



Kyneton Connect



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Wild winds wreak havoc



Jenny Hince in her front garden

The most protracted period of gale force winds in living memory on the night of Wed Jun 9 and morning of Thu Jun 10 caused extensive damage throughout this district.

Some outer residential properties had dozens of trees down.

Fallen trees brought power lines down throughout the district.

Hundreds of residents were without power for days, creating major problems in coping with the cold, preserving the food and forcing those totally reliant on electricity to seek their hot showers at the homes of friends, family, Council facilities or the Football Netball Club. As of 2pm on Sunday there were still 170+ homes in the 3444 postcode without power.

Trees that had fallen across roads and drives in the outer areas prevented some from leaving their properties to go to work, school or shop.

As well as damage to structures caused by trees the wind alone damaged houses with at least one having windows blown in.

SES and CFA crews provided great assistance to those in distress.

Kyneton Vaccination Centre

Local residents will have access to another local vaccine provider through the expansion of Central Highlands Rural Health's COVID-19 Vaccination Centre at Kyneton Hospital.

Kyneton Health's COVID-19 Vaccination Centre will open its doors to people in phases 1a, 1b and 2a, including those over 40, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 16 and over, adults with an underlying medical condition or significant disability, healthcare workers and other critical and high-risk workers.

The clinic will administer both AstraZeneca and Pfizer and is likely to open to the public mid to late June.

Central Highlands Rural Health CEO Maree Cuddihy said "We will be running a very small community vaccine clinic initially - most likely on a Tuesday morning.

Those wishing to get a COVID-19 vaccination at Kyneton Health will need to visit the Central Highlands Rural Health website to book (booking portal coming soon), as walk-in appointments will not be available.

RATIONALE to open this year

On Thursday May 13, Australian luxury skincare brand RATIONALE hosted an evening at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute to share details about the opening of their Global Headquarters in Kyneton, the history of the Brand, internal teams and workplace culture, job opportunities, and called for expressions of Interest.

The information evening drew a crowd of over 150 attendees and was hosted by RATIONALE Founder, Richard Parker and CEO, Shamini Rajarethnam, with senior Leadership Team Members.

The opening of the state-of-the-art campus facilities at 187 High St has presented exciting multi-level opportunities across the entire RATIONALE business.

"We're thrilled to be making our new home in Kyneton," says Shamini Rajarethnam, CEO.

Construction activity at RATIONALE HQ is currently on track; glass façade panelling on the north and south sides of the structure is going up, the carpark has been completed and the grounds are being prepared for landscaping. The site is due to open in late 2021.

RATIONALE is expecting over 100 people will be working at its Kyneton Global Headquarters with a view to grow to approximately 150 in the longer term.



Construction activity at RATIONALE's High Street site

Rotary's Kenyan projects



A few years ago Kyneton Rotary Club member, Karel Turang presented an opportunity for the Club to be a partner in some African projects with a New Orleans based NGO "Learn to Live"

The CEO of this organisation is Karel's daughter Yanti who is an emergency nurse working in New Orleans but she has also worked and run projects and clinics in Indonesia (her father's homeland) and Africa (Ebola response).

The new projects were to be in the Rift Valley, Kenya and their aim was to improve water and sanitation conditions in the region and empower the Masai women by providing them with an income.

The Rotary Club's role was to assist Learn to Live and Masai organization MANDO in financing these projects.

The women in the community, who call themselves Maji Mamas, had already formed a working team making mud bricks for construction. The first joint project was to construct some rainwater tanks. These were built with the bricks and then lined with heavy duty polythene. Following the completion of this project Yanti contacted Kyneton Rotary's International Director, Graham Scarlett, to see if the Club would be willing to assist with another project in Kenya. The Club received a Rotary District 9800 International Grant from the Rotary Foundation which helped to complete the project.

The latrine facilities at the Olodungoro Primary School were in very poor condition and a source of water borne disease.

New gender specific toilets were designed where the urine can be separated from the solid waste which is transferred to a bio-digester leaving pure urine for use as a fertiliser.

The Maji Mamas built the Latrines with the hand made bricks and all technical, engineering support and construction was managed by MANDO.

The project was completed early this year following a few delays as a result of the Covid pandemic and the invasion of the site by a herd of elephants!

The Rotary Club of Kyneton is pleased to have had the opportunity to work with MANDO and Learn to Live on these projects in Kenya and is grateful for the contribution from the Rotary Foundation.

Learn to Live's CEO, Yanti Turang was recently recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Kyneton.

Kyneton Museum - UNDONE

UNDONE is a playful encounter with the Kyneton Museum collection, engaging with history and its gaps, as part performance, part exhibition. Created by cross disciplinary local artists and Metanoia Theatre, the work is an immersive choose-your-own journey through collective possibilities for an imagined future.

Six performers (Alexandra Harrison, Jannete Hoe, Israel Aloni, Greg Ulfan, Gorkem Acaroglu, Yogashree Thirunavukarasu, Kasey Sinclair) perform across the Kyneton Museum, in both indoor and outdoor locations. Audiences are free to roam the 90 minute performance, led only by their curiosity. Internationally acclaimed local visual artist, Desmond Lazaro re-curates the existing collection to immerse audiences in an exploration of our past, present and future.

You can see UNDONE 7pm Thu Jun 24 & Fri Jun 25; at 3pm & 7 pm Sat Jun 26 and 2pm & 5pm Sun Jun 27.

Kyneton Museum is at 67 Piper St.

Bookings: 1300888802 or online: mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events.

Field Naturalists

Are you interested in learning more about the wonderful flora, fauna and fungi of the Macedon Ranges, and helping to preserve its' native species, communities and ecosystems?

You can find out more on the Macedon Ranges Field Naturalists website or Facebook page, or contact them by email to find out how you and/or your family can join one of their free events.

Disability & Friendships Webinar

A free webinar is being held next month which explores ways to assist people with a disability to foster, develop and nurture friendships.

Relationships are one of the most important things in our lives and research has shown that relationships make a big difference to our well-being and health.

Although meaningful social connection is a problem for many people in our community, people who have a disability are at greater risk of isolation, loneliness and disconnection.

The 'Fostering Relationships' webinar is being organised by Belonging Matters in conjunction with Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health and is on Tuesday 13 July between 10am and 12.30pm.

For bookings or more information, contact Belonging Matters on 97398333.

2021 Spring Flower Show

After a 2 year absence, the Kyneton Horticultural Society will be hosting its annual spring flower show on Sat 4 and Sun 5 Sept in the Watts pavilion, Showgrounds, Mollison St.

For more details about the show please visit the website closer to the date at www.khs1894.com

The spring flower show is proudly sponsored by Kyneton Garden Supplies.



Woodend Festival postponed

Due to COVID restrictions the Woodend Winter Arts Festival has been postponed to later dates.

"Everyone who has tickets will be contacted with the option to keep the booking, or get a refund" said Artistic Director, Jacqueline Ogeil.

Days and times for each performer/artist/speaker are being confirmed, but the new dates are July 10 & 11 and Aug 7 & 8.

Updates on changes will be posted on the Winter Arts Festival website.

Toy Library open again



The Kyneton & Districts Toy Library welcomed new and existing members when it reopened last month.

“Joining a toy library keeps toys novel, allows families to ‘try before they buy’ and sharing toys helps the environment by reducing landfill waste,” said Kyneton & Districts Toy Library President, Angela Sloan. “Play-based learning is essential in early childhood development. It provides many skills that take children through to adulthood including cognitive, problem solving, social, communication and persistence. And toys assist children to play,” said Angela.

The Toy Library is 100% voluntary run by members and offers toys that encourage creativity, are educational and suit a range of abilities and stages of development up to the age of six.

“All for the price of one good quality toy” notes Angela.

The Toy Library welcomes new ideas, committee members and funding opportunities.

The library exists to serve members, so their input is vital to the Library’s future - as is funding and support from community and government organisations.

Membership is \$30 for 12 months and borrowing sessions are on Saturdays 10:30 - 11:30am at the Maternal & Child Health Centre in Hutton St.

Follow the Library’s Facebook page to stay up to date with borrowing sessions and new toy arrivals: @kynetontoylibrary.

Register for kindergarten

Funded 4-year-old and 3-year-old kindergarten will be available in the Macedon Ranges in 2022.

In addition to the 15 hours weekly of funded four-year old kinder, from next year, all eight Council-managed kindergartens, including Lady Brooks Kindergarten in Kyneton,

will be offering five hours a week of funded three-year-old kindergarten. This means an extra year of learning, playing and making friends for children.

The kindergarten program’s qualified teachers support children by offering them a range of learning experiences and activities that are both stimulating and fun.

Kindergarten registrations must be lodged by 30 June 2021.

For more information about kindergarten programs, fees and enrolment call Council’s Early Years Services unit on 54220239 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten.

Houses Going Up

Works at Kyneton on Riverside are currently in progress with dream homes going up from a selection of home builders.

Now that work is back in full swing, Mario Carrocci, Construction Manager report that over 20 new homes have been approved to begin construction in the early stages at Kyneton on Riverside.

“Currently we have over twelve new homes under construction and more are to commence soon.”

With the progression of these builds residents have started to move into the new area.

“We are now taking Expressions of Interest for Stage 6 Stonemason Release that offers premium sized lots in a prime location” Mario said.

“We have experienced a positive response with lots selling faster than anticipated.

“Our team has spent over 10 years in the planning and design of this master planned neighbourhood. We are all excited to see our vision of a new community in the heart of Kyneton come to life” he said.



Men’s Shed foodies dig in



A keen group of Kyneton Men’s Shed members has set to work recently building a community vegetable and herb garden outside their Shed near Bupa in Kyneton.

The raised beds, constructed by Shed member Robin Burgess almost 2 years ago, had been sitting idle in the shadows of the building.

The project team led by keen gardeners and foodies, Gennaro Mazzella and George Biron, put in a big effort to empty, relocate and refill the raised beds ready for planting of the winter seedlings.

“We’re hoping to expand our Men’s Shed garden in the future and produce more to offer the community. It’s important that all people have access to good, nutritious food” Gennaro said.

George said, “It would be great to start a cooking group at the Shed, so having fresh vegies and herbs straight from the garden will be perfect.”

After a difficult 18 months for the Shed, the Committee is finding that new activities and fresh recruits. Enthused to see revitalisation of the Shed taking place, President Phil Thomas said, “It’s wonderful that all the hard work put in by the Committee is showing its worth. We are now being contacted by men with varying interests to the traditional Shed offering, and from a wide age range.”

“The Shed is here to support men of all ages, and interests they may be keen to pursue from gardening to motorcycle restoration, or cooking to a game of cards.”

Kyneton Men’s Shed welcomes new members to join in activities, or just come and meet for a chat. For more information call Larry White, on 0419189972 or email larryw@bendigo.net.au

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



Warm winter greetings from West Ward Councillors.

Some of you may have met our new CEO Bernie o'Sullivan who commenced in May and we welcomed him with a smoking ceremony performed by Wurundjeri Elder, Uncle Bill.

We know we all have a role to play to deepen our understanding, continue to build relationships, respect and work together towards reconciliation. We know that Bernie plans to be out and about, meeting and connecting with many residents and groups when the circumstances allow.

Council understands it has again been a challenging time for everyone and businesses, and we continue to adapt and work with community groups and businesses as the situation changes.

Thanks to all of you that provided feedback on the Draft Annual Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan.

As you know Council has a broad range of responsibilities.

Councillors are provided with a lot of information as we make decisions to allocate funds to projects and areas across the Shire, and we always strive to achieve the right balance.

You will hear more about the community vision, financial and council plan following the deliberative engagement process with community representatives recently completed.

Please be reassured that these draft documents will also be released for community feedback at a later stage.

As always, there are many strategies and plans out for feedback.

Please go to Council's website- <https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say>

One that should be released shortly, is the Draft Rural Land Use Strategy .It has included two previous surveys and we are very keen to hear your thoughts.

If you have any other general ideas or specific concerns, we would like to hear from you.

It is always best to write to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

It is then formally logged and will be allocated to the appropriate Council Officer to respond. If you don't have access to email, you can call our customer service team on 54220333.

We are continuing to investigate and receive further information on funding allocations and opportunities for our Shire following the State and Federal budgets. We know there is a focus on mental health and the economy which are priorities for us here in the Shire. We already work with a range of organisations and health providers supporting projects in the area of mental health.

It was impressive to see so many people attend the Rationale careers night held recently at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute . They are bringing their new global headquarters to Kyneton which will provide a broad range of local job opportunities including training, research, manufacturing, distribution and administration.

Over the last months there have been some fabulous shows at the Kyneton Bluestone theatre and Mount Players. The Kyneton Town Hall has also been back in action. It has been lovely to be out enjoying the performances once again and we realise that we need to be flexible as the situation changes. One of the recent highlights has been the announcement of Council's participation as one of 46 Councils in the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO).

This has been a few years in the making and is the largest ever emissions reduction project by local government in Australia.

It is expected to save our Council 40% each year in electricity bills and is just one of many important actions from our Climate Change Action Plan and Environment Strategy.

Crs Janet Pearce, Jennifer Anderson and Mark Ridgeway

Cathouse Players Blythe Spirit

After a hiatus of 18 months since Arsenic and Old Lace, Cathouse Players were ready to bring back the well-loved classics for which they are known.

Alas just prior to their opening weekend COVID-19 restrictions changed and with that saw the postponement of their June production of 'Blithe Spirit' by the renowned playwright and wit, Noel Coward.

Happily they have been able to reschedule for mid-August much to Director, Bette Sartore's delight, having watched her cast bring their characters to life over the last three months of rehearsals.

Blithe Spirit was first produced for stage in 1941, playing for several years on both the West End and Broadway. However, it is probably best remembered by the 1945 film version starring Rex Harrison and the incomparable Margaret Rutherford.

Cathouse Players will perform, as usual, at the warm and inviting Kyneton Masonic Centre, which has been their 'pop up' theatre for over five years now.

Newly confirmed dates are August 13; 14; 15; 20; 21; 22.

Interval refreshments, yet again will include Wine and Supper for evening performances and their much loved High Tea with Bubbles during matinees. Cathouse Players are now taking advance bookings www.trybooking.com/BQLNZ or cash sales and enquiries contact 0490485850.



Community House activities



Working in the edible garden

Due to lockdowns and subsequent changes to covid restrictions, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, originally scheduled for June 18, has been postponed. It will now be held later in the year so stay tuned for details.

The House's Community Lunch cannot run during restrictions so for the next couple of weeks it will revert to a take-away offering which can be pre-ordered online or by phone and collected from the Community House.

Pre-orders can be made via www.kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au. The menu and any changes to the service are posted on the Community House Facebook page.

Through a successful grant, the Community House have been able to purchase a van which will be used to branch out further afield for food donations and Skills for Life experiences.

This grant has also helped with the purchase of some wicking beds and a hothouse to enhance the edible garden program.

The House are pleased to be partnering with Rainbow Voices, the Macedon Ranges first LGBTQIA+ choir.

Please contact call 54223433 or email admin@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au to register your interest. The choir hope to begin on Sunday afternoons from July.

Ray M Begg Auxiliary

Following their recent successful Easter Fair the Ray M Begg Auxiliary conducted a book/garage sale at Bolton Hall.

The Auxiliary raised in excess of \$2000, which will go towards purchase of items for the welfare of the residents at Ray M Begg.

As they are unable to have their

winter stalls at Ray M Begg, the Auxiliary will conduct its winter markets at Bolton Hall at 22 Epping St. For sale will be handcrafts, knit wear, beanies, scarves, rugs toys etc along with jams and sauces and books. The dates are Sat July 3 and Sat Aug 7. The markets are from 9am-1pm.

Friends of Black Hill update



On a chilly but sunny Sunday morning in early May, the friends group held a working bee at Black Hill Reserve.

This working bee followed on from the nesting box talk held in March.

The group was fortunate to obtain a large number of unfinished boxes from the Malmsbury Juvenile Justice Centre Works Program and MRSC.

The working bee was to touch up painting, attach lids after waterproofing and make holes for animal access.

Members old, new and kids enjoyed the sunshine and working together on the day and shared some laughs and the delicious morning tea afterwards.

The nest boxes are suitable for phascogales (threatened species) and sugar gliders as well as some hollow nesting birds such as tree creepers. The nest boxes will be installed by the Friends group throughout the year.

The next working bee or talk will be held on Sunday 4th July at 10am. Anyone interested in Black Hill Reserve is welcome to join in. Visit www.blackhillreservekyneton.com.au for details call 0419301083 or email friends@blackhillreserve.com.au

Keep Kyneton Country Group

A new community group 'Keep Kyneton Country' has been formed in response to proposed developments in and adjacent to Edgcombe Rd.

"We are a group of residents working towards a positive and sustainable future for our historic town and rural environment.

"We aim to protect the natural and

early built environment, along with our rich rural and indigenous cultural heritage" group spokesperson Susan McNab said.

Susan said that Keep Kyneton Country operates under the incorporated not-for-profit Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group. "Inappropriate development under the current statutory planning laws is difficult to prevent.

Residents and councils have limited capacity to protect their environment and implement their town's vision and values.

"We aim to support project groups to advocate for appropriate and sustainable development in the region. We encourage innovative models of sustainable growth that support positive economic, social and environment outcomes.

Recently the group has responded to three separate applications by developers.

The first is an application to subdivide former farmland into a large-scale industrial/commercial estate and rural-living lots at Edgcombe Road.

The Council granted a permit with numerous conditions in December which the developer is now challenging at VCAT.

Keep Kyneton Country has submitted a Joint Statement of Grounds to support the permit conditions which protect waterways and wildlife habitat in the area.

Additional planning applications include a 24-hour fuel and truck stop, a McDonalds and a Bunnings store.

Susan said "The group believes the developments pose a major threat to Post Office Creek, a tributary of the Campaspe River and a 'Save Post Office Creek' petition has been organised to assist with arresting further decline and the restoration of this natural habitat.

See *Friends of Kyneton* face book group to sign the petition.

"We're working to sustain our unique rural lifestyle and a better future for Kyneton and the Macedon Ranges" Susan concluded.

Information can be found at www.keepkynetoncountry.org, find on face book or email Susan at: contact@keepkynetoncountry.org

What's New in Business

Linen House Kyneton open



Sarah Brown & Louise Ogden of Linen House

Linen House Kyneton opened its doors at 12-14 Piper St towards the end of April

There has been a buzz about the new outlet store with discounts of up to 30-70%.

The Kyneton store has a range of colourfully cosy Hara and Donna throws, plus the ever-popular chenille Adalyn quilt cover set.

You will discover sought-after products created by a team of in-house designers as well as unique designs across bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, dining, kids and décor. Linen House has a friendly and informed team of linen lovers and homeware enthusiasts to assist customers.

Just landed is a sensational drop of bathroom towels, a super-cute kids bedding range and chic napery for at-home entertaining, keeping you well-placed for the cooler months ahead.

Linen House is open 7 days 10am – 5pm.

RED Rideshare

Shelley Powers has been an independent private rideshare operator since 2017, when she bought her new RED Camry from Kyneton Toyota.

Shelley worked in the business along with another driver and then took a short break to focus on family and has returned in her own right, now as RED Rideshare.

Shelley is glad to have several committed drivers working along with her, who are as passionate and enthusiastic as she is in providing a top-notch service in the area.

Shelley said that she, Sarah and Heidi are all qualified, registered and insured drivers in their own right

“We are here for your rideshare or delivery needs” she said.

“Due to telecommunications issues in Kyneton and region, at times calls do not connect or drop out.

“We have found that text messages usually do get through.

“You can also call or text on the WhatsApp.

“We continue to operate under Covid regulations, with QR check in and face masks mandatory at this time. Masks are available in car, if you do not have one, for \$1” Shelley concluded.

Phone / Text / WhatsApp: 0488875683.



Sarah, Shelley and Heidi of RED Rideshare

Oliver Campbell Trading

Oliver Campbell Trading opened its doors in May, focussing on European and classic Australian brands for men and women's fashion.

Florals are available on the weekends and Oliver Campbell also has a great range of accessories and fragrances.

Located at 26 Piper St they are open 7 days a week – Mon to Wed 11-3pm and Thu to Sun 10-4pm.

em hello@olivercampbelltrading.com.

Ph 0456823348,



Andrea of Oliver Campbell

Macedon Ranges Hampers & Blossom Possum have moved

Formerly in High St opposite the Visitor Information Centre, Macedon Ranges Hampers & Blossom Possum have now established at 138 Mollison St opposite the Town Hall.

Open 10am to 5pm seven days a week.

Award winning builder



High-end residential builder Dettmann Homes recently made the new factory development at 5/52 Saleyards Road Kyneton its headquarters for their growing business and team.

Carl Dettmann, owner of Dettmann Homes told *Kyneton Connect* “The homes we build are situated in the Macedon Ranges and Central Victoria. It made sense to base ourselves in the thriving centre which is Kyneton.”

Dettmann Homes have been designing, building and renovating quality homes in the region since 2008.

They recently took out the prestigious 2020 Master Builders of Victoria Excellence in Housing Award for their winning submission of Fassway Farm.

“We have top talent out here in the Macedon Ranges, and it's wonderful the industry recognises this.” Carl said. “Kyneton is a great place for our business and for homeowners seeking out specialists in exceptional homes”

Dettmann Homes offers design and architecture, custom new builds, renovations and aftercare to their clients. For enquiries, email info@dettmannhomes.com.au

Restaurant closes

After 8 years at Source Dining on Piper St, the award winning Restaurant has closed.

A message on its website stated “We have achieved so much in this time - a chef's hat for 8 consecutive years and now a 3 glass rating in the Gourmet Traveller Wine List of the Year Awards, but with the constant exhausting search for experienced staff to maintain this quality dining now feels like the right time to make a change.”

“We are hoping that someone would like to write the next chapter in Source Dining journey and the business is currently listed for sale”.

Elders move to Edgcombe Rd

Elders Kyneton have moved to their new premises at 83 Edgcombe Rd, on the site of the old Frews parking lot.

Five years in the making and after many hours of carting goods to it, the site is up and running (minus signage to be installed in the coming weeks).

The new site is four times bigger than the old Piper St premise, allowing for more products and a more open and inviting showroom.

“We now have our rural retail, livestock and real estate arms all in the same building, while at the same time addressing the safety and storage issues we were facing at our old site.

“Come and say hello and have a look around” Kyneton manager Greg Duggan said.

There will be a grand opening in the coming months, COVID willing.

Hours are 8:30am-5:30pm weekdays and 9:30am-12pm Saturdays.

You can call Elders on 54233000.



The Elders Team outside their new home

Butterfly Audiology opens soon

Butterfly Audiology was established in 2003 by Central Victorian locals, Dan and Danielle Bowles. With clinics in Bendigo, Castlemaine and Gisborne, they are excited to be opening a Kyneton Clinic at 80-82 Mollison St (opposite the Mechanics Institute) on July 6.

“Our audiologists all hold Masters Degrees in Audiology and are committed to helping every client meet their individual needs - whether that be clients who have long term hearing loss and have not had success with hearing aids in the past or new clients who simply want to see where their hearing is at.

“We take pride in the fact we will be the Kyneton region’s only fully independent hearing clinic and look forward to helping locals hear better” Danielle said.

Butterfly Audiology specialise in everything hearing - from hearing assessments and hearing aid fittings to custom earplugs.

From July 6 they will be open every Tuesday and Thursday.

To mark their opening, they are offering free hearing screenings for adults on July 6 & 8. Call 54199999 .



Family business lineage ending

Les and Gladys Sheppard started their tractor sales business L&G Sheppard & Sons at 88 Piper St in the mid 1960s.

Their sons, Brian in 1966 and Dennis in 1970 came to work for them and took over the business around 2000.

The Sheppard brothers have sold the business and will finish managing it at the end of the month.

There are only 2 other businesses still operating in the town that have been family businesses operating for as long – TJ Scott and RS Perry.

Initially the business only sold Massey Ferguson but more recently have added Iseki tractors and farm machinery.

The business attracted customers not only from the immediate area but also Daylesford, Bullengarook, Lancefield, Romsey and Kilmore.

The new owners of the business T&A Young will retain the L&G Sheppard & Sons name but will relocate to 120 Piper St (formerly the Elders location).

Brian will be retiring but Dennis will work for the new owners while they settle in.



Brian & Dennis Sheppard in Piper St

Burson

Australia’s largest Automotive Parts Distributor, Burson Auto Parts, is now open for business in Kyneton.

Burson is celebrating its 50th Birthday this year and has 199 stores across Australia.

“We have massive DC warehousing and excellent relationships with suppliers to ensure that if we don’t have what our customers need in our extensive stock selection in-store, the parts are never too far away.

“Our customers are paramount;; therefore, our service and knowledge must be at the forefront of what we do” Assistant Manager Richie Geddes said.

“We look forward to servicing our existing customers and meeting the new. Renovations are still underway; however, all are welcome. So please come in and see Tony and the team at 46 Mollison St (formerly the location of Kyneton Auto Pro)”.

Burson Kyneton is open 8am-5.30pm weekdays and 9am-2pm Saturdays. Ph 54223477.

Web: <http://www.burson.com.au>



The Burson Team at 46 Mollison St

Harmony Hospital

The latest show from InSync Entertainment is coming to Bluestone Theatre in Hutton St on 26 and 27 June.

There are 2 performances on Sat Jun 26, a matinee at 2pm and an evening show at 7pm.

The performance on Sun Jun 27 is at 2pm.

Harmony Hospital is a musical comedy based around a set of interns (the audience) being taken on a tour around the departments of a busy hospital.

The show is suitable for all ages and is sure to entertain. Book : www.trybooking.com.au/737100 or call 0431323734

Around the Galleries

Art on Piper and The Old Auction House Mystery Art Trail

Art on Piper has teamed up with The Old Auction House to encourage exploration of Kyneton along two different routes, finding 14 art installations by local artist Elizabeth Darling in hidden and obvious places - the library, museum, MRSC offices, a few cafes and many more.

The Mystery Art Trail was one of eleven community based COVID recovery projects supported by MRSC's Creative Encounters fund and is ongoing with permanent installations. Maps can be collected from either gallery and you can walk anytime you like, tallying up the total of site specific people drawn, to receive a prize if you are right.

Springs Medical Clinic have sponsored the hand painted cards which Elizabeth has created with her usual flair for narrative personality capture.

Taking around 25 minutes one way, the trails are all abilities accessible and a fun experience to discover more about Kyneton; like the place where Ned Kelly was charged, a contemplative labyrinth and our beautiful heritage buildings.

Maps can also be downloaded from www.artonpiper.com/art-walk

Art on Piper is at 44 Piper Sr and the Old Auction House is at 52-56 Mollison St.

The Stockroom 98 Piper St

Stockroom's exhibitions will continue with an exciting Exhibition commencing June 26 in all its galleries.

The show, entitled 'Every Artist Ever', will showcase the work of 150+ artists who have exhibited at Stockroom over the past ten years in its 10 (+1) Anniversary Show.

All works will be a uniform small size.



Hilary Jackman's
Red, White and Blue, 2021

Rainbow Bridges Exhibition



Lauren, Keiran and Craig at the Exhibition

An exhibition in Kyneton has brought together the voices of young lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex people and older members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

'Rainbow Bridges' which was funded by the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund and coordinated by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, features a collection of photographs and video clips which tell the story of the personal growth of local people and their journeys of discovery about their identity, confidence and self-worth.

Young people were paired with older members of the community who spent time sharing their life stories and reflecting on their experience of being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

The photographs can be viewed at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive, from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and the accompanying videos can be viewed via their website: <https://www.sunburycobaw.org.au/rainbow-bridges/>

With One Voice Kyneton

Formerly With One Voice Central Victoria, *With One Voice Kyneton* is a community choir who meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for an hour's singing, followed by a cuppa and chat.

They were one of the few WOV choirs which kept going during last year's lockdowns and it has paid off.

The Choir continued its weekly practices via Zoom, despite its limitations, which allowed them to learn new songs and keep connected.

A highlight (and a challenge!) last year was learning the parts to 2 songs, which they individually recorded and submitted for them to be compiled into a virtual performance.

It was magical when the Choir

members were again able to sing (and laugh!) in the same physical space earlier this year and they have been polishing and adding to their repertoire in readiness for a return to performing. One Sunday afternoon in August, they plan to hold a concert at St Paul's Hall to raise funds for the choir.

Current restrictions preventing the Choir from meeting for practice mean that they can't set a definite date yet - look out for advertising around town.

Choir leader is the very talented and patient Gabriel Macura.

With One Voice Kyneton welcomes new members, so if you're interested in joining or just finding out more about the Choir, please email wov.kyneton@gmail.com

CHRH Video

Central Highlands Rural Health has released a short video to promote the wide range of services it offers in the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn Shire.

The video focuses on services at all five campuses - Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford, Kyneton and Trentham - as well as community-based programs delivered by the Community Health and Community Nursing teams.

From services for newborns in Maternal and Child Health, right through to Aged Care, the video showcases Central Highlands Rural Health's integrated approach to localised healthcare, providing every person with the best possible care, close to home.

The video runs for four minutes and can be viewed online at Central Highlands Rural Health's website, as well via their social media channels.

To view the video, visit: <https://www.chrh.org.au/articles/CHRH-promo-video/>



Lodges helps Austin



Kath Vearing with son, Austin

The members of local Lodges recently donated towards the cost of expensive medical treatment in the USA for Castlemaine boy with cerebral palsy Austin Vearing.

Instigator Brian Ward of the Kyneton Zetland Lodge said that his lodge had decided to see what local Freemason Lodges could do for Austin.

The Kyneton and Trentham Masonic Lodges and the Woodend Daylight Lodge came on board.

The Lodges contributed \$4050 towards "Austin's Wish To Walk".

SMART Recovery

A group for women experiencing addictive behaviours has recommenced its weekly face-to-face meetings in Kyneton.

Delivered by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, SMART Recovery helps people set realistic goals around managing their addictive behaviours and assists with techniques to identify triggers and cope with urges and cravings.

SMART Recovery has been running for over 25 years and is delivered in 15 countries.

Unlike other self-help groups, there is a focus on what is happening in a person's life in the present moment and on looking for ways to support others in the group to make changes.

"The emphasis in the meetings is on changing the behaviour, not changing the person," says Julie Sutcliffe, group facilitator and counsellor at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health. "Group members are the experts in their recovery and they are encouraged to give feedback about what works for them from their lived experience."

Katherine has been attending the SMART Recovery meetings for the

last 6 months and values the support that she gets from her peers in the group.

"Getting support for my issues with eating has helped me find ways to achieve more balance in my life.

"I don't feel so alone as the other women in group are experiencing similar issues and are there to support me and share the pain" she says.

Anne says that the best thing about the group has been that she no longer feels like she is having to keep her drinking hidden.

"I have come to realise that I tend to drink when I'm alone and attending the meetings has given me a greater understanding and the ability to make different choices."

The group is suitable for women with any kind of addictive behaviour including problematic drinking, drug-taking, gambling, over-eating or shopping, and people can attend as they feel the need to.

The meetings take place on Thursdays at 1.30pm at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton.

Contact Julie Sutcliffe on 54211666 or Julie.sutcliffe@scchc.org.au for more details or to register.

Kinder Trivia Night

The Trivia Night being organised by the parents of Lady Brooks Kinder has been rescheduled to Friday Aug 6 from 8-10.30pm with doors opening at 7.30pm.

Trivia and entertainment will be by the Funky Bunch, BYO supper and drinks,

Venue will be the Masonic Lodge 7 Yaldwyn St West at 7.30pm.

Tickets are \$10 and you can book by using the QR code below or by visiting the Lady Brooks Kindergarten PAG Facebook page.

Make sure you bring some cash for the fundraising activities during the night when there will be fabulous prizes to be won.



Sidonia Road upgrade



MRSC Mayor Jennifer Anderson, Noel Henderson, the Hon Mary-Anne Thomas and Sam White at the announcement

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has welcomed a \$480,000 funding announcement by The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas, Minister for Agriculture and Member for Macedon, which will help upgrade Sidonia Road, Kyneton.

Mayor Cr Jennifer Anderson said the funding provided by the Victorian Government's AgriLinks Upgrade Program is great news for the agricultural community who regularly use Sidonia Road to transport beef, wool and other produce.

"This funding will enable the Council to make significant improvements to Sidonia Road, providing safer roads for farmers and producers," Mayor Anderson said.

The AgriLinks grant funding of \$480,000, combined with \$65,000 contributed by Council, means the project will spend \$545,000 on improving Sidonia Road. Works will include widening and reconstructing an additional part of the road used by heavy farm and transport vehicles.. The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas officially announced this funding and recognised the important role Council plays in continuing to support agriculture in a multitude of ways within the Macedon Ranges.

"It's a pleasure to be here as this funding is announced with local producers Noel Henderson, of Avington Merino, Sam White of Sidonia Beef, and Frank White of Glenardagh Quality Wool and Livestock, who contributed to this successful funding application."

U3A Kyneton



U3A at folk dancing day

U3A Kyneton members returned to term two with great gusto.

A short course in Acrylic Painting, on five consecutive Fridays, has been a wonderful introduction to this skill and first canvasses have begun to take shape.

Poetry recommenced and enjoyed a chilly morning, reading, and analysing a range of works, coupled with a good cup of coffee.

Three Tuesday mornings in the field, allowed our members the privilege to investigate not only the history of First Australians in the area, but to see at first hand some very significant evidence of their life in this area.

U3A Kyneton offers so many diverse activities and welcomes new members at any stage of the year.

Unfortunately, all this has been interrupted by yet another lockdown.

However, U3A members enjoy a wonderful support network that keeps us all in touch during these difficult times. Courses and activities are on hold, but depending on the length of lockdown, some may recommence on Zoom.

U3A Kyneton welcomes anybody in the community who may have a skill or area of knowledge to impart to its members. It could be a presentation on a Friday afternoon or a short or long course in our timetable. Visitors are also welcome to attend Friday afternoon sessions.

U3A thanks Ray White Kyneton for their very generous donation of its Teardrop Sign.

For further information about courses and activities available take a look at the U3A Kyneton website: <https://u3akyneton.org.au/>, email: info@u3akyneton.org.au or call the Secretary, Roni on 54222552.

John Hausler departs Council

John Hausler, Macedon Ranges Shire Council Director Corporate and Community will depart Council on Friday 25 June to take up the position of Director Corporate Services at the City of Ballarat.

Mr Hausler joined Macedon Ranges Shire Council in January of 2017.

New Macedon Ranges Shire Council CEO Bernie O'Sullivan thanked Mr Hausler for his service to Council.

"On behalf of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation to John for the contributions he has made over the past 4 plus years.

"John has been a valued member of the Executive Leadership team and led the Corporate and Community Directorate on a number of significant projects during his tenure.

"We wish him all the best in his new role with the City of Ballarat," Mr O'Sullivan said.

Central Highlands Health AGM

Central Highlands Rural Health has been a part of the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn Shire for over 160 years.

Although they have had a number of name changes over the years, their mission remains to deliver high quality healthcare to its communities, close to home.

Those services include rural hospitals in Kyneton, Creswick and Daylesford, Residential Aged Care facilities in Daylesford, Trentham and Creswick and Community Nursing and Community Health services across the region.

Central Highlands Rural Health Board of Management has issued an invitation to its inaugural Annual General Meeting which will be held online at 5pm on Wed June 23.

The zoom meeting can be accessed via the QR Code. Alternatively, please email info@chrh.org.au and a link will be emailed to you.



1927 live at Kyneton Town Hall



The debut album of 1927 became a smash success and is still one of the top 10 most successful debut albums for an Australian artist.

From the golden era for Australian rock bands, to reinvigorating fans today, 1927 have been entertaining audiences for 30 years, and have stood the test of time as icons of Australian music.

With classic songs like Compulsory Hero, Don't Forget Me, That's When I think of You and If I Could, 1927 is a true Aussie Icon Band and will be performing at the Kyneton Town Hall on Sat July 10 preceded by Erik Weideman.

Doors open: 7pm, Erik Weideman: 7.30pm, 1927: 8.30pm to 10pm.

Youth Open Mic Night

If you're aged 12-25 come along to an Open Mic Night on Thursday 17 June.

Hosted by rock band, 'Sack of Flour', who will also open the night with a set, this is your opportunity to play some classics or try out new material.

If you're a solo artist, a band, or just coming along to cheer on your friends, the Youth team encourages you to come down.

There is no cost to attend, and a free BBQ will be provided.

Sign-ups to perform will be taken on the door. Chris Fox, Macedon Ranges Shire Council Youth Engage Program Officer, said it was exciting to see local live music and open mic nights returning.

"One of the great thing about an open mic night is that it's just about having a go.

No matter if you're experienced or just starting out, we're keen to hear you play," said Chris.

When and where: Thursday 17 June, 4:30pm-7:30pm. Kyneton Youth Portable, Hutton St.

Kyneton District Services

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Kyneton Events Calendar

Sat Jun 19	Football-Netball Kyneton v Sandhurst Showgrounds
Thu Jun 24	UNDONE commences Kyneton Museum 7pm
Sat Jun 26	Football-Netball Strathfieldsaye v Kyneton (away game) 'Harmony Hospital' Bluestone Theatre 2pm & 7pm (& Sun 2pm)
Wed Jun 30	"Wild City" Kyneton Hall 10.30am and 1.30pm
Thur July 1	"Wild City" Kyneton Town hall 10.30am and 1.30pm
Fri July 2	"Wild City: Kyneton Town Hall 10.30am
Sat Jul 3	Football-Netball Golden Square v Kyneton (away game) R M Begg Auxiliary Market Bolton Hall Epping St 9-1pm
Tue July 6	'New Owner' Kyneton Town Hall 10am & 1.15pm
Sat Jul 10	Football-Netball South Bendigo v Kyneton (away game) Kyneton Farmers & Makers Market St Paul's Park 8-1pm Kyneton Community Market Uniting Church grounds Ebden St 8-1pm
Jul 10 & 11	Woodend Winter Arts Festival
Sat Jul 17	Football-Netball Kyneton v Castlemaine Showgrounds
Fri Jul 23	Taste of Ireland Kyneton Town Hall 7.30pm
Sat Jul 24	Football-Netball Eaglehawk v Kyneton (away game)
Fri Jul 30	Vivaldi's Four Seasons Kyneton Town Hall 7pm
Sat Jul 31	Football-Netball Maryborough v Kyneton (away game)
Fri Aug 6	Landy Brooks Kinder Trivia Night Masonic Centre 7.30pm
Sat Aug 7	R M Begg Auxiliary Market Bolton Hall Epping St 9-1pm Football-Netball Kyneton v Gisborne Showgrounds
Aug 7 & 8	Woodend Winer Arts Festival
Aug 13-15	Cathouse Players 'Blythe Spirit' Masonic Centre
Sat Aug 14	Football-Netball Sandhurst v Kyneton (away game) Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8-1pm Kyneton Community Market grounds Uniting Church Ebden St 8-1pm From July 14 Community Lunches each Wednesday KMI 12.30

Farewell for Ian & Allison Howarth



On Sat Jun 19 Ian, Allison and James are to be farewelled at an Anglican Parish Dinner.

Fr Ian has announced that he is to take up the post of Rector in Castlemaine from the end of June.

Over the last seven years the Howarth family have involved themselves fully in the life of the community.

Whether in the running of the farmers market, supporting the Kyneton caring community or

conducting services at BUPA or RM Begg.

Fr Ian is also on the committee of Kyneton RSL and on the Board of Braemar College.

He is also the organist at Kyneton Lodge.

In his role as Rector of St Pauls and St Johns he has ministered to his parishioners, demonstrating a high level of pastoral care.

His impact on the parish was described by a parish warden as one of uniting both churches in terms of liturgy, a sense of caring for all, and acceptance of diversity within the congregation.

The Howarth family package is going to be very hard to match in any new appointment.

The Parish wishes them well as they commence their new life at Castlemaine.

'Back in Bloom' Festival



The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival is 'Back in Bloom' after postponing its events in 2020, but this year, observing COVID safe regulations, Open Gardens, the Festival of One Act Plays, the Dog Dash, the Antique Fair, the Spring Flower Show and Art Exhibitions will be able to proceed.

A new colourful light show on the Kyneton Mechanics Institute one evening, most likely Fri Sept 10, during the Festival will highlight the building in a spectacular way, similar to the White Night displays in Melbourne and Bendigo.

Planning for something COVID safe replacing but including as many of popular elements as possible of the Parade and Fair on the last day of the Festival is underway. The Parade itself will have to wait for another year when the pandemic is past.

Entries are now being called for the Daffodil Art Prize and Art Photography Prize and the One Act Plays. Entries can be lodged through the Festival website.

Already gardeners have purchased daffodil bulbs for planting for Kyneton's usual home garden display.

A number of gardens will be open for inspection and like all other events, will be following COVID safe regulations.

The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival will take place as usual in the first two weeks of spring commencing on Thu Sept 2 and continuing until Sun

Sept 12.

An early flyer is already available in local shops with dates for various events.

"We thank our wonderful sponsors who have stood by us in spite of the difficult pandemic year just past, and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their confidence in awarding the Festival a triennial grant.

"We also thank Kyneton's gardeners for their great daffodil filled gardens in 2020. Their purchase of bulbs helps meet the costs of the Festival" Committee Secretary Marg said.

Fire Station officially open

After beginning in a tin shed in 1959, the Karlsruhe Fire Brigade has welcomed a new \$1.1million station. Although their new fire station had been open for some time, on April 23 Karlsruhe residents were joined by Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas, Emergency Management Commissioner Andrew Crisp and CFA officials to formally celebrate the opening of their new station at Cobb and Co Road.



Toilet feasibility investigation

As the result of a successful resolution by Cr Mark Ridgeway at the May Council meeting Council Officers will investigate the feasibility and cost of constructing public toilets in Piper St most likely in the vicinity of Quarry Reserve.

Construction of the toilets is not in this year's budget but at least the ball has started rolling on a project that has long been called for by many community members.

Dogs Connect School



Principal of Kyneton Primary, Alistair Rayner, has announced that KPS will be a Dogs Connect school in Semester 2.

Dogs Connect is a mental health, wellbeing and resilience building program.

It connects communities with a wellbeing dog through a proven approach that delivers sustainable planning and modelling to meet specific needs of each community, now and into the future.

Dogs Connect have worked with schools across Australia.

"The benefits have been remarkable, not just with mental health but with improved learning outcomes.

"They love working with educators who are passionate about supporting young people to become valuable and independent people.

"A school wellbeing dog can become entrenched in the pedagogy and bring powerful impacts to students, staff, and families" Mr Rayner said.

A series of profile pages that will be distributed to the school community about Kyneton Primary's wellbeing dog called Honey, a 9 week old female medium groodle (golden retriever/poodle cross) and currently weighing around 5 kg.

Honey lives with the school's primary carer Mrs Arnephy and over the next few weeks Mrs Arnephy will care for and help prepare Honey for her first visit to the school in the last week of this term.

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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