



Kyneton Connect



OKPS project advancing



The Old Kyneton Primary School redevelopment project is rapidly heading towards the completion of its first stage – transforming the heritage bluestone building into a vibrant gallery and community event space.

The current stage of construction started in March 2023 and will culminate in restoration of the original bluestone school building to create a new gallery and exhibition area, an accessible entrance and function space. Works completed to date include: removal of old interiors and non-heritage walls; replacing the roof; restoring the bell tower; restoring the timber windows; plumbing, electrical works and new foundations.

Behind the hoardings, restoration works continue inside the bluestone building including plastering, wall patching, painting and door and frame installations.



Work also continues on a new connection that will link the bluestone building and the 1980s building. Landscaping which will include paving and garden beds and will retain existing trees as well as planting over 5000 new plants commonly found in the local area, has commenced.

The current project is on track for completion in the first half of this year. Since October a program of free family friendly events have been on the old basketball courts at the site.

These events are part of the Early Activation Program presented by Working Heritage and Creative Victoria.

The program has included children's activities, music performances and an outdoor cinema. There will be more events on the courts in the months ahead – to check them out visit www.okps.com.au.

Note that due to site works the basketball courts will be out of use from mid-Feb until Mid-March and that the Wovenspoke activity 10am-4pm Sun Mar 16 will be held in St Paul's Anglican Hall in Yaldwyn St West.

More information and update about the Old Kyneton Primary School redevelopment can be found on the Development Victoria website.

Op Shop moves to new home



Kathleen Wyatt, Joan Mills and Megan Cameron at the new Op Shop

The Kyneton Uniting Church Opportunity Shop has moved from its former location in Market St to the Uniting Church Hall at 54 Ebdon St.

The Official Opening at the new location was scheduled to take place at 4.30pm on Tuesday Feb 13.

Op Shop volunteers have been working long hours to ensure that the new Op Shop location was ready for the opening.

Staffing of the Op Shop is 100% volunteers and all profits go to the community.

Operating hours will be Wed-Fri 10am -4pm and Sat 10am-12pm.

There is ample parking in the Church grounds and also in the Hutton St car park which has a gate adjacent to the Church Hall

The Kyneton Playgroup who have used the Church Hall for their operations for many years will continue to gather there.

Tim Collins turns 100!



Tim Collins, pictured with family and friends recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

A well-known local and friend to so many, Tim ran Kyneton's newsagencies for more than 60 years. Tim has a strong connection with the Kyneton.

In 1924, he was the first baby delivered at the town's old hospital and decades later, his wife Pat gave birth to the bluestone hospital's first set of triplets.

In 1947 after his father died unexpectedly he took over his newsagency and ended up buying two other newsagencies in Kyneton.

Tim's wife Pat was a nurse and later became Matron of Kyneton Hospital. They had seven children.

A memorable morning tea was held at RM Begg in honour of the town's newest centenarian.

Extra visitors from the media including Channel Nine News were there to record the event.

A man with a beard is sitting in the driver's seat of a car at night. He is blowing into a handheld orange breathalyzer device. The device has a red light and the number '99' and 'SY21208' on it. The scene is dimly lit, with some light coming from the device and the car's interior.

Stop kidding yourself. If you drink, don't drive.

Thinking about driving after a couple of drinks? Think again.
If you blow .05 or over, you could face serious penalties,
including fines, losing your licence, getting an interlock installed
in your car and having to blow zero for three years.



Tony Davis Citizen of the Year



Kyneton's Tony Davis has been proclaimed the Macedon Ranges Citizen of the year for his more than 50 years contribution to Little Athletics in Kyneton.

Tony came to Kyneton in 1970 when Kyneton High School became the first High School in the State to have a tech component. Tony was one of the group of tech teachers who pioneered having a technical component in a High School. In the 1960s, Tony had helped to establish the Oakleigh Little Athletics Centre.

During his first year in Kyneton Tony worked with six others towards establishing Kyneton Little Aths which commenced operating in 1971.

He has been a volunteer every Saturday morning ever since.

Over the years, Tony has played multiple roles at the club including secretary, starter, and line marker, and has represented Kyneton at regional and state conferences.

Tony was made a life member of Kyneton & District Little Athletics Centre (KADLAC) in 2007 and his wife Margaret, and their three children and grandchildren are proud of his volunteer role in Kyneton Little Athletics and his contributions to the Kyneton community.

No slouch as an athlete himself on Mar 15 1964 at Melbourne's Olympic Park Tony teamed with Bob Lay, Gary Holdsworth and Bill Earl to set a world record in the 4x110 yds relay.

Dutch Auction

The Kyneton Friends of Vision Australia will be holding a Dutch Auction at 1.30pm on Fri Mar 22 in St Andrews Uniting Church 54 Ebdon St. Admission at \$7 includes a delicious afternoon tea.

Inquiries to Kathy 0418145847.

The storm's significant effects

The Christmas Eve storm that pounded Kyneton with torrential rain and hail left a legacy of significant damage and disruption to buildings about the town.

Many premises, especially those close to the High/Mollison St intersection were impacted by water damage to ceilings, walls and floors. Some had furniture and equipment damage and others stock damage. Below we detail just some of premises that experienced damage.

The Kyneton Bowling Club's upstairs Restaurant area, the largest event space in town has been closed since the storm due to extensive damage to the ceilings and carpets but the area will re-open as soon as practicable.

The premises of employment agency CVGT at 84 Mollison St has been closed since the storm due to major damage. CVGT is assessing the situation. Appointments can be arranged by phone.

Water influx into Fiona Brownbill's Alice in Fabricland at 14 High St one of the region's most popular haberdashery stores rendered at least 50% of her extensive stock unusable - her shop is still closed.

Water through the ceiling at art supply outlet The Alchemist at 104 Mollison St led to a significant loss of art materials,.

Stock along part of one wall in Terry White Pharmacy was lost and Darlings Downunder at 17 High St also lost a significant proportion of stock.

Water came through the ceiling at the Library damaging some books and resulting in the Library being closed for a couple of days.

During the storm, water entered Kyneton Mechanics Institute, resulting in two areas where the ceiling collapsed.

Immediate roof repairs were undertaken to prevent further damage, and the ceiling was repaired. Further investigation into the roof condition is underway and required before Council can reinstate full community use of the building.

Limited use of the building is available but several user groups have been temporarily relocated to other facilities.

Chesters briefs Kyneton Labor on tax changes



On Thu Jan 25, Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters met with Kyneton Labor Branch members and supporters over morning tea to brief them on the Federal Labor Government's changes to the Stage 3 tax package.

"Around 66,000 people – every taxpayer in the Bendigo electorate will receive a tax break from July 1 under Labor's better tax cuts - the average tax cut across the Bendigo electorate will be \$1,424. "Our tax cuts are about ensuring more workers can keep more of what they earn because we know that will take pressure off people doing it tough" Ms Chesters said.

Kyneton Labor President Eric Derricott said that local party members were pleased that Lisa Chesters gave them the inside story.

"Kyneton Branch members were also pleased that the Prime Minister had announced that he had requested that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to conduct an investigation into the setting of supermarket prices – an action the Branch had written urging the Federal Government to do" he said.

Reusable nappy rebates

The Council has renewed its reusable nappy, sanitary and incontinence product rebate program to reduce waste in landfill and assist residents in accessing affordable reusable items.

The program provides up to 50% back on the cost of reusable items such as cloth nappies, nursing pads, cloth pads, leak-proof and period underwear (capped at \$100 for reusable cloth nappies and associated products, and \$50 for sanitary and incontinence products).

Advice on how to apply for a rebate can be found on the Council website. The program is open until 30 April .

Councillors' Update



We hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and Summer and are looking forward to a productive 2024.

This is the final year of the current council term – so look forward to Council elections in October.

In the meantime, your councillors continue to be very busy with some large projects, particularly in the strategic planning area, that we are hoping to progress and/or finalise.

For Kyneton, this includes the Kyneton Urban Design Framework.

Across the Shire we are also planning to complete the Gisborne Futures process this year and are currently engaged with developing the Romsey Structure Plan and the Riddells Creek Movement Network Study.

Once again, we encourage everyone to stay involved and engage with these consultations when they happen.

Council understands that it has again been a stressful time for some residents in our Shire with the weather and rainfall over the last few months.

Our Officers continue to work with the Victoria State Emergency Service (SES), the various water and catchment authorities and other organisations preparing throughout the year and during these times of emergency.

Any reports and videos that you can provide to Council are valuable in providing us with information to assess and address issues, and we continue to look to find solutions as we expect these events will increase.

In addition to property damage to residents, several Council buildings and other assets were also damaged in recent storms including the Town Hall, the Bowling Club and the Mechanics Institute. Council is working to rectify this damage to community property as quickly as possible.

Local businesses are encouraged to enter the 2024 Josh's Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence awards. It's a chance for us to recognise outstanding service, innovation, products, and professionalism; and acknowledge those that work so hard to provide service above and beyond. Nominations close Mar 15.

The Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre finally closed its doors at the end of December.

A small crew of staff will remain for the first six months of 2024 to commence decommissioning works and the State Government will continue to investigate alternative uses for the site during this period. Council has no role in this process but like many in the community, we are keeping a keen eye on the outcome.

A reminder that late last year Council set up a textile collection trial at our three Resource Recovery facilities around the Shire.

The trial will run until September this year and aims to provide residents the opportunity to recycle unwanted, worn out or damaged textiles that are unsuitable for Op-Shops.

Currently Kyneton RRF has collected over 2 tonnes of unwanted textiles with over 11 tonnes collected around the Shire. The service is free for residents.

Many of Council's programs are back up and running such as the healthy landscapes program, pathways for carers, youth events, environment events etc so please check out our website:

You might like to also try our new online engagement hub: YourSay at - <https://yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au/>

We are looking forward to the year ahead and are always happy to hear what you are doing if you would like to send an email or have a chat.

Best wishes

West Ward Councillors

Mark, Janet and Jennifer

Change at Kyneton Medical

Dr Christopher Priest has announced his retirement after over 30 years working at Kyneton Medical Centre. "He has been the essential country GP, available at all hours for emergency patients, arriving for assistance at births and giving anaesthetics at the hospital, when otherwise those services would simply not have been available. His service to the community has been exemplary and I personally wish to express my admiration and gratitude for all that he has done to make Kyneton Medical Centre, in particular, the caring heart of Kyneton that it is today" said Dr Tim Stobie from the Kyneton Medical Centre.



In other news, Kyneton Medical have three new doctors, GPs in training, starting in the clinic soon:

Dr. Lakmali (Mali) Poddalgoda who completed her medical degree in Sri Lanka.

Dr. Mali has worked at Royal Darwin Hospital, Grampians Health and Ballarat Hospital. She has a special interest in Chronic disease management and Paediatrics.

Dr Hira Mughal completed her medical degree in Pakistan and has worked in regional and metropolitan hospitals across Victoria gaining experience in different specialties including emergency medicine, chronic disease management, children and women's health.

Dr Megan Bates has extensive experience in rural and remote medicine, previously based in Cloncurry, Mount Isa and Darwin. Megan has a passion for cradle to grave care, women's health, chronic disease and dermatology.

"The usual team of doctors, nurses and practice staff will continue to provide their excellent care when you next book in at the clinic" Dr Stobie said.

2024 Daffodil & Arts Festival

The Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival conducted a well attended AGM in the Red Brick Hall on Tue Feb 6.

A comprehensive Report detailing all of the events of the 2023 Festival was distributed to those in attendance.

Festival President Peter Henderson praised all those who had contributed to a highly successful 2023 Festival, the local community for their support and local business sponsors for their ongoing support.

“Without our fantastic sponsors the Festival would not go ahead” Peter said. The new Committee was elected at the AGM. Positions to date are: President Peter Henderson; Vice President Sharryn Smith and Treasurer Michelle Hurford.

“Unfortunately the Secretary position has not been filled, our outgoing Secretary Jess Grant did a magnificent job in setting up the Festival, but work and family commitments have made it impossible to continue on.

“So if you feel you have some experience in Social Media, Event Management or just want to assist the Festival please contact us, we are looking for Secretary, assistant Secretary and maybe a social media manager, please send us an email if you are able to help kynetondaffodilandartsfestival@gmail.com” Peter Henderson said.



Daff bulb sales start Mar 9

The annual sale of quality daffodil bulbs by the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival Committee will commence on Sat Mar 9 at the Rotary Community Market cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West

Sales will be held on most Saturdays after that up until mid-May either in the Woolworths Car Park or at the Rotary Community Market.

Details of sale dates are Woolworths Car Park: Mar 16, Mar 30, Apr 6, Apr 20 & May 4.

Rotary Community Market: Mar 9, Apr 13 & May 11.

You can also email your orders to kynetondaffodilandartsfestival@gmail.com or pay via EFT to BSB 633 000 account 100 697 648 and pick up your order at Hendersons The Gas People Yard 7 Lauriston Reservoir Road.

Juvenile Justice Centre closure



The Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct which was established in 1965 officially closed on Dec 31 2023.

Following the closure of the Centre, the Senior Leadership Team of the Youth Justice Precinct published an information newsletter for the Malmsbury community which included contributions from some of the town’s organisations.

The Team began by thanking all for the ongoing support and the partnerships that had been built with the local community and businesses over the years.

“It is important to reflect on our long history and remember the good news stories and positive impact Malmsbury has had on the lives of so many young people and staff.

“We are particularly proud of our community work program which has been supporting the local cemeteries and CFA grounds, while providing the young people valuable practical skills and a sense of giving back to the community to support their rehabilitation” the Leadership Team said.

“Once again, thank you to the entire community and in particular to the members of our Community Engagement Group” the Leadership Team said.

There will still be a small number of staff onsite at the Precinct commencing decommissioning works for the first 6 months of 2024.

The Government is investigating alternative uses of the Malmsbury site once decommissioning is completed in

2024 and further information about this will be available in the coming months.

Organisations contributing to the Newsletter – the Malmsbury CFA, Cemetery Trust, Police and the Malmsbury Historical Society expressed their gratitude for the volumes of work done by the boys out in the community and recognised the important economic contribution the Centre had made to the town and the surrounding area.

Autumn Flower Show

The Kyneton Horticultural Society’s annual Autumn Flower Show will be held in the Watts Pavilion at the Kyneton Showgrounds on Apr 20 & 21.

The event brings together flower enthusiasts showcasing their best blooms, plants, and floral arrangements. Visitors can expect to see autumn blooms of dahlias, roses, cut flowers and shrubs in addition to an autumn harvest of fruit and vegetables.

“Come along and enjoy the blooms and maybe purchase a plant from our stall that caters for those of us who live in a unique cool climate that is the Macedon Ranges.

“Light refreshments will be provided by the CWA Kyneton” Society President Melva Ryan said.

For further information call Show Manager Nicola Turner 0458109337



Author at Aesop’s Mar 30

Aesop’s Attic at 70 High St will be hosting an event with author Graeme Simson at 3pm on Easter Sat Mar 30.

Graeme’s newest book “The Glass House” (with Anne Buist) is to be published by Hachette in March.

He is the author of many books including “The Rosie Project”; “Two Steps Forward”; “Creative Differences and Other Stories”; “Data Modelling Essentials”, and “The Novel Project”.

What's New in Business

Mignone Cakes re-opens



Monica, baby Francesca and husband Chris

Mignone Cakes, the boutique cake shop founded by previous Masterchef contestant, Monica Mignone re-opened on Wed Feb 7.

The shop at 37 High St Kyneton had been closed for some months whilst Monica was on maternity leave.

Opening hours are Wed: 12-4pm, Thu & Fri 10-4pm, and Sat 10-2pm.

Physiotherapy for babies, children and adolescents

Move & Groove Physio for Kids specialises in family-centred, goal directed therapy for babies, children and adolescents from 0-18 years and provides physiotherapy services to Kyneton and surrounding regions.

"We provide evidence based assessment, therapy (including Hydrotherapy) and recommendations that are fun, playful, engaging and confidence building" Nicki Orlandi paediatric physiotherapist said.

To book or enquire call 0434056808.

New doctor at Campaspe

Dr Sadi Asad joined Campaspe Family Practice in November last year

Dr Asad enjoys all aspects of General Practice and enjoys working in regional Victoria. She routinely bulkbills concession card holders and children under 16 years of age.

Dr Asad's special interests are women's health, skin checks and cosmetic dermatology



Squishy Minnie

Squishy Minnie, the children's and young adults' bookstore at 6 High St Kyneton has reopened, with new owners Rai Jones and Josh Ellis.



Rai and Josh moved to the area eight years ago, and have always been Squishy regulars. "We never planned to run a bookstore, but we just couldn't bear the idea of Squishy Minnie closing," says Rai.

Both Rai and Josh have a background in education, and both are continuing on with their roles in schools.

Rai and Josh have been overwhelmed with how warmly and enthusiastically they've been welcomed by the community. They credit the success of the reopening with the hard work and vision of Kristen and Lucky, the original owners

Squishy Minnie have a few things planned: Storytime is on Wednesdays at 11am. Sunday mornings in February is 'Serious Scribble', storytime and drawing for 10-14ish year olds.

On Feb 17 - a reading, signing and activity with Jodi Toering, author of *Night Watch* will be held at the store.

Opening hours are Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-4pm and Sun 10-2pm.

Footbridge Temporarily closed

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has assessed the historic Lauriston footbridge as unsafe for pedestrian use due to structural concerns.

The footbridge and the area underneath the bridge have therefore been temporarily closed. Council officers are working with specialists to come up with a safe solution.

RM Begg volunteers sought

RM Begg Respect Aged Care are interested in hearing from any volunteers who may be interested in driving their able-bodied residents to and from local appointments.

If you are interested please contact Helen on 54213600.

Australia Day Breakfast

On Jan 26 the Kyneton Mechanics Reserve was the venue for a well-attended Australia Day Breakfast.

Those attending enjoyed great comradery and a free breakfast prepared by hosts, the Kyneton Lions Club with the assistance of members of Kyneton Rotary and the Kyneton RSL Branch.

The Australia Day address was delivered by John Condliffe.



Lions Robert Scott & Linsay Potter take a coffee break between shifts

Seeking local nursing memorabilia

Kyneton Historical Society is asking past nurses of the old Kyneton Hospital if they have any memorabilia or photographs and or stories of their nursing careers.

Any items are sought to be included in the next exhibition on Nursing that opens on May 8 at the Kyneton Museum.

Uniforms would be great to be displayed.

All items will be on loan and returned to owners, unless you wish to donate them to the Society. Photos can be scanned and these can be brought to us at 75 Piper Street on a Tuesday 9am to 1pm or a Saturday 9am to 2pm.

Contact Secretary Larina on 0418545648 for further details.

Whole Town Garage Sale Mar 16

The Kyneton Whole Town Garage Sale is set for Sat Mar 16, with maps for sale on the day between 8am - 12pm from the Kyneton Community House

Those wanting to register their Garage Sale can do so through the Kyneton Community House website or by coming to the House at 34 Mollison St during business hours.

Sacred Heart Open Evening



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

Sacred Heart College Kyneton is encouraging families to discover more about the College at its Open Evening on Mon Apr 22 from 4 to 8pm.

The event will offer hands-on experiences for children, 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 the College life.

To learn more members of the local community can also visit the College website.

Seeking Service Providers

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health are looking for gardening, cleaning and personal care providers within the local area to support their Home Care Package participants.

A Home Care Package provides people with funds to purchase services to help them live comfortably and safely in their own home as they become older.

As a not-for-profit Home Care Package provider with nearly 40 years' experience serving the local community, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health coordinates the services chosen as part of a person's package.

The services help with daily living and healthcare and all service providers contracted are required to provide documentation to ensure they are compliant with the Aged Care Act.

Details of what is required can be found on the organisation's website: www.sunburycobaw.org.au/home-care-package-service-providers.

If you are interested in being added to the register of service providers, or

you are interested in Sunbury and Cobaw managing your Home Care Package, call 54216061 or email hcp@scchc.org.au.

Men's Shed

Kyneton Men's Shed has started 2024 with increased membership, new equipment, and an opportunity to engage in new technologies.

The Shed is also entering the digital age by having two members attend a one-day digital laser engraving/cutting introductory session.

It is now looking to purchase the necessary equipment so engraving/cutting services can be added to the Shed's ability to meet an increasing number of community needs.

It has already installed top of the range wood turning equipment which adds to the Shed's first-class woodworking and metal working equipment.

Shed President Ian Curnow says 2024 looks to be an outstanding year where the accent will be on progress and helping the community.

"We are already assisting a new group, Kyneton Backyard Growers (KBG) by making four trestle tables the group will use to display vegetables they give away every Sunday," said Ian.

Kyneton Backyard Growers will be having their first produce stall on Sun Mar 3 10am-12pm at the Lion's Kiosk in the Kyneton Mechanics Institute Reserve. Be sure to go along and say hello, and see their tables in action.



Valentines Prom Tylden Hall

The Prom is a retro Rock N Roll dance for everyone. Bring your toddler, bring your nan, bring all your besties! Everyone is welcome!

This is not a high school event, just a super fun theme! The perfect excuse to dust off your fancy pants, wiggle in to that dress, and polish your dancin' shoes.

Doors open at 7pm Fri Feb 16 and features a live band, licensed bar, Jinky's Food Truck, games and prizes.

\$10 entry, \$5 for kids (under 5's free!)

Tickets on sale now via trybooking or pay at the door.

Windarring independent living units:

Windarring, a leading disability support organisation, is proud to offer five self-contained, two-bedroom units at Windarring in Kyneton.

The units are specifically designed to support National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants to live independently in the community.

Each unit accommodates two individuals, carefully matched based on their unique needs. Windarring's commitment extends beyond just providing housing – they also offer personalised supports to build independence, including supporting residents to build essential everyday living skills, tailored to their individual requirements.

For residents in these units, Windarring promotes community engagement through weekend group activities focusing on fostering connections, participating in community events, building meaningful friendships, and supporting independence.

Windarring also recognises the importance of respite care and provides a self-contained unit equipped with all the necessities for a comfortable stay.

Windarring's short term accommodation unit features a fully equipped kitchen, laundry facilities, a lounge room with a TV, and WIFI access.

If required, Windarring can provide dedicated staff to ensure that individuals receive the support they need.

Windarring currently has independent unit vacancies, offering a wonderful opportunity for someone to join this supportive community.

For further information about Windarring's independent units or short-term accommodation, contact Courtney on 54227001.



Around the Galleries

At the Stockroom

98 Piper Street

Current Exhibition to 10 March

Greg Wood – *Nature Byrtyre*

Laura Veleff *Beauty Spot*

Yuria Okamura—*Healers*

Catalogues available on request

Upcoming 16 Mar to 21 April

Joshua Cocking—*A foreign body*

Cusack & Cusack Gallery

31 Piper St



drawing
workshops

Adam Cusack will be conducting a Drawing Workshop at the Gallery 10am-3pm on Sun Mar 23 all materials and a delicious lunch provided \$180/person.

Adam Cusack will lead a series of hands on drawing workshops focused on creating realism through the moulding of light. He will share his insights and demonstrate techniques on how to describe tonal values and texture. Participants will be working from life (no photos). Each session will expand your drawing skill base and it's fun.

To book your place email cusack.design@bigpond.com.au.

Art on Piper 44 Piper St

The gallery is featuring two talented guest artists in February and March, alongside the creative offerings of its 24 members.

Photographer, Scott Maltese has been capturing various subjects for over seven years, and more recently, has been working alongside mentor Mark Polsen to develop his own unique style. Feb 6–Mar 5.

Watercolour painter, Judy Perfect brings a wide range of subject matter

With an appealing flourish of her brushes, she evokes tranquil landscapes, colourful wildlife characters and loved animal friends with skill and emotion. Mar 6–Apr 1. Open every day from 10 until 4. www.artonpiper.com

The Old Auction House

52-56 Mollison St

The Old Auction House Gallery will be closed until early March for repairs and repainting following the storm damage at Christmas. When they reopen the following exhibitions will take place:

Mar 14–Apr 18 “Pods + Daisy Wheels” - Tracey Paynter Solo Exhibition

Apr 11–May 6 “All I can See” Group Exhibition capturing the beautiful views that surround us everyday

March 28–April 18 “Changing Hues” Group Exhibition - a colourful celebration of the majestic Autumn colours that envelop the region.

Brian Ward Achievement Awards

On Sat Jan 21 at a special luncheon the Kyneton Zetland Lodge presented Awards of \$250 to outstanding students from the Grade 6 classes of five local Primary Schools.

Not all award winners were able to attend but those who could are pictured below with Lodge Secretary John Blyth. Those who couldn't attend received their awards at their schools.

Award winners were: Emma Zollia & Austin May (Kyneton Primary), Isabella Bates & Charlie Cairns (Malmsbury), Stella Egberts & Oscar Pereira (Our Lady of the Rosary), Skye Arnephy & Kye Williams (Redesdale-Mia Mia) and Carys Lamb & Samuel Waters (Tylden PS).

The Awards are named in honour of Lodge member the late Brian Ward who initiated the Awards.



Fingers & Toes entries

The second Fingers and Toes Festival will be held on Sep 7.

There are 31 classes that you can enter. These can be viewed on Kyneton Handweavers and Spinners Group Facebook page or email fingersandtoesfestival@gmail.com and a copy will be emailed to you.

Entries must be received by Aug 6, but items do not need to be delivered until Sept 2.

Croquet



The Kyneton Croquet Club has made it a little bit easier for new people to come and try croquet.

They now have a twilight session on Thursday evenings from 5.30-7pm.

Anyone is welcome to turn up; the Club supply all the equipment and tuition, the only requirement is you wear flat-soled shoes and give a gold coin donation.

For those who want to take it a bit further, the club competes in pennant competition against other clubs in the region and a few Kyneton players have recently had success at state level at the Victorian Croquet Centre in Cairnlea.

The regular social play continues on Mon, Wed and Sat from 1pm.

For more information, visit the Club's facebook page, email at kynetoncroquetclub@gmail.com, or call 0411707358.

Community House 2024

Many new activities are available this term at Kyneton Community House including Pilates, Feldenkrais, Art Classes, Meditation, Computer support and Hospitality programs.

To participate contact the House 54223433 or via its website.

A new offering available this year is Independent Me, a program targeted to give individuals the life skills they need to move about the world.

The program covers relationships, budgets, communication, emergency situations and more.

U3A Kyneton 2024

U3A Kyneton has opened the year with more than 400 members and an ever growing range of courses and activities.



The popular Friday@U3A commenced on Fri Feb 9 with a presentation from Peter Wilson (ex NGV) speaking on what the art and lives of Nineteenth Century artist John Glover and twentieth Century artist, Margaret Preston, can reveal about our history.

On Feb 16, Keith Altmann, retired Civil Engineer and Town Planner, will present the first of four monthly talks about Economic Growth and a Sustainable Future.

And, on Feb 23, author and winner of the 2021 Patrick White Award for Literature, Carmel Bird will be guest speaker, talking about her book *The Stolen Children*.

Friday@U3A happens at the Redbrick Hall, 34 Yaldwyn Street West on Fridays during school term time. Presentations are at 2pm and finish up with a cup of tea.

This program is open to the public - you don't have to be a member of U3A Kyneton to attend.

Young volunteer awards

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is inviting applications for the 2024 Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs awards program.

This award recognises active commitment to volunteerism, to volunteer leadership and to improving the lives of women and girls.

The successful applicant will receive an award of \$400 from the Zonta Club of Kyneton and will then be nominated for a District 23 Award, valued at US\$5,000.

Applicants should be aged between 16 and 19 years on 1 April 2024, and studying at a secondary school, college or university.

Applications are due by Mar 8 - for an application form or further information call 0417541371 or email secretary@zontakyneton.org.au.

Kyneton CWA Twilighters

The CWA Kyneton Twilighters rounded out 2023 by supporting the extraordinary generosity of the local community and Little Swallow Cafe.

At the December meeting the Twilighters packed gift vouchers and wrote Christmas cards then delivered them to The Kindness Collective Food Bank to be distributed to locals in need.

The Twilighters had planned to kick off 2024 with a game of Barefoot Bowls at the Kyneton Bowling Club. They had invited neighbouring CWA branches to join them, but were washed out.

The rain didn't deter members, family and friends from enjoying themselves over drinks and nibbles. The bowls have been rescheduled for later in February.



All women and girls are welcome to join the CWA. Contact Sharon McNamara-Youl, Branch President, at kynetontwilighters@gmail.com.

The Twilighters meet every month on the second Thursday at 7pm. Contact Sharon for venue details.

You can keep up with Twilighters news and meeting details on Facebook and Instagram.

Kyneton RSL News

The RSL will have a busy 2024 with events happening regularly.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Mar 27. All committee positions will be declared vacant prior to the AGM and nominations for all positions will be sought.

If you feel you have something to offer the committee, please talk to one of the committee members for further information. You should be a service or affiliate member to nominate.

There is also a need for more volunteers within the RSL and again, if you would like to be part of this small team, please contact a

committee or a staff member.

The Veterans Catch-up afternoon in February is Feb 25 and a presentation on this afternoon will focus on Australia's involvement in the Boer War. It will be presented by Cherry Carter, who recently returned from a visit to South Africa. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. Bookings for this event are essential. Please contact the RSL on 542 6735.

The RSL Active program had some interesting events over the last year. The first of 2024 will be Clay Shooting at the Kyneton Gun Club on Sun Feb 18 commencing at 10.30am. Bookings are essential.

ANZAC Day is fast approaching and organising has started to make the day a memorable one.

All are invited to attend the Dawn Service and participate in the march to the Cenotaph for the morning service as well.

The provision of home maintenance for Veterans is progressing well with lawn mowing, window and gutter cleaning and general maintenance being provided where needed.

If you are a Veteran or know of a Veteran who needs this type of service please contact the RSL for assistance.

New CEO

The start of the new year has seen the arrival of a new CEO at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health.

David Wild moved from South Australia and took up the position at the end of January.

David will split his time between the health service's two main sites at Sunbury and Kyneton.

Mr Wild will also join the other ten community health CEOs from across Victoria as a member of the Alliance of Rural and Regional Community Health (ARRCH) who work together sharing resources and ideas to advocate for the improvement of the health and wellbeing of local people.



Malmsbury Fayre – Apr 28

The popular Malmsbury Village Fair will be held in the historic Malmsbury Botanic Gardens amid the beautiful blaze of Autumn this year.

Scheduled for Sun Apr 28 10am-3pm, the 2024 Fayre invites 'chrononauts' from all eras to celebrate the theme, 'time travellers welcome'. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to dress up in costumes spanning the past, present and future.

Visit malmsburyvillagefayre.org.au for more details.

Concert in Botanic Gardens

The combined Brass Bands from Kyneton and Daylesford gave a concert in the Kyneton Botanic Gardens during February last year. It was so well received that the two Bands have decided to get together again this year.

At 2pm on Sun Feb 25, the Bands will again be in the Gardens to present a concert consisting of a variety of different styles of music. Bring along your seat and sit back and listen to the big sounds.

This year marks the 170th year of the band. You can see a display of the Band's history in the community window next to the Post Office.

The Kyneton Municipal Band rehearses every Friday at The Red Brick Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

If you would like to learn to play a brass instrument, or to join the band contact Bandmaster Hugh Davies on 0418519398.

Old time dancing

The 'Old Time Dancing at Kyneton' group host monthly dances in St Mary's Hall in Hutton St'

The February dance is on Sun Feb 18 from 1.30-5pm with music provided by Rita & Bob. Entry cost is \$8 for an afternoon of dancing, music and afternoon tea. All are welcome. It would be appreciated if you brought a plate to share for afternoon tea.

The March dance is on Fri Mar 15, 7.30-11pm, with well-known band, Family Rhythm, playing. There will be a GREEN theme for this dance, which is a tribute dance for our dear friend, Richard (Dick) Green, who passed away at this time last year, and, also, for St Patrick's Day.

Contact Julie 0400126870 for more information.

Trentham Fashion Swap



On Sun Feb 18, the Trentham Fashion Swap team will host their first of four clothing swaps for 2024 at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

In Australia alone, over 200,000 tonnes of clothing ends up in landfills annually. Clothing swaps are a great way to reduce this waste and help find loving new owners for unwanted apparel and accessories.

So do your part by bringing along up to 8 clean and wearable items to the Trentham Summer Swap, which will focus on women's clothing of all sizes, formalwear and maternity clothing, shoes, jewellery and accessories. The event is sponsored by Trentham Sustainability Group and Hepburn Shire Council.

RM Begg Auxiliary

The Auxiliary started off their year with the regular craft market on Feb 3. They will continue to conduct the markets out of Bolton Hall, 22 Epping St on the first Saturday of the month (excluding April), as they will have their annual Easter Market the Saturday before (March 30).

The Auxiliary's first Garage Sale, also at Bolton Hall, is on Sat Feb 17 9am – 2pm.

It will include a large range of children's toys and books in very good condition along with collectibles and household items.

The Auxiliary meets at 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month, in Bolton Hall. Anyone is most welcome.

Run the Rock Apr 20

The annual Run the Rock will take place at Hanging Rock on Apr 20.

Participants can choose their distance of from 22K, 13.5K, 5K or a Kids 2K. There will be live music, a BBQ, games for kids, as well as food trucks and drinks waiting at the finish line for you to celebrate your run!

Music In The Sticks

MITs is inviting young people aged 12 -25 years interested in the music industry to join the crew for 2024.

The crew meet fortnightly to share pizza and learn about the industry, including sound mixing, event lighting, event management, photography, and more.

Several events are also held throughout the year to practice new skills in a fun environment.

To register visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/ MITs.

Maintaining tradition

The Marist Brothers came to Kyneton on Sunday, July 25, 1926, and commenced teaching the next day. Teaching commenced at St Marys' school in Jennings St where a large classroom was placed at the brother's disposal.

Later their permanent building, (still standing) was constructed at the corner of Powlett and Hutton Sts.

To commemorate the Brothers' arrival, a 21st Birthday celebration was held at Kyneton in August 1947 when 150 past students gathered at a reunion dinner and later formed an *Old Boys Association*.

The Association continues as part of the fabric of Kyneton and each year holds an annual reunion.

This year Sun Jan 28 the seventy-seventh annual reunion was attended by forty-three members and family at a luncheon at the Shamrock Hotel.

Formalities of the day were limited with a short address by President Roly Sandilands and a memorial address covering the six members whose death had been advised since the last assembly.

July 2026 will be the centenary of the Marist Brothers coming to Kyneton and after next year's reunion on Sun Jan 26 2025 the Management Committee will consider if something special can be done for the significant milestone.



Len Young, Michal Halley & Roly Sandilands

Kyneton District Services

Accountants

Craig Chester Accounting	5422 1966
Watco Partners Pty Ltd	5792 2580
David J Gibney Pty Ltd	5422 6480

Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine

Dr Michele Downes	0407582036
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Art Studio and Gallery

Maxine McKee at Trio Art	0467025354
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Auto Services & Repairs

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

Catering & Cafe

Angies Café & Bakeshop	5422 6112
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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, Yarn & Haberdashery

Alice in fabricland	5422 6031
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Financial Planning

BTP Business Advisors Pty Ltd	5422 1588
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Fishmongers

The Fishmonger Kyneton	0408127392
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Holistic Health

Maiaveda Retreat & Spa	0420580886
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Insurance

Simplex Insurance Solutions	5422 3333
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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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Medical Practices

Campaspe Family Practice	5422 2877
Kyneton Medical Centre	5422 1397
Springs Medical Kyneton	5422 1298
Goonawarra Medical Centre	9744 9900

Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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Osteopath

Organic Mechanic Osteo	0423852874
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Physiotherapy

Central Pelvic Health Physio	0487018665
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Real Estate

Broadhurst Property	1300380980
Ray White Kyneton	5422 2127
RT Edgar	5422 3325

School Aged Childcare

BugALugs	5422 2767
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Shoe Suppliers

Kyneton Shoes	5422 2090
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Town Planning Services

Macaulay Town Planning	5422 3054
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Veterinarians

Dr Greg McIntyre	5422 1310
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Kyneton Events Calendar

Fri Feb 16	Valentine's Prom Tylden Hall 7pm
Sat Feb 17	RM Begg Auxiliary Garage Sale Bolton Hall 9am
Sun Feb 18	Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 1.30pm Trentham Fashion Swap Trentham Neighbourhood Centre Kyneton Netball Association Family Day Showgrounds 1pm
Mon Feb 19	Kyneton Horticultural Society Meeting KFNC Clubrooms 7.30pm
Wed Feb 21	Kyneton Community Lunch 35 High St 12.30pm (each school term Wed) Healthy Heart Talk Chiropractic Life 47 High Street 6.30pm
Sun Feb 25	Kyneton & Daylesford Bands Concert Kyneton Botanic Gardens 2pm
Sat Mar 2	RM Begg Auxiliary Craft Market Bolton Hall 9am-
Sun Mar 3	Tim Flannery's "Climate Change" Malmsbury Town Hall 6-8pm Kyneton Backyard Growers First Produce Stall Lions Kiosk 10-2pm
Wed Mar 6	Zonta International Women's Day Dinner Vic Hotel Woodend 6.30pm
Thur Mar 7	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Fri Mar 8	Unmasked Exhibition Starts Kyneton Town Hall 11-4pm
Sat Mar 9	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
Mon Mar 11	Labour Day Holiday
Fri Mar 15	Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm
Sat Mar 16	Whole Town Garage Sale—Maps Kyneton Community House 'Wovenspoke' St Paul's Anglican Church Hall Yaldwyn St West 10-4pm
Tues Mar 19	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Fri Mar 22	Vision Australia Dutch Auction Uniting Church 1.30pm
Sat Mar 23	Tylden Primary School Fair School Grounds 10-3pm
Fri Mar 29	Good Friday Football Netball Kyneton v Woodend Hesket Kyne Showgrounds 2pm
Sun Mar 30	RM Begg Auxiliary Easter Market Bolton Hall 9am-
Sun Mar 31	Easter Sunday
Sun Apr 7	'Luke Watt & Valley Road' Baynton Hall 12-4pm
Apr 8 & 9	'Kids Creative Building Jam' Kyneton Town Hall 10-12.30pm & 1.30-3pm
Wed Apr 10	'Kids Creative Building Jam' Kyneton Town Hall 10-12.30pm
Thur Apr 11	Vision Australia Meeting Uniting Church 1.30pm Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Fri Apr 12	'Tim Rogers & the Mods' Malmsbury Town Hall 7-10.30pm
Sat Apr 13	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm Football-Netball Riddell v Kyneton Away game
Sun Apr 14	'The Rattlers' Kyneton Museum 12-4pm

Healthy heart talk

Chiropractic Life are hosting a free Healthy Heart talk in their practice at 47 High St 6.30pm Wed Feb 21. Speaker is Dr Bernie Haberman.

Bookings essential call 44118944, kyneton@chiropracticlife.com.au or register on Eventbrite 'Healthy Heart Kyneton'.

'Climate Changers'

Climate Changers, an award-winning new documentary following Tim Flannery's search for climate change leadership will be presented by the Kyneton Transition Hub and Sustainable Malmsbury at the Malmsbury Town Hall 6-8pm Sun Mar 3. Entry free.

Live & Local in Community Halls

A major initiative of the 2024 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival will be a total of 23 bands or singer-songwriters performing in Community Halls across the Shire on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the Festival month of April.

The full program can be found on the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Website but some near Kyneton are listed below:

Sun Apr 7 Baynton Hall – Luke Watt & Valley Road 12-4pm;

Fri Apr 12 Malmsbury Town Hall – Tim Rogers & The Mods 7-10.30pm;

Sun Apr 14 Kyneton Museum – The Rattlers 12-4pm.



Tim Rogers

Kyneton Kinder vacancies

MRSC has advised that the following places are available at Kyneton Kindergarten:

7.5 hours per week of three-year-old kindergarten in 2024 (8:30am – 4pm, one day a week) and 15 hours per week of four-year-old kindergarten in 2024 (8:30am – 4pm, two days a week)

Register online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego or call the Enrolment Officer on 54220333.

Tylden School Fair Mar 23

On Sat Mar 23, 10am-3pm, Tylden Primary School is holding its annual fair.

It is the major fundraiser for the year, all proceeds from the day go directly back into the school. Funds support the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, annual swimming program, new computers and technology, upgrades to furniture and playground equipment and much more.

The Tylden Primary School Fair prides itself on being a proper country fair and great day out for the whole family.

There will be rides for all ages, including camel rides, giant slide, rock wall, chair-o-plane, animal farm and more.

Local musicians will provide entertainment all day as you browse the stalls, enjoy a coffee and munch on delicious food.

The famous Silent Auction will be packed with amazing items to bid for and you are sure to find a bargain in the Trash & Treasure, Books, Craft, Produce, Cake or Plant Stalls.

As always, the Fair Raffle has wonderful prizes donated by local businesses so it is well worth buying a ticket.

For more information about the Tylden PS Fair or about the school, please phone the Principal, Lee MacDonald on 54248244.



Football-Netball starts Mar 29



The first match for Kyneton's Senior Football-Netball teams in their new Riddell District Football Netball

League will be on Good Friday March 29, a home game at the Showgrounds against Woodend-Hesket.

Kyneton's second match will be an away game against Riddell on Sat Apr 13 but on Apr 20 the Tigers will return to the Showgrounds playing Romsey.

Netball Association family day

The Kyneton Netball Association (KNA) is set to host its Family Day event at the Kyneton Showgrounds from 1pm on Sun Feb 18, as it begins its preparation for Season 2024.

The Family Day promises a variety of activities, including a BBQ and various games - making it an ideal opportunity for you to meet the KNA volunteers and try out if you haven't played before.

In 2024, KNA will continue its partnership with the Macedon Ranges Netball Association.

This partnership allows a structured and organised program for all players, each Saturday morning at the New Gisborne Netball Complex from Under 9's to Under 16's. Training and games run Mar to Aug. KNA welcomes players of all skill levels and is focused on creating a supportive, inclusive environment for all by providing a sense of belonging, an opportunity to have fun and promote the sport of netball.

To hear more or find out more about registering, email kynetonnetballjuniors@gmail.com or call Kaitlin Evans, Secretary on 0409859685.

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