



Kyneton Connect



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Hardwicks – solar leader



Hardwicks Meatworks, situated in Redesdale Rd Kyneton has installed an additional 1 megawatt solar farm to network with the 1.5 megawatt farm it had completed in 2018.

Premier Dan Andrews with local State Member Mary-Anne Thomas visited Hardwicks on Nov 15 to see first-hand the Hardwicks project which forms one of the biggest industrial micro-grids in the Southern hemisphere.

When fully operational the 2.5MW micro-grid of solar panels will provide between 60% and 70% of Hardwicks power requirements.

Hardwicks, in partnership with Powercor, are also installing a 2 Megawatt storage battery which will add to their security of supply, reduce peaks and potentially feed power into the broader electrical grid.

Health Services merge

Health services in Hepburn and Kyneton have joined forces.

Minister for Health Jenny Mikakos has confirmed the formation of a new health service to be called Central Highlands Rural Health.

Over the past two years, the boards of Hepburn Health Service and Kyneton District Health have been working together and consulting with their communities on better ways to share resources and improve clinical services.

The combined management structure of Central Highlands Rural Health began in the last week of October.

There will be no reduction in services, staffing or funding.

All campuses in Kyneton, Daylesford, Creswick, Clunes and Trentham will stay in place and keep their local identity.

Donations will also remain with the community that raised the funds.

CEO of Kyneton District Health and Hepburn Health Maree Cuddihy said:

“The formation of the new organisation will enable us to deliver a stronger health service in each community. We will be able to strengthen services, enhance quality and deliver more consumer-driven care.

“Personally, I couldn’t be more excited about the opportunities for improvement to local healthcare our voluntary amalgamation brings.



Maree Cuddihy CEO of Kyneton District Health and Hepburn Health

“The single entity will ensure the health services can meet the future health care needs of a growing population, deliver more and new services locally and provide greater access to high quality health care for locals in each community.

“Patients will enjoy better health outcomes thanks to the sharing of knowledge, skills expertise across campuses to improve care and a stronger ability to recruit and retain staff” Ms Cuddihy said.

Daughter for Lisa



Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters MP and her partner Cr Matt Emond have welcomed the arrival of their first child, Daisy Jane Emond.

Daisy was born at Bendigo Hospital at 4.59am on Dec 3, weighing 2.958kg (6 lbs 5 oz).

New mum, Lisa and baby Daisy are in good health and doing well.

When she first moved to the Bendigo electorate Lisa Chesters lived in Kyneton.

She now lives in the City of Bendigo but remains a member of the local Kyneton Labor Branch.

Season’s Greetings

Kyneton Connect conveys season’s greetings to all of its readers and contributors.

We hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

We look forward to bringing you another year of good news for Kyneton in 2020.



Kyneton Connect’s Christmas window display in High Street

Angling juniors to the fore

Kyneton Angling Club Juniors were prominent at the Midland Shield at Cairn Curran on Sun Nov 12.

Darcy Condliffe won the junior trophy with a 32cm yellow belly. Denver Healy won junior carp with a 36cm Carp.

17 Club members attended and caught over twenty fish mostly small yellow bellies around 30cm and above. 1 Carp and 1 Cod (46cm) were also caught. Most of the fish were catch and release.

New members Tony, Rob and Mark were welcomed.

Over sixty fisher persons and five clubs were represented.

Maryborough took the Shield with 14.74 Kgs of fish.

Those wishing to participate in Angling Club events call John on 0419397936.

Library Fines Amnesty

During December, Goldfields library are waiving fines on any overdue books returned and clearing any outstanding fines.

Just visit Kyneton Library and present your library card to staff to have all your fines cleared.

Social for LGBTIQ+ Adults

Cobaw's new Country LGBTIQ+ Inclusion Program (CLIP), is encouraging LGBTIQ+ adults to get together for a cuppa and chat on a monthly basis.

Meeting on the third Thursday of every month, Social@ will offer a regular opportunity for members of the LGBTIQ+ community across the Macedon Ranges to get together and make new connections.

"Living in a rural area, LGBTIQ+ people are at higher risk of social isolation," says Belinda Brain, CLIP Coordinator.

"This can have an impact on a person's mental and physical health as they are often left with little knowledge of services and groups that are LGBTIQ+ inclusive" she said.

Social@ is one of the first initiatives to be started up by the program and there are hopes that it will grow each month and more opportunities for people to connect will come out of the monthly gatherings.

The next Social@ is on Thu 19 Dec at 11am at The Social Foundry, 86 Mollison St. For more information, call Belinda on 54211666.

Hanging Rock night walks



To catch up with a glider, koala, owl or wallaby over summer, join a guided night tour of Hanging Rock with an experienced park ranger from December 2019 through to March 2020.

The walks are suitable for all ages and often sell out so early booking is advisable.

Guided night walks start at 7pm, on Fri Jan 10, Fri Feb 7 and Fri Mar 13.

The cost is \$62 per family (two adults and two children), \$25 per adult and \$12 per child.

Bookings are essential.

For more information or to book your space, contact 54220387.



Did you know bushfires kill from 300m away?

Bushfires can reach temperatures of up to 1100°C. Long before the flames reach you, the wave of radiant heat can kill you from up to 300 metres away - the distance of two football ovals. Planning and preparing for bushfire is the only way to survive it.

How well do you know fire?

Plan. Act. Survive. Go to vic.gov.au/knowfire

Powercor depot on track

Work on the \$10 million Kyneton Powercor depot upgrade is on track and is expected to be complete in mid-2020.

"Recent works have included office framing works, truck shed footings and sewer excavation.

"We expect to progress quickly in coming weeks, including the beginnings of brickwork and kerbing works" a Powercor spokesperson told *Kyneton Connect*.



Work began on the new depot at Redesdale Road in July.

The new facility is being constructed about 500m along Redesdale Rd from the existing depot. It will be significantly larger and provides space for future growth and safer design.

The new depot will have improved office facilities, storage areas for equipment and fleet, and will support the future expansion of the workforce.

"The works will allow us to construct a fit-for-purpose facility that can accommodate the large, modern equipment our crews use to maintain electrical infrastructure" the spokesperson said.

Built in 1979, the current Kyneton depot accommodates 20 employees including field crews, engineers and planners.

The new depot will support up to a 25 per cent increase in field resources in the future.

Crews and employees at the depot support customers in Kyneton, Woodend, Trentham, Redesdale, Spring Hill, Malmsbury, Gisborne, Riddells Creek, Romsey, Lancefield and Pyalong.

In the Macedon Ranges Council area alone, employees at the depot operate and maintain 16,554 poles, 2137 kilometres of powerlines and 3892 distribution transformers that deliver power to more than 21,827 customers.

Glass kerbside collection

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will introduce a separate, glass-only bin collection service next year.

The 140 litre bins, which will be collected every four weeks and have purple lids, will be delivered to approximately 20,000 households in February 2020.

This decision comes after Council was one of 33 Victorian councils affected by the closure of recycling processor SKM Recycling earlier this year.

In the meantime, residents have been asked to remove glass from household recycling bins. A new recycling processor has been identified but only if glass is removed from the recycling bins (yellow lid). Shards and small pieces of glass can become embedded in paper and cardboard in recycling bins and contaminates the other recyclables.

Glass-only bins have been installed in public places across the shire to assist residents in removing glass from their recycling bins. The glass collected in the public place bins, and the glass-only kerbside bins when the new service commences, will be processed and reused in construction materials. Until the new service begins next year, residents are asked to continue to keep glass out of their recycling bins and to use the public place glass-only bins. For a list of locations, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/glass

Council will also explore options to reuse glass locally as part of a feasibility study that will be considered by Council in April 2020.

Kyneton Postal Service

Mail posted in the Kyneton 3444 slot at the Kyneton Post Office is again being sorted locally ensuring prompter delivery of mail posted at the Post Office for 3444 destinations. After changes made in 2017 only priority paid 3444 mail was sorted in Kyneton the rest was sent to Dandenong for sorting. Now again all local mail placed in the 3444 Post Office slot is sorted in Kyneton and delivered the next day.



Mayor and Deputy elected



Cr Janet Pearce was elected Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council at a Special Council Meeting on Nov 20. Cr Mandi Mees was elected Deputy Mayor.

It will be the second year in a row Crs Pearce and Mees will serve as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the shire.

Cr Pearce, from West Ward, and Cr Mees, from South Ward, were both first elected to Council in 2016.

Cr Pearce said there had been many highlights for her as Mayor in 2019.

"I have enjoyed attending community events and hearing people's stories, people of all ages and from all over the shire, including members of community groups and volunteers, and I look forward to continuing that work. We will be moving forward together on our strategic vision, priorities and advocating on important issues affecting our community" she said.

RM Begg fundraising

RM Begg is passing on its thanks to community members and organisations who contributed to fundraising during their 60th Anniversary celebrations.

The Golf Day held at Kyneton Golf Course raised \$2,244 and the High Tea, organised by staff, celebrated the opening of the mosaic sculpture "60 Years 60 Shoes" and raised \$2,205.

Piper St Food Co and Monsieur Pierre, with the help of local chefs, St Agnes Homestead and generous donations from local businesses raised in excess of \$17,000 at the 60th Anniversary Fundraiser.

Crowdfunding raised sufficient funds to make a DVD on the history and people involved in the highly respected and loved local community aged care facility.

Cr Anderson reports



As I sit and write this it is the first day of Summer, yet only about 10 degrees. I am sure we have all been watching the devastating fires interstate and thinking of those impacted, and how lucky we are that we have been less affected by the drought than shires further north.

I was so pleased to be able to attend the Kyneton Community House Wednesday community lunch last week. It not only brings people together for a nutritious meal, all run by volunteers and supported by our local businesses, but had the added bonus of being a fundraiser for neighbourhood houses in the fire-affected areas.

The earlier annual fundraiser for this lunch, Kyneton's Longest lunch, was again brilliant with the added bonus of the Woodend Warblers singing their hearts out as we shared food and stories.

Also, special mentions to: RM Begg's 60 year celebration (Amelia the knitted Aardvark is enjoying her new home, Barbara); 40 years of the Friends of Black Hill; 160 years of Kyneton's Botanical Gardens; 125 years of the Kyneton Horticultural Society; a record crowd attending the 159th Kyneton Agricultural Show; and sadly, the final Kyneton Music Festival.

I know I have missed many events out but there has been so much happening in Kyneton, after the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival heralded the beginning of Spring.

As Council approaches our break over the December/ January period I would like to wish all our local volunteer groups and committees, 'Friends of ~' groups and societies a restful period after your successful events run during 2019, and annual general meeting season.

Thanks also to our local businesses and council staff members who support them. Congratulations on what you all do to bring the community together.
Stay safe and well rested.

Jennifer

Air Cadets thank Men's Shed

430 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets CO Jenny Taylor and Civilian Admin Officer Sandy Garcia recently visited Kyneton Men's Shed to take delivery of 30 hat presses.

Mrs Garcia initiated contact with Tony from the Men's Shed with the possibility of making hat presses to maintain the condition of fur felt hats worn by the cadets.

Robert Grubb worked out the measurements and materials required and James Keddie was assigned the project.

430 Sqn Staff and Cadets are deeply appreciative of the Men's Sheds' enthusiastic embrace of the project.

Jenny and Sandy presented James Keddie with a Certificate of Appreciation and a donation from the Squadron.

During 2019 430 Squadron has also received valuable monetary assistance and support from Kyneton RSL Sub Branch and Kyneton Masonic Lodge #192.

A huge Thank You from all at 430 Squadron.



Sandy Garcia and Jenny Taylor with James Keddie of the Kyneton Men's Shed

Cemetery Walk & Talk

On Wed Feb 12 the Kyneton Historical Society and the Kyneton Cemetery Trust will conduct their 10th annual Walk & Talk in the Kyneton Cemetery.

Participant should be at the main gate in Redesdale Rd at 6pm sharp.

Cost is \$5.

2020 Arts & Culture program



Archie Roach will perform at the Kyneton Town Hall on May 29

Macedon Ranges Shire Council launched its 2020 Arts and Culture program at a gala event at Kyneton Town Hall on Fri Dec 6.

The Launch doubled as the start of the celebration of the Town Hall's 90th anniversary with a bumper crowd in attendance.

The official launch provided a glimpse of what is on offer next year in music, comedy, drama, exhibitions, workshops and family entertainment.

A cavalcade of great entertainment is coming to the Town Hall next year including John Waters, Ross Noble and Archie Roach.

Copies of the 2020 season brochure are now available from the Kyneton Council administration centre.

For more information, call 54220333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events.

New Alcohol Misuse Group for Women

Partnering with SMART Recovery Australia, Cobaw Community Health will be running a free weekly meeting for women to explore their misuse of alcohol.

SMART Recovery is a group program guided by trained peers and professionals where participants help themselves and each other to change problem behaviours using a combination of Cognitive Behaviour Therapy and motivational tools and techniques.

The program starts on Thu Jan 16 and meetings will be held during the day in Kyneton.

More details on the program and how to register can be found on Cobaw's website or by calling call Linda or Julie on 54211666..

Sixteen days of activism

On International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women, Nov 25, 80 community members came to the Kyneton Mechanics Reserve for the launch by Mayor Janet Pearce of the Macedon Ranges Family Violence Network's of its 16 days of activism against gender based violence.

The event was held at Kyneton Mechanics Reserve in what was a strong show of support for respecting women and calling out gender inequality.

The 16 days of activism is a global movement raising awareness of and challenging gender based violence against women. It ran from Nov 25 to International Human Rights Day Tue Dec 10.

On Fri Dec 6 Gabrielle Williams State Minister for Prevention of Violence Against Women, Minister for Women and Minister for Youth with Mary-Anne Thomas MP came to meet with Zonta President Eloise Forbes, Caroline Nielson of Macedon Ranges Primary Care Partnership, Simone Holden, DET Project Liaison in Respectful Relationships to see orange figures made by the Kyneton Men's Shed and stationed for most of the 16 day period in the Reserve.

Afterwards the Minister and Mary-Anne Thomas met with other Kyneton Zonta members with Rhani Dean-Talbett of Cobaw Health, Karen Laing Kyneton District Health both members of the MRFVN and MRSC Youth Ambassadors Laura Crozier and Miranda Johnson-Jones.



Zontians Eloise Forbes & Jenny Kerr with Minister Gabrielle Williams, Mary-Anne Thomas MP & Caroline Neilson

New home for U3A

U3A Kyneton have searched for several years to find a suitable location to run activities and classes for its members in one location.

The Red Brick Hall in Yaldwyn St West has been secured for 2020.



"Having in excess of 40 courses running each year, having them centralised where possible represents not only a one stop location but also enabled us to negotiate an annual agreement in advance which has a considerable saving to our group" U3A President Peter Johnson said.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their in kind support for the cost of the venue, it enables U3A to give any cost savings back to its members by not increasing annual membership which stands at \$30 for the full year.

"We look forward to meeting and working with all of the groups who share this facility in the new year" he said.

The U3A Kyneton program team have been hard at work on courses for 2020 and they are almost completed.

These include: book club, current affairs, poetry, Australian history, gardening, cooking classes, mahjong, table tennis, dog walking, tai chi, and film club to name a few.

A full list of all courses are available on u3akyneton.org.au.

Enrolment day will be 16 Jan 2020 starting at 10 at the Red Brick Hall.

"Anyone over the age of 50 who is retired or semi-retired are welcome to join, all you need is to have an interest in sharing community activities with new and old friends.

"Our main aim is to have fun with people who have similar interests, enjoy social contact and add more stimulation and involvement to your life.

"Remember the third age is not old age. We look forward to welcoming you to our group" Peter Johnson said.

Major Plant Works

The Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant in Redesdale Rd will undergo a major redevelopment, with phase two works to begin at the site.

On Nov 25 Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas announced that Coliban Water would be undertaking the additional works when she visited the plant to inspect phase one of the works.

The multimillion-dollar investment will more than double storage and increase irrigation capacity at the plant, as well as update treatment processes, so that only class B water is used for off-site irrigation and tertiary treated water is released to the Campaspe River.

Phase two will deliver the construction of a Class C to B treatment plant for the trade waste treatment stream, additional storage of approximately 200 mega litres and additional irrigation areas including the transfer pipework and irrigation infrastructure.

"The Kyneton community has been vocal on this issue and we have listened. It's time there is a wastewater treatment facility to meet the expectations of the community" Mary-Anne Thomas said.

Phase two is expected to be complete in December 2020, pending planning and regulatory approvals.

The works follow on from phase one currently underway, which includes a series of improved treatment processes in the lagoons and tanks for storage of Class B water for irrigation at Hardwick Meatworks.

Local landowner Huntly Barton remains cautious and is seeking further information.

He is concerned that any potential spillage of high nutrient low e-coli irrigation water into the Campaspe in the future.

"It is the nutrient level that is compromising the River and its ecology" he said.

Connect delivery help needed

From Feb 2020 we are in need of a couple more helpers to deliver Kyneton Connect.

If you are able to help please call Eric on 54222990 or email eandmcot@netcon.net.au.

What's New in Business

Cusack & CUSACK



Adam and Donna Cusack have opened their new space Cusack & CUSACK Gallery at 31 Piper Street.

The entire building has been purposely renovated to accommodate multiple creative initiatives, these will include; three exhibition spaces showing contemporary painting, printing, drawing and sculpture artists from around Australia, two studios for facilitating workshops and art classes, and a sculpture garden with crane truck access (for delivery of large works).

In addition, the Cusack's 'artist's residency program' is now open for expressions of interest from practicing artists to paint, draw, sculpt, write, and generally respond to the Macedon Ranges region while staying in the 'residency rooms'.

The Gallery will be open Thursday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm or by appointment, Adam is usually working in his studio upstairs and is always willing to give a tour and discuss the artworks on show.

For further information, drop into the gallery and say hi.

Fishmonger visits

Kyneton's visiting fishmongers will spend extra time in town in the days before Christmas.

Lionel of XL Seafoods will be in Kyneton at 134 High St on Tuesday Dec 24 from 9am to 4pm.

Gordon of Southcoast Fresh Seafood will make a special visit on Monday Dec 23 to his selling location in the carpark behind 89 Piper St from 12.30-1.30pm.

The Starving artist food co

The Starving artist food co is a family owned and run business set up in 2015 by Lee Dryden-Trewartha. She and her daughter Erynn have now have opened a retail and little cafe at 95 Piper St, where they serve delicious homemade sweets, cakes, breads, Axil coffee, MORK Chocolate and predominantly European provincial style food.

They specialise in slow braises, and roasts, house smoked duck breast and ploughman's lunches with their own smoked meats. Breakfasts are also available.

In the coming months they will be hosting super club evenings with a set 3 course menu and paired wines.

The café currently opens Saturdays 9 - 3pm, with hours extending soon.



Andrew Trewartha with Lee and Erynn

little Think BIG

At 2A Yaldwyn St East Anna Dart has established little Think BIG, a place where children can explore, imagine & create with a range of art materials.

The aim of little Think BIG is to give parents and their children a space to enjoy some creative time together without worrying about the mess.

Anna provides weekday activities, weekend pop ups, school holidays, parties and events.

For more details and bookings visit www.littlethinkbig.com.au or call Anna on 0402221456.



AGI Windows & Doors



Brother and sister Alan Todd and Gillian Romeijn have commenced AGI Windows & Doors at 33 Beauchamp St where Kyneton Windows and Glass formerly operated.

AGI Windows and Doors will service Macedon Ranges, Mount Alexander, Sunbury and surrounding areas.

AGI Windows and Doors has over 25 years of expertise in both window fabrication and customer service industries.

Services include: replacement windows or sliding doors; house renovations including glass splashbacks, shower screens, mirrors, flyscreen replacements, re-glazing broken windows or doors and glass cut to size. Phone 44048653 or email info@windowsanddoors.com.au

New at The Albion



Suzie Spinks and Annie Borton are the new owners of The Albion Hotel at 41 Mollison St.

Customers, new and old, couldn't be happier with their friendly service and great menu.

The Albion opens 7 days with lunch 11.30-2.30 and dinner 5.30-8.30pm.

Happy hour continues 5-6pm each day. Suzie and Annie have revamped the beer garden in which Breakneck Road will perform 3-6pm on Dec 22. The Albion will be open every day except Christmas day during the festive season.

Duck, Duck, Goose & Larder

Troy and Lynise Pannell are the new owners of Duck, Duck, Goose and Larder, popular café and providore at 17/19 Piper St.

The quality of breakfast, lunch, snacks and coffee is first class and there is an amazing range of items on sale.

Duck, Duck has a great new menu, is retailing local wine and is aiming at sourcing all produce locally.

Hours are 8.30am – 4pm Mon-Fri and 9am-4pm Sat and Sun. Ph 54221653.



Troy Pannell at Duck Duck Goose & Larder

Angie's open on Sundays

Popular Angie's Café and Bakeshop (formerly Kaddys) at 8 High St is now opening on Sundays.

Sunday opening hours are 9am to 3pm.

The Secret Key

Danielle Corner's new business, The Secret Key, at 56 Piper St is about unlocking your mind, body and soul.

"Each of us have our own secrets that we tend to keep locked in.

"I'm not talking about a secret that you swore to your friend you wouldn't tell, but the secrets we hold within our body; a couple of examples are; chakras, spiritual and psychic abilities.

"When our minds and souls are locked, we start to notice a range of emotional imbalances" Danielle says.

Kyneton's newest metaphysical-new age store carries crystals, incense, Oracle and Tarot cards, books, salt lamps, a range of ladies fashion and much more!

Open 10am to 4pm, Thu to Sun.



The Story Costumer Enchants



Caroline Sarah, aka The Story Costumer has introduced her unique theatrical flair into an exciting new Costume making and hire business, based at the Old Auction House on Mollison Street.

The magical dress up shop lights up Monday-Friday (closed Tuesday) and weekends by appointment.

Caroline will operate workshops in 2020 and looks forward to offering costumes with an exciting twist.

0400279743 storycostumer@com.au

Olivia's Pantry



Andrea & Valentina

Olivia's Pantry opened its door on Monday Dec 2 at 5 High St (formerly Hamster Café).

Valentina and Andrea are two young Italians who started a custom made cake business (Olivia's Baking) in 2016. They are now ready for a new project! They will take you to a journey to Italy to try authentic traditional dishes with an Australian twist.

"We think Olive Oyl (Olivia in Italian) best represents the cafe and most of all our lifestyle" they said.

Expect to savour delicious dishes and desserts - all plant based and as locally sourced as possible. Family and pet friendly and with a lovely outdoor area for sunny days.

Open Monday to Friday 8am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am-5pm. Closed on Wednesday.

Saleyards Road Warehouses

The initial set of 5 warehouses in Saleyards Road Kyneton are expected to be completed by mid-March 2020.

The pre-cast concrete warehouses vary in size from 350 sq m to 502 sq m. Kyneton is closer to the Airport and the docks than industrial sites being developed to the east of Melbourne local agent for the warehouses George Mercieca told *Kyneton Connect*.

The developer of the warehouses proposes to build another 6 warehouses of various types on his remaining 3 lots in Saleyards Road.



The warehouses are on the market for purchase or for lease. To enquire call George Mercieca of ARPBS on 0418315936.

Local artists' pop-up shop

Set up by six Kyneton creatives, new pop-up shop Inkling has opened at 80 Mollison St.

The shop features handmade work from six women working across ceramics, textiles, illustration and linocuts.

Open until Christmas Eve, the shop will sell locally designed ceramic cups, bowls, vases, plates, illustrated cushions, notebooks, tea towels, prints, earrings, textiles and backpacks.

The six women behind Inkling are: Sharon Alpren: ceramicist, Amy Carr-Bottomley: weaver, Cassie Hansen: ceramicist, Lucy King: illustrator, Ruth Laird Spence: ceramicist and Sam Trafford: stencil artist.

Inkling pop-up shop will remain open until Dec 24. Trading days: Thu- Mon. Instagram: [@inkling.kyneton](https://www.instagram.com/inkling.kyneton)



Around the Galleries

The Old Auction House 52-56 Mollison Street

"Leadlight By Ettore annual student exhibition" - Dec 5 - Dec 24

The annual showcase of glass arts completed by students throughout the year - includes the sale one of a kind Christmas decorations whose proceeds will be donated to Kyneton Caring Community

- "Making: an exhibition of handmade things" - Dec 5 - Dec 24

A collection of wooden objects created by the students of Phoebe Everill's studio - Opening Event from 6pm Friday Dec 6



Art on Piper 44 Piper St.

AOP welcomes Jenna Davies, a young emerging artist, specialising in hand drawn mandala- style illustrations. Kyneton Art Group has also joined with Art On Piper to exhibit selected Members' work- paintings and cards. Colleen Weste, textile artist has returned to AOP with her unique, handmade, hand dyed clothing, accessories and wall quilts.

Open every day until Christmas, 10-4 and 10-8 on Christmas Eve for last minute shopping.

The Stockroom 98 Piper Street

Opening 4.30pm 14 Dec 2019 *Animal Nation*—Stuart Cole, Christian Bishop, Katja Mouvlin, Travis John, Liss Fenwick, Youja Le, Darren Tan, Michael Needham, Talitha Kennedy, Kate Rhode, Ben Laden.

Curated By Simon Pericich

Opening 4.30pm 11 Jan to 19 Jan 2020. A showcase selection of artists' work in the upcoming program for 2020.

Opening 4.30pm Feb 8 4 Exhibitions Greg Wood & Joel Gailer, Freya Pitt in the Project space and Vanessa Lucas and Courtney King's exhibition launching the new exhibition space.

Dysons new bus depot opens

The Victorian Minister for Public Transport, Melissa Horne, officially opened Dyson Groups' new bus depot on Saleyards Rd Kyneton on the morning of Mon Dec 9.

The Minister and local Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas congratulated Dysons on the quality of their new depot and for their contribution to the local economy,

The new depot houses Dysons local fleet of 30 buses but has the capacity for future expansion.



Minister Melissa Horne and MP Mary-Anne Thomas with at least 3 generations of the Dyson family at the Opening

Fresh Fruit Friday

Kyneton Rotary, Kyneton Caring Community Food Bank and Malmsbury Primary School have come together to do Fresh Fruit Friday at Malmsbury Primary every Friday.

"Thank you again for your continued support of our school. It makes a difference to all our students and we are very appreciative. Thank you" Malmsbury Primary Principal Carolyn Tavener said.



Rotarian John Condliffe with Levi, Murphy, Peta & Isabella at Malmsbury Primary

Kyneton Community House

Kyneton Community House will be closed over the summer break.

The House's Occasional Childcare will return on Jan 20 and the House will re-open on Jan 29.

For details of what's on in Term 1, please check your letterbox from mid-January or visit the Kyneton Community House website.

Botanic Gardens Birthday



Ann Tomlinson of the Friends of Kyneton Botanical Gardens and Dr Peter May planted an Engelmann oak at the Botanic Gardens on 20 Oct to commemorate the 160th year of the Kyneton Botanic Gardens.

Di Websdale-Morrissey visits Library

Author Di Websdale-Morrissey will visit Kyneton's Library 2-3pm, Feb 14.

In 1934, Melbourne's Lord Mayor announced a London-to-Melbourne air race to celebrate his city's centenary.

This thrilling aviation escapade captured the world's attention and is considered the greatest single sporting event in the history of aviation.

Di Websdale-Morrissey explores this heroic race, its eccentric characters, daring deeds and sublime courage in a thoroughly page-turning account in 'On a Wing and a Prayer'.

On A Wing and A Prayer is available to borrow from the Goldfields Libraries collection.

Book sales and signings at her visit to the Library.

Bookings at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone Kyneton Library on 54221365.

Kyneton RSL active

A Christmas lunch was held at the Sub-Branch on 3 December and about 90 veterans and legacy widows enjoyed a festive lunch.

Kyneton RSL Sub-Branch will also be delivering Christmas parcels to bring some cheer to those who may feel a little isolated at this time of the year.

Whilst the RSL's focus is on veterans and their dependants, the younger generation is not forgotten with many of the local schools receiving financial support from the Sub-Branch towards their end of year Awards' Nights.

The Sub-Branch is also sponsoring four children from local families to attend the 2020 annual Portsea Camp in January.

Premier visits new Cobaw Hub



Cobaw CEO Margaret McDonald with Mary-Anne Thomas & Premier Dan Andrews

As part of a tour of activities in the Macedon Ranges on Fri Nov 15 Premier Dan Andrews joined local Member Mary-Anne Thomas to see first-hand progress in construction of the \$10M Cobaw Healthy Community Hub on the corner of Caroline Chisholm Drive and Bourke St Kyneton.

The Premier inspected progress on the site's building which is scheduled to be completed in May 2020. He discussed important aspects of the new Hub with Cobaw CEO Margaret McDonald.

Old Kyneton Primary School

At the start of November the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) wrote to those who had expressed interest in the future of the former Kyneton Primary School in Baynton St advising of its current status.

In 2018 the Premier committed that the former Kyneton Primary School would be kept in public hands.

Following community engagement undertaken by DELWP it was determined that an expression of interest (EOI) process would be undertaken to find an appropriate land manager.

In preparation for the EOI process, DELWP had a Condition Assessment undertaken to understand the current condition of the site and potential costs to remediate any issues. A summary of the Assessment will be provided as part of the EOI materials. DELWP has begun developing the EOI process and materials.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) and DELWP are finalising the arrangements to enable the EOI process to occur, which is anticipated to be due for completion by June 2020.

The old School was vacated at the end of term one 2018.

School Holiday Care

Bug-A-Lugs will bring an extra special holiday program to Kyneton these holidays for school children.

Bug-A-Lugs, at 3 Hoyle Crt has fully qualified teachers and educators who are first aid qualified, offers a fun, safe program in a welcoming environment for up to 12 hours a day.

In January Bug-A-Lugs are super excited about going to the beach and taking part in an educational programs with Life Saving Victoria, Horse Riding, An Amazing Race and much more.

Childcare rebates are available with many families paying between \$17 and \$48 per day.

Find booking details at www.bug-a-lugs.com.au or call 54222767.

The Bug-A-Lugs indoor play centre will be closed to general public in the January school holidays.



Christmas in the Churches:

Carols

Community Carols at the Anglican Church

Sun 22 Dec 7.30pm: Come along and sing-a-long with favourite Christmas Carols performed by the Kyneton Municipal Band and Rotary Men's Choir.

At the Baptist Church

Tues 24 Dec at 7pm Come together for a family friendly Christmas Eve Carols celebration at 7pm. Free event. All welcome.

At the Presbyterian Church

Celebrate Christmas, Carols@Kyneton on Sun Dec 22 at 4pm at the Red Brick Hall, 23 Yaldwyn St West. All are welcome. Enquiries: Joy Johnston 0411190448

At Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

Tues 24 Dec 7pm Carols Mass

Services:

Baptist Church

25 Dec 9am

St Pauls Anglican Church

Tue 24 Dec 5pm Children and Family Christmas Celebration

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Wed 25 Dec 9am

Our Lady of the Rosary

Wed Dec 25 10.30am

St Andrews Uniting Church

Wed 25 Dec 9.30am

Jean Hedington—Senior Award



Victorian Governor Linda Dessau AC with Jean Hedington at Government House

Kyneton community contributor extraordinaire Jean Hedington was recognised for her more than 50 years of community service at Government House on Oct 21 where she was presented with a Senior Achiever Award at the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

Jean's ongoing contributions to local organisations is exceptional.

She is a life member of Vision Australia, Horticultural Society and Agricultural Society but has also given decades of service to the Daffodil & Arts Festival, Uniting Church Op Shop, RM Begg Auxiliary and Red Cross to name a few.

In earlier times she was an office bearer of the Infant Welfare Centre, Lady Brooks Kindergarten and Kyneton Primary and High Schools.

Jean and her husband Doug, who almost always work together, have made an outstanding contribution to our community.

Christmas & New Year

Carols by Barrels

On Fri Dec 20 the Shamrock Hotel will be hosting "Carols by Barrels". Meals are from 5.30pm and Carols start at 7.30pm and continue until late.

New Year's Eve at the RSL

The Kyneton RSL will host a New Year's Eve event with meals 5.30-8.30pm (bookings essential) and the Rhythm Rockers providing music 8.30pm – 12.30am.

Probus - full steam ahead!

Members of Kyneton Probus Club recently travelled down to Belgrave to enjoy a day out on Puffing Billy. Whilst travelling along taking in the magnificent scenery, members enjoyed a delicious lunch in the dining carriage. The beautiful day provided participants many opportunities for breath taking photographs and stops in picturesque places such as Emerald. It certainly rekindled fond memories of when the steam train was a major form of transport.

Probus meets in the St Paul's Anglican Church Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am, providing not only opportunities for socialising over a great morning tea but also life long learning through diverse guest speakers and tour programs.

Over 2019 members engaged in a wide variety of excursions and outings including: monthly picnics/cinema days & luncheons, Sydney Military Tattoo, Portarlington/Bellarine Peninsula, Fine dining at William Angliss College and Flinders Ranges/Murray River.

If you are retired or semi retired and wish to meet new friends in a Club focussed on fun, friendship & fellowship then Kyneton Probus Club is for you. The first meeting for 2020 will be held on Wed 5 Feb.

For more information call President Alison on 0431366371

Library Christmas hours

Kyneton Library will be closed for the Christmas break from 3pm on Tue Dec 24 until 9.30am on Thu Jan 2. The return chute will be open and no fines will be charged during this time.

Kyneton Library's New Entrance



Above is the new entrance to the Kyneton Library recently completed.

Grandparents & Friends at Tylden PS



Grandparents and Special Friends Afternoon is a highlight of fourth term at Tylden PS.

Visitors flocked to school on Fri Nov 29 to tour the grounds, look at the work that students have been doing and admire the displays of artwork that decorate the school.

Every student was included because grandparents and special friends love being shared to include everyone.

This year, the special visitors were treated to a performance of the Tylden School Song and then they were invited to join with the students in a whole school dance routine.

Afterwards, students gathered in their House groups for some special activities.

An online Kahoot quiz challenged young and old to identify items from the past and present, students and visitors combined their skills to play "old time" card games, and finally, students worked with their visitors to make a take home memento of the special day.

Classics at the Town Hall

As part of the Council's celebration of Kyneton Town Hall's 90th year a series of free retro film screenings highlighting its beginnings as a picture theatre in 1929 as well as its civic and community significance.

The screenings started on Tue Dec 10 and finish on Thu Dec 12.

The curated cinema and film experience KTH Flicks will see classic movies, news reels, local content and notable events from the 1930s through to the 1970s played on the big screen at this remarkable venue.

The screenings on Tue Dec 10 highlighted the 1930s and 1940s, Wed Dec 11 classics from the '50s and '60s, whilst Thu Dec 12 will feature short films and movies from the 1970s. Session times are 10.30am and 2pm.

To book call 1300888802.

Kyneton Twilight Festival

A warm sunny day and a strong attendance was a just reward for the Committee of the Kyneton Community House on Sat Dec 7 for their second annual Kyneton Twilight Festival.

Marquees filled the Mechanics Reserve and spilled onto the forecourt of the Institute.

There was a great range of items to purchase and live music to entertain those who attended.

Winners of the best decorated Christmas windows were announced with Ellenis Day Spa of 39 High St taking out the top prize.



Christmas Day Lunch

Don't spend Christmas on your own this year, join other residents of the Macedon Ranges for a free community Christmas Lunch at Kyneton Town Hall.

Now in its twelfth year, organised by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Cobaw Community Health, the Christmas Day lunch has proven to be very popular and there's limited space so this year's event is for Macedon Ranges residents only.

Bookings essential for catering purposes. Places are limited. Call 1300888802 (Mon-Fri 8am-3pm) to book.

If you would like to come to the lunch but have no other means of transport, please call Steph Harper on 54220258. The event is alcohol-free.

Windarring Wing Ding

Windarring's end of year concert will take place on Sun Dec 15 in the Kyneton Masonic Centre 7 Yaldwyn St West at 2pm.

It features music, performance, disco and fun with doors opening at 1.30pm.

Tickets are \$10.

All are welcome.

Tickets will be available at the door but to book call 54227001.

Kyneton District Services

Accountants

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

Acupuncture

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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Auto Services & Repairs

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

Barber

Quick Snips	9 High St
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Catering

Taste-full Catering	0429326987
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Chiropractor

Dr Rohan Kapoor	5422 6488
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Concreting & Paving

MBC Concreting & Paving	0417545159
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Dental

Campaspe Dental	5422 3988
Kyneton Dental	5422 6159

Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners	5422 1503
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Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics	5422 2182
Kyneton Electrics	5422 1369

Fabric & Haberdashery

Alice in fabricland	0439993389
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Financial Planning

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

Florist

About Flowers	5422 7779
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Hair & Beauty

Studio 48	5422 1200
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Indoor Play Centre

BugALugs	5422 2767
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Legal Practices

Palmer Stevens & Rennick	5422 6500
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LP Gas Supplies

Hendersons the Gas People	5422 7408
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Massage

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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Medical Practices

Campaspe Family Practice	5422 2877
Kyneton Medical Centre	5422 1397

Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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Osteopath

Drs Isabel Mettler & Clare Greig	0423852874
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Real Estate

Ray White Kyneton	5422 2127
RT Edgar	5422 3325

Town Planning Services

Crossroads Town Planning	5422 2235
Macaulay Town Planning	5422 3054

Travel Services

Renee@Travel Managers	0418369411
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Veterinarians

Kyneton Veterinary Hospital	5422 1099
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Video Production & Live

Australasian Audio Visual	5422 3791
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Wheelie Bin Cleaning

Macedon Ranges Wheelie Clean	0427506810
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Kyneton Events Calendar

Thu Dec 12	'Sunday Too Far Away' Kyneton Town Hall 10.30am 'The Kooranda Killing' Kyneton Town Hall 2pm
Fri Dec 13	Rocky Horror Night Bluestone Theatre 7.30pm
Sat Dec 14	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8-1pm Kyneton Community Market Uniting Church Grounds Ebdon St 8-1pm Exhibition Launch 'Animal Nation' Stockroom Piper St 4.30-8pm Picnic with the Bats Bald Hill Reserve 6-9pm
Sun Dec 15	Windarrang Wing Ding Kyneton Masonic Centgre Yaldwyn St W 2pm
We Dec 18	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Thu Dec 19	Social @ The Social Foundry 11am
Fri Dec 20	Carols by Barrels Shamrock Hotel 7.30pm
Sun Dec 22	Community Carols St Paul's Church Yaldwyn St W 7.30pm
We Dec 25	Christmas Day Lunch Kyneton Town Hall 11.30-2pm
Tue Dec 31	New Year's Eve at the RSL Kyneton RSL 8.30pm-12.30am
We Jan 1	Hanging Rock Races Hanging Rock Racecourse 11am
Fri Jan 10	Night Walk at Hanging Rock Hanging Rock Reserve 7pm
Sat Jan 11	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8-1pm Kyneton Community Market Uniting Church Grounds Ebdon St 8-1pm Exhibition Launch 'Tape' Showcase Stockroom Piper St 4.30-8pm
Thu Jan 16	U3A Kyneton Sign Up Day Red Brick Hall Yaldwyn St W 10am -
Sat Jan 25	Elton John Yellow Brick Road Concert Hanging Rock 4pm
Sun Jan 26	Australia Day Breakfast Kyneton Mechanics Reserve 8am Elton John Yellow Brick Road Concert Hanging Rock 4pm
Mon Jan 27	Hanging Rock Races Hanging Rock Racecourse 11am
We Jan 29	Kyneton Community Lunch TBC Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Sat Feb 1	Kyneton Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Wed Feb 5	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Fri Feb 7	Night Walk at Hanging Rock Hanging Rock Reserve 7pm
Sat Feb 8	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8-1pm Kyneton Community Market Uniting Church Grounds Ebdon St 8-1pm Launch 4 Exhibitions Stockroom Piper St 4.30-8pm
Sun Feb 9	Classic Car Display Hanging Rock 9-2pm
Wed Feb 11	Annual Walk & Talk Kyneton Cemetery Redesdale Rd 6pm Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Thu Feb 13	Kyneton Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Sat Feb 15	Film Night 'Picnic at Hanging Rock' Hanging Rock 7pm
Wed Feb 19	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Institute 12.30pm
Thu Feb 20	Kyneton Connect Delivery Day
Fri Feb 21	'Lennon Through a Glass Onion' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm

Rocky Horror Night

A pretty wacky time is in store at Kyneton's Bluestone Theatre in Hutton St on Fri Dec 13 from 7.30pm onwards. The Rocky Horror Night is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Bluestone Theatre and the Kyneton Theatre Company. It promises to be a fun night.

You can join in a singalong while viewing the Rocky Horror Picture Show and dress up as your favourite character. Bring your own food. Drinks available at the bar. Tickets costing \$20 available at the door or book online via Trybooking.

Australia Day Breakfast Jan 26



Rather than preparing their own breakfast on Australia Day many Kyneton residents join friends to attend the free Australia Day Breakfast in the Kyneton Mechanics Reserve.

The breakfast which starts at 8am on the actual day, Sunday Jan 26, is hosted by the Kyneton Lions Club assisted by other clubs including Kyneton Rotary and Zonta.

Live music will be played and a guest speaker will mark the day.

Racing at the Rock

Hanging Rock Racecourse hosts just 2 race days each year – but what great race days they are.

On New Year's Day and the Australia Day holiday Jan 27 thousands flock to the Rock and to the Racecourse to celebrate and enjoy the ambiance.

Gates open at 11am.



Manager of the Year

Rebecca Hemphill, Manager of the Kyneton RSL has been awarded the prestigious RSL Licensed Sub-Branches of Victoria "Manager of the Year 2019" award.

The award, announced at the Victorian RSLs Hall of Fame Gala Dinner on Nov 23 is presented to a Manager who supports the ethos of the RSL movement, demonstrates responsible and sound financial practises and demonstrates compliance in all regulatory areas and be an active participant in RSL network activities.



Since her appointment to the role of Manager just over two years ago, Rebecca's initiative, creativity and integrity has seen the Sub-Branch flourish and it now boasts in excess of 1800 members.

"Whilst this is an individual award, it would not have been possible without the support of the rest of the staff of the Sub-Branch that Rebecca has nurtured and congratulations go to them also" Kyneton RSL Secretary Mike Grettan said.

The Kyneton Sub-Branch also received a Commendation Award in recognition of the Sub-Branch's performance as a commercial entity throughout 2019.

Daffodil & Arts Festival - 48 years young in 2020



Planning started for the 2020 Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival at its AGM on Dec 3.

President Eric Scoble, Secretary Marg Dearthcott and Treasurer Eric Dearthcott were again elected to lead the team for the 48th Festival in 2020.

The Festival will continue to provide rewarding experiences for business, community members and visitors catering for a wide variety of interests. "We are now seeking additional talented people to assist with the many tasks that keep the Festival vibrant and enjoyable" Secretary Marg Dearthcott said.

"We are always looking for extra volunteers to assist us to carry on the work of the Committee.

"We are looking for people to assist with new exciting events and the One Act Plays, Open Gardens and Scarecrows planned for next year" she said.

To enquire call Marg on 54222282.



A 'daffodil dreaming' scarecrow 2019

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