



Kyneton Connect



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New home for Carlsruhe CFA



Carlsruhe CFA have moved into their new fire station on the corner of Cobb & Co and Springvale Rds. The new station has 3 engine bays whilst the old station fitted just one tanker and a support ute. Even that was a tight fit.

“The Brigade has literally moved from a shed to a purpose built Fire Station to which the Carlsruhe Fire Brigade has contributed \$80k to fund an extra bay.

The Brigade is also contributing to other projects on the site that will future proof it for a long time to come.

Carlsruhe CFA Captain Peter Baldwin said that the Brigade had received fantastic support from the Victorian Government, Mary-Anne Thomas and CFA District 2.

“The local community and brigade members over many years of fundraising and donations have allowed us to do something very worthwhile. “This facility is a fantastic addition to Carlsruhe and the surrounding area and will help us to help you!” Peter Baldwin said.

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Earlier December Connect

Due to the proximity of Christmas the December *Kyneton Connect* will be delivered on Thursday Dec 10, a week earlier than usual.

Merger confirmed

Community health services in Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges are set to be strengthened with the announcement of the merger of Cobaw Community Health and Sunbury Community Health.

The merged organisation, to be known as Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, will formally launch on 1 January 2021.

The merger was endorsed by both organisations’ Boards and backed by a vote of support by Cobaw’s members.

“Our organisations have provided services that respond to the needs of our communities for several decades,” said Phillip Ripper, CEO of Sunbury Community Health.

“By joining together, we will build on the strengths of each organisation and be better positioned to collaborate, take advantage of funding opportunities and share knowledge across our communities.”

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health will cover an area of over 1700 km2 from Sunbury to beyond the borders of Macedon Ranges Shire and its 280 staff and 100 volunteers will be based across four sites at Sunbury, Romsey, Woodend and Kyneton.

“Despite the ongoing success of both our organisations, the environment continues to be challenging for smaller community health organisations,” said Margaret McDonald, CEO of Cobaw. “As two entities, we often miss out on securing new funding contracts as they are given to larger organisations.”

The amalgamation follows the success of other mergers in the health sector, including that of Kyneton District Health and Hepburn Health which last year became Central Highlands Rural Health.

After a long and successful career, Ms McDonald is looking forward to retirement early next year once the transition to the new organisation has been successfully completed.

Sunbury Community Health Phillip Ripper will lead the new organisation. “For those accessing our services and programs very little will change,” said Ms McDonald.

“You will receive the same high level of care from the same location. There will be a new name and a new logo but you can be assured that behind it are the same local staff that you know and trust with their strong connection to the community.”



Together Stronger

Iso Scarecrows extended

The Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival Scarecrow Competition has gone online due to COVID-19 and some great entries have already been received.

The entry date has been extended until 15 Oct to allow entries from those who missed the first call, and can be made online from the website kynetondaffodilarts.org.au.

Entries to date can be viewed on three of the Festival’s social media sites – the website, the main facebook pages and on [kyneton scarecrows competition facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kyneton-scarecrows-competition). Judging of best entries will take place on Oct 28.



Mirabel and her chicken Isabella

Australia Day Nominations

Each year the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Australia Day awards recognise and celebrate community members and organisations that make significant contributions to their local communities.

Nominations and applications are now open for the 2021 Australia Day Awards, and township celebration grants for community groups planning to hold free Australia Day community events.

If you know an individual or group you would like acknowledged, please nominate them.

Nominations are open in the categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Achievement, Community Event, and Arts Ambassador, and are open to all people who live, work or study in the Macedon Ranges Shire at the time of nomination.

Community groups planning to hold a free Australia Day event, can apply for an Australia Day township celebration grant of up to \$500.

Both award nominations and grant applications close on Fri Nov 30.

For more information about the award categories, nomination forms and grant applications, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/australiaday.

Kyneton Markets



On the second Saturday in September and October the Kyneton Farmers Market was held at the Kyneton Showgrounds.

The Farmers Market will be conducted in November but is likely to return to St Paul's Park.

The Kyneton Community Market, depending on the level of restrictions due to COVID-19 is unlikely to resume for November, but the organisers, the Rotary Club of Kyneton hope it will operate on the 2nd Saturday in December.

Envisage a world without violence

Wednesday Nov 25 is the International Day for the elimination of violence against women and Dec 10 is Human Rights Day.

The 16 days that begin and end on these dates are recognised internationally as the "16 Days of Activism" to prevent violence against women.

Through this period, members of the Zonta Club of Kyneton will join with members of Macedon Ranges Family Violence Network to raise awareness of this issue.

The Club will host a display in the Kyneton community window at the south end of the Shire Offices in Mollison St, highlighting the need to understand the underlying issues and inform the road to change.

On average, in Australia, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner.

Intimate partner violence is the leading cause of death, disability and illness in Australian women aged 18-44 years.

On Wed Nov 25, wear ORANGE and say NO to violence against women.

**Be a leader.
Become a
teacher.**

Become a teacher to lead us into the future, and inspire who comes next.

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Centre turns 10

The Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre opened its doors on Sept 28 2010.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centre could not open on its 10th birthday but when the Centre is able to reopen a celebration will be held to mark the milestone.

The facility has been a magnificent addition to life in Kyneton and District and is treasured and well used by many residents.

The achievement in gaining the Centre is a tribute to the determination and endeavour of many in the Kyneton community.

Kyneton residents were disappointed when Gisborne was chosen as the first location for a heated pool in the Macedon Ranges but continued working towards their turn.

The State Government had promised \$2.5M for the project but the Council set gaining a Federal Government Grant of \$5M as a pre-condition for construction of the facility.

The locals fought on and to their delight the then Federal Minister for Infrastructure Anthony Albanese accompanied by then Federal Member for Bendigo Steve Gibbons came to Kyneton to announce that the Federal Government would indeed contribute \$5M for the facility. In hindsight gaining the second heated pool advantaged Kyneton.

The learnings of the Gisborne construction helped and Kyneton's was an integrated facility with not only heated pool but also gym, Basketball courts and squash courts.

The Kyneton Heated Pool Committee and the Swimming Club supported by many others led the quest for the Centre.



Dignitaries cut the ribbon 10 years ago

Kyneton Caring Community



Simon and Kerryn at the Foodbank

Now that restrictions are beginning to ease, Kyneton Community Care is pleased to have its Op Shop re-open with reduced hours.

The Op Shop, at 60 Mollison St (next to IGA) is currently operating Mon-Fri 10.30am–3pm and Sat 10–1pm.

Caring Community currently has a limit of 10 customers in the store at a time and ask that you wear a face mask and observe social distancing.

Donations are once again being accepted at the Op Shop on Fridays and Saturdays.

“Our Foodbank is open to anyone who finds themselves in need, if you are experiencing hardship or have been affected by COVID-19 you are welcome to use the foodbank. We are open by appointment only and ask that you please call ahead on 0420 473 041 to arrange a time, Monday through Friday” Operations Manager Kerryn Wildenburg said.

“Clients can now access the Foodbank with dignity through our rear entrance. (via the IGA carpark).

“Our new space enables us to provide a greater range of products.

“At the present time our Foodbank is well stocked with a wide range of fresh fruit and vegetables as well as non-perishable goods.

“Non perishable goods include; Rice, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, tinned Fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned Fish, tinned Soups, Cereal, Milk, Tea, Coffee, Spreads, Condiments, Eggs, Toiletries, Drinks, Biscuits, Chocolates, and essential Frozen Meals.

“Donations of food of any description are always welcome and any financial contribution made over \$2 will

receive a tax deductible receipt” Kerryn added.

In the coming months Caring Community will facilitate workshops to teach basic cooking skills to the community's most vulnerable.

If you have any questions about Kyneton Community Care Foodbank, how to donate or become a volunteer please call 54221163.

Swooping Birds

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is urging residents to be careful in coming months and to watch out for swooping birds.

It's spring, which means that breeding birds such as magpies and masked lapwings (commonly known as plovers) may become territorial and protective of their nests.

In early spring each year, birds have eggs or young in the nest.

Territorial birds are known to swoop people riding their bikes, walking their dog or running.

If residents encounter this “swooping” behaviour it's best to avoid the location where these birds are nesting for the next couple of months.

Chasing birds only provokes them and exacerbates the problem and moving nests won't fix the problem either, as they tend to come back to the same spot each year.

There is more information available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website.

This website also has a map where you can nominate the site where you were swooped.

Magpies are protected under Victorian law which means they cannot be trapped, injured or moved to another area.

For more information, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/birds



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

Council voting underway

Voting in the 2020 Macedon Ranges local council elections is now in full swing.

The election is again being conducted by postal ballot.

Ballot packs were mailed to all voters on the roll between October 6 and October 8.

The Victorian Electoral Commission is conducting the election on behalf of the Shire and is encouraging voters to complete and return their ballot material either by post or by hand as soon as possible to make sure their vote is received in time.

Completed ballot papers must be in the mail or hand-delivered to the election office located in the Kyneton Mechanics Institute at 81 Mollison St by 6pm Fri Oct 23.

Voting is compulsory.

The election office will be open 9am-5pm each week day up to and including Wed Oct 21.

Hours on Thur Oct 22 are 9am-8pm and on Fri Oct 23 9am-6pm.

Voters who haven't received a ballot pack by Fri Oct 16 should call election office on 1300116415 to arrange a replacement.

Macedon Ranges Shire has 3 wards each with 3 councillors to be elected.

Kyneton, Malmsbury, Tylden and the surrounding area along with Woodend are located in the West Ward.

There are 8 candidates standing for West Ward.

Kyneton Connect invited each candidate to prepare a statement of up to 115 words about themselves for the benefit of voters.

All eight candidates provided statements which are printed in the adjacent columns.

Their hometown and phone contact is at the end of each statement.



Election Office

Janet Pearce



Representing you as Councillor and serving as Mayor for the past two years has been a privilege.

I've loved it. This challenging year, community and volunteers have been at the heart of it all.

I offer stability and knowledge as we move forward.

A resident of 20yrs, three teenage children and a Nurse/Midwife working at Kyneton Hospital over this time.

A partner with my husband (Jacques de Groot) in a small business (GP Practice) in the Shire.

I work hard, am committed and listen. I will continue to strengthen

community participation in consultation processes and make decisions reflecting what I hear from you all with health and wellbeing, sustainability and efficiency at the core. F:@JanetPearceforWestWard Woodend, Contact 0400230431

Hayden Walsh

I've lived in Kyneton and the Macedon Ranges all my life, and it has been good to me.

Now it's my turn to do some good for my home.

I want to be a good listener to all, I want to be a voice for disabled and elderly people in the Macedon Ranges and more than that I want to make life in Macedon Ranges the best it can be. This means working with the local health authorities, local sports organisations and local businesses to achieve this.

I hope I can count on your support and your vote.

Kyneton, Contact 0487199043



Jennifer Anderson



I have served 8 years on Council, 3 times as your Mayor.

I will continue to advocate for meaningful consultation early in proposals, and for identifying gaps in services, and reducing duplication.

I support our many volunteers and local businesses in their post-pandemic recovery, ensuring that planning processes are easier to navigate, and decisions take into consideration all opinions.

Protecting our town character, farming, heritage, natural environment and beautiful landscapes are key priorities.

We make these decisions together as a community, and if re-elected, I will continue to listen to your views on what's important for the future of our towns, and the Shire as a whole. (see ballot pack for more contact details). Woodend, Contact 0417112582

Wes Turner

I am committed to:

- Independent - Not a member of, or funded by any Political Party.
- Support Local Business and Create Local Jobs.
- Fire Prevention - Protect the environment.
- Support Sustainable Farming.
- Support Kyneton's Local Airport.
- Help Streamline The Planning Process.
- Good Planning Outcomes for Future Developments.
- Consult with the Local Community

Kyneton, Contact 0402258730



Mark Ridgeway



I have lived and worked in our area for 35 years and I am proud to call the Macedon Ranges home.

I am passionate about our community and am the current President of the Rotary Club of Kyneton and on the board of the Kyneton Community House. I am the former principal of Kyneton High School.

I believe in our local community and I am keen to play an influential role in the future planning and development of our townships.

I promise to take a grass roots approach and to listen to and represent the views and needs of our local residents and my email is: markridgeway4mrsc@gmail.com. I look forward to your support.
Kyneton, Contact 0400889574

Brian Wilson



The next five years will bring challenges demanding innovation, prudent management and a hard-working Council that makes every ratepayers' dollar work twice as hard.

I offer:

- Genuine listening to communities
- Driving a local economy creating jobs
- Creating a positive service-driven staff culture
- Smart planning and environmental management
- Sharing, protecting and showcasing our region building our visitor economy
- Resilient emergency plans and supporting volunteers
- Strong, accountable governance

with a focus on positive results
I'm a broadcast journalist with management experience in Infrastructure, aviation, maritime, environmental management, tourism, urban planning, marketing, media and communications.

I'm experienced in managing multi-million-dollar budgets bringing the highest level of probity, governance and transparent accountability that is not influenced by political parties.
Kyneton, Contact 0410413 010

Lenka Thompson



Hello, I'm Lenka Thompson, your candidate for the West Ward in the Macedon Ranges Shire Council elections.

I'm running because I want to help effect positive change in the Shire.

We are at cross-roads with Councillors having to employ a new CEO for the council, and helping everyone emerge from lockdown.

We need a CEO who will create foundations for a new and inclusive relationship between the community and council. We are a stronger team together.

I have deep considerations for the environment, community consultation, Rate payers and those most vulnerable in our Shire.

I have 5 years' experience as Councillor, am very approachable, and would work hard for you on Council.
Thank you.

Kyneton, Contact 0425786377

Dianna Abruzzi

Hello, I'm Chairman of the "International Women's Federation of Commerce and Industry", married with three sons and live in Woodend, where my grandson attends Braemar.

I'm standing to cut bureaucratic red tape, the cost of living and fighting for jobs.

Having hosted trade missions to our region to foster economic growth, I am acutely aware of our needs in infrastructure development, demand

for community services and the protection of our freedoms. Therefore, I'd like to bring my experience and servant leadership heart to represent West Ward, and help our Shire be the most accountable, prosperous, and safest.

Thank you for your support.

Together, we can make it happen.

It's time for change, and serious action.

Woodend, Contact 54274527



Volunteer Central Webinars

Volunteer Central Vic is seeking to help small to medium community groups and organisations get back on their feet as they re-emerge within the COVID restrictions by offering training webinars.

Registrations for the webinars can be made through the Volunteer Central Vic website where you can also find a huge bank of resources including templates, information guides, tips and answers to FAQs.

The webinars include: "How to be a Dynamic Committee": 15 Oct, 10 – 12.30pm; "Volunteers, Risk and COVID – A Q&A Forum": 29 Oct, 12.30 – 1.45pm and "Mind Full or Mindful? Avoiding Burnout for Volunteer Managers": 5 Nov, 2.30 – 5.00pm

All sessions are via Zoom, you will receive the link upon registration.

Rain swells River



Following last week's rains the flow in the Campaspe River past Kyneton has increased. Pictured above is the small spillway near the Racecourse.

Central Steel Build relocating



Central Steel Build currently located in Hoyle Court Kyneton is well advance in constructing its own new premises in Saleyards Road.

Building this new facility has been the fruition of a 5 year dream to be able to unleash the full potential of Steel Builds current team.

They continue to provide local employment, and meet the needs of its ever growing customer base who rely on Central Steel Build to supply and install quality building and spaces.

After year on year growth for the past 10 years Central Steel Build have outgrown their current premises. The company currently provides employment to 60+ locals and is looking forward to providing new local jobs.

The new building will have 4 processing lines which will allow Central Steel Build to service its clients faster and more efficiently.

Central Steel Build design and fabricate pre-engineered commercial steel framed buildings made from Australian steel. They supply buildings for a variety of industries, from agriculture to aviation, equestrian to recreation sports covers, commercial buildings to large industrial buildings and custom shed homes.

“We build large scale hay sheds, Industrial Warehouses up to L130 x W101 x H11.5m , we just built a dairy shed which can house up to 2,500 cows. We have built numerous indoor arenas for a variety of riders.

“For over 40 years, our family owned business has established a solid track record based on trust, integrity and outstanding results.

“We are proud to be an onshore manufacturing business in this current climate enabling us to provide quality products which last in our environment” the Central Steel spokesperson said.

Central Steel Build is aiming to be fully operational in the new site for January 2021.

The Hoyle Court site will be going on the market in the new year

In December 2019 Steel Build opened an office in Brisbane to service its growing market up north.

They sell and install buildings from Port Augusta, to Bundaberg to Darwin to Apollo Bay and into Longreach.

Chiropractic Life arrives

Chiropractic Life has moved into 47 High St (formerly the home of Cobaw Community Health) and is excited to bring another quality health care service to Kyneton.

Chiropractic Life has practices around regional Australia although this is the first in Victoria.

“I’m excited to bring the Chiropractic Life vision to Kyneton” says chiropractor Dr Bernie Haberman a Macedon Ranges resident.



“Our great passion is to foster healthy communities through our care and

education. We will be actively involved in the community (when restrictions lift) through business talks, in-office workshops, club sponsorships and health screenings” Dr Bernie added. The former Cobaw Health building has been given a face lift, with multiple consultation rooms and state-of-the-art on-site digital X-ray facilities installed.

Dr Bernie is proud of what Chiropractic Life is looking to bring. Apart from chiropractic care there are plans for a floatation tank, infra-red sauna and complimentary therapies soon.

“Chiropractic Life invites you to join them and experience our unique initial consultation process, neuro-structural examination and digital x-rays (if indicated) for only \$99” Bernie said. Call 44118944 for an appointment.

Vehicle rental in Kyneton



Hire and rental of cars, vans and trucks in Kyneton can now be done through Skipdon Motors at 2 Mollison Place.

They now have the AVIS agency following the closure of Matheson's Auto Electrics.

Call Skipdon Motors on 54222398.

Bridgestone Tyres relocating

The Tyre service in Bowen St is soon to relocate to the corner of Edgecombe Rd and Saleyards Rd.

Bridgestone Tyres will occupy the northern end of the rejuvenated building the was formerly Matheson's Auto Electrics.

Owner of the business, Roger Jukes, anticipates being in the new premises before the end of the year.

The current Bowen St premises has been a Tyre service since 1963.

Reboot Supply relocates

James Roberts has renamed and relocated his handmade boots and quality repairs business to Shop I-18 Piper St. Ph 54222659.

The Woolshed



Donna and Charlie at the Woolshed

The Woolshed Australia has opened at 14 Piper St.

The business, owned by mother and daughter team Donna and Charlie Carlson, focusses on Australian brands and companies.

"We have a significant appreciation for natural fibres and timeless fashion, so we solely showcase natural fibres and 'slow fashion'" Charlie said.

"During our cooler months, The Woolshed is abundant with alpaca, merino, cashmere, mohair and possum garments and throws. We also supply the wonderful Dubarry boots which have been very popular during our opening months.

"With Spring on its way, we have started to introduce our linen, silk and cashmere collections, however, we aren't packing our woolies away just yet!" Charlie added.

As well as clothing ranges, the Woolshed also stock beautiful soaps, creams and handwashes - perfect for Christmas gifting or decking out your bathroom."

The store showcases Miodrag Jankovic's landscape oil paintings on canvas, with more paintings arriving this week.

The Woolshed Australia is open 6 days, Wed to Mon 10am-4pm (closed Tuesday)

They can be contacted via Instagram@thewoolshedaustralia, mobile 0420391603 or email info@thewoolshedaustralia.com.au

Western AG

Western AG, an independent family owned business, has opened at 57 Edgecombe Rd Kyneton (formerly the location of Matheson's Auto Electric). Western Ag's success has seen the company grow with stores across Southern Victoria, the Wimmera, South Australia with Kyneton being their twelfth store.

Two of the faces of Western AG

Kyneton, Katrina Ridgway and Raquel Tyler, both Animal Health Specialists have been with the Western AG team for several years and they are excited to be part of the new branch development in Kyneton.

New staff members John McMaster, Agronomist, and Brayden McKay Merchandise Sales have recently become valuable members of the Kyneton Western Ag team.

John is a Lancefield local and has been working as an Agronomist locally for several years. Brayden is from Woodend and has over 10 years of sales experience. Both bring valuable experience to the team.

Specialists in Agronomic and Animal Health advice, Western AG have been servicing the area for some time and felt that it was the appropriate time to provide additional support to producers from a locally based permanent facility.

The new store is open weekdays 8am till 5pm. Phone 54199000.



Brayden McKay, Katrina Ridgway and John McMaster at Western AG

Old Auction House Space

After just over a year The Old Auction House is sad to see The Story Costumer leaving Studio 2

"She has been a vibrant and quirky addition to the working artist studios that we have onsite!

"The Old Auction House is currently seeking a new creative to join its community that would love to have a dedicated space to make, teach and grow in our arts precinct on Mollison St.

"We designed the studios with creatives in mind.

"They are made to be a space to work and create in and big enough to run classes in your favourite medium" Rhain said.

If you're looking for a supportive, creative space contact the Old Auction House.. Ph 54222047.

RM Begg Aged Care update

In these troubled times of COVID-19 and all the controversy surrounding Aged Care, Kyneton has its own good news story.

On Sept 8 RM Begg Kyneton Aged Care received a visit from the Australian Defence Force Prevention Team in conjunction with the Victorian Aged Care Response Centre.

"They were happy with what RMB had in place with some minor improvements suggested around improved signage regarding the number of people allowed in certain areas.

"They felt that the facility would be listed as a "green" site which means the facility is more than adequately prepared to meet the demands of a covid positive environment. They determined that the policies and procedures are robust.

"Following this RM Begg elected to have an independent Audit by Victorian Infection Prevention Service.

"The auditor was very impressed with RMB's COVID Readiness and Capability and stated that the facility was in the top 2-3% of the facilities he had personally audited.

"He also commented on the warmth and homely feel of RMB.

"This is a great outcome of which all should be very proud. Locals and residents can be assured that their safety is in good hands" Sarah Collier RM Begg Projects Co-Ordinator said.

RM Begg has also expressed its thanks to all the community members who have kindly left gifts for staff and residents at the front of the facility.

Immunisations

The Council's immunisation team has taken extra precautions and implemented procedures to control risks of and exposure to transmission of COVID-19 during immunisation sessions.

These measures include: • advising parents to stay at home if either they or their child is feeling sick • only one parent attending with their child • immunisation staff wearing required personal protective equipment • maintaining two metre social distancing • a brief screening questionnaire and temperature check. Kyneton immunisation times are on the first Thurs of the month 12- 1pm. Bookings are not required.

Around the Galleries

The Stockroom 98 Piper St

Open Wed to Sat 10.30-5pm

Continuing Exhibition to 1 November

Solo exhibitions of Jud Wimhurst, Joshua Cocking, Josephine Mead and Grace Brown – four artists exploring themes that are fitting to the current world climate.

Wasteland—Jud Wimhurst

Ghost Plant—Joshua Cocking

Lost Worlds—Grace Brown

Moving out of the Period of Heat & Rut—

Josephine Mead



The Grand Order of the Null, 2019
—Jud Wimhurst

Art On Piper 44 Piper St

The gallery welcomes the warmer Spring days, with the front door open, and is doing so seven days a week from November.

You'll find the handmade artforms of painting, photography, origami, glass, ceramics, mosaics, textiles, cards and jewellery by twenty one locals (twenty two soon).

A Macedon Ranges gifting exhibit is becoming a permanent display in the gallery featuring members' iconic images of the area.

Art on Piper hosted The Gallery Mount Macedon in its Guest Room while that Gallery was temporarily closed and will fill the space with 'Animal Friends' through October.

The management committee has expanded to five, with Kathy Medbury and Jenna Davies joining treasurer Marianne Bradman and president Kathryn Portelli who would welcome membership enquiries from local talent. Contact – info@artonpiper.com 0407887498.

The Old Auction House 56 Mollison St

Open 9am—5pm

The Old Auction House is back to its normal hours 7 days a week.

Upcoming exhibitions include:

Wearable Art Oct 22nd - Nov 2nd - No matter if it's jewellery, hats, bags, scarves this is art that is made to travel with us everyday

Buttlejorrk Oct 22nd - Nov 9th - Annual exhibition of local artisan group Buttlejorrk, including ceramics and other traditional artforms

GASP Nov 12th - 30th - Glass Artists Support Group's annual exhibition of beautiful glassware in many forms.

Pause Button Dec 3rd - Jan 4th - This group exhibition by Art Aviso has asked the artists to create an artwork based on a card of antique buttons each artist received. Contact are Ph 54222047 or visit www.theoldauctionhouse.com.au

Dietician

Cobaw Community Health's Dietician is taking bookings for both face to face and telephone or video appointments.

Erin Dwyer is able to assist with a number of conditions including weight management, malnutrition, diabetes, heart disease, chronic fatigue, and gastrointestinal issues such as IBS, coeliac and Crohn's disease.

Erin can also see children who are fussy eaters and can help with general healthy eating advice and assistance with meal planning.

Cobaw's dietetic service can be provided under the NDIS and to those on Home Care Packages.

For those on a pension or healthcare card the fee is \$10 per hour.

For bookings call Cobaw 1300026229 cchsintake.primaryhealth@cobaw.org.au



Erin Dwyer, Dietician

Kyneton Health

With the number of positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases significantly falling across the state and restrictions easing in regional Victoria, the team at Kyneton Health have been working hard to return to 'business as normal' and resume services impacted by the pandemic.

Elective surgery recommenced at the end of September, with a wide range of procedures taking place in the first few weeks, including gynaecology, orthopaedic, ophthalmology, urology and endoscopy. The number of patients booked in to each list has been reduced from the usual numbers to allow time for additional COVID-19 safety measures to take place.

The physiotherapist-led exercise program 'Healthy Mind and Movement' returned at the beginning of October, with six classes per week. The downtime created by the pandemic has given the team an opportunity to plan a suite of new programs for clients experiencing a wider range of health concerns. Expect more news to follow about new classes in the coming weeks.

The Treehouse staff are working hard to resume their program and will be in touch with clients as soon as a return date has been set. The Treehouse will return with a new format - an increased number of short sessions with a smaller number of clients attending each session.

The Community Nursing team continue to support patients in their homes. More patients have been admitted to the hospital-in-the-home program to help reduce the burden on acute settings. Similarly, patients in need of palliative care are electing to stay home, preferring to have regular visits from our Palliative Care nurses for their ongoing care and symptom management.

The Respiratory Assessment Clinic has now carried out more than 12,000 COVID-19 tests since the end of February. Daily numbers have fallen from their peak of around 200 a day in July and August, to 30-50 tests a day in October.

As always, people with symptoms associated with the Coronavirus are asked to call Kyneton Health's Respiratory Assessment Clinic on 54229900 to book an appointment for testing.

2021 Youth Council



Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, is calling for young people aged 16-22 to take part in the 2021 Macedon Youth Council.

The Macedon Youth Council is designed to empower young people to play a more active role in public life - it provides participants with the opportunity to build their understanding of government and the role and responsibilities of a Member of Parliament.

Made up of up to 12 young members selected from across the Macedon electorate, the group will meet five times over the year to discuss local issues, learn about the democratic system and how they can more confidently participate in the decision-making processes.

A visit to Parliament House in Melbourne is also included as part of the program of activities.

In 2018, Ms. Thomas made an election commitment to establish the Macedon Youth Council.

The inaugural program began in 2019, with 13 young people from across the electorate chosen to participate.

Issues that were raised and explored as part of the 2019 council included single use plastics, youth mental health, renewable energy and the process to Treaty with Aboriginal Victorians. Members of the Youth Council will be selected following an application process that can be submitted online. Applications close on Sun Nov 23. For more information about the Youth Council and to apply visit www.mary-annethomas.com.au.

Water Reclamation Plant

Coliban Water on Fri Oct 9 advised that the Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant was operating normally.

With the heavy rainfall across the region over the week, very high inflows had been received into the storage lagoons.

Coliban advised that the lagoon volume was at 85% before the rain and had reached 96% on Friday.

“We continue to only release tertiary treated water to the Campaspe River which is compliant with our Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria licence conditions for water quality and river flow” the Coliban Water Statement said.

“We are also pumping 3 megalitres a day of Class B recycled water to the Hardwick irrigation storage and have some additional storage capacity in our other onsite treatment lagoons.

“Inflows to the plant have started to slowly decrease now that the rain has stopped but our storage capacity has been reduced heading into any future rainfall events.

“Until our Phase 2 works, which includes our 200-megalitre storage, are completed there remains a risk that certain weather conditions may result in water being released from our plant that is non-compliant with our EPA licence conditions.

“We are committed to giving our downstream landowners advance warning of any potential non-compliant releases of treated water from the Plant into the Campaspe.

“The EPA has been informed of our current operating status at the site” Coliban’s statement concluded.

Access - Simpson to Mill St?

Kyneton resident, Mary Reid, has been in contact with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the new owners of the old Kyneton Hospital and the land surrounding it seeking reinstatement of a pedestrian link from Simpson St to Mill St.

She said that earlier this year she had been surprised to discover that what she believed was a Public Right of Way had been chained off and a sign saying “Keep Out” placed there.

Ms Reid believes that the pedestrian link between Wedge St and Mill St along the line of Simpson St had been in use for more than 70 years.

Mary reports when she lived nearby there was a stile at the Mill St end which she and her husband often used to enable them to walk through.

She says the previously accessible link provided a convenient walkway between the River, the River Walk and the town as opposed to using a car for the short trip.

Works about Kyneton



The refurbishment of the historic pig shelter at the west end of the Kyneton Botanic Gardens is nigh on complete.

The roof has been restored, the uprights fixed with a welcome improvement—a sealed floor.

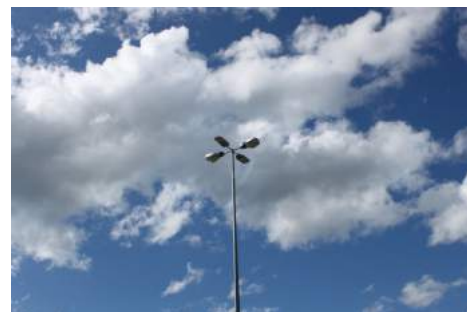
It’s not yet open for use but that shouldn’t be far away.



Pedestrian Crossing in Victoria St

A pedestrian crossing has been installed on a gentle speed-hump in Victoria St.

It should serve both the Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre, Kyneton Secondary College and both Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School and Kyneton Primary as well as pedestrians heading to the Eastern part of town.



Quadruple lights in roundabout

A tall pole fitted with four streetlights to more effectively illuminate the Edgecombe—Beauchamp intersection has been erected in the centre of that intersection’s roundabout.



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As hard as this is, every sacrifice we're making is making a difference. But we can't stop now, or lose everything we've worked for. We will get through this together.

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Kyneton District Services

Accountants

Craig Chester Accounting	5422 1966
Watco Partners Pty Ltd	5422 6511
David J Gibney Pty Ltd	5422 6480
Macedon Ranges Tax & Acc	5422 6460

Acupuncture

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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Auto Services & Repairs

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

Barber

Quick Snips	0400808157
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Chiropractor

Dr Rohan Kapoor	5422 6488
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Concreting & Paving

MBC Concreting & Paving	0417545159
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Dental

Campaspe Dental	5422 3988
Kyneton Dental	5422 6159

Dry Cleaning

Kyneton Dry Cleaners	5422 1503
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Electricians

Macedon Ranges Electrics	5422 2182
Kyneton Electrics	5422 1369

Fabric & Haberdashery

Alice in fabricland	0439993389
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Financial Planning

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

Florist

About Flowers	5422 7779
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Hair & Beauty

Studio 48	5422 1200
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Indoor Play Centre

BugALugs	5422 2767
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Legal Practices

Palmer Stevens & Rennick	5422 6500
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LP Gas Supplies

Hendersons the Gas People	5422 7408
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Massage

Kyn Acupuncture & Allied Health	0411558013
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Medical Practices

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

Optometrist

Kosmac & Clemens	5422 3822
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Osteopath

Drs Isabel Mettler & Clare Greig	0423852874
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Real Estate

Ray White Kyneton	5422 2127
RT Edgar	5422 3325

Town Planning Services

Crossroads Town Planning	5422 2235
Macaulay Town Planning	5422 3054

Travel Services

Renee@Travel Managers	0418369411
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Veterinarians

Kyneton Veterinary Hospital	5422 1099
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Video Production & Live

Australasian Audio Visual	5422 3791
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Wheelie Bin Cleaning

Macedon Ranges Wheelie Clean	0427506810
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Traditional Owners acknowledged

New cultural signage has been installed at Malmsbury Common Reserve in conjunction with Djandak, the business enterprise of the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.

The Council's Director Planning and Environment, Angela Hughes said during the development of the Malmsbury Common Reserve Master Plan a desire was expressed by the community to have Dja Dja Wurrung Traditional Owners acknowledged and reflected in the Reserve.

"This provided the impetus to initiate dialogue between Malmsbury Landcare, the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and Council officers to explore ways that this could occur," Ms Hughes said.

Through Djandak, Dja Dja Wurrung people worked with Malmsbury Landcare to develop the design and content of the signs, which have now been installed

These provide information on how plants were used and how together people are relearning their cultural importance.

The sign locations will capture displays of plants, some of which are already in situ, others are yet to be planted and will be developed over time. "



Macedon Ranges Gift Shop

Community organisations Kyneton Baptists, Cobaw Community Health and the MRSC are once more partnering to support local families in need at Christmas.

Serving the needs of families in the Macedon Ranges at Christmas time for 11 years under the name Macedon Ranges Toy Shop, 2020 will see some exciting changes. Firstly, a name change to "The Macedon Ranges Gift Shop".

Also a response to the challenges of Covid-19, a Gift Card program is being introduced.

By offering Gift Cards to spend at local businesses support is not only being given to local families in need, but our local economy at the same time. Our new model empowers local businesses to support local families, and financial donations are being sought.

Families will receive Macedon Ranges Gift Shop Gift Cards, with a set amount for each child. Gift Cards can be redeemed at participating local business partners.

The amount of gift cards and assistance that can be provided per child, will depend solely on the amount of financial donations raised. For 2020 the target to raise is \$15,000!

The Macedon Ranges Gift Shop is keen to speak with businesses interested in partnering in the Gift Card system.

People wishing to make donations can do so by direct deposit, Cash, Cheque and Online. Contact details can also be found on the Macedon Ranges Gift Shop facebook page or phone Gift Shop Coordinator Georgina Harvey on 0404442891.

Old Photos sought



Janet Oliver and Andrew Bates have recently purchased the old shop (43 Mollison St) and the two brick terraces (45A and 45B Mollison St). They will be restoring the shop and terraces and are seeking help from anyone who might have any very old photos (preferably pre 1920s) or written history of these buildings in particular the 3 buildings' facades. Please contact Andrew 0400479429 or email joliver2@tpg.com.au if you can help.

Tree Pruning

The Council began its annual street tree pruning and maintenance program in early September to ensure that all street trees in the Shire are not at risk of contacting power lines.

As part of the program, street trees and powerlines are inspected to ensure public safety and prevent electricity supply interruptions that can be caused by overhanging vegetation near powerlines.

The program is also an important part of the Council's fire prevention works. All vegetation works carried out will be in compliance with the Electricity Safety Act Regulations 2020, with regulations stipulating there is a minimum safe clearance between trees and powerlines.

It is anticipated the works will be completed mid-December.

For more information, or to report overhanging trees near powerlines, email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 54220333.

Little Athletics Back on Track

After months with hardly any community sport, Kyneton's oval will be buzzing from the end of October with the return of Little Athletics.

In its 50th year, Kyneton Little Athletics is set to start its return for the 2020/21 season with a modified COVID-safe program on Saturday 24 October at 9am.

The club's President Ashley Fraser is optimistic about the upcoming season. The only thing that the club was not able to do at the end of last season was to have its usual presentation of awards so there are plans to do a drive-through presentation on Sat Oct 17 at the Showgrounds which will be combined with an information session for new families interested in finding out more about Little Athletics.

The season runs until the end of March 2021.



"Last year we had 131 members aged 5 to 16," says Ashley. "This year we are introducing a senior squad for teenagers where they will be able to choose which activities they concentrate on."

A wide range of track and field events are covered every Saturday morning at the Kyneton Showgrounds - sprint and middle distance running, hurdles, jumps, shot put, discus and javelin. Coaching is provided both to the children and their parents if they are interested in leading a group.

There is the opportunity to enter regional competitions and many

Kyneton members have gone on to compete at state level.

Registration is \$125 per athlete (family discounts apply). Go to lavic.com.au to register. For more information call Ashley on 0417549257 or pop along to the Showgrounds on Sat Oct 17 between 9-10am.

CWA Scone Sales

For many, the humble scone is just something to enjoy for morning or afternoon tea, with jam and cream, or maybe just butter!

But for the Country Women's Association – scones hold much more weight.

Every year at the Royal Melbourne Show, CWA ladies bake and sell scones.

This is the CWA of Victoria's biggest fundraiser with an incredible 15,565 scones sold over last year's Show.

The Royal Melbourne Show has been cancelled due to the pandemic – but this has not stopped the CWA from trying to break their record.

On Sat Oct 17 CWA branches across the state will be selling scones in an effort to break this mighty record.

Locally – the Kyneton Twilighters CWA Branch will be hosting a 'click and collect' style scone sale at Kyneton Toyota – 24 Bourke St from 9am to 12pm.

Scones can be purchased individually for \$1.50, 6 scones for \$9 or 12 scones for \$18.

You can even upgrade your order to include a pot of jam and cream for an extra \$5! Scones, homemade jams and other items can be purchased on the day while stocks last!

Scones can be pre-ordered and paid for by contacting Caroline on 0425733260, emailing katet@kynetontoyota.com.au or via the Kyneton Twilighters CWA Facebook page.

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