



## Women's Health Hub



CEO Maree Cuddihy with Premier Jacinta Allan and Mary-Anne Thomas MP

On Fri Jun 28 Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan and our local Member, the Minister for Health, Mary-Anne Thomas, came to the Kyneton Hospital to announce Kyneton Health as one of the final six Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Hubs in Victoria.

This hub joins the current network of 14 hubs that are already delivering free or low-cost care including contraception, medical abortion, referral for surgical abortion and sexual health testing and treatment.

The aim of the hubs is to break down barriers women and girls face in accessing affordable and comprehensive care.

Kyneton was chosen based on its high demand for women's healthcare.

Maree Cuddihy, CEO at Central Highlands Rural Health said "The Sexual and Reproductive Health Hubs will provide the Kyneton community and surrounding areas with affordable, accessible and person-centred care to support the best possible sexual and reproductive health outcomes. We're thrilled to provide this locally."

The workforce supporting the hubs will also benefit from the funding through the Women's Health Scholarship program. More than 100 scholarships are being delivered – offering chances to upskill in areas like IUD insertion, sexual and reproductive health, pelvic physio training, menopause and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS).

Kyneton Health's Sexual and Reproductive Health Hub will be in the Ambulatory Care Centre and will be operational by the end of 2024.

## Festival ready to rock

The 2024 Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival with major sponsor Kyneton on Riverside will be held Sept 5-15 with all of the old favourites such as the ferret racing and dog dash and many new activities.

The new location for the Opening Night on Thu Sept 5 will be the Old Auction House at 52 Mollison St where the Festival Daffodil Art Prize entries will remain on show every day of the Festival. At the opening night the winners of the Daffodil Art Prizes will be announced and this year's Royals introduced.

10 days of Festival activities will follow culminating in the Parade and Fair on Sun Sept 15. The Parade will leave the Kyneton Showgrounds at 12.30pm travelling along Mollison St with people able to view it from anywhere between Piper & Simpson Sts.

The Parade will include floats, bands, classic cars, school and kinder groups, stilt walkers and entertainers, obedient dogs, the carriage of the royals and more.

Entries for the parade will be open until Sept 1 and can be made through the Festival's website.



The Festival Fair held after the Parade will be in High and Mollison Sts and their intersection, Mechanics forecourt, the Mechanics Reserve and for the first time this year in the Simpson St carpark

Fair attractions will include Farmer Darryl and his Animal Nursery, children's activities, food and drink stalls, bands, dancing, singing, the Central Victorian Lion Dancers, stilt walkers, and rides for children and teens.

It is expected that the rides for younger children will be in High St and the climbing wall and bungee activity in the Simpson St carpark.

Details of all Festival activities would be impossible to fit in this issue but we have been able to include some and our calendar of events on page 11 lists all in sequence.

Full details of all events as well as the opportunity to enter or purchase tickets are on the Festival's website.

## KMI Northside reopening



Bookings for use of the meeting rooms on the north side of the Kyneton Mechanics Institute can now be made with restoration works now completed. Full availability of the meeting rooms is likely by September—if not earlier.

The closure of those rooms in January 2022 was due to significant water damage caused by a major storm.

Remedial works started in April this year addressing rising damp, roof leaks and repairs and footings stabilisation issues along with interior restoration works due to the water damage.

The works were facilitated by a grant through State Government's Living Heritage Grants Program, with additional funding from the Council.

There are three excellent meeting rooms including the Boardroom on the North side of the Mechanics. They are available for hire and not for profit local community groups can use them for meetings free of charge for up to 12 times per year.

Bookings can be made by emailing [creativevenues@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:creativevenues@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or calling 54220333.



# Breath testing drivers all year round

Police are out there to keep our roads safe. If you've been drinking, don't drive. Getting caught with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.05 and over will result in loss of licence and significant fines. Chances are you will be caught.

**Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.**





## Festival Open Gardens



Rosebery Hill Open Garden

As usual some great gardens will be open for visitors during the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival. Some gardens are open on each of the days of the Festival but some are not – Check the Festival website to find details of the gardens and when open. There will be special bus tours of Open Gardens on both Fridays during the Festival.

Bookings essential and can be made via the festival website.

## Resident alarm over Kyneton Urban Design Framework

Scores of residents have taken to the Midland Express' Facebook page to attack proposals in the recently released draft Kyneton Urban Design Framework (UDF).

The matters that have generated most opposition are suggestions of a 30kph speed limit in Kyneton's 3 main streets and removal of parking spaces in them including the possibility of removing parking on one side of those streets for cycling lanes.

The UDF proposes an alternative approach of "cycle-friendly streets connecting to the main network". Included in those suggested are Welsh and Lauriston Sts!

A UDF proposal for a pedestrian crossing of High St between Ferguson and New Sts has been questioned given the existing Sacred Heart Children's Crossing less than 100m away.

Pedestrian outstands proposed for many of the main intersections appear likely to prevent simultaneous left and right turns from side streets and cause bank ups in main streets behind cars making left turns into side streets.

Many would disagree with the UDF

when it asserts that the High Mollison St signalled intersection currently functions well.

The unclear proposals for the Mechanics institute forecourt and Mechanics Reserve will cause trepidation to users of those areas and those seeking access to the Mechanics Institute for events.

One clear proposal for the Reserve is the removal of the Lions Kiosk.

"The UDF has proposals for the future development and revitalisation of Kyneton's central streetscapes.

It's a pity they seem to have been overshadowed by proposals around movement and an avoidance of commitment for further consultation once detailed plans are developed" Kyneton Connections President Eric Derricott said.

## Celebrating 140 years



Members and their families and past members of Kyneton Fire Brigade celebrated 140 years of service to the community at a dinner held at the Shamrock Hotel on the evening of Sat July 27.

Dignitaries attending the dinner included CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan, and local Member and Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas MP.

Kyneton Fire Brigade was founded in 1884. After four shops in Mollison Street were badly damaged by fire in January of that year, a public meeting resolved to form a Fire Brigade.

By July 1884, 140 years ago, the new Brigade had 30 members. Today the Brigade has a total of 74 members, including 8 junior members.

In congratulating the Brigade, Chief Officer Heffernan said: "In 2024, the members of today's brigade carry the pride and tradition of the founding members, in their service to Kyneton district and surrounding areas".

A number of service awards were presented at the dinner, including a 20-year medal awarded to Captain Greg McIntyre. Stuart Kelson was

awarded CFA Life Membership, and received a medal recognising 40 years with CFA. Life Membership of Kyneton Fire Brigade was awarded to long serving Brigade Treasurer Emma Magrath, and also to John Pearce, who has held a number of positions in the Brigade through his 28 years as a member.

Annual Brigade awards that recognise outstanding service to the Brigade were presented to Cathryn Portelli, Luke Tracey, Stephanie Sharp, Brian Wilson, Blake Dickens, Tristian Smith, and Wendy Pearce.

A surprise announcement during the evening was the naming of the most recent extension to Kyneton Fire Station as "The RB & RG Walker Extension" and the unveiling of a plaque honouring the service of Ronda & Roger Walker.

Captain Greg McIntyre thanked them for their service, and said: "Their example to the brigade is valued by members and will continue to influence the brigade for many years to come".

## KTC's Legally Blonde Oct 4-27

Tickets are now on sale for Legally Blonde - The Musical, Kyneton Theatre Company's exciting October production in the Bluestone Theatre. A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, Legally Blonde follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams.

Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances - this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal.

It stars some incredible local talent. This is a show you don't want to miss!

Performances are between Oct 4 and Oct 27 Fridays and Sundays at 8pm and Saturdays at both 2pm and 8pm. Book your tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/CTBDU>



## Councillors' Update



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the draft Kyneton Urban Design Framework. We are hoping to finalise the Kyneton UDF within this term of Council, enabling the introduction and funding of related projects within Kyneton during the next term of Council. Completion of the UDF paves the way for the Kyneton South Framework Plan.

Work has commenced on implementing the masterplan for Kyneton Showgrounds.

This includes the long-awaited upgrades to the netball facilities.

Most people will be aware of the removal of trees from the showgrounds on the Beauchamp and Mollison Street corner.

Unfortunately, these trees were identified as reaching end of life and as being potentially dangerous by our arborist.

Initially the arborist was called in to assess the impact of the netball upgrades on three of the trees closest to the facilities, but ten trees were identified as requiring removal due to their condition.

Council plans to use wood from the trees to create outdoor furniture in the Showgrounds (and possibly other outdoor spaces).

Additional trees will also be planted throughout the Showgrounds as part of the overall masterplan.

At our July meeting, Council approved a range of Community Funding Scheme grants along with the Events and Festivals Grants program 2024-25. Grants to Kyneton organisations include \$10,000 to Kyneton Community House for the Great Community Cookup, \$5000 to the Kyneton Basketball Association and \$4235 for Kyneton U3A.

Events and Festivals funding for 2025 included the first payment of the triennial grant to the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival (\$10,000), \$5500 to

the Agricultural Society to support the Show, and 2 grants totalling \$4700 to the Kyneton Community House to support their Twilight Festival and Market along with the Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes event.

Council also adopted the Community Climate Action Grants Guidelines and Environment Group Support Grants Guidelines at the July meeting.

These grants include funding support for our various Landcare and Friends Groups across the Shire.

Recently, Macedon Ranges Shire Council partnered with Wildlife Victoria, the City of Greater Bendigo and Bass Coast Shire Council to better understand the problem of high wildlife tolls on our roads and identify effective solutions.

So far, in the Macedon Ranges, a community forum was held earlier this year and consideration of wildlife was included in the recently endorsed Mobility and Road Safety Strategy.

In addition, a Wildlife Toll Reduction Toolkit has been produced to assist local governments with strategies to mitigate wildlife accidents.

This is now available through Wildlife Victoria and the MRSC website.

The Council elections are fast approaching and the Council caretaker period will begin on Sept 17. Finally, as your "West Ward Councillor group" we would like to thank everyone for your support, encouragement and contributions through this term of council.

As a group, we have been energised and inspired by your ideas and feedback.

A feature of our Shire is the very high level of informed and valuable feedback that we receive from individuals and community organisations – so we encourage you all to keep it coming!

Best wishes from your West Ward Councillors

*Mark, Jennifer, and Janet*

## New to Daffodil & Arts Festival

Further details about the following events and tickets for them can be obtained via the Festival website:

### **Neil Young Tribute Show:**

An evening of pure musical nostalgia with Australia's best Acoustic Solo Tribute to Neil Young, featuring the extraordinary J.D. Delves - you'll swear you're hearing Neil Young himself.

The show is in the Kyneton Mechanics Institute 7-9.30pm on Fri Sep 7.

Admission \$20 per person.

### **A Morning with Annie Smithers**

Annie Smithers has become one of Australia's much-loved chefs. Join Annie in the Kyneton Mechanics Institute 9am-11.30am Wed Sept 11 as she talks about her career which spans over 40 years. (a delicious morning tea will be served by KHS Hospitality students).



### **Hotel Transylvania Movie Night**

This iconic movie will be held in Sacred Heart's Mary Moloney Theatre from 6pm Fri Sep 13.

It will be a fun night out for the whole family. Come dressed up as your favourite scary monster or character from Hotel Transylvania to add to the enjoyment.

Tickets are \$15 per family and booking is essential. Children must be accompanied by adults and food and drink are not allowed in theatre.

### **Rock 'n' Roll with the Metcalfe Boys**

The Metcalfe Boys are local band who play 60's, 70's and 80's Rock 'n' Roll. Let us set the Kyneton Mechanics Hall alive with singing and dancing to the wonderful songs of the 60's to 80's.

The show which is suitable for all ages including children will be held in the Kyneton Mechanics Hall at 1pm on Sat Sep 7.

Admission: \$10 per person.



## Homelessness



*Rapid Relief Team at Barbecue Lunch*

Local staff and volunteers supporting those who find themselves at risk of homelessness gathered in Kyneton last week for a barbecue lunch.

The event organised by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health and catered for by The Kindness Collective and the Kyneton branch of the Rapid Relief Team, was held to mark Homelessness Week.

The latest Census figures show that at least 30,000 Victorians experience homelessness on any given night.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, who are the housing support service and access point for homelessness services in the Macedon Ranges, worked with over 200 adults and young people in the last year who were seeking housing assistance.

Kate Weston, who is the team leader of the housing support team, says that as well as raising awareness about the causes and the impacts of homelessness, they wanted to do something to say thank you to the many people and organisations locally who support people experiencing homelessness.

“Our staff work closely with local op shops, service groups and community organisations who all contribute to supporting those who need help.

The Kindness Collective based in Kyneton, as well as being an op shop, has a food bank, soup kitchen and a drop-in space providing a safe and friendly environment for locals to stop by if they need a chat.

They also have free counselling available once a week.

Hugh Vardon, who manages the not-for-profit organisation says that they have seen a considerable increase in people seeking their assistance, most commonly families and individuals who cannot afford to feed themselves.

Last month the soup kitchen produced 40 three course meals per day four

days a week and in July they had 796 individuals and families on their database who accessed the food bank 1411 times over the month.

James Thomas, the Rapid Relief Team’s local team leader, said that as well as providing food at events and as part of emergency disaster relief efforts, the team’s volunteers also aim to assist with homelessness, poverty and hardship.

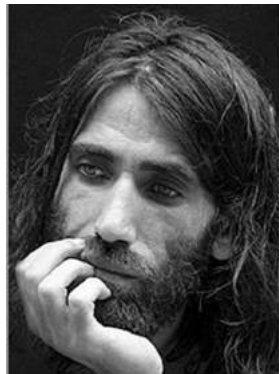
“We have blankets, care kits and food boxes for those experiencing difficult times, which locally we supply to organisations like Sunbury and Cobaw and The Kindness Collective.

“Whether it be fire, flood or humanitarian need, RRT expands their support services to meet the crisis at hand.”

If you live in the Macedon Ranges and are at risk of homelessness, you can contact Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health on 54211666 or at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton.

The Kindness Collective can be found at 60 Mollison St Kyneton.

## Rural Australians for Refugees Conference in Kyneton



The opening event of the Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) bi-annual conference to be held in the Kyneton Town Hall at 7pm on Fri Oct 11 is set to be a very special event, with Behrouz Boochani as the feature speaker.

Behrouz Boochani is a Kurdish-Iranian journalist, human rights defender, writer and film producer living in New Zealand.

He was held in the Australian-run Manus Island detention centre in Papua New Guinea from 2013 until its closure in 2017.

The Conference continues on Sat Oct 12 and Sun Oct 13 at Sacred Heart College with plenary and workshop sessions.

## MRSC Council elections

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council elections will be held this October.

The elections will be conducted entirely by post with ballots mailed out between Oct 7 & 10 and voting closes at 6pm Fri Oct 25

The VEC conducts elections on behalf of all Victorian councils. For more information, visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au).

Candidate nominations open Mon Sept 9 and close 12pm Tues Sept 17.

## Council Candidate Forum

A Forum for residents to hear from and pose questions to candidates for election to Macedon Ranges Shire Council’s West Ward (Kyneton’s ward) hosted by Kyneton Connections is proposed for Wed Oct 2.

Subject to there being more than 3 candidates, the number of vacancies, and the willingness of candidates to participate, the Forum will be held in Room 5 of the Kyneton Mechanics Institute starting at 7.30pm.

## 3 ways to explore horticulture

At its August speaker night, the Kyneton Horticultural Society will present a panel discussion on three ways to explore horticulture.

The panel will discuss YouTube as a visual medium, books as a written medium and radio as a spoken medium for learning about gardening and horticulture. Stephen Ryan, Kerryn Burgess and Margot McDonald will make up the panel.

At this event on the evening of Mon Aug 19, soup will be served from 6:30pm and the panel presentation will begin at 7:30pm.

The event will be held in the Kyneton Football Netball Social Rooms, Kyneton Showgrounds.



*Stephen Ryan and Matthew Lucas create and produce a weekly YouTube video about the weird and wonderful world of plants.*

## What's New in Business

### New McIntyre Vets opens soon

The new modern premises of Kyneton's Vet Dr Greg McIntyre located at 1/9 Saleyards Rd is expected to open in the last week of August, subject to confirmation of power upgrade completion on 24/8.

The new premises will greatly expand consulting, hospital, surgical and support capacity, with provision for new services in the future.

"We will continue our current high quality, friendly services for domestic pets, and farm animals with a greater capacity. In spite of the current difficult supply situation for veterinarians, we have been able to attract additional skilled and experienced veterinarians and nurses to maintain service with the increased demand.

"As soon as we are properly moved in we will be hosting an Open Day so please watch our webpage (<https://www.mcintyrevet.com.au/>) or our Facebook page for the date and details" Greg said.

In January 1983, Dr McIntyre assumed ownership of the veterinary practice of Dr Owen Foote at 59 High St.

After practicing in High St for 2-3 years, Greg and family moved to "Morningside" in Edgecombe St.

For the past 22 years the practice has been conducted at the former State Savings Bank in Mollison St, ("Thank you Barry & Ruth Murphy for the good time we've had here with you" Greg said.)

"The whole team is grateful to John and Robyn Duignan who have been perfect hosts as we lease this new building from them, together with our Consultants Busivet PL, who have guided us through a complex process.

"Our Builders, Calibre Healthcare Interiors PL and their tradespeople, have produced a magnificent fitout product of which we are very proud" Dr McIntyre concluded.



### Wholelife Pharmacy & Healthfoods



One of the lead pharmacists, Steph Le

WholeLife Pharmacy & Healthfoods have now opened at 103-105 Mollison St Kyneton.

Formerly operating in the old Kennedy's Pharmacy at 97 Mollison St, the relocation has enabled WholeLife to offer a holistic approach to health and wellness, combining its known and trusted traditional pharmacy services with a large range of Healthfoods, sports nutrition, sustainable living products and much more.

Their aim is to prioritise the health and well-being of you, your family, and the community.

### Day Spa expands



For more than a decade two large 500 litre barrels nurtured fine wine.

Now, the 55-year-old French Oak barrels have been given a different role. Filled with magnesium enriched mineral water and gently heated to 42 degrees, the barrels are a key feature in Ellenis Day Spa's new outdoor 'Terrace'.

The 'Terrace' is a luxurious, private, outdoor space where you can escape the everyday with a blissful soak in the warm wine barrels followed by a massage or body treatment under the pergola or in one of the Spa's spacious private suites.

Principal Clinician, Irene Thompson says the space was created to following

the popularity of Ellenis' rose petal aromatherapy baths.

"The barrels contain filtered mineral water that's enriched with magnesium, so it's perfect for reviving tired muscles," Irene said.

Ellenis Day Spa at 39 High St is open Tues-Sat. Ph 54223795.

### Innovative Cabinetry

Innovative Cabinetry founder Jordy Bodilly expanded his cabinet making business 6 months ago and moved into a new warehouse located at 4/9 Saleyards Rd Kyneton.



Since moving Jordy and his team have built a very impressive showroom. It recently opened to the public to showcase their past and present work to help you get all the inspiration you need for your future renovation plans.

Innovative Cabinetry work with a variety of clients to create stylish and functional spaces that meet your needs while bringing a modern elegant flair.

Their client base includes homeowners, interior designers, builders, and architects.

They also offer 3D displays of your designs.

For more information details visit [www.innovativecabinetry.com.au](http://www.innovativecabinetry.com.au) or visit the brand-new showroom.

### Changes at KBC Bistro

The Kyneton Bowling Club has a new chef and a new western style menu in their spacious second floor bistro.

The Bistro opens Wed-Sun with lunch 11.30-2.30pm and dinner 5.30-8.30pm.

There are specials with \$18 burgers on Wed night, steaks \$21 on Thur nights, roasts \$22 all day on Sunday and on Sats kids are free if accompanied by an adult having a meal.

Lunch specials are available for \$16.

The Bistro continues to be a great venue for functions. Ph 44122000 or 54221902.



## Prato — Kyneton's new Restaurant



Dean Bamford & Con Tsoukas of Prato

Prato is all about straightforward, delicious Italian-inspired food.

It's what happens when two local designers who share a genuine love for regional European food and a focus on quality and authenticity.

"A menu that celebrates the continental start to your mornings over coffee, paninis made with fresh, flavourful ingredients, perfect for a quick lunch, and soon open for dinners where the highlight will be our Pinsa Romana—a Roman-style pizza with a light, crispy crust, made from rice, soy and wheat flour.

"It's all about simple, great-tasting food and wine that stays true to its roots" Con Tsoukas of Prato said.

Prato at 37c Piper St, next to St Paul's Park open Wed–Sun. ph 0474281339.

Web: [www.pratopinsa.com.au](http://www.pratopinsa.com.au)

## Annabelle's Attic

New to Piper St, Annabelle's Attic showcases a range of gift ware, vintage china, and classic home wares, and is a destination store for one of a kind beautiful bespoke jewellery.

Annabelle's also stocks a fabulous range of cards and boxed stationery.

Owner Sue Brady is no stranger to Piper St, having worked in the retail space with Darryl Mossman of DaMoss Interiors fame, for several years.

Come and say hello and experience all things beautiful at Annabelle's Attic, 50 Piper St. Open Thurs-Sun 10-4pm.



## Good Self relocates

Good Self has moved from their original home in Mollison St to a brand new space at 2/9 Saleyards Rd, right next door to McIntyre Vet's new clinic. Owners, Sonya and Kate are passionate about creating wellness spaces that are professional and allow people to feel safe, relaxed and cared for.

Their service offerings include Osteopathy, Physiotherapy, Clinical Pilates (group exercise and private options), Remedial Massage, Myotherapy & Dry Needling.

If you'd like more information about getting treatment with one of their practitioners or would like to join the Good Self team (they are looking for a new Remedial Massage Therapist) email [hello@goodself.com.au](mailto:hello@goodself.com.au).



Lucy, Laurence, Osteopath and Georgie, Clinical Myotherapist

## Early Childhood Educators

Early childhood educators in Kyneton are being encouraged to consider family day care. Our Village Family Childcare, a service of Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, is looking for educators in Kyneton.

As an Our Village educator you will be able to: educate and care for children 6 weeks to 12 years in your home; care for their own children and earn an income while caring for others; set your own schedule and hours; receive support including marketing and the collection of fees.

Family day care offers care in a small group setting, allowing educators to combine their passion for children with the opportunity to create a financially rewarding, professional home-based career.

Our Village Family Daycare educators can offer all-day or part-day care, evening and overnight care, casual care, respite care, before and after school care and school holiday care.

If you are interested, call Amanda Urban on 97449252, email [amanda.urban@scchc.org.au](mailto:amanda.urban@scchc.org.au)

## Gambling Policy could impact some community groups

As a result of feedback received, officers submitted an amended Draft Gambling Harm Prevention Policy for consideration at the July Macedon Ranges Shire Council Meeting.

The Council is seriously concerned at the harmful impacts of gambling in the community and as part of the policy it is proposed that the Council will not give financial support to activities of community organisations that are also supported by funding from gaming operators.

The amended policy now does not prohibit community groups from receiving funding from gaming operators for any of their activities to be able to receive funds from Council but stipulates the Council will only contribute to those of their activities that do not receive support from a gaming operator.

The amended policy should allow most community groups to artificially assign the monies they receive from gaming operators to part of their activities and get support from the Council for another part.

Clubs who receive sponsorship from gambling providers more broadly without any specific project or item will not be eligible for Council funding – for organisations with a relatively narrow field of operation this may prove problematic.

At the July meeting Council deferred consideration of the Policy to the Aug 28 Meeting, allowing officers additional time to meet with potentially impacted parties to discuss the Draft Policy and its implications.

Council officers have commenced this consultation to assist organisations find solutions to problems they might experience if the new policy is approved. Community groups who think they might be affected should call 54220333 to arrange a discussion.

A fact sheet is available on the Council website giving examples of how the policy, if adopted, would work.

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## Around the Galleries

### Exhibitions and workshops at the Old Action House

52-56 Mollison St

Oct 5 *Wet & Needle Felting Workshop* – from 10.30-1.30pm - \$175

Book: [theoldactionhouse.com.au/wet-felting-pod/](http://theoldactionhouse.com.au/wet-felting-pod/)

Aug 1-Sep 2, "*Fragility*" Olivia Siddaway

Aug 1-Sep 2, "*Picture This*" Drying Shed Artists, Castlemaine

Sep 19–Oct 14, "*One Step Further*" Victorian Quilters Inc. Juried Exhibition

### As part of the Daffodil & Arts Festival The Old Auction House is hosting activities and events:

#### A Scarecrow Making Workshop - Sat & Sun Aug 25 & 26

A FREE all ages and abilities activity  
Bookings are essential—email [admin@theoldactionhouse.com.au](mailto:admin@theoldactionhouse.com.au)

#### The Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival Art Prize

\$2.5k in prizes, \$1k for best piece with a daffodil, \$250 Prize in Open categories of any subject matter in Watercolour, Oil, Acrylic, Works on Paper, Photography and Other Medium/Sculpture.

#### Entries Close August 25

Find more details and enter on the Festival website.



#### Art on Piper 44 Piper St

Art On Piper gallery has welcomed two new photographic artists, landscape specialist Mark Polsen and his young, experimenting mentee, Scott Maltese.

Gillian Gorrie's watercolour/pen/ink paintings of local scenes fills the guest room for August.

Gillian's watercolour students follow her in September  
Open 10-4pm six days in Aug and everyday from Sept, with a daffodil themed window display.

## At the Stockroom

98 Piper Street

Current Exhibition until 25 August

Hilary Jackman

*Paintings*

Kristina Tsoulis-Reay

*Dwellings*

Oil on Linen

Ceramics by

Dura Wei, Goosullae Kim, Janice

Wu, Pauline Meade, Thannie Phan

*Here, there, and here again*

## Kyneton Antique Fair



The 2024 Kyneton Antique Fair will be held in the Quambi Stadium at Sacred Heart College Sat Aug 31, 9am-4pm and Sun Sept 1, 10am-4pm. (Enter via Begg St)

The Quambi will be transformed into an Antiques & Collectables Emporium, featuring a diverse array of items including silver, fine china, jewellery, linen, glassware, lithographs, and furniture.

A selection of tasty refreshments, including options with a Timorese flavour will be available at the Fair.

This is the third year that the annual Fair will be the major fundraising event for Macedon Ranges Friends of Turiscai. The funds raised will support various projects in the community of Turiscai, in the remote mountains of Timor-Leste.

## A Pop Hits Odyssey

The Divine Divas Show Choir and the Rainbow Voices Community Choir directed by local music icon Adam Przewlocki will present a Pop Hits Odyssey in the Mechanics Institute on Sun Sep 8 starting 8pm. The performance features a truly unforgettable smorgasbord of iconic pop songs including such artists as ABBA, Queen, Adele, Whitney Houston and Elvis.

Bookings via the Daffodil & Arts Festival website.

## Pedestrian safety funding

State Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas has announced State Government funding for 8 crossings to improve pedestrian safety within the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Three of those crossings will be in Kyneton and will be raised wombat crossings with a 40 kph speed limit.

The Kyneton projects include new crossings across Jennings St at the Mollison St Intersection, across New St at the High St intersection and an upgrade to the existing school crossing in Epping St.

The Government worked with the local councils across the State to decide which projects should be delivered, with Councils nominating areas or sections of road in their area as high risk for pedestrians.

## Lions seek new members

Newly inducted Kyneton Lions Club President Robert Scott is encouraging interest in joining the Club. The Lions have a rich history of contribution to the Kyneton community, including the establishment of Ray M Begg Aged Care facility, construction of the Lions Kiosk in the Mechanics Reserve and the Minogues Rest seat around the oak tree near the Council Offices.

Their ongoing activities proceeds of which go to worthy causes include the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, cash a can, sale of Lions Cakes, and the Lions Train and its barbeque trailer which are both for hire - email Secretary Dennis Bertoncini [berto56@outlook.com](mailto:berto56@outlook.com). Lions meet on the second Thursday of each month and for a relaxed social dinner every fourth Thursday. For membership enquiries visit the Lions facebook page or email Dennis Bertoncini.

## Netball Coaches wanted

The Kyneton Football Netball Club is seeking coaches for the 2025 senior netball season in the RDFNL. Applicants should hold a current coaching accreditation alongside experience coaching netball at a competitive level.

Please send applications in writing with coaching experience and accreditations by COB 21<sup>st</sup> August to [kfnc.netball@gmail.com](mailto:kfnc.netball@gmail.com)



## Junior School Showcase



The Sacred Heart College Junior School Showcase will be held on Thur Oct 17.

This annual event provides an opportunity for family, friends and members of the local community to view the amazing project work of Sacred Heart's Junior School students and in particular the Year 9 Expo Projects.

As part of this event, Year 7 students share their Portfolios which include project work and a chronicle reflecting on their experiences at the College.

The Year 8's display and present their Make a Difference (MAD) Inquiry Project which invites them to choose an environmental or social issue to research and investigate across a four month period, identifying ways that they can each Make a Difference.

The night also includes an exhibition of work from Years 7 – 9 Art, Visual Communication & Design, Media and Textiles.

The College welcomes members of the community to this event, a further opportunity to learn more about the educational experiences on offer at Sacred Heart College.

## First Nations' Student Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Kyneton, in partnership with Australian Rotary Health and the Federal Government, has provided a scholarship to a young Indigenous university student.

She is a Gumbaynirr woman, born and raised in Grafton, who is in her third year studying Pharmacy at Griffith University on the Gold Coast.

She is active in her community, a National Youth Science Forum attendee and a Netball Umpire.

The selection process was rigorous with the student being assessed by an academic panel convened by Australian Rotary Health.

## RSL Commemorations

The Kyneton RSL is commemorating 2 important events at the Sub-Branch, VP Day, (Victory in the Pacific Day) on Aug 15 and Vietnam Veterans Day Aug 18.

Both ceremonies will be held in the Sub-Branch due to the possibility of bad weather at this time of year.

After the VP Day service which starts at 11am our World War Two veterans are invited to a lunch.

The Vietnam Veterans Day commemoration commences at 10.30am with post ceremony refreshments for those in attendance. The Sub-Branch is now hosting a lunch on the first Monday of the month for local Legacy ladies who are living at home.

The ladies gather from 12 noon for lunch and we ask that if you are going to attend, you contact Joy so she can organise numbers and possible pick up.

The RSL's usual activities are still happening.

The Veterans Catch up on the last Sunday of the month is held from 2.30pm to 5pm with refreshments and companionship for all Veterans and families. All are welcome to this activity.

Camaraderie night is on Wednesday evenings from 5pm with a meal included with the friendship offered.

Morning Melodies is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and includes morning tea for \$5.

The RSL courtesy bus is available from Wednesday to Saturday nights with bookings taken at the RSL on 54226735. A gold coin donation is requested for your travel and \$5 if you are outside the Kyneton township.

The RSL Active activities which are organised for veterans and families have generated keen interest. The next activity will be indoor target shooting on Aug 31 - check with the RSL for more information.

For all enquiries please contact 54226735 or [www.kynetonrsl.com.au](http://www.kynetonrsl.com.au)



## Need help connecting with services?



A free service is available to Kyneton residents to help them with accessing government and other services.

The service provides the opportunity for people to meet with someone in their home or another place where they feel comfortable, to discuss what support options are available to them to help improve their quality of life.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Connection Officer Carolyn Colson says that there can be many barriers to getting the help that you are eligible for.

"Often people are not aware of the funding or the services that are available to them, or they might be unsure how to go about connecting with a service.

"Help might include contacting the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Centrelink or looking at what groups and programs might be available in the local area for people to join.

"There are so many ways people can enrich their lives, achieve greater independence, learn new skills and connect with others," says Carolyn. "I can help find the supports that a person wants and needs."

The service is open to people under the age of 65, or under 50 if you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

To find out if you are eligible for this service, call Carolyn on 0491174550, email [admin@scchc.org.au](mailto:admin@scchc.org.au).

## Festival of One Act Plays

2024 is the Kyneton Festival of One Act Plays 66<sup>th</sup> year.

There are 2 sessions at the Bluestone Theatre on Sat, Sep 7 at 7pm and Sun, Sep 8 at 1pm.

Visiting and local theatre companies will compete for a share of the generous prizes and awards on offer

Book via the Daffodil & Arts Festival website or pay at the door. Page 9

## Kyneton Aero Club



The Kyneton Airfield, established by the Kyneton Council in 1966 is now managed on behalf of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council by the Kyneton Aero Club, which has nearly 200 members, mainly local, and has 55 aircraft located on the airfield.

The Council is currently upgrading the public toilet block to include disabled facilities and showers, which are valued when emergency services are stationed on the field.

The club has an active social program, open to the public, which includes evening lectures, a monthly Gourmet Hot Dog Fly-in and the annual Biggest Morning Tea.

This year the Biggest Morning Tea in May raised \$3,200 for Cancer Council Victoria.

The Gourmet Hot Dog Fly-in happens on the first Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome in September.

Over the past four years, the Aero Club has provided a flight-testing capability to four companies for the research and development of long distance, highly accurate camera tracking systems and surveillance systems related to national defence.

Another Kyneton based aircraft was used to develop wireless sensor technology which was later used on high-speed military aircraft.

Student pilot, 18-year-old Joshua Ayres, was recently awarded the Kyneton Aero Club Flying Scholarship for 2024.

Further information contact editor@kynetonaeroclub.org

### Mini Fete Oct 19

The Friends of Vision Australia Kyneton will hold a mini fete in the Uniting Church on Oct 19 8am-2pm. Stalls include Cakes etc, produce & preserves, craftwork, Trash & Treasure & Refreshments. Enquiries: Kathy 041845847.

## Campaspe River in Kyneton

The Campaspe River and Land Management Group (Kyneton) would not be able to do the work they do without the help of grants and the local community.

The Group was started in 1997 as a Friends of Campaspe River in Kyneton by Don and Jessie Smith who are still living in Kyneton.

Membership of the Group is free, so they rely on grants to be able to purchase the plants, guards and stakes they use to plant locally sourced and grown trees, shrubs and grasses along the northern bank of the Campaspe River as it runs through the Kyneton township.

Grants over the past 12 months have come from Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Bendigo Bank Biolink Boost Program.

On National Tree Day on July 28 this year the Group planted 22 Flax Lily, 50 Mat Rush, 360 Poa grasses and 10 Anchor Plants behind the activity station in the Botanic Gardens.

The next planting activity on Sat Sept 7 (Threatened Species Day) will be planting Australian Anchor plants in an area at the Kyneton Botanic Gardens end of Mill St below the old hospital from 10am to 12 midday.

There are jobs for people of all ages and abilities whether it is planting, making guards, watering or just learning the names of the plants and invasive weeds.



*William and Talia planted grasses on National Tree Day with their dad Shayne*

### RM Begg Auxiliary Stalls

The Auxiliary's next 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month Craft Stalls will be held in Bolton Hall 9-1pm on Sept 7 & Oct 5. The Auxiliary's AGM will be held on Sept 3 at 2pm following the ordinary meeting which will start at 1.30pm. These meetings will be held in the board meeting room inside the home. All are welcome to attend.

## Gardens' Friends active

Despite the cold weather the Friends of the Kyneton Botanic Gardens group has been busy working in the gardens alongside Council staff, preparing for future events and planning for the long term development of the Gardens.

Working Bees in June and July focussed on clearing out several overgrown beds, planting of woodland perennials, extensive weeding and general tidying and maintenance of beds in preparation for Spring.

There are early signs of the mass-planted bulbs appearing along the Clowes St boundary which promises a vibrant Spring display.

At 7pm Tues, Aug 27 the 2024 AGM will be held at the Little Swallow Cafe, 62 Piper St.

Guest Speaker will be Mr Simon Rickard, renowned garden designer, consultant and author.

All FKBG Members and those interested in joining are welcome to attend. Please RSVP via email at friendsKBG@outlook.com for catering purposes.

### Come and Try Croquet Day

Daffodil time is croquet time and the Kyneton Croquet Club will be holding their popular 'come and try croquet day' as part of the Daffodil & Arts Festival on Sat Sep 14, 10am-12:30pm at the croquet lawns on the corner of Ebdon & Donnithorne Sts.

For those who want to take croquet further, the Club will be holding a 4 week training course on Sat mornings from 10am beginning on Sept 21.

The Club will provide all equipment and instruction on how to play croquet. The only requirement is that participants wear flat-soled shoes.

For more information contact Graham Smith on 0411707358.

### Funding boost welcomed

The \$1.5M boost to healthcare funding announced by the Premier on Aug 5 has been welcomed by Phil Catterson, Deputy CEO and Executive Director of Community Operations at Central Highlands Rural Health

"The funding will support Victorian hospitals to continue delivering quality care to their communities by reducing disruptions to services that could impact patient care." he said.



## Kyneton District Services

### Accountants

Watco Partners Pty Ltd 5792 2580

David J Gibney Pty Ltd 5422 6480

### Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine

Dr Michele Downes 0407582036

### Art Studio and Gallery

Maxine McKee at Trio Art 0467025354

### Auto Services & Repairs

Kyneton Auto Spares & Repairs 5422 1255

Vereker Bros Smash Repairs 5422 2603

### Catering & Cafe

Angies Café & Bakeshop 5422 6112

### Chiropractor

Performance One 5422 6488

### Concreting & Paving

MBC Concreting & Paving 0417545159

### Dental

Campaspe Dental 5422 3988

Kyneton Dental 5422 6159

### Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners 5422 1503

### Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics 5422 2182

Kyneton Electrics 5422 1369

### Financial Planning

BTP Business Advisors Pty Ltd 5422 1588

### Fishmongers

The Fishmonger Kyneton 0408127392

### Holistic Health

Maiaveda Retreat & Spa 0420580886

### Insurance

Macedon Ranges Insurance 4411 2704

Simplex Insurance Solutions 5422 3333

### Legal Practices

Palmer Stevens & Rennick 5422 6500

### LP Gas Supplies

Hendersons the Gas People 5422 7408

### Medical Practices

Campaspe Family Practice 5422 2877

Kyneton Medical Centre 5422 1397

Springs Medical Kyneton 5422 1298

Goonawarra Medical Centre 9744 9900

### Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens 5422 3822

### Osteopath

Organic Mechanic Osteo 0423852874

### Physiotherapy

Central Pelvic Health Physio 0487018665

### Real Estate

Broadhurst Property 1300380980

Ray White Kyneton 5422 2127

RT Edgar 5422 3325

### School Aged Childcare

BugALugs 5422 2767

### Shoe Suppliers

Kyneton Shoes 5422 2090

### Town Planning Services

Macaulay Town Planning 5422 3054

### Veterinarians

Dr Greg McIntyre 5422 1310

## Kyneton Events Calendar

Fri Aug 16	Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm
Sat Aug 17	Football-Netball Kyneton v Wallan Kyneton Showgrounds
Wed Aug 21	'The Happiest Refugee Live' Ahn Do Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Aug 24,25	Scarecrow-making Workshop Old Auction House 10.30-2.30pm
Aug 25-22	Trio Art Gallery Exhibition 19 Trio Road 10-4pm
Mon Aug 26	Heather Ewart in Conversation with Barry Cassidy Ky Town Hall 6pm
Tues Aug 27	Friends of the Botanic Gardens AGM Little Swallow Café 7pm
Fri Aug 30	'A Day at a Time Rhyme' Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Sat Aug 31	Kyneton Antique Fair Quambi Sacred Heart Col 9-4pm Sun Sept 1, 10-4pm
Thur Sept 5	Daffodil & Arts Festival Grand Opening Old Auction House 7pm
Sept 5-15	Daffodil Art Prizes Exhibition Old Auction House 10am- Sew In Quilt Exhibition 5 Granite Hills Lane 10-3.30pm  Open Gardens throughout area Various times Various locations Scarecrow Trail throughout town all days
Fri Sep 6,13	Open Garden Bus Tours starts Kyneton Railway Station 10am
Fri Sept 6	Kyneton Museum Exhibition starts 67 Piper St 11-4pm JD Neil Young Tribute Kyneton Mechanics Inst 7-9.30pm Resonance String Orchestra & Kyn Prim School Choir Town Hall 7-11pm
Sat Sept 7	Black Hill Reserve Walk & Tour Meet Reserve Car Park 10-12noon Fingers & Toes Festival Red Brick Hall 10-4pm Ferret Racing Kyneton Mechanics Reserve 11-12.30pm Food Trucks Mechanics Reserve & Forecourt 11-3pm Metcalfe Boys Kyneton Mechanics Institute 1-4pm
Sept 7 & 8	Kyneton One Act Plays Festival Bluestone Theatre 7pm & Sun 1pm
S 7,8,14,15	Peter Butterworth Garden and Sculpture Gallery 145 Bald Hill Rd 10-4pm
Sun Sept 8	Roller Skating Sessions Watts Pavilion Showgrounds 10.30-3.30pm Spring Daffodil Show Kyneton Mechanics Institute 10.30-3.30pm Kyneton Dog Dash Kyneton Velodrome Mollison St 2-4pm A Pop Hits Odyssey Kyneton Mechanics Institute 8-10pm
Sept 9-15	Springtime Daffodil Display Our Lady of the Rosary Church 10-4pm
Tues Sept 10	Drawing Workshop with Sarah Gabriel Kyne Mechanics Inst 10-3.30pm
Wed Sun 11	A Morning with Annie Smithers Kyneton Mechanics Inst 9-11.30am
Thur Sept 12	Open Mic Night Kyneton Mechanics Institute 7-9pm
Fri Sept 13	Hotel Transylvania Movie Night Mary Moloney Th Sacred Heart Coll 6pm Kyneton Art Group Opening Night Kyneton Mechanics Inst 7.30pm
Sat Sept 14	Come & Try Croquet Kyneton Croquet Club 10-12.30pm Devonshire Tea & Cakes St Mary's Hall 10-3pm Kyneton Farmers Market St Pauls Park 8.30-1pm & Sat Oct 12 Rotary Community Market Ebdon St 8.30-1pm & Sat Oct 12 'Hello Red Planet' Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Sat 14 Su 15	CWA Craft Market & Café Masonic Centre 10-4pm Sat Sun 10-3.30pm Kyneton Art Group Exhibition KMI 10-4pm Handweavers & Spinners Exhibition KMI Room 5 10-4pm
Sun Sept 15	Grand Parade & Fair Mollison Street 12.30pm Meet the Artists at Art on Piper 44 Piper St 10-4pm
Fri Sept 20	Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm
Sun Sept 22	Daryl Braithwaite with Taylor Sheridan Kyneton Town Hall 5pm
Wed Oct 2	West Ward Council Candidates Forum Kyneton Mechanics Inst 7.30pm
Fri Oct 4	'Legally Blonde' Kyneton Theatre Co season starts Bluestone Theatre 8pm
Tues Oct 8	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Fri Oct 11	Rural Australians for Refugees Conference Kyneton Town Hall 7pm
Sun Oct 13	Kyneton Band Celebrate 170 years Kyneton Mech Inst 2pm

## Loretta Hanson – Olympian



29 year old Loretta Hanson, who attended both Tylden Primary School and Sacred Heart College Kyneton represented Australia in Women's Road Race at the Paris Olympics. 93 riders were registered to ride in the event. Loretta finished 22<sup>nd</sup>, one place ahead of team-mate Grace Brown who earlier in the Games had claimed the Gold Medal in the Women's time trial.

## Golf membership season

Kyneton Golf Club, located in Black Hill School Rd, started its new membership season in July.

The Kyneton 18-hole course surrounded by majestic trees, rolling fairways, and local wildlife is a refreshing retreat from everyday life. The club offers membership options to suit different needs.

Adult memberships are available at a competitive rate of \$624, seniors \$540, while juniors and students can join for an affordable \$187.

Monthly payment options are also available.

These memberships provide unlimited access to the course.

Members can participate in regular competition events and BBQs, fostering friendships and camaraderie.

Whether you're an experienced golfer or a novice, you'll quickly feel at home.

For more details visit [www.kynetongolfclub.com.au](http://www.kynetongolfclub.com.au)

## A fish of a lifetime

One of Kyneton Angling's young guns Lucas recently caught the biggest fish of the season and the biggest for many years.

Lucas wrote to Angling Club President John Condliffe saying: "We went up to Yarrowonga for a couple of days and caught a few good size cod and trout cod.

"On Sunday morning I was casting a small Redfin swim bait and a fish grabs the lure.

"Turned out the fish was a 115 cm Murray cod—a great way to start the morning".

John reports that on talking to Lucas this was an epic struggle on light gear (20lb leader) and relatively light rod..



Lucas (right) and his brother Tom with their catch

## Band to celebrate 170 years

In 1854 the then Governor of Victoria, Sir Charles Hotham, paid a visit to Kyneton.

As part of the celebrations a group of musicians joined together to provide some music.

This event was the start of the Kyneton Municipal Band who are still performing to this day.

To mark the 170th anniversary of the formation of the Kyneton Band a concert will be held in the Mechanics Institute Hall on Sun Oct 13 starting at 2pm.

The concert will feature a selection of music that the band has played

during its existence, ranging from the gold rush era to the present day.

Also there will be items presented by some local guest artists.

A donation to the band will be the entry fee.

Come along and enjoy the sounds that have been heard throughout the district for the last 170 years.

Contact Hugh Davies on 0418519398 for more information.

## Dog Obedience Club

The Kyneton Dog Obedience Club has been providing quality training for dogs and their humans for more than 30 years.

They accept vaccinated dogs of all breeds from age 16 weeks on.

Re-homed and older dogs also welcome – Yes, you can teach an old dog new tricks!

The Club assembles at Barkly Square in Beauchamp St, every Sunday morning 10-11am.

New members are always welcome.

To find out more visit website at [kynetondogobedience.org.au](http://kynetondogobedience.org.au) or contact Sarah at [kynetondogobedience-club@gmail.com](mailto:kynetondogobedience-club@gmail.com).



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