



Kyneton Connect



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Kyneton loses a Legend



The life of Arnold Jenkins, much loved contributor to the Kyneton community was celebrated at a well attended funeral service on Tues Feb 8 in the Kyneton Botanic Gardens Pavilion.

Arnold was just a few days short of his 80th birthday when he died peacefully on January 29.

The more than 280 people who attended felt they shared a place in Arnold's life.

They heard that Arnold began his working life as a builder with his father Noel, and was later a manager at RM Begg Homes. He also drove school buses spreading his great caring personality to generations of school children and cared for many old people at RM Begg, the Thomas Hogan Wing and until recently, at Bupa.

Devoted to his family he remained in Kyneton and did not pursue a career as a singer, although his rich baritone voice could have taken him far.

His great voice and speaking skills were an asset to the local community in many ways, compering the Anzac Day Ceremony, announcing the Daffodil and Arts Festival's Parade from the Town Hall steps and being part of the Kyneton Theatre Company and Festival of One Act Plays and wider in the amateur theatre in other companies. He served on two occasions as Daffodil King, on the last occasion in 1993 with his great friend the late

Lynette Brown as Daffodil Queen

For more than 30 years he led the Redesdale Revellers delighting and entertaining countless audiences over the years.

A member of the Rotary Club of Kyneton he not only lent his rich voice to their choir but was a recipient of their 'Service beyond Self' award as he continued to organise and be part of their community work.

The longest serving member of the Kyneton Horticultural Society, Arnold loved cultivating and showing blooms and planted hundreds of daffodils contributing to the areas springtime displays.

His organisational skills and knowledge of events helped the Society with their Autumn and Spring Flower Shows.

Another of Arnold's many loves was for his horses and his involvement with the Pony Club and horse communities of Kyneton and Woodend was legendary.

Arnold's love and devotion to family and his sister Nola and his wider family and his larger than life role in the Kyneton community will be sorely missed, but remembered with affection and admiration.

Few people get to sing at their own funeral, but Arnold did with recordings of him with the Rotary Choir moving the congregation.

RATs finally available

After several frustrating weeks for potential local retailers of Rapid Antigen Tests for COVID 19 and members of the public desperately and for the most part fruitlessly seeking them, the tests are now available in Kyneton.

On the weekend both the Kyneton AMCAL and the Terry White Pharmacies reported that the Tests were now available from their stores although sometimes the time of arrival of top up stocks could be tight.

Woolworths and IGA also have RATs.

Kids Vaccinations

The vaccination clinic at Kyneton Health 7-25 Caroline Chisholm Drive has opened its doors to 5-11 year-old children on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Children will be welcomed by friendly nurses as they make their way through the Enchanted Forest themed vaccination clinic.

They even have state of the art virtual reality headset on site for children to enjoy however use will be subject to availability.

All children will receive a goodie bag and lollipop when they attend their appointment.

Working with the Loddon-Mallee Vaccination Hub based at Bendigo Health, Kyneton Health's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic administers the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to children aged between 5 and 11 years. They will receive a smaller dose of vaccine created specifically for their age group, as per government guidelines. Central Highlands Rural Health Director of Clinical Services, Susan Jennings said:

"Now is the time to pick up the phone or jump on the website and make a booking – whether that's with our clinic, a state-run vaccination centre, a pharmacy or your local GP. The important message stays the same – everyone in our community should 'Get the Job Done!'"

Bookings can be made online <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/> or via the booking hotline on 1800675398.

Children's vaccinations can also be booked at pharmacies, GPs or State hubs.



Fabric February at the Library



People of all ages are invited to come along to Kyneton Library for some fabric magic during February! The Library currently have a drop in makerspace which is accessible during library opening hours. There is a giant loom so everyone can add their little bit of fabric finesse, it's easy and accessible.

The Library also have materials & instructions to create decorative god's eyes and pompoms.

Make one in the library to take home or add to the Library's community display.

Immunisation Sessions

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council provides free immunisations as set out by the National Immunisation Program.

The immunisation sessions are held each month on the first Thursday in Gisborne, Kyneton and Woodend and on the third Tuesday in Riddells Creek and Romsey.

For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/immunisations
Please note: The Council is not a COVID-19 vaccination provider.

MCHS and Toy Library

Kyneton Maternal and Child Health and Kyneton Toy Library services will remain at the premises in Hutton St after the new Kyneton Kindergarten in Edgecombe St replaces Lady Brooks Kindergarten.

The soon to open new Kindergarten has 60 kinder places, a new carpark and playground and will provide three and four year old kindergarten programs, in 2022.

Pet registration reminder

Dogs and cats domiciled within the Macedon Ranges must be registered annually with the Council.

Deadline for renewal of your pet's registration is April 10.

Rain Damage at Angie's

The downpour when 76mm fell on Kyneton in a little over an hour on Jan 27 has caused significant damage to Angie's Café and Bakeshop at 8 High St.

The damage is so serious that the interior will be unable to be used by customers for 10 weeks. Much of the equipment and infrastructure has also been damaged.

Angie has been able to set up a serving area at the entry and is selling coffee, milk shakes, soft drinks, hot pies, slices, sandwiches, toasties, focaccias and, of course, her famous passionfruit sponge.

Patronage of this fare at Angie's in the next couple of months whilst the business gets to the other side will be very important.



NO ONE'S UNSINKABLE

To all those Unsinkable Guys out there –

You might think it's safe to have a few drinks around water, skip the lifejacket when you're out on the boat or go for a swim without checking the conditions.

But statistics prove that 4 out of 5 drownings are men.

Just remember that no one's unsinkable.

🔍 UNSINKABLE GUY

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Suffolk Auction success



The Victorian Suffolk Ewe Auction, dubbed 'Australia's Largest Suffolk Ewe Auction' was held at the Kyneton Saleyards on Sat Feb 5 with a yarding of almost 300 commercial and specially selected Suffolk Ewes.

The Auction was a huge success with buyers and vendors coming from as far as WA & SA.

Buyers ranged from established stud breeders looking to inject quality genetics into their breeding lines, through to new breeders looking to start their own flock of Suffolk sheep.

Auctioneers Dean Coxon and John Robson from Elders & Landmark Kyneton did an exceptional job co-ordinating bids from onsite bidders and the AuctionsPlus online portal to achieve a clearance rate of 96%.

Suffolk ewes sold from \$270 per head for commercial yardings through to the top price of \$1950 for a specially selected ewe from the Hopea Suffolk Stud.

Moondara Suffolk Stud sold 10 ewe lambs for an average price of \$1214 per head and WA based Kirrie Suffolk Stud sold a pair of AI'd Ewes for \$1,750 & \$1,200 each.

Suffolks have become increasing popular in recent years with both commercial and small acreage breeders due to their growth, eating quality and carcass traits.

With the success of the Suffolk Auction this once again solidifies the breed's future as a popular choice for sheep breeders and a return of the Auction next year.

Kyneton Senior Citizens

Kyneton Senior Citizens, like most, have felt, and are still feeling, the challenges of COVID 19

"Through it all we remain stable. Every financial member receives up to date data constantly through the implementation of contact via the

Buddies system, an ongoing task to which committee members are committed."

Senior Citizens President Marj Williams said that to limit social isolation and loneliness she posts a newsletter to each member on a regular basis.

"As longevity increases the critical most urgent need for older persons in our club is to provide a place where members can frequent and socialize with others of like mind. It is a concern to members that Kyneton is one of the few places that remain without such a venue".

"In 2021 we were privileged to celebrate 60 years of continuous Senior Citizens Club in Kyneton. Celebrating with not all the pomp and ceremony we'd planned and hoped for, but grateful we could at least reminisce".

"A time to reflect where and what our club has and can achieve. Special guests were Mayor, Jennifer Anderson, Cr. Janet Pearce, Cr. Mark Ridgeway plus Chris Doe representing Organs Coaches.

"Organs contribution is a very valuable asset, each week allowing members to attend.

"As we patiently wait for the appropriate time to commence our weekly lunch meals on a Thursday at the Shamrock we would invite all seniors to join our club.

"We will continue to be proactive in our search to provide active and healthy retirement for all members with extended days providing for indoor bowls, cards, entertainment and bingo to those who have contributed so much to our town and community" Marj said.

Call Marj on 0407048487.



Kyneton Seniors cut their 60th Anniversary cake

Award for Soccer Club



Soccer Club President Ron Cole received the Award on behalf of the Club

The Kyneton and District Soccer Club was given the Healthy People and Environment Award at the Macedon Ranges Shire Australia Day Awards held in the Kyneton Town Hall on January 26.

The Club is an inclusive sporting club of 300 players (from children aged 4-8 years old, right through all age groups of junior and senior men's and women's teams) that provides an inviting environment for all members of the local community to engage in a recreational activity through training and playing football (soccer).

Kyneton District Soccer Club was the first regional Victorian club to receive Football Australia's National Club Development Program 5 Star rating.

It has also undertaken a Mental Health program through Sports Focus and the Love Me Love You organisation in conjunction with Monash University to raise awareness in the community of mental health issues that affect so many people.

Kyneton District Soccer Club was awarded Football Victoria's Regional Club of the Year for 2021 for its continual growth of Football (soccer) in Victoria and the programs the club conducts.

COVID PCR testing

Central Highlands Rural Health are continuing to provide COVID-19 testing at the Kyneton Hospital. If you need a test you must call 54229900 to book an appointment. The Hospital testing site operates 7 days a week.

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



Welcome to 2022. We hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. A huge thank you to all our healthcare professionals across our Shire who have worked tirelessly across the summer period for not only attending to the huge COVID demand in testing and vaccinations, but in looking after and supporting all their non-COVID patients as well.

Thank you to all our residents who have been vaccinated, boosted and tested; and a special thank you to all those who have helped out and assisted with people isolating.

Congratulations to our Australia Day awardees. The award winners of the Council's 2022 Australia Day Awards were recognised at the Kyneton Town Hall on Wed Jan 26. Our Citizen of the Year is Dr David Gormley-O'Brien.

Luke Spielvogel was presented the Connecting Communities Award.

The Kyneton and District Soccer Club received the Healthy People and Environment Award and Andrew Towner from Braeside in Mt Macedon was presented with the Business and Tourism Award.

Council also recognised three new Australian citizens at the Australia Day Awards ceremony, and we welcome our new citizens to our community.

Councillors have begun meeting formally again from the start of February with our first council meeting scheduled for Wed Feb 23. We are hoping to be able to welcome back people to the public gallery for these meetings, COVID permitting.

Since December, many new council positions and vacancies have been advertised.

Council staff are working hard to assess all applications so we can have a full complement of permanent executive staff, including the reintroduction of the Community directorate.

We look forward to working with all new appointees.

Locally, the Edgcombe Road development proposal has been very topical in town and many residents have been asking us where the proposal currently stands.

At the time of writing (end of January) the VCAT hearing on the Bunnings proposal is currently being heard and the hearing for the proposed petrol station is scheduled for 4/2/22 to 11/2/22.

It is likely that we will have to wait a while for the actual decisions on these applications to be handed down.

Many residents of South Kyneton will also be aware that VCAT recently supported the Council position not to approve the proposed development in 85 Harpers Lane.

Although not being run by Macedon Ranges Council, we would like to encourage you to take a look at, and provide feedback on, the draft Master plan for Hanging Rock that has been put out by the Victorian State government at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/hanging-rock-master-plan>.

The consultation period closes on Feb 28. We would appreciate being copied in on any submissions you make.

Council itself is currently looking for input from the public on waterplay facilities at our pools.

There is an online survey at our website – type “water play” into the search bar or you can send an email to mrrsc@mrrsc.vic.gov.au. Feedback closes on Feb 24.

We also ask that you watch out for the annual community satisfaction survey conducted on behalf of Council which will be held between late January and mid-March.

In the meantime, stay safe and please contact us if there is anything council related that we can support you with.

Crs Mark Ridgeway, Janet Pearce and Jennifer Anderson

Strike up the Band in 2022

Since the late 1850s, the Kyneton Municipal Band has proudly nurtured local musicians and represented our community.

In that time the band has developed a strong tradition of performing at many local events including Daffodil & Arts Festival Parades, Christmas Carols, Anzac Days, Citizenship Ceremonies, Royal visits and many other events that require stirring music to be played.

The band is made up of people ranging in ages from 8 to 80 years old all united by a love of music. The members of the band come from not just Kyneton, but the surrounding districts with some travelling from as far away as Sunbury just to be part of the band.

Like many other community groups Covid 19 has affected the band greatly over the past two years. However the Band is hoping to have an uninterrupted year this year.

If you or your children have always wanted to learn an instrument and to read music, the Band would love to welcome you.

The Band has many brass instruments of all sizes in its store, ranging from cornets to tubas, just waiting for someone to play them. Lessons and instruments can be provided at minimal cost to anyone that is willing to have a go.

If you are an experienced brass or percussion player who is looking to contribute back to the community, the Kyneton Municipal Band would love to see you at rehearsals.

The band rehearses every Friday night 7.30-9.30 pm. at the Red Brick Hall in Yaldwyn St. West. Anyone is welcome to come along to watch rehearsals, or to even join in.

Ring the Bandmaster Hugh Davies on 0418519398. for more details.



*Kyneton Municipal Band in the 2019 Daffodil & Arts Parade.
Robyn Wawn photo*

International Women's Day Dinner



The Zonta Club of Kyneton's 29th International Women's Day Dinner will be held on Wed Mar 9 starting at 6.30pm.

Venue for the Dinner will be the Coach Room at the Malmsbury Hotel 85 Mollison St Malmsbury.

Guest Speaker is Luz Restrepo, Co-founder of Migrant Women in Business which started online mid-pandemic.

MiWB now works for and with over 80 businesswomen with migrant and refugee backgrounds, offering commercial opportunities through their Made by Many Hands platform. Tickets at \$60 for a 2 course meal and one complimentary drink can be purchased via trybooking.com/BWVKX.

Damage to KMI Rooms

On Jan 27, the Kyneton Mechanics Institute was impacted by an intense storm and damage occurred to the plaster ceiling and walls on the Northern side of the building.

This section of the building was secured and closed to the public until Heritage Victoria emergency response officers could attend to inspect and advise Council officers of Heritage requirements.

To ensure protection of the heritage values and fabric of the Mechanics Institute a review of the roof and drainage systems will be completed under the guidance of a Heritage Architect and improvement works will be conducted to protect the building from future flash flooding.

Repairs will be made to the internal ceilings, walls and floor coverings as soon as the appropriate permit or exemption is received from Heritage Victoria.

Meeting Rooms One, Two and Three will be unavailable for public use until repairs have been made.

Community House in 2022

The end of 2021 saw a fantastic Christmas Lunch event held in the Kyneton Mechanics Institute.

Traditionally organised by the Shire Council on Christmas Day, this event was held a few days beforehand and was full of wonderful guests, lots of delicious food and fabulous entertainment.

Many of the usual Community Lunch volunteers plus many excellent Kynetonians put their hand up to volunteer on the day.

So, what's happening in 2022?

Work continues in the new space at 35 High Street which the House hopes to begin using to its full capacity in the coming months. So far they've had a great group of students working on a Mural in the space as part of their Community Art Project, started a collaboration with Healthy Heart Victoria and Distinctive Options to develop a kitchen garden. The House also have the new Rainbow Voices Community Choir using the space for rehearsal with the piano purchased through the donations of many generous folk. All other programming has returned to normal, with all courses available to be booked online through the website or in person at the House at 34 Mollison St.

Visitors to Community House facilities (over 18) must provide proof of vaccination or valid medical exemption upon entry and will be required to check in and wear a mask whilst indoors.



Whole Town Garage Sale

The Kyneton Whole Town Garage Sale facilitated by the Kyneton Community House is back.

After a 2 years gap there is bound to be plenty of goodies up for grabs.

The Garage Sale will be on Sat Mar 19. Registration of sales is available through the Community House website. Registration closes Wed Mar 9.

Contemporary Art Triennial

The Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial, this year with the theme and title 'Holding the Circle' will be held March 19-27.

Grounded in egalitarian exchange and collaboration, circle geometry holds space for diverse perspectives and experiences to be shared within communities, this second Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial event, is an intersection of art, place, community and listening, showcasing new and re-imagined work by eleven local and national contemporary artists for nine days across Kyneton. Video, textiles, sculpture, painting, installation and robotics will activate mostly unconventional indoor and outdoor exhibition sites.

A suite of talks, performances and workshops will provide opportunities to connect with artists and gain deeper insights into their work.

Tickets will be on sale soon. To learn more about this exciting event, participating artists and for tickets www.kynetoncontemporary.com

Volunteer!

Event producers Kyneton Contemporary Collective are on the hustle for some help throughout the Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial event.

They're looking for people 18+ with a variety of skills and an interest in art to practically support the event with a little of their time.

Exhibition sites will be open 10am – 5pm daily and volunteer shifts will generally be 3.5 hrs. Volunteers will receive a free event ticket. Register via the website.

Showground works

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council allocated funding in the 2021/22 budget to undertake improvement works at the Kyneton Showgrounds top oval.

These works included upgrade of the cricket pitch and line planting, top dressing of the oval and continuation of the oval perimeter spoon drain along the northern end of the oval.

This work is underway and includes the removal of a section of oval fencing, continuation of the concrete spoon drain, reinstatement of oval fence and some turf work along the new drain.

What's New in Business

New Owner for the Shamrock



On Dec 22 last year Manvinder Singh (Manny) took over Kyneton's popular Shamrock Hotel.

Despite the difficult times of the pandemic customer numbers are pleasing and growing.

Manny comes with 10 years of experience as the chef at Hogans Hotel in Wallan and prior to that was at Chin Chin in the heart of Melbourne.

The Shamrock is currently operating on the same hours as previously, Wed-Sun for lunch and dinner but Manny has plans to extend times of opening to Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Shamrock menu remains similar to that of former owners Toto and Jack but Manny has added some of his own dishes.

The special lunch and Seniors menu has returned (Wed-Sat) with seniors able to order a meal and receive a free glass of wine or a pot of beer for \$18.

The Shamrock is available for functions and continues to host local clubs for their weekly or monthly meetings. For enquiries or to book call 54222504.

Relief from stress, anxiety

Shelley Powers' @ Be Your Success is offering help for relieving stress, anxiety and PTSD.

"The simple, easy and elegant process, in 3 online sessions will give you wings to fly again" Shelley says.

Shelley has overcome some major stress in her life and through those experiences and engaging in further studies and training, brings her compassion, understanding and down to earth approach. Shelley is available during and after business hours, by appointment. Ph: 0493124520.

Visit Shelley's fb page for further information and testimonials.

The Alchemist

Founded in 2018, The Alchemist, a small and independent art shop born from a passion for artist materials has relocated to Mollison St Kyneton.

The Alchemist offers an exceptional range of carefully selected, professional quality art supplies, custom canvas stretching and archival picture framing.

"At The Alchemist, we strive to support artists, hobbyists and makers in their exploration, understanding and mastery of their medium and the further development of their craft, by offering in-depth product information, technical advice and some of the best artist materials from leading manufacturers from Australia, Europe and the United States.



"Our picture framing boasts contemporary style with museum quality at affordable prices, believing not only in the *presentation* of an artwork, but equally in the *preservation* of the artwork" owner Bonnie Hanlon says.

"The Alchemist is also a proud supporter of Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial (KCAT)" Bonnie said.

The Alchemist is open 10-6pm Mon-Fri and 10-2pm Sats at 104 Mollison St (next to the CBA Bank).

XL Seafoods' changed location

Lionel and his XL Seafoods van has moved from High St to Piper St, near Duck Duck Goose and Larder. Fresh fish can be purchased there each Friday between at 12noon-4pm.



Courage Wisdom Change



Courage Wisdom Change is located at 6 Jennings St and is a unique service tailoring support to individuals and families. As a registered NDIS Provider for Early Childhood Supports and Counselling, the services provided can be: one on one, family based, or through small group workshops.

Workshops aim to support social interactions and improve executive functioning skills in a safe and fun environment. Circles of Security-Parenting and Lego-Based Therapy are also available.

Fiona Landford is the face behind Courage Wisdom Change. When working as a Special Education Teacher and Assistant Principal, Fiona became aware of the crucial role early intervention plays in addressing issues, such as anxiety and behavioural challenges.

Fiona brings an in-depth knowledge of working with people with Autism Spectrum Disorders and complex conditions and the challenges this presents.

Autumn Festival

With a great line up of events at the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival (Sun Mar 26 to Mon Apr 25), it is time to check out the fantastic program and plan your autumn adventure.

There are great music offerings and for wine and food lovers there is a bevy of events to tantalise the tastebuds, and for the creative at heart, several autumn workshops and classes available.

There are plenty of free experiences and events on offer too, such as immersive art displays, interactive light shows, guided nature walks, open art studios, outdoor sound bowl meditations, chalk art and New Orleans style street bands.

To see the full festival program and purchase tickets, visit www.visitmacedonranges.com

U3A Kyneton

Universities of the Third Age (U3A) originated in Toulouse in France in 1973, with the aims of providing continuing education, physical and social activities for retirees and senior members of the community.

An International Association of Universities of the Third Age was established in 1975.

It now has over 1,700 affiliated U3A's around the world. One of these is U3A Kyneton.

Set up in 2005 as a project of the Kyneton Community House, U3A Kyneton quickly became an independent organisation with an extensive program of courses and activities.



Membership is open to all mature age residents of the Macedon Ranges who are not in full employment.

U3A Kyneton currently has around 200 members – attracted by an ever increasing program.

To give accessibility to as many people as possible, these are all low cost or free.

This access is achieved by utilising member's skills, ideas and resources.

U3A Kyneton uses the Red Brick Hall in Yaldwyn St West as its primary venue but courses are also held in private homes, cafes and coffee shops or just out in the bush.

There are no pre-requisites for membership other than a desire to join in.



U3A Birdwatchers

Activities offered include: bush walking, French, folk dance, lunch club, politics, cycling, book discussion, birdwatching, poetry,

exercise, cookery, history and more.

For more information visit www.u3akyneton.org.au, email info@u3akyneton.org.au or phone 0439360763.

And you don't have to join - if you have a course you would like to offer, a talk to give or an activity to conduct, give U3A Kyneton a call. or, come along to the red brick hall at 2pm for Friday@u3a (during school terms) for one of their presentations and afternoon tea. This is open to all, there is no membership requirement. It is a great opportunity to meet others.

Raising teenage boys

Are you the parent or carer of a teenage boy in the Macedon Ranges? Starting in March, a series of workshops will provide some practical tools to help you strengthen the relationship between you and your teenager.

Workshop facilitators, Tomorrow Man will take a group of local parents and carers through an immersive journey, exploring the impact that harmful, outdated stereotypes can have on boys, and subsequently, men. In the six weekly online workshops the group will come together with expert facilitators to explore how harmful stereotypes can impact the health and wellbeing of not only the boys in their life but also the wider community.

While reflecting on what has shaped their own personal beliefs about gender and stereotypes, they will learn some key tools, mindsets, and strategies to support boys on their journey to adulthood.

Each week new skills will be shared on how to improve communication with boys and how to foster a deeper sense of connection and understanding with them.

Time will be allocated for the group to reflect and share their experiences, challenges and tips.

Previous workshops have had great results with 93% of participants saying they have more confidence to have honest conversations with other men.

This free program is brought to you by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health with funding support from VicHealth, Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership, and Community Bank Gisborne & District.

To register call 54211666.

"The Edgy Veg Award"

There is a new prize in town for the cafes and pubs of the Macedon Ranges, The Edgy Veg Award.

Only one venue this year will get to wear the crown for the best plant-based dish, as voted by you the customer.

Thirteen of the most innovative and creative cafes and pubs in the Macedon Ranges will take part, and customers will get to comment and vote on the featured dishes over the Autumn Festival from Mar 25 to Apr 26.

Kyneton's Homegrown on Piper, Kyneton Ridge Estate Winery and the Social Foundry are all participating.

All the dishes will feature on The Edgy Veg Trail, a map showing where to sample great plant based food in the Macedon Ranges during the Autumn Festival.

You will be able to pick up a copy of the map at any Macedon Ranges tourist information centre, or view it online from the website here <https://veg.mrsg.org.au/edgy-veg-awards>.



Learn to Swim programs

Swimming lessons teach essential life and safety skills that can be learned all year round.

Children learn through repetition and Council's Learn to Swim programs will help further develop your child's skills, confidence and knowledge around all things aquatic.

Lessons are held at the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre., for more information, call 54211477.

120 years of Peter Rabbit

During the April school holidays Kyneton library will host fun activities featuring everyone's favourite rabbit.

Come along to complete the Easter hunt by finding the clues in the library and unravelling the message or make Mr McGregor's seed bombs to grow your own herbs and greens.

Ph Kyneton Library on 54221365 or book www.goldfieldslibraries.com

Around the Galleries

The Old Auction House 56 Mollison St

During the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival the Old Auction House will be hosting Autumn-inspired Wet Felting and Embroidery Workshops

Workshop times are

Sat Mar 26 , Sun Mar 27, Sat Apr 16, Sun Apr 17 all 10.30-1pm

Felt the colours of autumn by creating an embellished felt autumnal journal cover in this wet felting and embroidery workshop in the Macedon Ranges.



You will learn the art of Nuno Felting on Saturday, creating your own piece of felt that once dried overnight will be embroidered and embellished to cover your A5 journal in the Sunday session!

This workshop with local artist and teacher, Glenda Anstey-Sprigg, will run on consecutive Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The Stockroom 98 Piper St

This month The Macfarlane Fund and Stockroom present four talented emerging artists: Elynor Smithwick, Madeleine Lesjak-Atton, Anthea Kemp and Michael McCafferty. Stockroom is also celebrating the solo exhibition of South Australian artist Amber Cronin *Dictionary Of Animism* Open Thursday: to Saturday 10:30 -5:00 and Sunday 11:00 - 3:00 or Wednesday by appointment.

Art on Piper 44 Piper St

The talented team of 24 artists at Art on Piper are preparing black and white works for the next window theme in all their different mediums, a favourite duo for its striking possibilities, from the end of February for a month.

Following that dramatic display, the vibrant nature tones will reflect the change of season, in two mini exhibitions to coincide with the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival in March through April.

Open 10 until 4 every day in February and closed Tuesdays from March.

Town Hall a Priority

Further improvements to Kyneton Town Hall entitled *Kyneton Town Hall Reimagined* is included in the list of Macedon Ranges Shire Priority Projects

prospectus 2022 and is seen as an important planning document.

Kyneton Town Hall Reimagined is described as: "highlighting an historically and culturally significant building, this project will deliver an accessible and appropriately designed space, capable of hosting significant events and performances, attracting visitors from outside the region to attend high class acts in a high class venue".

The *Woodend Community Centre Project* is also included in the prospectus

Woodend Community Centre project is described as: - "transforming the Woodend Community Centre into a modern, flexible and sustainably designed centre that meets the identified needs of multiple community users and provides increased economic development and tourism opportunities".

The Woodend project received a major boost on Fri Feb 4 when local State Member and Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas announced \$260,000 from the Investment Fast Track Fund will be put towards the design stage of the planned redevelopment.

The Priority Projects 2022 prospectus is available on the Council's website.

A single ember can spread bushfires as far as 30km.

Burning embers from bushfires can travel up to 30km, starting new fires in seconds, destroying homes and making escape impossible. If the Fire Danger Rating is ever extreme or above, don't hesitate. Leave early.

How well do you know fire?

Plan. Act. Survive. Go to emergency.vic.gov.au

Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne

Sacred Heart Open Evening



Sacred Heart College Kyneton is encouraging families to *Discover, Create and Learn* more about the College at their Open Evening on Tues April 5, 4:30pm-8:30pm.

“School Open Days provide a valuable opportunity for families who are working through the process of choosing the right school for their child.

“At Sacred Heart College, Kyneton we understand the need for parents and children to explore their prospective school, speak with staff and students and have their questions answered about the educational experience on offer” Principal Darren Egberts said.

The event which will offer hands-on experiences for children, is aimed at those in Years 3 – 6, allowing them to immerse themselves in creative and learning opportunities, while parents discover more about the diverse educational offerings and supportive wellbeing structure that are central to College life.

The College is encouraging those wishing to learn more about the Sacred Heart College to visit the College website (www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au) or attend the College Open Evening on 5 April.

Inclusive community choir

Rainbow Voices is the Macedon Ranges' first LGBTQIA+ and Allies community choir for ages 13 and up.

All levels of singers will be warmly welcomed, from passionate 'shower singer' through to highly experienced. Rehearsals are held at the Kyneton Community House on Sundays 4 to 6pm.

No prior choir experience is necessary.

Enquire via the Kyneton Community House website.

Award for Young Women

Once again the Zonta Club of Kyneton is looking for young women to participate in the Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

This is an award to encourage young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing the candidate's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

‘Public affairs’ refers to all aspects of community life where decisions have to be made about issues which relate to and affect those communities in which people work and live.

Women, aged 16-19 by 1 April 2022, who can demonstrate evidence of active volunteerism and support for Zonta's mission, are eligible to apply.

Visit: zonta.org/YWPAAward for more information and to download an application form.

Send completed form to secretary@zontakyneton.org.au

Applications must reach the Zonta Club Kyneton by March 7.



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Autism Awareness Training

With nearly 1 in 100 Australians being autistic the chances are that most of us interact with people with autism on a regular basis, whether that's at work or through our involvement in community groups.

Volunteer support service, Volunteer Central Vic is presenting a two-hour training session next month for community group volunteers in autism awareness.

“Gaining a better understanding of autism is a simple way to become more inclusive and open your doors to new volunteers,” says Lisa Richards, Volunteer Central Vic Coordinator.

“We want to make our community spaces and activities as inclusive and welcoming as possible, and to do that we need to develop better awareness around how to include people with autism.”

The training is led by Amaze, the peak body for autistic people and their carers in Victoria.

All volunteer managers, coordinators and group leaders are welcome, as are volunteers with local organisations.

The training is taking place on Tues 8 March, 10am – 12pm at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute. Tickets are \$25.

To book your place, email info@volunteercentralvic.com.au Lisa Richards or call 0419362374.

Special March Market

The Kyneton Farmers Market is very excited about having Freya & Tom McGowan booked to perform at the first Autumn Market on Sat Mar 12 8.30am-1pm.



They are a daughter & Dad duo from Ballarat. Influences are on the folk/country side.

Sneak peeks of their talent can be seen on Facebook @kynetonfm.

Another Market, entertainment highlight during the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival (March 26 - April 25) will be live street theatre. Puppeteers, Tamara Rewse & Hamish Fletcher who have created 2 characters called "The Gardeners" who will find many friends and fans among the farmers, home growers & gardeners who love the Kyneton Farmers Market.

Ray M Begg Auxiliary

After a short break the RM Begg Auxiliary is back.

The Auxiliary is planning a garage sale in Bolton Hall on Sat Feb 26.

The Auxiliary will also be at the Rotary Community markets.

Auxiliary meetings have recommenced on the first Tues of the month at Bolton Hall Epping St, at 2pm. All are welcome.

The year's major fundraiser for the Ray M Begg Auxiliary is the Easter Fair held at the front of Ray M Begg on Easter Sat Apr 16.

The Auxiliary is also looking for donations of fruits for jam making and tomatoes for its relish and sauce making. Call Rosemary on 0403336501 or Jan on 0419972750.

Light Up Kyneton

The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival will at last be able to carry out its projected light show on the exterior of Kyneton Mechanics Institute on Friday 8 April 2022 as part of the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival.

The display was prepared by Visual Architect Jim Coad with art work by students of Kyneton Primary School for the 2021 Festival and because of the pandemic had been postponed.

This will be a COVID safe event which will commence at 7pm and continue until 10pm which will give plenty of time for viewing with half hour shifts.

People can also enjoy sitting at tables in the Mechanics Reserve to eat take away food and be entertained by buskers while taking in the atmosphere created by the display.



Horticultural clippings

The Kyneton Horticultural Society resumes its member nights for 2022 on Mon 21 Feb at the Football Clubrooms at the Showgrounds at 7.30pm.

This month's lecture will be given by Virginia Heywood who hails from the Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens. Entry fee Members \$2, non-members \$5.

Please present your double vaccination certificate for entry.

Vale Arnold Jenkins

The President, Committee and Members of the Kyneton Horticultural Society pay tribute to the life of our longest serving member, Arnold Jenkins who sadly passed away late January.

A member of the society since 1958, Arnold was a beloved member and will always be held in the highest regard by all its members.

Arnold gave much of his time to make the KHS flower shows a success over many years; a selfless, kind man who was honoured to be Life Member.

Always remembered; Arnold will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate to have known him.

It was Arnold's father Noel who came up with the KHS motto, "Show what you grow and tell what you know"

Autumn Flower Show cancelled

The KHS Committee has decided to sadly cancel yet another Autumn flower show.

However, the good news is that it will be a virtual one.

Keep an eye out in Kyneton Connect and the Midland Express for details closer to the time.

A great opportunity to show off your horticultural ability!

Busy times at the Shed

The Kyneton Men's Shed is back in business following the lengthy pandemic lockdowns and is making cubby houses on order (the first has already been delivered to one happy client), undertaking a variety of community work, and running the first women's woodwork class in almost 2 years.

"While we have stopped the Friday barbecues for the time being, everything else is going ahead in leaps and bounds," says Shed president Ian Curnow.

"The women's woodwork classes are again proving extremely popular and the first for 2022 is now underway."

Ian has urged women wanting to do one of the extremely useful courses to contact the co-ordinator, Maggie Hopkins, as soon as possible.

"We take on six students at a time, and only conduct four courses a year, so it will not be long before we are booking in women for next year."

Maggie Hopkins can be contacted on 0437584979 or email petemag@iinet.net.au

Ian has again encouraged men of all ages to join the Shed.

"We have an extremely well-equipped woodwork and metal work workshop, library and media/television room, a large meeting area and lunch facility and kitchen."

The Shed is open Wed to Fri from 10am until mid afternoon, and is located at 2 Riverwalk Boulevard at the bottom of Edgcombe St opposite Bupa Aged Care.



Invitation to play croquet.



The Kyneton Croquet Club is encouraging people of all ages to their Club.

"Croquet is excellent for mental stimulation through learning the rules, strategic thinking, scoring hoops, and gives a sense of achievement after completing a game.

"It assists with coordination, upper and lower limb strength, aerobic capacity and endurance" Club spokesperson Graham Smith said.

The Kyneton Croquet Club has social play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1pm and Friday mornings from 9:30am.

The Club also enters teams in the Northern District Croquet Association pennant competition, have a biannual competition with Gisborne and usually have two social days a year when they welcome visitors from around Victoria and occasionally interstate.

New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome. Contact Sue Chivers on 0422008914; Ruth Gallpen on 0422125622 or email kynetoncroquetclub@gmail.com.

Trail rides and AGM

On Sun Feb 27 the Kyneton District Trail Riders will undertake a bush ride starting 10 am from 525 Springhill Rd, Spring Hill along country road verges and through the Wombat State Forest for a saddle-bag lunch.

The 20 km ride will take approx. 4 hours including lunch-stop.

Book in with Julie Samson 0427859586.

The Sun Mar 27 ride starts 10 am from Mulgrew Rd Korweinguboorra to ride through bush to Wombat Creek Picnic Ground where attendees will enjoy a sandwich lunch at 12 pm and the club's AGM will be held at approximately 12.30 after which they will ride back to the floats.

Book in with ride-leader Bruce McLean 0428561474.

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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Trauma Recovery

Be Your Success	0439124520
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Travel Services

Renee@Travel Managers	0418369411
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Veterinarians

Kyneton Veterinary Hospital	5422 1099
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Kyneton Events Calendar

Wed Feb 23	Community Lunch Kyneton Mechanics Inst 12.30pm(& each Wednesday) FIDA Come and Try Day both Ovals Kyneton Showgrounds 5.30pm
Sat Feb 26	Ray M Begg Auxiliary Stalls Bolton Hall Epping Street 9am-1pm
Thur Mar 3	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Fri Mar 4	A Taste of Ireland Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Wed Mar 9	Zonta's International Women's Day Dinner Malmsbury Hotel 6.30pm
Sat Mar 12	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30am-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30am-1pm '1927' Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Thu Mar 17	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Fri Mar 18	The Sounds of Sile nt Kyneton Town Hall 11am Dutch Auction Vision Australia Uniting Church Hall 1.30pm
Sat Mar 19	Whole Town Garage Sale Maps Kyneton Community House Opening Day Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial (Mar 19-27)
Sat Mar 26	First Day Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival Bringalbit Autumn Open Garden
Sun Mar 27	Breakneck Road Pub Gig Albion Hotel 2-5pm A Walk of Discovery in Bald Hill Reserve Mt St Mary's Lane 10-12noon Meditation Kyneton Botanic Gardens (& Apr 3 & 10) 10.30am
Wed Mar 30	A Walk of Discovery in Bald Hill Reserve Mt St Mary's Lane 10-12noon
Thu Mar 31	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Sat Apr 2	Traditional Straw Weaving Workshop Old Auction House 10.30-3.30pm
Fri Apr 8	Light Up Kyneton Forecourt Kyneton Mechanics Institute 7-10pm
Sat Apr 9	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30am-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30am-1pm Football Netball Castlemaine vs Kyneton (away game) Funkateers Street Band Museum Piper St 10.15am-1.45pm
Sun Apr 10	Puppy Pride Kyneton Botanic Gardens 11.30am-2.30pm
Fri Apr 15	Football Netball Kyneton v Gisborne Kyneton Showgrounds Night Game

Connections for over 55s

The Council is asking residents 55 years or over for input on what would make a difference to their mental and physical health, with online, in person and local community focus groups and interviews for Macedon Ranges Village Connect Project.

The consultation is seeking individual perspectives on the current services and activities being used to support individual wellbeing and any barriers that may prevent participation in local activities and events.

Outcomes will be used to drive activities and initiatives aimed at alleviating loneliness and social isolation experienced by older people in the Macedon Ranges

community.

To participate, complete the online survey mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or share your thoughts by attending an in person one-on-one information session with the Village Connect Project Officer at Romsey, Kyneton and Woodend library during Feb and March. For information contact Abbey on 54220262 or email: abbrown@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Dutch Auction

The annual Dutch Auction of Kyneton Friends of Vision Australia will be held on Fri Mar 18 at 1.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall, Ebden St.

There will be many interesting parcels and the admission cost includes afternoon tea.

Enquiries Jean 54221038.

500 Club membership

With the announcement of the 2022 Bendigo Football Netball League fixture locked in, the Kyneton Football Netball Club are in full swing to retain previous members and entice new members to come on board and support the tigers in hopefully what will be an uninterrupted season.

President Hayden Evans said 'Our club strongly encourages all supporters, past-players and members of the community to become a member in 2022.

"Our most popular of the memberships is the 500 club. This membership gives you access to all Kyneton Football Netball Club BFNL home games for you and one guest, 1/2 price entry to away games, member Pack and automatic entry into the \$500 Home Game Cash Draw.



"But the most sought after item for this membership is the 500 Club branded Softshell Vest, limited to 500 Club Members only"

"Should you want to discuss an alternative payment arrangements for membership, please speak directly to us - we have weekly payment plans to help.

"We already know that 2022 is going to be a great year for us at Tigerland, so please join us and get behind the Kyneton Football Netball Club in 2022.

"The unique part of our 500 club membership, allows you be part of an elite membership drive which is

an integral part of our community Club.

"Membership is the lifeblood of all football clubs and we can't do it without you" Hayden concluded.

All memberships 500 Club, Silver and Bronze memberships can be purchased via the website www.kynetonfnc.com/membership

Bulb sales start in March



The annual sales of quality daffodil bulbs by the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival will commence in mid-March and continue until mid-May.

Most sales will be online with photos of all blooms on the Daffodil and Arts Festival Facebook page.

Purchases will be able to be picked up at Henderson's the Gas People depot or home delivered to those who live in Kyneton.

In April and May there will be a stall at the Community Market in the grounds of the Uniting Church, but it may also be possible to have some sales days at the front of Woolworths as was done last year.

"We will have many different varieties this year to interest new and veteran bulb buyers.

"Keep your eye out for details of sales in the media, on noticeboards about the town and on our facebook page" Festival Secretary Marg Dearthcott said.

Major Festival Raffle coming

Watch for the chance to win a prize of \$5000 for travel and another two wonderful prizes, coming soon.

COVID-19 vaccine booster:



The strong medical advice is that you need your third dose to keep up your immunity against COVID-19.

If you are aged 16 and over and you have had your second dose three or more months ago, you are due for your third dose now.

You can get a COVID-19 booster dose from a GP, some pharmacies or Victorian vaccination centres.

There is also a vaccine clinic at Kyneton Health which is open on Tuesdays and Fridays – please check the CHRH Facebook page for up-to-date clinic hours.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are approved for use as booster vaccines, and are considered equally acceptable.

More information please visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/third-dose. To book please visit: www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine or call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800675398.

FIDA Come and Try day

The Kyneton Football Netball Club (KFNC) established the FIDA side last year in 2021.

FIDA provides Victorians with an intellectual impairment the opportunity to participate in Australian Rules Football.

It plays an important role in our local community and consists of approx 25 male and female players from various areas of the Macedon Ranges.

KNFC are inviting to past players and welcome new players to join the FIDA side, and to a come and try day on Wed Feb 23 at 5:30pm at the Showground Bottom Oval.

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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