



# Kyneton Connect



## Town Hall ready for action

The eight month restoration of the historic Kyneton Town Hall in Mollison St, funded jointly by the Federal Government's Community Infrastructure program and Macedon Ranges Shire Council is set to be completed.

And the great live shows and performers we have been missing are already on the KTH events schedule.

In February alone Arj Barker, Anh Do, The Carpenters Songbook and the Travelling Wilburys Sessions will be at the Kyneton Town Hall with bookings already open.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said the Kyneton Town Hall is one of the most substantial rural shire halls in Victoria, a stunning local landmark, and a physical reminder of days gone by.

"A unique combination of 1877-1878 offices and 1929 hall/picture theatre main body, which results in a street facade which dates from both eras and yet appears to have been built as one, these civic buildings in the heart of the town have been at the centre of local government for more than 110 years" she said.

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters said the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the

resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is fantastic to see projects, like the restoration of the Kyneton Town Hall, supported by the Federal government, but we need more funding.

"The list of desired projects far outweighs the funding allocated and I urge the Government to increase their investment in this space."

The Town Hall works included: paint removal and repainting of exterior façade in heritage colours; restoration works to the chimneys; restoration works to windows and the installation of additional façade lighting to complement and enhance the heritage aesthetic of the Town Hall.

## Awards to local businesses



Bug a Lugs staff by White Shutter Photography

Two Kyneton businesses received accolades at the 2021 Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards announced on Nov 26.

Bug a Lugs Indoor Play Centre & OSHC took the Excellence in Professional Services Award.

Owner-Director of Bug a Lugs, Jules Clapham said that after a full on year Bug-A-Lugs was very proud to be included in the Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards.

"The members of the team who attended, had a really nice evening meeting amazing local business owners.

"We felt very honoured to win the Award" Jules said.

Animus Distillery won the Excellence in Agribusiness and Food Manufacturing Award.

## Kinder nears completion



Crs Pearce & Anderson, Mary-Anne Thomas, Alistair Rayner & Julie Arnaphy Kyneton PS with Will Petherbridge of Sensum

Last Friday Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas visited the new Kyneton Kindergarten in Edgecombe St to inspect progress.

Over the past 2 months work on the new kinder has progressed rapidly and it is now nearing completion.

"Kyneton Kinder will provide those families with the facilities, support, and resources they need to prepare their children for their formal learning journey at school.

"It will support the roll-out of subsidised kinder for three-year-olds when that is introduced next year

"This project will deliver an educational hub for the Kyneton community with Kyneton Primary School next door" Ms Thomas said.

The Macedon Ranges Shire population is growing swiftly, increasing the demand on early childhood services.

As reported in the October *Kyneton Connect* projected completion date is early 2022 which it appears will indeed be the case.

On completion children currently attending Lady Brooks Kindergarten will move to the new site.

## Kyneton Community Carols

St Pauls Church in Yaldwyn St West will host the Kyneton Community Christmas Carols from 7pm Dec 19. Featured will be the Municipal Band and the Rotary Choir.

All are welcome to attend the evening which will feature all the favourite carols and a special visit from Santa.



## Works for Kyneton High

The next major stage of building works at Kyneton High School, will start at the beginning of 2022. The works will deliver a brand-new building, accommodating new Science, Art and Food Technology classrooms, located close to the Innovation Technology Hub.

There is also extensive refurbishment to the Heritage Building in Epping Street to provide new Drama and Music learning areas, co-located with the historic school hall to create a performing arts precinct on campus.

Demolition of the older buildings on either side of the heritage building will open up the site, and landscaping to create a central 'agora' space will enhance the connections between the learning area buildings.

"These works provide another step toward the realisation of the Master Plan which is transforming the school into a modern educational environment with excellent facilities, a fitting backdrop for a school that is thriving and seeing very positive growth in student numbers" Principal Ana Rees said.

## Christmas decorations



Kyneton, through traders association Business Kyneton, has joined neighbouring towns in erecting metal Christmas Trees this year.

"We're encouraging families to bring along their own decorations for the smaller trees while enjoying our large Community Tree in the Kyneton Mechanics Reserve, all of which are lit up at night with festive solar lights.

Many business have their own window decorations and the Kyneton CWA Christmas flags have been placed in the shopping precinct by members of the Rotary Club.



## ADFAS CV ceasing operation

After 16 successful years presenting a diverse and informative lecture programme on diverse Arts related topics in the Macedon Ranges, ADFAS (Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society) Central Victoria is sadly ceasing operation at the end of this year.

"Unsurprisingly, over the past two years, ADFAS CV has experienced difficulties related to the Pandemic combined with the reality of being unsuccessful in recruiting volunteers to continue with the Society's annual lecture series and special events" ADFAS CV Chair Nicky Peters said.. Ms Peters and the 2021 Committee would like to thank past and present members for their ongoing support and loyalty.



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## Zonta's birthing kit day

Kyneton Zontians engaged in the assembly of birthing kits late last month when the Zonta team put together 400 kits to be shipped to developing countries for use by midwife helpers for mothers living in unsanitary places.

Each of the kits contains 6 items necessary for a basic yet clean birth, a piece of plastic, rubber gloves, gauze, soap, string and a razor blade and are designed to address the colossal death rate of women in developing countries due to infections which are entirely preventable in a clean environment. "At a cost of \$5 each and shipped with the help of Foreign Affairs, these simple items are so easily provided by us."



"Kyneton Zonta continues to fund raise to support this project and others to assist women and families both here and overseas" Zonta's Service Director Margaret Lynch said.

"Zonta always welcomes prospective new members and is happy for others interested in joining with us at our next Birthing Kits assembly days."

Also during November and December Kyneton Zonta has taken part in the 16 days of activism, saying No to violence against women and as always, saying Yes to gender equality.

For more information about the Zonta Club of Kyneton and Zonta International contact Margaret on 0408542766.

## Community Directorate back

The return to a four directorate structure announced by new Macedon Ranges Shire Council CEO Bernie O'Sullivan at the end of November has been welcomed by residents' group Kyneton Connections publishers of *Kyneton Connect*.

"Many community organisations had been concerned by the dismantling of the Community Directorate by

the previous CEO which they saw as a reduction in the emphasis of the Council of its connection to residents and community groups" Kyneton Connections President Eric Derricott said.

We applaud Bernie O'Sullivan for re-instating it.

The Council will transition to a four directorate arrangement in early 2022, which includes the establishment of a community-focused directorate. The four directorates will include:

*Assets and Operations Directorate;*

*Community Directorate;*

*Corporate Directorate; and*

*Planning and Environment Directorate*

Mr O'Sullivan said that the move to 4 directorates "provides a clear signpost that our focus is squarely on partnering with and delivering for the community, and doing it in a way that puts the customer in the centre of our work,"

## Boxes 4 You

The four Condliffe sisters, Janice, Angela, Katy and Alison, need your help to send boxes of gifts to health care workers and staff, who work in the wards most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The sisters send boxes of gifts, with art work from children, to health care staff to show support during this difficult time.

"It is a way we can all do something positive during this pandemic."

They plan to send more boxes and would love donations of pens, stationary, lip balms, hand creams, lollies, socks, face creams, any Christmas themed items, children's artwork, and homemade items.

Items can be (contactless) dropped off at: 33 Simpson St Kyneton or 1 George St, Kyneton.

For more information please email: [boxes4you33@gmail.com](mailto:boxes4you33@gmail.com)

Facebook: Boxes 4 you from your regional kind towns.



## Netball coaches appointed



Kyneton Football Netball Club has appointed its 2022 Netball Coaches with some impressive additions to the line-up.

Among the coaches is Di Guest-Oakley, who has played an integral part in the club for a number of years in developing up and coming players and bridging the gap between playing junior and senior netball. Di will be stepping into an A grade coaching role.

In A-Reserve new recruit Tayla Young will take the reins.

Tayla has had significant playing, coaching and managing experience, having created and successfully run the Glenroy Netball Club.

Teghan Butler is stepping up from her assistant coaching position to take on B grade coaching, whilst well-seasoned netballer and the 2021 B-Reserve Best & Fairest Kirsty Draper is taking on the B-Reserve coaching position.

Another new face, Sam Brown will be stepping in to take the U17's, with his vast netball experience the Club is positive its coaching line-up for season 2022 will boost its professionalism, competitiveness and club morale.

2021 B Grade B&F Winner and KFNC Netball Director, Loryn Savoia said "We are thrilled to announce the signing of 5 coaches across our 5 grades of netball, a significant achievement."

## Library holiday events

The Kyneton Library will be offering two great free events for young people on Jan 14.

At 2.30pm kids 5-10 years can have fun with colour and create a unique and groovy pair of tie dyed socks.

Then at 4pm 10-15 year olds can create super cool and colourful sharpie shoes.

## Library Christmas hours

Kyneton Library will close for Christmas at 3pm on Dec 24. It will reopen with hours 10am – 5pm from Jan 29-31. The Library will be closed Jan 1-3 and will resume usual hours from Jan 4.

## West Ward Councillors' Update



Firstly congratulations to Cr Jennifer Anderson who was re-elected last month as Mayor and Cr Rob Guthrie elected as Deputy Mayor for the next year of Council.

Councillors are all looking forward to continuing to work together and we are so pleased that with restrictions easing, we are able to get out and about and connect in person with people and groups in the community.

Perfect timing for the festive season which is upon us.

Council is pleased to have endorsed the first Community Vision and the new Council Plan 2021-2031 which includes four strategic priorities developed through the Community Vision Assembly's deliberative engagement process.

These are Connecting communities; Healthy environment, healthy people; Business and tourism and Delivering strong and reliable government.

These are two of many important plans, policies and strategic documents that Council have been working on for quite a while that have recently been endorsed, such as the Economic Development Strategy.

We recently held the first in person Josh's Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards after two years and it was welcomed by all who attended.

Many spoke about their teams, their learnings and their support from the community. Congratulations to all those that nominated, were finalists and who were winners in the various categories.

Macedon Ranges Produce won the Business of the Year and reflected on the richness and quality of our local producers who they showcase, support and champion. It was a fitting end to the evening.

All three Councillors attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the Kyneton Senior Citizens.

It was a lovely lunch gathering sharing memories and history.

We all agreed with Marj when she spoke about what it means to be members- companionship, friendship, connections to others, a feeling of worth and belonging and sharing a meal. Congratulations to all the committee and members.

The Environment Strategy 2021 has also recently been endorsed.

Speaking of which, Council was very proud that the "Healthy Landscapes for Healthy Livestock" program was recently acknowledged with an award at the Premiers Sustainability Awards held virtually, which celebrates Victoria's leading innovators in sustainability.

The annual Macedon Ranges Youth Awards were another highlight that was held on-line.

What a wonderful range of diverse, talented, generous and resilient young people we have in our Shire and we congratulate all those nominated.

People are still talking about the recent Fireworks at the Showgrounds.

We know that it has been another challenging year and we are all looking forward to heading in to the new year with a feeling of excitement and hope that many of our favourite events will return in 2022.

We are grateful to all the committees and volunteers of sporting and community groups who have persevered and stayed positive throughout the year.

The Municipal Fire Management Planning Sub Committee met last week and despite the wet weather there is a still a lot of work and collaboration happening with all the agencies leading in to the summer season including preparing, slashing and inspections.

We wish you all a safe and festive Christmas with family, friends and loved ones.

**Crs Janet Pearce, Jennifer Anderson and Mark Ridgeway**

## New Anglican Rector

Rev'd Wayne Landford newly appointed Rector of the Parish of Kyneton-Malmsbury conducted his first service at Kyneton's St Pauls Church on Sun Dec 12.

The Landfords began as a family of 3, Wayne, Fiona and Jessica, until they proudly adopted their 4 long term foster children Hope, Stacey, Ashleigh and Lachlan (all of whom are siblings) in May, 2019.

Wayne and Fiona have served their faith in their community for many years as lay people before choosing to explore full time ministry in 2009. Wayne was ordained in the Diocese of Canberra/Goulburn in 2016.

Most recently Wayne has been Rector at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Crookwell, NSW.

The Kyneton Community Carols to be conducted at St Pauls at 7pm on Sun Dec 19 will be an excellent opportunity to meet Wayne.



## Pandemic Payment extended

The Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters has expressed relief that the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment will remain available until 30 June 2022.

This payment is for people who can't earn an income because they have been directed by a state or territory health official to self-isolate or quarantine, or they're caring for someone with COVID-19 or someone who has been asked to self-isolate or quarantine.

"Across the Bendigo electorate, a number of schools have had to close for deep cleans.

"Hundreds of students and staff are in isolation because they are close contacts to people who have been infected with COVID-19.

"Hopefully, this payment will help local parents who may need time off from work to care for their children who are close contacts to infected classmates," Ms Chesters said.

Details of the payment and how to access it can be found on the Services Australia website.

## Women's wood-work classes



*Instructor Bob Grubb and two of the first course graduates, Maggie Hopkins and Susie Kilby*

Kyneton Men's Shed, which pioneered the Macedon Ranges woodwork classes for women, is again seeking registrations from women wanting to undertake the 7-week course in 2022.

The first course, which still has some vacancies, will start on Feb 1.

The coordinator, Maggie Hopkins, who was one of the first graduates, says the classes are fun, extremely educational and useful, and have proven immensely popular.

She said each 7-week course was for a maximum of six ladies and would fill up fast.

"The course's instructors are highly professional, and encourage the 'students' to be 'hands on', and ensure the participants learn in a very safe environment.

"At the conclusion, each woman will have learned how to use hand and hand power tools safely, and will come away with an extremely useful tool or garden equipment carrier.

"Each graduate can subsequently become an associate Shed member and undertake her own projects under the watchful eyes of experienced instructors."

Maggie encouraged women wanting to learn about woodwork, and the operation of basic wood work equipment to contact her by emailing her on [petemag@iinet.com](mailto:petemag@iinet.com) or calling her on 0437584979.

## Essential equipment for CFAs

Local Member Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that seven Macedon electorate CFAs will share in \$599,696 to provide essential operational equipment, vehicles, appliances and minor facility improvements.

Local CFAs benefitting include: Langley-Barfold: station extension; Malmsbury: lithium-ion positive pressure fan; Spring Hill: ultra-light tanker and Trentham: generator.

## Summertime Fling Festival

In January cellar doors across the Macedon Ranges will hold a series of events as part of the Summer Fling Festival.

This event was so well received last year it is back and bigger, better and brighter, with 40 events held at over 12 wineries over four weekends, promoting everything wine, food and fun.

The Festival runs from Jan 8 to 30.

The Macedon Ranges Vignerons' Association is running the event to encourage lovers of wine and food to take a well-earned break and to enjoy the fun of summer by sharing with family and friends in the fresh air and scenic wide-open spaces that is the Macedon Ranges and its wineries.

Wineries near Kyneton that are participating include Kyneton Ridge, Zig Zag Road Winery and Granite Hills Winery.

This is a great opportunity to reconnect with people you may not have seen for a long-time in an easily accessible, central location – that also happens to be stunningly picturesque.

Visit [macedonrangeswine.com.au](http://macedonrangeswine.com.au) for tickets and more information.



## Soft Plastics recycling

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is conducting a six month soft plastics recycling trial with local recycling company, Victorian Regional Recyclers.

To recycle your soft plastics simply drop them off at Council's transfer stations in Kyneton, Woodend or Romsey.

This service will be free for all Macedon Ranges Shire residents and businesses.

Soft plastics are plastics that can be scrunched in your hand and bounce back to their original shape, or flexible films such as bubble wrap or cling wrap.

These plastics cannot be recycled through the co-mingled kerbside recycling bin.

What can be recycled as part of the soft plastics recycling trial:

**Plastic bags** including reusable shopping bags (polypropylene), bulk bags, for example rice bags, dry pet food and stock feed bags and bulka bags.

**Plastic films** including bubble wrap, cling wrap and plastic film from grocery items, pallet wrap and shrink wrap.

**Other plastic items** including bread bag tags (collected separately in a clear plastic bag) and plastic bottle caps (collected separately in a clear plastic bag).

Plastics must be completely dry and free of food and other products. Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics) for a comprehensive list of what can and cannot be recycled as part of the soft plastics recycling trial.

## The Big Summer Read

The Big Summer Read will take place at Kyneton Library these holidays.

The Read aims to arrest children's reading 'summer slide' by engaging children and their families in a fun and dynamic campaign.

To participate simply register at the Kyneton library or via the Goldfields library website.

The more books you read and challenges you complete, the more chances you have to win some great prizes.

Join today and receive a receive a limited Summer Read show bag at the Kyneton Library.

The Big Summer Read continues until Jan 31.

## Fire Restrictions start Dec 20

Fire restrictions for the Macedon Ranges Shire will commence at 1am Dec 20.

After that time residents cannot burn off without a permit.

Unless otherwise advised the Fire Danger Period for the Macedon Ranges will be active until April 30.

For any localised questions call 54221241.

## What's New in Business

### All new at Kyneton Hotel



Owner General Manager Sam Fielke & partner Lauren

The Hotel on the corner of Mollison and Market Sts has new owners and a new name.

Having previously been called the Newmarket Hotel and then the New Kyneton Hotel it is now simply called The Kyneton Hotel.

There are 3 owners of the hotel including general manager Sam Fielke who has significant experience in the hospitality industry.

Doors opened for the first time on Thursday Dec 9.

Tap beers will include 3 domestic beers with a rotation of 5 craft beers. Wines will be both local and South Australian.

Food from the Hotels own kitchen is on the way with a new chef and staff. In the meantime it will be provided from a visiting mobile kitchen of the renowned Bluebonnet Barbeque.

The Kyneton Hotel will be open 7 days and Bluebonnet BBQ will be there Thur, Fri, Sat & Sun.

### Keighran Criminal Law

Keighran Criminal Law (KCL) is a boutique criminal law firm operated by Heidi Keighran.

After completing VCE at Sacred Heart College Kyneton, Heidi worked in the thoroughbred racing industry before studying law in Melbourne and Europe.

After working for firms in Melbourne, Bendigo and Ballarat, Heidi has returned to set up an office in Kyneton but she acts for clients across the State of Victoria.

Heidi's focus is to provide high quality legal representation to clients facing court with all types of criminal charges.

"It is my belief that a person should not be disadvantaged in the legal system because they cannot afford a lawyer" Heidi said.

"One of the unique differences of KCL is that Victoria Legal Aid funding is available to eligible clients.

"Another important value of KCL is to be approachable and treat people with empathy and respect but always provide excellent legal representation" she said.

Heidi strives to continuously update her skills and is the final stages of studying a Masters of Criminal Practice.

To book an obligation free appointment call 0431904217 or email [heidi@keighranlaw.com.au](mailto:heidi@keighranlaw.com.au).

### New home for Mirrorwood



Highly regarded firewood supplier Mirrorwood has relocated from its former location in Beauchamp St to a new yard in Redesdale Rd Kyneton about 50 metres from Knight Court. Vic Grant's Mirrorwood specialises in red gum and some customers had been alarmed to see the Beauchamp St site had been vacated.

The new Redesdale Rd location with its aggregate surface provides a much improved site for the processing and storage of Vic's popular red gum firewood.

Phone number for Mirrorwood enquiries and orders is still 0427239458.

### Premium Self Storage

A new self-storage facility, Premium Self-Storage has opened at 6/1648 Kyneton-Metcalf Rd Kyneton.

The site also has space available for boats, caravans and shipping containers.

To enquire phone 44112799.



### Kokobella Boutique



Over the past few weeks Theoni, who has previously had an on-line business, has established a Pop Up shop at 66A Piper St.

Kokobella Boutique has clothing to suit women of any age with no item priced at more than \$100.

The Boutique sells 100% linen pants, jeans from size 7 through all half sizes to 16, bo-ho relaxed dresses, skirts and cardigans and also carries vegan leather skirts and jackets.

Theoni said that with every 3 items purchased she offers a free white T-shirt as a reward for shopping at Kokobella.

The Pop-Up shop is open Sat & Sun 10-4pm. Contact Theoni on 0413654637.

### Caravan Furniture Facility



The construction of the new facility of caravan furniture manufacturer Wren Group is nearing completion. The facility is adjacent to Powercor's Kyneton depot.

The purpose built Kyneton facility will not be a retail outlet.

Wren group specialises in creating contemporary, innovative, lightweight caravan furniture delivered pre-assembled to caravan manufacturers.

The head office of Wren Group is in Campbellfield.

### Harvest now has clothing

The Harvest shed at 1/80 Piper Street now carries a line of summer women's clothing to complement their gifts and home wares for sale.

## Jack High



Barry Weeks, Angie Skipper, Courtney Walker, Isabella Toomey-Stevens & Chris Marion

The upstairs restaurant at the Kyneton Bowling Club has reopened with a new name, Jack High, and a new manager Angie Skipper (of Angie's Café).

Opening night was Thur Dec 9.

Angie has an initial 6 month contract to run the restaurant.

Until Feb 1 Jack High will offer great food and drinks 6-8pm Thur, Fri and Sat which can be served both in the restaurant or outside on the Deck.

From Feb 1 an expanded menu will be offered and lunch time meals will be introduced.

Angie is excited by her new venture which arose from Angie Café catering for the wake of her friend and long time Bowling Club member Michael Buckley.

Angie won't be neglecting her popular High St Café though. It will continue to open 8am-4pm Mon-Sat.

## KOR Waterway Restoration



Kyneton on Riverside has been working with Pollen Studio Landscape Architects to restore a disturbed waterway which flows into the Campaspe River.

Flynn Hart, Pollen Director and Registered Landscape Architect said, "Council's environment team asked us to set the 'gold standard' for waterway restoration projects across the municipality and we jumped at the chance to deliver something special at Kyneton on Riverside".

The ambitious plan saw the addition of almost 25,000 plants and transformed a farm drainage line into a diverse ecosystem. Plants were

carefully selected from the local EVC (Ecological Vegetation Class) in consultation with local nurseries, Council officers, contractors and regeneration experts.

"Land management at Kyneton on Riverside has been focused not only on environmental improvement, but also creating unique places for people inspired by all that Kyneton offers" Flynn said.

Hart said of the project, "This is only the first phase of the waterway restoration; we will continue to restore the site's waterways as the project progresses, ensuring all benefit from this exciting transformation".

## Dough Si Dough



The Bakery at 65A High St Kyneton has new owners and a new name: Dough Si Dough, and has been transformed.

Owners Robbie McLeod and his wife Cazz from Eppalock, took possession of the Bakery on Nov 29 and worked tirelessly over the ensuing 2 weeks to open for business on Mon Dec 13.

Key new offering at the Dough Si Dough is yeast free sourdough bread but other breads are available.

Of course it has pastries, cakes and coffee and ready made and made to order sandwiches and rolls.

Hours are 6am-4pm Mon-Fri and 6am-2pm Saturdays. Ph 54221420.

## Business Kyneton AGM

The Annual General Meeting of local traders association Business Kyneton was held on Thur Dec 2. Kate Fairley was re-elected as President for a fourth term.

Tim Ellen changed positions from VP to Treasurer and Julie Duncan was elected Secretary.

Milton Collins has since been elected Vice President supported by our Ordinary Committee Members, Renee Millard and Grace Larson.

Business Kyneton will be holding its Annual Networking Event in early 2022 followed by its regular After Work Catchups which move between the various venues in town

as a casual catch up event for local business owners.

"Special thanks to our outgoing Treasurer Craig Chester who was a valued committee member for several years.

"2022 Memberships are now open and available through our website" President Kate Fairley said.

## Kyneton RSL News

The Kyneton RSL is back to full operation with no density limits and no overall patron limits.

However, patrons will all need to be double-vaccinated and proof will be required for entry to the venue.

The Club is expecting a surge in patronage now and is encouraging those planning to have lunch, dinner or a party to book.

The Welfare Office is again open at the RSL on Tuesdays 10am – 2pm or at other times by arrangement. If you are a veteran in need of welfare assistance please call the RSL to make an appointment.

Those who have visited the RSL in the past couple of weeks will have noticed a display of commemorative artwork in the Bistro.

Last year the Kyneton RSL was approached by the Kyneton Art Group to sponsor their art exhibition, which is normally conducted in conjunction with the Daffodil & Arts Festival.

The RSL suggested that they might wish to include a commemorative section in their exhibition.

Unfortunately COVID-19 caused the cancellation of the Festival, however, a number of artists still went ahead with commemorative artwork and the result has been on display at the RSL.

Also on display in the RSL are two Boer War medals that were recently awarded to our Senior Vice President, Brian Turley, on behalf of Lieut. George Witton, his great uncle.

George Witton, along with Harry "Breaker" Morant and Peter Handcock, were all sentenced to death by firing squad for alleged war crimes during the Boer War.

George had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment by Lord Kitchener and spent four years in prison in England before being released.

The other two were executed by firing squad.

## Around the Galleries

### The Stockroom 98 Piper St

New opening hours

Mon:& Tues closed, Wed by appointment. Thur, Fri, Sat 10.30-5.00, Sun 11-3pm.

Exhibition from 04 Dec to 09 Jan

Jason Waterhouse

Domestic presents a dystopian vision where everything and nothing is real.



Becc Orszag

*Intermission*—an exhibition of drawings, sound and sculpture

Honor Freeman

*In Search Of Ordinary* - a careful observation of the domestic realm and the ordinariness of the everyday

### Art on Piper 44 Piper St

Art on Piper has expressed their respect and congratulations to their dear Patron, Dorothy Enders, who recently enjoyed her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday and keenly observes what AOP's twenty four artists are up to during her visits.

Dot was one of the founding creatives who started the Kyneton Art Group over forty years ago and participated in their latest annual exhibition, and has resumed her weekly sessions with them.

You can find her display of paintings, drawings or textiles, and always on-point poetry near the Art on Piper front door, paired with the monthly changing window theme.

She makes creative bookmarks as keepsakes, a reminder of the gallery for locals and tourists alike.

Open 7 days from 10-4pm  
[www.artonpiper.com](http://www.artonpiper.com)



### The Old Auction House 56 Mollison St

*Mornington Peninsula Matriarchs* - Dec 9 - Jan 3, 2022

Women are at the forefront of art, despite men being in centre stage. Meet 11 women trying to fight for space in the art scene.

*Over the Horizon* - Jan 6 - Jan 31

Explore the beauty of landscapes that surround us in a group exhibition featuring many styles

*Kitty Calvert* - Feb 3 - Feb 28

Discover unique one-off sculptures created from a desire to reuse and recycle discarded treasures.

### Birds of a Feather lunch

After a successful launch event last month with over 60 attendees, the team behind the Birds of Feather lunches have organised another.

Guest speaker Hang Vo came to Australia in the late 1970s as a Vietnamese boat refugee and has experienced what it feels like to be excluded and out of place.

As Board Chair of the Victorian Pride Centre, Australia's first purpose-built hub for the LGBTQ+ community, this experience at a young age has driven Hang's deep commitment to creating a more just, inclusive and fair society. Hang is also CEO of Whitelion Youth, which provides mentoring, job training and other supports for vulnerable young people.

The event, which will continue quarterly next year, will take place this Fri Dec 17 at the Shamrock Hotel in Kyneton and offers an opportunity for adults who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex to connect.

To register your interest or for further information, contact Belinda Brain on 5421 1666 [belinda.brain@scchc.org.au](mailto:belinda.brain@scchc.org.au).

### Ray M Begg Auxiliary

As the year draws to a close Ray M Begg Auxiliary has reported a successful year of operations.

Their year concluded with a Christmas stall at the Rotary Community Market. All the funds raised by the Auxiliary are spent on items to enhance the care of the residents at RM Begg.

At the recent AGM office bearers for the coming year were determined; President is Rosemary Bain, Secretary - Susan Jones and Treasurer, Jan Young.

Anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary will be made most welcome, and can contact Rosemary on 44048603 for details.

### Kyneton's convict ancestry

The recently released book by historian Janet McCalman "*Vandemonians – the repressed history of colonial Victoria*" includes a chapter with new information about early Kyneton residents who had been convicts who settled in Kyneton after coming here from Tasmania.

In March next year Janet hopes to hold a get together in Kyneton for descendants of those Vandemonians.

"Vandemonians were former convicts from Van Diemen's Land, now Tasmania" Janet said.

"They came with the squatters who carved up Victoria and populated it with six million sheep by 1850.

"They drank and womanised in Melbourne and Geelong and could be relied upon for dirty work on the frontier.

"Then came the gold, and they arrived in their tens of thousands from across Bass Strait. 'Vandemonian pollution' screamed the press and the new free settlers.

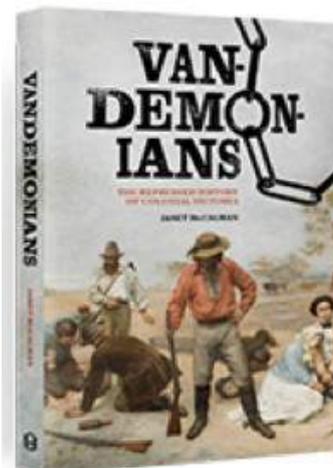
"As experienced bush workers and first on the scene, they were very successful diggers.

"Some drank their fortune away in a delirium of joy at their sudden riches, but others quietly returned to normal life, either in colonies or their native places" Professor McCalman said.

One was Michael McLoughlin, who bought land at Lauriston and made Kyneton his home. His grandson made a mark on Australian history, but Michael never disclosed his convict past to his family. James Dowsett was another farmer whose legacy in Kyneton continues to this day.

Kyneton was a place on the road to the Diggings, but it was also a place to settle for farmers, tradesmen, and itinerant bush workers.

The story of Kyneton's Vandemonians is one of the many in the book.



## Kyneton High graduates giving back to their old school



Kyneton High School recently initiated an alumni program, connecting former students (alumni) with their old school to talk about their post-school education journey and career path.

With a growing spectrum of alumni working across a range of industry sectors, former students help motivate students and open their eyes to opportunities they may never have thought of, whilst sharing relevant industry knowledge, advice and practical experience.

Recent advice received from Kyneton High School alum Huw Davey, Laboratory Technician;

“Study what you find interesting - and learn everything you can! Don't stress about not knowing what you want to do, or if you're making the wrong decision about what you're learning. I took a very round-about way to get where I am today, but I wouldn't change how I got here”.

Jayne Boyer, Electorate Officer and Master of Law student echoed this, stating;

“Take all the experiences you can and don't worry about being something, it's about doing something with your life and enjoying the journey along the way”.

Robert Potter, Clinical Psychologist, recently shared some advice with adapting to change;

“Things didn't always go my way with my study pathway - I took time off studies when I couldn't get into the course I wanted, and volunteered instead to gain work experience.

An important lesson I learned was there are often different ways to achieve your goals, and it's worth taking the time and effort to get there in the end.

Additionally, it was an experience that taught me changing your plans, Kyneton High School would like to

hear from former students doing a job they love, who wish to give back to the school.

They are reaching out to a range of people with different ages, backgrounds, interests and at different stages of their careers to be involved.

Please contact Lucy King [alumni@kynetonhigh.vic.edu.au](mailto:alumni@kynetonhigh.vic.edu.au) for more information, or the Alumni's facebook page.

## Kyneton Community House

The Kyneton Community House will be taking a break from Dec 17

The childcare service will resume on Jan 17 and the office will re-open on Jan 31.

Many activities are scheduled for Term One 2022 including the Whole Town Garage Sale, which at this stage looks like it will be scheduled in late March.

There are several free programs running in Term 1, including the Foundations program (formerly Skills for Life).

Foundations is a supported vocational training course which provides holistic personal support to people who may otherwise face barriers to education and training.

The House provides a safe and compassionate space for students to connect with each other and the wider community.

The eight-week course consists of one day a week class work and a group team building experience. Foundations also provides students with a work placement opportunity based on their individual interests and goals once they have completed the eight weeks of learning.

The Foundations program hours can be counted towards Centrelink mutual obligation requirements under Job Seeker and Disability Support payments.

During term 4 this year the Community House has run a Community Art Project at its new premises at 35 High St.

The project is a large scale mural in the premises, and the students have been working hard collaborating to come up with an agreed vision.

The mural will be unveiled during Term 1 2022.

Another Community Art Project will be run during in term 1.

It is free and open to people of all ages and abilities, with no art experience necessary.

The Term 1 Brochure is available for viewing on the Kyneton Community House website, with most classes being available for online booking.

## Looking forward to a big year

The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival met earlier this month at its Annual General Meeting.

President Peter Henderson welcomed the prospect of the Festival's 50<sup>th</sup> year planned for 2022 with only one change to the Festival's executive, Geoff Barrett taking over as Vice President from long-standing VP Jim Peucker.

The Festival is looking forward to a special celebration of old and new events with the Light Show, postponed from 2021, to take place on April 8 during the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival.

This final part of the production is being funded by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Autumn Festival's Events and Activities fund.

“We intend to hold another Light Show in September as part of our regular Festival” Peter said.

A Commonwealth Volunteers grant facilitated through the Office of Lisa Chesters MP for Bendigo will assist with the purchase of sound equipment and for bollards.

“Early next year we will have a major raffle donated by one of our major sponsors, RT Edgar with first prize a \$5,000 travel voucher along with prizes from other local supporters, David & Traudi Bibby and Dean and Sherril Lamb. We are very appreciative of the support of all of our major sponsors who have agreed to roll over their sponsorship to 2022” Peter said.

For more information and to be part of the Festival phone Secretary Marg on 54222282.



Earlier Light Show by Jim Coad Page 9

## U3A looks forward to 2022



*Last U3A bushwalk for 2021*

U3A Kyneton has concluded their activities for 2021.

The last function for U3A Kyneton was held at the Malmsbury Reservoir on Fri Dec 10 where sausages, salads and cake were provided for members and tutors. Members were thanked for their wonderful and dedicated work during a difficult year.

U3A's courses are currently being developed for 2022. Enrolment day is Jan 14 at the Red Brick Hall Kyneton. On-line enrolments are open from Jan 10.

There are over forty courses being offered in the first semester of 2022. There will be undoubtedly something for everyone.

Course information is available on the U3A Kyneton website.

For further information visit [www.u3akyneton.org.au](http://www.u3akyneton.org.au) or email [info@u3akyneton.org.au](mailto:info@u3akyneton.org.au) alternatively have a friendly chat with Roni on 54222552 or Peter 0439360763.

## Tree pruning

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has commenced the annual electric line tree pruning and maintenance program in Kyneton and Gisborne.

The Council is responsible for these works in the towns of Kyneton and Gisborne, with Powercor and Jemena power companies responsible for these works for the rest of the shire.

The program inspects street trees and power lines and undertakes works to ensure public safety and prevent electricity supply interruptions caused by overhanging vegetation near powerlines.

The program is an important part of the Council's fire prevention works.

All electric line vegetation maintenance work will comply with the Electricity Safety Act (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020.

The regulations stipulate minimum safe clearances between trees and powerlines.

The Council anticipates that the works will be complete by the end of January.

## Angling Club's stunning year

Despite dodging Covid lockdowns and stoppages the Kyneton Angling Club has managed to put in a great year of fishing.

It won the Castlemaine/Kyneton Shield in April. and president John won the perpetual Shield for biggest fish at the Midland Shield.

Events have been run when and if we could and members fished if they could. The Cummings family had a great year winning and catching fish. club awards and trophies.

As this is being written the club is running a Cod Opening event in conjunction with OZfish at Bridgewater.

The presentation and Christmas drinks /BBQ will be held at Lauriston Dam at 5pm on Wed Dec 15.



*John Condliffe with the biggest fish*

## Positive Role Modelling

With the Macedon Ranges having higher than average state and national suicide rates and men being disproportionately represented in the statistics, VicHealth has funded a project to help improve the health and wellbeing of local men and boys.

Led by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, the initiative called #thehumancode, is inviting members of the community who are interested in improving the lives of men and boys in the Macedon Ranges to participate in a series of workshops.

As one of 12 suicide prevention trial sites in Victoria, research was carried out in the Macedon Ranges as part of the project which found that some local men: Value stoicism and feel reluctant to seek help, often waiting until they are at crisis point before doing so; Experience feelings of shame when they do seek help; Rely on alcohol in order to be comfortable talking about their emotions

The workshops, which will be

facilitated by trainers Tomorrow Man and Man Cave Academy, will explore some of these concepts and their potential for harm.

More importantly, participants will be supported in trialling conversations and activities that challenge these outdated beliefs and provide positive and healthy alternatives.

If you are a man who is in a mentoring or leadership role with adolescent males, or the parent or carer of an adolescent male, please contact [kathryn.chai@scchc.org.au](mailto:kathryn.chai@scchc.org.au) to find out more.

## Recycled water for farmers

Kyneton farmers and businesses will soon have access to recycled water, following construction of a 13-kilometre recycled water pipeline project.

Once complete the \$7.5 million pipeline will extend north east of the Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant providing up to 300 megalitres per annum of recycled water to irrigate 60 hectares of previously dry farmland – and contributing to a healthier Campaspe River.

The new pipeline is part of Coliban Water's Kyneton Solutions Project, which is upgrading storage and treatment facilities at the Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant to cater for the region's growth and protect the Campaspe River by reducing the likelihood of emergency discharges during wet weather events.

As part of the project, the Andrews Labor Government secured \$3.75 million from the Commonwealth Government's National Water Grid Authority, with the remainder funded by Coliban Water.

The Crofton Park property will be the first to benefit from the new pipeline following an EOI process, land capability assessment and a commitment from the owner to partner long-term with Coliban Water.

Under the agreement on-farm infrastructure will be installed, including pivot irrigators, pumps, pipes and land preparation, which will provide water security for summer crops.

Once the project is complete and the first customer is up and running, approved agriculture customers located along the pipeline will be connected for irrigation purposes.

For more information on the project visit: [connect.coliban.com.au/kyneton-solutions-project](http://connect.coliban.com.au/kyneton-solutions-project).

## Kyneton District Services

### Accountants

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

### Acupuncture

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

Kyneton Auto Spares & Repairs	5422 1255
Vereker Bros Smash Repairs	5422 2603

### Barber

Quick Snips	0400808157
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### Chiropractor

Performance One	5422 6488
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### Concreting & Paving

MBC Concreting & Paving	0417545159
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### Dental

Campaspe Dental	5422 3988
Kyneton Dental	5422 6159

### Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners	5422 1503
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### Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics	5422 2182
Kyneton Electrics	5422 1369

### Fabric & Haberdashery

Alice in fabricland	0439993389
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### Financial Planning

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

### Hair & Beauty

Studio 48	5422 1200
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### Holistic Health

Ray Holistic Health	0416717792
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### School Aged Childcare

BugALugs	5422 2767
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### Landscaping

Andrew Pearce Landscaping	0404076423
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### Legal Practices

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

Hendersons the Gas People	5422 7408
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### Massage

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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### Medical Practices

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

### Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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### Osteopath

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

Ray White Kyneton	5422 2127
RT Edgar	5422 3325

### Rideshare

Red Rideshare	0488875683
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### Town Planning Services

Macaulay Town Planning	5422 3054
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### Travel Services

Renee@Travel Managers	0418369411
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### Veterinarians

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

Australasian Audio Visual	5422 3791
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## Kyneton Events Calendar

Thu Dec 16	Christmas Party Race Day Kyneton Racecourse 11am-
Sun Dec 19	Kyneton Community Carols St Paul's Church 7pm
Sat Jan 1	New Year's Day Races Hanging Rock 11am-
Sat Jan 8	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Uniting Church grounds 8.30-1pm
Wed Jan 12	Electronic Music Adventure Kyneton Town Hall 9.30-12.30 & 1.30-4.30p
Thur Jan 13	Electronic Music Adventure Kyneton Town Hall 9.30-12.30 & 1.30-4.30p
Fri Jan 14	Electronic Music Adventure Kyneton Town Hall 9.30-12.30
Wed Jan 26	Australia Day Races Hanging Rock 11am-
Thur Feb 3	Vision Australia Auxiliary Meeting Uniting Church Hall 1.30pm
Sat Feb 5	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am-
Wed Feb 9	Arj Barker Comes Clean Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Thur Feb 10	Anh Do— The Happiest Refugee Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Sat Feb 12	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Uniting Church Grounds 8.30-1pm
Sun Feb 13	Superstar—The Carpenters Songbook Kyneton Town Hall 3pm
Sat Feb 19	The Travelling Wilburies Sessions Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm

## 2022 Calendar Highlights

Jan 1st	Hanging Rock New Year's Day Races	Hanging Rock
Jan 26th	Australia Day Races	Hanging Rock
Mar 9	Zonta's International Women's Day Dinner	
Mar 19-27	Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial	Throughout Kyneton
Apr 2 & 3	Autumn Flower Show	Watts Pavilion
Apr 8	Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Light Show	Kyneton Mechanics
May 1st	The Great Trentham Spudfest	Trentham
Jun 10-13	Woodend Winter Arts Festival	Throughout Woodend
Sept 1 - 11	Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival	Throughout Kyneton
Sep 1st	Festival Grand Opening Night	Kyneton Mechanics Inst
Sept 2 - 11	Festival Open Gardens	Throughout District
Sept 2 - 11	Festival Scarecrow Competition	Throughout Town
Sept 2 - 11	Festival Art Prize & Rotary Youth Art Exhibs	Kyneton Mechanics Inst
Sep 2-11	Festival Photography Prize Exhibition	The Old Auction House
Sept 2 - 4	Festival of One Act Plays	Bluestone Theatre
Sep 3 & 4	Spring Flower Show	Watts Pavilion
Sep 4th	Kyneton Dog Dash	Kyneton Velodrome
Sep 11th	Festival Parade & Fair	Mollison St
Nov 2nd	Kyneton Cup	Kyneton Racecourse
Nov 18-19	Kyneton Agricultural Show	Kyneton Showgrounds
Nov	M Ranges Food & Wine Budburst Fest	throughout the Ranges
Nov 19th	Malmsbury Village Fayre	Malmsbury

## Electronic Music Adventure



Local artist Aimee Chapman will be conducting an immersive and interactive creative music making experience “Electronic Music Adventure” as part of the Kyneton Town Hall Kids Summer Series.

There will be 5 separate 3 hour sessions between Wed Jan 12 and Fri Jan 14.

Participants will learn how to collect and manipulate sounds using intuitive apps on tablets and iPads.

Children will explore transforming everyday objects into instruments through touch sensors using modular instruments and midi-mapped controllers.

Once participants have spent time exploring their own unique sonic worlds, they are guided into a group performance and improvisation session. This will be recorded and made available to them as a downloadable finished work.

To book call 1300888802 or email [ktickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:ktickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au). Cost is \$12.50.

## Inclusion Award for KFNC

Kyneton Football Netball Club have been named as the winner of the 2021 AFL Victoria Community Award Club Inclusion due to their incredible work in the disability and LGBTQIA+ space.

The KFNC with the help of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council fielded a Football Integration Development Association (FIDA) team in 2021.

It was a huge achievement as the next closest FIDA team is an hours drive away.

With this year starting to wind down, the Tigers are now focused on 2022 and have begun netball and women’s football trials

Women’s Football Director, Eloise Forbes, said “the KFNC Senior Women’s team has been going from strength to strength in the last couple of years in spite of pandemic disruptions.

For more details and to register, go to [www.kynetonfnc.com/womens](http://www.kynetonfnc.com/womens)

## Croquet Season Opening

The Kyneton Croquet Club had their season opening on Sat Dec 4.

Richard Parker, Founder and CEO of Rationale SkinCare opened the Kyneton Croquet Season and officially ran the ‘first hoop’ to get the season underway.

The Croquet Club will again hold their ‘Come and Try’ sessions during the school holidays.

The sessions will be held at 6pm on Monday nights from Jan 10 to Feb 7.

People of all ages and abilities are welcome to come to learn the game.

“Croquet is for people of all ages” Club spokesperson Graham Smith said.



The Club has also proved a popular venue for local groups looking for a new way to celebrate a party or social event.

The Club will provide all equipment and tuition for any groups looking for a new and different fun activity.

The Croquet Club plays Mon, Wed and Sat from 1:30pm and Fri from 10:30am. For more details: [em:kynetoncroquetclub@gmail.com](mailto:em:kynetoncroquetclub@gmail.com); or call Graham 0411707358.

## Racing at the Rock



Two of Australia’s most iconic race meetings will be held at the Hanging Rock Racecourse in January – the New Years Day meeting and the Australia Day meeting.

Both meetings provide the opportunity for a great family outing or for a reunion with friends. Gates open at 11am on both days.

## Sustainability Award for MRSC

Macedon Ranges Shire Council’s ‘Healthy Landscapes for Healthy Livestock’ project was announced winner of the Premiers Choice Regional Recognition Award at the 2021 Premier’s Sustainability Awards on November 23.

The ‘Healthy Landscapes for Healthy Livestock’ project was developed in response to opportunities identified to improve land management outcomes across the Shire.

The program was specifically designed to help address issues around over grazing, weed invasion, loss of native grasslands and reports that some farmers were struggling to afford importing feed stock.

## Kyneton Storywalk

This year families can enjoy three special Christmas stories on a Storywalk through the main streets . Drop into the Library and collect a Storywalk map and entry form.

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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