



# Kyneton Connect



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## Outdoor Exercise area open

The recently installed Kyneton Outdoor Exercise Equipment located in St Agnes Place is now open and ready for use by the community.

This Kyneton equipment was jointly funded by Victorian State Government (Community Sport Infrastructure Fund), MRSC through the Community Grants program and the Rotary Club of Kyneton through local fundraising.

The equipment was originally proposed in 2016 by Campaspe River and Land Management Group (The River Committee) and The Rotary Club of Kyneton as a feasibility study which ended with the equipment installed in St Agnes Place in the open space near the River's old swimming pool and foot bridge buttresses.

Although each set of equipment has a notice with how to use instructions on it the various stations also have QR Reader for Apple and Android readers for those who aren't sure how to operate the equipment.

Just download the QR Reader app (free) and line up the bar code on the equipment within the square on the QR Reader and a full explanation along with some videos of equipment use will appear.

It couldn't be simpler but you do need a mobile smart phone.

The equipment is fully compliant including wheelchair access to some stations along with recently installed nearby disabled parking facility.

The 13 different elements of equipment are a sky runner, elliptical trainer, sit up bench, step ups, multi dip bar, leg press, pendulum swing, body twist, stretching tai chi wheel, chest press, lat pull down, inclusive lat pull down and inclusive chest press.

The advantage of having the equipment outdoors is easy access for everyone, free to use, safe environment (fully compliant with rubberised soft fall, spaced apart for ease of use), pleasant space utilising existing plantings, river vista and all weather.

There is ample parking adjacent to the equipment which can be reached via Mill St or while using the Campaspe River Walk which goes right past the installation.

Similar exercise equipment is being installed at Woodend, Romsey, Gisborne and Lancefield with Riddell's Creek already working.

There will be a launch for the whole project (all towns) after CV19 restrictions are lifted to allow gatherings.

## Shortcut restored



For decades people living east of Edgcombe St walked through the vacant Education Department land as a link to the town centre.

The construction of the new Kyneton Primary School on the site removed that convenient shorter option.

A month or so ago the link was restored with the opening of a concrete pathway between the new Kyneton Primary School and Our Lady of the Rosary School extending from the Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre to Edgcombe St.

The Education Department provided the land for the path and the Shire Council organised and met the cost of construction.

Both Schools are delighted with the pathway as are the residents east of Edgcombe St.

## Markets resuming

The Kyneton Farmer's Market held in St Paul's Park in Piper Street resumed operation on Sat June 13 with many devotees of the Market relishing its return.

The Rotary Club of Kyneton expects their Kyneton Community Market to resume in July in the grounds of St Andrew's Uniting Church on the corner of Ebdon Street and Yaldwyn Street West.

Saturday July 11 from 8.30am to 1pm should see Kyneton's Market scene back in full swing.



Peter Harding, Rex Breen and Martin Monk from the River Committee and Rotary, prime movers in gaining the equipment

## Winners are grinners



The Kyneton Men's Shed raffle, drawn back in May, has finally brought some much needed cheer to the winners.

With COVID 19 restrictions delaying the handover of prizes, recent easing has made the waiting even more worthwhile for the winners.

Winner of the Cubby house, made from recycled timber by KMS Member Owen Perry, was Peta Hutchison from Bendigo. KMS Members delivered the splendid prize to Peta and her young niece, who was thrilled.

The second lucky ticket buyer was Elise Cooke from Malmsbury, taking home a smart electric car for her young son who is just the perfect fit for his first set of wheels.

Elise says she can't get him out of it!

A colourful children's playset, constructed by KMS Members Bob Grubb and James Keddie, was won by Deb Schaap of Naneella. Although this was Deb's first raffle prize, she generously donated the playset back to the Shed to raise more funds

The raffle was drawn by Bupa Aged Care's regional manager, Aida Salihovic.

KMS President, Phil Thomas, said the raffles are an important activity to raise much needed funding.

"Our Members do a great job to build prizes, and donating their time to sell the tickets.

"It's the funds from these raffles that help to provide the services we offer at the Shed.

"I'm sure shoppers in Kyneton will be looking out for the next one, and we're very grateful to the community for their support" Phil said.

If you would like to join the Kyneton Men's Shed, call 0400673346.

## Council trials organic herbicide

The Council has begun trialling an organic herbicide in high use areas such as playgrounds and botanic gardens.

The herbicide is made from sustainably sourced pine oil and is used on farms certified to the Australian Certified Organic Standard.

Organic herbicides have no withholding period and are safe to use around children and animals, and can improve soil health as they contain no harmful residues.

The herbicide has a pre-emergent activity that kills weed seed in the soil and can lead to a reduction of the amount of spraying required in an area. Council's Parks and Gardens team will monitor use of the organic herbicide and evaluate results before determining its use long term.

## Busy time for Police

Police at Kyneton were quite busy just prior to and over the Queen's birthday weekend.

It all kicked off on the Friday when members from Macedon Ranges C.I.U together with some uniform members executed a search warrant at an address in Tylden.

As a result of that search warrant, a quantity of drugs and weapons were seized, and a 26-year-old man has been bailed to the Kyneton Magistrate's Court for related offences.

The long weekend also saw the return of Operation Regal, with Police focussing on road safety across the State.

With the increase of traffic through this area, came an increase in offending.

Over the 4 days of the operation, 107 traffic offenders were processed in the Macedon Ranges and four of them were for driving under the influence.

Police were obviously disappointed with such high numbers of offending. However, on a positive note, most of the offenders were not from the Macedon Ranges and there were no fatalities or serious injury collisions in the area over the long weekend.

Even though Operation Regal is over, Kyneton police will continue to focus on road safety by enforcing traffic laws to ensure the safety of the local community.

## Kinder registrations open

Online registrations for 2021 kindergartens in the Macedon Ranges shire, are now open.

Kindergartens support and encourage children to explore, think, create, problem solve and develop independence within a play-based learning environment.

Register online via the Council website before June 30 to enter the draw for a chance to win two terms of free swimming lessons for your kinder child.



## MRSC reducing Directorates

Earlier this year the Macedon Ranges Shire Council announced that it would transition from four directorates to three.

CEO Margot Stork told *Kyneton Connect* that many councils of a similar size to Macedon Ranges Shire Council operate with three directorates, or even two.

"Informal feedback is being sought from staff to help inform a new draft organisation structure.

"The new draft structure will be subject to staff consultation before it is finalized" the CEO said.

"Once the final structure is determined, we will be able to share this with the community" she said.

## Spring Flower Show cancelled

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic the Kyneton Horticultural Society decided earlier this week to cancel its September Spring Flower Show.

The Flower Show usually occurs during the Daffodil & Arts Festival which has also been postponed.

## New President for Rotary



Retired Kyneton Secondary College Principal, Mark Ridgeway is to be inaugurated as the new President of the Rotary Club of Kyneton at the Club's annual changeover meeting on June 29.

Mark will be taking over from current president, Geoff Phillips for the upcoming 2020-21 year.

Geoff is very proud of his year as president of the local club.

"This year we have chalked up a number of major achievements as well as adapting to life under COVID 19," Geoff said.

"We have seen the installation of the fitness equipment beside the Campaspe River Walk in Kyneton, a project which we have raised money for over a number of years."

Geoff reported that, the Club also supported a number of international aid projects, sponsored the 2019 schoolies trip to Vietnam for Year 12 students from the two local secondary schools, and recently funded the installation of security screens in the Kyneton Scout hall.

The Club also supports and sponsors the local food bank in Kyneton.

Incoming president, Mark is also very positive about the future of the Club.

"We have adapted very well to conducting our meetings and our business over Zoom," he said. "Although I think I speak for everyone, when I say that we are looking forward to meeting again in person."

"This year, we have managed to continue supporting a number of our projects and causes, both local and international, but our regular fund-raising activities have been impacted.

"Rotary is open to people of all ages and all walks of life," he said.

"Next year is our 100th anniversary of Rotary in Australia, so it will be a great time to join up and be a part of Rotary."

The Rotary Club of Kyneton normally meets weekly on a Monday night in the Shamrock Hotel in Kyneton, and hopes to start up again with regular meetings from mid July.

If you are interested in joining Rotary or coming along and finding out more about the club, contact Mark on 0400889574 or [mdridge@gmail.com](mailto:mdridge@gmail.com).

## New CEO at RM Begg

The RM Begg Kyneton Aged Care Board of Management has announced the appointment of Meredith Grant to the role of Chief Executive Officer. Meredith replaces the highly respected Sarah Collier who had been in this role for twenty years.

Having worked alongside Sarah for 10 years in her role as Clinical Coordinator, Meredith has overseen the physical wellbeing of the residents and assisted them and their relatives with settling into the facility.

To the role of CEO, Meredith brings her wealth of experience and expertise in nursing care and clinical education, having worked at the old Gisborne Hospital and Kyneton District Health.

Meredith has been part of the Senior Management Team and, more recently, has acted as CEO.

RMB is not losing Sarah Collier, who is stepping into a newly created role of Project Officer.

She will work closely with the Board sourcing fund raising opportunities and grants.

Sarah's expertise and community connection will prove invaluable in this role.



## Restore Relief funding call



Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters has written to the Minister for Families and Social Services, Anne Ruston to encourage her to reconsider her decision to cease Emergency Relief funding to Cobaw Community Health.

"The COVID-19 economic crisis has hit hard for many local residents.

Business closures and job losses have created financial hardship for many.

It's more important than ever that residents in the Macedon Ranges have access to emergency relief when they need it" Lisa Chesters said.

"Even before the pandemic, there was a significant demand for emergency relief due to unemployment, the cost of living and the low NewStart rate.

"It was devastating to find out that the Government decided to cease Emergency Relief funding for Cobaw, resulting in cuts to their services."

For 15 years Cobaw Community Health delivered the Department of Social Services Emergency Relief program. Their program supported people to cover the costs of basic necessities - things like groceries, petrol and medications.

"For people who live in the Macedon Ranges, organisations that hold emergency relief contracts and receive funding from the federal government are now simply too far away. How can it be fair that someone in need for food or fuel vouchers needs to travel to Bendigo or Melbourne to get it?

"The Government also just increased funding for Emergency Relief in the Bendigo electorate area in light of COVID-19 but only to the existing contract holders. This does not improve the lack of support in the Macedon Ranges" Lisa Chester concluded.

## Cr Pearce reports



We are gradually beginning to lift restrictions and people are moving back out into the community as we look towards the recovery phase.

We have seen the wonderful community spirit, assisting and supporting each other and I would like to thank all those who have volunteered and gone out of their way to help.

This includes all those contributing to the Kyneton Connect editions- there has never been a more important time for local community papers and news.

Council continues to follow the direction of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and is working with State and Federal regulations regarding when facilities will open.

It is wonderful to see community services such as the library opening and importantly small businesses as well (we know how many have adapted and transitioned during these last months) and we continue to encourage people to support them and buy local.

We continue to work with many community and health services and Victorian Police, and a reminder that the Recovery Operations Centre (ROC) is still open and available to support residents on 5422 0237 or email [recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

Council is monitoring any funding opportunities to support projects, services and socioeconomic recovery. Very exciting news already and we thank the State Government for their generous financial funding to the Macedon Ranges Trail Project of \$8.75 million.

We know many people have been active cycling and walking and hope this continues.

The Virtual Council Meetings and Submitters Meeting have been successful and we are proud to have been the first Council in the State to implement this option.

Importantly, the Draft Budget 2020/21, Council Plan (Year 4) and Strategic Resource Plan is open for community feedback.

There has never been a more important time to provide in writing your thoughts, suggestions and comments (for example, what you like, what you think could be added or altered).

Council provided an initial support package in April and we are looking to support the community and businesses further with additional funds.

We encourage people to present to Councillors as well at a submitters meeting scheduled for July.

We have all been adapting and finding other ways to stay connected. ANZAC Day was very special this year as many of us stood with a light in our driveways, marking the dawn service and hearing the sound of the distant bugle as we paid our respects to those who have served and continue to serve in our armed forces.

We acknowledged the courage and sacrifices made, and this experience during this time is something we will never forget.

Councillors continue to attend various committee meetings and briefings by virtual means. I have participated in three "Virtual AGM's" during this time.

The Australian Network on Disability also held their first virtual Annual Conference which was very successful. We have learnt many things during this time.

Local Government elections will be held in October. Being a Councillor is very rewarding and a very important role. There is a lot of information online and Council will be advertising some sessions soon.

If anyone is interested in nominating, I am happy to discuss this further as I am sure other Councillors are as well.

We are heading in to the Winter months already so please be careful with your fires at home.

Stay safe. Best wishes,

## New Security for Scout Hall

Ist Kyneton Scouts has been closed because of Covid-19.

The District Leader, Tom Hickey, a very experienced and Senior Scout Leader, and Cub Leader Corrinne Twomey spoke at a Kyneton Rotary Club meeting explaining their position and what they hoped to achieve.

Several members of Kyneton Rotary have attended meetings with and consulted the scout leadership group.

During this time this group in liaison with the Rotary Board made a decision to help Ist Kyneton Scouts achieve sustainability, security and safety at their scout hall.

Because the Scout Hall is situated at Franklin Place, which faces onto the Campaspe River, there are issues with security and safety.

The Hall has suffered vandalism and break in theft in which they lost camping gear, personal equipment and other items. (Kyneton Rotary has purchased two large replacement tents for the cub pack thus far) The river precinct location is ideal for outdoor activities but the isolation made it vulnerable to break-ins.

Rotary undertook a project to install security grills and a security system will also be added.

The grant application has seen the Scouts, Kyneton Rotary and The Rotary Foundation working together for a great outcome for the community.



*Rotarians , Tom Hickey & scouts pre-COVID*

## Cat curfew starts July 1

The Council is urging cat owners to prepare for the upcoming shire-wide cat curfew, which comes in to effect on July 1.

From that date, all cats within the shire must be confined to their property from sunset to sunrise, and will also be prohibited from the shire's most sensitive environmental areas.

## \$55,000 for Kyneton High



(Pre-COVID photo)

High School students in Kyneton will soon benefit from having maintenance works carried out at their school.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas has announced Kyneton High School is among 78 schools to share in \$5.94 million of Planned Maintenance Program funding to help address their maintenance needs.

Kyneton High will receive \$55,000 for high priority maintenance, including painting, roofing repairs, tree maintenance and surface treatments.

A new evaluation system was put in place in 2018 to provide more precise information on the condition of school infrastructure to create timely and targeted allocation of maintenance funding.

“This investment in Kyneton High School is about making sure all of our schools are well maintained and safe, so students learn in the best possible environment.

“Kyneton High is a fantastic local school, so it’s wonderful news that they are among the schools set to share in this vital maintenance funding” Mary-Anne Thomas said.

## Holding the Circle Mar 13 – 21

In March next year Kyneton will be immersed in contemporary art for the second iteration of the Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial.

Presented by local arts collective Kyneton Contemporary Inc., and taking place over nine days, KCAT (pronounced kay-CAT) celebrates the work of eleven exciting Australian artists:

Ravi Avasti (VIC) | Hannah Brontë (QLD) | Michael Candy (QLD) | Adam Lee (VIC) | Eugenia Lim (VIC) | {the empty set} Emily Parsons-Lord + Sara Morawetz (NSW) | Steven Rhall (VIC)

| Simone Slee (VIC) | Hanna Tai (VIC) | Katie West (WA)

The event’s theme is *Holding the Circle* – an intersection of art, community and exchange – with Kyneton at the core of inspiration.

Leading up to KCAT, artists are spending time getting to know the local community, observing the character, ecology and culture of the town as they create new work specifically for the 2021 event.

Locals and visitors can look forward to intriguing and unexpected site-specific installations including sound, sculpture, painting, new media and performance activating familiar and unfamiliar locations across the town.

KCAT2021 was officially launched on Saturday 14 March 2020 along with a very special publication detailing the art presented in the inaugural KCAT in 2018.

This limited edition, full colour 144-page publication, *Force Fields: Art, Architecture and Audience*, is available on [www.kynetoncontemporary.com](http://www.kynetoncontemporary.com). Buy a copy and support excellent contemporary Australian art in regional Victoria.

50 seats! – Kyneton-based artist Ravi Avasti is inviting members of the local community to contribute wooden chairs, in any condition, to his KCAT2021 project.

Each chair will be modified and incorporated into a large installation exploring behaviours and rituals associated with dialogue and the exchange of ideas.

If you would like to contribute to Ravi’s project, please get in touch via [ravi@avasti.com](mailto:ravi@avasti.com)



Artists Simone Slee, Hanna Tai and Ravi Avasti in Kyneton for the KCAT2021 artist announcement and book launch, March 2020. Photo Richard McLeish

## Kyneton Community Lunch

Until the Kyneton Community House can resume its weekly Community Lunch at the Mechanics Institute a take-away lunch is available from the Community House at 34 Mollison St.

Each Wednesday, between 12 and 1pm, a delicious 2 course meal is available to take home for only \$5.

Pre-payment for the lunch can be made through Community House website to minimize your contact, otherwise cash on the day.

If you have any produce to donate please contact 54223433 or email [food@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au](mailto:food@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au) to arrange drop-off.

Any excess fruit is also welcome for the team to make some preserves.



New Coordinator Suzanne McDonald

## Community House re-opens

Kyneton Community House re-opened as at June 1 with reduced hours.

The office is currently open Tuesdays to Thursdays from 10am-2pm, strictly by appointment only at this stage.

People should phone 54223433 to enquire about a course, hire a room, or make an appointment with the House’s Be Connected Digital Mentor.

The Community House Occasional Childcare has re-opened Mon-Fri.

If you would like to enquire about a space for your child call 54223433.

Some classes will resume this month with limited numbers, however the majority will not return until Term 3.

Updates will be provided via Community House Facebook Page and noticeboard as they happen.

There are currently 2 free programs on offer running online. Details and registration for these can be found on the House’s website.

## What's New in Business

### Quality Yarn back in Kyneton



Alice in Fabricland has now added a large range of quality knitting yarn to its attractive stock of sewing fabrics.

Owner Fiona Leehane saw the need for a wider range of yarns to cater for Kyneton's keen knitters.

The shop at 14 High St now stocks woollen yarns, all Australian, mixed wool & blends, silk, cotton and cashmere & yak( this from local company Ochre Yarn).

There is also knitting yarn for babies.

Alice in Fabricland also stocks a full selection of knitting and circular needles and pattern books.

Open Hours are 10-4.30 Tuesday to Friday and 10-3 on Saturday. Enquiries 0439993389.

### Kyneton eating places re-open

Since June 1 when the ability for eating places to offer table service under the COVID 19 restrictions was restored, subject to social distancing and other criteria, the full gamut of Kyneton's eating establishments and services has gradually been returning.

Some were operating throughout the former tighter regime offering take away and in some cases introducing home delivery.

By last weekend, June 13 & 14, most, but not all, eating places with table service had resumed, some, at least for the time being, with reduced opening hours.

### Hayley Maree bridal wear re-locates

Hayley Maree bridal wear has moved to 29 High St.

See the great display in the windows.

email enquiries@hayleymaree.com or call Hayley on 0434028545.

### Building starts at Kyneton on Riverside

"The launch of Kyneton on Riverside, a master planned development with grand open space, access to the Campaspe River and local train station, numerous ponder points, and only a stone's throw away from the town centre was met with great excitement" KOR project manager Jim Shaeffer said last week..

"Since its launch, Kyneton on Riverside, the new estate on the south side of the Campaspe has experienced escalating levels of interest, with locals and out-of-towners realising the value of a master planned neighbourhood, with a focus on community, located in a renowned country town which is close to Melbourne".



In an increasingly active housing market, buyers have been supported by record low interest rates and government subsidies, with city dwellers moving to regional centres and ageing Baby Boomers looking for new styles of housing.

"In Stage 1, Artisan Release, 15 out of 16 lots are either sold or under contract. And there is very keen interest in Stage 3, Parkview Release, the prime stage with its unsurpassed views to Macedon and opposite a picturesque park that can never be built out.

"Builders such as Metricon, Langdon Homes and Local Builders Direct are leading the way in creating homes for our residents that will deliver the best of urban living in a town where people come first" Jim said.

Find out more by visiting [www.kynetononriverside.com.au](http://www.kynetononriverside.com.au).

### Kyneton RSL Sub-Branch

Despite the easing of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions on June 1, the Kyneton RSL will remain closed for another few weeks.

"Opening for sit-down meals only is planned for late-June and whilst we

apologise for any inconvenience to our many valued members, we are sure that once we do re-open you will see a completely re-vitalised club" Secretary Mike Gretton said.

Work commenced on June 1 involving a complete refurbishment of the café, bistro and foyer. This involves re-painting, new lighting, carpets and tiles. New bistro furniture will follow as will a new display cabinet for memorabilia in the foyer.

"We are also waiting for final approval from ANZAC House to upgrade the toilet facilities at the southern end of the building.

"We expect that approval very soon and work will commence almost immediately.

"The wind break at the rear entrance of the building is complete and work to re-energise the gardens has also been completed.

"Staff are back at work and are working hard to ensure a smooth transition when we re-open.

"We are confident that members will thoroughly enjoy the new ambience of the club and we are looking forward to seeing members returning" Mike said.

Re-opening will not mean an immediate return to the way the RSL operated pre-COVID-19. It will be a graduated return with sit-down meals initially and other parts of the club gradually returning to normal as the situation dictates.

The committee has also been active in the background ensuring that day-to-day RSL matters are taken care of and this has particularly been the case with checking on veterans to ensure their welfare needs are being met.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Sub-Branch AGM had to be postponed. It will now be held on Wednesday, July 15.



Kyneton RSL's new windbreak

## New Zonta Board installed



*New President Donna Fabris receives the Zonta Bell from Eloise Forbes*

On Wed May 27, the Zonta Club of Kyneton held its first-ever virtual Changeover Meeting, with the 2020-2022 Board installed by Zonta International District 23 Governor Jane Adornetto.

The Club has been conducting business virtually since restrictions came into force in Victoria in March.

Outgoing President Eloise Forbes and her Board made the decision to switch to virtual as soon as it became clear that meeting in person would not be possible.

"I've been so impressed with the way our members have quickly adapted to managing our club business virtually using web conferencing tools along with other electronic means - we felt that staying connected and continuing to run as much as possible was very important for our club" said Ms Forbes.

Incoming President Donna Fabris is joined on the 2020-2022 Board by Lorraine McKimm, Philippa Close, Jenny Kerr, Margaret Lynch and Christine Jessup.

Ms Fabris lives in Lancefield and is an experienced Board member having sat on the Boards of Kyneton District Health and Lancefield Community Bank.

She has also held senior positions in Ambulance Victoria and ran a very successful Home Care business in the Macedon Ranges.

Donna is "really looking forward to taking on this very important leadership role and continuing the great work we do at the Zonta Club of Kyneton".

## Expressions of Interest lodged

Expressions of Interest for organisations wishing to manage all or part of the former Kyneton Primary School site in Baynton St closed with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on June 1.

Local groups: Kyneton Community House, Kyneton and District Town Square Co-Op and the Social Foundry have each advised *Kyneton Connect* that they have lodged expressions of interest to manage the whole site.

At its May 1 meeting the Macedon Ranges Shire Council decided to lodge an expression of interest to manage the 4 vacant lots constituting the open space at the east of the old School site.

The process is commercial in confidence, so that *Kyneton Connect* does not know if any other Expressions of Interest have been received.

The outcome of the process is anticipated by the end of June.

What is known about the Expressions of Interest:

### Kyneton Community House EOI

Encapsulated in the Kyneton Community House EOI is a vision for the site as a central hub of community education, support, service and connection. The proposed name of the centre is *Kyneton Community Place*.

"Formed in 1988 and incorporated in 1989, Kyneton Community House purchased premises in Mollison Street. "The acquisition was assisted by grants and a bank mortgage. More than thirty years of successful community activity and careful management saw the loan paid out in 2019" Community House Board Chair Alan Moor said.

"The KCH Board and staff see the old Kyneton primary school as a facility which provides the next step.

Our vision is for a Community Place which engages and supports all of the community.

"For many years we have facilitated and assisted local Community groups conducting their activities at the Community House. If we are granted management of the former Primary School we will be able to do this for many more community groups and do it more effectively"

"We aim to create a place of connection, inclusion and opportunity for all people in the community, through education, employment, recreation and social interaction" Alan Moor said.



### Town Square Co-Op EOI

Rob Bakes Chair of the Kyneton & District Town Square Co-Op Board, said that consultations with the Kyneton community and public meetings, has drawn together some great ideas on how the Town Square might develop.

"The Co-op Board is itching to get underway to make the former school site a vibrant centre.

"We have seen the importance of community during the bushfires and pandemic this year and we believe the Town Square model is a wonderful means to 'build community'.

"The business model adopted by the Co-Op creates an independent income stream from social enterprise and leased space.

"Establishing strong financial viability will enable the Co-Op to play its 'Robin Hood' role of making affordable space available in the school for local community groups,

"Everyone is included, everyone has a voice and everyone is listened to" Mr Bakes said.

The Co-Op's 70-page EOI and supporting documents is publicly available at [kynetononline.org](http://kynetononline.org)

### Social Foundry EOI

Whilst Kyneton Connect does not have any details of its Expression of Interest a Social Foundry spokesperson said that if granted management of the site the Social Foundry would welcome use by community organisations and individuals.

### Shire Council EOI

In its May 1 Resolution the Council instructed the CEO to lodge formal interest in the appointment of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council as the Committee of Management of the 4 undeveloped eastern lots on the site.

It also resolved that should an alternate Expression of interest for the whole site is supported by DELWP the Council shall "withdraw its offer" and "work cooperatively with the successful applicant and DELWP as agreed".

## Around the Galleries

### Art On Piper 44 Piper St

Art On Piper is open again and has welcomed artists Lesley Rosochodski, Carolyn Smyrk and Leah Henderson to the gallery.

Lesley Rosochodski paints in a range of genres, mainly focusing on nature art. She appreciates the technical challenge of botanical art and creates delicate water colour illustrations which can take several flowering seasons to complete.

Caroline Smyrk is a visual artist and works in a diverse range of media including oils, watercolour, charcoal and printmaking. She worked for many years as an Art and Music teacher.

She recently studied at The Florence Academy of Art where a love for painting in oils and portraiture emerged.

Leah Henderson is an emerging artist who emphasises line, detail and colour to enhance a complexity of thought and emotion. She has also studied abroad in Italy and has undertaken post-graduate research in the UK.

Open every day 10-4pm except Tues.

### The Stockroom 98 Piper St

*Silent Raptures* - from 13 June– 26 July.

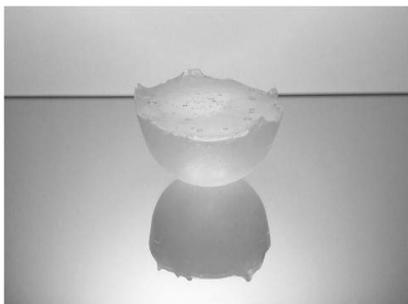
Exhibition by Belle Bassin, Jeremy Bakker, Adam Boyd, Mel Dixon, Jasper Jacobsen & Lucy Foster

Curated by Angela O'Connor

As a safety measure, the Stockroom will not be having opening of the Exhibition with all the artists and instead will be having small gatherings of up to 20 people each week for artists.

Please register your interest via the website if you would like to attend any of the following openings

On Sat 20 June Adam Boyd Sat 27 June Lucy Foster and on Sat 4 July Mel Dixon. Belle Bassin's Exhibition Opening took place on Sat 13 June.



JEREMY BAKKER *Manifest density* Reconfigured drinking glasses

**The Old Auction House** 56 Mollison St  
After being closed for 8 weeks The Old Auction House reopened on June 15.

Upcoming artists and exhibitions in the Main Gallery and Studio Gallery from that date include:

“In Stillness and Other Worlds” - Solo Exhibition by Penny Reilly - Jun 18-Jul 6  
“Linear” - Curated Group Exhib July,  
“Juxtaposition”- A duet exhibit by Gabe Freeman & Kerry Brown 18-29 Jun  
Art Student Exhibition - A group of 10 emerging artists presenting their body of works. - 9-27th July

Workshops coming up are:

Silver Jewellery Making Workshop for Beginners, Sat 18 Jul at 10am  
Illustration Workshop: Ink and Watercolour Wash, Sat 25 Jul 10:30am  
Glass Light Catcher Workshop, Sat 29 Aug at 10:30am

Bookings for the workshops are vital – see Old Auction House website for details.



## Council facilities to reopen

More Council facilities are about to reopen, including libraries and Hanging Rock Reserve.

Most libraries in the shire were expected to reopen on June 17 while Hanging Rock Reserve is due to reopen June 23, in time for the upcoming school holiday period.

Visitors to the Reserve are asked to practice good hand hygiene, maintain appropriate physical distancing and to not visit the Reserve if they are unwell. Increased toilet cleaning will be in place.

Chief Executive Officer, Margot Stork said these arrangements would be subject to ongoing review.

“The health and safety of visitors and staff is our top priority,” Ms Stork said. Playgrounds, outdoor gyms, sports grounds, parks and some public toilets in the shire are available for public use. Other facilities yet to reopen include

pools, gyms, libraries, some public toilets, Council service centres, community halls and sports pavilions.

Decisions regarding the opening up of services and any modifications in place will be made in coming weeks, and residents will be kept informed of any developments.

## Seniors Digital Connection

The Digital Connection Project for Seniors aims to support people over 65 in the Macedon Ranges to socially connect with family and friends using a digital device (a computer, smartphone or tablet) and explains how to access the internet?

The Digital Connection Project for Seniors has received an impressive 18 inquiries in its first two weeks of operation.

If you have a digital device but need some help learning how to use it, we can link you with a volunteer who can help. If you do not have access to a device and are not able to buy one, we may be able to source one for you.

Call Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 54220237 for further information and to register your interest.

This Digital Connection Project for Seniors is a joint initiative of Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership, Cobaw Community Health, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Goldfields Libraries, Kyneton Community House, Lancefield Neighbourhood House, Gisborne Men's Shed, Macedon Ranges Health and the Zonta Club of Kyneton.

## Council supports Workers

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has agreed to welcome 92 new temporary staff, who will be with the organisation for up to 6 months, as part of the Working for Victoria initiative.

The additional short-term staff will perform roles in areas such as community support, provision of food services and catering for vulnerable people, planting and works at Hanging Rock and beautification works in shire parks and gardens.

The \$500 million Working for Victoria program is part of the Victorian government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and aims to match people who have lost their jobs due to the economic impacts of coronavirus, with local councils and provide them with meaningful work.

## Mountain Goat Mountain



Henrietta Mettler

Families across Australia have the opportunity to participate in an adventurous new audio-led theatre experience, *Mountain Goat Mountain*, developed during isolation for families to enjoy at home.

The work has been created by Threshold, a new Australian company that creates products and experiences that bring people together.

Founded by Kyneton theatre makers Sarah Lockwood and Tahli Corin, Threshold has been exploring ways to make theatre more accessible to people outside of the major cities.

Their latest offering, *Mountain Goat Mountain* takes families with young children (5+) on an interactive journey.

Through a series of activities that help families set up and step into their own imaginative world, *Mountain Goat Mountain* is a theatre experience that will see participants crawling through tunnels, crossing lava pits and swimming through underwater caves without leaving home! Guided by a narrative soundscape, families will embark on this 45-minute theatrical experience using only a charged audio device (computer, phone or tablet), a bed sheet (the bigger the better), a piece of blank paper (A4 will do) and favourite pencils, pens or textas.

The creative team are all based in Kyneton Victoria, including 7 year-old Henrietta Mettler who voices Act I of the experience.

Audiences can access *Mountain Goat Mountain* via the Threshold website.

Tickets: \$12.95 for a 30 days access family pass with all funds going to Threshold and the artists who created the work.

## New support group

A new peer support group is starting up in the Macedon Ranges for Trans and Gender Diverse (TGD) community members and Cobaw Community Health wants to spread the word. If you or someone you know is TGD, Cobaw is looking for people to help shape the group.

The aim is to increase health and wellbeing outcomes for TGD Victorians by supporting the bright ideas of existing groups or the start-up of new groups.

To keep within current COVID-19 guidelines, TGD Macedon Ranges will commence online with the aim to move to face to face catch-ups when possible. TGD Macedon Ranges will provide a safe and inclusive environment for members of the TGD community to come together, make connections and create a group that meets the needs of local people. If you would like to find out more about TGD Macedon Ranges, call 54211666 or email [admin@cobaw.org.au](mailto:admin@cobaw.org.au).

## Welcome Back at KPS

After eight weeks of learning from home Kyneton Primary School rejoiced in welcoming back onsite all children on Tuesday June 9.

There were many smiling faces as the children farewelled their parents/carers at the three gates assigned to different year levels.

Once onsite the children quickly entered their learning studios to be greeted by their teachers and were then given time to share their home learning experiences.

“Over the final three weeks of term our focus will be on building connection, calmness and cohesion with our children and the whole school community” Principal Alistair Rayner said.

The KPS Home Learning approach used parent friendly online weekly planning documents aligned with the Victorian Curriculum.

This flexible and remote learning program included making hard copies available for families who requested this approach, accommodating onsite

learners (staffed with a roster of willing onsite educators) and posting the online planner on Compass for remote access.

## Fishing is Back

Kyneton Angling Club Members are getting back out there after its season was cut off by the pandemic.

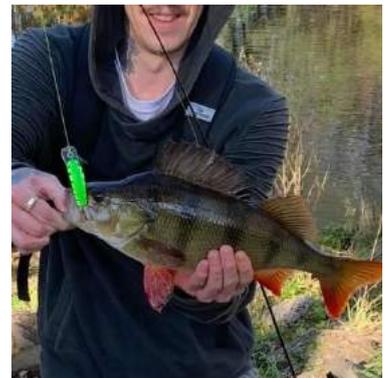
The number of visitors out on the water ways and lakes has been huge after the lockdown was eased.

The increased rainfall this year is making for great conditions and shaping as a good season ahead come the spring.

“Unfortunately we have had to cut a number of our events and functions but if we can keep together and beat this virus then next season is looking good.

“Check out our Facebook page for reports, photos and regulations” Club President John Condliffe said.

Contact John 0419397936 for info.



## Trail Riders

The June and July rides of the Kyneton District Trail Riders Club are suitable for all levels of rider and horse ability.

For both days members will ride out at 10am participants must be there well before then, to sign in and tack up ready to leave.

On Sunday June 28 the ride will be through the bush from Elphinstone. A BBQ lunch is included.

To book in call Erin 0407401406.

The July 26 ride is from Hepburn Springs through the bush to The Savoia Pub where the riders will stop for a roast lunch (vegetarian option) and then ride back.

To book in, contact Amy 0408342990.

To find out about joining KDTRC, contact Amy 0408342990.

# Apply for the Victorian Government quad bike safety rebate



The rebate scheme offers \$600 towards installing an operator protective device (OPD) or up to \$1200 for two OPDs, or \$1200 towards an alternate vehicle such as a side-by-side. Find out more and apply today via [worksafe.vic.gov.au/quadbikes](https://worksafe.vic.gov.au/quadbikes)



## Kyneton District Services

### Accountants

Craig Chester Accounting	5422 1966
Watco Partners Pty Ltd	5422 6511
David J Gibney Pty Ltd	5422 6480
Macedon Ranges Tax & Acc	5422 6460

### Acupuncture

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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### Auto Services & Repairs

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

### Barber

Quick Snips	0400808157
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### Chiropractor

Dr Rohan Kapoor	5422 6488
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### Concreting & Paving

MBC Concreting & Paving	0417545159
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### Dental

Campaspe Dental	5422 3988
Kyneton Dental	5422 6159

### Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners	5422 1503
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### Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics	5422 2182
Kyneton Electrics	5422 1369

### Fabric & Haberdashery

Alice in fabricland	0439993389
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### Financial Planning

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

### Florist

About Flowers	5422 7779
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### Hair & Beauty

Studio 48	5422 1200
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### Indoor Play Centre

BugALugs	5422 2767
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### Legal Practices

Palmer Stevens & Rennick	5422 6500
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### LP Gas Supplies

Hendersons the Gas People	5422 7408
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### Massage

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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### Medical Practices

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

### Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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### Osteopath

Drs Isabel Mettler & Clare Greig	0423852874
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### Real Estate

Ray White Kyneton	5422 2127
RT Edgar	5422 3325

### Town Planning Services

Crossroads Town Planning	5422 2235
Macaulay Town Planning	5422 3054

### Travel Services

Renee@Travel Managers	0418369411
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### Veterinarians

Kyneton Veterinary Hospital	5422 1099
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### Video Production & Live

Australasian Audio Visual	5422 3791
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### Wheelie Bin Cleaning

Macedon Ranges Wheelie Clean	0427506810
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## A flurry of works



Many works have been taking place about Kyneton over the last couple of months, some big, some small but important. They include: Works currently under way on Lauriston Reservoir Road between Harts Lane and Rogers Drive to improve drainage, quality of the road surface and

intersection safety. The project was scheduled to be completed by late June.

The lights towers at Barkly Square have been installed. The upgraded lighting will provide lighting to the entire playing surface and provide greater opportunities for night training and games.

This project was funded by the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Fund with a contribution from the Kyneton District Soccer Club and the Council.

Line marking to enhance parking near the toilets adjacent to the Visitor Information Centre has been undertaken.

Works to improve the footpath in Welsh St is underway and a sealed concrete entry road and sealed and marked parking bays between the Red Brick Hall and the Bluestone Theatre has been completed.



## Effective counselling skills course

Do you want to gain some effective counselling skills given the current crisis? Searching for ideas in how best to help people?

A ten week course is commencing on Wed July 15 and will run on ten Wednesday evenings, 7pm-9.30pm until Wed Sept 16.

The course trainer will be Dawn Rowan who lives locally and has over 40 years of experience in professional counselling and teaching.

The aim is to help participants gain or revise individual counselling and group work skills for work with women, men and children, covering: domestic violence, abusive relationships, sexual assault, relationship family and personal crises, drug and alcohol abuse, low self-esteem and depression, loss and grief and effective parenting.

The course will be run at St Paul's Anglican Church, 26-28 Yaldwyn Street West, Kyneton.

Given sponsorship from Kyneton RSL and TJ Scott and Son Funeral Directors the organisers have been able to reduce the course cost to \$25 per session.

For enquiries and registrations please contact Dawn Rowan on 0411898606 or Fr Ian Howarth on 0437655702 or email [howarthian1@gmail.com](mailto:howarthian1@gmail.com).

The course will be limited to 10 participants with social distancing and other Covid safe protocols in place for health and safety reasons.

## Events Calendar

The Events Calendar, normally in this space, will return in August COVID-19 permitting.

## Scarecrows & daffodils



Although this year's Kyneton's Daffodil & Arts Festival has been postponed this does not mean that the community can't take part in some of the spring activities enjoyed in other years whilst keeping COVID safe.

The pandemic will not prevent a local scarecrow display and competition and drive-by viewing of some of Kyneton's great home gardens.

The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival Committee is planning that there will be a competition for Scarecrows both in home, business and community locations for all to see.

There is also likely to be flowers in the street in some of the barrows as in other years in early September.

"The Festival Committee have been delighted with the strong interest and take up of our bulb sales, proceeds from which will help us run the scarecrow competition, best town gardens competition and place daffodil wheelbarrows about the town" Secretary Marg Dearthcott said.

"Everyone is looking forward to seeing a great display in home gardens of the daffodils that have made Kyneton famous.

"We are delighted with the assistance given by our sponsors and many others who have helped us to make the flowers available and to those who have rolled up their sleeves to plant and care for our bulbs" she said.

"Please start to think about a fun scarecrow to display in either shops or gardens to welcome spring in September".

Entry forms for a competition will soon appear on the Festival's website [kynetondaffodilarts.org.au](http://kynetondaffodilarts.org.au) and facebook.

## Croquet back in action

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, croquet is one of the first sports to get back into action.

The Kyneton Croquet Club began social games again from the beginning of June.

Being a non-contact sport with no more than 8 players on a lawn at one time, there is plenty of room to spread out.

Croquet is quite a tactical game that combines both mental and physical fitness.

It's not just a case of tapping a ball though a hoop.

Women and men play on equal terms in croquet.

The Club plays every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 1pm with new players of all ages and abilities are welcome.

For more information, contact Len Baker on 5422 7094



## Fundraising raffle for KNFC

Tickets for the Kyneton Football Netball Club's major raffle are still on sale.

Given these very difficult times community support for the Club through purchase of tickets is clearly important.

First Prize is a Toyota Auto Hilux Ute from Kyneton Toyota valued at \$66,990, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: a Husqvana ride-on lawnmower from Bolton Motor Cycles valued at \$5999 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: a holiday voucher to the value of \$2500. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased via [www.kynetonfnc.com](http://www.kynetonfnc.com) or by calling Jodi on 0447625012.

The raffle will be drawn on July 25.



## Meals for older people

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has been continuing to provide services and support to older people.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges, but staff have been working hard to ensure that delivered meals can be contactless.

Staff have been making regular welfare calls to all clients, many of whom are isolated from their families.

Acting Director Transition, Sarah Noel said, "Our staff are a great community resource, and I encourage any person aged over 65 to call us on 54220333 if you are finding living at home difficult. "Our staff are trained to direct your call and get you the assistance you need to remain living independently in your own home."

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