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KSC buildings ready for 2019



Minister Merlino, Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Principal Ana Rees and Asst Prin Cate Burton inspect the Hub

The \$10.9M refurbishment of existing buildings at Kyneton Secondary College, and the construction of the new Training and Innovation Hub will be completed in time for the start of the 2019 school year.

Students coming into Year 7 in 2019 will do so in the new Junior School learning community building, the refurbished Boomerang Wing.

Moreover, the new Training and Innovation Hub is also set to open its doors to all students from the start of 2019, promising a fresh and exciting approach to learning.

The early completion of the Boomerang refurbishment, allowed for the move of the Library into its new premises on the lower floor of the building in Term 4 this year.

"The College congratulates its Library, ICT and Education Support staff members for their tremendous work in carrying out this task" Principal Ana Rees said.

The timing of the completion made it possible for the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, James Merlino, to open the Boomerang Wing when he visited the school on Oct 24 to announce its inclusion in the Head Start programme.

Head Start is a new model for school-based apprenticeships and traineeships where students can stay at school an extra year to finish their VCAL, VCE or apprenticeship.

During this extra year they spend more time doing important, paid, on the job training.

Under Head Start, apprenticeships and traineeships will be targeted at priority industries and traditional trades like construction, defence and health, with enterprise apprenticeships and traineeships to be developed for delivery in 2020 that target high technology areas needed for the jobs of tomorrow, like coding.

Kyneton Secondary College has strategically aligned both its staff professional learning plan, and curriculum design, to enable the amazing potential of its new Training and Innovation Hub.

The new facility will have dedicated spaces for robotics, mechatronics and collaborative integrated learning.

These will happen alongside familiar technologies such as Automotive Engineering and Building Construction, in spaces that will enhance collaboration across all learning areas.

"Students will be able to access all the innovative educational opportunities they deserve so that they can enter successfully into the rapidly changing 21st century world" Ms Rees said.

A Community Open Day is planned for early 2019, an opportunity for members of the community to see the new facility and to join in the opening ceremony celebrations.

Community Park water play



The water play feature at Kyneton Community Park opened on Dec 1.

It completes the play space at the Park, which has become a vibrant

community space for everybody to gather, celebrate, play and explore.

The water play feature is an interactive splash pad experience for children, with small bubblers that cascade water over rocks and larger water jets that splash water onto the splash pad for children to play in and walk through.

(Mabel and Toby are pictured enjoying the new water feature at the Park.)



The bubblers and jets are operated by foot buttons located on the splash pad and operate in random patterns for a set time.

The system is automated to operate between 10am and 6pm in summer months and foot buttons are only active during these times.

Acting Director Assets and Operations, Anne-Louise Lindner said the system was also water efficient.

"Water recycles through a treatment plant to ensure high water quality which meets Australian standards," Ms Lindner said. "This is similar to a public swimming pool water treatment and monitoring system.

Parental supervision of children using the water play feature is required, no dogs or pets are allowed, and food, drink and glass are banned.

Kyneton Christmas Carols

On Sun Dec 23, the Kyneton Municipal Band will hold its annual Christmas Carols at St Paul's Anglican Church, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Guests include the Rotary Choir, soloist Tony Farrell and Santa.

Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Festival Dec 15

Kyneton's first Twilight Christmas Festival and Market will be held from 2pm to 8pm in the Mechanics Reserve this Saturday and promises a fun afternoon/evening celebrating the festive season.

Local Artisans will be showcasing their wares providing a great chance to acquire handmade Christmas gifts. Stall holders include The Old Auction House, Three Little Rams, Oh Deer Craft Studio, Olive's Olives, Funky Hooker, Phooie Quilts, The Woods Candle Co and more!

Santa will be in attendance from 2 – 5pm and children can have their photo taken with him for just \$10.

Other children's activities include face painting, craft and lucky dip.

Food will include the Dhaba food truck, Powlett St Ices and a BBQ.

Granite Hills will be there if you'd like a wine and Social Foundry will be there with their coffee van.

Kyneton Street Band will entertain with their upbeat tunes.

It's shaping up to be a wonderful event to start Kyneton's Christmas celebrations.

New Mayor & Deputy elected



West Ward Councillor Janet Pearce (left) was elected Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council at a Special Council Meeting on Nov 21.

South Ward Councillor Mandi Mees (right) was appointed Deputy Mayor.

Cr Pearce succeeds Cr Jennifer Anderson as Mayor.

Cr Pearce said she was honoured to be elected, and thanked her fellow Councillors for their support.

"Our Council is committed to working together as a team and delivering for our residents," Cr Pearce said.

"I've really enjoyed my first two years on Council, getting to know the community and meeting residents.

Old Kyneton Primary Report

The consultation report prepared by officers from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning with regard to the future of the former Kyneton Primary School site in Baynton St has been completed.

Kyneton Connect understands that the report is currently with the Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnership and following their consideration it will be released to the public.

The next steps in the process will also be confirmed at this point.

Christmas feast booked out

The Council and Cobaw Community Health's jointly hosted Christmas Day Lunch for Shire residents who might otherwise be alone on Christmas Day is already booked out.

This free event will see people come to enjoy delicious food, good company and entertainment in the Kyneton Town Hall 11.30am to 2pm.

"The Lunch is a great opportunity for residents who find themselves unable to share the day with family or friends to connect with other people" Mayor Janet Pearce said.

Driver think rider. Rider think driver.



Mary-Anne Thomas reelected



Local Member Mary-Anne Thomas with Macedon Returning Officer Kate Daniel at the Declaration of the Poll

Late last week Labor's Mary-Anne Thomas was officially declared re-elected as State Member for Macedon.

The Labor member had gained wide respect for her hard work and strong advocacy which had brought significant improvements for residents across the electorate.

The final 2 Party preferred vote for Ms Thomas was 63.2% - a swing of 9.4% from the 2014 State election and well above the State average swing to Labor.

Locally the swing to Labor at the Kyneton booth was 10.9% taking it two Party preferred vote to 66.8% and Labor, with a huge 18% swing won the Tylden booth for the first time.

The Greens primary vote electorate wide was 9.2% and local Independent Rob Bakes gained 3.1% of the primary vote.

Premier Dan Andrews has announced that Mary-Anne will continue as Secretary to the Cabinet.

Town Hall closed for upgrade

Kyneton Town Hall will be closed for three months for upgrade works between January and March 2019.

Improvements include a contemporary and quiet heating and cooling system to improve comfort for patrons.

New motorised winches for the stage also will improve safety and lighting for performers.

The Council is spending almost \$600,000 on the upgrades to Kyneton Town Hall, which will enter its 90th year in 2019 and is the area's largest performance venue.

Retirement Village works

Site works have commenced in preparation for a retirement village adjacent to the Our Lady of the Rosary Presbytery and St Mary's Hall. The village, to be called "Marcellin" will have four two-bedroom units, five three-bedroom units and a community room where residents can gather and do joint activities.

Expected completion date is December 2019

The Village is being built by Villa Maria Catholic Homes, a Catholic not-for-profit organisation providing services to over 7,600 people across Victoria

All enquiries should be directed to Brent Peters, Sales Manager for Villa Maria ph 0408956114.



Author Ilka Tampke

Kyneton Library will be hosting local author Ilka Tampke on Thu Feb 21 at 5pm.

Ilka will be discussing the inspiration behind her latest novel, Songwoman, a gripping and immersive exploration of the Roman invasion of indigenous Britain, with thematic resonances in our history of colonisation.

Bookings www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone 54792741.

U3A Registration Day

U3A Kyneton will hold its annual registration day on 16 Jan 2019 at the Mechanics Institute from 1pm.

On offer will be a wide range of courses and activities including languages, book and film clubs, health activities including tai chi, dancercise, table tennis plus many others.

Weekly guest speakers will add further interest on a wide range of current topics.

A full listing of all courses and activities can be found on u3akyneton.org.au.

For further information contact Peter Johnson on 0439360763.

Volunteer Resource Centre

If you ever thought about volunteering but weren't quite sure where to start, there's a helping hand nearby.

In November a new Volunteer Resource Centre opened in Kyneton. The Centre was opened by the CEOs of Cobaw Community Health, Goldfields Libraries and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

The Kyneton Volunteer Resource Centre will offer free advice and guidance on local volunteer roles across the Macedon Ranges and will be open at the Kyneton Library every Wednesday from 10am-4pm.

Run by Volunteer Central Vic, a service of Cobaw Community Health, the Volunteer Resource Centre will be there for interested people to drop in and find out about volunteering.

The Centre is ready to assist people interested in volunteering to link with volunteer opportunities across a wide range of community organisations.

Information and support for those considering volunteering will be on offer along with assistance for people to find and apply for roles on the spot.

The Centre will also offer support, coaching and resources to volunteer organisations looking to recruit volunteers.

"Volunteering not only benefits the organisation you are helping, but is a great way to make new friends, learn new skills, find new levels of fulfilment and self-confidence as well as become more connected with your community," said Margaret McDonald, CEO of Cobaw Community Health.



Cr Anderson Reports



How the last 2 years have flown! Councillors are now half way through their 4 year term. I hope you can see we are making a difference.

Congratulations to our new Mayor and Deputy Mayor: Councillor Janet Pearce and Cr Mandi Mees, elected for the next 12 months.

I have just completed 2 years as Mayor, which has been very busy but incredibly rewarding.

As one of your 3 West ward councillors I will still be out and about and happy to receive any calls, emails and invitations for events and celebrations.

Thank you to everyone who has included me, either as Mayor or as a ward councillor, and thank you to all my fellow councillors for their support over the last 2 years and who acted as Deputy Mayors as a collective.

I couldn't have done the job without them.

This year, up until December 31, you can submit budget ideas well in advance of us making our draft budget, via our "what's your big idea?" found on our "have your say" section of our website.

Individual submissions will not be responded to, but you can be assured Councillors and staff will see every one and you never know, your idea could then turn up in the draft budget. With the money the re-elected Andrew's Labor government has committed to Macedon Ranges, particularly the Regional Sports Precinct in New Gisborne, we are set for another busy 2 years to come.

Best wishes over the festive season.

Jennifer

Pig shelter temporarily closed

The historic pig shelter at Kyneton Botanic Garden is temporarily closed for maintenance due to safety concerns.

A recent inspection of the site by Council and an independent assessor found issues with the roof and building structure.

Council's Acting Director Assets and Operations, Anne-Louise Lindner said the shelter will be cordoned off while investigations continue.

"The shed was relocated to the gardens in the 1970s from the former old saleyards in Market St," she said.

"It's nestled in amongst the conifers, and has seen many community celebrations and gatherings.

"We're in the process of undertaking further investigation work to understand the heritage requirements for any proposed renewal works, and will prepare a business case for consideration by Council as part of the 2019/20 Budget process" Ms Lindner said.



Racing at the Rock

January is the month for Hanging Rock's two iconic race meetings for the year.

The first is on New Year's Day Jan 1 and the second Australia Day Jan 26. On both days gates to the course open at 11am.

The Kyneton Racecourse also has meetings on Jan 16, Feb 2 and Feb 12.

RM Begg Christmas Raffle

The RM Begg Kyneton Aged Care Christmas Raffle is underway.

First prize is a Bulova mantle clock valued at \$400, second prize- \$150 worth of children's toys and third prize- a wine hamper valued at \$100. Drop in and buy your tickets to support local fundraising.

There is just time to buy a ticket at \$1 each as the raffle is drawn on Dec 14.

Review of Council facilities

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is currently undertaking a review of facilities it owns or manages across the shire in order to guide future works and investment.

Council owns or manages 275 facilities, from indoor swimming centres to sheds and toilet blocks across the shire.

This year's budget included more than \$3 million to maintain and renew these facilities. Funds were also allocated in the budget for the demolition of disused structures.

The review process considers the condition and usage of each facility, and the information obtained guides Council when scheduling future renewal and upgrade works. It also assists in identifying opportunities to consolidate facilities that are underutilised.

Any opportunities regarding future improvement or consolidation works at facilities will be discussed with relevant community and user groups. The community will also be able to have its say as part of the development of the annual budget each year.

Australia Day Breakfast

Kyneton Service Clubs are inviting all residents to come to the Mechanics Reserve on Jan 26 for their annual free Australia Day Breakfast.

The Lions Club organises the popular Breakfast with the help of the Kyneton Rotary and Zonta Clubs.

The breakfast commences at 8am. Live music will be provided.

All are invited to participate in this great Kyneton tradition.



Vision Australia Feb 7

The Kyneton Auxiliary of Vision Australia will meet on February 7 at 1.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall in Ebden St.

Manager's house demolition



On Friday Dec 7 the Council commenced demolition of the no longer used cream brick house with frontage to Clowes St at the edge of the Kyneton Botanic Gardens.

The house was formerly the residence and office of the manager of Kyneton Caravan Park when it was located at the western end of the Gardens.

A Council spokesperson has advised *Kyneton Connect* that the area on which the house has been located will be restored to public open space and integrated into the Kyneton Botanic Gardens site as supported by Heritage Victoria.

Some locals had been hoping that it would be used as a parking area for the Botanic Gardens and the increasingly popular Kyneton Community Park.

Currently there is no parking area provided for either of these important town recreation areas.

Christmas Toy Shop

For past eight years the Combined Churches of the Macedon Ranges have organised a Christmas "Toy Shop" for families living in the shire who might struggle to afford a Christmas gift for their child.

The Toy Shop requires donations of toys for children aged 0-18.

Gifts need to be new and valued around \$20.

Donations of books, plush toys, \$20 food only vouchers and smaller items that would be suitable as stocking fillers are also welcome.

Donations can be dropped into the offices of Cobaw. Contact Georgina Harvey (0404442891) directly to arrange pick up of donations.

Donations of both gifts and money will be gratefully received.

Deadline for gifts was Wed Dec 12 to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop but can still be dropped off for a couple of days after that.

Remote control lawn mower

A robotic lawn mower is being used to tackle grass growth on steep dam walls at a number of Coliban Water reservoirs.

Manager Community Operations Mick Dunne said the remote mower technology eliminates the risk of a staff member tipping over on a traditional ride-on style mower when maintaining reservoir grounds.

"We identified a risk, and took subsequent steps to take control of the situation. We first trialled the robotic mower at our Malmsbury Reservoir and we were all very impressed," Mr Dunne said.

It is now used at Malmsbury, Barkers Creek, Upper Coliban, Lauriston and McCay reservoirs.



Draft nature strip policy

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking feedback on a draft policy which will allow landscaping of nature strips in public spaces in the Shire.

The draft Nature Strip Landscaping Policy will allow residents to beautify their nature strips in keeping with new Council guidelines.

The guidelines will ensure any nature strip treatments do not impede clear viewing lines for pedestrians and road traffic and do not interfere with the provision of essential services such as gas and water within road reserves.

Acting Director Assets and Operations, Anne-Louise Lindner said the new draft policy acknowledges the impact of climate change and allows for planting of low-maintenance plants which require little water and complement the natural environment. Accompanying guidelines for the draft policy will be developed after consideration of public feedback.

The policy can be viewed on Council's website and is available at Council's customer service centres.

Safety around the Airfield

Residents can now have their say on a new draft local law which aims to improve safety around Kyneton Airfield.

The Council's acting Director Assets and Operations, Anne-Louise Lindner said the local law, which has been drafted following community feedback, will set height restrictions on potential obstructions or activities near the airfield that could pose a safety hazard for aircraft.

"These include poles, radio masts, antennas, cranes, lights, trees and other infrastructure," she said.

You can have your say online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay, or send a written submission by email to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or mail to PO Box 151, Kyneton, 3444. Submissions close 5pm Thu Feb 7.

A meeting to hear and consider any submissions on the proposed local law will be held on Wed Feb 20 at 6.30pm at the Gisborne Administration Centre.

Angling Club wins Shield

The Kyneton Angling Club has won the Midland Shield one of the most prestigious angling trophies in Central Victoria. Kyneton had not won the trophy since 2005.

There was great fishing by all who attended the Shield competition but special mention to Sebastian Sudano biggest Fish 43cm, Brown Trout, Carmello Sudano 32cm Red Fin, and Wolfgang Bendix a 28cm Red Fin which won the Junior Prize.

Other Kyneton members also caught fish taking the Club to a winning aggregate.

Maryborough was second and Castlemaine third.

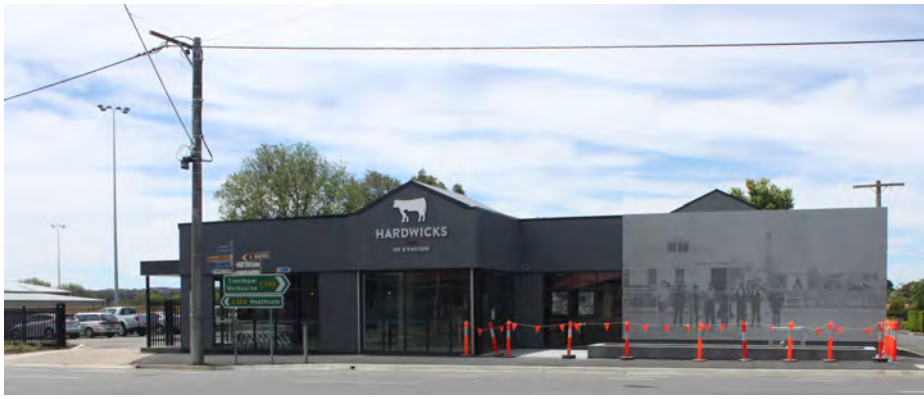
Bendigo Fly and Heathcote were also represented.

Sixteen members attended from the Kyneton club.



What's New in Business

Hardwicks of Kyneton Open



Situated at the Mollison & Piper St intersection, Hardwicks new wholesale meat factory outlet, Hardwicks of Kyneton opened on Tues Dec 4.

"The Hardwicks Family are proud to open our new wholesale butcher shop in the heart of Kyneton. The new location will make it easier for our customers to reach us, while offering the same great quality products, value for money and customer service" said Luke Hardwick, Managing Director of Hardwicks Group.

It was important to Hardwicks to capture the history of the site by including a large photo on the outside of the building of the original Cockburn's Foundry from the 1870's. Hardwicks would like to thank the Historical Society for their help in sourcing the history of the building. The original Hardwicks Factory Outlet at Knight Court opened in 2007 and has built a strong customer base over its 11 years.

Glen Harris, Retail Operations Manager said "We saw an opportunity to better service our existing customers, while welcoming new customers with an improved carpark facility, more convenient location and a larger retail space.

Hardwicks of Kyneton is open Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30pm and Saturday 8:30-2pm.

Their new phone number is 54223851. For Hardwick's weekly specials or to sign up for their newsletter visit the website www.hardwicks.com.au



New to Campaspe Dental

Campaspe Dental has a new member of its team - Dr. Varun Garg; a registered Specialist Prosthodontist.

He will be consulting every Wednesday at Campaspe Dental.

Dr. Garg completed his Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (Prosthodontics) from The University of Melbourne in 2017 and maintains specialist private practices in Collins St and Tullamarine.

He enjoys all aspects of dentistry but has taken a particular interest in aesthetic, reconstructive and implant dentistry.



The Butcher's Daughter

The Butcher's daughter is a pop-up Restaurant operating from Duck Duck Goose and Larder in Piper St, Fri & Sat evenings 5-9pm.

Run by Hannah Collinson, the Butcher's Daughter offers a tapis menu complemented by local wines and cocktails. Phone 0424494820 to book.

Squishy Minnie Changes

In December Squishy Minnie Bookshop will extend their open hours until 8pm on Thursdays and will also open Sundays from 10-12pm. On Christmas Eve Squishy will be open from 10-4pm

In bigger news Squishy Minnie will be moving from their current premises to 6 High St (formerly Seasons Boutique) and will start 2019 in their new shop.

Miss Maisie Kyneton

Miss Maisie Kyneton is now established at 54a Piper St in the boutique formerly occupied by Marion & Me.

Customers seeking favourite garments from the Jenny Scott Sorrento range and other leading Australian and overseas labels will be happy to be assisted by Vicki and Julia, familiar and popular staff members from the former store.

Miss Maisie Kyneton is open Mon to Fri 10-4.30pm Sat 10-3pm and Sun 11-3pm Ph 03 44048740.



Julia displays fashion at Miss Maisie Kyneton

CV Sheds

CV Sheds opened at the start of November at 12 Bourke St, Kyneton.

A family owned business, it's managed by Luke Edmonds, who's father Ross Edmonds has been building sheds in the area for the last 35 years.

The Edmonds family started shed construction at the Bourke St site in the mid-1980s as Central Victorian Sheds but shifted to Hoyle Court in 2008.

The business grew large enough to fabricate industrial and agricultural sheds and changed its name to Central Steel Build in 2014 to encompass Australia wide projects.

There was still a significant demand for their highly regarded domestic sheds, hence the decision to shift that part of the business back to the original site of 12 Bourke St.

Now called CV Sheds, they build domestic sheds up to 15m span, while the larger sheds remain at Central Steel Build at Hoyle Court.

CV Sheds is open Monday to Friday, 8am to 4.30pm, and can be called on 54226644 or www.cvsheds.com.au.

Help with Connect delivery

Anyone who can help with Kyneton Connect home deliveries next year please call Eric on 54222990.

Isabella wins another award



Isabella at Kyneton has just notched up their third Silver at the Victorian Tourism Awards for self-contained accommodation.

Owners Dianne and Adrian Padgham and housekeeper Liana Spoke were absolutely delighted.

Dianne said "We seek to provide both exceptional accommodation and a memorable regional experience."

Isabella is a fully self-contained house that can sleep up to 6 persons.

Di prepares tailored guest information packs including recommendations for places for dinner, day spas, shops, bus tours, nature walks, town walks, wineries and day trips.

Contact Dianne on 0413536303.

Town, Coast & Country Realty

Established eight years ago in Macedon, Town Coast and Country Realty recently opened at 50 Mollison St

Led by passionate directors, Peter Mussared and Elona Jaeschke, Town Coast and Country pride themselves on their professionalism and friendly, attentive approach

"We are a locally owned, independent agency that brings a unique and personalised approach to the industry by putting our clients at the centre of everything we do.

"For all of your real estate needs, please drop in to our office or give us a call on 54221080" Peter Mussared said.



Collaboration of Craftsmen

Renowned contemporary furniture maker David Emery and chairmaker Glen Rundell are excited to announce that they will be combining workshop spaces.

David's workshop space in Mollison Place will become a shared workshop and design space for both master craftsmen.



It will be a meeting of contemporary and traditional craftsmanship in timber and a collaborative space for both makers to share ideas and to continue to design, create and produce furniture, chairs and bespoke commissions of the very finest quality for clients across the country and abroad.

Classes run by Rundell & Rundell will move to the new premises in 2019, ensuring visitors continue to come to Kyneton for a unique artisan workshop experience.



After Work Catchup

Business Kyneton is warmly inviting local business people to its final After Work Catch up for the year which is being hosted by the crew at Animus Distillery at 89 Piper St on Thu Dec 20.

Come for one drink or come for many.

Business Kyneton would love to see you and celebrate the end of the 2018 working year.

The catch-up is from 5.30pm to 7pm. There is no charge, drinks are at bar prices with appetisers supplied.

New Watts Fresh Progress

Dean and Sheryl Lamb now expect that Watts Fresh will be moving to their new premises being developed at 167 Mollison St around Easter next year.

Discount tickets for Hall Shows

The Council is encouraging residents to give the gift of entertainment this Christmas by purchasing 15% off tickets for shows from Council's arts and culture events program for 2019.

With something for everyone, including music, comedy, drama and children's activities, it's an easy, quick and convenient gift idea for loved ones.

Highlights from the first six months of shows include the hilarious *Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow*, an opportunity for children to explore virtual reality in *Friendly Forest*, and a new production of Australia's much-loved musical, *The Sapphires*.

The discounted tickets are on sale until Tues Dec 25, and valid for shows being performed at Kyneton Town Hall before June 30.

Tickets can be purchased online from mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets using the promo code **EarlyBird15%**, or by calling 1300888802.

Discounted tickets are usually offered at a program launch evening early in the new year but due to renovations at the Town Hall, there will be no program launch event in 2019.

Details for shows on at Kyneton Town Hall can be found on Council's website.

Cemetery tour

The Kyneton Historical Society's annual Cemetery tour will be held on Wednesday February 13, 2019 at 6pm sharp.

Meet at the gates of the old cemetery where guides will relate the stories of those that reside there in peace.

It is a fascinating and informative evening where we can all learn about the town's earlier residents.

The Cemetery Trust have completed their building that includes toilets for all visitors to the cemetery.

Cost is \$5, which includes a bottle of water.

The Cemetery tour is the Society's main fundraiser for the year.

Contact the secretary on 0418545648 or email kynetonhs@hotmail.com.

Around the Galleries

Art on Piper Inc continues to provide a creative outlet for artists in the Macedon Ranges and further afield. The art collective members have a fantastic range of artworks available in many genres: ceramics, glass, jewellery, mosaics, origami, paintings, photography, textiles and now woodwork!



Welcome Brian Falkenberg to the Art on Piper collective. Brian began woodturning 15 years ago. He has always loved wood as a natural element, especially that which exhibits unusual and highly figurative properties. Coming to the Art on Piper guest room in early December is the talented mixed media and digital artist, Aimee Timpson. Her artistic influences range from her own art teachers and mentors, Glenn Morgen and Jen Altman; to the likes of pop art extraordinaire, David Hockney, Joy Hester, Andy Warhol and Picasso. Aimee's distinctive, vibrant, colour-mash creations are a stunning reflection of her own take on these artists' styles.

Art on Piper opens 10-4pm Wed-Mon.

At the Stockroom

In the two current contemporary exhibitions at the Stockroom at 98 Piper St from 8 Dec to Sun 6 Jan 2019 are works by Irene Wellm entitled 'All the Devils in Me' exploring hidden and ambiguous narratives.

'Wounded Deer' by Martin Hodge provides paintings and drawings of toys and porcelain models to describe a possible future in which technology and biology redefines hierarchies of power and absurdity.

At the Old Auction House

'Interiors' is an extensive exhibition of life drawings by Peter Drakeford.

Also on display and for sale is the work in glass of Ettore DiPilla with that of his students.

The Old Auction House will break from Christmas until Jan 2, 2019.

Volunteer Reading Coaches



Reading Coach Jackie Nieuwenhuizen

A new not-for-profit organisation, Literacy One by One, aims to make sure that everyone in Central Victoria can read. And we need your help!

Literacy One by One train and support volunteer reading coaches to use the highly effective reading program Turning Pages at primary and secondary schools and with adults. Coaches and students love seeing the progress being made by the day. The one-to-one sessions are relaxed and go at the student's pace.

For more information or to register your interest, email hello@litonebyone.org.au or ring Jackie on 0405318795.

And if you know an adult who needs reading help please get in touch.

RM Begg Auxiliary

The RM Begg Kyneton Aged Care Auxiliary held its AGM at RM Begg on Tues Sept 4. Office bearers elected for the coming year are Rhonda Wencel, President; Lynn Bice, Vice President; Jan Young, Treasurer and Barbara Layton, Secretary.

Fund raising efforts for the past financial year saw a total of \$21,755 raised which contributed to much needed items of equipment for RM Begg.

A very big thank-you to our members and volunteers for a sterling effort.

The Auxiliary is always looking for new members, so if you have some time to spare and would like to be part of a worthy cause, contact President, Rhonda, on 0429418028 or come along to the next meeting, held monthly at RM Begg at 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month, recommencing next February.

Uniting Church changes

The Macedon Ranges Partnership (MRP) of 12 Uniting Church congregations has reached an

important stage of its five year collaboration.

Four ministers are presently serving the 12 congregations.

In recent months the MRP congregations, with its Coordinating Council, have been reviewing its mission and service operations.

Consequent to the review the Kyneton congregation will be undergoing a trial period for the first six months of 2019 with changes to the number, time, type and location of worship services and gatherings.

For the month of December, the Kyneton and Tylden congregations will combine on Dec 23 at Tylden for a baptismal service led by Pastor Annette Buckley.

On Christmas Day, Rev Deacon Meg Evans will lead the 9.30am Kyneton service.

On Dec 30 at 10am, the 12 congregations will have a Partnership Service at Kyneton, followed by a byo lunch.

For Jan-Jun 2019, the Kyneton congregation will begin to implement changes for Kyneton & MRP worship services which will include, in Kyneton, a monthly Friday communion service, led by a minister, that incorporates a bring your own meal for sharing.

There will Friday communion services held at St Andrew's, Kyneton at 6.30pm on 11th Jan & 8th Feb.

As well, on Sun Jan 20 at 10am there will be an MRP Communion Service, led by Pastor Buckley, at St Andrew's, Kyneton.

There will be no other Sunday morning services during January at Kyneton.

Morning services at Kyneton will be less frequent during the six month trial.

During January, as occurs on other occasions, members of the MRP Northern Congregations will join the Redesdale Catholic Church for some services.

Inquiries: Macedon Ranges Partnership: 54286920; Rev Deacon Wendy Elson: 0400042076.

The Kyneton Uniting Church Opportunity Shop in Market St, will continue to operate as it has in the past with thanks to its voluntary staff and support network. Please note that the Op Shop will close on Sat, Dec 22 and reopen Mon Jan 14.

Men's Shed formally opened

November was a hectic time for the new Kyneton Men's Shed, adjacent to Bupa Aged Care, in Riverwalk Boulevard.

They had their formal opening, performed by the Minister for Families and Children, Jenny Mikakos; an unexpected visit by Premier Daniel Andrews; and then within days Premier Andrews, accompanied by the Minister for Housing and Disabilities, Martin Foley, used the Shed as the venue for an announcement of a Royal Commission into Mental Health.

On both visits Dan Andrews was impressed by the shed facilities, and congratulated Shed members on the excellence of the new Shed and its wide ranging equipment.

Bupa Aged Care helped with catering on all three occasions and did a wonderful job.

In addition, the Macedon Ranges Shire Council gave the Men's Shed a grant of \$6,000 to run an exciting programme called "*Healthy Meals = Healthy Men*" that uses local gardeners, chefs and cooks to teach men, especially divorced, widowed, single and male carers, how to grow food and make nutritious and inexpensive meals for themselves.

The programme will also help the Shed to equip its kitchen with hardware and cookware.

The lessons will be open to all men, irrespective of Shed membership, and will cost will be \$5 per class. Watch the Midland Express for advertising.

"Small wonder, then, that with all this publicity, our membership has been lifting as the Shed's profile increases.

"But we still need more blokes to join us. So come along Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm" Shed Chair John Mitchell said.

Finally, in early February, on a Saturday and Sunday, the Shed will hold special open days so local residents, especially men, can visit the new Shed and discover the wealth of equipment and other facilities that it has to offer.



Picnic table for Reserve



Last month the Council installed a picnic table with bench seats on the front northern lawn of the Kyneton Mechanics Reserve.

Kyneton Connections were surprised that there was no consultation about the siting as the Mechanics Reserve is very important to activities conducted on Australia Day and during the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival.

The Council advised that they would not normally consult the broader community about placement of a single item of street furniture but they had noted Kyneton Connections concerns and have advised the relevant staff to consider who may be holding activities in a public space when making this type of installation in the future.

Bands Regional Final

The Northern Country Battle of the Bands Regional Finals will be held in the Kyneton Town Hall on Sat 15 Dec from 6pm, and will see bands, duos and solo artists from areas including Ballarat, Bendigo, Castlemaine and the Macedon Ranges play music from a range of genres.

Dr. Frisco, an indie rock band whose members are all local secondary school students, won the Macedon Ranges heat in August this year, and will be competing in the regional finals. The night will feature performances from Stop That Mammoth (Mt Alexander Shire); Crane (Macedon Ranges Shire); Tyler Ball (Sunraysia); The Wilsons (Hepburn Shire); Isabella Fortuna (City of Greater Bendigo) and Meraki Minds (Ballarat City).

Triple J Unearthed High winner KIAN, from Castlemaine, is also playing.

Presale tickets are \$10 each (groups of 10 or more receive 10% discount), or \$15 on the door.

The event is a fully supervised, all-ages, drug, alcohol and tobacco-free event. For more information visit Macedon Ranges Youth's Facebook page or call 5422 0242.

Grandparents at Tylden PS

It's a highlight of Tylden Primary's fourth term when students invite their grandparents and special friends to visit them at school.

The visitors come from far and wide, including interstate in some cases!

Students of all ages love to show their guests around the school and their classrooms.

They look at the work that students have been doing in class and the displays of artwork.

The visitors watched a whole school dance and some of them joined in the fun.

Afterwards everyone went with their House groups for some special activities.

The theme was "Games Old and New."

The students learned to play some indoor and outdoor games from the past, before showing their visitors how technology has given them new ways to play today.

West Papua awareness raised



Lewis Prai Wellip with Mayor Janet Pearce and Glen Kennedy

The Morning Star Flag was raised at the Kyneton Town Hall on Fri Nov 30 as part of a campaign to raise the awareness the campaign by the indigenous West Papuans from the Free West Papua movement for Independence from Indonesia.

Lewis Prai Wellip, Treasurer of the Victorian Free West Papua campaign addressed those attending as did local activist Glen Kennedy who reminded the crowd of the selfless support that the West Papuan Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels gave Australian soldiers during World War 2.

Glen is the local contact for the Free West Papua campaign and can be contacted on 0435467144.

PLAN AND PREPARE



The reasons are black and white

It's your responsibility to be fire ready this summer, so prepare your property, fire plan and emergency kit now. When hot, dry, windy days are forecast, check Fire Danger Ratings in your district daily and monitor conditions via local radio, the VicEmergency website and app. On high-risk fire days, leaving early, before a fire starts, is always the safest option.

emergency.vic.gov.au
Download the VicEmergency app



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Christmas at the Churches

St Paul's Anglican Church:
Christmas Eve Dec 24 at 5pm & 11.30pm and Christmas Day Dec 25 at 9am.

Our Lady of the Rosary:

Christmas Eve Dec 24 at 6.30pm carols, 7pm Mass and Christmas Day Dec 25 10.30am Mass

St Andrews Uniting Church:
Christmas Day Dec 25 9.30am Christmas service.

Baptist Church:

Christmas Eve Dec 24 7pm Christmas Carols, Christmas Day Dec 25 Christmas service 9am.

Cathouse Players

Kyneton's Cathouse Players send Seasons Greetings and thanks to all who supported their shows this year. Next year, at their regular venue, the Kyneton Masonic Centre, 7 Yaldwyn St West - two productions are scheduled and first up is "Three for the Road". Expressions of interest for auditions, backstage and Front of House are welcome. Please call Bette on 54032372 or Maggie on 0412595062.

Kyneton Secondary Interact

It has been another busy year for this Rotary sponsored club.

This year Kyneton Secondary College Interact supported Kyneton Primary School by beautifying the patio parent and student waiting areas and the Alternate Schoolies week Vietnam.

Last year the Club supported the school gym with upgrades and equipment and the Vietnam Schoolies Project.

The Club is continuing to equip and outfit its gym, which is used by the school community during and after school hours. After school it is manned by volunteers.



KSC Interact students with Kyneton Primary School Alistair Rayner Principal

Kyneton Presbyterian News

The Kyneton Presbyterian Church will join with its parent church at Gisborne for Christmas celebrations and church services this year. There will be no Kyneton service in December.

The Kyneton congregation have appreciated the leadership of the Reverend Matthew Tegart and his wife Rachel.

Matt will be leaving the area to take up a full time chaplaincy position in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in February.

He will be leading the service at Kyneton, Sun Jan 27 at 4pm, just prior to relocating to Newcastle NSW.

The public worship services at Kyneton's Red Brick Hall (4th Sunday of the month, at 4pm), Bible study groups, and personal visits for prayer and spiritual guidance will continue in 2019. Inquiries: Noel Johnston: 0425768084.

Lost Trades Fair Kyneton 2019

Bookings are already open for the Lost Trades Fair to be held at the Kyneton Racecourse on March 9 & 10 next year. There is a limit of 8000 visitors per day so making a booking via www.losttrades.info may be prudent.

Kyneton District Services

Accountants

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| Craig Chester Accounting | 5422 1966 |
| SGK Business Management | 5422 6511 |
| David J Gibney Pty Ltd | 5422 6480 |
| KMA Tax & Accounting | 5422 3178 |
| Macedon Ranges Tax & Acc | 5422 6460 |

Acupuncture

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

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

Carpet Cleaning

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| Midland Carpet Cleaning Services | 0400817048 |
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Catering

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| Taste-full Catering | 0429326987 |
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Chiropractor

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| Dr Rohan Kapoor | 5422 6488 |
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Concreting & Paving

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| MBC Concreting & Paving | 0417545159 |
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Dental

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| Campaspe Dental | 5422 3988 |
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Dry Cleaning

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| Kyneton Dry Cleaners | 5422 1503 |
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Electricians

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| Macedon Ranges Electrics | 5422 2182 |
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| Kyneton Electrics | 5422 1369 |
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Fabric & Haberdashery

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| Alice in fabricland | 0439993389 |
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Financial Planning

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| Adrian Plowman & Associates | 5422 2622 |
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| BTP Business Advisors Pty Ltd | 5422 1588 |
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Indoor Play Centre

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| BugALugs | 5422 2767 |
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Legal Practices

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

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| Hendersons the Gas People | 5422 7408 |
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Massage

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| Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health | 0411558013 |
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Medical Practices

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| Campaspe Family Practice | 5422 2877 |
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| Kyneton Medical Centre | 5422 1397 |
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Mosaics & Pottery

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| Geraldine Phelan | 0478605540 |
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Osteopath

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

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| PRD Nationwide | 5422 2127 |
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| RT Edgar | 5422 3325 |
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Saddlery

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| J M Saddlery | 0409995038 |
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Town Planning Services

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| Macaulay Town Planning | 5422 3054 |
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Travel Services

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| Renee@Travel Managers | 0418369411 |
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Veterinarians

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

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| Australasian Audio Visual | 5422 3791 |
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Kyneton Events Calendar

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| Sun Dec 15 | Christmas Twilight Festival & Market Kyneton Mech Reserve 2-8pm Battle of the Bands Regional Final Kyneton Town Hall 6pm |
| Wed Dec 19 | Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm |
| Thur Dec 20 | Business Kyneton After Work Catch Up Amicus 5.30pm |
| Sun Dec 23 | Kyneton Christmas Carols St Paul's Church 7.30pm |
| Tues Dec 25 | Christmas Day Dinner Kyneton Town Hall 11.30-2pm |
| Wed Dec 26 | Boxing Day |
| Thur Jan 1 | New Year's Day Hanging Rock New Year's Day Thoroughbred Racing |
| Sat Jan 12 | Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30am-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Piper Streets 8.30am-1pm |
| Wed Jan 16 | U3A Kyneton Registration Day Kyneton Mechanics Institute 1pm- Kyneton Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am- |
| Sat Jan 26 | Australia Day Breakfast Kyneton Mechanics Reserve 8-10am Australia Day Thoroughbred Racing Hanging Rock 11am- |
| Sat Feb 2 | Kyneton Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am |
| Tues Feb 5 | Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival Meeting Kyneton Mech Inst 7.30pm |
| Wed Feb 6 | Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm |
| Thur Feb 7 | Vision Australia Meeting St Andrews Hall 1.30pm |
| Sat Feb 9 | Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30am-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Piper Streets 8.30am-1pm Kyneton Uniting Church Garage Sale Ebdon St 8.30-12.30pm |
| Tues Feb 12 | Kyneton Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am |
| Wed Feb 13 | Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm Cemetery Tour Kyneton Cemetery 6pm |
| Sat Feb 16 | 'Picnic at Hanging Rock' Film Hanging Rock 7pm |
| Wed Feb 20 | Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm |
| Thur Feb 21 | Kyneton Connect Delivery Author Ilka Tampke Kyneton Library 5pm |

Library Opening Hours

The opening hours of the Kyneton Library will change during the Christmas & New Year period:

Fri 21 Dec 9.30am-5pm, Dec 22 – 26 Library closed; 27&28 Dec 10am – 4pm; Sat 29 Dec 9.30am - 12.30pm; Mon 31 Dec 10am – 4pm; 1 Jan Library closed.

From Wed 2 Jan normal hours resume 9.30am – 5pm.

Daffodil & Arts 2019

The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival is preparing for its 48th annual Festival in 2019 following its AGM and a great year in 2018. It will continue with Eric Scoble as President and its existing Executive Committee.

There is a call out to anyone who would like to be part of the

Committee or help in any way to carry on this unique to Kyneton series of events.

After a funding setback the 2018 Festival were able to balance the books with the help of the community and the fun and enjoyment of the Festival was not diminished.

"We look forward to hearing from anyone from our talented population who would like to be in on the planning for 2019.

"Please give me a call on 54222282 if you would like to chat about the Festival and any tasks in which you would like to be involved" Secretary Marg Dearthcott said.



Kyneton District Services Entries

Service Businesses can be listed on this page at a cost of \$30 for three issues. Contact Eric 54222990 or email: eandmcot@netcon.net.au

Dog Obedience Club



Want to communicate better with your canine best friend?

What is your dog trying to tell you?

Does sit really mean sit?

The Kyneton Dog Obedience Club can help dog owners and their dogs, whether it is a puppy, rescue dog or just an old dog who wants to learn new tricks.

The volunteer organisation is run by members who have a passion for dogs. With up to 60 dogs attending every Sunday the Dog Obedience Club trainers can offer the basics of dog behaviours and socialisation through to off-lead training.

Held every Sunday from 10am to 11am at Barkley Square, new dogs are accepted on the first Sunday of every month, with the first session free – all that is needed is a current vaccination certificate for your dog. Initial membership is \$15 with classes costing \$2.

Training will recommence on Sunday 3rd February 2019 (except on a total fire ban day).

For more information you can visit the Club facebook page or email Kynetondogobedienceclub@gmail.com

Council seeking big ideas

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is asking for new and innovative ways to improve our area in the lead-up to the annual budget process.

Residents can now share their 'big

ideas' with the Council through an online form on its website.

The Council's Director Corporate Services, John Hausler encouraged residents to 'think big' and help to identify gaps in current services as well as future opportunities.

"Residents should first take a look at the Council Plan and Budget Report 2017-18, which are available on our website, to see what Council is doing currently," Mr Hausler said.

"If residents identify any gaps in our current or planned services, or wish to share their ideas on any future opportunities, we are keen to hear these ideas" he said

Plea for home for Lions trains

Kyneton Lions Club are in desperate need for a big shed in which to keep their two trains, BBQ trailer and other equipment.

Until very recently Lions had been able to house their popular trains, used for a myriad of events about Kyneton, and the other equipment in a shed at a local business but the space in that shed is now needed for the business.

A temporary home for only the next couple of months has been found but Lions are in urgent need of accommodation for their trains beyond that time.

If you can help call Lions President Dennis Bertoncini on 54223540.



One of Kyneton Lions' trains in the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Parade

New tennis courts on the way



Kyneton's tennis players are excited that work has commenced on six new courts in Victoria St.

It is expected that the works will be completed by the end of February.

Four of the new courts will be mod grass and two will be plexi.

The Tennis Club, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Tennis Victoria and Tennis Australia are all contributing to the \$650,000 project.

When the works are complete the Club will have in total 8 mod grass courts with full lights and two plexi courts with lights which enable hit up.

Club members are still playing on the existing 4 fully lit mod grass courts and are eagerly looking forward to their fantastic new facilities.

Live4Life wins award

Youth Live4Life Inc., which was founded in Macedon Ranges and is based on Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Live4Life initiative, took out a major state award last week.

The trailblazing initiative won the *Improving Mental Health* category at the 2018 VicHealth Awards.

Mayor, Cr Janet Pearce attended the awards ceremony in Melbourne, along with Youth Live4Life Inc. board members, Council staff, and current and former Live4Life Crew members.

The Live4Life model has now been introduced in Glenelg and Benalla Shires through Youth Live4Life Inc.

To the best of the Editors' knowledge the information contained in this newsletter is correct at the time of printing. Where inadvertent errors are made corrections will be included in the next edition.

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