



Kyneton Connect



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School works near completion



The students of Kyneton High School moved into their brand new two storey building “Ngurrak” on August 21 towards the end of last term.

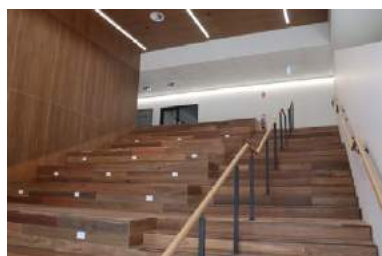
There are 14 classrooms in the new building - 4 science rooms - biology, chemistry, psychology and a physics labs; 2 kitchens - a Food Technology kitchen and a VET Hospitality kitchen; 2 art rooms and 6 general purpose classrooms.

There is of course a lift to ensure access for the disabled to the second floor.

Principal Ana Rees commented that the response from students and staff has been fantastic.

“The sense of excitement provides a fresh impetus to our learning programs which are benefiting from a state-of-the-art facility that has been designed to provide an ideal environment for learning, creativity, and collaboration.

“Some of the key features that have been met with enthusiasm are the “Bleachers” where we have held our year level assemblies; the spacious classrooms; the fully equipped science laboratories; the dedicated art classrooms; the light within the building, and the outlook from the upstairs windows.



Bleachers

“Not least is how thrilled the Food Technology and VET Hospitality students were in their new rooms, and the immense relief and joy felt by our Food Technology teachers to finally be in their kitchens after the demolition of their old rooms in March 2022” Ms Rees said.

Refurbishment works in the historic original building on music, instrumental music and well-being rooms are expected to be finished by November and landscaping by the end of November.

The old Science wing to the east of the original building was demolished over the September holiday period and the English wing in the west side is being demolished.

It will be the culmination of significant investment in the school which in the past six years has seen a large proportion of the School’s former classrooms removed and construction of the new Technology Hub, a major upgrade of the boomerang building and now the addition of two storey “Ngurrak”.

An Open Day is planned when all of the current works are completed – the date is yet to be determined.

Kyneton Cup Wed Nov 8



The Kyneton Cup is held at the Kyneton Racecourse on the day after the Melbourne Cup – this year that is Wed Nov 8.

Kyneton Cup Day is a local holiday.

The event draws patrons from near and far and has all the trappings of a major race meeting – Umbrella packages, Marquees, Dining room package or simple general admission to Kyneton’s picturesque course. Tickets online or at the course.

Toy Library is moving



The Kyneton & District’s Toy Library has secured a new home in the former visitor information centre in Jean Haynes Park in High St Kyneton.

“We’re thrilled to have a dedicated space for the toy library” said President Angela Sloan.

“It makes it a lot easier for our volunteers to run sessions and manage toys, plus it provides opportunities for more sustainable practices”.

The new location has been used for storage over recent years so the toy library committee are now trying to source funding and tradespeople to help make the space fit for purpose.

“It took a village to find and secure the new premises originally built by Kyneton Rotary and we’re hoping our village can help us get it ready to store our toy collection” Angela said.

The Toy Library committee are very grateful to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council – especially the Visitor Economy team – for supporting the toy library to continue its 39 year history of offering families in the community access to quality toys at an affordable price.

The new location also offers even more space for carers to connect with a children’s playground on its doorstep.

“A big thanks to our members and community for the support” Angela Sloan said.

The last day of operation at Hutton St will be Oct 21.

Email kynetontoylibrary@gmail.com if you can help the toy library with the new fit out.

Charging Station siting queried



The Kyneton and District Town Square Co-Operative have expressed serious concern that the Council has placed an electric vehicle charging station in a position in Baynton St just west of the Mechanics Reserve which undermines the connection of the open space around the school site with the rest of the Town Square.

The Co-Op have also been critical that an electrical sub-station has been placed in front of the school interrupting the street view of the old school building.

In relation to the placement of the EV station Council's Director Assets and Operations, Shane Walden has commented: "The installation of the EV charging station in Baynton St was a Victorian Government funded project, via Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

"It expands the electric vehicle charging network, which is a priority project for Council.

"DEECA's provider assessed several sites in Kyneton for installation of the EV charging station, based on a range of criteria including proximity to power, availability of space, and accessibility to shops and community facilities.

"The Baynton Street site is a public location that was identified as the Kyneton site that best met the criteria" Mr Walden said.

Optimism for Air Force Cadets

The Air Force Cadets of 430 Squadron have been languishing in the small Scout Hall whilst awaiting word on the future of their home – the Drill Hall (Mont St Quentin Barracks in Market St Kyneton) – or relocation to another venue.

At the Daffodil and Arts Festival concerned parents of cadets got 350 signatures on a petition asking for the Drill Hall to be fixed. The petition is now available to sign at the Midland

Express and at Perry's in Market St as well as the RSL.

The parents have now heard that several 'high-up' people are involved on a committee assessing immediate and future needs of Cadets 430SQN as well as the future of the Drill Hall, and they are working hard to resolve issues. The parents have been told to expect a public update after this committee meets soon.

Care Finder

A new service is being offered to help Macedon Ranges residents access My Aged Care as well as help them find aged care services and other useful community supports.

It provides people with local, personalised, face-to-face support.

Delivered by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, the service is free and can help people with the My Aged Care assessment process, assist with finding local health and care providers, and better connect them with the local community.

Care Finder is available to those eligible for aged care services (people aged over 65 years and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and over) and who are experiencing difficulties accessing supports.

For more information, contact Geri Gardner on 0417949162, email geri.gardner@scchc.org.au or pop in to 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton.



Kyneton Library events:

The Bravest shelves

Local poet Ross Gillett invites you to explore the library's "bravest shelves" to find poetry that inspires, enlightens and delights. 25 Oct, 2:30-3:30pm

Bookings 54221365 or at www.goldfieldslibraries.com

Seed Savers Library Launch

Come along to the Library's long-awaited Seed library launch.

Learn about seed saving and how the Kyneton Seed Library will work and

then join fun activities. 21 Oct, 10-12am

Reconciliation Reading Group

The Group's first meeting on Sep 14 brought together a small group of people to discuss an article on 'What is treaty? They read the article aloud and then had a very respectful conversation with some great questions and information sharing. If you are interested in joining the Group's next session, phone or email Kyneton Library on 54221365 or kyneton@ncgrl.vic.gov.au and you will be notified of the next meeting date.

Storytime en Francais

Come to the Library for a storytime held in the French language. All welcome. Fri Oct 20 (10.30-11am)

Mural for Mollison Street



Kyneton on Riverside has commissioned a mural by Australian contemporary artist Jimmy Dvate.

The mural was scheduled to be painted Oct 16–20 on the wall on the corner of Mollison and Piper St.

The mural will feature an array of vibrant flora and fauna, creating a visual tapestry that celebrates the region's biodiversity.

"Kyneton and Black Hill Reserve was my source of inspiration, with its stunning landscapes and diverse wildlife.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to the community by creating a mural that reflects the beauty of this town," said Jimmy Dvate.

Suzana Bojkovski, Marketing Manager for Kyneton on Riverside said Dvate's mural captures the personalities of the subjects he paints, combined with his unparalleled use of colour, is set to leave a lasting impression on both locals and visitors alike.

The community is invited to follow the progress of this mural project through regular updates on social media.

"Kyneton residents and art enthusiasts can look forward to witnessing the transformation of a blank wall into a breathtaking testament to the beauty of nature" Suzana said.

A fabulous Festival

The Sept 10 grand parade of the 2023 Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival attended by a huge crowd of local residents and visitors was a fitting culmination of 2 weeks of a great community celebration and contribution.

Festival activities started on Sun Aug 27 with the Festival's Major Sponsor Kyneton on Riverside's Fun Run which attracted 90 participants.

The Annual Daffodil Art Prize Exhibition held this year in the Old Auction House started on Thu Aug 31 and continued throughout the Festival. It had a record 126 entries with the overall winner Paula Mackay's "Large Daffodil" and the Esther Rose Memorial Watercolour Prize winner: Judy Perfect – "Daffodils & Camelias".

To everyone's delight the ferret racing was back and drew a large crowd to the Mechanics Reserve on Sat Sept 2.



The Dog Dash on the afternoon of Sun Sept 3 saw 102 dogs viewed by 600 spectators make individual dashes over 40m for the title of fastest dog in Kyneton. Winners: Fastest small dog: Lancy-4.90 sec and fastest large dog Roxie-4.73 sec.

This year's Kyneton One Act Play Festival, the 65th, again drew theatre companies from across the State with the winning play being Here There and Everywhere Theatre Co's "The Edge"

Best business window display was won by Kyneton Shoes.

The Festival Committee applauded the very generous people who opened their beautiful gardens and once again drew hundreds of visitors to our town.

The Committee also thanked the many home gardeners who had presented wonderful gardens replete with daffodils during the Festival.

Award winners in the categories of

Best Large Garden, Best Medium Garden, Best Small Garden and Verge Gardens were informed of their awards via letter and the awards were presented to those who could attend at the Kyneton Spring Daffodil and Floral Art Show.

The Grand Parade on the final day of the Festival boasting 1000 participants was a lively display of colour, showcasing the community's diversity and spirit.

Winner of the Eric Scoble Memorial award for best float was PGL's "Once Upon a Springtime"

Jess Grant, Secretary of the Festival Committee said "Our warmest gratitude goes to everyone who participated, attended, and supported the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival. "A shout-out to our wonderful community groups, the masterminds behind the many exhibitions and events, the flags and heartfelt thanks to all of those who helped make the Festival happen.

"To our sponsors a big thank you for your unwavering support.

"A big thank you also to our Festival ambassadors, Peter Cole and Tonia Todman. And to our Festival Royalty – James Love, Rexine Perry Atkinson and the royal children from Tylden Primary – Owen, Zoe, Will & Lucinda, who were all magnificent in their roles.

"We extend the invitation to anyone in the community who would like to volunteer for the next festival - please contact the committee via kynetondaffodilandartsfestival@gmail.com.

"See you in 2024!"



Daffodil Royals with Fun Arts' Collin Boggars

Budburst Festival Nov 17-19



Discover the cool wines and warm hearts of Macedon Ranges winemakers at their annual wine festival, Budburst, Fri Nov 17 to Sun Nov 19.

Budburst is a once-a-year opportunity to step behind the vines and meet the family-owned and small-batch makers who shape mainland Australia's coolest wine region.

The Friday evening will see local venues showcase Macedon Ranges wine alongside other great produce of the region bringing together what they believe to be the best of the Macedon Ranges.

Across the weekend, more than 25 Macedon Ranges winemakers, across 18 Budburst sites, will be offering wine tasting 10am-5pm on Saturday and Sunday along with curated food menus championing local produce, art shows, sculptor walks and live music. Explore at your own pace or jump on one of the Budburst bus routes.

For Festival information and Festival and bus tickets visit www.budburst.com.

Charity Golf Day

To support of Kyneton Health, Wooling Hill Memorial Estate are hosting a charity golf day on Sun Oct 22 at Kyneton Golf Club and are inviting the community to participate.

The event will be a mixed four-person Ambrose competition which means golfers of all skill levels will be able to contribute as part of a team

For anyone that hits a hole-in-one, there's a prize of \$1,000.

For more information about the event and sponsorship opportunities visit: www.chrh.org.au/kyneton-golf-dayor0439705039.

RayWhite

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

Councillors' Update



First and foremost, a huge congratulations and thank you to all the committee and volunteers who again made the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival such another wonderful event. It seems to get bigger and better each year.

We appreciate everyone who stopped and had a chat to us at the recent West Ward Councillor listening post outside Kyneton Woolworths.



Kyneton Connections Alan Moor, Eric Derricott and Jenny Hince meet with Councillors

We are always interested to hear your thoughts and news, and have a discussion. Please remember that we are also available on our Councillor mobiles and via email.

Tylden is the next stop on Sat Oct 21 outside the hall from 10.30-12 noon. Council and other associated organisations are preparing for the upcoming summer season and fire prevention work is a top priority. Members of the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC) and the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) together with a wide range of other organisations including CFA groups, Parks Victoria, Emergency Management Victoria, Victorian Police, Victorian Department of Health, Victorian Council of Churches and others recently gathered. We had an interesting presentation on computer modelling reflecting on the changes and subsequent learnings that have

developed over time.

There were also discussions on evacuation traffic modelling, community engagement and support, preparation and communications.

The big take home message is that everyone needs to have a Fire Plan and be prepared to leave in a safe way.

After consulting with the CFA brigades, Council is allowing a temporary burn-off exemption in October for registered open-air burns on land 4,000 square metres or less without a permit prior to the official Fire Danger Period commencing.

It's a good reminder that preparing your property involves many aspects such as mowing, controlling weeds, cleaning gutters and clearing rubbish.

It was pleasing to see people at the recent Macedon Ranges Community Forum (CommSafe) held in Kyneton.

Regional and local police spoke about current crime trends, young people, family violence, road policing, and drug and drug related crime with lots of time for questions.

Recently a community information session was held at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre to provide updated information regarding the closure of the site by the end of 2023.

The site will then be handed over to Land Use Victoria.

At the moment we are not aware of any plans for the site, but we are aware this will effect some residents who work at the centre and businesses who had contracts there, and Council officers continue to stay in contact with the department.

Please join us at 10am on Oct 20 at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute to recognise, and celebrate the important contribution that older residents in our Shire make.

During the Senior's Festival with the theme "Learn Love Live", we will again make presentations to community members who were nominated, to thank those that

contribute to local community, demonstrate active ageing and promote older people.

Speaking of nominations, we would appreciate you taking the time to nominate people for the community awards which will be celebrated on the evening of Thurs 25 January 2024.

The name of the awards and the timing of the citizenship ceremony have been changed to this date in recognition of concerns raised by our Traditional Owners as well as many Macedon Ranges residents.

Australia Day Community grants have been doubled to \$1000 per application and will be celebrated on 26 January or on another day a week either side. The guidelines for applying can be found on the Council website.

Best wishes,

Crs Janet, Jennifer and Mark

Kyneton Municipal Band

After a quiet time during winter, the Kyneton Band are starting to get busy.

On Sun Sept 10 the Band again led the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival Parade playing in the Mechanics Reserve afterwards and on Oct 10 they played at the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Citizenship Ceremony. The Band will also play at the Remembrance Day Service at the Kyneton Cenotaph on Sat Nov 11.

On Sunday afternoon Nov 19 the band will perform at the Pig Pavilion in the Botanic Gardens. This is an opportunity for anyone to come along and listen to the fine musicians that make up the Band performing.

The Band will play at 3.30pm in the Mechanics Reserve at the Kyneton Twilight Festival on Sat Dec 2 and will perform at Christmas Carol Services throughout the Shire in December.

The Band rehearses at 7.30pm every Fri in the Red Brick Hall.

Contact the Bandmaster Hugh Davies on 0418519398 for more details.



Works at Old Primary School

At the start of October McCorkell Constructions issued a progress report on the works at the old Kyneton Primary School in Baynton St.



McCorkell Constructions reported the completion of works including the Bell Tower restoration, metal roof replacement, timber windows restored and demolition of existing foundations between bluestone building and the 1980s building.

They are currently undertaking underground hydraulic works for fire services and domestic water, flooring structure works inside the bluestone building plumbing and electrical works to the bluestone building and New foundations for the future building – linking bluestone building to the main building.

The next phase of works includes the completion of restoration works on the roof of the bluestone building and internal structural works for new flooring and glazing.

In the weeks ahead, civil works will continue for the Simpson St carpark. Civil works will also continue for the foundation of the new building between the bluestone building and the main building and plumbing works internally to the bluestone building will commence.

All-Day Sacred Harp Singing

All are warmly invited to attend the third Kyneton All Day Sacred Harp Singing to be held in the Kyneton Mechanics Institute Sat Nov 11 10am-4pm with registration at 9.30am.

Sacred Harp is a tradition of community singing that originated in colonial New England.

“We sing from a tune book printed in

shape notes first published in 1844” one of the organisers Lauren Reader of Kyneton said.

“It is a rich collection of songs from various sources, from the 1770s to the present day. This music is loud, participatory, acapella, folk hymn singing sung in four-part harmony.

“There are no rehearsals or performances.

“We gather to sing in friendship for the joy of the music.

“All are welcome and no musical experience is necessary.

“This free singing will be attended by experienced singers from Kyneton, Melbourne and Sydney”. “We will commence with an introductory workshop and song books will be available to loan or purchase. Lunch (“Dinner on the Grounds”) will be provided” Lauren said.

For more information: visit <https://sacredharpaustralia.com/kyneton/> or E: kynetonsacredharp@gmail.com



Mechanics Institute works

As a result of damage caused by a severe storm in January 2022 the rooms on the north side of the Kyneton Mechanics Institute have been unavailable for public use.

In response to queries from Kyneton Connect Shane Walden, MRSC’s Director Assets and Operations, has advised:

“Conservation and renewal work for Kyneton Mechanics Institute is scheduled for this financial year; final timelines are still pending.

“The work will proceed in multiple phases, focusing on the roof and sub-floor drainage and underpinning.

“Council will work closely with heritage architects to ensure the works are consistent with heritage outcomes.”

Free screening of “The Fort”

At 7pm Thu Oct 26 the Zonta Club of Kyneton in partnership with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council will host a special free screening of film ‘The Fort’ in Kyneton’s Bluestone Theatre.

Sadly with the Victorian statistics of domestic violence increasing each year, Zonta hopes that the screening of this film will help raise community awareness and highlight local agencies that can assist families.

Entry to this eye-opening Australian film is free.

Film outline: - Faced with the harrowing reality of family violence, a mother and her young son discover the fantasy world that provides them sanctuary can’t protect them forever.

The evening will also include a discussion of the important themes explored in the film (particularly domestic violence) and highlight local support services. Light refreshments will conclude the evening.

‘The Fort’ was filmed in Kyneton, and was directed by locals Jess and Carly Anne Kenneally. Executive producer was Shayna Blaze.

If you are concerned about the increasing incidence of domestic violence in our society, this film is for you.

Free Bookings can be made via - <https://events.humanitix.com/zckfortfilm>

All enquires - Zonta Club of Kyneton - secretary@zontakyneton.org.au .



What's New in Business

Rodilesa Nursery now open



Danny, Sarah, Bree and the whole Rodilesa team are thrilled about their brand new nursery in Kyneton.

Rodilesa is at 203 Mollison St, just past the Post Office Creek Bridge and 400m north of Piper St.

All will be impressed the size of the Nursery and by the quality, range and volume that their new space offers.

In addition to their very popular 'Rodilesa Grown' plant range in 140mm, 200mm and 250mm pot sizes, they also offer an impressive selection of nursery related products including Potted Colour, Seedlings, Established Trees, Indoor Plants, Instant Turf, Pots, Potting Mixes, Aftercare Products, Green Houses and Giftshop.

The site offers plenty of parking, is friendly to pets (as long as they don't water the plants) and has a huge volume of stock onsite to get you started.

The Nursery is open 10am to 5pm everyday (except the odd public holiday). Ph: 43200801.

If you get a spare hour or two, they would love to show you around.

Kyneton Hotel accommodation

The Kyneton Hotel has refurbished its upstairs accommodation which is now available to guests.

With 14 rooms tucked upstairs and away from the action, Kyneton Hotel offers a peaceful sanctuary in the middle of town.

Rooms are modern and cosy with shared bathrooms and access to a private guest lounge and wrap around veranda.

There is also the option of a 2 or 3 bedroom apartment with private bathrooms and kitchen. Bookings for accommodation are now available online. You can visit the Hotel's website for pricing, photos and further information. <https://thekynetonhotel.com.au/stay>

Skiin

Skiin Facialist has recently opened at 1-18 Piper St.

Owned & created by Sylvia Glassey and welcoming assistant director Sarah Louise, they offer a combined experience of over 25 years in Spa, aesthetic and holistic health.

Sylvia and Sarah have merged their expertise to create a space dedicated to skin, nutrition and holistic healing.

Sylvia and Sarah believe beauty is a feeling that begins with a deeper sense of self awareness.

"We are here to support your skin, digestive health and nutrition with customized treatments and packages" Sylvia said.

Sylvia has a profound understanding of skin devoting her expertise to skin facial therapies, encompassing both spa and clinical approaches.

Sarah, a naturopath, herbalist, clinical nutritionist & currently undertaking her chinese medicine degree, is well-versed in women's health, mental health + stress support, digestive health & nutrition. Her treatments include herbal medicine, face therapies, nutritional guidance, and more.

Bookings: www.skiinfacialist.com.au, hello@infoskiin.com 0417044535.



Sarah Conte with Sylvia Glasson at Skiin

Reset

On Oct 31 Business Kyneton is running a mental health day open to the businesses of the Macedon Ranges, an interactive day with speakers, creative classes and lunch.

It is a day to take off from 'work' and work on yourself.

Reset speaker Dr Louise Mahler is 'on-call' for top global CEOs and a guest presenter for leaders and leadership-teams worldwide. Visit the Business Kyneton Website for more details.

New Directors at Ray White

Just nine months ago, Nathaniel Briggs and Tamara Mactier took the reins at Ray White Kyneton, swiftly emerging as industry leaders with unwavering commitment to their profession and community.

Ray White, boasts a significant national presence and Ray White Kyneton proudly claims the area's largest real estate office. Beyond their access to an extensive buyer database, they house a substantial real estate team in Kyneton, comprising eleven dedicated professionals skilled in both sales and rentals.

Nathaniel Briggs, Director and Sales Executive, brings a wealth of experience, including industry accolades and awards.

Nathaniel has a history of over 250 successful property sales, including pivotal roles in multimillion-dollar transactions like the sale of the old Kyneton Hospital and Woodlea.

Nathaniel has a deep-rooted commitment to community service including as a CFA volunteer for 10 years.

Tamara Mactier, another Director and Sales Executive has a generational connection to Kyneton spanning nearly two centuries.

A diverse background in sales, customer service, marketing, and project management makes Tamara a valuable asset. Personally overseeing a 750-acre farm near Kyneton, she intimately understands the area's unique blend of rural and cosmopolitan living.

As the directors of Ray White Kyneton, Nathaniel Briggs and Tamara Mactier believe that real estate success transcends transactions; it's about nurturing enduring relationships and supporting the community.

RayWhite handles residential, business, rural and rental properties.

At 2 High St phone 54222127 www.raywhitekyneton.com.au. Hours are Frid 9-5pm Sat 9am-12pm.



Physio appointments available

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Kyneton physiotherapy team currently has appointments available within one to two weeks.

As well as treating injuries, a physiotherapist can help with strengthening your muscles, improving balance, enhancing joint movement and flexibility and with the treatment of lung conditions.

Home Care Package and NDIS referrals are welcome; if you are over 65 years old, referrals must come via My Aged Care.

Contact Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health to find out if you are eligible. Call 54211666, email admin@scchc.org.au or drop in to 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton.

Supporting families in need

Community organizations, Kyneton Baptist, Sunbury Cobaw Community Health and the MRSC are again running a Christmas Gift Card program through local businesses.

"By offering Gift Cards to local businesses we are supporting not only local families in need, but our local economy at the same time.

"This model empowers local businesses to support local families, and we are seeking your financial donations to make this possible" Macedon Ranges Gift Shop Co-Ordinator Georgina Harvey said.

"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.

"We hope to have as many businesses on board as possible, offering as many products and services as possible.

"The number of gift cards and assistance we can provide per child, will depend solely on the financial donations we are able to raise.

"If you are a local Macedon Ranges business interested in partnering in our Gift Card system for your store, we'd love to speak further and partner with you"

"Donations can be made by direct deposit, cash, cheque and on online.

"Find us on Facebook for more details, or me on 0404442891" Georgina said.

Calder Classics



Calder Classics is a car enthusiast group which, was formed with an idea and a goal to help disadvantage youth in the Macedon Ranges.

Calder Classics holds winter drives and BBQ's and coffee runs to pub lunch destinations all year round.

"We incorporate a start point and a short run where all demographics of the local area meet up and bring their car along." President Darren Parnis said.

"We proceed to a destination, usually parks in the local area, where we have a trailer, and 2 BBQ's on which our volunteers cook sausages and patties for our run participants.

"Our initial goal still stands today, to help disadvantaged youth with scholarships (average \$1000) helping to pay for fees, books, and uniforms.

"We target year 11 and 12 students, to take the added financial stress off so they can do their best to enter university"

"All recipients thus far have gone on to university degrees.

"In doing this we have found that Calder Classics can also assist another demographic of attendants which are our seniors in the area.

"Many seniors look forward to the date as they get to interact with so many people.

"Most of these older participants spend the day of the Runs religiously preparing their Pride and Joys for the run, which also gives them a sense of pride and enjoyment.

"We Invite new members to come along and join our club with a \$50 annual membership for Permit Plate holders and \$30 annual membership for families and singles" Darren said
For more information call 0433326101 or email calderclassics@yahoo.com .

Twilight Festival and Market.

Kyneton Community House's annual Twilight Festival and Market will be held at Kyneton Mechanic's Reserve on Saturday Dec 2 from 3 to 7pm.

The Festival has been running since 2018 and has become a must attend event in the diary of many Kynetonians. "The event is an inclusive, family friendly affair that showcases the wonderful artisans and food and wine producers from the Macedon Ranges." said KCH Director, Claire Rawlinson.

Over 35 local stall holders will be participating alongside musical entertainment, children's activities and the much-loved Santa photos.

The Kyneton Twilight Festival and Market is supported by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Events & Festivals Program.

The Festival, supported by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council is run by a large number of community volunteers who are critical to the success of this event.

If you have a few hours spare to help out on the day please get in touch with KCH by phoning 54223433 or email admin@kynetoncommunityhouse.org.au.

Volunteer roles include set-up, pack-up, marshalling and helping with our BBQ and other stalls.



Deputy Mayor Jennifer Anderson, Alan Moor, Claire Rawlinson and Santa at the 2022 Twilight Festival and market

December Connect earlier

Kyneton Connect is usually distributed on the 3rd Thursday of each even month but given the proximity of that date to Christmas Day, this year's December Connect will come out on the 2nd Thursday: Dec 14.

Deadline for submission of articles will be November 29.

Around the Galleries

At the Stockroom

98 Piper Street

Exhibitions to 12 November

Gallery One

Nicholas Burridge *Stone Tools*

Gallery Two

Cameron Robbins *River Pulse &*

Anemograph de l'Ortenbourg

Catalogues available on request

See also work of Honor Freeman

Art on Piper

44 Piper St

Marianne Bradman will return to Art on Piper for a limited time with her amazing exhibition "Glass, Clay, Art".

Marianne's wonderful creations will be on display from the 17th October to the 13th November.

Art on Piper Gallery is looking forward to a very bright and creative Ombre Christmas display from Nov 14 and is open 7 days a week through out summer.

The Old Auction House

52-56 Mollison St

On Nov 25 an all day Christmas Card Making Workshop with Kathryn will be conducted.

Attendees will learn all the techniques needed to continue making at home as well as having a selection of cards made in class to give to family and friends. A delicious lunch is included and participants will have plenty of one-on-one assistance within a small class of 6 people with tickets at \$130-135.

Exhibitions:

Colour the World - Group Exhibition Oct 12- -Nov 13

No matter your style colour has an effect on art. Ranging from a paired back carefully selected palette to bold pops and splashes these artworks will brighten up your life.

SHC VCE Exhibn Oct 12- Nov 6

A celebration of the culmination of the graduating classes achievements.

Buttlejorrk Exhibn Nov-9 Dec 4

The annual exhibition of Macedon Ranges local ceramicists' guild.



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OKPS Activations Launch

Between 11am and 1pm on Sat Oct 21 on the basketball Courts of the Old Kyneton Primary School Working Heritage with the support of Creative Victoria will host a performance by Amos Roach and the Yepenga Dancers.

For more details see the poster below. This performance will be the first of a series of free to the community activities to be held on the basketball courts every second Saturday from November to March.

OKPS
Activations
Launch

11am-1pm
At the OKPS
Basketball Courts

Free for all the family,
BYO chair, bean bag,
cushion and join us
in warming the new
basketball courts,
a site for everyone.

creative victoria Working Heritage

Old Auction House (continued)

7 Years in a Shed - Jay Ford Exhibition | 16 November - 4 December

Collection of functional and decorative glass slumping and fusing works in Jay's eclectic style.

Goblin's Treasure - Billie Douglas | 7 December - 1 January

Explore the forest floor and discover the the goblin's treasures and natural marvels found within.

Transcendent Fusion - Shikha Yadav 7 December - 1 January

A Vibrant Abstract Collection capturing the fusion of ink in water with bold oil and acrylic colours.

Calling all artists!

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting Submissions of ideas for Council's Creative Kids 2024 school holiday program for children aged 4-14 years.

The proposed theme is around understanding recovery and resilience through art.

The Council is looking for ideas from local artists that are fresh, meaningful, and suitable for a younger audience that will foster a deeper understanding of recovery and resilience through art. Through the workshops, children will be able to unleash their creative energy, and work alongside professional artists and educators to express themselves.

Applications are open until Oct 30.

For information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/get-involved

“Columbo – Prescription Murder”



With rehearsals now at an end, Director Bette Sartore, cast and creatives of Kyneton's Cathouse Players are now in residence at the Kyneton Masonic Centre, and standing by to entertain audiences with *Columbo – Prescription Murder*.

There will be six performances only, including four matinees, and opening night is this Friday, October 20, at 8pm. Tickets \$25/20, and include interval refreshments.

Companion card is welcome.

Bookings via trybooking.com/CJZQZ or Katie/Brian 0490485850.

Macedon Ranges Bridge Club

Do you enjoy playing cards and making new friends?

If so, the Macedon Ranges Bridge Club invites you to its *Learn to Play Bridge* classes that commence on Oct 23.

“Bridge is a fantastic card game that challenges the mind and keeps us mentally active.

“It can take a little effort to learn but provides years of enjoyment, social interaction and friendship” Secretary of the Club Cate Carr said.

The Club attracts players from Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne, Macedon, Lancefield, Daylesford, and Sunbury.

Bridge is sometimes likened to chess with cards – it requires brainpower and logic but also partnership skills..

“It is a partnership game but you don't need a partner. We can match you up with another learner” Ms Carr said.

The eight week two hour *Learn to Play Bridge* classes start on Mon Oct 23 at 12.45 pm at the Woodend Neighbourhood House.

The cost is \$100, which includes 8 lessons, class notes, an *Introduction to bridge* textbook and refreshments.

Bookings are essential. For more information or to book email cate2010@live.com.au orring Cate on 0417549041. The Club plays at 12.30pm every Mon and Thurs at the Woodend Tennis Club rooms.

What's happening along your reach of the Campaspe River

On Sept 27 the Campaspe River and Land Management Group (CRLMG) held a planting day for grasses, reeds and sedges.

Over 1000 plants were planted by 6 participants. This was one of CRLMG's smaller project days just among members and was very productive. Site preparation works involved going a little wider than the current footprint, and will go wider again over the next 12 months as the Group work along the area around St Agnes Place.

Although the group go into an activities recess over winter, the CRLMG remained busy with various funding grant applications. Some of these were with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and another under the Victorian Landcare Grants program.

Funding under the Victorian Landcare Grants program was successful and the CRLMG received funds to help mitigate the impact of last year's flooding on habitat assets along the Campaspe River in Kyneton. Disturbance from large floods can impact previous planting areas; and disturbed soil allows colonisation from invasive species including woody and herbaceous weeds. CRLMG will work towards mitigating these impacts with weed control works and revegetation programs through 2023-24.

Campaspe River and Land Management Group will have more news on the MRSC grant applications in a future "Kyneton Connect" edition. If you are interested in participating in river activities get in contact with CRLMG or come and see them at the Landcare stand at the Kyneton Show on Sat Nov 18.

CRLMG meetings are held regularly (except over winter) and if you have an interest in rivers or Landcare in general please contact the secretary at lizleighl@bigpond.com for more information.



Social Support Groups



If you are looking to get out and about in the Macedon Ranges and beyond, the Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health social support bus trip program could be for you.

The program offers small group outings to galleries, gardens, shopping centres and other regional and metropolitan destinations.

This year trips have included the Garden of St Erth, The Great Stupa in Bendigo, The Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne, Edgar's Mission in Lancefield and Living Legends in Bulla.

The groups run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and door-to-door pick-up and drop-off is available for those living in the Macedon Ranges.

“The program is ideal for those wanting to socialise, but may need support accessing the community,” says Roz Walton, team leader of the program.

“We vary the destination depending on what group members want to do, the weather or what's on locally.”

The cost of the program depends on your funding eligibility, and for many the cost is fully funded.

Examples include those who are over 65 and have a My Aged Care referral or Home Care Package that specifies social support, adults with a disability under 65 and not eligible for NDIS, and NDIS participants.

To find out more, call 5421 1666, email admin@scchc.org.au or drop in to 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton.

Kyneton Connect by e-mail and on www.kyneton.org.au

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Current and back issues of *Kyneton Connect* can also be accessed on our website www.kyneton.org.au

Windarring Getaways



Windarring's Getaway Program is an initiative designed to offer individuals with disabilities the opportunity to escape their daily routines and enjoy meaningful experiences in supportive and inclusive settings. For individuals with disabilities, access to such experiences can be challenging, but organisations like Windarring are making getaways possible for all.

Getaways Program manager Paige Conder says, "The Program has positively impacted the lives of our participants. We have seen increased independence and personal growth, a better sense of belonging through social connection, skill development that enhances participant's daily lives and improved wellbeing with participants often returning from their getaways feeling refreshed and rejuvenated."

For more information about the getaways Windarring has to offer or to view the Getaway brochure, visit www.windarring.org.au.

Last chance to see "The Wiz"

Are you ready to go over the rainbow? Kyneton Theatre Company's production of 'THE WIZ' has been running every weekend since Sept 29 but its season in the Bluestone Theatre will finish Sun Oct 22.

The wonderful live band from Mamma Mia! and We Will Rock You are back, but this time they've brought a bunch of fantastic brass with them.

Bright, colourful and full of brilliant soul-inspired musical numbers, this production is fun for the whole family and kids are very welcome in the audience.

The final shows will be Fri Oct 20:7.30pm, Sat Oct 21:1.30pm and 7.30pm, and Sun Oct 22 1.30pm.

To book, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CJLEQ>.

Zonta says NO to violence

Wed 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.

This is not just an issue in other places and other nations; it has an impact on our own community.

In Australia, on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner and intimate partner violence is the leading cause of death, disability and illness in Australian women aged 18-44 years.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton continues to raise awareness of gender-based violence, challenge discriminatory attitudes and encourage community-based support for those living with violence, through a program of activities.

Through the 16 Days of Activism the Zonta Club will have a display in the community window in Mollison St and displays in local libraries, highlighting the impact of violence against women, and on Nov 30, members will support activities organised by Macedon Ranges Shire.

On Sat Dec 9, Zonta will host an orange themed 'pop up' event at the Social Foundry in Kyneton from 10.30am. Come along wearing a touch of orange and learn more about the 16 Days of Activism to prevent violence against women, while sharing a cuppa and cake with Zonta's passionate members.

On Sat Nov 25, Zonta asks that you wear something ORANGE and say NO to violence against women.

Vision Australia "Pat 'n' Chat

On Fri Nov 10 at 1.30pm Vision Australia's Kyneton Auxiliary will conduct a Pat 'n' Chat afternoon at St Andrews Church in Ebdon St

At the afternoon you will learn about the journey of seeing eye dogs from puppies to adult working dogs.

Admission is \$10, which includes a delicious afternoon tea.

Enquiries Kathy 0418145874.

Trout Opening

On the first weekend of September members of the Kyneton Angling Club travelled to the Goulbourn River for the trout season opening.

The weather was perfect—cold nights with misty mornings and sunny cloudless days.

Breakaway Caravan Park had recovered from the floods and the hospitality and amenities were top class. The club members booked eight cabins and one caravan spot.

The club had 29 anglers registered.

Over 100 fish were caught and the biggest was a 58cm Rainbow trout. Most people caught a fish and some lovely fish taken for the table but most were measured, photographed and released.

Champion Fisher was Steve McIlvena with 10 fish total length of 381 cm.

Biggest fish of 58cm was caught by Seb Sudano. Junior Champion was Charlottes Kovacevic with a total of 3 fish at 100 cm – the biggest 49 cms.



RM Begg Auxiliary Fundraisers

The members of the RM Begg Kyneton Aged Care Auxiliary are ready for a bust period in the run up to Christmas. The next fundraiser is a huge Garage Sale on Sat Oct 28 in Bolton Hall in Epping St. So come along and grab yourself a bargain! The next stalls, also in Bolton Hall will be Nov 4 & Dec 2 with lots of craft, toys, cakes, books, Xmas goodies and more.

The Auxiliary will be holding a Huge Xmas Raffle, starting from the middle of November with tickets available at the Home and at the front of Woollies with lots of great prizes.

Recently the Auxiliary held its AGM - the Office Bearers for 2023/24 are President: Rosemary Bain, Secretary: Susan Jones and Treasurer: Jan Young.

Kyneton District Services

Accountants

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

Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine

Dr Michele Downes	0407582036
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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	5422 6031
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Financial Planning

BTP Business Advisors Pty Ltd	5422 1588
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Fishmongers

The Fishmonger Kyneton	0408123729
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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

Macauley Town Planning	5422 3054
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Veterinarians

Dr Greg McIntyre	5422 1310
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Kyneton Events Calendar

Fri Oct 20	Umbilical Brothers 'The Distraction' Kyneton Town Hall 8pm 'The Wiz' start final weekend Bluestone Theatre 8pm 'Columbo Prescription Murder' season start Masonic Centre 8pm
Sat Oct 21	Amos Roach & Yepenga Dancers Old K Prim Sch Basketball Ct 11-1pm Porpoise Spit Major Tom's Piper Street
Sun Oct 22	Charity Golf Day Kyneton Golf Course
Tues Oct 24	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Wed Oct 25	And each Wednesday Community Lunch 35 High St 12.30pm
Thur Oct 26	'The Fort' Bluestone Theatre 7pm
Fri Oct 27	Arj Barker Power Hour Kyneton Town Hall 8pm
Sat Oct 28	RM Begg Auxiliary Garage Sale Bolton Hall 9am-2pm
Sun Nov 4	Izzi Major Tom's Piper Street RM Begg Auxiliary Stalls Bolton Hall 9am-1pm
Wed Nov 8	Kyneton Cup Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Fri Nov 10	Chat 'n' Pat Afternoon Vision Australia St Andrews Church 1.30pm
Sat Nov 11	All Day Sacred Heart Singing Kyneton Mechanics Inst 9.30-4pm Remembrance Day Ceremony Kyneton Cenotaph 10.45am Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
Fri Nov 17	Kyneton Show Carnival Night Showgrounds 5-10pm
17-19 Nov	Budburst—throughout district
Sat Nov 18	Kyneton Show Family Day Showgrounds 9am-4pm
Mon Nov 20	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Sun Nov 25	Jump 'n' Jive Malmsbury Town Hall 7pm
Sat Dec 2	Kyneton Twilight Festival & Market Mechanics Reserve 3-7pm RM Begg Auxiliary Stalls Bolton Hall 9-1pm
Sat Dec 9	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Pauls Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm
Thur Dec 14	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am

Community House Grant

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters has visited the Kyneton Community House to unveil a new project funded under the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

The Community House received \$15,222 for its project to replace old equipment from the community childcare and replace it with new, safer equipment.



Kyneton Show Nov 17 & 18



November is Show time!

For 161 years, the Kyneton Show has had a place in the hearts of the people of the town and surrounds – and 2023 will be no exception.

The Show has loads of exciting attractions, competitions, displays and rides for the thousands of people who love the Show.

Family favourites are coming back and there are new things to spark the fun. They have a giant hands-on Kyneton Show LEGO wall to build!

The Bendigo Lego Users' Group has created an amazing mosaic LEGO wall which will be built by members of the public on Show day. Don't miss this one-off opportunity.

The Art and Craft Pavilion is an absolute favourite for everyone attending the Show.

Inside the Pavilion there are thousands of hand-made creations. Don't miss your chance to see the region's best photos, cakes, knitting, craft, horticulture, farm produce, preserves, paperskills and paintings on display.

Why don't you enter something of your own making? Check out the website at www.kynetonshow.org.au for entry details.

The Friday Carnival is fun for all the family. The Carnival rides will be in action and make sure you test your agility and endurance with Laser Tag in the hay bales, Meltdown Madness and the Show's Bucking Bull, which are all

free.

Music in The Sticks will be providing live music throughout the night and the much-anticipated Fire Works will again kick off at 9pm.

Saturday Show day is packed with free family activities.

The Country Parkour, Farm Shed, Woodwork Tent and Animal Nursery will keep young hands busy all day. Then check out the horses, dogs, alpaca and sheep competitions.

There are displays, rides, food, showbags and everything you have come to expect from a great country show.

Go to www.kynetonshow.org.au for everything you need to know about the Show including purchasing tickets online, entries in the Pavilion and Lego competitions, and the full program.



Pavilion winners 2022

For general inquiries or to volunteer email kynetonshow@gmail.com or call Josie on 0439743865. The Showgrounds gates are open for the Fri Nov 17 Carnival Night 5.30-10pm and 9am-4pm Show day Sat Nov 18.

Little Athletics season starts

There was a good turnout for the start of the Kyneton Little Aths season at the Showgrounds on Sat Oct 7 but it's not too late for newcomers to join.

Little Aths is age groups from Under 6 to Under 17 and takes place at the Kyneton Showgrounds each Saturday 8.30-11.30am. Those who attend gain

and improve their skills in track events and in field events such as long, triple and high jump and javelin.

You can register your child for Kyneton Little Athletics at www.kynetonlac.com.au.



Aspiring little champions at the 400m starting line

The first two weeks of participation are free. Enquiries Scott Stubbs 0418546104.

A change for Kyneton Connect

Some readers would be aware that the significant costs of publishing *Kyneton Connect* have been supported by generous annual financial contributions by Kyneton Community groups and the small ads beside the calendar.

However for some years the cost of printing every second issue had been met by the previous director of Ray White Kyneton.

This support has been vital to the viability of *Connect* so with the recent change in directors of Ray White Kyneton, *Kyneton Connect* discussed the possibility of the new directors continuing that vital support.

Productive discussions have been held and the new directors have committed to continue Ray White Kyneton's support but have proposed an alternative printing company which could prove more economic and even allow the occasional colour *Kyneton Connect* such as this issue.

To the best of the Editors' knowledge the information contained in this newsletter is correct at the time of printing. Where inadvertent errors are made corrections will be included in the next edition.

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