



# Kyneton Connect



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## RM Begg proposes merger



Last week the Board of Kyneton's community-owned RM Begg Aged Care facility announced it is gearing up for a merger with Tasmanian company Respect.

A fortnight of consultation about the proposed merger commenced last week and will continue this week.

Residents and staff have been informed of the Board's intentions to merge RM Begg with Respect, a not-for-profit organisation that runs 20 aged care homes, retirement villages and home care services across Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania.

In a letter to the RM Begg community, Board Chair Phillip Irvine explained that the Board had spent the last 18 months investigating potential aged care providers who could steer the organisation forward in a sustainable way.

"Under Respect, we not only believe RM Begg will be better placed to meet the enormous challenges which continue to impact the industry, but also develop and thrive – ensuring our home is the aged care provider of choice for the Kyneton community." Mr Irvine said.

If the merger were to go ahead, residents have been told RM Begg would maintain its name, and a local manager would be appointed to run the Kyneton aged care home.

Respect would also inject significant funds to refurbish aspects of the aged care facility, as well as upgrading and modernising the units across the road between High and Epping St for aged

occupants and bringing Bolton Hall back to its historical standard.

Respect has also committed to donating the value of the net assets back to the Kyneton community, in the unlikely event that RM Begg was no longer able to remain a service in the community. Respect's Chief Executive Officer Jason Binder and members of the RM Begg Board will be present to address community questions at a community meeting at 6pm on Thu June 15 at RM Begg Aged Care. Any enquiries can be made to Patricia Collocott on 54213600 or at [patricia.collocott@raymbegg.org.au](mailto:patricia.collocott@raymbegg.org.au).

After the fortnight of community consultations the RM Begg Board will consider the feedback it has received.

## Hospital marks 20 years

It will be 20 years on Sunday 25 June since the Kyneton Hospital was officially opened in Caroline Chisholm Drive.

Designed to meet the needs of the local community, the cutting-edge design won the Australian Institute of Architects Regional Prize in 2004. It cost \$14 million to build.

To mark the occasion, the Minister for Health and local MP Mary-Anne Thomas will join staff and some community members to plant a number of Children's Roses and White Medilland roses.

When in bloom they will provide a colourful outlook for patients and staff.



## Heritage septic tank



During VicTrack's works on the recently opened Kyneton Station car park extension a heritage septic tank was discovered

The car park site required a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP).

During the CHMP field work investigations, an old timber rail sleeper was uncovered and reported to Heritage Victoria and they required a historical archaeological assessment of Kyneton Station.

It determined that the site was of significant historical archaeological value, and added the site to the Victorian Heritage Inventory register due to the old rail houses previously located there.

This decision necessitated qualified heritage archaeologists to be engaged to observe and catalogue all heritage artefacts uncovered during the car park project's excavation works.

The archaeologists uncovered an old septic tank.

The heritage septic tank was of a design that has never been discovered before in Australia and will be the focus of a special presentation at the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology conference in Queensland later this year.

All artefacts found during the excavation process are currently being catalogued for a report, which will be submitted to Heritage Victoria later in the year.

## At the Kyneton Library

### **Lake of Scars Film night:**

Explore the beautiful, mysterious, scarred trees, middens and stone scatters of Lake Boort.

Thursday June 22 5:30-7pm

### **Possum skin cloaks**

See, touch and experience beautiful possum skin cloaks created traditionally by the Bendigo & district Aboriginal co-operative.

From June 17-28

### **Poetry collection Launch**

Join a delightful event showcasing the library's new poetry collection and introducing some of our talented local poets. Poetry reading by guest poets and Q & A included.

Wednesday July 5 2:30-3:30pm All welcome.

### **Author event: Alyce Elmore**

Local author Alyce introduces books 1 and 2 in her apocalyptic dystopian trilogy, where all males die at 2, and women must deal with the male problem.

Thursday 6 July 2:30-3:30pm All welcome

### **The History of Malmsbury Bluestone (rescheduled)**

Come on a pictorial tour of local and significant buildings and sites telling the Malmsbury bluestone story from 1856-1980s.

Thursday 20 July 5:30-6:30pm

To book phone 54221365.or visit [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/events)

### **STEM scholarship for women**

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is now inviting applications for the Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) Scholarship.

This award, valued at \$1,000, is for women taking STEM related courses at undergraduate or masters levels.

The successful awardee will then be nominated for a District award.

Each Zonta district may submit one applicant for consideration for a Zonta International scholarship, valued at US\$5,000.

Zonta Women in STEM Scholarships support women pursuing education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM related fields.

It is initiated by Zonta International, an organization that has successfully empowered women worldwide, through service and advocacy, for more than 100 years.

The application form can be downloaded from the Zonta International website by following

the link to 'Our Programs' and then to 'Women in STEM'.

The completed form should be sent to [secretary@zontakyneton.org.au](mailto:secretary@zontakyneton.org.au) by 20 July 2023.

Those eligible are women of any age and nationality, residing in Macedon Ranges, and pursuing a STEM related program at an accredited university or institute, who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field. Online students are also eligible.

Students must be enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program, up to the final year of a masters program, at the time the application is submitted to the local Zonta club.

Applicants must still be enrolled at the time that the scholarship funds are disbursed and must not graduate before April 2024

The Zonta Club of Kyneton award is made possible by fundraising events conducted by the club and a generous donation from Progress Software. Any enquiries to [secretary@zontakyneton.org.au](mailto:secretary@zontakyneton.org.au).

To learn more about Zonta, and their vision for a more equal world, explore the Zonta International website, <https://www.zonta.org>

### **Museum reopening mid-July**

The Kyneton Museum is targeting a mid-July reopening after undergoing nearly six months of restoration works including repairs to the heritage roof, chimney and windowsill repairs, replacement of damaged floorboards, improved subfloor ventilation and drainage, replacement of signage and a fresh coat of paint.

The reopening of the museum will coincide with the launch of the new Stitch in Time exhibition: a collaboration between Kyneton Museum and the Kyneton Historical Society, showcasing the history of craft in the Macedon Ranges.

Local creations will be on show along with the materials that assisted in making them.

The exhibition will be on show until late October.



## Dementia retreat program



A new government-funded program for people recently diagnosed with dementia and their carers will soon launch across the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn shires.

The program will be run by Central Highlands Rural Health and build upon its very successful Treehouse day respite programs in Kyneton and Trentham.

The 3-day/2-night retreat style program will deliver structured and unstructured education and training in a supportive environment on topics relevant to both the person living with dementia and their carer.

To find out more or to register an early Expression of Interest, call Dora Mansbridge, Manager of Social Support and Treehouse Programs on 0417360381 or email [Treehouse4Two@chrh.org.au](mailto:Treehouse4Two@chrh.org.au)

### **Old Time Dancing**

The "Old Time Dancing at Kyneton" group celebrated twelve months of dancing at Kyneton with its first anniversary dance on Fri May 19 at St Mary's Hall in Hutton St.

It was a great evening - a friendly and happy crowd enjoying dancing and socialising together. The Committee has thanked all who have helped make their first year a real success.

The next dance will be on Sun June 18, 1.30-5pm, at St Mary's Hall.

Music will be provided by Rod McKenzie, a popular dance music man in the district.

Cost of entry is \$8.

Looking ahead to July, a Friday night dance will be held from 7.30-11pm on Friday 21 July at St Mary's Hall with Family Rhythm.

Check the group's website or contact Julie 0400126870.

### **Flower Show in Festival**

The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival Committee will organise this year's Spring Flower Show.

The Flower Show will be held in the Watt Pavilion Sat Sept 1 and Sun Sept 2. Further information will be available on the Festival website soon.

## Childcare centre opens soon



Embracia Childcare & Kindergarten centre building is nearing completion, and it's not long until they open their doors and meet the growing demand for childcare places in Kyneton and the surrounding area.

The childcare building is looking great, and the landscaping is well and truly underway, and on track to open mid-year.

There are still places available and Embracia recommends registering your interest now for Kinder in 2024.

Embracia will offer long day care services and education services for children aged 6 weeks up to 6 years from 6.30am to 6.30pm.

With the opening date just around the corner Embracia needs qualified Early Childhood Educators to meet the demand for places.

They can offer above award wages, flexible work hours and a generous fee gap discount for staff with children enrolled at the centre.

The new childcare centre is located at the historic Old Kyneton Hospital site at the western end of Simpson St. Embracia Childcare & Kindergarten is determined to keep the site as an integral part of the community and will provide both childcare services, intergenerational learning, and training in early childhood education.

## Join the Habitat Initiative

Cool Changes Kyneton, a community led group, is inviting residents to register their interest for the Kyneton Habitat Initiative.

The group's aim is to create wildlife habitat and corridors throughout the township's yards and verges.

Discounted tubestock of native and indigenous plants will be offered, along with advice on planning and planting out your property.

The initiative would suit residents in new builds looking to design an entire garden, and those in established properties wishing to add native and indigenous plants to

attract more wildlife to their garden and community.

If you would like to participate, or can offer your expertise/advice, [kyneton.habitat.initiative@gmail.com](mailto:kyneton.habitat.initiative@gmail.com) is the contact email.

## Help for Families

All families experience their struggles and go through difficult times, but support is available locally to empower families to ensure their children develop to their full potential.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's family services team provides help for families with children from birth to 17 years of age, offering advice and practical assistance if you are worried about your child, need to strengthen your parenting skills or generally just need some guidance to get through a stressful time.

Support may include identifying your parenting goals and connecting you to parenting groups, counselling, family violence support or child development services.

They can also advise where you can get financial or legal assistance.

The service is free and referrals are made through The Orange Door. Contact 1800512359 or drop into Sunbury and Cobaw at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive.



## 2023 Youth Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Macedon Ranges Youth Awards.

The awards are open to young people living in the Shire aged 12-25 years who have made a significant contribution to the community.

Winners will be announced at a live event on August 10 at the Kyneton Town Hall.

Nominations close Fri Jun 30. Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth-awards](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth-awards).

## National Tree Day

Members of the Campaspe River and Land Management Group would like to invite the local community to participate in some fun activities for National Tree Day on Sun Aug 6.

National Tree Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of August and is Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event.

Around 300,000 people volunteer each year around Australia on this day to engage in environmental activities that educate Australians about the world around them.

The event will consist of planting indigenous tubestock along the banks of the Campaspe River which was impacted by the floods last year.

This will supplement planting that was done at a Mother's Day Planting in 2022.

The event kicks off at 10am on Sun Aug 6 at the end of Jennings St in Kyneton.

Please wear sturdy shoes and bring your own gloves, water and snacks.

Plants, stakes, guards and tools will be provided.

Upper Campaspe Landcare Network will also run a seedball workshop at this event.

People of all ages and abilities will be able to make clay balls filled with seeds to be thrown under the plantings, once established, to provide habitat and food for pollinators.

Seeds balls are an ancient technique for propagating plants from seeds without opening up soil with cultivation tools and is a great way to create an understory for pollinators.

The Campaspe River group has been working for many years to make our beautiful river accessible to the public.

They organise many free and fun activities for community members of all ages and abilities to get involved and advertise these events on Face Book.



## West Ward Councillors' Update



As we enter the colder months life at Council doesn't take a rest. Staff must work their schedules around inclement weather as they try to complete projects.

Staff are continually working to improve processes, and it will now be routine when a project is nearing the top of our list for possible building or renovation that you will see funding in a budget year for design and consultation works to ensure that we have had these conversations with you prior to potential inclusion of the project the following year.

Although the Shire wide Footpath plan's review main purpose was about processes for prioritising and built form decisions, we have heard from you about where you see the priorities for the future and will ensure we consider footpaths you mentioned when updating the list.

Thank you to the residents of Pohlman street who worked with our staff on the footpath project to retain the bluestone heritage that is part of Kyneton.

Every year Council must revise its budget according to priorities and income predictions to ensure we can pay for everything we have planned and account for rate capping and rising costs of construction.

This is not unlike everyone dealing with higher costs of rent, mortgage, food and utilities, despite your wages not increasing.

We also need to factor in weather, availability of contractors and working with others to minimise disturbances.

We are always happy to hear from you throughout the year with any suggestions you have for projects or improvements in the way we operate. The best way to do this is via email [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or ring customer service on 54220333. Please copy us in on your email so we can follow up anything if necessary.

We now look for budget ideas early and appreciate everyone who makes submissions at any time. There are so many projects, and it is always hard to prioritise them, and your thoughts and ideas really do contribute to our final decisions.

Of course, ideas must be worked up and fully costed to avoid budget overruns or unrealistic expectations. Our final 2023/24 budget is scheduled to be endorsed June 28th. Since the restrictions of the Pandemic are now less Councillors have been able to get out and about more and have commenced listening posts.

West ward Councillors have had 2 thus far at Malmsbury and Woodend.

Our next one is scheduled for Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> in Kyneton outside Woolworths at 6pm.

Please put it in your diary and come say hello.

Of course, you can contact us anytime about anything and we will assist in directing you to the best way you can most promptly get to the person on council you need to deal with.

One current consultation that I know will be important to many in Kyneton and surrounds is about our Heritage Strategy update.

Submissions close 5pm 23<sup>rd</sup> June for your opportunity to tell us what you value about the Shire's heritage.

Please see our website for more details. It's as simple as 25 words and a photo if you have one.

Please continue to attend or watch our council meetings online each month and consider subscribing to our various newsletters to keep you up to date on what is happening at Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Stay warm and safe, get your influenza and Covid boosters and be kind to yourself and others.

Very warm wishes

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

## Big year for Scouts

1<sup>st</sup> Kyneton Scouts and Cubs have an eventful 2023 planned for their members and are continuing to seek new members and support for the ongoing delivery of their programs. With camps no longer being cancelled due to Covid, the 1<sup>st</sup> Kyneton group are aiming to make up for the pause.

The Kyneton Cubs will be heading off for 5 days and 4 nights under canvas in September to their main adventure camp at Cuboree near Gembrook with over 3000 other Cubs from around Victoria.

The Scouts have even bigger adventures planned this year, with Kyneton's Loki heading to the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in South Korea Aug 1-12 with 40,000 Scouts from over 170 countries.

To achieve this incredible adventure, Loki is aiming to raise the full \$5,800 cost and has been busily working towards this since January 2022 baking delicious cookies, doing odd jobs and hosting wood raffles.

He will be representing Kyneton and the Macedon Ranges in South Korea with 6 other Scouts from Woodend, Gisborne and Riddells Creek.

In addition, there will also be 4 Kyneton Scouts and a Scout Leader heading to the 23<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Jamboree in Hamilton Dec 30 -Jan 7.

You may see the Scouts raising money towards the \$3,900 cost. Please support them if you can.

One way to help is via the annual Monster Raffle. All funds raised go directly to the 1<sup>st</sup> Kyneton Scout Group to support their activities.

If you are wanting to win a new car or can support the Scout Group with the purchase of a ticket, go to <https://scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/1stkyneton>

If you are keen to join or find out more about the 1<sup>st</sup> Kyneton Group please reach out by email to [gl.1stkyneton@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.1stkyneton@scoutsvictoria.com.au)



## Daff Festival Theme set



The theme of this year's Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival, to be held at the very start of Spring from Aug 31 to Sep 10, is "Once Upon a Springtime".

The 2023 Festival promises a truly magical experience for all attendees.

The festival organizing committee is warmly inviting everyone to join in the excitement and seize opportunities to participate in a range of events and activities.

From dazzling parade entries and captivating art competitions to the renowned scarecrow competition, there are numerous ways for individuals, businesses, and organizations to showcase their creativity and immerse themselves in the vibrant community spirit.

Entries for the art competitions, scarecrow competition, and parade entries will be opening shortly. "Whether you're an aspiring artist, a master of scarecrow design, or eager to showcase your group's creativity through a vibrant parade entry, this is your chance to shine" Festival Secretary Jess Grant said.

Already on the program are regular events such as Open Gardens, Kyneton Art Group Show, Antique Fair, Festival of One Act Plays, Dog Dash, another Light Show and of course, the Grand Parade and Fair with other new events to be announced shortly.

And that's not all! The festival is thrilled to announce the return of the ferret racing, a favourite event that adds an element of excitement and friendly competition to the festivities.

With the old Primary School grounds not available this year the after parade fair will return to the Mechanics Reserve and around the Mollison-High Street intersection.

With an extraordinary array of events and activities planned, the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival promises to be a springtime celebration like no other.

For more information about the events of the Festival and how you can get involved in the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival, visit the Festival website or email [kynetondaffodilandartsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:kynetondaffodilandartsfestival@gmail.com)

## Free rego for apprentices

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas has welcomed the imminent commencement of free vehicle registration for Victorian apprentices.

The Victorian Government is helping to ease cost of living pressures by making vehicle registration free for eligible apprentices from next month.

Apprentices who will be eligible for free vehicle registration from 1 July could save up to \$865 every year.

The initiative will provide free registration to apprentices like carpenters, joiners, bricklayers, plumbers, electricians and chefs, if their employer can verify that their vehicle is an essential part of their work.

Apprentices who need their car for work are already entitled to a 50 per cent discount as part of the Government's Trade Apprentice Registration Discount scheme.

Learner and probationary licences and online testing are now also free. Eligible apprentices can apply for the free vehicle registration via the myVicRoads portal on the VicRoads website.

## Ross Noble's 21<sup>st</sup> Tour

'Jibber Jabber Jamboree' marks comedian Ross Noble's 21st solo stand-up tour of Australia.

Kyneton Town Hall has been a frequent venue for his regional Victorian shows.

At 8pm on Fri July 21 you can join him there for an evening of inspired nonsense that has cemented his place as the supreme master of freewheeling stand up comedy.

Book online or call 1300888802.



## Kyneton Rotary on a roll

John Damrow in his last month as Rotary President before handing over to Hartley Uebergang hosted students from Cambodia and friends of Rotary Amy and Mila Periera.

The students were from The Cambodian Rural Students Trust (CRST)

The purpose of Cambodia Rural Students Foundation LTD charity is to provide funding to Cambodian NGO - Cambodia Rural Students Trust ("CRST") whose purpose is to help break the poverty cycle through education.

CRST provides quality education to bright students from poor rural families. The education empowers these students with tools to break the poverty cycle prevalent in rural communities.

CRST provides all students with high school and university tuition, a living allowance, full health care, life skills courses and daily English and computer classes.



*Cambodian Student Sokai with Sacred Heart student Mila*

CRST students contribute back to the community through regular volunteer activities such as building houses for the poor and community service activities.

Led by coordinator Aviv (Rotary Passport Club) Sokai and Doeb (Rotaract Club of San Reip) gave a dynamic presentation to Rotary members on the trust's work and the support provided by the Rotaract Club of San Reip and Rotary in Australia.

## Leslie Binns OAM

Kyneton's Leslie Binns was awarded an Order of Australia Medal on June 12.

A production designer and an Emmy nominee Leslie has lived in Kyneton for more than 20 years.

Find out more in the August *Kyneton Connect*.

## What's New in Business

### Kyneton Auctions and Homestore



Making the tree change from Melbourne, Anna Grassham has started a new venture with business partner Shannon Edwards.

After 12 years in the industry at premier auction house Leonard Joel, they are bringing back the old fashioned country style auction to Kyneton in the former Circa Antiques building at 51-53 High St.

Monthly auctions will be held on a Sunday from 10am-5pm, with coffee and sweet treats, along with bacon and egg rolls for the morning crowd.

They will offer everything from antiques and collectables, mid-century furniture, lighting, books and treasures for all. A very successful first Auction was held on May 28.

There is also an exciting Homestore open in the space, a retail side which stocks something for everyone, a treasure trove of vintage oddities, along with some fantastic mid-century Italian, French and Danish imports.

Shannon and Anna welcome you to drop in and explore.

"If you are looking to move any items we also conduct free house and contents appraisals, or simply drop into the store for a chat" Anna said.

Open Thu - Sun 10-4pm, Mon - Wed by appointment

Call 0409518097 or 0415076480, web [kynetonauctions.com.au](http://kynetonauctions.com.au)

### Margot's Gardens

Kyneton has a new plant nursery at the rear of 38 Piper Street.

Walk along the mysterious old bluestone laneway on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday to find a hidden gem.

The compact space at the end reveals a treasure trove of colour and interest.

This little pop-up shop was created by Margot McDonald, a confessed

plantaholic. After her other two garden businesses in Kyneton, (The Garden Tap and Garden Gumbo), she retired. Or, tried to.

The call of sharing plant knowledge was too much, and since there was no nursery in Kyneton, when this space was offered, she couldn't resist.

As well as the plants available at *Margot's Gardens*, you can find a selection of handy tools, pots and rusty garden items. But it is the quality plants suited to the local climate that star here.

Expect to find a good selection of deciduous trees including the Ginkgo, Maples, Crabapples, Japanese larch, and Chinese Tulip trees.

Evergreens include Stone pines, dwarf Conifers and Olives.

Shrubs include favourites like smoke bushes, unusual Hydrangeas, and a Lilac from Afghanistan. There is also a selection of climbers, perennials, succulents and edibles, such as Figs, Pomegranates and Feijoas.

Open Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 3pm in July; from August it will be open Sundays as well.



### Remedial Massage Therapist

Naomie Johnson, remedial massage therapist has started working alongside the team at Performance One Chiropractic at 150 Mollison St.

"I am devoted to natural healing and strive to help my clients on their healing journey through the art of remedial massage therapy.

"My experience includes massaging colleagues in the civil construction industry in NT and North Queensland and I have also worked in Daylesford and Castlemaine" Naomie said.

Naomie holds a Diploma in Remedial Massage and a Cert IV in Relaxation Massage and is registered as a Member of Massage & Myotherapy Australia.

She accepts all private health fund

providers.

Her hours are Mon: 2-8pm; Wed and Fri 8:30am-2:30pm.

Call Performance One on 54226488 to make a booking or book online at <https://www.performanceone.com.au/>



### Meditation Makeover

Loren Polzot of Meditation Makeover is encouraging everyone to make time for good mental health with meditation made easy.

"Learning meditation has been one of the best things I've done to benefit my overall wellbeing, resilience and confidence to live life to the fullest."

Loren is offering Sunday MindSpa sessions designed to support deep rest and rejuvenation through various breath and body work exercises and guided meditations. Three sessions coming up at the Kyneton Community House on Jul 30, Aug 20 and Sep 10. Sessions run from 9.30am - 12.30pm. Booking fee is \$80.

Loren's MindSpa@Home is for groups of friends, mums groups, or hen parties with a difference!

MindSpa@Work is designed to support staff wellbeing through 2 to 4 hour workshops.

Loren also offers a One2One meditation coaching program. To find out more contact Loren at [meditationmakeover@gmail.com](mailto:meditationmakeover@gmail.com) or call on 0498653075.



## Saleyards Rd factories/warehouses



The construction of factories/warehouses on the north side of Saleyards Road in Kyneton is moving apace. There are now 13 factories/warehouses in the buildings on that estate either completed or on the way to completion.

Agent George Mercieca has advised *Kyneton Connect* that within a year there will be another fifteen.

Interest in the high quality factory/warehouses has come from local business people and from further afield.

Each of the business spaces has an office and reception area and significant glazed frontage making them much more attractive than the normal warehouse.

Walls are 7-9m tall – ideal for pallet stacking. The buildings are energy efficient, including solar panels, have heating and cooling, are vented to the outside and have water tanks servicing amenities.

Factory doors are container height.

George Mercieca said that the planning department of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council had been helpful in working with the developers to progress the new industrial estate.

Of interest is that one of the warehouses will have a large mural adorning its side wall.

### A win for wine in Malmsbury

The Provincial Table is now open for business. Malmsbury's oldest continuously-working building has been transformed into a cosy wine bar, just in time for winter.

Owners Katherine and Anthony Allen knew the small building and courtyard next to the Malmsbury Bakery would be an ideal space to host the community.

"We've had a lot of interest from locals", Katherine said, "They're always asking us to do something special with

the space. So we reached out to some nearby vineyards and a local brewery in order to promote neighbouring businesses."

So far, the wine bar has been a huge success with a constant stream of customers enjoying local produce and a few winter-warmer menu items, including toasties and a grazing platter. "We'll be adding a few more menu items in the coming weeks" the Allens said

The Provincial Table is hidden behind the courtyard of The Malmsbury Bakery at 77 Mollison St.

It is open Thu-Sat from 5pm onwards.

The space is also available for hire.



### Harper's Lane development approved

At its May Meeting, the Planning Delegated Committee of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council endorsed a recommendation to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for a subdivision proposal at 85 Harpers Lane, Kyneton.

The approximately 24-hectare property is zoned Low Density Residential and is subject to Environmental Significance Overlay and is located about 300 metres west of Kyneton Station, south of the rail line.

The site forms part of the Kyneton South Framework Plan area between Harpers Lane, Lauriston Reservoir Road, Trentham Road and Kyneton Spring Hill Road.

The land was subject to an earlier planning application, which was refused by Council and a subsequent appeal upheld at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

Key differences between that earlier proposal and the proposal now endorsed include: the reduction of lots from 87 to 65; the increase in lot sizes and reduced density of lots around the margins of the subdivision, responding to the character of rural and low

density properties; the provision of an additional public open space reserve within the south-eastern corner of the site, along with an additional smaller stormwater detention basin reserve at the north-eastern corner of the site.

The proposal, which includes minimum lot sizes of 2000 square metres, is subject to extensive conditions that aim to ensure the area is appropriately developed and serviced.

Given Council's Notice of Decision, the applicant has 60 days from the notice being issued to seek appeal of the decision to VCAT, while objectors to the applicant have 28 days to seek appeal

### The Naming of Kyneton

The naming of the township of Kyneton is thought to have been by Mrs Juliana Jeffrey mother of the Jeffrey Brothers who selected Kineton as the name of their station in 1853, supposedly after her native village of Kineton, in Warwickshire, England.

On a visit to the district, LaTrobe, Superintendent of the Port Phillip District later to become Governor, was a guest at Jeffrey's Station.

LaTrobe invited Juliana to name the town site he had seen from the top of the hill (at the corner of Jennings & Ebdon Streets). She proposed Kineton.

The name was modified to 'Kyneton' which is said to mean the 'town at the back of the wood'.

The Jeffrey Brothers re-named their station to 'Cheveley Estate' to avoid confusion with the fledging village of Kyneton.



*Juliana Jeffrey*

## Around the Galleries At the Stockroom

98 Piper Street

Exhibitions to 16 July

Gallery One

Angela Chauvin Recent Studio Paintings

Gallery Two

Anthea Kemp paintings *The decision is emerging*

Ceramic Space

Dawn Vachon Props

Upcoming Exhibitions

Gallery One

Kez Hughes *You Never Got Me Right*

Gallery Two

Wanda Gillespie *The ministry for mystical reckoning*

## The Old Auction House

52-56 Mollison St

Under Pressure - Group Printmakers

Exhibition 22 June - 17 July

Works By Astrid Lempriere, Bianca Napthine, Marianne Sebetti, Nicole Spillane, Penny Peckham, & Sue Anson

## Art on Piper

44 Piper St

A Kyneton resident has discovered that a historic arch with 'Kyneton 1873' on it that she had purchased and placed in her living room, was from the building where Art on Piper is now.

The photographic evidence (below) was provided by Kyneton Historical Society confirms why AOP has a concrete threshold in the appealing bluestone pavement.



A concrete transom in Art on Piper between the photography and origami indicates where the access doorway led to the rear of the two storey building next door.

Visitors to AOP will see that the 1990's renovations lowered the ceiling above fourteen artists in the front room, and provided the beautiful timber steps up to the remaining eight artists, and its dedicated Macedon Ranges area.

## "Unity and disunity in the USA"



One of U3A Kyneton's exciting courses this year is "Unity and Disunity in the USA" presented by Christine Hardy assisted by Paul Reid.

Christine will use her historical knowledge to demonstrate where American history, since 1774, has led it to where the society is today.

She will also cover Australian history to explain how our similar origins led to vastly different results – we started with convicts, they started with free men, so why is America so different from Australia now? Join the course to find out.

Every Friday afternoon at 2pm at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison Street, U3A have entertaining guest speakers or interesting videos. Non-members are welcome to attend and have a cup of tea afterwards.

Further information about U3A Kyneton can be found via <https://u3akyneton.org.au> or call Roni on 0439360763.

## Home Care Packages

For those preferring to receive help at home rather than go into an aged care facility as they get older, the Federal Government's Home Care Package scheme provides an allocation of funds to eligible individuals to access services which will enable them to live safely and independently at home.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health has been a Home Care Package provider for the Kyneton area for the last two years and the organisation has been delivering health, wellbeing and support services to the local community for nearly 40 years.

They can help you to manage your Home Care Package funds and organise the services you need to keep living at home.

"We work with Home Care Package recipients to tailor services that meet their needs and their goals," says Deb

McCallum, Sunbury and Cobaw's Community Connections Manager.

"With our experience in the local community, we offer a trusted, personalised support where the individual has choice and control over their care. You get to choose what services you get, where and when you get them and who you get them from."

The types of services that can be purchased include help with personal care, housework, light gardening and minor maintenance, assistance with shopping or transport along with healthcare supports such as podiatry and physiotherapy.

They can also find suitable social, activity and exercise groups locally.

To chat to someone from the team, call 54216061 or email [hcp@scchc.org.au](mailto:hcp@scchc.org.au).



## Tylden PS

Tylden Primary School has had a productive and successful first semester.

The return of the Tylden Primary School Annual Fair just before Easter capped off a wonderful first term. There have been many special activities in term 2 including dance workshops, inter-school sports competitions and the Tylden's Got Talent (TGT) performance.

TGT is an annual highlight that is eagerly anticipated by the whole school community.

All acts are devised and rehearsed entirely by the students themselves.

This year, the staff got involved as well, with a 'flash mob' item that surprised and delighted the audience.

There is plenty to look forward to in second semester at Tylden PS, with the annual concert, athletics sports, and swimming program all on the agenda.

You are warmly invited to come and see Tylden Primary School in action. Please phone the Principal, Lee MacDonald on 54248244 for further information and to arrange a school tour.



## Trail Rides



The Kyneton District Trail Riders will be riding Sun Jun 25 at the You Yangs. The following Month's ride will be Sun July 30 at Taradale. Enquiries Sally Phillips 0409808161

## Finding Freedom: Real Stories of Human Survival

Internationally-acclaimed comedian, Tom Ballard, will be host and keynote speaker at Kyneton Town Hall 1-4pm on Sun Jun 18.

The event will mark the beginning of Refugee Week 2023 – a program whose theme this year is 'Finding Freedom'.

Appearing with Tom will be Hazara photographer and human rights activist Muzafar Ali, as well as four refugees of varying backgrounds, each of whom will give a brief account of their quest for safety and freedom.

Other eagerly-awaited features of the afternoon will be the launch of the student writing competition and the drawing of MRRAR's major raffle with five prizes, donated by local businesses, totalling some \$2,500.

Tickets: Adults \$35, Students \$10. To book visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/refugee-week](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/refugee-week), call 1300888802 or email [comedevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:comedevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

## Come and try croquet

Croquet is a great activity for people looking for a new sport.

The Kyneton Croquet Club welcomes people of all ages and abilities to come and have a go.

"Most of our members play for social enjoyment but for those who want to go further, we have members who travel round the state to compete in national and regional tournaments.

"The Club will provide all equipment and instruction for anyone wanting to learn.

"The Kyneton croquet lawns are situated on the corner of Donnithorne and Ebdon Streets and we play on Mon, Wed and Sat at 1pm

and Fri mornings from 10" Club President Graham Smith said Contact Graham on 0411707358.

## Kyneton Community House

The last months at the House have seen celebrations for National Volunteer Week, Neighbourhood House Week and IDAHOBIT.

The theme of this year's Volunteers Week was "The Change Makers".

The House ran an extra special Community Lunch this year to acknowledge their service. The lunch also coincided with IDAHOBIT, celebrated with a magnificent rainbow themed dessert whipped up by Chef Suzanne.

The House met with Mary-Anne Thomas MP to discuss how to work together to get as many householders as possible to apply for the Power Saving Bonus.

If you are yet to apply for your \$250 rebate and need some help navigating the process the House has help available each Tuesday between 12-2pm at our Good Food Hub, 35 High St. Just bring along your ID and a recent electricity bill in your name.

The Community House also enjoyed a visit from Lisa Chesters MP to discuss all things childcare and Neighbourhood Houses in our region.

Kyneton Community House has a new Garden Coordinator beginning at the House over the coming weeks. Mel Husada is an experienced local Horticulturalist who will be teaching garden based courses, but also be developing the edible garden further with volunteers.

If you would like to take a look at any Courses or Activities, head to the Kyneton Community House website or drop by 34 Mollison St.



Lisa Chesters MP at the Community House

## Who would have a BBQ at a cattle sale?

Well, it's hardly Bunnings on a Saturday morning, is it?



The Rotary Club of Kyneton (RCK) answered the call when the Bendigo based canteen contractors didn't return after Covid lockdowns.

With the stock agents needing breakfast in the short time between finishing preparations and the start of the sale, on site food was a necessity. Plus buyers, sellers and others needed a feed after they finished. So the Shire, a farmer Rotarian and the agents came together to provide a community service.

Initial sales of sausages in bread (onion and sauce are free options) and cold drinks were disappointing, but the Club persevered, since this was not done for the money.

Then tea and pod coffee were added, shortly followed by egg and bacon rolls, recently with cheese as an optional extra.

It has taken more than 2 years, but sales on a fine day with plenty of cattle on offer, now reach 3 times the initial takings, so the Kyneton Rotary Club now makes a profit to be put back into the Kyneton community.

The photo above shows the agents from Elders, Nutrien and McGrath-Rodwell having their breakfast at the May cattle sale.

Rotarians Graham, Kate and Alan are also present.

Any community member who would like to assist at one of these BBQs, or any other Rotary activities, can call Jenny on 0427223281 or email Club Secretary, Martin on [monkim48@gmail.com](mailto:monkim48@gmail.com)

Cattle sales are held on the last Wednesday of the month; with BBQ roster times of 8-9.30, 9.30-11.30, 11.30-1.30.

## Kyneton Seniors Active

The Kyneton Seniors have been active in their meetings and attending the Revellers show.

40 Kyneton Senior citizens enjoyed a day out to Sutton Grange to the Redesdale Revellers Concert.

Bingo continues to be popular, Mother's Day celebrated with chocolates gifts etc, quiz, footy tipping - shared stories, speakers, all provide for good fellow ship.

"We aim to avoid loneliness and maintain good nutritious food for which we're grateful to the Shamrock Hotel for their provision of seniors meals weekly" Seniors President Marj Williams said.

"Our membership continues to grow as we count our age by friends, not years.

"We welcome others to meet weekly with us at the Shamrock 10:30 to 2:30 on Thursdays.

"Arrive prior to 12:00 to order a meal of your choice from the menu.

"Membership \$10 - Receive card for your birthday with free meal voucher included" Marj said

Call Marj on 54222840.

## RM Begg Auxiliary

As its financial year comes to a close the RM Begg Auxiliary have again had a successful year.

The Auxiliary have been buoyed by the wonderful response to their monthly markets in Bolton Hall in Epping St.

Over the past year they have purchased many items for RMBegg including pressure mattresses, updating linen supplies, miscellaneous kitchen and laundry items along with funds towards lifestyle activities.

One of the latest purchases is a Sit to Stand aid and Sara Seat.

This Aid is seen in the photograph with some of the Auxiliary members.



## Cathouse 'Deception'



Actors Maggie Browne & Peter Devan

Cathouse Players' tradition of presenting quality amateur theatre productions over the past forty years continues with their June production of *Deception* in their Pop-up Theatre, at the warm and cosy Kyneton Masonic Centre, 7 Yaldwyn Street West.

*Deception* reflects the linking theme of each of four specially-curated One Act Plays, all guaranteed to entertain, and with many humorous moments to maintain the balance.

Playing June 17-25, for five shows only, tickets are still \$25/\$20, all-inclusive, with pre-show sherries, programs, and Interval refreshments.

Companion card is welcome.

Visit [www.cathouseplayers.com.au](http://www.cathouseplayers.com.au)

Bookings via [trybooking.com/CEUSG](http://trybooking.com/CEUSG) or Katie/Brian 0490485850.

## Windarring Disability Gardening

Windarring is a not-for-profit organisation that thrives on providing specialised supports to those with a disability.

Windarring operate a number of different disability enterprises and employment opportunities.

They are excited to be able to open up the opportunity for new customers to be engaged with their Kyneton gardening team in getting their yard serviced.

The disability gardening team gives Windarring's clients the opportunity to engage in paid employment and focus on skill building to learn how to use a lawn mower, whipper snipper and complete other garden maintenance tasks while also being involved with their local community.

Windarring operate with a team of three supported employees alongside one support worker.

They currently offer a reduced rate of \$50 per hour for the team for those

who are on the aged pension or disability pension.

For those within the community and local businesses, they offer a rate of \$70 per hour for the group to service gardens or \$80 for overgrown and complex jobs.

The team come out and complete a risk assessment and put together a quote prior to servicing.

If you are interested in getting your yard serviced by the Windarring team, please give Windarring Kyneton a call on 54227001 or email - [frocher@windarring.org.au](mailto:frocher@windarring.org.au)

## Anglers

Kyneton Angling Club really got amongst the fish this season.

Early on it was the big Golden Perch dominating, now it's the trophy Brown Trout and throughout there have been fantastic catches of Redfin in size and numbers.

Currently the club championship standings are as follows:

Senior: John Condliffe 1498cm

Open: Adam Blackmore 1258.5cm

Open: Stephen Tomas 471.5cm

Senior: John Hilas 484cm

Open: Steve MCiliva 162cm

Junior: Jack Albernini 140cm

Junior: Charli Lake 192cm

Junior: Milli Lake 106cm

Open: Carmello Sudano 200cm

Open: Rohan Taylor 242cm

Open: Jai Lygon 362cm

Tom Slater: Biggest Carp 75 cm

Adam Blackmore and Shawn Power hold biggest fish 62 cm Cod

Special mention Steve Tomas and Adam Blackmore on the big Brown Trout they have caught in local waters this season.



Steve Tomas displays the big Brown Trout catch

## 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	0493537100
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### Auto Services & Repairs

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

### 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	0439993389
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### Financial Planning

BTP Business Advisors Pty Ltd	5422 1588
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### Hair & Beauty

Studio 48	5422 1200
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### Holistic Health

Maiaveda Retreat & Spa	0420580886
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### Insurance

Simplex Insurance Solutions	5422 3333
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### School Aged Childcare

BugALugs	5422 2767
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### Shoe Suppliers

Kyneton Shoes	5422 2090
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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

### Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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### Osteopath

Organic Mechanic Osteo	0423852874
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### Real Estate

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

### Town Planning Services

Macaulay Town Planning	5422 3054
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### Travel Services

Renee@Travel Managers	0418369411
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### Veterinarians

Dr Greg McIntyre	5422 1310
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## Kyneton Events Calendar

Thur Jun 15	RM Begg Merger community consultation RM Begg 6pm
Sat Jun 17	Football/Netball Strathfieldsaye v Kyneton (away game) Cathouse Players 'Deception' Kyne Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St W 2pm Bush Dance Eat your Greens Bush Band Lauriston Hall from 5pm
Sun Jun 18	Cathouse Players 'Deception' Kyne Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St W 2pm Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 1.30pm 'Finding Freedom: Real Stories of Human Survival' Town Hall 1-4pm
Wed Jun 21	Community Lunch 35 High Street 12.30pm
Fri Jun 23	Cathouse Players 'Deception' Kyne Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St W 8pm
Sat Jun 24	Kyneton Theatre Company Cabaret Night Bluestone Theatre 7pm Cathouse Players 'Deception' Kyne Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St W 2pm 'Real Pidgeons: where Doves Crime' Kyneton Town Hall 1.30pm Football/Netball Kyneton vs Golden Square Showgrounds
Sun Jun 25	Cathouse Players 'Deception' Kyne Masonic Centre Yaldwyn St W 2pm
Fri Jun 30	'Whalebone' Kyneton Town Hall 2pm
Sat July 1	Valley Road at Major Tom's 8.30pm
Mon Jul 3	'The Alphabet of Awesome Science' Kyneton Town Hall 11am
Sat Jul 8	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm Football/Netball Sandhurst v Kyneton (away game)
Wed Jul 12	Community Lunch 35 High Street 12.30pm
Sat Jul 15	Football/Netball Kyneton v South Bendigo Showgrounds
Wed Jul 19	Community Lunch 35 High Street 12.30pm
Fri Jul 21	Ross Noble 'Jibber Jabber Jamboree' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm Kyneton Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm
Sat Jul 22	Football/Netball Maryborough v Kyneton (away game)
Wed Jul 26	Community Lunch 35 High Street 12.30pm
Sat Jul 29	Football/Netball Kyneton vs Gisborne Showgrounds
Wed Aug 2	Community Lunch 35 High St 12.30pm
Fri Aug 4	Elton & Billy 'Face to Face' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Sat Aug 5	Football/Netball Castlemaine v Kyneton (away game)
Sun Aug 6	Tree Day planting banks Campaspe end Jennings St 10am
Wed Aug 9	Community Lunch 35 High Street 12.30pm
Sat Aug 12	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebdon & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm Football/Netball Kyneton vs Eaglehawk Showgrounds
We Aug 16	Community Lunch 35 High Street 12.30pm

## Kyneton Craftery

Kyneton Craftery is excited to finally be back to running craft birthday parties for 7-14 year olds on Saturdays and school holidays, with activities such as polymer clay, acrylic pouring, book binding and more, there is a crafty birthday theme suitable for all.

Parties are hosted at The Old Auction House in Studio 2 and last for 2.5 hours, 2 hours of craft and 30 minutes to celebrate, with no need for parents to stay, just come back for cake and leave the mess for the host to clear up!

Prices start at \$350 for 6 kids, find out all the details at <https://KynetonCraftery.com>

## New Building at Kyneton High



Kyneton High School students and staff anticipate moving in to the new STEAM building at the start of Term 3. The brand-new double-story building is set to transform the educational experience for students, bringing an array of state-of-the-art facilities to support their learning and creativity. One of the many highlights of the STEAM building is the inclusion of four science laboratories.

These new labs will provide students with an immersive and hands-on learning environment, fostering their curiosity and passion for science.

In addition, the building boasts two art studios, offering budding artists a dedicated space to unleash their creativity.

A design studio will provide a hub for students interested in graphic design, digital photography, and other design-related fields. This studio will empower students to bring their innovative ideas to life.

The building also features two well-appointed kitchen classrooms, one of which is an industrial kitchen. These culinary spaces will enable KHS students to sharpen their cooking skills and provide industry-level equipment for senior students studying their Cert. II in Kitchen Operations.

The new building includes several versatile classrooms that will cater to middle school classes.

These general-purpose classrooms are designed to accommodate various subjects and ensure a conducive learning environment for younger students as they continue to grow academically.

A grand opening event is being planned for Term 4 when the weather is more conducive to celebration.

Keep an eye on the school website and Facebook page for details.

The Kyneton High School community is looking forward to embracing the boundless possibilities the new building holds for students and the bright future it promises for the school.

## KFNC Major Raffle



Ticket sales for the annual Kyneton Football Netball Clubs major raffle have commenced

1st Prize: A brand new 2023 Hilux Rogue Ute + Highline Kinsman 2 bunk off-road caravan. It's the ultimate adventure combo valued at over \$185,000! Thanks to Kyneton Toyota & Highline Caravans Bendigo, you could be hitting the road in style.

2nd Prize: A Bobcat lawn mower valued at \$10,290.00 from Macedon Ranges Ag Machinery Kyneton. Give your neighbours lawn envy!

3rd Prize: Explore the great outdoors with a \$1,500 BCF Voucher

Tickets available at Elders, Macedon Ranges Ag Machinery and through the Club website.

## Holiday kids entertainment

Kyneton Town Hall will be hosting a wealth of entertainment for children over the school holidays.

1.30pm pm Sat Jun 24 brings "Real Pigeons: When Doves Crime" to the Town Hall.

Author Andrew McDonald, illustrator Ben Wood and host Janet McLeod are bringing the Real Pigeons to life with a fresh, exciting pigeon mystery packed with live drawings, sound effects, and all your fearless feathered friends.

At 2pm Fri Jun 30 "Whalebone" takes a fun and magical look at the importance and future of stories in a new era where Artificial Intelligence starts to substitute human decisions.

"The Alphabet of Awesome Science" comes to the Town Hall at 11am Mon July 3

It is a scientific race through the alphabet – where awesome words inspire awesome science! Join professors Lexi Con and Noel Edge for a thrilling voyage through the alphabet – where great big, chewy, sesquipedalian words inspire mind-blowing scientific surprises.

Following the show, join the professors for a fun-filled workshop that combines word games and hands-on science activities. Recommended for ages 7-12. Bookings for workshop are separate to show.

To purchase tickets for the shows visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets) or call 1300888802.



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