



## Imminent intersection changes

Three raised pedestrian crossings with outstands are to be installed by the Council by the middle of this year.

The most impactful will be across Jennings St at the Mollison-Jennings St intersection, but similar crossings are to be constructed across Beauchamp St at the Mollison-Beauchamp St intersection and across New St at the High-New St intersection.

The Jennings and New St works have been enabled by State Government grants and Beauchamp St by Federal Black Spot funding.

Kymeton Connections, publishers of the newspaper has raised serious concerns that the installation of the outstands to narrow the Jennings-Mollison St intersection will further increase congestion in both of those Streets.

“The pedestrian crossing outstands into Jennings St will narrow that intersection so that only one car can occupy it whilst waiting to turn left or right into Mollison St whereas currently a left and a right turning car can wait abreast to make their turns into Mollison” Kymeton Connections President Eric Dearthcott said.

“Cars already bank up behind cars turning right out of Jennings – this will exacerbate the problem.



*Waiting abreast for left and right turns into Mollison St will not be possible.*

“We are also concerned that the outstand into Mollison St will result in vehicles turning left from Mollison into Jennings who are waiting for pedestrians will do so in the middle of Mollison thereby blocking through traffic behind them.

“Kymeton Connections acknowledges that Jennings St is dangerous intersection for pedestrians and drivers

– we have long argued it should be fully signalled but our representations have fallen on deaf ears” Mr Dearthcott said.

The Kymeton Urban Design Framework (UDF) which will be again considered by Council this month appears to propose outstands which narrow Kymeton CBD intersections with Mollison St and Piper St.

Ebden St, already bearing the brunt of traffic seeking to avoid the current congestion of Mollison and Piper Sts to reach their shopping destination, is proposed by the UDF as a cycle friendly street.

## Runaway goats!



In recent weeks single goats and small herds of goats have been sighted at various locations north of the Freeway. Locations where the apparently feral goats have been observed include the Kymeton Airfield, the Cemetery, Edgecombe Rd, near the Saleyards and the new business park adjacent to Saleyards Rd.

## Whole Town Garage Sale

The Kymeton Whole Town Garage Sale will be on Sat Mar 22.

You can register your garage sale on the Kymeton Community House website or in person at their main office at 34 Mollison St 9am-3pm Mon-Thur.

Registration is \$10 per Garage Sale.

Registration closes 12pm Thur Mar 13.

Maps will be available for sale on the day 8am-12pm from the Good Food Hub at 35 High St at \$5 each.

## Solar array completed



The Kymeton Water Reclamation Plant is now home to an additional 302-kilowatt solar array, the latest in a raft of upgrades at the Kymeton Water Reclamation Plant.

“The completion of a new 302-kilowatt solar array at the Kymeton Water Reclamation Plant is another significant step in Coliban Water’s transition to 100% renewable energy in mid-2025”

General Manager Water and Climate Strategy, Adam Cramer, said.

“Sewage treatment is a big energy user, so we have focused for some time on the steps we can take to reduce our reliance on energy from the grid, including the installation of solar”.

## MR Autumn Festival

The 2025 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival will take place Apr 1-30.

Each year the festival actively highlights a diverse range of events, markets, workshops, exhibitions, tours, and live music, along with leafy local picnic locations, enticing seasonal food, edgy veg meals, and tippie trails. For details of this year’s activities Google Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival and click on “See What’s On”.



## New team's application rejected

On Monday of last week the application of the new Kyneton Women's Football Club to field a senior team in the Riddell District Football Netball League for 2025, was not accepted.

The new Club has been established by players, coaches, and support staff from the Kyneton Football Netball Club senior women's football team. The team were premiers in the Riddell District Football League in 2023 and runners up last year.

The Kyneton Women's Football Club report that they have over 30 players committed to playing this year.

The Riddell District Football League has told *Kyneton Connect* that they had worked for months with the new Club to try to ensure there was a place for them to play in 2025.

At the time of *Kyneton Connect* going to print a solution had not been agreed.

*Kyneton Connect* had not received comment from Kyneton Football Netball Club at the time of going to print.

## Kyneton Library Seed Library

The Kyneton Library Seed Library, part of the Macedon Ranges Seed Savers, is a free community initiative that makes it easy to grow your own food.

Much like borrowing a book, you can take seeds home, plant them, and enjoy the produce.

By letting the plants flower, you can collect the seeds and return them for others to use. Instructions on planting, growing, and harvesting are provided, for gardeners of all levels.

Volunteers meet monthly to sort, package, and label seeds, and everyone is welcome to help out. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month from 2–3pm at Kyneton Library, upcoming dates are Mar 11 and Apr 8.

The seed library is free to use during library hours, and donations of saved seeds are always appreciated.

For more information, email [macedonrangesseedsavers@gmail.com](mailto:macedonrangesseedsavers@gmail.com)

## Grant for Kyneton Kinder

The Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that Kyneton Kindergarten is receiving a grant of \$58,012 for transforming the existing

play area from an unshaded, crushed rock area to a grassed area with shade sail installed.

## Combined Band Concert

At 2pm on Sun Feb 23 the Kyneton Municipal Brass Band will join with the members of the Daylesford brass band in the Kyneton Botanic Gardens to present a varied program of music to suit everyone's tastes, ranging from classic brass to contemporary.

Bring your seats and rugs to the beautiful gardens.

If you cannot get to this concert, the two bands will present the same concert the following Sunday Mar 2 in the Gardens at Daylesford.

Even though they are called the Kyneton band, only 3 members actually live in Kyneton.

Most of the members travel from as far away as Sunbury, Gisborne, Woodend, Newham, Riddell's Creek and Malmsbury.

The Band would love to see more people from Kyneton join.

The Band rehearses in the Red Brick Hall every Friday.

Contact Bandmaster Hugh Davies on 0418519398 for more details.

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## Connectivity boost for Tylden



Locals and visitors to Tylden are benefiting from improved mobile coverage following a joint investment by the Federal and State Governments.

The deployment of a new Telstra macro cell mobile site provides improved mobile coverage and connectivity to the Tylden area, including along the Kyneton to Trentham roadway, the Calder Highway, and along the nearby rail line.

The Commonwealth contributed \$479,000 towards this project through the Regional Connectivity Program (RCP), along with contributions from the Victorian Government through the Connecting Victoria Program, and from Telstra Limited.

Lisa Chesters, Federal Member for Bendigo, who has campaigned for years for improvements to Tylden's mobile service, is delighted that Tylden's mobile services have been addressed.

## Opening of the KCH Children's Hub

After much anticipation families have been welcomed into the Hutton St site, from which the Kyneton Community House Childcare will now operate.

This move has enabled KCH to expand the number of children in the service.

Operating hours have also been expanded and the service now runs from 8:30am – 3pm Monday to Friday. Enrolment enquiries can be made to [childcaremanager@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au](mailto:childcaremanager@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au) or you can join the waitlist through the Kyneton Community House website.

## International Women's Day Dinner

The Zonta Club of Kyneton will host the 31<sup>st</sup> Kyneton International Women's Day Dinner at Kyneton Town Hall 6.30pm on Mon Mar 3.

Guest speaker, Carole Theobald, leads the Zonta International Working Group "Zonta says NOW", which is the platform for Zonta's campaign for climate justice.

Carole volunteers with Red Cross Emergency Services in Western Australia, where she helps communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

President Annamarie Perlesz said: "Please join us to hear Carole's passion for gender equality and climate justice, and her thoughts on how we can all make a difference in this global crisis".

Tickets are now available.

To book, search events on Macedon Ranges Shire website.

Tickets are \$70 and bookings can be individual or in groups. Seating will be at tables of 10

The Town Hall is fully licensed and drinks can be purchased at bar prices. For further information contact [secretary@zontakyneton.org.au](mailto:secretary@zontakyneton.org.au) or phone 0438628668.



*IWD Guest Speaker Carole Theobald*

## MRSC Grants

The next round of applications for the Events and Festivals Grant Program and Community Funding Scheme are expected to open soon.

Whether you have a project that will benefit the community in the Macedon Ranges, or an event that will attract visitors and benefit local businesses, the Council would love to hear from you.

To assist you with your application, the Council will hold information sessions for both grant streams.

## Kyneton Backyard Growers



Kyneton Backyard Growers will be holding their Autumn equinox community picnic in the Kyneton Mechanics Reserve 12-3pm Sun Mar 23.

Bring your own picnic blanket and food to share, and come meet other locals, play some lawn games and listen to the sweet tunes of Kyneton's very own Kyneton Country Revue.

This picnic also coincides with the 1st year celebration of gathering local growers and providing free fresh fruit and vegetables to the residents of Kyneton.

Kyneton Backyard Growers hold a fresh fruit and veg stall at the Lion's Kiosk every Sunday 10am-12pm.

All the locally grown produce is free of charge.

Any leftover produce either goes to the Kyneton Community Lunch or the Kyneton Food Bank.

The group is always on the lookout for local growers to help add produce to their table, or people wanting to setup and pack up the stall, and always welcome people who need access to healthy fresh fruit and veg.

Everyone is welcome to the Autumn equinox picnic and bring your friends, lunch, and good cheer. Contact Lenka 0425786377 for more information.

## Craft and Chat at the Library

Join others at the Kyneton Library on the first Friday of the month, 2:30–4pm, for a relaxed afternoon of creativity and connection.

Bring your own craft project or help stitch scent hearts for premature and very sick babies—small fabric hearts designed to comfort little ones in neonatal care.

No bookings are required.

The next meet-up is on April 4.

## Councillors Update



Happy 2025 everyone.

We hope many of you managed some lovely family time and feel refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

Councillors and Executive Officers commenced Tuesday briefings again this month.

The 2025/26 Budget discussions have commenced and submissions have been made available for us to read.

We appreciate everyone who took the time to share your thoughts and requests.

Following the extension of time to December 2024, further community submissions were received on the draft Kyneton Urban Design Framework.

This will be presented to a Scheduled Council Meeting (SCM) early this year.

An independently managed selection process at the end of last year, chose a diverse mix of residents to form a Community Deliberative Engagement Assembly which has gathered this month and will continue meeting in March and April.

They will provide input into five documents- the Council Plan and Community Vision, Financial and Asset Plans and Rating and Revenue Plan.

It is a legislative requirement and important to ensure people are provided with clear and accurate information and the voices of our community are heard.

We acknowledge it is a big commitment from people, so thanks to those involved.

Everyone has the opportunity to share your thoughts now on these documents via Have Your Say which is open until 18 March.

<https://yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au/reshaping-ranges>.

Organisations and groups have resumed activities and we always welcome invitations to attend your events.

Hopefully you will have seen West Ward Councillors video on social media as we organize various times and places for in person community catch ups around the various towns.

The first will be on Fri Feb 28 at the Social Foundry in Kyneton 10.30-11.30am.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you can't make these times we are always happy to receive an email or phone call.

You may have heard that Council is partnering with the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG) to launch a shire-wide, week long festival called "Changemakers Macedon Ranges".

It will run from 15-23 March at various locations across the Shire and is full of fun, practical and interactive workshops and events which are all free and family friendly.

Further details to come- <https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Live-Work/Environment/Climate-Change/How-you-can-take-climate-action>

Last but certainly not least, our thanks to the CFA and all the volunteers in emergency services, Council Officers and community members who have been active and alert over this summer period.

We enjoy living in a beautiful rural Shire but with that comes the increased risk of fires and we are grateful every year for the efforts people make to keep us safe.

Best wishes,

**Cr Janet Pearce on behalf of West Ward Councillors. Crs Janet Pearce, Jennifer Anderson and Kate Kendall.**

*Pictured at right: Susan Jennings, Cynthia Pollard, Catherine Prestney, the Hon Mary-Anne Thomas and Maree Cuddihy outside the Ambulatory Care Centre at Kyneton Health.*

## Women's Health Clinic in Kyneton taking new patients

Central Highlands Rural Health is now taking new patients for its free women's health clinic located at Kyneton Health (Kyneton Hospital) in Caroline Chisholm Drive.

Women in rural and regional areas often face significant barriers to accessing the healthcare they need such as long travel distances, limited specialists, and delayed diagnoses.

This clinic was created to address these barriers ensuring timely access to specialised care - close to home.

The clinic is for all women, and women assigned female at birth, going through puberty to those navigating menopause and beyond.

Kyneton's Women's Health Clinic provides expert services in:

Endometriosis: Diagnosis, treatment, and management to improve quality of life.

Pelvic Pain: Comprehensive care for persistent pelvic discomfort.

Menopause and Perimenopause: Support for navigating hormonal changes.

Menstrual issues: Diagnosis and treatment of menstrual pain and heavy bleeding.

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS): Tailored treatment and management plans.

Continence: Solutions to improve pelvic floor health and daily comfort.

The caring team at the clinic understands the personal nature of these issues and provides a confidential, compassionate environment.

The clinic invites women across the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn Shires to get in touch. To learn more, call 54229946 or email [whc@chrh.org.au](mailto:whc@chrh.org.au).

Hours of operation are Mon: 8am-4.30pm; Tue: 7am-3.30pm; Wed: 8am-4.30pm; Thu: 11am-7.30pm; Fri: 8am-4.30pm.



## Sunbury-Cobaw Community Health to explore merger



*Daniel Ciccossillo, Nexus CEO, with David Wild, Sunbury Cobaw CEO.*

Sunbury-Cobaw Community Health (SCCH) and Nexus Primary Health (Nexus) are exploring a merger with the view to creating a stronger community health service for people in the Macedon Ranges, Hume, Mitchell, Murrindindi and Strathbogie local government areas.

Last month, Nexus transitioned to a governance structure led by SCCH.

While both organisations remain separate entities, they will be governed by the same board, and Nexus' Chief Executive Officer will report to SCCH's Chief Executive Officer, allowing the organisations to better explore the potential community benefits of a merger.

Joint Board Chair, Peter Donlon, said that governance transition is an exciting step in exploring the creation of a unified health service and that over the coming months both organisations will focus on better understanding each other to see how health outcomes and services could be improved through a merger.

"Each organisation would need to be satisfied with the outcomes of this due diligence process before any decision to merge is made.

Mr Donlon also said that consultation with staff and key stakeholders will be a key part of this process.

SCCH's Chief Executive Officer, David Wild, said that while this is just the beginning of the process, both organisations remain focused on delivering the high standard of care clients have come to expect.

"A strong local community focus will be maintained throughout this process to ensure the unique needs of each community are met. Continuity of care for clients remains a top priority every step of the way," Mr Wild.

## Friends ready for big 2025

The Friends of Kyneton Botanic Gardens Committee has held its first meeting of the year and are looking forward to 2025 with enthusiasm and energy.

The Friends' key long term objective remains to establish the Gardens as a tourism and event destination thereby increasing visitation levels to our town and the broader region.

To kick off the Friends are welcoming approximately one hundred and fifty attendees at the *Australian Landscape 2025 Conference* to the gardens and Community Playground on March 20.

Several outings and events for members are planned in 2025 - These include a visit to the Royal Melbourne Botanic Gardens Friends group, a Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show guided tour (Mar 27), a 'Talk to the Gardener' morning tea as well as another Bulb Planting Day in May.

The regular FKBG monthly working bees in the gardens will rotate through Mondays and Tuesdays with one exception in Cup Week which will be a Thursday.

It is hoped by doing this more people can participate in working bees.

The next working bee in the KBG is Mar 3.

The Woodend Depot working bees will be held on Fridays each month and will once again focus on sourcing and preparing plant stock for a proposed FKBG Spring plant sale in October/November.

FKBG has a new email address [friendsKBG@outlook.com](mailto:friendsKBG@outlook.com).

Check out the updated FKBG website and follow them on Instagram for more information and news items.

Membership for 2025 is now due:

\$20 for Singles \$30 for Families.



## New Men's Shed lathe, welder

The Kyneton Men's Shed now has a fully equipped metal workshop following the acquisition of a Demco Record metal lathe and the purchase of a TIG welder.

The 2 new items have been quickly put to use to complete a large 2m long fire engine for the Kyneton CFA to use at public events and displays.

The Shed has also purchased a MW 750 laser cutter and engraver which has also been used to make 30 tissue boxes for Bupa Care, 20 wine holders for the Kyneton Fishing Club and scores of mini flowers that children used during the Kyneton Show.

Shed president, Ian Curnow, says that in recent weeks membership had increased and that the level of fellowship is at an all-time high.

"The new equipment combined with the existing wood-working equipment, makes our Shed one of the most comprehensive in the Macedon Ranges. "All we really need now is to either buy or have donated a 3-D printer."

## CWA Day Branch open day



It was a lovely way to start off the New Year for the Kyneton CWA Day Branch with an Open Day in January.

The meeting room was decorated with beautiful pieces of craft, knitted, crocheted and embroidery works by their talented members.

Many stories and laughs were shared with lots of new faces over a classic delicious lunch followed by a traditional Devonshire tea and coffee.

Everything was home made with mini sandwiches, quiche, sausage rolls and light fluffy scones with jam and cream.

President, Helen Cooke said "The Open Day was a huge success and it was wonderful to welcome many new potential members to help keep the branch active and many helping hands make fundraising fun and enjoyable."

To contact Helen call 0407936977 or email [cwakyneton31@gmail.com](mailto:cwakyneton31@gmail.com).

## What's New in Business

### Copy Centre relocating



*67 Baynton Street, the new home for the Copy Centre*

After 10 years at 58 Mollison St, the Kyneton Copy Centre is on the move to 67 Baynton St (Windarrang's main Kyneton building).

The Centre will be making its move in the last week of February, with a date to be determined.

While the Centre will try to minimize the impact on customers, some services may be affected during the transition.

The new location at the Windarrang Head Office will serve to integrate some other Disability Services with the Kyneton Copy Centre, giving more participants the opportunity to experience employment and explore new skills and interests first hand.

The Copy Centre will be trialling new trading hours in the coming months, with collections available between 10am and 2pm Tue- Fri after the move. The Copy Centre will still be available for regular printing work, and email is preferred.

The Centre will be adding local delivery to its services, as well as expanding their range of corporate and giftware.

### Osteo and Rehab expands service

Woodend and Kyneton Osteo who have been servicing the Macedon Ranges since 2009, with clinics in Woodend and Kyneton have announced the expansion of days and times of their Kyneton Clinic at Kyneton Medical Centre at 11 Market St.

New hours are: Mon & Tue 9am-5.40pm, Wed 9am-1pm and Thu 9am-7pm.

To book an appointment call 5427 3293 or book online at [www.woodendosteo.com](http://www.woodendosteo.com)

### Betta Kyneton has moved

Peter Jennings' Kyneton Betta Store have completed relocation from High St to 30 Saleyards Rd.

Kyneton Betta retails a vast range of electrical appliances but also furniture and bedding and is a Jaycar reseller.

Peter and his staff are enjoying having more space to work in and display their goods and customers are appreciating being able to park immediately outside the store.

Opening hours are 9am-5pm Mon to Fri and 9am-1pm Sat. Ph 54221144.



*David, Linda and Peter, the team at Betta*

### Postural Alignment function and flow class

Anne Liersch is conducting postural alignment function and flow classes each Wednesday 4.30 - 5.30pm in the Lauriston Community Hall.

"Classes will help those who wish to move about their daily activities /sports with improved functional movement and less or no pain" Anne said..

Classes are suitable for all ages and are programmed to suit those in the class. Individual limitations/pain, are catered for as much as possible.

Cost is \$20 per class.

For more information contact Anne Liersch Postural Alignment Therapy [www.posturalalignmenttherapy.wordpress.com](http://www.posturalalignmenttherapy.wordpress.com) or call 0409542913.



### MRSC trials paper FOGO bags

Macedon Ranges Shire Council are trialling a small number of paper FOGO liners, which so far have been distributed at select Council pop-ups in the community, such as last year's Kyneton Show.

Among the reasons MRSC is trialling the paper FOGO liners, as a potential alternative to the current compostable green bags are:

The paper bags decompose faster than compostable bioplastics whilst enhancing soil quality. and compostable bioplastics are unsuitable for processing at some composting facilities, causing contamination in food and garden organics streams, and reducing compost quality.

For this reason, there is the possibility that the current bags could be banned in Victoria in the future.

Alternatively, paper bags are proven to improve composting conditions and streamline processing, making the process safer and faster.

"There are currently no plans for Council to ban the use of compostable bioplastic FOGO liners, however we are always looking at innovative ways to reduce waste and create a sustainable future" Dominic Testoni, MRSC Director Assets and Operations said.

### \$400 Zonta award for young women

The Zonta Young Women in Leadership program recognizes young women, aged 16-19, who demonstrate leadership skills and commitment to community service, and encourages them to continue their participation in public life.

Zonta Clubs around the world nominate their local awardees for a District award of \$1,500.

Applications are now open for the Zonta Club of Kyneton award, valued at \$400.

Application forms are available by email [secretary@zontakyneton.org.au](mailto:secretary@zontakyneton.org.au).

Applications close on 17 March.

Women aged 16-19 on 1st April each year are eligible to apply.

To date, the Zonta Club of Kyneton has given 22 awards to girls in Macedon Ranges. Olivia Hedge was the 2024 awardee.

## New Priest for Anglican Parish



Rev. Lauren Lockwood-Porter has just started as the Priest-in-charge of the Anglican Parish of Kyneton-Malmsbury-Trentham.

Lauren has moved here from Bendigo with her husband, Mark, 5 year-old daughter and cat.

She has moved around a bit having been born in London, grown-up in Sydney, lived in Melbourne and recently completed her training in Bendigo.

"It is really lovely to now call this beautiful part of the world home" Lauren said.

"I have so far been really excited to see how the Parishioners and townspeople alike in Kyneton, Malmsbury and Trentham build community, express themselves in creative ways and show care and respect for each other.

"My hope for the Parish is that it continues to be a place of hospitality and inclusion, where all feel welcomed and valued."

"We're very much looking forward to getting to know the local community and serving in the Parish.

"And of course, everyone is very welcome to come to one of our services. At St. Paul's Kyneton we have services at 10am on Wednesday and 10.30am on Sunday and at St John's Malmsbury at 8.30am on Sundays" Lauren said.

## Changemakers

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is partnering with the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group to launch a shire-wide, week-long festival of fun, practical, and interactive workshops designed to help you try a new change.

Changemakers Macedon Ranges will kick-off with the Riddells Creek Enviro-Energy Expo hosting interactive stalls, expert keynote speakers, and panel

discussions on Sat Mar 15 and will run through to Sun Mar 23.

Kyneton events include Kyneton Transition Hub's Open Edible Gardens, Sun Mar 16 : 10am-1pm at Lyn's Garden, and 1-3pm at Lenka's Garden; Sat Mar 22: 10am-12pm at Giovanni's Garden, and 12-3pm at OLR Garden; Backyard Biodiversity Launch with seed ball making, Sat 22 March: 1-2pm, Kyneton Community House; More information on the full program will be coming soon. Google Changemakers Macedon Ranges.

## Run the Rock

A unique running event, Run the Rock is held at Hanging Rock every year.

In 2025, Run the Rock will take place on Saturday, March 22.

Its mix of road and trail running the distances include 22K, 13.5K, 5K and a Kids 2K event, makes it perfect for all running levels.

The organisers are excited to inspire the next generation of runners with their school team incentive, where local schools can go in a draw to win some awesome prizes when they register a team in the event.

On event day, after the race, there will be lots of fun, family-friendly activities and games, food trucks, and live music in the event village for participants to enjoy with their loved ones.

To register visit the Run the Rock website.



## Book Club connections

Interested in joining a book club, or looking for new members?

Keen to learn more about Goldfields Libraries fabulous book club sets?

Come along and connect with fellow booklovers at this relaxed literary flavoured gathering at the Kyneton Library.

All welcome and refreshments provided.

Thu Mar 27 5-6pm.

## RM Begg News

The RM Begg Auxiliary is looking forward to another busy year ahead with its regular craft markets and garage sales with 2 already held this year.

The next Craft Markets at Bolton Hall in Epping St will be on Mar 1 and Apr 5, with all the usual great things on sale including toys, books, knitted goods, preserves, cakes and more.

At RM Begg a mounted cricket bat was recently installed in the foyer to acknowledge the members of our community who have made their century. The first three names to grace the bat are Marjorie Maher born 1921, Gordon "Tim" Collins born 1924 and Stanley "Stan" Liersch born 1924. Be sure to check it out next time you visit RM Begg.



## Support for a newly arrived refugee family?

Over the last three years four families were welcomed to Kyneton surroundings by local volunteers who generously donated a few hours of their week helping a refugee family with a soft landing.

This assistance was crucial to these newly arrived refugees in their integration and resettlement in Australia.

Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia in partnership with Cassinia Community and Social Foundry would like to invite you to an information session where you can hear more about Community Refugee Integration and Resettlement Pilot "CRISP" and offer you an opportunity to ask any questions.

If you would like to know more about this initiative you can join an information session at 6.30pm on Tues Mar 4 at the Social Foundry 86 Mollison St Kyneton

Registration is required via TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CYWDM>

## Around the Galleries

### At the Stockroom

98 Piper Street

Current Exhibitions

To Feb 23

Anthea Kemp *Fieldwork*

Madeleine Minack

*A thing that holds something else*  
and

Steph Wallace

*Remnant: a trace remaining*

Kris Coad *New arrival in ceramics*

### The Old Auction House

52-56 Mollison St

The Old Auction House gallery, studios and giftshop have kicked off 2025 with new exhibitions, workshops,

Upcoming exhibitions include:

“Stolen” – Solo Exhibition by Daniel Butterworth, a modernised interpretation of his travels through the Australian Landscape, Until 3 Mar



*Daniel Butterworth's self portrait for the exhibition on the window of The Old Auction House*

“Floresence” - group show of all things floral, Feb 20 – Mar 10

“Wilderness Within” - Cathy Mckay (painter) and Larissa Taylor (ceramicist), Apr 3-28,

“From Hoo to the Heavens” - Jahne Hope-Williams, an exhibition basing works around the famous helmet from the Sutton Hoo hoard, Mar 13 – 31

“Cozy Comfort” - Autumnal celebration in conjunction with the Autumn Festival, Apr 3 – 21

Workshops:

Fused Glass for Beginners - Sat Mar 1

Scraperboard Workshop - Sat Mar 1

Mosaics for Beginners - Mar 15 & 16

Details and bookings via [theoldauctionhouse.com.au](http://theoldauctionhouse.com.au)

### Art on Piper 44 Piper St

Autumn colours and textures are the vibrant inspiration for local artists at this time of year.

“As locals, we showcase the details

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we love in a special exhibition through April, and in our Macedon Ranges section of the gallery's large and diverse display, all year round” Art on Piper's Kathryn Portelli said.

AOP's 7th birthday will be celebrated in a ‘Meet the Artists’ event on Sun Apr 13, with food and wine from 2 until 5pm.

Open from 10 until 4 seven days, with a different artist to meet each day, a visit is always entertaining.

The guest artist for March, Grant Medbury, will add CNC and 3D printer artworks to the experience. [www.artonpiper.com](http://www.artonpiper.com)

### Kyneton RSL



All regular events at the Kyneton RSL have resumed after time off for the Christmas and New Year break. Morning Melodies, Camaraderie Night, Veterans Catch Up, monthly Saturday night music and other events are all underway.

The Sub-Branch's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 March at the RSL at 5pm and all members are encouraged to attend.

ANZAC Day commemoration preparations are underway for the Dawn Service followed by Gunfire breakfast at the RSL in Kyneton, starting at 5.45am, then the annual march to the Cenotaph at 9.30am followed by the ANZAC Day service.

As part of the RSL's ongoing contact with the wider community we will recommence bus trips this year and organise at least two per year.

This year a free exercise program for Veterans will be available in Kyneton for those Veterans who wish to regain some lost strength and improve their well-being. Eclipse gym is part of this program and should be contacted by those interested. It is a program for current Veteran members.

Members are also reminded that memberships which are due for renewal will be considered lapsed as of 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2025 and until payment and renewal is complete, all benefits of membership will cease.

### “No” to Call for Saleyards Rd service road upgrade

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has told Kyneton Connections it has no plans to widen the service road on the north side of Saleyards to accommodate two-way traffic.

Commenting on the Council's response Kyneton Connections President Eric Dearth said: “It is clear, that the one-way service road is not adequate for its businesses or their potential customers”

“The entry to the service road is not signposted at all, is poorly paved and is shared with large vehicle activities including the truck wash, a Kilcoy holding area and saleyards traffic.

“Motorists seeking to enter the service road approaching from Edgcombe Rd have to drive the length of Saleyards Rd to find the entry.

“Many customers of Betta are entering from the east and driving the wrong way along the service road.

“The service road should be made two way and ideally widened.

“A second entry point to the east of the Mollison St Bridge needs to be constructed and whilst the service road remains One Way, the mode of entry at the western end must be much more clearly marked.”

In the Council's response a Council officer said that a one-way service road is a standard practice and after reviewing the existing signage, the Council confirmed that it is sufficient and compliant with Australian Standards.

The only commitment given was that the Council will add directional arrows as line markings along the service lane.

“Sadly there does not seem to have been any recognition of the need for signage directing motorists to the entry point or that the entry point itself, especially in view of its multiple uses is dangerous and not fit for purpose? Mr Dearth said.



*Unmarked service road entry*



## About Kyneton Pony Club



Kyneton Pony Club is a small equestrian riding club located at Rollinson Reserve on Redesdale Road, Kyneton.

They have rallies once a month and offer a range of lessons at their rallies from Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross country to campdrafting, polo, side saddle, games etc.

The Club relies heavily on volunteers to get things done around the club and to run competitions.

“We currently have a great group of riders, they are very welcoming and love to have a giggle and chat about everything on horses” Club President Cassandra Waters said.

“If you are looking into sponsoring a club, please consider Kyneton Pony Club.

“We are a small club that relies on donations, sponsorships and fundraising to help pay for our instructors and to maintain all equipment and our grounds.

“Any help is greatly appreciated”.

“Kyneton Pony Club have rallies on the first Sunday of the month, anyone is welcome to come and check us out. If you would like to participate and ride at our club, please contact our DC - Bridget Fraser at [kynetonponyclub.dc@gmail.com](mailto:kynetonponyclub.dc@gmail.com)”

The Club have a couple of competitions booked for 2025. Their Combined Training Day, which consists of Dressage and Showjumping from Grades 1 down to 6, will be held at their grounds on Sat Apr 5.

KPC's major fundraiser for the year is their Horse Trials, which consists of Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country again from Grades 1 down to 6, will be held over 2 days on the weekend of Nov 8 & 9.

Kyneton Pony Club have a variety of memberships available and accept all Junior, Senior & Adults Riders with ages ranging from 5-80yo. They also offer an annual user membership to access their show jumping and dressage arenas only, please contact president Cassandra at [kynetonponyclub.president@gmail.com](mailto:kynetonponyclub.president@gmail.com)

## Oncology support

Kyneton Health is offering a 12-week oncology support program at the hospital gym which includes weekly exercise and education sessions to assist people living with cancer and manage the impacts on their physical and mental wellbeing.

Exercise sessions are under the supervision of an Exercise Physiologist and Physiotherapist.

Education sessions will include light refreshments and tea/coffee.

For someone with a cancer diagnosis exercise is important as it improves energy levels, reduces fatigue and improves cancer survival and reduces the risk of the development of new cancers.

The Program Timetable is:

**Managing Cancer:** For participants who are about to, or currently receiving treatment. Mon 1-3pm or 2-4pm.

**Cancer Wellness:** Ideal for participants who are not in active treatment and are aiming to improve their health and wellness post-cancer diagnosis. Wed 10:30am—12:30pm.

Anyone who has a cancer diagnosis and is not currently receiving a similar service is eligible.

Self-referrals and referrals from other health practitioners are welcome.

As an extension, Kyneton Health now provides a specialist Lymphoedema consultant to assist in managing this condition.

Contact the team at Kyneton Allied Health for all enquiries on 54229946 [alliedhealth.kyneton@chrh.org.au](mailto:alliedhealth.kyneton@chrh.org.au).

## Edgy Vege Trail

This April will be the fourth year of the Edgy Veg Trail which aims to encourage people across the Macedon Ranges to eat more veg and enjoy fresh, delicious dishes that support your health, your community, and the planet.

This year even more cafes, bars and restaurants from Kyneton are on board entering some amazing dishes to tempt your tastebuds:

They include Social Foundry, Kyneton Ridge Estate, Fook Shing, Homegrown on Piper and newcomers Donkey, Piper St Food Co, Angie's Café, The Albion Hotel and Super Sushi.

You can show your support by tasting and scoring dishes - there are 47 to choose from.

Each score puts you in the draw to win fabulous prizes.

The highest scoring dish will earn the title of Most Vegelicious Dish.

The event is hosted by Veg Action from Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group.

See more at [edgyvegawards.com.au](http://edgyvegawards.com.au)



*From Homegrown Piper Street*

## Beauchamp St crossing

Via Federal Government Black Spot Funding the Macedon Ranges Shire Council plans to install a raised pedestrian crossing, along with a kerb and channel on the eastern side of the Beauchamp St and Mollison St intersection with a minor realignment of the existing kerb on the northern side of Beauchamp St.

“The design solution is not only intended to improve pedestrian safety, regardless of the pedestrian throughput at this location, but also ensures vehicles approaching the intersection from the east of Beauchamp Street slow down and take extra caution” Dominic Testoni, Council's Director Assets and Operations said.

“The project is currently in the design phase, and the community will be consulted further in the future” Dominic Testoni said.

*Kyneton Connect* understands that there will be at least one kerb outstand on the east side of Mollison St to narrow the roadway slightly to slow vehicles turning into and out of Beauchamp St and that it is proposed that there will be a 6m space in front of the raised crossing to the line at the intersection.

## Editors Note re footpaths

Currently very few pedestrians cross Beauchamp Street at that corner. There is no footpath on the south side of Beauchamp and only non-sealed paths on Mollison Street north and south of the intersection.

## Flying Scholarship invite-



*Maddie Machell*

The Kyneton Aero Club (KAC) flying scholarship will continue this year. This follows on from the very successful progress of the previous two recipients in 2023 and 2024. Applications are open to persons aged between 16 and 22 years of age on Mar 1 and close 5pm Sun Mar 23. The scholarship is a support program for young people with a demonstrated interest in aviation. It is open to new students and to people who may have already commenced flight training. The scholarship will pay 50% of the cost of each instructional or flying hour, to a maximum total value of \$5,000. This will be provided progressively as the training is undertaken. Former Scholarship applicants are encouraged to re-apply. Full details of how to apply can be found on the KAC website. <http://www.kynetonclub.org/> Recently KAC's local Scholarship recipient, Maddie Machell, successfully completed her Recreational Pilot Certificate, which is a major achievement and significant step towards an aviation career. Maddie trained in the KAC Tecnam trainer and will continue to gain her navigation endorsement as the next step. The Club also congratulates Neil Pharaoh who recently obtained an RPL, Sophia Eldridge who gained her RPLA Navigation endorsement, Kelvin Round, Fulham Arslan and Ben Malone who gained their Recreational Pilot Licence Aeroplane (RPLA). All have demonstrated competencies in aircraft handling, basic aeronautical knowledge, radio procedures, systems knowledge, aviation legislation, meteorology and for some, navigation.

## Registration for Junior Netball

Are you looking to get your child involved in junior netball for 2025?

The Kyneton Netball Association is preparing for season 2025 and registrations are now open.

The Association prides itself on being a welcoming and inclusive environment that promotes diversity and equal opportunity for all young netballers in our community.

The Association participates in weekly games during the winter season with the Macedon Ranges Netball Association on Saturday mornings in New Gisborne and hold weekly training sessions in Kyneton, with age groups from Under 9's to Under 17's.

The annual Family Open Day will be held on Sun Feb 23 starting from 1 pm at the Kyneton Showgrounds.

"We will be hosting a BBQ along with activities and mini games - making it an ideal opportunity for you to try out if you haven't played before and find out what Kyneton Netball Association is all about" Secretary Kaitlin Evans said.

Don't miss out on the chance for your child to be part of this fun and supportive sporting community.

If you would like to hear more or find out more about registering, email [kynetonnetballjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:kynetonnetballjuniors@gmail.com) or call Kaitlin on 0409859685.

## Works at Kyneton Town Hall

People moving along Hutton St would have noticed works taking place at the Town Hall

The existing fire exit from the first floor needed a new deck, ensuring a safe access and egress from inside the hall.

Additionally, the existing stair access to the first-floor deck was being enclosed, to improve security.

The works began in late January and were targeted for completion by mid-February.



## Old Boys Reunion



The 78th annual reunion of the Kyneton Marist Brothers Old Boys Association was held on Australia Day at the Shamrock Hotel and members recalled that Bill Hardman son of the owner in the 1950s was a student taught by the Marist Brothers.

A number of boys who would have been Bill's classmates were joined by alumnus that were students before or after him. The reunions have become family affairs, as the passing of time has reduced the membership. In the past twelve months thirteen boys to the old Boys Remembrance Roll.

The records of the school have been lost but a collection of members' memorabilia was on display.

Brother Kevin Hoare who was the last Brother to teach at Kyneton, before the Marists withdrew in 1967 was a guest at the luncheon.

Planning next year's reunion will be the responsibility of the new committee to be determined at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

## Neighbourhood Battery Information Session

Those interested to learn more about neighbourhood batteries in their local area are invited to come along to hear from our guest speaker, join the Q & A and learn more about the benefits and challenges of neighbourhood batteries for Malmsbury/Drummond and the Macedon Ranges.

Co-hosted by Sustainable Malmsbury and the Renewable Energy Action Groups of Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group the event will be held in the Malmsbury Town Hall 6.30-8pm Wed Feb 26.

All welcome. Free to attend.

Questions? Email [sustainable-malmsbury@mrs.org.au](mailto:sustainable-malmsbury@mrs.org.au) .

## Kyneton District Services

### Accountants

Watco Partners Pty Ltd 5792 2580

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### Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine

Dr Michele Downes 0407582036

Little Window Acupuncture 0459678684

### Art Studio and Gallery

Maxine McKee at Trio Art 0467025354

### Auto Services & Repairs

Kyn Auto Spares & Repairs 5422 1255

Vereker Bros Smash Repairs 5422 2603

### Business Coach & Mentor

The Action Business Coach 0419464444

### Chiropractor

Performance One 5422 6488

### Computer Repair

Computers OK 0421367040

### Concreting & Paving

MBC Concreting & Paving 0417545159

### Dental

Campaspe Dental 5422 3988

Kyneton Dental 5422 6159

### Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners 5422 1503

### Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics 5422 2182

Kyneton Electrics 5422 1369

### Financial Planning

BTP Business Advisors Pty 5422 1588

### Fishmongers

The Fishmonger Kyneton 0408127392

### Holistic Health

Maiaveda Retreat & Spa 0420580886

### Insurance

Macedon Ranges Insurance 4411 2704

Simplex Insurance Solutions 5422 3333

### Legal Practices

Armstrong Collins & DeLacy 54221677

Palmer Stevens & Rennick 5422 6500

### LP Gas Supplies

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### Medical Practices

Campaspe Family Practice 5422 2877

Kyneton Medical Centre 5422 1397

Springs Medical Kyneton 5422 1298

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### Optometrist

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### Osteopath

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### Podiatry

One Step Podiatry 54221397

### Real Estate

Ray White Kyneton 5422 2127

RT Edgar 5422 3325

### School Aged Childcare

BugALugs 5422 2767

### Sewing Machine Repair

Jeff Leung 0431788360

### Shoe Suppliers

Kyneton Shoes 5422 2090

## Kyneton Events Calendar

Wed Feb 19	Kyneton Community Lunch 35 High St 12.30pm (each Wed during Term)
Sat Feb 22	The Flynn Band Major Toms 8.30pm
Sun Feb 23	Kyneton Municipal Band Concert Botanic Gardens 2pm
	GROW Festival of Regenerative Food & Farming Kyneton Racecourse 9am
	Junior Netball Open Family Day Kyneton Showgrounds 1pm
Wed Feb 26	Neighbourhood Battery Information Night Malmesbury Town Hall 6.30-8pm
Thur Feb 27	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Fri Feb 28	Meet the West Ward Councillors Social Foundry 10.30-11.30am
Sat Mar 1	Macedon Ranges Relay for Life Lancefield Park Reserve 11am-5pm
Sun Mar 2	Metcalfe Music Bash & Woodchop Metcalfe Reserve 10.30am-
Mon Mar 3	Zonta International Women's Day Dinner Kyneton Town Hall 6.30pm
Tues Mar 4	Refugee Support Information Night Social Foundry 6.30pm
Sat Mar 8	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm
	Kyneton Community Market cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
	Daffodil Bulb Sales commence at Community Market 8.30-1pm
Mon Mar 10	Labour Day Holiday
Fri Mar 21	Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm
Sat Mar 22	Tylden Primary School Fair Tylden Primary 10-3pm
	Kyneton Whole Town Garage Sale Maps from 35 High St 8-12pm
	'Race the Rock' Hanging Rock
	Kyneton Roller Disco Kyneton Showgrounds 6-8pm
Sun Mar 23	Kyneton Backyard Growers Picnic Mechanics Reserve 12-3pm
Sat Mar 29	Bush Dance—Eat Ya Greens Bush Band Lauriston Hall 5pm
Sun Mar 30	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Tues Apr 1	Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival starts
Ssat Apr 5	Football Netball Gisborne Giants v Kyneton (away game)
	Kyneton Autumn Flower Show Watts Pavilion 11.30-4pm
Sun Apr 6	Kyneton Autumn Flower Show Watts Pavilion 10-3.30pm
Thurs Apr 10	Ash Grunwald Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Sat Apr 12	Kyneton Farmers and Makers Market St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm
	Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
	Shaun Kirk Major Tom's 8.30pm
Thur Apr 17	Kyneton Connect delivery day
Fri Apr 18	Good Friday

### Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival Bulb sale dates

Sales will be held most Saturdays either at the Community Market or outside Woolworths.

Sales times for the Rotary Community Markets are: 8.30am-1pm Sats Mar 8, Apr 12 & May 10.

Sales outside Woolworths will be 8.30am-12.30pm Sats Mar 15 & 29, Apr 5, 19 & 26 and May 3.

### Recycling polypropylene bags

The Macedon Ranges Council has commenced accepting polypropylene bags for recycling at its resource recovery facilities.

Eligible single-use polypropylene (PP) agricultural plastic bags used for products like fertiliser, seed, grain (excluding silo bags), stock feed, and pet food will be accepted.

The Kyneton resource recovery facility is what was formerly known as the transfer station in Redesdale Rd.

### Town Planning Services

Macaulay Town Planning 5422 3054

### Veterinarians

Dr Greg McIntyre 5422 1310

## Autumn Flower Show 2025



This year's Kyneton Horticultural Society, Autumn Flower Show will be held Sat Apr 5 (11.30am–4pm) and Sun Apr 6 (10am–3.30pm) in the Watts Pavilion at the Kyneton Showgrounds.

From floral art through to dahlias, vegetables, pot plants and garden scavenger hunt displays this is a great way to get involved and enjoy a family day out.

The Society motto, 'Show what you grow and tell what you know' encourages all ages to enter something in the show.

It's an excellent opportunity for gardeners large and small to showcase their flowers, vegetables and fruits of their labour.

In addition to the horticulture displays there will be refreshments, local business trade stalls, artist in residence and plant sales.

The Watts Pavilion will be a blaze of colour and beauty so come and enjoy the experience!

People wishing to enter items into the show are encouraged to enter via [events.humanitix.com/exhibitorafs](https://events.humanitix.com/exhibitorafs) or collect a paper entry from the MRSC Kyneton Office or Kyneton Library.

Entries close 12pm, on Apr 1.

For further information or enquiries contact [kynetonh1894@gmail.com](mailto:kynetonh1894@gmail.com) or [www.khs1894.com](http://www.khs1894.com) or on the socials @1894khs.

## Tylden Primary Fair Mar 22

From 10am to 3pm on Sat Mar 22 the much loved Tylden Primary School annual fair will be held.

The Fair is the School's major fundraiser for the year and all proceeds from the day will go directly back into the school's equipment and programs

It's a great day for the whole family with rides for all ages, including camel rides, giant slide, rock wall, chair-o-plane, trackless train, animal farm and more.

Local musicians will provide entertainment all day as you browse the stalls, enjoy some delicious food, Devonshire tea or grab a coffee.

The famous Silent Auction will be packed with amazing items to bid for, and you are sure to find a bargain in the trash & treasure, books, craft, produce, cake or plant stalls.

For more information about the Tylden PS Fair or about the school or the fair call 54248244.



## Netball Pavilion construction

Construction of the long awaited new Kyneton Showgrounds Netball Pavilion is about to start.

The pavilion will feature modern amenities, including change rooms, accessible toilets, a kitchenette and storage areas.

During the construction period, the Council will work closely with Kyneton Football Netball Club – the primary users the netball court – to

support them, including providing temporary facilities through the 2025 netball season.

The new pavilion is the first stage of a broader netball precinct development, with two new netball courts scheduled for construction following the conclusion of the 2025 netball season.

Given the site's layout and access limitations the Council has determined a staged delivery approach as the most efficient method for completing the project.

## Bulb sales commence Mar 8

The popular annual Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival's sales of quality daffodil bulbs will commence from 8.30am Sat Mar 8 at the Rotary Community Market on the corner of Ebdon and Yaldwyn St West.

All profits from the sales are used to help fund the Festival which this year will be held Sept 4-14.

See *diary page* for further sale dates.

The 2025 Festival Executive members were finalised at the Festival meeting on Feb 4. Former President Peter Henderson will support the executive as Operations Manager.

The Festival needs helpers. Any time you can spare.

Email [kynetondaffodilandartsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:kynetondaffodilandartsfestival@gmail.com) to get on board.



*New executive: Sharryn Smith President, Michelle Skipper Treasurer, Mark James VP, Committee member Chris Cregan and Jharna Hogan Secretary. Other Committee members are Bill Meeker and Geoff Barrett.*

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