



Kyneton Connect



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Kyneton COVID Vaccination

Central Highlands Rural Health's vaccination clinic at the Kyneton Hospital received the long-awaited go-ahead to open its doors to the community on Tues Sept 14.

The vaccination clinic operates two days per week, and in the first four weeks administered more than 1,000 vaccines.

Working with the Loddon-Mallee Vaccination Hub based at Bendigo Health, Kyneton Health's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic administers Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines.

Central Highlands Rural Health CEO Maree Cuddihy said: "We're really pleased to have secured a small but regular supply of vaccines for our community as a 'sub-hub' of the state-run vaccination centre at Bendigo Health.

"The goal here is to get as many people vaccinated as soon as possible and our clinic is one of many providers in our region."

"Now is the time to pick up the phone or jump on the website and make a booking – whether that's with our clinic, a state-run vaccination centre, a pharmacy or your local GP. The important message stays the same – everyone in our community should 'Get the Jab Done!'"

The COVID-19 vaccination clinic is open Tuesdays and Fridays and bookings can be made online <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/> or via the booking hotline on 1800675398.



EV charging station



An electric vehicle charging station has been established in Kyneton adjacent to the Hutton St public toilet and is now operational.

The station has 2 rapid 50kW DC chargers which enable an average electric vehicle to be fully charged in less than 30 min.

Users are charged 40c per kWh of electricity used.

A similar charging station is now also operational at 124 High St Woodend.

The stations were installed as a part of the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance's Charging the Regions Project with funding from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure fund.

Users can find other charging stations across Australia on www.plugshare.com the Plugshare website.

Council recognised

In the 2021 Premier's Sustainability Awards, Macedon Ranges Shire Council has been announced as a finalist in the Healthy Environment category for their project 'Healthy Landscapes for Healthy Livestock'.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas congratulated the Council for joining an impressive list of 35 finalists which includes organisations implementing innovative renewable energy technologies, and community groups producing films on local wildlife and bringing people together through sustainability initiatives.

The Awards recognise and reward individuals, businesses, government and community groups across

metropolitan and regional Victoria who are leading the way to a circular climate resilient economy through sustainable innovation and practices.

Comprising six categories, there are two awards within each category; the Community Champion Award - for individuals and small organisations, and the Industry Leader Award - for medium and large organisations.

Two winners will be chosen from this year's finalists to receive the Premier's Recognition Award and Premier's Regional Recognition Award, which acknowledge entries that showcase exemplary innovation in sustainability and demonstrate notable benefits.

Kyneton Fireworks Nov 19

The annual two-day Kyneton Agricultural Show is unable to go ahead this year, but the traditional Friday night fireworks will keep the Show spark alive.

The fireworks will be launched from the Kyneton Showgrounds No 2 Oval from 9pm on Fri Nov 19.

Residents will be able to watch from their cars or backyards and let a little light and colour into their world for one memorable evening.

The Show is famous for the scale of its Friday night fireworks display and now more than ever we could do with a little magic. This year the fireworks maestro will redesign the display so the fireworks shoot higher into the sky, so they can be seen from further afield.





COUGH OR COVID COUGH?

The only way to be sure is with a test
at the first sign of any symptom.

**ONLY A TEST
CAN TELL**

For testing locations,
visit [CORONAVIRUS.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne



New Childcare Centre



Construction of the new childcare-early learning centre at 13-15 Market St Kyneton is moving apace. Journey Early Learning Kyneton is due to open early to mid 2022, The state-of-the-art centre features a sustainability garden, water splash zone, sandpits, forts, exploration trail and more.

“The outdoor play-spaces are complemented by indoor environments designed thoughtfully for children of similar ages and development; where shared learning can occur, and strong friendships can develop” the Journey website states.

Commemorations

Despite on-going COVID restrictions, the Kyneton RSL will continue with its commemorative activities to ensure that the fallen are not forgotten.

Beersheba Day falls on Oct 31 and a small wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the Light Horse Monument in Jennings St on that day. Those who wish to lay a floral tribute are welcome to do so in their own time.

Remembrance Day is on Thurs Nov 11. The Kyneton RSL will commemorate the day with a small ceremony to be held at the RSL commencing at about 10.45am.

Due to COVID restrictions, only a limited number of people are allowed in the venue at a time.

Therefore, anyone wishing to attend the ceremony must book in with the RSL Manager and also have been double-vaccinated against COVID-19. Electronic or documentary proof of vaccination will be required.

Wreaths will be laid at the Cenotaph following the ceremony at the RSL.

Again, people who wish to lay floral tributes are welcome to do so in their own time.



Kyneton High Alumni

Kyneton High School has implemented an exciting new alumni initiative, which sees former students (alumni) connecting and engaging with current students to talk about their post-school education journey and career path, acting as inspirational and relatable role models for current students.

With a growing network of alumni working across diverse industry sectors, former students help to showcase what can be achieved after school by shining a light on different pathways, whilst sharing relevant industry knowledge, advice and practical experience.

This shared knowledge helps to enrich students with ideas, options and opportunities for the next stage of their education or career journey, in preparation for life after school.

Engaging a strong alumni network benefits students and the entire school community, by broadening horizons and helping to build strong industry connections.

“Kyneton High School would love to hear from former students who would like to be involved in this rewarding initiative.



“We’re reaching out to alumni from all industry sectors to get in touch – from people working with a trade, to engineers, architects, roles within the arts industry, allied health professionals, the sports and health sector, to hospitality, social work and IT professionals etc” Lucy King, Kyneton High School Alumni Co-ordinator said.

Contact Lucy on 54211100 or alumni@kynetonhigh.vic.edu.au for more information.

The alumni program is run in conjunction with Ourschool, a not-for-profit service helping Victorian public high schools build thriving alumni networks.

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

Zonta says NO to violence



Wed Nov 25 is the International Day for the elimination of violence against women and Dec 10 is Human Rights Day.

The 16 days that begin and end on these dates are recognised internationally as the ‘16 Days of Activism’ to prevent violence against women.

In Australia, on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner and intimate partner violence is the leading cause of death, disability and illness in Australian women aged 18-44 years. Statistics prepared by Women’s Health Victoria show that of the reported sexual offences against women in Macedon Ranges during 2020, the offender was known to the victim in 77% of cases.

This year, the Zonta Club of Kyneton is working with several other community organisations, through Macedon Ranges 16 Days of Activism Working Group, to raise awareness of gender-based violence, challenge discriminatory attitudes and encourage community-based support for those living with violence.

Bystander action will be the focus of print media and social media releases being prepared by the Zonta Club.

The 16 days working group has organised an online workshop, ‘Introduction to Bystander Action’, to be delivered by Women’s health Loddon Mallee on Oct 19.

For the 16 days of activism the Zonta Club is planning a display in the community window in Mollison Street, Kyneton, highlighting the impact of violence, and public libraries across the Macedon Ranges will partner with the Zonta Club of Kyneton to present displays that focus on prevention of violence against women.

West Ward Councillors' Update



Spring and the daffodils came, despite the absence of an official Daffodil and Arts Festival.

Thank you to those who got in the spirit with scarecrows, flying of banners and your beautiful displays of daffodils.

Many other events that would have occurred, have had to be cancelled or significantly modified; the Kyneton Agricultural Show and Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennium (KCAT) to name a few. We eagerly await next year when hopefully these significant events can be run to their full capacity again.

Thankfully the Macedon Ranges community has been looking after one another well during COVID by getting vaccinated (one of the top 5 local government areas for vaccination rates), testing when required, showing good social distancing and mask wearing.

Council will be following all State government regulations regarding vaccination requirements for both workers and participants in Council run activities.

We know it has been hard for many of our businesses, particularly those in retail, accommodation, events, entertainment and hospitality.

Council continues to update our website with not only what programs we have available to support businesses and links to State and Commonwealth programs.

The economic development team is always happy to discuss any concerns or ideas you may have either via phone on 54219616 or email ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au Since introducing the 4 bin system most residents are doing well and we have markedly reduced waste to landfill and increased our recycling rates. Some landfill (general waste) bins still have significant recyclables and green waste in them.

Please check our website or download the Macedon Ranges Waste App for more information.

Hopefully you had the opportunity to see our own Friends of Bald Hill

Reserve with Carolyn Robb and Martin Roberts featured on ABC's Gardening Australia in a story about the Clover Glycine monitoring project.

We are so lucky to have such a rich diversity of native plants and animals in our Shire and great public bushland reserves to enjoy them in.

We are aware some residents are continuing to struggle to clean up from June's storms. Please continue to let us know what problems you may be having so we can see if we or Bushfire Recovery Victoria can help through their Residential Clean-up Program, that you must register for by Oct 31.

Council is currently working on many projects to support those who may be more vulnerable or struggling to pay for things because of the pandemic. We are developing an affordable housing policy, to determine what role Council can play as well as assisting in our discussions with Homes Victoria administering the Victorian Government's Big Housing Build.

To assist in improving the physical and mental health of older residents through improved community connection Council is one of only 10 organisations to be awarded funding through the Australian Government's Seniors Connected Program's Village Hub project.

We will receive \$330,000 over 3 years to provide a variety of initiatives to alleviate loneliness and social isolation that can be experienced by some of our older residents. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has provided feedback on the many documents we had out for consultation during August and September. Some, like the Council Plan and Community Vision, will be adopted by the end of October, whilst others are likely to require more work and further consultation in response to feedback received.

Crs Jennifer Anderson, Mark Ridgeway and Janet Pearce

Plant stall to support Museum

The garden at Kyneton Museum was to be included in the Open Gardens program for the 2021 Daffodil & Arts Festival, with a plant stall to raise funds for future projects.

While the Open Gardens program did not go ahead, members of the Museum's Friends group have now set up a plant stall at the Museum.

The self-service stall is stocked with plants grown from seeds and cuttings from the Museum gardens and from members' home gardens.

The cost is just \$5 for each pot, with payment by cash or card at the front desk.

When you visit the Museum to see the Biodiversity exhibition, do check out the plant stall.



Free mulch until Dec 31

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is offering residents free mulch at all Council transfer stations until the end of this year.

Residents are encouraged to head to their local transfer station and claim up to one cubic metre of free self-loaded mulch.

The mulch is produced from garden organics dropped off at Council's transfer stations and is available to residents living in the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Residents will need to provide proof that they live in the shire, such as a driver license or rates notice. This is a first-come, self-load offer.

Residents should bring their own shovel, containers or trailer, and protective clothing.



Festival 2021



John McEnscarecrow—You can't be serious'
Winner of the most Humorous Scarecrow

The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival was able to carry on with a few activities during the difficult pandemic times. This included a great scarecrow competition with creations displayed in front gardens, in windows and on facebook.

The daffodils throughout the town did not observe any pandemic restrictions, and flowered beautifully. Kynetonians were also very pleased to see the Festival flags in the town's streets erected as usual by the Kyneton Rotary Club.

The Light Show produced virtually by Visual Architecture's Jim Coad and students of Kyneton Primary School has been postponed, possibly until early next year after daylight savings is over when it is safe for people to gather to see it.

The Kyneton Art Group have successfully displayed their work in the Old Auction House where its exhibition runs until Oct 24.

The Festival looks forward to the pandemic coming under control in 2022 when Kyneton can expect a completely restored Festival celebrating 50 years since its inception.

IT grants for Kinders

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that 12 Kindergartens in the Macedon electorate will share in grants totalling \$17,275 to buy new IT equipment.

Lady Brooks Kindergarten was funded to purchase TV, I-pad and accessories and Goodstart Kyneton a Dell laptop and a Dell Pro-Slim backpack.

Local COVID-19 Testing

Kyneton Health continues to respond to the growing number of exposures sites and close contacts in the region by offering COVID-19 testing to anyone with symptoms, or as directed by the Victorian Department of Health.

In the first two weeks of October, the small team of swabbers took well over 3,000 tests at the Kyneton Hospital.

To date, more than 40,000 COVID-19 tests have been taken at Kyneton Hospital since the pandemic began.

COVID-19 testing is available daily by appointment. Bookings can be made by calling Kyneton Health on 54229900.

For a few days during September the Hospital testing was supplemented by a large drive through pop up at the Kyneton Showgrounds.



“Increase hospital funding”

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters has condemned the Federal Government for ruling out providing additional Commonwealth public hospital funding to help deal with the ongoing COVID-19 response.

“We are entering the most critical phase of the COVID-19 pandemic response for our hospital systems. We simply can't afford to leave our hospitals without the resources they need.”

“While the Commonwealth has provided additional support over the initial stages of this pandemic paying for 50 per cent of additional expenditure, this pandemic is far from over. The states are right to call for this to continue until 2023, given the scale of the crisis our public hospitals could face.

“Public hospital funding should be an equal partnership between State and Federal Governments, but this Federal Liberal Government is not prepared to continue to pay its fair share,” Ms Chesters said.

“Our Central Victorian health workers are exhausted. At the very least, the Federal Government should fund our health services properly so they can focus on the

health crisis and not a funding crisis” Ms Chesters concluded.

Community House – Term 4

Kyneton Community House has reopened for Term 4 with fingers crossed that it will be an uninterrupted term.

Current restrictions mean that there is a maximum of 20 people on site (excluding childcare) at any one time. There are also limitations on the number of people in a room at any given time.

Courses and programs this term include the Community Art Project which will be kicking off at the newly acquired premises at 35 High St.

The new space will allow the House more flexibility with programming and they are really excited to get started. They are on the lookout for volunteers to lend a hand in setting the space up, so if you are handy with a hammer or a paintbrush and have some time to donate they would be very grateful.

Call 54223433 if you can help, or would like to be involved in the Community Art Project.

The ever popular “Skills for Life” program has been re-imagined as “Foundations” and extra industry pathways including outdoor education & retail have been added. Visit the website or give the House a call for more information.

Unfortunately, it is not feasible for the House to run the Kyneton Twilight Festival this year. However, they are again offering the opportunity for local makers to sell their products through their website www.kchmarketplace.org.au

Applications to become a virtual stallholder are now open. Head to the marketplace website for the terms and conditions and to register. The website will be live for shopping from Mon Nov 22.

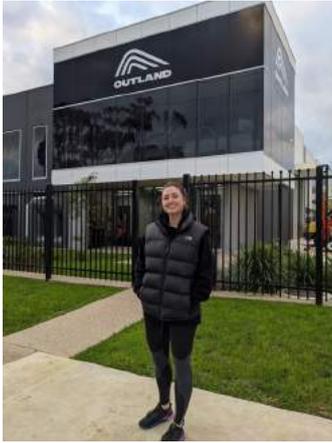
Spring is upon us and our Community Garden is coming to life. The House uses its produce for its weekly Community Lunches.



Kyneton Community House's new street front at 35 High Street

What's New in Business

The home of adventure fitness



Bec Louey and her husband Nathan opened Outland at 52 Saleyards Rd in May this year.

“Basecamp” is an adventurous training space that is unlike anything else in the region.

Club members can expect a variety of fun and challenging weekday group fitness sessions plus weekend “Adventure Bootcamps” exploring the local area.

Bec and Nathan bring 20 years of combined fitness experience to the region and their team of trainers will keep you motivated, ensure proper technique, and make sure you have a good time!

“I wanted to create a training space that is inclusive, respectful, down-to-earth – but most importantly fun!” said Bec.

If you'd like to be part of Outland, feel free to reach out, or, simply book in and give it a go!

You can check Outland out on Instagram @outland_kyneton or online at www.outlandfitness.com.au

Sound meditation

“Nourish your nervous system and soothe your soul” says Nat Dowling from Wander into Wildness who is now offering private sound healing



sessions in Kyneton.

“Sound medicine is restorative therapy for pretty much anyone who is tired, stressed or anxious.

“It’s also a helpful way to clear emotional and physical tension.

“If you’ve been feeling frazzled and fancy restoring your natural resonance, book an appointment at www.wanderintowildness.com.au/ sound-healing” Nat said.

Action Business Coach

Milton Collins (B.Ec CPA) a certified Action Business Coach and qualified accountant has relocated his business to the second floor at 22 Market St Kyneton.

Milton is committed to empowering clients with simple yet effective tools to manage and achieve their business and personal goals. He has won numerous awards for business excellence and is in high demand for his knowledge and experience.

Milton’s list of business experience includes: General Manager/Owner Campaspe Country House Hotel & Restaurant where Milton developed the business to become a renowned and awarded Tourist destination and



Principal at Collins Ryan an Accountancy and Business Advisory firm, specialising in providing taxation and business advice to the hospitality, tourism and the equestrian industry.

Contact details are miltoncollins@actioncoach.com ph 0419464444

Tea of Earth

Nestled in her home tea studio in Kyneton, Tea of Earth was created by Tea Master & Blender Rebecca Moore.

Her passion for fresh, organic, healing teas has translated into numerous blends and tea extracts with more to come.

“With over 18 blends on offer Tea of Earth is dedicated to providing exceptional quality using only organic ingredients including freshly picked herbs and fruits to ensure maximum

potency and goodness is delivered in every cup” Rebecca said.

When COVID-19 hit, Rebecca took her business online and recently relaunched her brand with new packaging, a new website & online shop.

Tea of Earth teas are available wholesale and retail. They are currently stocked at Watts Fresh and at Fed Foodstore in Kyneton or can be ordered via online shop www.teaofearth.com with free local delivery.



PerformanceOne Chiropractic

Long running Kyneton chiropractic business PerformanceOne Chiropractic at 150 Mollison St now has a new owner.

Local Macedon Ranges resident Karli Newton who has been working as a chiropractor at PerformanceOne for almost 3 years has recently taken over the business.

Karli is very excited to take on this opportunity and can't thank the community enough for all the support she has received so far.

“We are a family friendly practice that wants to get the best results for our clients. Whether it be headaches, neck pain, back pain, knee, ankle or foot pain, or anything in between we will work with you to get you feeling your best as quickly as possible” Karli said.

More details and bookings available at www.performanceone.com.au or by calling the clinic on 54226488.



Youth Mental Health Programs

The Youth Services Unit leads Macedon Ranges Shire Council's support for young people aged 12-25. The Unit works collaboratively with young people, other education, health and community support services to deliver a range of programs that support and promote health and wellbeing (with mental health as a priority), creativity, leadership, gender equity and safe behaviours.

Vishal Tandon, the Council's Youth Services Coordinator has advised that Macedon Ranges Shire Council plays an important role in health promotion across the shire.

"Council has a strong commitment towards providing a range of mental health promotion programs and activities, most notably Live4Life, which is delivered to secondary school students, and includes parents and/or carers, teachers and the broader school community" Vishal said.

National and State data has indicated that young people in rural and remote areas are likely, as a result of unique structural, economic and social factors, to have poorer mental health outcomes and a heightened risk of suicide compared to their metropolitan peers.

As well, mental health disorders (symptoms) are most prevalent in young people aged 16-24.

The Live4Life program in the Macedon Ranges has been a very significant initiative that addresses these concerns.

In 2018, Youth Live4Life - together with the Live4Life communities of Macedon Ranges Shire, Glenelg Shire and Benalla Rural City - were awarded a VicHealth Award for the groundbreaking Live4Life initiative aiming to ensure young people, teachers, parents and the wider community are better informed and are proactive in identifying the signs and symptoms of an emerging mental health issue before a crisis occurs.

Over the last decade, the Youth Services at Macedon Ranges Shire Council has delivered mental health awareness education to over 17% of the population, young and old.

While this education has built both the confidence and capacity of our young people and the community around mental health, mental health and wellbeing remains a top priority.

This is evidenced through the (draft)

Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025, as well as the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Youth Strategy 2018-28, known as Elevate.

Present research indicates that one in seven young people aged 4 to 17 years, experience a mental health condition in any given year, with 6.9% of children, aged 4-11 years, experiencing a diagnosable anxiety disorder.

"Children's mental health is the result of a complex set of influences.

"Too often conversations, about children's mental health, focus narrowly on the visible symptoms.

"Common narratives include children having trouble with emotional regulation or parents' individual or dyadic stress leading to psychological problems, rather than also recognising systemic factors, such as social marginalisation and access to services, which contributes significantly to a child's mental health and wellbeing" Vishal said

In 2018 there was a notable increase in parents of children aged between 10 to 12 years attending Youth Mental Health First Aid courses delivered by the Council's Youth Services).

In addition, primary school teachers, principals and parents alike began reaching out to Youth Services for a tailored response to supporting the mental health literacy of children in grades five and six across the Shire. In response, the Council has funded a permanent part time position to assist the development, implementation and maintenance of a Primary School Mental Health Program for grade five and six students in the shire.

The vision for this program is to continue to strengthen the capacity of the community to support child and youth mental health and wellbeing.

The Youth Services Unit strives to elevate, support and celebrate young people which in turn ensures that they are in great shape mentally, physically and socially, now and into the future.

The Unit may be contacted via youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au for any queries.

Kyneton Connect thanks Vishal Tandon and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for the information provided for this article.

Christmas Flags



Kyneton will have Christmas flags all around its shopping centre this Christmas thanks to the hard work of the members of Kyneton CWA who have made 60 flags in Christmas colours to add to the festive joy.

The flags were handed to Rotary President Geoff Barrett and past President Mark Ridgeway last month. Kyneton Rotary members will put up the flags in the weeks before Christmas.

CWA President Helen Cooke said that the members had done a lot of work and especially thanked Kerry who did the sewing.

Kyneton CWA meets at the Baptist Church at 10am on the 3rd Thursday of each month and new members are always welcome.

For more information call Helen on 0407936977.

Community meal train

A team of local volunteers is working on an initiative where the team collectively prepare wholesome nourishing meals for families with newborns for a period of six weeks after the baby's birth.

The team led by Mary Giordana are currently working out the logistics for their first meal train for a local mum whose baby was born last weekend.

Community members can nominate themselves as participants in food trains willing to cook and deliver a wholesome meal for a nominated family at some point in the requested window.

People are welcome to prepare a one-off dish to deliver, or to make multiple offerings.

Please let Mary know if you would like to receive a food train, would like to nominate someone to receive a food train, or would like to be part of the team fuelling the food trains for the new families in our town.

Call Mary on 0431528009 or email mary@madreluna.com.au .

Around the Galleries

The Stockroom 98 Piper St

Exhibition from 23 Oct to 28 Nov

Gallery One—*Natural History of Destruction* – Liss Fenwick is a visual artist based on Larrakia land in the NT. Exhibition of photographs of sites where history weighs heavily on the landscape

Gallery Two –*Terraforming: an expanding practice* - Nicholas Burrige – a second part of a growing body of work by this artist following his solo exhibition 'Terraforming'.

Gallery Three –*Hidden* – Lauren Joffe Cramics by Lauren Joffe who was born in Cape Town and with her family migrated to Melbourne

Art on Piper 44 Piper St



Art on Piper's Mystery Art Trail is a guided walk around local streets from the gallery to The Old Auction House in Mollison St, taking about an hour, passing a labyrinth, heritage buildings, public art installations, the town's floral emblem in a pavement mosaic and even the place where Ned Kelly was charged.

A map can be picked up from the red door at 44 Piper St to hunt for the 14 hidden and obvious tile sites along the way, with an original painting card, by featured artist Elizabeth Darling as reward, if you count the number of people she depicted.

Art on Piper will be open seven days from Nov 1, from 10am until 4pm. www.artonpiper.com

The Old Auction House 56 Mollison St

Follow the Arts Trail from Art on Piper to see current exhibitions.

See the Kyneton Art Groups Exhibition on show to Oct 24.

KCAT now 19–27 March 2022

The Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial (KCAT) has made the difficult decision to reschedule its event – 'Holding the Circle' due to the ongoing restrictions.

The event will now take place from 19–27 March 2022 featuring sculpture, painting, video, sound and installation art by eleven visual artists installed in various locations across Kyneton.

To celebrate the originally planned event from 9 to 17 October, the Kyneton Contemporary collective presented an outdoor project by Naarm/Melbourne based artist, Hanna Tai.

Her three-part project *Passing* consisted of a choral sound piece playing under the Mollison St bridge along the Boregam/Campaspe River Walk and a flowering native garden accompanied by a series of flags installed at the Kyneton Scout Hall.

The artwork will be on display again in March next year when the fuller Triennial takes place.

The choral sound piece *Passing (Round)* was performed by the Pollyphonics Choir, written in collaboration with choir conductor Polly Christie, and recorded by Kyneton-based Jed Palmer. You can now listen to this sound piece via the Kyneton Contemporary website.

To learn more about each of the Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial projects in the lead up to March visit www.kynetoncontemporary.com



Term 4 at Tylden Primary

Remote learning can be fun for a while, but there is no doubt that the whole school is really looking forward to being together again on site at Tylden Primary School by the end of October. Fourth term at Tylden traditionally includes some very special Tylden events and the School is hoping they can go ahead.

"Everyone was learning remotely during Children's Book Week, but we have re-scheduled our Book Week activities for November.

"We will celebrate the award winning children's books together with special activities that include a dress up day". Principal Lee MacDonald said.

The annual House Athletics Sports Day is scheduled for Tues Nov 2.

Later in the term, the School will welcome the 2022 Prep students for their Transition to School program.

The term will finish with celebrations for the graduating Grade 6 students.

Keep Kyneton Country voices development concerns

Currently three proceedings related to Edgcombe Road developments are at the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal:

P360/2021 - Subdivision of 165 acres for commercial and housing

P776/2021 – Bunnings

P778/2021 – McDonalds, restaurant, and 24 hr truck Service Station

KKC representative, Susan McNab, says "Our group has serious concerns about many issues surrounding these developments and their impact on our country town, traffic safety, risks to cultural heritage, and the environment and biodiversity surrounding Post Office Creek."

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council rejected the development applications on planning grounds and the developer has gone to VCAT.

The Group believes the developments don't meet the amended Planning and Environment Act declaration of the region as a 'distinctive area and landscape', along with the intent 'To protect and enhance the landscape character, waterways and network of open space corridors in Kyneton'.

KKC supports a positive vision for Kyneton that aligns with these local planning policy protections.

"At the August VCAT case our Barrister uncovered the significance of the land near Post Office Creek as potentially one of the last remaining wetlands in the region.

"The opportunity to regenerate this area as a wildlife corridor, linking with reserves at Bald Hill, Black Hill and the Kyneton Golf Course and open space connecting to the Campaspe River walk, cannot be missed" Susan said.

The Keep Kyneton Country group has thanked community members for taking on this challenge stating "we need strong support to continue with such effective expert legal representation at VCAT".

To make a tax deductible donation - visit www.keepkynetoncountry.org for details.

Register for Autumn Festival



The 2022 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival supported by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Daylesford Macedon Tourism will run from Mar 26 to April 25.

Driven by local businesses, community groups, and creatives the Festival will provide the perfect framework to showcase all that is great about the Macedon Ranges in autumn.

Registration and applications for funding support is now open.

Applications for funding support close on Nov 1 and on Nov 15 applicants will be notified of funding outcomes.

On Nov 15 event and activity submissions and Pie and Tart Trail submissions close and by Nov 30 all submissions notified on the outcome of their application to be included in the printed program.

Registrations will remain open for inclusion in the online festival program until Mar 15, 2022.

For further information visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Homelessness concerns

Kyneton Rotary has joined with other Rotary clubs in the district in seeking ways to address the lack of local, affordable and safe housing.

The project is called "RISE, or Rotary in Support of Empowerment".

Of significant concern is the growing number of women over 50 who are facing homelessness.

The first aim of RISE is to find local spaces that are vacant and can be leased and refurbished by volunteers to provide short term accommodation for women.

If you know of any such spaces that are not currently being used, please call Kyneton Rotary President Geoff Barrett on 0408545874.

Events Christmas & New Year

As we move out of pandemic restrictions, local groups are encouraged to notify *Kyneton Connect* of events for the next issue.

New team for Men's Shed

Kyneton Men's Shed has a new management team headed by Ian Curnow as President/Treasurer.

Other members elected at the recent annual general meeting are Deputy President, James Keddie, Secretary, John Mitchell, and Committee members Bob Grubb, Robin Burgess, and Vincent Billan.

Mr. Curnow says that members were delighted that the workshop had reopened.

He said that with an increasing emphasis on OH&S, the Shed has adopted a 4-stage system giving members gradual access to all the workshop's facilities.

"We have held the initial stage one – an induction, which allowed attendees to have access to the workshop, to know the location of first aid kits, fire extinguishers and the defibrillator, and use of non-powered hand tools," he said.

"The next 3 stages will provide users with access to hand-held power tools and will finish with stage 4 giving them access to larger and potentially dangerous tools that are housed in the 'caged' area of the workshop.

"The Shed at 2 Riverwalk Boulevard is open Wed-Fri 10am-3pm has a growing reputation as Kyneton's most popular 'drop-in' spot for men. Ian encourages all those of any adult age to drop by and check us out.



President Ian Curnow and Deputy President James Keddie

Supporting local families

Community organisations Kyneton Baptist, Sunbury Cobaw Community Health and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council have once more partnered to support local families in need at Christmas.

Families will receive Macedon Ranges Gift Shop Gift Cards, with a set amount for each child.

Gift Cards can be redeemed at participating local business partners.

"If you are a local Macedon Ranges business interested in partnering in our Gift Card system for your store, we'd love to speak further and partner with you" Gift Shop Co-ordinator Georgina Harvey said.

Donations can be made by direct deposit, cash, cheque and online.

Find the Gift Shop on Facebook for more details, or contact Georgina on 0404442891.

Queers on the Catwalk

Queers on the Catwalk is back in 2021 and the organisers invite the LGBTIQ+ community and their friends to join in for an evening of fashion, expression, affirmation and celebration.

In the lead up to the event in November, LGBTIQ+ community members are invited to a workshop hosted by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's WayOut and CLIP teams alongside TGD Clothing Swap and The Story Costumer.

"Participants will be encouraged to invite friends, family and significant others to watch them 'strut their stuff' on the catwalk to their signature audio tracks," says Rhani Talbett, WayOut Project Worker.

The costume workshop takes place in Kyneton this Sat Oct 23.

To register your interest contact healthpromotion@scchc.org.au /5421 1666. The catwalk event will be held on Friday 19 November at the Mount Players Theatre in Macedon.

Trail rides

On Sun Oct 24 there will be 2 rides – one at Taradale and the other Spring Hill. Both commence at 10am. BYO saddlebag lunch.

Bookings: Taradale ride text Alison 0427169791; Spring Hill (some water crossings) text Julie 0427859586.

Sat and Sun Nov 27 & 28 the Club will be offering a half day ride Sat and a full day ride Sun plus a BBQ and camping opportunity on the Saturday night at Glenlyon recreation Reserve. The 10 km Sat ride will leave at 1pm and the 29km Sun ride 10am. BYO saddlebag lunch. Saturday night will be BYO everything, including nightline or yard for horse and food; BBQ and hot water for drinks provided.

Text Amy 0408342990 to book.

Kyneton Farmers Market



The Kyneton Farmers' Market held in St Paul's Park in Piper St 8.30am-1pm on the second Saturday of every month have just printed the 2022 Market Mutts fundraising Dog Calendar thanks to Simon Griffiths. It's on sale at the market until sold out \$18.50 each.

Each month the Market has more than 50 stalls where you can find local & seasonal produce, pork, lamb, eggs, honey, wine, bread & cakes. A special "Makers" Market section features creative & handmade items.

Two free community stalls are also available if you are looking to promote or raise funds.

Enquiries to Catherine Vanderzeel e: kynetonfarmersmarket@gmail.com or Phone 0434820618.

Biodiversity Crisis Exhibition

A new interactive exhibition launched at the Kyneton Museum showcases the unique flora and fauna of the Macedon Ranges while exploring the threats to our biodiversity and what we can do to help.

Some 376 animal species and 1,457 varieties of native plants have been recorded in the Macedon Ranges.

But the Macedon Ranges is facing a biodiversity crisis, with many threatened species at risk of extinction

A Biodiversity Crisis: Animals and Plants of the Macedon Ranges' brings together a collection of historical accounts of local species and photographs.

The exhibition which allows you to get up close with a collection of animal specimens or peek inside some natural tree hollows to see who lives inside will run until Feb 27 2022. Entry fees: Adult \$5.10, Senior/Concession \$3.10, Family \$10.20. No prior booking required. The Museum is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11am – 4pm.

Ray M Begg Auxiliary

Despite recent lockdowns the Ray M Begg Auxiliary continues to fundraise.

"The Auxiliary have started back at the Rotary Community Markets where you can peruse our handmade knitwear and a large variety of other handmade goods along with along with some of our Jams/sauces etc.

"We recently conducted a very successful garage sale. All proceeds from these events goes towards items especially to enhance the welfare of the residents at Ray M Begg.

"Our AGM scheduled for September had to be postponed and will now be held at Bolton Hall -22 Epping St on Tues Dec 7 at 2pm.

"Family and friends of Ray M Begg are most welcome to attend" Rosemary Bain Auxiliary President said.

U3A Kyneton

Despite the strict covid restrictions, mercifully not as strict as Melbourne's, U3A Kyneton has been able to maintain a number of its activities and courses.

Table tennis is temporarily using the facilities in Community Park in the Botanic Gardens, U3A cyclists are out and about, coffee club meets weekly, members are exercising their dogs, French classes have resumed at Grist and groups of up to twenty people can enjoy other activities in the Red Brick Hall.

Kyneton U3A would like to hear from anyone in the community or current members who would be interested in offering a short/long course or activity.

The local U3A currently have extremely dedicated tutors who have contributed a great deal, especially over the last two very difficult years and hope to welcome their return in 2022.

For further information visit www.u3akyneton.org.au or call Secretary, Roni on 54222552.

RSL re-opening

In accordance with government guidelines, the Kyneton RSL will re-open for business on Tues Oct 26 seven days a week, serving lunch and dinner.

Numbers allowed in the venue are still limited, so bookings are essential. To increase capacity, the RSL is also looking to have outdoor dining.

"The venue operates in a COVID safe environment, therefore, anyone attending the venue will need to be double-vaccinated against COVID-19.

"This requirement is also in line with government directives. We ask that all patrons respect these conditions of entry.

"Any unacceptable behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated.

"We look forward to seeing you all back at the RSL" Secretary Mike Gretton said.

Seeking help with Connections

Kyneton Connections, the residents' group who publish *Kyneton Connect*, is seeking additional members.

Kyneton Connections has been operating for 17 years and for 15 of those years it has been publishing *Kyneton Connect*.

"Kyneton Connections undertakes a number of other activities which help keep our community connected:

"In addition to *Connect* we host the Community website www.kyneton.org.au, we organise the community group displays and the events calendar in the community window adjacent to the Shire Offices in Mollison and maintain and update the community noticeboard in front of the Post Office" Connections President Eric Dearth said.

"Over the years additional members have joined the Kyneton Connections Committee but a number have also relocated elsewhere or hung up their boots after a long period of service to the community"

"If Kyneton Connections and Kyneton Connect are to continue their valuable contributions for this town and district into the future we need new members to help carry our work forward" Eric concluded.

If you are interested in participating in Kyneton Connections and Kyneton Connect call Eric on 0419357192 or email eandmcot@netcon.net.au.



Kyneton District Services

Accountants

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

Acupuncture

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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Auto Services & Repairs

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

Barber

Quick Snips	0400808157
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Chiropractor

Performance One	5422 6488
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Concreting & Paving

MBC Concreting & Paving	0417545159
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Dental

Campaspe Dental	5422 3988
Kyneton Dental	5422 6159

Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners	5422 1503
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Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics	5422 2182
Kyneton Electrics	5422 1369

Fabric & Haberdashery

Alice in fabricland	0439993389
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Financial Planning

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

Hair & Beauty

Studio 48	5422 1200
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Holistic Health

Ray Holistic Health	0416717792
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School Aged Childcare

BugALugs	5422 2767
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Landscaping

Andrew Pearce Landscaping	0404076423
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Legal Practices

Palmer Stevens & Rennick	5422 6500
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LP Gas Supplies

Hendersons the Gas People	5422 7408
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Massage

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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Medical Practices

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

Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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Osteopath

Drs Isabel Mettler & Clare Greig	0423852874
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Real Estate

Ray White Kyneton	5422 2127
RT Edgar	5422 3325

Town Planning Services

Macaulay Town Planning	5422 3054
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Travel Services

Renee@Travel Managers	0418369411
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Veterinarians

Kyneton Veterinary Hospital	5422 1099
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Video Production & Live

Australasian Audio Visual	5422 3791
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Kyneton Events Calendar

Fri Oct 22	& every Friday Kyneton U3A Red Brick Hall 2pm
Mon Oct 25	& every Monday Kyneton Rotary Shamrock Hotel 6.30pm
Wed Oct 27	Zonta Club of Kyneton Shamrock Hotel 6.30pm
Wed Nov 3	Kyneton Club Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Sat Nov 6	Little Athletics First day Showgrounds 9am
Thu Nov 11	Remembrance Day commemoration (see article)
Fri Nov 12	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Sat Nov 13	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Pauls Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
Fri Nov 19	Fireworks Showgrounds Oval No.2 9pm
We Nov 24	Zonta Club of Kyneton Shamrock Hotel 6.30pm
Mo Nov 29	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Tues Dec 7	Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival AGM Kyneton Mechanics Instit 7.30pm
Sa Dec 11	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Pauls Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
Thu Dec 16	December Kyneton Connect Delivery Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am

Kinder construction starts

Construction of the new Kindergarten on the south-east of the new Kyneton Primary School grounds has commenced.

The new Kinder which will provide 66 places will have two rooms, an outdoor natural play space and parking.

Projected completion is early 2022 when children then attending Lady Brooks Kindergarten will move to the new site.

Vision Australia Calendars

The local group of Friends of Vision Australia have advised that they will not be receiving an order of Vision Australia calendars from now on.

Jean Hedington, Secretary/Treasurer of the Kyneton Group said that they can now only be purchased directly from Vision Australia online at shop.visionaustralia.org or by phoning 1800037773 and asking for the Vision Australia shop.

Works for Langley PS

Langley Primary School has been allocated a total of \$120,000. This includes \$110,000 for high priority maintenance works on the school's Shelter in Place building.

These works will be delivered by the Victorian School Building Authority on behalf of the school.

This also includes \$10,000 to address high priority maintenance tasks identified in the school's Rolling Facilities Evaluation, including ceiling repair, door repair, handrail repair, wall cladding repair and wall repainting.

Saleyards Barbecues

With the demise of the canteen at the saleyards, the Rotary Club of Kyneton has agreed to fill the gap for most of this year.

After a farmer member was approached by the stock agents and, with the support of Macedon Ranges Shire, the club agreed to do so, more as a community service than a money making venture.

The club offers the regular sausage in bread with free onion and a choice of sauces, plus pod coffee or tea- warming food for farmers, drivers, agents and some passing tradies.



Little Athletics Start Nov 6



Basile Lazaro, Jack Denton & Angus Hoyne
After a delay due to COVID restrictions Kyneton Little Athletics is now scheduled to commence its season on Sat 6 Nov at 9am. The club's President Ashley Fraser is optimistic about the upcoming season. "Whether or not our season starts on time we will be driven by LAVIC and the health experts. Our main concern is the safety of the children; however we are hopeful with the correct COVID protocols and with the cooperation of our members that we can get the kids outside and running around in the beautiful Kyneton spring weather" Ashley said. The season runs until the end of March 2021. "Last year we had 165 members ranging from aged 5 to 16," says Ashley. "This year we are continuing to focus on coaching and hoping to see more senior athletes involved, using athletics is a great way to stay fit in the off season if they usually do other winter sports such as football and netball." A wide range of track and field events are covered every Saturday morning at the Kyneton Showgrounds - sprint and middle

distance running, hurdles, jumps, shot put, discus and javelin. Coaching is provided both to the children and their parents if they are interested in leading a group and the emphasis is on improving on personal bests each week.

There is the opportunity to enter regional competitions and many Kyneton members have gone on to compete at state level.

Registration is \$132 per athlete (family discounts apply). Go to lavic.com.au to register and pick Kyneton as your preferred club.

For more information, like and follow the club's Facebook page or call Ashley on 0417549257.

Tigers star to coach Under 18s

The Kyneton Football Netball Club have named 4-time Club Best and Fairest winner Rhys Magin as the Under 18's Coach for 2022.

Magin; a well-respected player at Tiger land brings with him knowledge, skill and ability to communicate the vision of the club to achieve excellence for the players. Magin has played at a senior level at the Kyneton Football Netball Club since 2015 and his exceptional level of play has been acknowledged by the Bendigo Advertiser when he was named in their team of the decade in 2019.

"We couldn't be happier to be appointing Rhys as Under 18's Coach.

"He has been a brilliant player and clubman since he first arrived at the Showgrounds.

"Our young men will now be coached by the player they have all looked up to for years and that's exciting for everyone at Kyneton" Club President Hayden Evans said.



Toddler Time in the Park

Kyneton Library will host a pop-up "Toddler Time in the Park" in the Kyneton Community Park in the Botanic Gardens at 10.30am, every Monday during October, November and the first half of December.

Parents and carers can bring along their toddlers and some morning tea to this wonderful setting and join in some songs, rhymes and stories.

430 Squadron recruiting

430 SQN Australian Air Force Cadets who assemble in the Kyneton Drill Hall in Market St are now recruiting for 2022.

The Australian Air Force Cadets will recruit from Oct 1, 2021 through to Mar 31, 2022.

Cadets turning 12.5 years (Yr 7 2022) – 16 years by March 2022 are eligible to join now.

For more information on how to join this premier youth aviation-minded organisation, go to www.airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join.

Expressions of Interest from any adults interested in an interesting and rewarding experience as an airforce cadets staff member are also most welcome.

Daffodil & Arts Festival AGM

The Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival looks forward to the pandemic coming under control in 2022 when Kyneton can expect a completely restored Festival celebrating 50 years since its inception.

The Festival is seeking new volunteer members to carry on this exciting task in 2022 and will conduct its Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Tues Dec 7 when it will be a good time to bring ideas along to the Kyneton Mechanics Institute.

For information about the Festival or to volunteer contact Marg on 54222282 or daffodil@netcon.net.au

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