



# Kyneton Connect



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## Beauchamp Street works



Roadworks were expected to commence in Beauchamp St on Monday February 22 and to take approximately 6-8 weeks.

The Council has advised that for the duration of the works Beauchamp Street will become one-way with entry to Beauchamp St available from Mollison St only and exit via Edgecombe St only.

The Beauchamp St road reconstruction project aims to improve quality of the road surface, improve traffic flow by road widening and reconstruction, and improve drainage capacity and infrastructure.

A signed detour will be in place to ensure that any vehicles who would normally access Beauchamp St from the east will have a clear detour route. Traffic controllers will be on site during the works to assist people with entering and exiting the work site to ensure that confusion is avoided and disruption is minimised.

The works are a jointly funded project between Council and the Federal Government through the Roads to Recovery Program. The total project spend is over \$1 million.

## Whole Town Garage Sale

The Kyneton Whole Town Garage Sale will be held on Sat Mar 27.

Registration of sales is now open and closes on Thur Mar 18 at 12pm.

Register via the Kyneton Community House website. Garage Sales will go on a map to be sold at the Community House 34 Mollison St on the day from 8am-12pm.

## Festival optimism-AGM Mar 2

The organising committee for the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival is optimistic that it will be possible to stage most, if not all, of the regular Festival events in September this year. How to plan for a 2021 Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival will be discussed at its March 2 Annual General Meeting.

The COVID safe meeting will be held at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute Main Hall commencing at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

“Last year it was only possible for great home garden displays, some daffodil barrows about the town and a scarecrow competition due to the pandemic, but this year it is hoped that almost all of our popular events can go ahead” Secretary Marg Dearthcott said.

“The Festival Committee will welcome ideas and help to assist in carrying forward this valuable Kyneton celebration in 2021.”

The Committee are seeking new and continuing volunteers to be part of the team.

Please contact Marg on 54222282 if you can attend.



*Popular street artists Ned and Nellie Narcissus have been icons of the Festival for a number of years.*

## Debra Byrne at the Bluestone



Debra Byrne, who has had an amazing career as the leading lady of stage, television and film, will be performing in the Kyneton Bluestone Theatre on Sat Feb 27 at 8pm.

In her intimate and up-close performance she will be accompanied by Dion Hirini.

Dion is well known for accompanying Vika and Linda Bull as well as many other leading Australian singers and musicians.

This is an unforgettable opportunity to experience one of Australia's great balladeers with one of Melbourne's finest musicians, performing a selection of songs that have beauty and soul.

For more information and all ticket links visit [www.debraanddion.com.au](http://www.debraanddion.com.au).

## Connect and the pandemic

This February issue of Kyneton Connect is being distributed a week later than usual because the five days of lockdown would have made printing, delivery and accuracy of dates very challenging.

We had been and remain excited that for the first time since February last year this issue sees the return of the page 11 Kyneton Events Calendar.

As best we have been able to ascertain at the time of going to print the events in the calendar are proceeding at the locations, dates and times given.

## Town Centre's Future

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking ideas to refresh Kyneton's Town Centre Urban Design Framework with submissions to close on Fri Feb 26.

A brochure outlining the consultation was distributed in the Midland Express and is also on the Council Website via which submissions can be lodged.

The Council deferred its consideration of the broader Kyneton Movement Study in 2019, which was meant to guide Kyneton's development into the 2030s, following strong community criticism of its recommendations, its thoroughness and its accuracy.

Much of its 2008 Urban Design framework was similarly criticised and not implemented.

The Council has stated that on its completion this new Urban Design Framework will be used to inform a redraft of the Kyneton Movement Network Study.

Kyneton Connections (publishers of this newspaper) has welcomed the consultation and is encouraging residents to lodge submissions and include all matters about the town centre, and their ease of using it, of concern to them.

"Although we welcome the consultation we are worried that the Council brochure implies that matters such as pedestrian crossings, improved parking and clarity around the trade off between pedestrian spaces, bike access, parking and vehicle access had been taken on board, yet none of the original Movement Study recommendations addressed them" Kyneton Connections President Eric Dearthcott said.



Mollison High Sts Intersection

"Kyneton Connections also believes that important information from the 2019 Movement Study should have been included to assist residents in framing their submissions.

"The Study for example forecast intolerable traffic congestion in Mollison St and at key intersections by the 2030s.

"The 2019 Study's recommendation of peak time parking bans in large sections of High St and Mollison St should also have been included" Mr Dearthcott said.

### About the 2019 Kyneton Movement Network Study

At its July 2019 Meeting, the Council, directed officers to review this Study and to undertake further targeted stakeholder and community feedback and in particular Kyneton Connections and Kyneton CFA. That consultation is yet to occur.

Among the Study's proposals were speed humps, for Edden, Pohlman, Bodkin, Begg and Edgecombe Sts and proposals for one-way streets to facilitate bike paths including for Yaldwyn St, Sturts St, and Edden St (which contains the Fire Station).

No additional pedestrian crossings were recommended.

No increases in parking spaces were recommended.

Peak traffic projections were clearly wrong: 6 cars per hour in Hutton St, 340 per hour in dead end Blair Drive and 600 per hour in cul de sac Hoyle Crt.

## 2021 Bin collection days

Unlike last year the Macedon Ranges Shire Council has not automatically distributed hard copies of the calendar of the of bin collection cycle to homes this year.

However by going to the Council website there are a few different ways you can find your bin collection day:

You can find out your next collection day by entering your address into the search box;

A bin collection calendar can be downloaded by going to the online mapping tool; or you can request a physical bin collection calendar be sent to you by completing the request form or visiting a customer service centre.

You can also find your collection day on the Waste info app. The app also has the option to set reminders to put the bins out ready for collection day.



## Women's Day Dinner

This year's International Women's Day Dinner, hosted by the Zonta Club of Kyneton, will be held at the Coach Room at the Malmsbury Hotel 89 Mollison St Malmsbury on March 3.



Guest speakers will be Charlotte Powell and Yolanda Mepham of Lighthouse Foundation.

Yolanda and Charlotte will shed light on early and forced marriage in Australia and share their experience working with the Young Women's Freedom Program, delivered by Lighthouse Foundation.

This program represents the first of its kind-a safe home in Australia dedicated to supporting young women who have left or are at risk of entering into an early or forced marriage.

Among the goals of Zonta International is the ending of child marriage worldwide.

This year's Dinner is also supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Tickets for this year's Dinner are \$50 via [trybooking.com/BOOEX](https://trybooking.com/BOOEX) and include a 2 course meal and one complimentary drink - 6:30 for 7pm start. It is strictly a no BYO event. Enquiries to Ronda 0417541371.

## Storytimes at Kyneton Library!

Storytime and Rhymetime programs have resumed at Kyneton Library.

On Mondays the Library will be running 2 shorter Storytime sessions in order to accommodate more families, one at 10.30am and the other at 11am.

These sessions are intended for children age 3-5 years.

On Tuesdays Kyneton Library will run a Rhymetime session at 10.30am especially for children 12 months and younger. After that there will be another Storytime session at 11am.

Families are requested to attend only one session per week and to come early to sign in. Library ph 54221365.

## Harpers Lane subdivision

At a recent submitters committee meeting of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council the proposal for 87 half acre house blocks at the northern end of Harpers Lane was discussed.

Objections ranged from residents of Harpers Lane, Tilwinda Estate, Hill Drive and surrounding areas that stand to be impacted by this development.

Presentations included concerns in relation to the dangerous intersections at both the Lauriston Res Rd and Spring Hill Rd ends of Harpers Lane and the issues that increased traffic – both residential and construction - would pose.

Only one road providing access to and from the development and the narrow nature of the roads within the development itself, manoeuvrability of vehicles, including emergency vehicles were also presented as potential problems.

Objectors also shared how utilities, especially water provision and sewerage were not always reliable in the area and suggested the adequacy of those services needed to be reassessed if there was to be an increased population in this location.

Other areas of concern were the heritage cobblestones of Harpers Lane, the change from acre blocks to half acre blocks and the significant impact that this development would have on the ambience of the area.

Several objectors suggested that instead of access to the sub-division, if it proceeded, off Harpers Lane access roads be created off Lauriston Reservoir Rd near Benmat Engineering.

This would overcome the dangerous exits from Harpers Lane and also addresses the interface between town and country they argued.

The applicant has lodged an appeal to VCAT against the Council's failure to determine the application within the statutory timeframe.

The proposed sub-division was listed for consideration by the Council at its meeting of Wed Feb 24.

The Officers' recommendation was that the Council resolve that the application is not supported.

## Annual daffodil bulb sales



The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival will conduct their annual bulb sales during March and April.

As with last year most sales will be via the Festival's facebook page but the Festival is hoping to be able to arrange some days of sales outside Woolworths as well.

"In 2020 garden owners supported the Festival and made a wonderful display for a Festival like no other during the pandemic" Festival Secretary Marg Dearth said

"With the support of volunteers and Aimee from Kyneton on Riverside, the Committee managed to distribute the many excellent varieties of quality daffodils at reasonable prices".

"Our stock this year includes several varieties we have not sold before" Marg said

The Festival hopes to sell on at least three days during March outside Woolworths.

Watch for notice of these days.

Gardeners can continue to order online by following the Festival's facebook and e-mailing [daffodil@netcon.net.au](mailto:daffodil@netcon.net.au).

Varieties available will be displayed on the Festival facebook page as well as the noticeboard outside the Post Office which will also display future sale dates.

People wishing to be involved with the Festival or Festival Committee can contact Marg ph 54222282.

### Connect deliverers needed

Kyneton Connect is seeking volunteers to assist with deliveries.

Delivery areas take 30 mins to an hour and are undertaken on the third Thursday of each even month.

If you can help call Eric on 54222990 or email [eandmcot@netcon.net.au](mailto:eandmcot@netcon.net.au).

## Edgecombe Rd proposals

The proposal for the development of the east side of Edgecombe Rd which would enable the construction of a service station, McDonalds outlet and a Bunnings store is generating a great deal of debate for and against the proposal.

Planning permits for the developments have been lodged with the Council and also advertised.

Many supporting the proposals see the new businesses as providing significant employment for locals, especially for young people.

An external proponent has suggested hundreds of jobs will be created.

Others in support of the developments see them as a sign of progress for the town and believe travellers will visit the town because of them.

Another argument of those in favour is that given the complex is just out of town it will not affect the nature of the town proper.

Those concerned about the proposed development see it as reducing the number of visitors to the town and many using it as only as stopping point for fuel and food.

They are also concerned that the community cohesion created by almost all business occurring in the town centre will be disrupted.

Although they accept that there would be extra employment at the proposed development they point to potential closure and loss of employment at a broad range of businesses in the town centre.

The ecological and environmental effects of the development are also raised as concerns and there are major concerns around the already highly dangerous and partial dogleg intersection between Saleyards Rd, Edgecombe Rd and Piper's Creek Rd where the new complex would be constructed.

Consideration by the Council of the Planning Applications and submissions about them will occur in the coming weeks.

Kyneton Connect thanks **Ray White Kyneton** of 2 High Street for its sponsorship of this issue by generously meeting the cost of its production.

## West Ward Councillors' Update



The beginning of 2021 is proving to be a very busy time for the Macedon Ranges Shire Council with a number of major proposals, policy decisions and a range of council business to consider.

Many of these important items have direct impact for the towns and communities in the West Ward. Key items of interest include:

*Kyneton Urban Design Framework.*

Residents of and visitors to Kyneton are encouraged to take part in updating our Kyneton Urban Design framework. The framework looks at the future development of the Kyneton town centre, in particular High, Mollison and Piper streets. The framework can be accessed via the Council Website and contributors have until Feb 26 to respond.

*Woodend Community Centre.*

The draft masterplan for the new Woodend Community Centre has been approved by Council and we are now seeking community feedback. The masterplan is available on the Shire website and will also be on display at an upcoming Woodend Farmer's market.

*Malmsbury Botanic Gardens.*

The draft masterplan for the Malmsbury Botanic Gardens was approved and will be available for community feedback and consultation through the council website and a variety of other forums.

*Recruitment of our new CEO*

The Council is currently undertaking the process of finding and appointing a new CEO for the MRSC. We are being assisted in this process by Omera Partners who specialise in senior recruitment for local government.

The position has been advertised and the process of shortlisting candidates has begun.

*Community Engagement Policy –*

Council recently approved our new community engagement policy.

Many thanks go to residents and ratepayers who contributed to the development of the policy.

A key aspect of the new policy is the inclusion of a deliberative engagement process, which will be used to help ensure community participation in the development of our upcoming council plan and as part of our budget process over the next few months.

There are a number of major planning proposals that will potentially have significant impact on our towns – particularly Kyneton – coming up for consideration in the next few months.

We encourage all members of our communities to keep an eye on these proposals and submit your thoughts and ideas to both the shire via the online feedback portal and to us, your local councillors by phone or email.

We also would like to remind everyone that Council will be considering whether to declare a climate emergency at our March meeting and we are keen to hear back from our community for your ideas and opinions on this important issue.

Our contact details are available from the council website and we welcome your feedback on this or any other issue.

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

### **No Autumn Flower Show**

The Kyneton Horticultural Society has announced that for second year in a row, the KHS will not be hosting its Autumn Show due to COVID restrictions.

Monthly members nights are currently also on hold until further notice.

There will however be a bumper sale of hundreds of assorted plants available at the Kyneton Community market on Sat Mar 13 in the grounds of the Uniting Church cnr Yaldwyn St West and Ebden St.

Perfect timing for autumn planting.

### **Reclamation Plant works**

Construction work on a 200-megalitre storage lagoon at Coliban Water's Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant in Redesdale Rd is progressing well.

The embankments of the lagoon are more than 80 per cent complete. The next stage is to complete the base of the lagoon.

The new lagoon is part of Phase 2 works on the multimillion-dollar Kyneton Solutions Project. When completed the lagoon will more than double the storage capacity at the plant.

Combined with the 270-megalitre storage lagoon at Hardwick Meatworks farm property, built by Hardwick's as part of the Phase 1 works, total storage capacity will be more than 600 megalitres.

The storages are part of a sustainable water reuse scheme that will help protect the Campaspe River, support local businesses and agriculture, which Coliban Water believes will serve the growing Kyneton community until 2040.

Completion of the lagoon is anticipated by the end of March, weather permitting.

Construction work started in October 2020.



### **Christmas closures discussion**

Kyneton Business was holding its Annual Networking Event at Musk Lane Wine on the evening of Feb 23.

A keynote panel discussion on the topic of 'Christmas closures' to give it a term, but the broad closures that are happening during peak holiday periods headed the agenda.

The meeting was to hear the results from the EcoDev's recent survey of 50 business owners, hear feedback from operators who traded through this period, and have a general discussion about what to do moving forward.

## Boosting food relief in Kyneton



Mary-Anne Thomas, & Community House's Claire Rawlinson & Geraldine Ramselaar

The Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, has announced Kyneton Community House have received a \$60,560 grant as part of the \$5 million Community Food Relief Fund grant program.

Kyneton Community House will use the grant on their Food for Good Kyneton program. It aims to increase meal production and delivery capability at Kyneton Community House, to provide much needed food relief to community members struggling to meet the needs of themselves and their families.

The grant will allow staff and volunteers in the program to increase capacity by as much as 100 per cent.

## Real Estate demand strong

Local Real Estate agents report that demand for Real Estate in Kyneton and surrounds, indeed throughout the Macedon Ranges has never been stronger.

The demand has been partially fuelled by the pandemic significantly increasing the ability to work from home.

Houses are being snapped up almost as soon as they are listed, demand for rental properties is very high and vacant lots are also moving quickly.

## COVID testing continuing

Kyneton Health continues to offer testing for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) through its Respiratory Assessment Clinic.

Throughput increased significantly during the recent 5 day lockdown.

Members of the community can call 54229900 to book an appointment for testing if they are experiencing any of the symptoms associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19) or have been directed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

## Restomod at Men's Shed

A new project at Kyneton Men's Shed will be a magnet for men of all ages with an automotive background, or interest, to fill in some spare time.

The recent acquisition of a 'barn-find' Honda CX500 motorcycle has created a fresh direction for the Shed, and the opportunity to attract new members interested in automotive restoration.

KMS President, Phil Thomas, is keen to see the Shed grow in numbers and activities.

"With younger men having a broad set of interests, we thought it was time to widen our offering.

"The introduction of a motorcycle restoration project is just one of a number of new additions and changes at the Shed, to supplement our fantastic existing facilities."

"KMS has played an important role in the community since 2002.

"It's offered a place for men to meet up for camaraderie, mateship and support.

"There are those who just want to come and have a chat over a cuppa, and others with wood and metal working skills who make use of the workshop.

"We are looking forward to many new members this year.

"This comes with a need for support from the community, especially donations from businesses or bequests" Phil Thomas said.

The Kyneton Men's Shed is offering tours through the Shed and free membership through until end of June.

Contact the KMS Secretary, Larry White, for more information on the 'Take a Look Around KMS' sessions, or a Membership Application form. Call 0419189879 or email [larryw@bendigo.net.au](mailto:larryw@bendigo.net.au)



## RM Begg fundraising

RM Begg Kyneton Aged Care is again indebted to the community fund raising efforts.

The recent Thermomix Raffle netted a welcome \$2,500. This money was used to purchase a very special 75" television from the local Beta Electric store.

This TV is designed to provide those residents with dementia an interactive experience called The Virtual Forest.

It enables the viewer to have an element of control over the visual experience, changing the visuals on the screen by waving their arms, or clapping their hands.

The interactive experience enables those with Dementia to have a sense of control and empowerment, which enhances their quality of life at a time when many aspects of life are beyond their control.

RM Begg continues to provide the best and latest, high quality care in a challenging environment but is relying on the community for ongoing financial support.

For donations please visit website or contact the facility direct.



## Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The deadline for applicants to nominate for Zonta International's Young Women in Public Affairs Awards is Mar 1.

The awards recognise young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide.

To download an application form visit [www.zonta.org/YWPAAward](http://www.zonta.org/YWPAAward). Applications must be emailed to [secretary@zontakyneton.org.au](mailto:secretary@zontakyneton.org.au).

## What's New in Business

### Good / Hands



Nestled in the heritage buildings at 7 High St Kyneton, you will find Good / Hands.

Previously known as Trio Agency, Good / Hands is a business, marketing and technology consultancy led by directors Rohit Thomas and Lee Sandwith.

Good / Hands moved from Piper St to a larger and more prominent location in High St to better support their changing business and the needs of clients.

"We work with diverse businesses, both big and small.

"During COVID, it became apparent we needed an adaptive space to support distancing and to hold workshops or events." Rohit explained "We created a unique space to foster innovation and creativity.

Feedback from our clients is that they benefit from stepping away from their everyday life to immerse in their big ideas.

"This is what we help people do best." Lee said.

Good / Hands offers brand, marketing, digital and technology, consulting and cultural innovation.

For enquiries, email [hello@thegoodhands.com.au](mailto:hello@thegoodhands.com.au).

### Pharmacy changing hands

A change in ownership of Terry White Kyneton Chemmart Pharmacy at 107 Mollison St is imminent.

The Pharmacy which has operated at it's current location since 1884 was sold in 2008 by John Wells who was retiring, and Sean Conolon and Fran De Grandi have run the pharmacy since then.

At the time of going to print the new owner had not been announced.

### Love Spell

Heather Carulli has recently opened Love Spell at 56 Piper St.

"Born out of a desire to forge my own path after 25 years leading other people businesses, I decided to take a leap of faith (amid a global pandemic) to create something unique for the local community that I love.

"Love Spell was born out of a belief in the new day and building a better global future" Heather said.

"Buying an historic home in Kyneton several years after arriving in Victoria from Manhattan, and a love of Piper Street, 56 Piper Street was found.

"Combining a love of fashion after years in the industry in New York & Australia and a love of styling and delighting customers, Love Spell is the perfect fit for anyone seeking a love of the unique and different.

"In the days ahead Love Spell will offer a curation of lifestyle brands from unique fashion to eclectic specialty homewares. Creating a magical collection of products you will love." Heather added.



### Coffee Bar at Nursery

John, Cathy and Georgie have opened a coffee bar at their Spring Hill Nursery and Garden in Tylden.

"Apart from great coffee any way you like it, we offer a selection of teas, chai, kombucha, milkshakes and cold drinks.

"We also stock the wonderful croissants, pastries, cakes and bread from Grist in Kyneton, delivered fresh every day except Tuesday when we are closed.

"The coffee bar is open from 9am to 4pm and we invite everyone from Kyneton and the region to visit us, relax with a drink and enjoy the nursery and the gardens" John said.

### Bridgestone Tyres relocation



Roger Jukes' Bridgestone Tyres has now completed its relocation from Bowen St to the corner of Edgecombe and Saleyards Rds.

Roger and the tyre service team are pleased with their new purpose-built facilities.

Call Bridgestone Tyres Kyneton on 54221344.

Hours are Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm and Sat 8.30am -12pm.

### New Naturopath in town

Karla Rawles, a qualified Naturopath, Nutritionist and Herbalist, has opened a new clinic at 59 Mollison St, alongside Akari Yoga Studio (formerly Illuminate Yoga).

Karla is in town on Thursdays and can help resolve gut issues, anxiety, skin problems and much more.

"Naturopathy incorporates nutritional and herbal medicine, lifestyle and dietary advice to help increase your energy, sleep better, support your immune system and improve your mood.

"I listen to your whole story and asks questions to understand how your different body systems are impacting each other to gain a holistic understanding" Karla said.

For more information, visit [www.balancedwhole.com.au](http://www.balancedwhole.com.au) or call Karla on 0404516008.



## Farewell for Senior Pastor

On Sun Jan 31, Kyneton Baptists gathered for Simon Burnett's final service as Senior Pastor of Kyneton Baptist Church.

Simon and his wife Bron moved to Kyneton at the beginning of 2015 so that Simon could begin his role at the church.

Along with their 3 children, Jacob, Levi and Asher, the Burnetts quickly established themselves in the community.

Simon and Bron have been much loved for their contribution at Kyneton Baptist and have led the church community through some seasons of considerable change.

Simon is well known for his creativity and innovation, and commenced a very popular online form of church called 'The Living Room' when the church building was closed down due to COVID-19.

In addition to their work at Kyneton Baptist, Simon and Bron have been very involved in the wider Kyneton community and will continue to do so. Although Simon has now concluded his role as Senior Pastor, the family are not leaving the church or the community.



## Kyneton RSL

As we gradually emerge from the COVID-19 crisis, the Kyneton RSL is now operating at almost full capacity.

Bookings for meals or other functions are essential.

At this stage it is not the RSL's intention to reintroduce live music, however, as the situation continues to ease all the favourites will return.

Despite restrictions the RSL Welfare services are still available.

The Welfare Officer and assistant are available on Tuesdays from 10-2pm - call the RSL to make an appointment.

The Annual General Meeting of the Kyneton RSL will be held at 5pm on Wed Mar 24 2021 at the RSL. Members are requested to advise the

Manager of their intention to attend the meeting. The State President, Dr Robert Webster, has expressed a desire to attend the AGM this year.

The RSL is yet to receive guidance from either the State Government or ANZAC House as to how ANZAC Day will play out this year.

Certainly the Kyneton RSL will honour its commitment to remember the fallen on that day but whether the traditional Dawn Service and Parade will take place is not yet certain.

A reminder to all those members who have not yet renewed their membership as of Feb 1, that all those members reverted to lapsed status and all privileges and member discounts will cease until the membership is renewed.

## U3A launches into 2021

U3A Kyneton has had a flying start for the year with over 180 enrolments.

New membership is \$30 pa and there are over 50 courses of interest.

Fri Jan 29 was the first of U3A's regular 'Friday@U3A' afternoon session at the Red Brick Hall.

The topic was "The American Election - what more could possibly go wrong?" The expert panel discussed the many issues surrounding the US Election. It was wonderful to be able to meet again in person (rather than via Zoom).

French students, the table tennis players and dog walkers have already begun their year. U3A activities combine year long and short term options.

U3A Kyneton especially thanks its many volunteer tutors.

Is there anyone who would like to lead a singing group or teach Italian?

For further information visit [www.u3akyneton.org.au](http://www.u3akyneton.org.au) email [info@u3akyneton.org.au](mailto:info@u3akyneton.org.au). Alternatively call Secretary, Roni on 54222552.



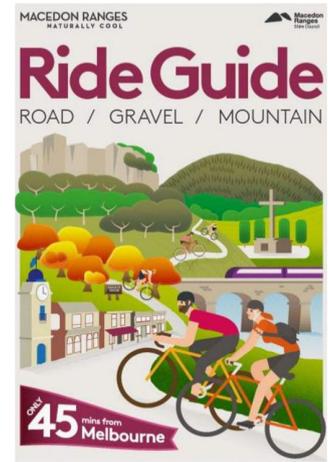
Panel at U3A US Election Forum

## Macedon Ranges Ride Guide

The 2021 Macedon Ranges Ride Guide is out now, featuring 18 road, gravel and mountain bike routes to explore throughout the shire.

It's more than 'just a ride' in the Macedon Ranges, it's an experience.

[visitmacedonranges.com/ride-guide/](http://visitmacedonranges.com/ride-guide/)



## Report from Kyneton Police

Since the last Police Report in Kyneton Connect, a lot has happened for the members at the Kyneton Police Station.

When the vehicle check point in Gisborne was finally packed up members enjoyed the relief for a few weeks.

They then witnessed the COVID outbreak in NSW and in order to keep Victoria safe, were promptly called upon to supply members in support the border closures.

Even though many Kyneton members went up to the borders, they still managed to provide service delivery to our local community.

In the last couple of months, Detectives from the Macedon Ranges C.I.U have made some significant arrests including an 18 year old male who was arrested in relation to the burglaries at the Hanging Rock Cricket Club and the Hanging Rock Café.

The Calder Freeway closed off to traffic on two occasions, once in relation to a truck roll over just north of Malmsbury and once in relation to a fire just south of Kyneton. This fire was caused by a vehicle with a faulty drum brake that over heated and set fire to the grass in the median strip.

Police are glad to say that the motorists in our area have been behaving and as a result there have only been 23 recorded collisions in the previous two months.

## Around the Galleries

### Art On Piper 44 Piper St



The gallery has welcomed a new member, Penny Gibney, who specialises in collaged fashion images from various eras, using exquisite papers for pattern, texture and appeal.

A dedicated Macedon Ranges inspired display features local scenes painted and photographed, together with indigenous timber species turned into beautiful vessels, and many more mediums by the members.

On March 28, Art On Piper will celebrate moving into its fourth year with a meet the artists from 2 until 4pm. All works will be 10% off on the day.

Art on Piper will continue to open 7 days a week through February, then closed Tuesdays from March onwards. [www.artonpiper.com](http://www.artonpiper.com) 0408506283

### The Stockroom 98 Piper St

Open Thu-Sat 10:30 -4pm, Sun 11-4pm  
Wed by appointment

Exhibitions to 14 March

*Songes*, by Mathieu Briand

Bronze sculptures that are composed in two groups, *Corps au repos et allongés* (*Body at rest and lying down*) and *Songes* (*Daydreams*).

*Inhabiting* – James Tylor and Rebecca Selleck (Seeking a place within the Australian landscape.)

*Reset* by Damon Moon

Sculptures made on the wheel.

Next Exhibitions from 20 Mar to 2 May  
Gallery One Michael Carney, Gallery Two Naoise Halloran-MacKay with Claudia Phares in the Project Space and Kristin Burgham in the Ceramic Space.

### The Old Auction House 56 Mollison St

Open 9am—5pm

*The Gay A(Gender)* - March 4-15

In line with Chillout celebrate all things LGBTIQ+ in a group exhibition of queer art.

### *It's Never Too Late*" - March 11-29

In celebration of her 99th birthday by artist Yvette Liebergreen—see below.

*From Then to Now – Designing Old New Again'* - March 18- April 12

The Creativity Cluster artists work in a variety of mediums incorporating old and recycled materials, and historic styles and symbols, to develop new forms and uses for them.

*'Rust and Stardust'* - 1 April - 19 April

An avid collector of items that have an aged patina and a layer of history artist Regina Dudek creates mixed-media sculptures from unlikely items blended together to create a new story.

All exhibitions are available for viewing in limited numbers in the gallery, or online [www.theoldauctionhouse.com.au](http://www.theoldauctionhouse.com.au)

### First exhibition at 99!

Yvette Liebergreen on her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday Mar 11, will open her first ever art exhibition “It’s never too late” at the Old Auction House.

Yvette was born in 1922.

She has lived in Chile, England, France, South Africa, Denmark, New Zealand and moved to Australia in the 1990s

Yvette has a long line of artistic talent in her family and during her years in Australia she painted in oils as a side hobby of life around her.

In her latter years, living with her daughter and son-in-law in Kyneton and regional areas, she experienced a resurgence of interest in drawing again, and this exhibition “It’s Never too Late” reflects this and her optimistic sunny spirit, all done during her 98<sup>th</sup> year.

The Exhibition is from Mar 11-29.



### Dutch Auction March 12

Vision Australia’s Kyneton Auxiliary will be holding its annual Dutch Auction in the Uniting Church Hall 54 Ebdon St at 1.30pm on Fri Mar 12.

Admission is \$5 and afternoon tea will be provided.

Enquiries to Jean 54221038.

## The Preloved Pedlar



The Preloved Pedlar Op Shop at 136 Mollison St is once again open for business and welcoming back all of its volunteers and supporters.

Over the past year the Pedlar has been able to open, COVID permitting, on a part time basis.

With the start of 2021 the shop will be opened full time at the usual hours.

Above is a picture of Jenny Bowe with the Day Manager Bev Lynch handing over a box containing just over \$560.

Jenny spent some time over the lockdown by fund-raising for people who may be in need, through loss of employment or other difficulties due to the effects of COVID.

This money, donated to the Preloved Pedlar, will be used to restock the Pedlar’s pantry and freezer.

As well as offering clothes and household items the Pedlar also has a pantry with non-perishable goods, meat, bread and milk to help people in the short term.

The shop can also provide vouchers for fresh fruit and vegetables. If you are in need, or know someone who is, please come and see the Pre-Loved Pedlar.

They are also accepting donations but ask that you phone or call into the shop to check about a suitable time to drop off.

People in the Kyneton area have been most supportive in the way they have given goods into the shop and also by purchasing ‘pre-loved’ items.

Without this generosity of donating clothes, furniture and electrical goods we would have nothing to sell in the shop and therefore nothing to redistribute.

The shop is run exclusively by volunteers.

The Pedlar is always looking for new faces so if you are interested in volunteering please 54227134 or call into the shop. It is a fun place to give service to our community.

## Anh Do

Saturday, March 6 in the Kyneton Town Hall is the new date for Anh Do's "The Happiest Refugee" which was originally scheduled for 2020.

For those who had tickets to the 2020 dates: Your tickets are valid for this rescheduled show, or to request a refund, contact the box office.

Anh Do's best selling book *The Happiest Refugee* has made readers laugh and cry and was described by Russell Crowe as, "the most surprising and inspiring read I have had in years."

Anh's stage show, which starts at 7.30pm, takes it a step further, combining stand-up comedy with real life stories, photos and filmed pieces to retell his amazing story.

When one of Australia's most talented comedians delves deep into his own life's joys and sorrows, the result is an unforgettable night at the theatre that leaves an audience uplifted and quite simply, happy.

To purchase tickets contact the Box Office on 1300888802 (Mon Fri 8.30am-3pm).



## Year past, year to go

The Kyneton Marist Brothers Old Boys held their AGM on Feb 10.

Given that most activities had been curtailed since the last election, it was agreed that the Committee of Management elected in 2020 will continue for the next twelve months.

## Tourism signage

The Council is seeking feedback to help improve tourism signage.

With increasing visitor numbers to the Macedon Ranges, tourism signage plays an increasingly important role in creating a positive visitor experience.

Community feedback will help inform a plan that will guide Macedon Ranges Council to make well-informed decisions to enhance tourism signage.

Submissions close Mar 12.

More details in "your say" section of the Council website.

## New year, new CEO



On Jan 1, Cobaw Community Health merged with Sunbury Community Health.

The merger, announced in August last year, will result in very little change for the local community and services will continue to be delivered from the new site at 1 Caroline Chisholm Dr.

Following the retirement of Cobaw CEO Margaret McDonald at the end of last year, the CEO of the merged organisation, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, is Phillip Ripper, previously CEO at Sunbury Community Health.

"After having our services severely impacted last year due to the pandemic," said Mr. Ripper, "we look forward to welcoming the community to the new Kyneton site where staff are once again seeing clients and running groups face-to-face."

The building at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive, which replaced the former Cobaw premises in the centre of Kyneton, has large flexible meeting spaces with kitchen facilities, a community bathroom and is the local Centrelink and Medicare agent.

Those visiting the building will find plenty of parking close to the steps leading up the entrance.

For more information, call 54211666 or visit [www.sunburycobaw.org.au](http://www.sunburycobaw.org.au).

## Area under old Bridge closed

The Council is temporarily closing the area under the old timber bridge over the Coliban River in Lauriston.

The area is being closed for the protection of community members using this area for recreational activities.

Council's recent bridge inspection identified some concerns regarding the old timber bridge structure.

As a result, there will be a further structural assessment undertaken. Council will update the community on the status of the bridge once this structural assessment is complete.

## Storyboard Drama returns

Storyboard drama is back offering weekly classes every Tuesday at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute. Like so many others in 2020 Storyboard moved online for the majority of the year offering weekly zoom meetings/classes, challenges, as well as producing several short films.

But nothing can be as exciting as face to face classes and the chance to jump back on stage.



Storyboard has been running for over 10 years offering professional drama training for all ages, including stage craft, improvisation, and performance technique.

The classes are designed for anyone who has a real interest in the performing arts or people who just want to build confidence, self awareness and creative skills.

With a show in July and smaller performances throughout the year, enrol now to be a part of the fun!

For more information check out [www.storyboarddrama.com](http://www.storyboarddrama.com) or text/call Paul on 0403896189.

## Cathouse is back

Kyneton's Cathouse Players are back and will be bringing exciting new plays to Kyneton this year.

In March Cathouse is presenting 'A Mixed Bag', a selection of one act plays, including some locally written plays. There will be additional productions in June and October.

The 5 plays featured in "A Mixed Bag" are *Catherine Parr* by Maurice Baring, *The Interview* by Ian Hart, *Consensus* by Helen Gramberg, *The Boy Comes Home* by A A Milne and *Thankyou God* by Alan Stone.

The dates for 'A Mixed Bag' are Mar 20, 21, 27 and 28. All shows are matinees at the Kyneton Masonic Centre and will start at 2pm.

To inquire or book call 0490485850 or visit Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMCX>

## Grigoryan Brothers



Slava and Leonard Grigoryan are justly regarded as Australia's finest classical guitarists.

They will be performing at the Kyneton Town Hall on Fri Mar 26 commencing at 7.30pm.

Slava and Leonard seem to have a telepathic ability to draw emotion from every note of a repertoire that spans centuries, continents and genres.

Audiences will experience favourite works from their back catalogue—from Bach to Towner, from Tchaikovsky to Lovelady.

Their compositions and arrangements include a selection from the ARIA nominated soundtrack they wrote and recorded to the movie 'A Boy Called Sailboat'.

Purchase tickets by contacting the Box Office on 1300888802 (Mon to Fri 8.30am-3pm).

## Historical Society open again

The society is again open to the general public, although current Covid restrictions must be adhered to.

The Society, at 75 Piper St, is open Saturday 9am to 2pm, and from Mar 2, Tuesday 9am to 12noon.

Appointments can be made to the secretary on 0418545648.

This year the Kyneton Historical Society is celebrating 70 years of providing historical information to the community and beyond.

Formed in 1951 it is one of the oldest societies in regional Victoria.

New members are welcome.

The society will be launching a new book later in the year, entitled, 'Kyneton From Past to Present, a Study in Photographic Images of Kyneton'.

The book covers 300+ pages with over 420 photographs both black and white and coloured. RRP is yet to be confirmed but approx. \$40-\$45.

Expressions of interest for orders are being taken.

## Community House courses

The Kyneton Community House has been pleased to open as usual in 2021. Office Hours are Mon-Thu 9am -3pm. Numbers for all activities are currently reduced to ensure the House complies with COVID restrictions.

This term there are exciting new offerings, including language, gardening, Karate and Qi Gong courses. Head to the Kyneton Community House for further details and bookings.

The popular Skills for Life program is returning. This free program aims to provide participants with the relevant skills and practical experience to enter or re-enter the workforce, including First Aid Level 2.

The streams on offer are Hospitality, Agriculture, Childcare and Community Services. Eligibility criteria do apply so please contact 54223433 or [admin@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au](mailto:admin@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au) for further information.

Other services the Community House is now able to recommence include its Be Connected service which provides computer/phone/tablet assistance to over 50's.

The Read Victoria group will also be available for one on one sessions for those 17-100 year olds that may need some help with their reading. If you know anyone who may need this assistance, both the Be Connected and Read Victoria Services are free.

The House is also able to hire out its meeting rooms, so if you have a need for a space for a few hours or a whole day please contact them for rates and booking.

## Rotary Club active

Each January The Rotary Club of Kyneton recesses from its weekly Monday meeting at the Shamrock Hotel and undertakes working bees on projects it has initiated.

This year saw Alan Potter's team working in Jean Haynes Park patching, filling, sanding the train for painting and repairing; sanding/painting seats along Pioneer Walk and in the Train Park.



Along the River walk Rex Breen's team cut long grass/weeds along the river walk and around established trees, cut up fallen branches, pruned and cut poplar suckers and loaded green waste and cut branches onto trailers for removal.

## Angling Club



Kyneton Angling Club is up and running and after a quieter COVID year is looking to the future for a "more normal" remainder of the season.

The Club calendar has been planned with an emphasis on helping people getting into the sport, especially children and women.

On Feb 14 a fish locally event was held including a sausage sizzle and drinks, prizes for the kids and weigh in between 12 and 1 at the Upper Coliban wall.

March 19 and 20 will see Music on the River Loddon and Apr 11, the Kyneton/Castlemaine shield at Eppalock.

The Trout opening is booked for September on the Goulburn River.

Photo - Champion Junior Club Fisherperson Archer Cummins with one of the many fish he has caught this year.

Contact John on 0419397936 for information.

## Lodges BBQ at the Shelter

On Sun Dec 13 members of Zetland, Kyneton, Woodend Daylight and Trentham Masonic Lodges enjoyed a lovely BBQ lunch at the refurbished pig shelter in the Kyneton gardens.

Zetland catered for about 30 – 40 people but that swelled to 50 masonic brethren, with Lodge members from Bendigo and Melbourne.

It was a grand day and the Pig Shelter fitted the bill just nicely with plenty of room at the shelter and its surrounds for all.

Anyone interested joining any of the Lodges should call Richard on 0409239022.

## 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

### Auto Services & Repairs

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

### Barber

Quick Snips 0400808157

### Chiropractor

Dr Rohan Kapoor 5422 6488

### Concreting & Paving

MBC Concreting & Paving 0417545159

### Dental

Campaspe Dental	5422 3988
Kyneton Dental	5422 6159

### Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners 5422 1503

### Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics	5422 2182
Kyneton Electrics	5422 1369

### Fabric & Haberdashery

Alice in fabricland 0439993389

### Financial Planning

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

### Florist

About Flowers 5422 7779

### Hair & Beauty

Studio 48 5422 1200

### School Aged Childcare

BugALugs 5422 2767

### Legal Practices

Palmer Stevens & Rennick 5422 6500

### LP Gas Supplies

Hendersons the Gas People 5422 7408

### Massage

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health 0411558013

### Medical Practices

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

### Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens 5422 3822

### Osteopath

Drs Isabel Mettler & Clare Greig 0423852874

### Real Estate

Ray White Kyneton	5422 2127
RT Edgar	5422 3325

### Town Planning Services

Macauley Town Planning 5422 3054

### Travel Services

Renee@Travel Managers 0418369411

### Veterinarians

Kyneton Veterinary Hospital 5422 1099

### Video Production & Live

Australasian Audio Visual 5422 3791

## Kyneton Events Calendar

Wed Feb 24	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Inst 12.30pm
Sat Feb 27	Debra Byrne & Dion Hirani Bluestone Theatre Hutton St 8pm RM Begg Auxiliary Book & Garage Sale Bolton Hall 22 Epping St 9-2pm
Tues Mar 2	Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival AGM Kyneton Mechanics Inst 7.30pm
Wed Mar 3	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Inst 12.30pm Zonta's International Women's Day Dinner Malmsbury Hotel 6.30 for 7p
Sat Mar 6	Anh Do 'The Happiest Refugee' Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm Ben Mason—'Kanandah' Album Launch Major Tom's Piper St 8pm
Mon Mar 8	Labour Day Holiday
Wed Ma 10	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Inst 12.30pm
Fri Mar 12	Vision Australia Dutch Auction Uniting Church Hall Ebden St 1.30pm
Sat Mar 13	Macedon Ranges Music Festival Gisborne Steam Park 1-10pm Kyneton Farmers & Makers Market St Paul's Park Piper St 8-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8-1pm Kyneton Horticultural Soc Plant Sale at Kyneton Community Market
We Mar 17	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Inst 12.30pm
Fri Mar 19	Kyneton Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Sat Mar 20	Cathouse Players' 'A Mixed Bag' Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St West 2pm
Sun Mar 21	Cathouse Players' 'A Mixed Bag' Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St West 2pm
We Mar 24	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Inst 12.30pm
Fri Mar 26	The Grigoryan Brothers Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Sat Mar 27	Whole Town Garage Sale 8am Maps Community Hse 34 Mollison St Cathouse Players' 'A Mixed Bag' Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St West 2pm
Sun Mar 28	Art on Piper Meet the Artists 44 Piper St 2-4pm Cathouse Players' 'A Mixed Bag' Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St West 2pm
Mon Mar 29	Kyneton Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
We Mar 31	Kyneton Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Inst 12.30pm
Thur Apr 1	Last day School Term 1
Sat Apr 3	RM Begg Auxiliary Easter Fair RM Begg Aged Care Centre 9-1pm
Thur Apr 8	Vision Australia Meeting Uniting Church Hall Ebden St 1.30pm
Sat Apr 10	Football-Netball Kyneton v Golden Square Kyneton Showgrounds Kyneton Farmers & Makers Market St Paul's Park Piper St 8-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8-1pm

### RM Begg Auxil. fundraising

RM Begg Kyneton Aged Care Auxiliary is back in business. The Auxiliary will be following up a successful December garage sale and Community Market stall by holding a combined book and garage sale at Bolton Hall at 22 Epping St on Sat 27 Feb 9am-2pm. With last year's annual Easter Fair cancelled, the Auxiliary is looking forward to the Fair to be held outside RM Begg Aged Care in Epping St on Sat 3 April 9am-1pm. A wide range of craft items, cakes, preserves will be on sale, with books and plants also on sale across the road at JG Bolton Hall.

### Trail rides

The Kyneton and District Trail Riders Club is about to recommence its activities. On Sun Feb 28 at Mount Blackwood, a bush-ride from a member's property to an old mine for a saddle-bag lunch will take place. Book in with Yolanda Howe 0438239499. On Sun Mar 28 the ride is from Nolan's Creek Picnic Ground at 10 am where attendees will enjoy a BBQ (cost \$10) and the club's AGM will be held at approximately 12.30pm. Book in with Sally Benn 0409808161

## Community Lunch is back



On Wed Feb 10, the weekly Kyneton Community Lunch returned to the Mechanics Institute, 12:30 – 1:30pm.

The team were very excited to be delivering sit-down meals once again and are looking forward to seeing some familiar and new faces.

COVID restrictions will apply and the numbers of patrons will be reduced at this stage.

The cost of the 2 course meal, plus tea and coffee remains at \$5.

The Kyneton Community House would like to sincerely thank the wonderful Kyneton community for their support during 2020.

The take-away service provided had an amazing turn out each week!

If you have any produce to donate, please contact Food Coordinator Suzanne on 0407569724.

## Macedon Ranges Running Club

The Kyneton chapter of the Macedon Ranges Running Club's Autumn running program began on Tuesday February 16 at 6pm.

The 'Start Running Group' (SRG) Program is an 8-week program that culminates in a 5km run. Participants can then choose to continue with a further 5-week program to complete a 10km run.

No running experience is necessary and it's a great supportive group to be involved in. The group meet at the Kyneton Sports and Aquatic Centre at 6pm on Tuesday and Thursdays and 8am on Sundays. Contact Glenn Cattanach on 0403872788 for any further information or inquiries.

## L2P driver program returns

The Macedon Ranges TAC L2P Program restarted in January.

The program aims to help learner drivers under 21 years of age, who do not have access to a car and / or supervising driver, to gain the on-road experience they need to prepare for safe solo driving.

With 11 years' experience running the TAC L2P Program successfully in Bendigo, the Salvation Army Bendigo is now offering the program in the Macedon Ranges including in Kyneton.

Community Bank Gisborne & District is sponsoring the new program vehicle.

"Local community support has been extremely positive. Already, five mentors have signed up for the program giving learner drivers the opportunity to develop safe driving skills and gain the required supervised hours behind the wheel," said Program Coordinator Phillip Tennant.

For further details contact Phillip on 0438774277.



## A great KNFC season launch

Hundreds attended the 2021 season launch day of the Kyneton Football Netball Club at the Showgrounds last Sunday Feb 21.

The Club was thrilled at the turnout and its continued support from the local community.

For more information about participation and membership visit [www.kynetonfnc.com](http://www.kynetonfnc.com).

## Upgrade Architect Appointed



Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that Gray Puksand Pty Ltd has been appointed to design Kyneton High School's \$10.9 million upgrade, funded in the Victorian Budget 2020.

The upgrade will see the modernisation of the school, including the original Heritage building and the Science Block. "Kyneton High School is going from strength to strength, and I'm thrilled to announce this important milestone" Mary-Anne Thomas said.

Gray Puksand were the Architects for the new Kyneton Primary School in Edgecombe St.

## Free Training (FIT) Programs

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council will be holding free inclusive training programs at each of the four outdoor fitness stations located in Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne and Romsey, in February and March.

The free classes will cater for all levels and abilities.

The program will include COVID-safe sessions for young females, seniors, and anyone wanting to improve mental health by increasing physical fitness.

Online resources are also available to benefit community members of all ages, abilities and levels of fitness.

Keep an eye on the Council website for details about class times, locations, and fitness programs to help you get started.

For further information visit: [mrsc.vic.gov.au/FIT](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/FIT)

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