



Kyneton Connect



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New aged care providers

Macedon Ranges residents aged 65 or over will soon have the choice of two providers when it comes to in-home support.

Benetas and Intereach have been awarded contracts by the Australian Government to transition into delivering aged care services currently provided by Council.

Council had decided to discontinue being the provider.

The Council said that the announcement gives the Council and clients more certainty to progress the transition of services over the coming months.

The Council is engaging a dedicated staff member to support clients through this period and be a key conduit of information between clients, Council, the community and providers.

“The two new providers have both already had a presence locally and Council will be there every step of the way to ensure a seamless transition for our clients, their families and staff. Council CEO Bernie O’Sullivan said.

Last year, Council resolved it was no longer best placed to deliver aged care services and would finish its role via the Commonwealth Home Support program at 30 June this year.. Council’s transition project officer, Sharon Gill, will be available four days a week and can be contacted via sgill@mrsc.vic.gov.au or 54220224 for any queries around the transition.

Whole Town Garage Sale

This year’s Kyneton Whole Town Garage Sale will be on Sat Mar 18.

register your garage sale through the Kyneton Community House website or by popping into their office at 34 Mollison St for a paper form by 12pm March 9.

Registration is \$5 and maps will be available on the day between 8am – 12pm for \$5 each.

Much cheaper V/Line fares

The cheaper V/Line fares promised by the ALP as part of its Victorian election campaign will commence from Mar 31.

Daily train travel costs anywhere in the state will be capped at \$9.20, bringing regional fares in line with Metro Melbourne daily rate fares.

This represents a massive saving for Kyneton commuters with daily peak time return fares currently costing \$36.80 falling to just \$9.20.

The peak time daily return fare from Bendigo to Melbourne will fall from the current \$68.80 to \$9.20 also.

In 2007 V/Line reported a surge in customers using the train services after the last fare cut of 20 per cent.

One would imagine a similar, if not larger surge after Mar 31.

Good thing an additional 50 parking places is about to become available at the Kyneton Station.



Station Car Park extension

The extension to the car park at Kyneton Station is nearing completion. The new car park is being built to the west of the existing car park, on the north side of the rail tracks.

The works will deliver 50 new and upgraded car parking spaces at Kyneton Station.

The project will also deliver an additional accessible car parking space, 10 new bicycle hoops, lighting and CCTV for the safety of car park users, wayfinding signage, improved pedestrian access and landscaping.

Free RATs for all



Towards the end of January Minister for Health and Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas announced that all Victorians are eligible to pick up two free packets of RATs through their local council to help with early detection and treatment of COVID-19.

The State Government program is now open to all Victorians with all eligibility requirements now removed. Individuals can collect up to two packets for themselves plus up to two packets for each household member per visit, while people with a disability or their carer can collect up to four packets of tests.

RATs are the primary tool for early detection of COVID-19 and to enable timely clinical care, including access to antivirals for those eligible.

In the Macedon Ranges free RATs can be collected from Council Administration Centres and Goldfields libraries, including those in Kyneton.

PCR testing Clinic closed

Between August 2021 and the closure of Central Highlands Rural Health’s COVID Testing Clinics at the end of last year, staff at Kyneton Hospital conducted more than 85,000 PCR tests with up to eight staff working each day during the peak periods.

Over in Daylesford, the staff tested more than 11,000 people.

Combined CHRH distributed more than 12,000 Rapid Antigen Tests to the community.

Kyneton Library make, do and mend workshops

Fri 3 Mar – 2-4pm

Crochet a sunhat. Make a Summer Hat that's quick to make and is a cool way to beat the heat!



Fri 10 March – 2-4pm

Preemie Scent Heart Craft-a-thon.

Come along and stitch a scent heart for premature and very sick babies. Scent hearts have proven significant benefits for the development of babies bonding with their mothers. Once sewn the fabric heart is worn against the parent's skin so that the fabric might absorb the scent. The heart is placed with the baby in the crib so the mother scent is always with her child.

Partnering with the Lions Quilters club of Victoria and the Royal Children's Hospital this project has a 800 hearts for 800 families goal and will continue throughout the year. Ask at the Kyneton library how you can contribute today. <https://www.littlewonder.org.au/blank/>



Kyneton Community House

Kyneton Community House's regular programs have commenced for the year with its Community Lunch returning in our Good Food Hub at 35 High Street.

A 2 course lunch is available each Wed during school term at 12:30pm.

A \$7 donation is appreciated.

The House also runs a food service on Tuesdays called Small Bites, where quick lunches of items such as toasties and soup are offered as both dine in and take away.

Small Bites is run by students learning about working in hospitality, to help them gain the skills required for employment in the industry.

If you are interested in Hospitality training please have a look at the Hospitality Basics course on the House website, or call 54223433.

Check out the website for information on all House programs and activities which include courses in Art, Fitness, Wellbeing, Gardening, IT help & more.

Room hire available, bookings essential.

Job Opportunities: The Community House is looking for staff to join its team as Horticulture and Cooking (maternity leave position) trainers. Both these roles involve teaching people of all abilities various skills. Initially the hours will range from 4-10 per week, dependent on course bookings.

Contact office for a job description, admin@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au

Temporary Hall closure

Kyneton's Red Brick Hall is to be closed for refurbishment from the end of this month.

Refurbishment works will include a new accessibility car space and ramp, a new kitchen, internal fit-out works and the relocation of doors.

Council expects the hall to be closed for about six months.

Arrangements have been made to relocate all regular users such as U3A, Kyneton Art Group, the Handweavers & Spinners and the Kyneton Municipal Band to the Kyneton Mechanics Institute for the duration of the closure.

U3A are uplifting their activities on Feb 17 with all Red Brick Hall located courses and activities commencing in the Mechanics Institute from Feb 21.

"The spacious elegance of the KMI, its indoor toilets and working heating will be revelled in!" Kyneton U3A President Alan Moor said.

"The RBH renovations will deliver indoor toilets, functioning heating, a new kitchen and improved access. It will be a pleasure to move back in at the end of June!"

Pohlman St footpath works



The Council's 2018 Footpath Plan identified the need for a new concrete footpath on Pohlman St.

Shane Walden, Director Assets and Operations said that all new footpaths must ensure safe pedestrian access for people of all ages and abilities; this includes reducing surface material changes, minimising incline variations and reducing level variances.

"Residents raised concerns regarding the potential removal of parts of bluestone crossovers where the footpath intersects.

"Council discussed these concerns with concerned residents to better understand their views and explain the footpath project rationale.

"Following discussions, Council and residents agreed to retain the bluestone crossovers where safe pedestrian access was possible" Mr Walden said.

Construction completion is anticipated by the end of March.

Dietitian

The dietitian service at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health is expanding with appointments now available Mon, Tue and Thu.

Dietitian Erin Dwyer can provide personalised guidance on the best foods to eat to optimise your health and manage a range of medical conditions including chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and lung conditions.

Dietitians can also assist with coeliac disease, irritable bowel syndrome, Crohn's disease and colitis.

They can help those managing food allergies, weight loss or gain and general gut problems such as heartburn, bloating, and bowel movement issues.

Access to the service is prioritised to those on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the Commonwealth Home Support Program or who have a Home Care Package.

To discuss further call 5421 1666, email admin@scchc.org.au or drop in to Number 1 Caroline Chisholm Dr.

International Women's Day Dinner Mar 8

The Zonta Club of Kyneton will hold its popular, annual International Women's Day celebration dinner on March 8 featuring guest speaker, award-winning television journalist, Karen O'Sullivan.

Karen, a resident of the Macedon Ranges, was a trailblazer in the Melbourne media and balanced the tough demands of her job while raising her family of 4 boys.

A local hero, Karen has also tirelessly volunteered in the local community and was the first female President of the Kyneton Football Netball Club.

The dinner starting at 6.30pm will be at Coach Room @ Malmsbury Hotel 85 Mollison St Malmsbury.

International Women's Day celebrates the achievements of women and girls and this year's theme, "DigitALL Innovation and technology for gender equality" highlights the impact that technology, bold ideas, and education in STEM subjects can have on reducing discrimination and empowering women globally.

"This year Kyneton Zonta celebrates the town's 30th IWD Dinner, raising the profile of women and girls in the Macedon Ranges," said club president Jenny Kerr.

"We are thrilled to have Karen as our guest speaker," she added.

Funds raised from the dinner are distributed to local secondary schools, primary schools and young women studying Business or STEM subjects at university.

"Our awards, which are presented throughout the year, promote studies in STEM subjects, but also students studying through tertiary streams, sporting achievements, and most recently, our new Arts Award" Jenny added.

To join in the celebrations go to events.humanitix.com/zckiwdd30. Ticket are \$60.



New childcare and kinder



The good weather has allowed significant progress on the Embracia Childcare and Kindergarten centre being constructed at 57 Simpson St alongside the old heritage listed Kyneton Hospital.

External framing for the roof and walls has been erected and-in-house architects have been visiting Kyneton regularly to develop the centre and make sure everything is on track.

At this rate, the builders expect to finish construction by the end of May, with the official opening date set for July.

With July just around the corner Embracia is on the lookout for dedicated and passionate staff to join the team. They have positions for a centre director, multiple educators and kitchen staff.

Any job or enrolments enquires can be sent to Embracia's head office via the website 'contact' page.

www.embraciachildcare.com.au

Chesters returns to Canberra

Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters has returned to Canberra for the first parliamentary sitting week for the year.

"The Federal Labor Government has hit the ground running in 2023. There is a great amount of work to do" Ms Chesters said.

"In 2023, so many of our reforms become reality.

"Cheaper medicine took effect on 1 January.

"Cheaper child care will benefit 1.2 million families from 1 July.

"180,000 fee-free TAFE places will be available to ease skill shortages and help more Australians train for good jobs.

"Work will begin on new renewable energy projects including in the Bendigo Electorate. This work will create jobs, boost communities, and make sure Australia has a secure, reliable energy supply.

"This year will also see Australians have their say on Constitutional

Recognition for our First Nations and Voice referendum.

"It is something that should be above politics – and we will work with anyone who wants to bring our country together and create a better future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians

"As your federal member, I'm heading back to Parliament with a list of key projects and issues to advocate on.

"I know the cost of healthcare is an ongoing issue for many local residents. I'm looking forward to speaking with the Health Minister to find out more about the Medicare Taskforce and where the funding will go.

"The soaring cost of living is something that is continuously raised with me. I know things are tight for many local household budgets. We will continue to work on ways to ease the pressure" Lisa said.

Bulb sales start Mar 11



The annual sale of quality daffodil bulbs by the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival will commence at the Kyneton Rotary Community Market at St Andrews, corner Yaldwyn St West and Ebdon St on Sat Mar 11.

After that, bulb sales will also take place outside Woollies 9-12.30pm on most Saturdays (except market days) up until mid May.

Further sale details will be advised on the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival's Facebook page where potential purchasers will be able to view the wide variety of bulbs available.

President Peter Henderson reminded people that as well as in-person sales it will be possible to visit the Festival's Facebook page soon and order online by e-mailing info@kynetondaffodilarts.org.au. Orders can be delivered within 5 kms of Kyneton or if further from town can be collected from Hendersons the Gas People at 7 Lauriston Reservoir Rd during business hours.

West Ward Councillors' Update



Welcome back for 2023. We hope that you all had a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing Christmas and New Year break.

All Council staff are now back at work and queries can be directed to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au, telephone on 5422 0333 or in person at our customer support centres.

The council website at mrsc.vic.gov.au is also a great source of information and advice. Your West Ward councillors, Jennifer, Janet and Mark are also happy to help out and provide advice and assistance when required and can be contacted via our council emails or phone numbers (available from the council website).

Congratulations to all those who were nominated and to our winners of each category of the Macedon Ranges Australia Day Awards.

As for every year, we received outstanding nominations in each of the categories, highlighting not only the calibre of individuals and organisations within our shire, but also their dedication to serving and supporting our communities and social fabric. The Award winners for 2023 are:

Connecting Communities Award: Romsey Ecotherapy Park Committee; Healthy People and Healthy Environment Award: Woodend Masters Football Club and Friends of Daly Nature Reserve (joint winners); Business and Tourism Award: Matthew Barry, of Woodend & Citizen of the Year: Sue Anderson of Gisborne.

Council continues to be active in developing strategies to help in managing climate change and empower local people and groups to lower their greenhouse footprint.

On Mar 2 at the Kyneton Town Hall, MRSC will hold the community launch of its Cool-ER Changes project to extend the successful shire wide Cool Changes program of the last few years.

Community members are

encouraged to attend the launch and to register for one or more of the thematic workshops to be held over the following few months.

For those who may have missed the announcement – a significant decision was made by Council at the end of last year not to proceed with the draft Rural Land Use Strategy.

The draft strategy had generated a lot of debate across our community with 177 submissions lodged in response to the draft.

More information regarding the strategy and Council's reasons for not progressing may be found on the council website.

A number of people have recently spoken to us about their intention to prepare a petition for Council over a given issue.

As councillors, we welcome community petitions as they give us a measure of authority and support in our discussions with Council and council officers over relevant issues. However, Council has strict rules regarding the format of petitions and their signatories and unfortunately, petitions that do not meet these requirements are excluded from being formally tabled with Council.

If you are planning to create a petition, please check the council website for the correct format and requirements.

If you are not sure, then Council officers are happy to help and provide advice and can be contacted during office hours on 54220333.

Please be aware that the fire danger period commenced on Jan 9 and burning off is no longer allowed during this time. However, you can dispose of green waste for no charge at Council Transfer stations.

In the meantime, best wishes to you and your families for a safe and successful 2023, and please contact us if there is anything council related that we might support you with.

Very warm wishes.

Crs Mark Ridgeway, Jennifer Anderson and Janet Pearce

Cathouse June production

Following a very successful 2022 with the presentation of *Rooms and Cosi*, along with celebrating their 40th anniversary, Cathouse Players are getting into rehearsals for their June production of *Deception*.

Deception is a collection of stories each exploring how and why we may deceive: an innocent mistake; a way of protecting ourselves; maybe even something sinister.

For further details visit the Players website or general enquiries Katie/ Brian 0490485850.

Puppy Pride

After the success of last year's inaugural Puppy Pride, Kyneton's Botanic Gardens will once again host an event to celebrate all things canine and bring together the LGBTIQ+ community, their friends and their family.

The organisers at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health are putting a call out for puppy superstars, those dogs that love to perform, do tricks or who have a unique feature to be shared.

Puppy Pride, held with support Macedon Ranges Shire Council, is on Sun Mar 26 from 12pm. Like last year, the afternoon will start with a group dog walk to the Botanic Gardens where there will be various food and market stalls, activities, competitions and plenty of space to spread out your picnic rug.

The focus will be on gathering together, enjoying the beauty of the natural surroundings and appreciating the many ways dogs improve our health and wellbeing.

"From reducing stress to improving our fitness, dogs can also increase our social interaction and provide companionship," says Belinda Brain from Sunbury and Cobaw.

"All are welcome - we promise the day will be colourful, vibrant and definitely fun!"

Email puppy.pride@scchc.org.au or call 5421 1666.



Lions Club receives a boost



Lions David Quarrell, Kate Tripodi and Denise Bertoncini

After hearing about the risk of the Lions Club of Kyneton folding in late 2022, local community member Kate Tripodi decided it was time to help. Kate was halfway through completing the LEAD Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program and decided to work with the Lions Club of Kyneton to help boost their membership and see the club continue.

Kate wrote a community project plan which centred around telling the Lions Club of Kyneton's story and conducting a membership drive, to re-invigorate the club and keep it running for years to come.

The plan was judged by the LEAD Loddon Murray Board who awarded Kate second prize at her Graduation in November 2022.

The prize – a boost for the Lions Club of \$2000 – was presented to the Club by Kate at their final meeting for 2022 and was received with much excitement.

“When I heard that this longstanding and well-known club in Kyneton was about to fold due to dwindling numbers, I knew I had to do something to help.

“The prize will help to fund a membership drive and event to celebrate the club and share with our community the amazing contributions the club makes to our town,” said Mrs. Tripodi.

At the same meeting in December, the Lions Club of Kyneton inducted its newest member, Kate Tripodi who received her Lions Club badge with pride from President David Quarrell and sponsor Denise Bertoncini.

The Lions Club of Kyneton welcomes membership and to make other enquiries email Dennis Bertoncini berto56@outlook.com.

Autumn Flower Show

After an absence of 4 years, the Kyneton Horticultural Society will host its annual Autumn Flower Show during the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival.

At the Watts Pavilion, the Show will run Sat 1 Apr 1pm-5pm and Sun 2 Apr 10am-4pm.

The Show highlights dahlias, roses, cut flowers, shrubs, pot plants, cacti and succulents, floral art, vegetables and a children's section.

An excellent range of plants grown by the KHS members will be available for sale.

With a growing presence of new gardeners due to the pandemic, President Nicholas Scott encourages everyone of all ages to participate. “This is a show for all who love gardening and gardens” he said.

Refreshments and raffle available. Admission \$5

The flower show is sponsored by Kyneton Garden Supplies.

For more information visit website www.khs1894.com to download the entry form – alternately, entry schedules will be available from the Shire Office in Kyneton.



COVID booster jab

From Feb 20 everyone aged 18 and over will be eligible for a booster jab provided that 6 months has passed since their last jab or SARS CoV2 infection following advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation this month.

Since October last year the so-called Omicron soup wave has claimed the lives of over 2,000 Australians and over 800 Australians in aged care.

The long term health implications with roughly 5% of COVID sufferers going on to develop the chronic fatigue syndrome like condition long COVID and excess mortality from

complications of other conditions exacerbated by COVID are becoming apparent.

Medical experts are encouraging those eligible to seek their jab from GP clinics or pharmacies.

Over 10 million additional doses of bivalent Pfizer booster vaccine are coming online in coming weeks across the country.

The Pfizer bivalent vaccine combats against the original Wuhan strain as well as being specifically adapted to combat against the BA 4 and BA 5 subvariant strains of Omicron.

Zetland Lodge Bursaries



On Jan 21 the Kyneton Zetland Lodge held a ceremony to present the Brian Ward, Achievement Awards at Zetland Hall for 10 lucky grade 6 students from 5 local primary schools.

Each student received an award certificate and a cheque for \$250 for the hard work they put in during their primary school years.

Bursary recipients were Emma Zollia & Austin May (Kyneton PS); Isabella Bates & Charlie Cairns (Malmsbury PS); Stella Egberts & Oscar Pereira (Our Lady of the Rosary); Skye Arnephy & Kye Williams (Redesdale-Mia Mia PS) and Carys Lamb & Samuel Waters (Tylden PS).

Potholes

Extremely wet weather and floods towards the end of last year caused damage to many roads in the shire.

In the interim, Shane Walden Director Assets and Operations advises that the Council has temporarily patched potholes, implemented speed reductions and installed safety signage.

The roads and underlying road base must dry sufficiently to conduct permanent repairs.

“With warmer weather, the teams are now in full flight. Repair works will likely continue throughout most of 2023, as we prioritise high-use roads and those with significant damage” Mr Walden said.

What's New in Business

Angie's is back!



Angie with staff, Raylene, Belle & Taylah

Just over a year ago damage from a severe storm to the building in High St that was the home of Angie's Café & Bake Shop resulted in Angie no longer being able to operate there, pending significant repairs.

Angie had been operating for some time upstairs at the Bowling Club but last Thursday Feb 9 she re-opened at ground level at 72-74 Mollison St (next to IGA).

You can locate Angie's clearly from the umbrellas above the external tables.

The dining area is a magnificent 120 sq m open space

All the old favourites are there: gluten free cakes and slices, the famous passionfruit sponge, home made pies and sausage rolls, lite meals and Devonshire tea, vegan selections, focaccias and lite breakfasts and of course the sandwich boxes.

Hours are 7am-4pm Mon-Fri and 8am-4pm Sat.

Central Vic Signs

Simon and Kirsten Hinneberg's signwriting business has been operating in Kyneton for more than 20 years, but they have recently set up their operation in a spacious warehouse at 14C Hoyle Court.

Central Vic Signs can make signs of all types for businesses and shops as well as for apparel.

Phone 0417015945. Hours are 8-5.30pm Mon-Fri and 9-12pm Sat.



Blossom Possum in High St

Blossom Possum now located at 11 High St Kyneton opened about 3 weeks ago.

It offers clothing for girls and boys from newborn to 12 years including casual and special occasion clothing and shoes.

Hours are 9.30-4.30pm Mon-Fri and 10-3pm Sat. ph 0408960755.



Sarah Sleeman, Blossom Possum Manager

Wild Vali - florist

Erin and Rachael of Wild Vali have re-opened their doors at 68 Piper St (cnr of Piper and Powlett) after some time off with their new baby girl, Vivienne.

Wild Vali continues as florist, selling an abundance of seasonal blooms weekly - you can pick up one of their bold floral arrangements from their Piper St studio Thu - Sun.



Emelie Edgar with owner Erin McNamara

They offer delivery 7 days a week, with the ability to order online launching shortly.

Their space includes a diverse range of plants, ceramics and other small homewares.

Alongside creating their already well know floral designs, Wild Vali create floral work for weddings and events.

They work closely with many local venues and flower farms in the region.

Shop Hours are Th & Fri 10-5pm, Sat & Sun 10-4pm, ph: 0420753144.

Kyneton Dental



Kyneton Dental at 65 High St, has added a new member to their team, Dr. Faiza Kazmi. They are proud to announce that it has recently celebrated its 10th anniversary of providing top-notch dental care to the local community.

The practice currently boasts a team of 4 experienced and highly qualified dentists and assistants. Dr. Faiza Kazmi is a highly skilled and experienced dentist who brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise. She specializes in cosmetic dentistry and has a passion for helping patients achieve beautiful, healthy smiles.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Kazmi join our team," said Dr. Yasser Khan, the practice's lead dentist.

The practice offers a wide range of dental services, including general dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, orthodontics, and more.

To schedule an appointment or learn more about Kyneton Dental, visit their website kynetondental.com.au or call 54226159.

Grounded

Grounded in Kyneton is a new café recently opened on the corner of Beauchamp St & Hoyle Court.

The cafe, owned by local resident Kelly Cattnach, opens from 7am Mon – Fri and 8am on Sat, serving a variety of freshly made breakfast and lunch items along with hot food, homemade sweet treats, smoothies, poke bowls and delicious Martin Street coffee, roasted in Blackwood.



Kelly with Talia, Kim and Alison

Casa De Mikyla Hair Salon

After 5 years of living in the hustle and bustle of Melbourne, salon founder Mikyla Parsons has returned to her roots, opening a luxurious Hair Salon at 45A Mollison St.

After gaining experience at Australia's leading hair agency Edwards And Co, Mikyla brings a new perspective of women's hair colour, cutting and styling to the town.



Book in now to receive \$20 off your next appointment! Text to book on 0498840829 or email: casademikyla@gmail.com.

Hours: Mon & Fri 9am - 5pm by appointment only (more days to come once books are full).

The Corner Gift Store

Di Barron opened her Corner Gift Store at 96 Mollison St Kyneton just before Christmas.

The location could hardly be more prominent- right on the corner of Market and Mollison St.

Di's store has a wonderful range of gifts for all. Hours are 8.30-5pm Tue, Wed, Fri; 8.30-7pm Thur and 8.30-3pm Sat. Phone: 54232473.



Outside School Hours Care

A new and Improved Bug-A-Lugs Kyneton is here to stay.

The building works to upgrade the out of School Hours Care Centre at 3 Hoyle Court Kyneton have been completed with only the landscaping works remaining.

"What an exciting year 2023 is going to be. Bug-A-Lugs is now a state of

the art, purpose built, Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service, here to educate, inspired and care for your children.

"The last couple of years were hard for all of us, Covid made it really hard to maintain community and connection and because we were a playcentre we had to close the Café, to the general public, for a long time" Bug A Lugs owner Jules Clapham said.

"It was a legacy we really wanted to continue, but it just wasn't meant to be.

"It has been great seeing all the children using the new space and loving all the changes.

"Next holidays, in April, we have some exciting excursions coming up, including a beach awareness day with Life Saving Victoria in Port Melbourne" Jules concluded.

Bug a Lugs provides Before and After School care from 6.30am until 6.30pm. P: 54222767



Jules Clapham at Bug a Lugs with staff Rebecca, Heidi & Chiara

Merry Bee Restaurant

Bet, the Chef at the recently opened Merry Bee licensed restaurant at 30 High St Kyneton is a person of many talents.

She was the eldest of six children in a well-off Filipino family, but by the time she was in her early teens the family slid into poverty.

Despite the hard times she became a professional singer and sang in exclusive clubs and restaurants.

After arriving in Australia and while working in duty free at Melbourne Airport, Bet demonstrated her exquisite cooking skills when she opened a take-away outlet in Moonee Ponds market.

She soon had a dedicated following, which inspired her to formally study cookery.

Apart from cooking, Bet also gained a Masters Degree in Business and a Bachelor of Laws and was admitted into the Supreme Court of Victoria

as an Australian Lawyer in 2018.

However, with the intervention of COVID, Bet put her legal career on hold, to concentrate on writing and preparing for her next step in her culinary journey and has opened her Merry Bee restaurant offering eclectic range of meals and exotic drinks.

Hours: 11am-late Wed - Sun

Phone: 0422965709.



Bet as a child and today at Merry Bee

Gentle breastfeeding method

Penny Chote is a certified Thompson Method Practitioner who is working in the Macedon Ranges area, to help breastfeeding mothers overcome painful and stressful complications, so they can continue breastfeeding pain-free.

As an experienced registered critical care nurse with over 14 years experience, Penny says she is excited to share the life-changing breastfeeding Thompson Method with the community of the Macedon Ranges.

Penny is currently offering one on one private breastfeeding consultations (online or in-person) for breastfeeding mothers and their babies at Kyneton.

Contact Penny Chote at 0459557341 or visit www.innatenuituring.com.au



Around the Galleries

The Old Auction House

On behalf of Macedon Ranges Accessible Arts Inc. the Old Auction House would like to thank all supporters and artists for their involvement in our That's So Gay LGBTQIA+ Arts Prize.

Special thanks to Victoria's Pride and CLIP from Sunbury and Cobaw Health for their financial support.

Winners works will be shared around the Macedon Ranges over the next month.

Winner will have his own exhibition in the next year - "A Stitch in Queer Time" - Christos Linou

Runner Up: "Fight Like a Girl" by Yianni Giovanoglou

People's Choice: "Flag and Natives" by Sam Lucas

Highly Commended: Michael Rigg, Alex Dale, and Luca Royal

Upcoming exhibitions:

"Hidden" - Glenda Anstey-Sprigg 16 Feb - 6 March

"Autumnal Brilliance" - group exhibition, part of the Mac Ranges Autumn Festival Mar 30-Apr 17

At the Stockroom 98 Piper Street

Feb 4 Mar 12: Carly Fischer & Edwina Stevens *Velodrome*; Jarrad Martyn *Polar Front* and ceramic gallery Minaal Lawn *Vessel As Deity*

Upcoming Exhibitions Mar 18-Apr 23: Mathieu Briand; Jemima Lucas; and ceramics gallery Rachelle Austen *Sine Pondere et Pondere*

Art on Piper

Art on Piper are preparing works for their next window theme as a celebration of the gallery's fifth birthday on Mar 5. You can meet the artists from 2-5pm with a 10% discount on all purchases that day.

The rip roaring red tones of the Autumn season will coincide with the Autumn Festival all through April.

Woodend craftsman, Brian Falkenberg's turned timber is currently on exhibition.



Menopause medicine



Dr Corinne Glenn has recently joined Campaspe Family Practice.

Corinne trained at the University of Notre Dame in Western Australia, and has recently returned to Australia after almost 12 years practicing in New Zealand.

Corinne has a particular interest in women's health with a passion for menopause medicine.

While women's health is an area of interest, Corinne enjoys all aspects of general practice, in particular providing ongoing long term care for patients.

Birds of a Feather

The quarterly Kyneton-based lunch group Birds of a Feather is spreading its wings this month and organising a trip to Melbourne.

The group, aimed at LGBTQIA+ adults, is heading to the Victorian Pride Centre in St Kilda on Thu Feb 23 for a 12pm lunch on the spectacular rooftop terrace at the centre.

Organised by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Country LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Program (CLIP), the Birds of a Feather lunches are usually held quarterly in Kyneton or other venues in the Macedon Ranges and offer an opportunity for adults who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex to come together, hear from engaging guest speakers and share stories.

Entry is free and meals and drinks are at bar prices, RSVPs are essential. Book your place at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BOAF-RSVP-Feb2023>. Transport from Kyneton is available, email nathan.allwood@scchc.org.au or call 54211666 for details.

At Kyneton RSL

The RSL is reminding its members that Veteran' Catch Up is conducted on the last Sunday of the month from 2.30 - 5pm. This is an opportunity

for Service members to get together and swap a few yarns over a drink. Refreshments provided.

The Kyneton RSL will soon be participating in RSL Active, a program designed to connect like-minded veterans and their families. It gives them the opportunity to take part in events focusing on physical, psychological and social engagement. It could be yoga, personal training or even art classes.

In the lead up to ANZAC Day, the Kyneton RSL will be conducting its annual ANZAC Day Appeal.

The appeal will run from 11-24 April with badges on sale outside Woollies from 12 - 3 pm and 3 - 6pm. If you have some time to spare to volunteer to sell badges during any of these time slots, please contact the RSL.

Badges will also be on sale at various businesses around town as well as at the RSL.

Garden Angel

Milly Dabrowski co-owner of 59 Mollison St wishes to acknowledge the work, creativity and generosity of Robin Dettmann.

Robin was a yoga student at Illuminate Yoga Studio at the Old Mill in Piper St where she created lovely little flowering gardens near the entrance.

When Milly & Brad Sadler took over the studio and moved to 59 Mollison St, Robin came with them.

"Robin planted the garden near the entrance of the building and a year-round display of beautiful flowers was the result.

"Robin also provided weekly flowers for 7 years, mainly from her own garden - spectacular blooms including peonies, tulips, daffodils and more.

"Robin's generous volunteer work has made such a wonderful contribution to the space and the broader community who have greatly enjoyed her work.

"We are now selling the building and Robin is retiring as our garden angel. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge" Milly said.



The Vessel



The Vessel will be performed at Kyneton's Social Foundry 8pm Sat Mar 4 and Sun Mar 5 at both 5 pm and 8pm.

The Vessel is the story of Mary, a strong and powerful older woman, bound by physical incapacity and the confines of her room and diminishing brain.

What is carried, what is hidden and what is born by the vessel, are as important as where it lands. The story is told with the assistance of four other cast members - Her daughter, a nurse, personal care assistant and roving entertainer (Clown).

Directed by Paul Canlan and written and produced by Dawn Bamforth, the show contains a strong local cast and is supported by the Social Foundry (Kyneton) and Chaplins@the Muse (Trentham)

The Vessel will run for around 40 minutes and will be preceded by another play, a two-hander, written and directed by Paul Canlan, about a father and son - "Until Then", which will run for around 10 minutes.

There will be a short interval with complimentary drink and snacks between the two plays and the opportunity to purchase additional drinks and snacks at this time.

Get your tickets now:<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1004783>

Vision Australia Dutch Auction

On Fri Mar 17 at 1.30pm the Kyneton Vision Australia group will conduct their Dutch Auction in the Uniting Church Hall in Ebdon St with quality contents in the parcels. Admission at \$5 includes afternoon tea.

Enquiries to Kathy 0418145847.

Marist Old Boys reunion

The Kyneton Marist Brothers Old Boys Association's annual reunion was held at the Kyneton Bowling Club on Sun Jan 29.

Before this gathering a Mass was held at the Church.

The Brothers withdrew from Kyneton in 1967 after forty one year's presence.

The Old Boys association was formed in 1947.

Students from classes in mid-forties and the last year of operation were present and an apology was received from one nonagenarian, no longer able to attend.

Brother Kevin Hoare the last principal at Kyneton came from his retirement home at Bendigo and was very much in demand and engaged in reminiscences.

A two course meal was served, after which folks moved about and renewed friendships or found new connections. A box of memorabilia held by the Plowman family was opened, and offered many surprises.

The Association's coffers have diminished since Covid put paid to fund raising activities for them and other community organisations. Hopefully some normality is returning. A raffle with a first prize valued at one thousand dollars is being conducted.

The 2024 Annual Reunion will be held on Sun Jan 28.



Accommodation support

Windarring offer a wide range of services to people with disability, in Kyneton, Gisborne, Castlemaine, Bendigo and surrounding areas.

One of the really important services they provide is accommodation for people with disability.

Their accommodation services are designed to support people with disability to live independently, with our short-term accommodation (respite) unit designed to give families and loved ones a break, and potentially readying a person with disability for independent supported living opportunities.

Windarring has four 2-bedroom independent living units in Kyneton. These units support fully independent living, with accessible bathrooms, laundries, kitchens, living areas and communal outdoor areas.

Windarring's professional staff can provide various supports to people with disability within these homes, including meal preparation and menu planning, personal and housekeeping support.

Those living in the units are also able to access activities delivered from the Windarring site, and regularly travel together to a variety of destinations on weekends to enjoy all Victoria has to offer.

Similarly, Windarring's respite unit supports independent living (accessible bathroom, laundry, kitchen and living area), however clients can be supported up to 24-hours a day, depending on their support requirements.

People with disability can utilise the respite unit for as little as a night, and as much as 2-weeks at a time.

If you, a friend or a family member are interested in living in a Windarring unit or would like to access the Windarring respite unit, please call 54227001.

Concert in the Gardens

The combined Kyneton and Daylesford Brass Bands will present a Concert in the Kyneton Botanic Gardens on Sun Feb 26 commencing at 2pm.

Resettlement Art Auction

On Sun Mar 19 the Ranges Resettlement Group will be holding a fun filled Fund Raiser and Art Auction at the Social Foundry in Kyneton.

This is your chance to support a refugee family that has had to flee their home and will soon be arriving in the Macedon Ranges seeking sanctuary and a new life.

The fundraiser will commence at 3pm and the Art Auction will start at 4 pm the raffles will be drawn at the conclusion of the Auction.

The event will conclude at 6 pm.

There will be a light supper and tea/coffee provided free of charge and drinks can be purchased at the venue.

Opportunities to donate to support our refugee family will be available but the main event will be the Art Auction.

Kyneton Backyard Growers



Members of the Kyneton Transition Hub got together at Jan and Doug McIver's garden on the first weekend of February to establish a new garden bed to grow fresh vegetables for their new project Kyneton Backyard Growers.

Community members Giovanni Giordano and Lenka Thompson started the project from an idea of wanting to bring local fresh produce to local households who, for whatever reason, cannot access fresh and affordable vegetables, herbs, and fruit.

The Kyneton Backyard Growers aims to use the Lion's Kiosk in the Kyneton Mechanics Reserve as it's home to receive and distribute the fresh produce.

Kyneton Transition Hub is thrilled to have this project up and running, and the Action Group Leader, Nea Gyorffy, welcomes the project to the Kyneton community.

If anyone would like more information about the Kyneton Backyard Growers, please contact Giovanni 0418994015 or Lenka 0425786377.

MRSC Cool Changes Program

Residents are invited to collaborate on a new plan that will guide the Macedon Ranges community on managing the impacts of climate change.

The plan will initially be informed by a number of themed workshops between March and June, delving into discussions on topics including healthy ecosystems, renewable energy, waste management and responses to natural disasters.

The community is invited to the official launch of *Cool-ER Changes* at Kyneton Town Hall on Thur Mar 2 – 8:30pm, to celebrate the tangible climate action already underway in the shire and outline the vision for further action into the future.

This launch will also see the debut screening of *Bridging the Divide*: a

short film voicing the thoughts of young and old residents in the shire on climate change.

Breakfast unites Service Clubs

A successful and community driven breakfast was held on the Australia Day Public Holiday after a two year break due to COVID.

Hosted by Kyneton Lions the morning was well received by around 350 community members who enjoyed a hearty breakfast.

It was great to see Kyneton service organisations – Lions, Rotary, Zonta Club and the RSL back together cooking up a storm for the Kyneton community – with eggs, bacon, sausages and bread all donated by local businesses.

Kyneton Fire Brigade was also in attendance to spread some important fire information with our community.

“The main aim of the breakfast is to bring together our community.

“It was truly humbling to look out across the crowd and see community members interacting and coming together after such a long time apart.

The Lions Club of Kyneton is looking forward to hosting more events over the next year to bring together community and also celebrate its 70th year of service to the Kyneton Community.



Rotarians at the Australia Day Breakfast

Kyneton Business Network

The revamped Kyneton Business Network has undergone some changes.

The new Executive includes Milton Collins as President, Tim Allen Treasurer, Grace Larson Secretary, Tim Sullivan, Dean Lamb and Heather and Mike Allen.

The Christmas drinks that they held attracted over 40 business people to the new Piper Street Wine Company to network and hear first hand of some of the initial strategies but more importantly provide ideas and strategies that need to be addressed.

Business Kyneton are looking at reinvigorating the Kyneton Business Community by bringing a group of people together that can drive change and create greater vibrancy in all areas

of business in Kyneton and surrounds. Some of the aims are:

Quarterly drinks after Board meeting for all members and businesses in Kyneton with a theme or guest speaker; a respected representative from each business sector should be on the Board; a clear strategy and vision to be produced from the start with agreed goals; to build a stronger, relevant, more resilient, sustainable and well-connected business association and advocacy to government and funding agencies including MRSC.

Business Kyneton believes some of the areas that need addressing initially include opening times of restaurants, cafes and retail shops, Improved Signage, Parking, Bin Quality, Improved Streetscapes, Recruitment and Retention of staff, Accommodation for staff, Grants and subsidies, Visitor information, Festivals and Events including the possibility of bringing back the Jazz Festival.

Further information and membership can be found on the new Website <https://www.businesskyneton.com.au/>

R M Begg Auxiliary

The Auxiliary's Craft stalls are held on the first Sat of every month, beginning with 4 Mar 9am-1pm and the Easter Fair 1 Apr 9am-1pm.

The Auxiliary's large Raffle will be held from mid-March and drawn on Apr 1, with tickets available outside Woollies, at R M Begg reception, or by contacting Rosemary Bain on 0403336501.

A large garage sale is in planning for the end of March.

Seniors' Club resumes

The Kyneton Seniors Club resumed their weekly get together and lunch at the Kyneton Shamrock Hotel on Thu 2 Feb 11-2:30pm and each week.

The weekly programs include speakers, quiz, lunch-n-listen, chuckle and chew, give-n-get, train your brain in a safe friendly environment which is easily accessible with the opportunity to have some fun while connecting to others.

Enquiries to Marj Williams 54222840.



Kyneton District Services

Accountants

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

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

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Alice in fabricland	0439993389
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LP Gas Supplies

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Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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Organic Mechanic Osteo

Drs Isabel Mettler & Clare Greig	0423852874
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RT Edgar	5422 3325

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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
Dr Greg McIntyre	5422 1310

Kyneton Events Calendar

Thur Feb 16	Central Highlands Rural Health AGM 7.30pm
Sat Feb 18	Inventi's 'Enchanted Forest' Kyneton Town Hall 5pm
Sun Feb 19	Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 1.30pm
Wed Feb 22	Kyneton Community Lunch 35 High St 12.30pm and each Wednesday
Fri Feb 24	Nurse Georgie Carroll—Sister Flo Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Sun Feb 26	Band Concert Kyneton Botanic Gardens 2pm
Thur Mar 2	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am CoolER Changes Official Launch Kyneton Town Hall 8.30pm
Sat Mar 4	'The Vessel' Social Foundry 8pm RM Begg Auxiliary Stall Bolton Hall 9-1pm
Sun Mar 5	'The Vessel' Social Foundry 5pm and 8pm
Wed Mar 8	Zonta International Women's Day Dinner Malmsbury Hotel 6.30pm
Sat Mar 11	Kyneton Farmers and Makers Markets St Paul Park 8.30am-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West 8.30am-1pm Daffodil bulb sales start at Community Market 8.30am Daniel Champagne 2023 Tour Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Mon Mar 13	Labour Day Holiday
Thu Mar 16	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am Alexander McCall Smith in Kyneton, Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Fri Mar 17	Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm Vision Australia Dutch Auction Uniting Church Hall 1.30pm
Sat Mar 18	Whole Town Garage Sale—starts Kyneton Community House 8am
Sun Mar 19	Ranges Resettlement Art Auction Social Foundry 3pm
Sat Mar 25	Multicultural Comedy Gala Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Sun Mar 26	Puppy Pride Kyneton Botanic Gardens 12-2.30pm
Sat Apr 1	Stitch in Time Exhibition start Kyneton Museum 11-4pm Autumn Flower Show Watts pavilion 1-5pm RM Begg Auxiliary Stall Bolton Hall 9-1pm
Sun Apr 2	Autumn Flower Show Watts Pavilion 10-4pm
Tues Apr 4	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Sat Apr 8	Kyneton Farmers and Makers Markets St Paul Park 8.30am-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West 8.30am-1pm
Sat Apr 15	Football Netball Golden Square v Kyneton (away game)

U3A activities

U3A Kyneton's 2023 activities and courses are commencing.

One of their exciting courses this year is "Unity and Disunity in the USA" presented by Christine Hardy assisted by Paul Reid.

Both are former teachers with an extensive knowledge of US history and politics.

Christine will use her historical knowledge to demonstrate where American history, since 1774, has led it to where the society is today.

She will also cover Australian history to explain how our similar origins led to vastly different results – we started with convicts; they started with free men; so why is America so different from Australia now? Starts on Apr 5 and continues each Wed until May 10. Further information about U3A Kyneton can be found via <https://u3akyneton.org.au>, by email members@u3akyneton.org or call 0439360763.

Kyneton Badminton Club

Looking for a welcoming, fun and social group to join?

Kyneton Badminton Club play on Monday nights commencing at 7pm at the Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre in Victoria St.

With players of all skill levels, you're sure to enjoy a variety of games and be guided along the way.

This is a low-cost fun way to keep active and meet new people.

Whether you're single, couples or families - all are welcome.

Enquiries can be forwarded to kynetonbc@gmail.com

See the Badminton Club on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090012572439>.

Dementia discussion



Driving after a dementia diagnosis will be the hot topic of discussion at Central Highlands Rural Health's Annual General Meeting on Thu Feb 16 at the Kyneton Ambulatory Care Centre from 7.30pm.

There is a high prevalence of people living with dementia across the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn Shires.

According to a 2022 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report, 517 people were living with dementia in the Macedon Ranges Shire, of which 204 were males, and 314 were female. In Hepburn Shire, there are 389 people living with dementia, with 240 females and 149

males diagnosed.

Guest speaker at this public event is Professor E. (Joe) Ibrahim, a medical specialist and academic in aged care who has been a practising senior consultant specialist in geriatric medicine with over 30 years of clinical experience.

Several years ago, Prof Ibrahim produced an animated video addressing the complex issues involved in assessing whether a person with dementia is fit to drive. He believes screening this video at the annual general meeting will help generate discussion, and possibly debate, among the public and health professionals during a Q&A session.

To register your interest in attending the 2023 Central Highlands Rural Health Annual General Meeting, email communications@chrh.org.au

Kyneton Football/Netball

Kyneton Football Netball Club is inviting registration for its Junior Football Teams, both boys and girls.

Those interested in registering, use the QR code below

Anglers win Midland Shield

The Kyneton Angling Club have won the 2023 Midland Shield.

This year the Shield was conducted at Tullaroop Res by the Bendigo Fly Fishing Club and The Midland and North Angling Association.

Well done Milly, Charli, Col, John H, John C, Graeme K, Rohan, Eddie, Carmello, Neil, Debby, Graeme B.

The comp started at 7am and ran to 3pm, no boats were allowed as the Res is still overflowing, requiring land based fishing methods.



Twelve members from the Kyneton Club attended along with four other clubs: Maryborough, Castlemaine, Bendigo Fly and Heathcote.

Kyneton has now won the Shield three times in the last twenty.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATION NOW LIVE FOR THE 2023 SEASON

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE - KYNETONFNC.COM/JUNIOR-FOOTBALL

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