



# Kyneton Connect



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## ADF assist at Kyneton Health



Six members of the Australian Defence Force have been deployed to assist nursing staff at Central Highlands Rural Health's COVID-19 screening clinic in Kyneton.

Since opening at the beginning of April, Kyneton Health's Respiratory Assessment Clinic has tested over 10,000 people for the coronavirus.

The clinic is currently open every day, including weekends, 8.30am – 4.30pm. Central Highlands Rural Health's Deputy Chief Executive Officer Phil Catterson has welcomed the support of the Australian Defence Force personnel, giving nursing staff an opportunity to catch their breath from the demanding workload.

"Every day, we have three to four nurses swabbing, four to six nurses on the phones booking appointments and our administration staff supporting the clinic with patient records".

"The numbers in the clinic are increasing daily – last week we saw an average of 160 people each day. This kind of workload can take its toll so we're very grateful that the ADF team have come to assist our nursing team." Mr Catterson said.

ADF officers help with swabbing patients and triaging those calling to make an appointment for testing.

The ADF personnel have medical, nursing and clinical skills. Central Highlands Rural Health continues to offer appointments for testing for those with symptoms of COVID-19 or as directed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

People wishing to be tested are asked to call ahead to book an appointment time on 54229900 (8.30am - 4:30pm).

### Health Services Set to Merge

Cobaw Community Health Service and Sunbury Community Health have announced their intention to merge to expand opportunities for health and community services across the areas they serve.

The next step before proceeding will be a vote by Cobaw members at a Special General Meeting on Sept 23.

On the ground, there will be little change for clients, frontline staff and volunteers as a result of the merger.

The Health Services are similar organisations, with similar values, services and a genuine commitment to their communities.

Cobaw and Sunbury collectively support urban and rural communities that require increased services and supports now and into the future and have demonstrated success when

collaborating to deliver new programs. Cobaw will provide more information in September, once the next steps of the formal process are completed.

### Free masks from Cobaw

Thanks to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, Cobaw are giving out free masks to community members who are at an increased risk of contracting COVID-19, or who may be unable to source or afford their own masks.

If you would like to access this support, help yourself to the packs of masks available during business hours at the front of Cobaw's office at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Kyneton.

### KNFC boosted by Raffle

The Kyneton Football Netball Club has been delighted by the success of its raffle.

The raffle drawn on July 27 had a Toyota Hilux as first prize, a Husqvarna ride on mower as 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and a \$2500 Travel voucher 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. All 2000 tickets at \$100 each were sold.

Also delighted was raffle winner Kyneton's Emily Thompson pictured below in her Toyota Hilux.



## New Ramp at Upper Coliban



Coliban Water, among its continuing improvements to infrastructure has opened the new ramp for electric or paddle powered craft at the Upper Coliban Reservoir.

The lake is currently at 80% and the ramp will continue down to approximately the 60% level.

A new parking and turnaround area will soon be constructed adjacent to the ramp.

Other works are being carried out at Lauriston, Malmsbury and Upper Coliban Reservoirs include: new car parking, viewing platforms, picnic and BBQ facilities.

The Kyneton Angling Club supports these improvements and has been liaising with Coliban water Management on the works.

## Living well as you grow older

In December 2019, Kyneton District Health amalgamated with Hepburn Health Service under the umbrella Central Highlands Rural Health.

Home Care Packages are one of the first new services to be made available to Macedon Ranges residents through the newly formed Central Highlands Rural Health.

Lisa Martin, a Case Manager for Community Age Care, says that if it wasn't for carers and the day-to-day services provided through Home Care Packages, many older people would be unable to stay at home safely.

Home Care Packages allow older people to access a variety of services including cleaning, meal preparation, gardening, home maintenance, companionship, personal care and nursing.

For more information and to find out if you are eligible for a Home Care Package, please contact Central Highlands Rural Health Community Aged Care on 53216595.

## Kyneton Library closure

Librarian Kathy Heenan has advised that although Kyneton Library doors may be closed, staff are still busy working.

"If you need to contact us for any reason, please give us a call on 54221365 or send us an email at [kyneton@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:kyneton@ncgrl.vic.gov.au). Leave your details and we'll get in contact as soon as we can. Even if it's just for a chat" she said

"We can help you out with eBook suggestions, talk you through how to access or troubleshoot the eLibrary or sign up to one of our online programs. "We're all in this together, so please stay connected. Social distancing doesn't mean social isolation!" Kathy concluded.

## Essential road maintenance

Local State Member Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that essential maintenance is to be carried out on 9 kilometres of Heathcote-Kyneton Road as part of a \$58M works package for increased road maintenance and resurfacing in the Macedon electorate. The \$58 million investment in roads is part of a \$2.7 billion Building Works package to support shovel-ready projects – big and small – to get thousands of people back to work.

## Kyneton Police

Police at Kyneton have had their work cut out for them recently with supplying personnel to the vehicle check point in Gisborne South.

Despite this obvious impact on resources, it hasn't affected the ability of the local police to provide a constant service to the Kyneton community.

Recently numerous offenders have been arrested and charged. Offences included, aggravated burglary, trafficking in GHB, possession of amphetamines, handling stolen goods, reckless conduct endangering life and failure to store firearms.

Police also recovered \$60k of cigarettes that were stolen from Coles in Gisborne by three offenders.

In addition to the regular patrols, Police have also stepped up the patrols of the Melbourne to Bendigo V-Line service and have issued several COVID infringement notices to people who were using this service to bypass the road block.

Over the coming weeks, the police will be out in force to ensure that the public complies with the directions of the Chief Health Officer.

## Powercor depot open

The local team of electricity distributor Powercor has moved into their new depot.

The \$10 million development at Redesdale Road replaces the former depot which was built in 1979. The depot includes better office facilities, storage areas for equipment and fleet, and can support the future expansion of the workforce.

Kyneton field leader Gary Scanlon said the new depot was an enormous upgrade to the previous facility.

The new depot is set on a six acre block and all trucks can now be locked away securely undercover.

The Kyneton depot is an important hub for Powercor operations. Crews and employees at the depot support customers in Kyneton, Woodend, Trentham, Redesdale, Spring Hill, Malmsbury, Gisborne, Riddells Creek, Romsey, Lancefield and Pyalong.



*In the new depot*

## No Markets in September

Due to Stage 3 pandemic restrictions neither the Kyneton Farmers Market nor the Kyneton Community Market will take place in September.

## Kyneton District Trail Riders

The August and September rides are cancelled because of the restrictions on horse-riding due to Covid19.

The Trail riders are hoping the end of month October and November rides will go ahead but no details are available as yet.

To find out about joining KDTRC contact Amy 040342990.

## Rotary and Interact

Kyneton Rotary and Interact Clubs continue to meet on Zoom and Webex for info contact John (0419397936) or see the Rotary Club's Face Book Page.

## Scarecrow Comp still planned



With the rest of the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival postponed, a favourite part of it can still be enjoyed by the inventive Kyneton community in 2020.

However in view of level 3 restrictions until at least mid-Sept, the scarecrow competition is planned to take place after lock-down finishes. There will be an opportunity to plan and begin making scarecrows and send to the Festival any photos of their 'Iso-crows' in preparation for the competition after the COVID-19 restrictions finish.

'We can display them on our facebook pages as they arrive so that those people who would normally drive around to find them, can see them by searching there in anticipation of the competition taking place' Festival Secretary Marg Derricott said.

'Sadly we will not be able to have a workshop this year, but we have confidence that people can use their imagination in fashioning what are usually their solitary creations.

'As mid September approaches we will publish our usual entry forms on [www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au](http://www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au) and our Festival facebook page.' Marg said.

'Sadly we cannot have our drive-by of the home gardens competition because of Level 3 restrictions.

'As we exercise in our local areas we are delighted to see so many daffodils out already adding cheerful colour – this year a few weeks earlier than usual'.

## More about Masks

In these Level Three COVID-19 times, the many and varied designs of face-masks worn by almost the entire community when out and about, are an interesting and comforting sight.

Sewing machines have been busy making colourful creations and inventive face-coverings for all in the family. People have also been wearing scarves and (much less secure) cut down socks.

The wearing of face-masks is likely to continue for some time and daily washing of masks can be demanding.

If home-made supplies fail Kyneton locals can purchase a commercially made mask from pharmacies. Country Habit in Piper St and Sign Obsession in High St have reusable three layer masks, and possibly reuseable and single use masks can be purchased from Gab Global in Mollison Place when open on Friday.



## Three directorates for MRSC

A new three-directorate structure for Macedon Ranges Shire Council has been finalised by CEO Margot Stork.

The changes primarily involved reducing director positions from four to three, and a realignment of departments and senior manager roles. They came into effect on July 1.

The three new directorates are Planning & Environment, Corporate & Community, and Assets & Operations. An examination of the functions of each of the units within the former Community Wellbeing directorate was undertaken to help inform where those functions would best sit under the new three-directorate structure.

"Council has many commitments to deliver and we want to serve our community as efficiently and effectively as possible," Ms Stork said.

## Kyneton RSL

With the COVID-19 crisis still not improving, the Kyneton RSL will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

This does not mean that the local Branch's duties to veterans will be forgotten.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the war in the Pacific was on Aug 15.

Those who made the supreme sacrifice were honoured with members of the RSL laying a wreath at the Cenotaph.

Vietnam Veterans Day was commemorated three days later on 18 August and the just over 500 men who gave their lives in Vietnam were remembered with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph.

The crisis has also meant that the RSL have again had to postpone its AGM which was to be held on 15 July.

No new date has been determined at this stage but plenty of prior notice will be given.

The lock down has not seen any lack of activity at the RSL but has provided the opportunity to carry out renovations without interruption to trading.

Re-painting, re-tiling and re-carpeting are now just about complete with new Bistro furniture due in the next few weeks.

Work on re-developing the toilets at the southern of the building will continue for several more weeks.

The RSL is looking forward to welcoming all members back to a revitalised clubhouse.

A reminder also that welfare services are still available to veterans who need assistance.

Please call 54226735 if you are in need.



## Cr Anderson reports



I'll first extend a big thank you to all the volunteers who ensure that *Kyneton Connect* can continue to be published under Covid-safe restrictions. Thank you to the businesses who have continued to provide support to the publication also.

Most of the towns in Macedon Ranges have both a locally produced newsletter for their community as well as a regionally based newspaper to continue to bring us news with a local flavour.

These are hard times for Macedon Ranges Shire Council also, where staff have changed their normal work arrangements, and many facilities stay closed to the public, due to tightening restrictions aimed at controlling local numbers of infections.

Council had commenced a restructure prior to the Pandemic being declared, and this has now been completed, with some positions currently advertised as vacant.

I would like to thank all staff, both past and present, for their hard work, which sometimes undeservedly goes unnoticed.

You may notice some changes in Council job titles, departments and roles. Please get to know your new community contacts and assist them to understand what your group or organisation does, and how it relates to Council.

Councillors had planned a face to face community 'Meet your Councillors' session in Kyneton, which was originally scheduled in November 2019. Due to the restrictions we converted this to an online Zoom session, open to all residents. A wide variety of topics were discussed, with 10 residents and 5 Councillors present.

We are currently exhibiting a major

planning and design project requiring community consultation, called Gisborne Futures. I encourage everyone who works and lives in the Macedon Ranges to read this and contribute: what happens in one town has a flow on effect to other towns.

The State government has determined that local council elections will go ahead in October. The roll for this election closes on 28<sup>th</sup> August, so to vote or if you are interested in standing as a candidate, please contact the VEC. <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/> Council's website also contains information and we will be running multiple online information sessions. If you are considering nominating, this year it is compulsory to undertake online candidate training.

At the time of writing this article this information was yet to be published but will be available at <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/candidate-training> I am always only a phone call or email away if you want to discuss anything more to do with the elections.

I miss seeing you all as I visit to shop or attend events in Kyneton, where there was in the past the opportunity to discuss issues of importance to you. Thank you to those of you who have emailed or phoned me about topics of concern to you.

As always, and even more so now, stay safe and healthy and don't be afraid to ask for assistance if you need it.

Stay safe,

*Jennifer*

## Kyneton Community House

Due to the current Stage 3 restrictions in place across Regional Victoria, the Kyneton Community House will be closed to the public until restrictions are lifted.

However at this stage, the Occasional Childcare service remains open as usual.

Unfortunately the House will not be able to continue take-away Community Lunch at this time but if you, or someone you know needs help with meals please email the House and they will help as best they can.

The House email address is [admin@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au](mailto:admin@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au).

## Tylden PS Teddy Bears' Picnic

Tylden Primary School's Prep children and their cuddly friends had loads of fun recently with a Teddy Bears' Picnic.

The whole day had a teddy bear theme including teddy bear reading & writing, teddy bear mathematics, some teddy bear cooking and even a teddy bear themed German language session.

"The children loved bringing their favourite cuddly toy to school to join in the learning activities," said Prep teacher Sue Redman. "We were so glad to have our teddy bears' picnic before the children returned to remote learning at home."

Most Tylden PS students are now completing their lessons at home.

The teachers at Tylden are providing rich learning activities, in a mix of hard copy and online formats, for all age groups.

The students are using technology each day to keep in contact with their teachers and their friends.

This means they stay connected to each other and continue to make progress with their learning.

Enrolments are welcome for 2021 for Prep students and for students in other grades.

While school tours are not possible at the moment, there is plenty of information about the school on the school website and Facebook page.

Families can watch the short video to get a feel for the school and community.

Parents and carers are also warmly invited to contact the principal, Lee MacDonald, for information about the school and to find out how you can enrol your child. Ph: 54248244.



### 3 Year Grant for Festival



“The Kyneton’s Daffodil and Arts Festival Committee is delighted that the Festival will receive a \$6,000 Council grant and free use of the Mechanics Institute Hall and Bluestone Theatre for the Festival for each year for the next 3 years from the Shire’s Festivals and Events Program” Marg Derricott, Festival Secretary said.

The Festival, looking forward to its 48<sup>th</sup> year in 2021 is now encouraged that the Shire’s sponsorship will help to support preparing with certainty towards its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2023.

An umbrella group for other Festival activities such as the Festival of One Act Plays, the Spring Flower Show, the Antique & Vintage Fair and the Kyneton Art Group’s Annual Show along with many other arts, open gardens, markets, fun activities and its iconic Parade organised by the Festival Committee, the Committee is grateful that they will be relieved of onerous application preparation for 3 years.

### Electronic waste (e-waste)

Did you know you can drop off electronic waste (e-waste) at the Council’s transfer stations for free?

It has been one year since the Victorian Government banned all electronic waste (e-waste) from landfill.

All electronic items including fridges, washing machines, TVs and other household electrical appliances can be disposed of at no charge at the Council’s three transfer stations along with all other recyclable materials.

E-waste has been banned from kerbside collection bins to ensure potentially hazardous and valuable materials are kept out of landfill and the soil, according to Director Assets

and Operations, Shane Walden.

“While many residents had been vigilant in ensuring e-waste was kept out of household bins, we can do better,” Mr Walden said.

“Recent bin audits have shown some electronic items have been incorrectly placed in household bins. We’ve also seen illegal dumping of e-waste across the shire.

“We urge residents to do the right thing and take e-waste to your nearest transfer station, where you can drop it off for free” he said.

### Enrol now for Council elections

A general election for the councillors of the Macedon Ranges is scheduled to be held by post in October. The election will be conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately advised residents to ‘make sure they are enrolled correctly by the close of roll at 4pm on Fri Aug. 28.

“If you’re an Australian citizen and you’ve recently turned 18 or moved, and you haven’t enrolled or updated your address, or if you’ve just closed your post office box with Australia Post, you can enrol or update your details online at [vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment](http://vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment)” Mr Gately said.

Voting in local council elections is compulsory.

Voters who will be away during the election period can have their ballot pack redirected to an address of their choice by making a request in writing by Thursday 17 September.

The Council has advised that it is a new requirement in 2020 that anyone wishing to nominate as a candidate must complete a mandatory training session prior to nominating.

For more information, and to register for optional information sessions or mandatory candidate training, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/elections](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/elections)

Candidate nominations open on Sept 17 and close at 12 noon on Sept 22.

Ballot packs are distributed to voters between Oct 6 and 8 and ballot papers must be in the mail or hand delivered to the election office by 6pm on Fri Oct 23.

*Editor’s footnote: At time of printing the information above was correct but there has been reports that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the local government elections may be postponed.*

### Preparing for the fire season

With Spring fast approaching the Council is advising residents to start preparing their properties for the summer bushfire season.

“You can reduce the risk to your home and property by cleaning up around your dwelling and clearing potential fire hazards before the fire danger period begins.

“These jobs include: removing any overhanging tree branches and shrubs (over one metre high) next to, or below windows; keeping grass short and clearing other combustible debris near your home; clearing roof gutters of any leaf litter; maintaining any defensible space around your home ; ensuring any rainwater tanks are accessible and full; and ensuring you have a bushfire survival plan in place and practise it regularly” a Council spokesperson said

For more information, call 54220333 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au)



### Grants for sports competitions

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas, has announced three grants to Macedon Ranges sporting competitions from the Government’s Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Short-term Survival Package.

These grants will help Kyneton Basketball Association, Macedon Ranges Netball Association and Riddell District Football & Netball League to meet fixed costs to ensure they can remain operationally viable and provide a valuable boost for their clubs and membership.

The grants will also help them safely operate and reactivate at the other side of the coronavirus pandemic.

There are now 200 local leagues and associations across the state who have scored a share in more than \$1.4M through Victorian Government’s Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Short-term Survival Package.

## What's New in Business

### Luxe Hair Lab



Luxe Hair Lab has now opened at 26 High St providing a full range of hair services.

Owner Shannyn Mcinnes recently moved to kyneton and saw a need for a new salon to service people travelling out of the town to have their hair done.

Shannyn has been in the industry for 14 years, and specialises in cutting and colouring.

In the few weeks since opening, luxe hair lab has already attracted a new type of clientele who are enjoying having the service in their own town.

You can find Luxe on Instagram.

Sharryn also stocks a range of high end products, including O&M, Olaplex and MUK!

Opening hours are Tues to Sat.  
Ph 0435744577

### Caterers of Kyneton

Troy & Catherine Christmass' "The Caterers of Kyneton" have adapted their business to now include an Online Meal Service.

Launched in March, people working from home or wanting a break from cooking are enjoying the free home delivery of soups, pasta sauces, gnocchi, lamb curry, beef ragu, sticky date pudding and lemon tarts on offer. For Father's Day on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, their ever-popular Family Roast will be available.

Orders are now being taken for a family feast of Slow Roasted Lamb Shoulder with pan juice gravy, Old School Roasted Spuds with Rosemary Salt, Greek Salad with Goats Milk Feta and to finish, Fudgy Chocolate Brownie with Double Cream.

Their Grazing Boxes have been a big hit for those celebrating in ISO and they make a great gift for when you

can't celebrate together.

Once restrictions are lifted the team at The Caterers of Kyneton look forward to once again cater for Boardroom Lunches, Morning and Afternoon Tea, Weddings & Farewells, Award Night Presentations, Private Dinners & Parties of any type.

Free delivery within Kyneton, delivery to Woodend, Tylden and Macedon on Tuesdays \$10. Ph 0412439225.

### Changes at Springs Medical

Springs Medical, recently established at 89B Piper St, has extended its hours and is now open on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm.

Springs Medical will also soon be expanding into the adjoining premises (once the Emporium and more recently the Persian Room) to offer more GP and allied health services.

Dr Sandeep Dhaliwal leads the Kyneton Springs Medical Centre team, along with Dr Fortunato Mazzei, Dr Falak Naz, Dr Karen Thompson and Dr James Smith.

Dedicated Primary Care Nurses are led by Lee-anne Potter. Receptionist Abby, Physiotherapist Kon and Podiatrist Kat are also there to assist.

The doctors cover a full range of medical problems including; women's wellness, allied health, men's health, family health, acute care, skin cancer clinic, diabetes, aged care, LGBTQI+, heart health and mental Health. Rapid Bulk Bill appointments for simple consultations are also available.



From Left: Dr Sandeep Dhaliwal, Abby (Receptionist), Dr Karen Thompson and Helene (Nurse).

### Persian Room returns to 56 Piper St

Margaret and Graham Jasper's 'The Persian Room' formerly at 89 Piper St has returned to 56 Piper St.

Their showroom displays 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Oriental Rugs which are just now on sale at a 50% reduction.

Available at the Persian Room on Saturday and Sunday. Margaret can be reached on 0409000033 to make an appointment.

### Botanik, the George and Kabinett

Botanik is the combination of two loves of Frank Moylan and Melissa McFarlane.

"After years of hospitality and running bars, we still can't get over our love of cocktails. So it seemed natural for us to pivot into a bottle shop that specialises in vermouths, amaros, bitters and cocktail related syrups and cordials.

"Frank has made his own range of sipping vinegars and bitters under the name Bitterwind. He's selling out of them each week. It's been so encouraging" Melissa said.

"So that brings us to the plants. We want to sell the plants that go into the making of the drinks and are madly growing from cuttings and from seed up at our house. For now we are doing indoor plants and some agaves and cactuses, which of course, go into the making of tequila and mezcal.

"We also have vintage and new cocktail glasses and equipment for all of your cocktail making emergencies. And in the not to distant future we will run small workshops and classes upstairs so you can learn all about the magical world of vermouths and amaros" Melissa added.

"We would love people to come in to taste the local vermouth range Maidenii. It's a brilliant example of well-made vermouth.

"When we can open up again, you will be able to drink in the bottle shops at night" she said.

Melissa and Frank have relocated their antiques and vintages business Kabinett to the west end of the Royal George building in Piper St and set up Botanik in the east end.



George Swallow will assist at Botanik at the Royal George

## Campaspe Family Practice opens Sundays

To improve access for patients during the pandemic, Campaspe Family Practice have advised that they will continue to bulk bill all routine appointments and are now opening on Sundays from 10 am to 1pm.

The car park waiting room has allowed Campaspe to reduce patient numbers in the clinic allowing for safe social distancing.

Regular hand sanitising and wearing of face masks is appreciated by all staff in the clinic.

## New GPs at Campaspe



Susie Fox

Erica Halligan

Two new GPs have recently joined the Campaspe Family Practice at 7-25 Caroline Chisholm Drive.

Dr Erica Halligan who specialises in women's health commenced at the Practice on Wed Aug 12.

Erica grew up on a farm in the Macedon Ranges and has enjoyed returning to the area as a GP.

After graduating from Australian National University in 2012 she spent several years working at University Hospital Geelong before commencing General Practice.

Dr Susie Fox is an experienced GP Counsellor working in Melbourne and New Gisborne who is now also providing individual, relationship and couples counselling and sex therapy at Campaspe Family Practice in Kyneton.

For appointments, call 0435017222 or e-mail susi@gptherapy.com.au .

## New Businesses in Edgecombe Road and Saleyards Road

Many readers will have observed the construction of buildings in both Edgecombe and Saleyards Road.s

In the October issue of *Kyneton Connect* details of the nature of those businesses will be published.

## Tasting Fitness



Kate Coleman's Tasting Fitness is now offering Nutrition and Health Coaching sessions. The sessions are conducted over Zoom and involve working on achievable goals together for a healthier lifestyle.

The motivational program includes 3 short Nutrition and Health Coaching sessions, along with personal training sessions and healthy recipes to help people through the difficult times we are all facing.

For further information email [kate@tastingfitness.com](mailto:kate@tastingfitness.com) or call 0404205144.

## Do you have daffodil photos?

Each year the Daffodil and Arts Festival sell bulbs to assist Kynetonians to refresh their gardens and to raise funds for coming Festivals.

This year due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the sales could not occur in their usual spot outside Woolworths, but were sold via facebook. 20,000 daffodil bulbs were sold with Kyneton on Riverside's Aimee Fryer assisting with deliveries.

These are now blooming.

The Festival Committee and President Peter Henderson would welcome photos of these daffodils to display on the Festival's facebook <https://www.facebook.com/KynetonDaffodilAndArtsFestival>



## RM Begg Kyneton thank you

RM Begg staff, residents and Board of Management are extremely grateful to the people of Kyneton for their generosity in response to the article in the local press recently.

The article highlighted the difficult financial predicament RMB and other Aged Care Facilities find themselves due to the current economic climate.

To date over \$70,000 has been donated.

These much needed funds will be used, in addition to government funding, for ongoing daily operating funds to ensure that RMB remains as a stand-alone facility.

Ongoing fundraising and donations will be vital to keep RMB operating for the community.



## A new RV disposal point

The old RV disposal point at Mineral Springs has been closed for some time.

In response to enquiries from *Kyneton Connect* Angela Hughes the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Director Planning and Environment has advised:

"As per the decision of Council at the 23 October 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting, officers are conducting detailed investigations at sites in Kyneton that are found to satisfy the operational criteria for an RV disposal point and are considered feasible.

"Sites currently being investigated further are: Kyneton Showgrounds, Johnson Court, Kyneton Visitor Information Centre toilet block, and the Kyneton Velodrome.

"If or when this decision is ready to be made, it will be reported to an Ordinary Council Meeting." Page 7

## Around the Galleries

**The Old Auction House** 56 Mollison St  
Below are details of some of what's on in the Old Auction House gallery—as the House wishes to discourage in-person visitors there are also details of where everyone can find the artworks on the Gallery website.

Highlights from the Gallery:

'Take Flight' - Aug 13-31 - a group show of all things ornithological.

'Blue' - Aug 20-Sep - the work of abstract artist Jane Downing in her celebration of the beauty of the colour blue.

'War Toys' - Oct 1-19

Barry John's view on the world is one immersed in deep thought and a drive to explain that which he cannot understand.



*"His message was love, and market saturation" from 'War Toys'*

Due to restrictions all workshops and classes are on hold until the end of Stage 3 restrictions but future dates can be found online.

The Old Auction House shop is open reduced hours of 10am-4pm daily with a large selection of craft supplies and handmade gifts with online shopping via their website.

**The Stockroom** 98 Piper St

Exhibitions Aug 1 - Sept 13

Solo exhibitions of Jud Wimhurst, Joshua Cocking, Josephine Mead and Grace Brown – four artists exploring themes that are fitting to the current world climate.

*Wasteland*—Jud Wimhurst

*Ghost Plant*—Joshua Cocking

*Lost Worlds*—Grace Brown

*Moving out of the Period of Heat & Rut*—Josephine Mead

**Art On Piper** 44 Piper St

Recently, Art on Piper welcomed Lisa Howard, Textile Artist, to its collective.

Lisa has a passion for knitting, design and working with natural yarns. She bred and raised a small flock of black Corriedale X sheep and uses this commercially spun natural yarn, alongside pure wool, silk, bamboo and alpaca yarns.

She has expanded her range to include cabled bed runners and wonderfully warm throw rugs.

Her unique garments are wearable, stylish and highlight the superb qualities of wool.

Open every day except Tues, 10-4pm.

## Your Local Community Radio



Based in the Macedon Ranges; 100.7 Highlands FM commenced broadcasting in the 1990s. It gained a permanent licence in April 2000 and broadcasts as 100.7 Highlands FM. After moving to numerous locations around Kyneton; the station eventually settled at the Woodend Community Centre in 2008. The station uses the tag line "The Voice of the Ranges", showing its branding for the region and providing a voice for the community. It transmits its signal across the Macedon Ranges and can be heard as far away as Melbourne and into the Mt Alexander Shire region.

During August, September and October, the station is broadcasting a series of programs under the title of "Seniors Week Reimagined".

Each Monday from Aug 10 to Sep 28 between 12 and 2pm for the Victorian Seniors Festival, 100.7 will present series: A Night at the Theatre; At the Picture Palace; Radio Plays – Agatha Christie series and Scones, Lamingtons and Chocolate Rolls; & Spoken Word – Stories from the Pier and Dark Tales. Every Wed from 13 Aug to 1 Oct between 12 and 2pm the station will present Seniors Festival music features, radio plays and spoken word: Bing Crosby and Friends; One off music specials such as Little Richard, Johnnie O'Keefe and Friends, The Day the Music Died and Jessie Lloyd's Mission Songs project.

To hear these programs at other times, go to [www.highlandsfm.org.au](http://www.highlandsfm.org.au).

You can also listen to all 100.7 programs via the website by clicking on "Player".

## Free pads, tampons in schools

Local State MP Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that free pads and tampons are now available in every government school in the Macedon Ranges, and across the state – reducing the discomfort and embarrassment around periods for girls and saving families hundreds of dollars every year.

Victoria is the first state or territory in Australia to ensure all students attending government schools have access to free pads and tampons.

Pads and tampons are available free of charge in school bathrooms, relieving anxiety and embarrassment for girls, and ensuring they can get the most from their education.

Schools will play an important role in promoting a positive culture around menstrual health and build a supportive environment among the school community.

## Pedlar offers assistance

Due to the lockdown the Preloved Pedlar has to shut shop again for now. However, if you or anyone you know needs assistance, the Pedlar is still available to help.

They have food, clothes etc. to distribute to any individual or families who have been affected by the lockdown and need assistance.

The Pedlar's phone is being monitored on a daily basis by volunteers.

Call the shop on 54227134 and leave a message and a contact number.

The Preloved Pedlar will get back to you as soon as possible.



*Assisting at the Preloved Pedlar before the pandemic*

## Lois Prictor



Highly regarded community member Lois Prictor died at home in Kyneton on July 30.

The youngest of seven children, she was born in Kyneton in 1927. Her parents were Florence & Randall Green, of 'Glenbrook', a grazing property at Baynton, Victoria.

In 1955 Lois married Colin Prictor and they settled down as farmers at "Narracoo" in Carlsruhe. They had three daughters Catriona, Barbara and Jennifer.

Lois found some time to look for indigenous plants and paint them, as well as running a Brownie troop, then becoming a Commissioner of the Guides.

In the 1980's they retired from farming and built a house at "Lauriston Park".

Lois finally got a desk for painting with good natural light.

She became involved with "The Friends of Black Hill" helping to restore a former gravel mining site as a reserve for local flora & fauna.

She co-ordinated publishing a book about Black Hill, which included some of her illustrations of plants found there.

Lois & Colin were founding members of Kyneton U3A.

In 2005 they moved to a townhouse in Kyneton overlooking Post Office Creek.

After Colin died in 2006, Lois continued to be involved with local groups, including Red Cross and ADFAS.

## Helping others to be connected

A major contributor to good mental health is keeping in touch with other people and in these Covid times real face to face connection is often difficult or even impossible. Most of us naturally reach for our electronic devices as a substitute.

Just for a moment, think about your family, friends and neighbours. Do any of these acquaintances struggle with their phone or tablet or maybe don't even have such a device? They're missing out on what you're getting.

If you can't help them yourself, perhaps The Digital Connection for Seniors can.

Loan devices and support are available.

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

## Mental Health First Aid Course

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is offering the Mental Health First Aid Course for interested women in the Macedon Ranges.

This course is based on guidelines developed through the expert consensus of people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals.

Given the restrictions of Covid19 this is being organized as an on-line course in two parts.

The first is an e-learning platform where the participant engages and completes the course material over a two-week period at their own speed. This usually takes between 6 and 8 hours depending on the individual.

The second part is facilitated by a MHFA instructor, again on-line but with the other participants Zooming in.

This structured course is two, two and a half hour sessions to be held on Sat 17 and 24 Oct.



Participants who complete this training are eligible to complete an online Accreditation Assessment to receive a Mental Health First Aider Certificate of Accreditation which is valid for 3 years.

The course is being sponsored by the Preloved Pedlar, an opportunity shop in Kyneton, and as such allows the Zonta Club of Kyneton to offer this

course at a much-reduced cost of \$25 per participant.

Applications close: Thu Sep 24

Introduction to course: Sat Sep 26

e-Learning: Sep 28 – Oct 12

Facilitator led sessions: Oct 17 & 24

For booking details call Margaret on 0408542766.

## Draft 5 year event strategy

The draft Macedon Ranges Events Strategy 2020-25, which will guide the Council's planning and decision-making to support the success of local events, is now on its website.

Events provide a range of economic and tourism benefits for the Shire and raise the region's profile as a great place to live, invest and visit.

Events will also play an important part of revitalising the economy following the pandemic.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting your ideas about how we can support and plan for all events, from community-organised events to regional tourism events, that are welcoming, healthy, safe and accessible for all.

Submissions are invited on the Draft Strategy and close on Aug 24.

## Dementia Education Sessions

Dementia Australia, in conjunction with The Treehouse at Kyneton Health will be presenting two online education sessions for carers and family members of people living with dementia in the coming months.

The first session on Mon Sept 14 is "Coping with changes in behaviours" This session deals with some of the changes in behaviour caused by dementia.

A session will also be held on Mon Nov 16: "Grief, Loss and Dementia" This session provides an overview of dementia and caring for someone who has dementia.

Each session will run for 2.5 hours between 10.30am – 1pm online via Zoom.

To make a booking for either session, or for more for information, call Lisa on 98157822.

Lisa can provide training prior to the session if you are not familiar with Zoom.

There is no cost associated with attending these sessions.

# STAY | HOME

Stage 3 *Stay at Home* restrictions  
are now in place for regional Victoria.

There are only 4 reasons to leave home.



Shopping for food  
and supplies that  
you need



Care and  
caregiving



Exercise



Work and study  
if you can't do it  
from home



And if you're out  
you must wear a  
face covering

**If you have symptoms, get tested then stay home.**

For all current restrictions go to  
[vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS](https://vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS)

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## 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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## U3A Kyneton

With the Macedon Ranges now part of the Stage 3 Government restrictions, U3A Kyneton is operating online via Zoom to enable members to see and interact with each other in a safe environment. Many have not used Zoom before and it has been a learning experience for all members.

The following courses are available via Zoom: American Government & Politics; Book Club; Current Affairs; Film/documentary discussion; French; Friday afternoon session (with an invited speaker); US Presidential Election (commencing in September)

Once Stage 3 restrictions cease Bird observers; Coffee club; Cycling; Dog walking and Table Tennis will commence again.

Hopefully U3A can soon return to meetings face to face in the Red Brick Hall.

For further information about U3A Kyneton and to see the full list of courses please visit the U3A Kyneton website

U3A is growing and welcomes new members. Anyone who would like additional information can call 0439360763 or email [info@u3a.org.au](mailto:info@u3a.org.au).

Membership from now until the end of the year is \$15. There is no charge for U3A Kyneton's online courses.



*U3A members playing table-tennis in the Community Park prior to the pandemic restrictions*

## Kids' holiday program

Kyneton Town Hall's school holiday program KTH Kids has gone online, offering a fun creative and crafty workshop for kids during the upcoming school holidays.

The KTH program will feature an underwater world collage-making workshop.

Working with local artist Joanne Mott, kids can create a mural using recycled sticker materials that explores the colourful oceanic underwater world of corals, sponges and wonderful sea creatures.

Children can join the workshop at any time during the school holiday period.

They can sign up to receive their materials pack and then tune into the online workshop to learn how to create a mural.

For information about how to participate in the workshop, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops)

## Events Calendar

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

## A toilet at Quarry Reserve?



Kyneton Connections and other community groups are keen for the Council to construct a toilet block at Quarry Reserve near the bridge at the end of Piper Street to service picnickers using the BBQ area there and those taking the Campaspe River walk.

The toilet block has been a long standing request from the Kyneton Community but in response to *Kyneton Connect* enquiries the Council has advised that the toilets are not part of this year's budget and that a decision on the location is not likely until the completion of a Shire wide Toilet Strategy.

Kyneton Connections President Eric Dearthcott said that It was disappointing that toilets for Quarry Reserve were not yet on the Council's radar.

"The BBQ area in Quarry Reserve is easily the best in the town but with the nearest public toilets at the other end of Piper St, 700m away, the outstanding picnic area is rarely used" he said.

## KFNC Juniors

What a roller coaster year it has been for Kyneton Football Netball Club juniors.

Season 2020 started out just like any other season with training commencing in early March – the smell of footy season was in the air.

Just one week into training and

COVID-19 hit with vengeance - training was cancelled and the season start delayed.

Following the conclusion of Lockdown 1, a shortened 10 week season was proposed by the BJFL and with lots of hard work by the committee early July saw the juniors back out on the training track culminating in Round 1 of the BJFL on the 18/19 July with home games for all Tiger teams.

It was so exciting to see our teams back out on the field and extra exciting to see the return of girls' football for season 2020.



*Under 14 girls team*

Unfortunately, they were to be the only home games we were to see for season 2020. Round 2 was played away and was sadly followed by the cancellation of Round 3 due to COVID-19 outbreaks in some Bendigo schools.

The Club thanks the players and their families for their patience and understanding, the hardworking KFNC Junior committee for the tireless work behind the scenes and most importantly to sponsors. Eve Trans, Jellis Craig and Wicklow Group, along with our team and award sponsors: BJB Hair Studio, Naturally Hair, Palmer Stevens & Rennick, Watt's Fresh, Bridgestone Tyres, Custom Timber Windows, Elders Kyneton, Landmark, Monsieur Pierre, The Broker Team, BR Projects, Subway Kyneton and Donkey Restaurant.

Lastly the cancellation of season 2020 was punctuated with having one of the newly installed goal posts at the bottom oval cut off in what was a deliberate and malicious act.

The incident was reported to the police and if any readers have any information, they are encouraged to contact Kyneton Police.



*The broken goal posts at the bottom oval.*

## Spring comes early

Daffodils are well and truly on show all over the town.

Those in High St 'July Sun' are always the earliest.

In most gardens about the town daffodils are cheering passers by in this time of COVID gloom.

Those exercising can see masses of flowers at the Botanic Gardens, along roadsides and near the cemetery.

Kyneton's fabulous Golden Mile of Daffodils has also bloomed early this year. Is this a sign of climate change?



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