton Connect and many other worthy causes was greatly appreciated by the community.

Jean also received the Senior Achiever Award at the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards at Government House in 2019.

All wished them well with their new lifestyle in Woodend and look forward to seeing them in Kyneton from time to time.

What's New in Business

Frescot Giardino in Piper St



Dean Bamford opened his newly created business Frescot Giardino at 27 Piper St on Sat Dec 10. Specialising in multi disciplinary design with topiary, Italian terracotta, architectural antiques and antique furniture, Dean and Frescot Giardino attracted many visitors on the first day of operation. Frescot Giardino will be open Thursday to Sunday 10am-4pm.

Kyneton On Riverside

Kyneton on Riverside have announced that Stages 6 & 14 are now complete and that Statement of Compliance has been issued and Titles are now registered with the Land Titles Office.

"Our team have been working tirelessly with various authorities including Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Powercor, Coliban and VicRoads to deliver these two stages" Suzana Bojkovski of KOR said.

She congratulated the 39 owners who will be calling Stages 6 and 14 home.

"We look forward to handover and seeing dream homes being built at Kyneton on Riverside" Susana said.

Some lots are still available in Stage 10 of the development.

Kyneton on Riverside representatives are on site Saturday and Sunday 12noon – 2pm or www.kynetononriverside.com.au.



Kaleidoscope Therapy

Kaleidoscope Therapy Service (KTS) the multidisciplinary Allied Health Practice that prides itself on its positive reputation in supporting children and families with developmental delays and disabilities is now located at 11 Jennings St.

KTS is a team of allied health professionals, including Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapist and Allied Health Assistants.

"We all work collaboratively when working with a child and their family to ensure that we are family centred and the child's needs are being met.

"Our team has extensive experience in supporting children and families to reach their full potential at home, school and play.



"We have extensive experience working with children with varied diagnoses including; Autism Spectrum Disorder, Global Developmental Delay, ADHD, Developmental Co-ordination Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome" Kaleidoscope's Jo Rogers said.

The Kaleidoscope team started out with current Directors Joanne Rogers and Nicki Bond now has 9 members.

Visit Kaleidoscope's website or call 54032440 for more information.

Esha Medi Spa Kyneton



Esha Medi Spa opened its doors at 16 Epping St in March this year. The business is owned and operated

by local Registered Nurse Amanda Davis.

Esha Medi Spa specialises in the use of cosmetic injectables to enhance a client's natural beauty.

Amanda has a diploma of Cosmetic Nursing.

Initial consultations are free and include a full facial assessment individual treatment plan.

To book an appointment call Amanda on 0447774334 or book online via Esha Medi Spa website.

Bakemen Bakery & Café

Vinny Sharma opened her business at 15 High St Kyneton in mid-November.

Open 7 days a week 6am-3pm.

Vinny offers coffee, tea, milk shakes, juices and cold drinks.

She has a wide range of delicious cakes and pastries, 6 types of pies, sausage rolls and spinach ricotta as well as sandwiches and rolls and pizza slices.

Vinny provides breakfasts and lunches as well as tea/coffee and snacks.

Phone 54032612.

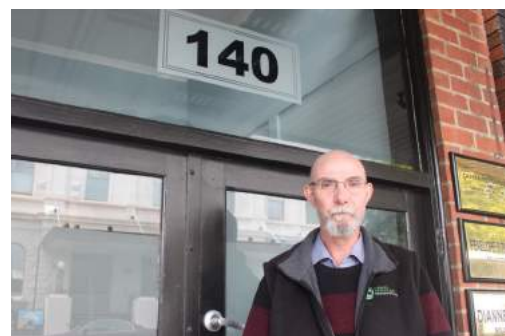


Craig Chester has relocated

On Nov 30 Craig Chester Accounting shifted up Mollison St to the more central 140 Mollison St (opposite Kyneton Town Hall).

Craig offers accounting, taxation, and self managed super fund services as well as business structure advice.

His hours are 9-5pm Mon-Fri or by appointment. Ph 54221966.



Kyneton RSL's Award



The Kyneton RSL Sub-Branch was awarded the prestigious Victorian State RSL Licensed Sub-Branch of the Year award at the Victorian RSL Branch Hall of Fame Awards held at the Frankston RSL on Monday 28 October.

The Kyneton Sub-Branch won out against more than 50 other licensed sub-branches throughout Victoria.

The award recognises an individual Sub-Branch that has successfully promoted all aspects of the RSL, has developed and maintained a successful and viable commercial operation and sets an example for the Licensed Sub-Branch Network in Victoria.

"Of particular note was support shown to veterans, our commemorative activities, membership growth and the quality of the operation of the Sub-Branch and services provided.

"Our Welfare Office continues to provide vital support to our veterans assisting with DVA claims and providing home help to those in need, as well as conducting Camaraderie Nights and Veterans Catch Up afternoons.

"Commemorative services for ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, as well as other important days, both in Kyneton and the surrounding towns, are also a feature of the work of the Kyneton RSL.

"In addition the Kyneton RSL supports many of the local schools and community organisations" Kyneton RSL Secretary Mike Gretton said.

President of Kyneton RSL, John Taubman, said that one of the main reasons for the success of the Sub-Branch has been due to the untiring efforts of the staff ably led by the General Manager, Rebecca Hemphill. "Without their loyalty and support", he said, "the Sub-Branch would not be in the position it is in today".

To further enhance the reputation of

the Sub-Branch, two staff members also received Achievement & Recognition Awards on the night. Stalwart of 27 years service at the Kyneton RSL, Judy McIntyre, and Head Chef, Dylan Thomas were both recognised for their contributions.

"Thanks also go to the committee, members, volunteers and patrons whose contributions to the Sub-Branch all made the award possible" John Taubman said.

Whilst enjoying the success of the Sub-Branch at the awards night, the Committee and Management of the Sub-Branch continue to strive to improve in all areas of the Sub-Branch operations.

During the first two weeks of November the Kyneton RSL conducted its annual Poppy Appeal which raised over \$9000 all to support veterans.

They would like to thank all those volunteers who generously gave their time to sell poppies and, in particular, all those who generously donated to the appeal.

On Dec 6 the RSL hosted veterans and Legacy widows to a Christmas lunch.

It was another opportunity for the RSL to give something back to those who have given so much to Australia. About 90 people were there to enjoy some traditional Christmas fare.

Fingers and Toes Festival

Kyneton Handweavers and Spinners Group are holding the first "Fingers and Toes Festival" on Sept 2, 2023 – the first Saturday of the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival.

The venue will be at the Red Brick Hall, Yaldwyn St West.

The Festival is open to all craft persons, 24 competition classes can be entered covering knitting, crochet and felting - let your imagination run wild!

Prize cards and ribbons will be awarded.



Save the Date!
Kyneton Handweavers and Spinners Inc.



FINGERS & TOES FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2023

Shop local this Christmas



Lisa Chesters at Squishy Minnie, High St Federal Member Lisa Chesters is encouraging Kyneton and district residents to shop locally for Christmas.

"As we get closer to Christmas, it is vital that we support local business.

"Local shops create thriving communities, and that creates jobs.

"Our local business owners are our friends, family, and valued members of the community.

"Buying your Christmas presents from local traders, and buying locally made products, will help boost our region's economy. By spending your Christmas dollar in our community, you will be supporting our small businesses and keeping people in jobs.

"Kyneton and surrounding areas include so many unique stores, selling product you just can't get anywhere else.

"Our local small businesses have some fantastic Christmas gifts on offer, from produce to homewares and toys.

"Now is a good time for us to rally around and help local traders, shops and business.

"Do your best to eat, drink and shop local this Christmas. Whatever you choose, Christmas is about being together and celebrating what we have" Lisa Chesters said.

Kyneton District Trail Riders

The first trail-ride of 2023 on Sun Jan 29 will leave at 10am and have a stop for a BYO saddlebag lunch at a location in the area.

Distance will be about 20 km.

Text Amy to book in 0408342990 and to receive ride-out details.

KDTR Membership queries: If you pay ATHRA for 2023 before end of year it's only \$120 p.a.

KDTR membership is \$31 pa - a very good deal.

Text for details to Amy Gross 0408342990.

Around the Galleries

The Old Auction House

Main Gallery

Flourish group exhibition featuring Sharyn Frantz, Fran Pidgeon and Jean Spencer-Stewart



Popping Poppy by Fran Pidgeon

Studio Gallery

Adam de Vos Solo exhibition

Both Exhibitions until Dec 24

At the Stockroom 98 Piper Street

On exhibition to Jan 8 2023

Rhett D'Costa *Veiled Pleasures*

The exhibition draws inspiration from engagement with diverse cultures, rejoicing in the ways in which light, space, atmosphere, and colour can build situated narratives.

Angela Hayes *Unfolding*

A drama of contradictions. For this exhibition, the artist has crafted a theatre of contrasting dynamics. Of stillness and discipline with forms against expressive and gestural surfaces.

Tom Borgas *Slack Ecology*

An improvised mesh of vibrantly coloured images/objects that celebrate the multilayered interdependence of people and things.

Art on Piper

Art On Piper's treasured Patron Dot Enders concludes her supportive time with AOP, wrapping up five years of displaying her creations just inside the front door to match the planned window theme.

"We've witnessed oil and acrylic paintings, textiles, pen and ink sketches with watercolour washes, Kyneton based historical collections, 70 year old blue print engineering drawings from her first ever job at fifteen and a funny poem each month to suit a different topic.

"Dot has financed our recarpeting when we opened in 2018, white wall backdrops to hang art works against and extra display space renovations over the years, always keeping a keen eye on our new members, meeting

many of them on their duty days or at our occasional gatherings.

"Bookmarks to "remember us by" was her initial idea and Dot plans to continue making those from the oodles of coloured papers she has collected over decades of activity with the Kyneton Art Group.

"Dot's space will be filled with cards and photos of the OAP members.

"It takes 22 people to replace her!" Art On Piper's Kathryn Portelli said.

KHS Alumni: Breanna Fox,

It was a treat to chat with ex-graduate Breanna Fox, class of 2020 to hear her enthusiasm and positivity about her time at school.

Breanna studied VCAL and took a TAFE route after school. Here's her journey from school, to studying and working in healthcare with a future goal to work with dementia patients.

Breanna studied VCAL Health Services, Hospitality, Literacy and Numeracy, whilst also working 2 days a week at RM Begg in Hospitality.

After school she studied a Certificate IV in Aged Care and became passionate about working in aged care and with elderly people.

Now Breanna is studying a Diploma of Nursing at Holmesglen TAFE, whilst also working 1 day a week as a Disability Support Worker.

Her future goal is to study a Bachelor of Nursing and to work with dementia patients.



and Dr Molly O'Donohue

Kyneton High School recently welcomed back alumna Molly O'Donohue, DUX of class of 2015, to talk to year 11 Biology students.

Molly qualified this year as a Doctor of Medicine from Melbourne University, with her goal to work as a Rural Generalist GP, where doctors are trained with extra skills in emergency medicine and other specialties, enabling them to work in rural hospitals.

Passionate about working rurally and mentoring students, Molly shared her post-school journey into medicine, answering student questions about

life beyond school, transitioning to university, training to be a doctor, whilst advocating the benefits of studying and working rurally.

With a gentle personality but powerful advice, Molly shared her biggest lesson learnt since leaving school:

"You don't need to change yourself or your personality to work in a medical field, and it's OK if you're a quiet person. "You don't need to go to a private school, or be a certain person to enter medicine, it doesn't matter where you come from there's a place for everyone." Molly said.

It was an invaluable opportunity for students to hear from such an inspiring Kyneton High graduate.

Ray M Begg Auxiliary

On Sat Dec 3 the RM Begg Auxiliary conducted a highly successful Market in Bolton Hall to conclude its fundraising activities for the year.

The Auxiliary's raffle which raised in excess of \$3000 was also drawn.

Raffle prize winners were: 1 Bev Coutts, 2 Jennifer, 3 Kate Marks, 4 Abbey Prout, 5 Fiona Sheppard, 6 David Carey, 7 Emma, 8 Adrian H, 9 Suzanne, 10 Scott Galloway, 11 Kathryn Tarbet, 12 Marion Swindle, 13 Peter Cook, 14 Cathey Heenan, 15 Pam B.

RM Begg Auxiliary President Rosemary Bain extended the Auxiliary's thanks to the wider community and the very generous sponsors.

Auxiliary stalls and garage Sales will re commence in February next year.

Businesses to the fore

Kyneton Businesses were big winners at the 2022 Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards.

Kyneton Dry Stone Walling Centre have been named Business of the Year also taking out the Excellence in Manufacturing, Trades, Retail and Innovation category.

The winner of the People's Choice Award was Pearce Electricians also a Kyneton business.

The awards recognise businesses offering an outstanding service to the shire and beyond, who are of great value to the community providing local jobs, services and supplies.

The 2022 winners, announced at a gala dinner at Lancemore Macedon Ranges on Fri Nov 18.

To top off the night Kyneton's Animus Distillery won the award for Excellence in Agribusiness and Food Manufacturing.

New Mayor and Deputy



*Cr Jennifer Anderson with Mayor
Cr Annette Death*

East Ward Councillor Annette Death has been elected Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor for the next year at a Scheduled Council Meeting on Nov 22.

Mayor for the past two years West Ward Councillor Jennifer Anderson was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Disability Enterprises

Windarring, whose home base is in Kyneton, offers a range of different employment opportunities where it employs people with a disability to engage in valuable paid employment through its ADE's (Australian Disability Enterprises).

Its enterprises include: Kyneton Copy Centre, Castlemaine second hand Emporium store, Fir Street second hand Emporium store (Golden Square), Rohs Road Recycling & Gardening (Bendigo), Kyneton Recycling & Gardening.

"Disability enterprises are important as they give people with a disability an opportunity to engage in paid employment in a supported environment where they are able to work closely with support workers to learn new skills and work towards their career goals.

"Windarring cares about each individual's career dreams and will support them to take those important steps to get there.

"We would be interested in local businesses who might be able to take on some of our employees for work experience so they can trial working in their locally loved community.

"Please reach out to us at Windarring if you would like to learn more about our employment opportunities or if you are a local business interested in potentially having some of our employees for work experience" Operations Manager Shae Desmond said. ph 54227001.

Kyneton Municipal Band

December is the busiest time of the year for the members of the Kyneton Municipal Band.

The Band played at the Community House Twilight Market on Dec 3, on the 8th they played for the U3A Christmas function at the Bowling Club and on the 11th they played Christmas music at the Botanic Gardens for the combined Masonic Lodges.

On Sat Dec 17th it's Riddells Creek for their Carols by Candlelight service.

The next day the Band is back in Kyneton for the Community Carols service held at St Paul's Anglican Church.

The final performance for 2022 will be at Woodend for their carols service on the 23rd.

After a well deserved rest the Band will play at Australia Day ceremonies on Jan 26.

If you are interested in joining the band ring the Bandmaster Hugh Davies on 0418519398.



Museum restoration works

Kyneton Museum will close temporarily on 12 Dec to prepare for restoration works set to get underway from mid-January 2023.

Restoration works will be undertaken on the roof of the building in line with heritage specifications, and will also include internal floor maintenance.

During the closure period, museum staff will review and care for items in various collections held by the Council, including the Heritage collection, Art collection and Public Art collection.

Upon completion of the restoration works, the Museum will re-open with a new exhibition called 'Stitch in Time'.

The exhibition uncovers the innovations of local craft hobbies throughout the years and includes items from the Council's in-house collection and the Kyneton Historical Society.

U3A and Table Tennis



U3A Kyneton, Kyneton RSL, Kyneton High School and Kyneton Scout Troop.

How are they all connected?

The more than 30 U3A Kyneton table tennis players – most aged 60 and over, were finding it increasingly difficult to manage their three old tables in the shared venue of the Redbrick Hall.

The tables had to be assembled then packed up and stored after each session.

Worn hinges and castors needed constant repair and maintenance, taking time and effort which could be better used playing the game.

A suggestion that the Kyneton RSL might be able to help with a grant from its Community Fund was followed up and an application made.

The application was successful and within a week the funds to purchase three new tables and nets were available. A week later, the tables were delivered.

What to do with the old tables? One of the U3A group, a former teacher at Kyneton High and member of the School Council, thought that the school could be interested.

It was, and the tables are undergoing renovation by the trade skill students, being made good as new, for use by young players at Kyneton High.

And, the Kyneton Scout Troop approached U3A about borrowing some chairs for a function at the scout hall.

U3A Kyneton, with a surplus of chairs, some originally donated by Kyneton RSL, was able to donate the chairs required.

The moral of this tale is that community supports community for a better community.

December Old Time Dance



The final Kyneton old time dance for the year will be held 7.30-11pm Fri Dec 16, at St Mary's Hall in Hutton St, with a Christmassy theme and music by Family Rhythm.

Entry cost is \$8 and it would really be appreciated if dancers could bring a plate to share for supper.

The dances are friendly and inclusive. You can come along by yourself, with a partner or with a group of friends.

The 'Old Time Dancing at Kyneton' group began in May 2022, following the closure of the hall for a couple of years owing to Covid 19 restrictions. Dances alternate a Friday night dance one month with a Sunday afternoon dance the next month throughout the year.

Because the dances have had such good attendances, a similar program is being planned for 2023.

The organising committee thank all who have attended the dances and created such a really happy and successful atmosphere.

"Come and check us out, you can have a night of exercise, music, chatting, supper, friendship and fun – all for \$8. What a bargain!" they said.

An Australia Day-themed January dance will be held on Friday 20 January, 7.30-11pm, with Family Rhythm providing the music.

Save the date.

Enquiries – Julie (0400 126 870) or John (0400 908 401).

Kyneton Croquet

After a winter and spring that almost brought croquet to a stop, the Kyneton Croquet Club is looking forward to improved weather in summer.

In addition to the regular playing days of Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 1pm, the Club has added a twilight session on Monday evenings from 5:30pm.

New members are always welcome and all equipment is provided.

The Club is also promoting their facilities to groups looking to hold a function with a difference.

Groups or families can book the clubhouse and lawns for a party.

The Club will set up the hoops and provide instruction on how to play.

For more information 0423125622 or kynetoncroquetclub@gmail.com

FIDA come and try day

The Kyneton FIDA team is on the lookout for more players for 2023.

FIDA is an AFL competition for players with an intellectual disability; there are now 28 clubs and over 800 players Australia wide.

Kyneton FIDA invite new or interested players to come and meet the Coach, have a kick with the team and see what FIDA is all about!

For more information call Debby, FIDA Manager on 0403343705.



Kyneton Senior Citizens news

In this her last news from Kyneton Senior Citizens Club this year President Marj Williams says:

"We do have much to be thankful for amid floods, earthquakes, typhoons etc, so far we're ok.

"It does however encourage us to constantly strive to provide a "Life Worth Living " right here in Kyneton, for those who bear the pangs of loneliness. To be alone for Christmas so sad.

"I note no Christmas meal in the Town Hall or the Mechanics Institute in Kyneton as there has been in previous years. Why?"

"Our club made a special effort to celebrate Seniors week. But with limited numbers at both events at the Mechanics Hall and Riddell's Creek many missed out.

"We've continued the weekly lunches at the Shamrock hotel, our numbers attending indicate that a vast number of retirees benefit from that shared, cost effective meal, with the added bonus of a chat face to face.

"We never cease to keep our hopes up to find a place of our own where the option to have a drop in centre would be great.

"The last election appeared to once again overlook the older members of

our community, makes one wonder if we're invisible. Certainly it's the retirees volunteering in community and fund raising events.

"With limited space, time and venue we've celebrated birthdays, played bingo, had displays of interesting memorabilia, speakers etc.

"The Bus trip to Sutton Grange for a Sunday Revellers entertainment with a country style afternoon tea was enjoyed immensely.

"The 15th Dec will be our last get together for this year.

"All members will be encouraged to attend. A traditional Christmas meal will be served, gifts will be shared plus lucky prizes. Those who have assisted our club in any way will be given an invitation .

"Members will be notified as to the date we return in 2023.

"A warm welcome to all over 55 to come join our club. \$10 subscription. Meeting Shamrock Hotel Kyneton. Enjoy a meal from the seniors menu of your choice. Meeting weekly on Thursday from 11:00 – 2:30. Free bus pickup from your door".

Call Marj on 54222840.

U3A enrolment

U3A Kyneton will conduct its in person 2023 enrolments at the Red Brick Hall 23 Yaldwyn St West on Fri Jan 13 from 9am to 12 noon.

You can also join and enrol online via the U3A Kyneton website where further information can be viewed.

The full range of courses will be available on the website from mid-January.

U3A Kyneton (University of the Third Age) provides a stimulating social and learning environment for mature age members of the Macedon Ranges community who are not in full time employment.

No educational qualifications are required or given.

U3A's tutors and volunteers work within the wide community of the Macedon Ranges to provide a rich program of enjoyable activities.

Some sessions are one-off talks and discussion, and others are held weekly or monthly.

They encompass educational courses like a language, history, or the Arts.

Others are held outdoors such as bushwalking and cycling, or indoors for table tennis or folk dancing.

There are many varied activities. This enables our members to continually grow and discover new interests.

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

Auto Services & Repairs

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

Chiropractor

Performance One	5422 6488
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Concreting & Paving

MBC Concreting & Paving	0417545159
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Dental

Campaspe Dental	5422 3988
Kyneton Dental	5422 6159

Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners	5422 1503
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Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics	5422 2182
Kyneton Electrics	5422 1369

Fabric & Haberdashery

Alice in fabricland	0439993389
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Financial Planning

BTP Business Advisors Pty Ltd	5422 1588
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Hair & Beauty

Studio 48	5422 1200
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Holistic Health

Maiaveda Retreat & Spa	0420580886
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School Aged Childcare

BugALugs	5422 2767
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Legal Practices

Palmer Stevens & Rennick	5422 6500
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LP Gas Supplies

Hendersons the Gas People	5422 7408
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Medical Practices

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

Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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Osteopath

Drs Isabel Mettler & Clare Greig	0423852874
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Real Estate

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

Rideshare

Red Rideshare	0488875683
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Town Planning Services

Macaulay Town Planning	5422 3054
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Trauma Recovery

Be Your Success	0439124520
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Travel Services

Renee@Travel Managers	0418369411
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Veterinarians

Kyneton Veterinary Hospital	5422 1099
Dr Greg McIntyre	5422 1310

Kyneton Events Calendar

Thu Dec 15	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am 2023 Arts & Culture Events Program Launch Kyneton Town Hall 5.30pm
Fri Dec 16	Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm
Sun Dec 18	Community Carols St Paul's Church 7.30pm
Tue Dec 20	Community Christmas Lunch 35 High St 12-1.30pm
We Dec 21	Community Christmas Lunch 35 High St 12-1.30pm
Sun Dec 25	Christmas Day
Mon Dec 26	Boxing Day
Sun Jan 1	New Year's Day Races Hanging Rock 11am
Fri Jan 13	U3A Kyneton 2023 Enrolment Day Red Brick Hall 9-12 noon
Sat Jan 14	Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
Fri Jan 20	Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm
Thur Jan 26	Australia Day Breakfast Kyneton Mechanics Reserve 8am Australia Day Race Meeting Hanging Rock
Wed Feb 1	Kyneton Community Lunch 35 High St 12.30pm
Sat Feb 4	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Wed Feb 8	Kyneton Community Lunch 35 High St 12.30pm
Sat Feb 11	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
Wed Feb 15	Kyneton Community Lunch 35 High St 12.30pm
Thur Feb 16	February Kyneton Connect delivery day

Anglican Christmas Services

Sun Dec 18: Community Carols 7.30pm at St Pauls Kyneton

Wed Dec 21: Blue Christmas 6pm St Johns Malmsbury

Christmas Eve Dec 24:

5pm Family Service St Pauls

7.30pm Holy Communion St Johns

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion St Pauls

Christmas Day Dec 25—9am Holy Communion St Pauls.

Shire Burning off restrictions lifted for December

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has waived a burn off permit requirement this month for property owners of small blocks, to streamline clean-ups ahead of the fire season.

In consultation with local CFA brigades and enabled by a wetter-than-normal spring, property owners of land less than one acre (4,000 square metres) within the Shire will not have to obtain the usual permit from Council to burn off throughout December.

Anyone burning off, regardless of property size, must still register their burn by calling VicFire on 1800668511.

School holiday fun!

Kyneton Library in the #BIGSummerRead which is a fun and engaging way to track your reading over the long summer break. Simply read ten books and you'll be in the running to win some great prizes including book, gift and activity vouchers.

It doesn't matter how long your books are, and audiobooks, picture books and graphic novels count too!

The more you read, the more times you can enter!

New changerooms & courts



Athletes and families in Kyneton will enjoy better netball facilities following the re-election of the Andrews Labor Government.

On Nov 6 local State Member Mary-Anne Thomas announced that if re-elected the State Labor Government would invest up to \$1.5 million towards new changerooms and courts for the Kyneton Football-Netball Club, delivering new sporting spaces that the whole community can be proud of.

"This announcement will encourage more local women and girls into community sport, knowing they can access brand new changeroom facilities and a fantastic new playing surface.

"The Kyneton Tigers have been instrumental in fighting for new female facilities for their netballers, to ensure women and girls have everything they need to play the sport they love" Mary-Anne Thomas told Netball enthusiasts who had gathered at the Kyneton Showgrounds for the announcement.

Junior Football teams & Senior Women's teams to change leagues

Kyneton Football Netball Club (KFNC) Junior Football teams will make the move to the Riddell District Football League (RDFNL), transferring from the Bendigo Junior Football League (BJFL) in season 2023.

An assessment of KFNC junior registrations over the past 10 years

identified a steady decline in the number of junior teams with the Club recording 12 teams in 2014 and 7 teams in 2022.

President, Hayden Evans said "Our junior participants are extremely important to the long-term sustainability of our Club and that is why we have developed a sub-committee to undertake a thorough review process to assist in growing our junior numbers."

The review identified that aligning with RDJFNL would support our junior players to participate against teams in the Macedon Ranges, reduce travel distances and play home games with all junior teams on the same day.

Junior Football Director, Daniel Murray said "Having all our junior teams playing together during home games is a substantial benefit to our junior parents and players. It enabling families to watch multiple children playing matches at the showgrounds reserve which supports a strong family culture at our Club.

The KFNC will continue to align with the Bendigo Football Netball League for the Senior Football and Netball teams and the RDJFNL for its junior boys and girls football teams.

President, Hayden Evans said "Our Club is looking forward to joining the RDJFNL next season and recognise that we need to implement additional actions to support our junior development and retention to improve our junior numbers moving forward."

The Kyneton FNC Senior Women's Football Team will move to the new Riddell District Football Netball League (RDFNL) Women's Football Competition for the 2023 season,



after a successful three years playing in the Central Victorian Women's Football League (CVFLW).

The RDFNL provided a proposal to the club in October about the prospect of a new Senior Women's Competition in the region.

After an extensive review and consultation process with players, coaches and Kyneton FNC, it was decided the RDNFL league would provide the greatest opportunity for growth and development for the senior women's side.

"The Club is excited about how passionate the RDFNL is about growing female football in the region and this was a significant factor in our decision making process" Hayden Evans said.

The Kyneton Senior Women's team was established in 2015.

Racing at the Rock

The iconic New Year's Day and Australia Day race meetings at Hanging Rock attract thousands of people to this beautiful setting.

The first official race meeting was held at Hanging Rock on New Year's Day 1886, however thoroughbred racing has been taking place at the base of the Rock on an unofficial basis from at least the 1870s and probably earlier.

Either on New Years Day or Australia Day or both, the Hanging Rock races constitute a great day out.



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