



Traffic Lights for Mollison St/ Campaspe Dr intersection



At the time of *Kyneton Connect* going to print, works which will include the installation of traffic signals, widening of the existing intersection and construction of a new access point at the end of the service lane at the Mollison St/Campaspe Drive intersection were expected to commence in early October.

These works are being delivered under the supervision of Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) as Mollison St is a State managed road.

The project which is part of the Kyneton on Riverside development is expected to be completed by February 2026.

The DTP required the intersection upgrade as a condition of the development's planning permit.

The problems for traffic seeking to enter Mollison St from Campaspe Drive particularly at peak morning and evening times were expected to and have grown as the new development has grown.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council's involvement is limited to oversight of a small portion of the works.

Earlier December Connect

Kyneton Connect is usually delivered around the 3rd Thursday of each even month but due to the proximity of Christmas the December 2025 *Kyneton Connect* will come out on the 2nd Thursday – Dec 11.

It's Time to Talk About Power

On National Survivors Day Wed Nov 12 starting at 7pm a powerful, informative conversation "It's Time to Talk About Power" will take place at the Kyneton Town Hall.

Grace Tame, Mat Stevenson, Sonia Orchard and Madison Griffiths talk about their stories of abuse and discuss the importance of educating young people about intimacy and sexual violence with host, Kemi Nekvapil.

Is learning about consent really enough? How does grooming impact consent?

Has Australia taken on board Grace Tame's recommendation for making the definition of consent uniform across Australia?

And what happens when any sense of power is removed after a violent act of abuse?

The panellists are four survivors who speak with honesty and clarity about coming to terms with stories of abuse and subsequent trauma.

Cost: Full \$35 Concession \$30

Contact Box Office 1300888802 or email khtickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au



Grace Tame

Dog Dash now Sun Oct 19

Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival Dog Dash which was postponed during the Festival due to inclement weather will now be held in the Kyneton Velodrome at 2pm Sun Oct 19.

The Dash is an individual 40 metre time trial for the crowns of the fastest dogs in the district.

Dog Registration is at 1pm with racing starting at 2pm.

The 163rd Kyneton Show



On Fri 14 Nov 14 (5:30–10pm) and Sat Nov 15 (9am–4pm) Kyneton will come alive for the annual Agricultural Show.

The Show promises entertainment, competitions and family fun.

It kicks off on Friday Night Carnival with thrills and fireworks.

For the first time ever, enjoy an adrenaline-charged Stunt Motorcycle Display on the main oval.

Enjoy the fun with carnival rides, Laser Tag, Meltdown Madness, Whip-Cracking, the Bucking Bull, live music, and spectacular fireworks at 9pm.

Show Day on Saturday brings a full day of entertainment for all ages: visit Farmer Darryl's animal nursery, try Country Parkour, explore the Woodwork Tent and Farm Shed, and watch horse, dog, and sheep competitions. Don't miss the children's pet parade or the exciting woodchopping contest.

Discover local talent in the Watts Pavilion and enjoy delicious food, displays, and demonstrations throughout the day.

The Pavilion Competition is the heart of the Show, featuring baking, preserves, craft, photography, horticulture, farm produce, and art.

With so many categories to enter, there's something for everyone — why not enter your own creation?

Entries are quick and easy online, and details are on the Show's website.

For tickets, competition entries, and full event visit www.kynetonshow.org.au.



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Protest over toilet closure



Protest and dismay have followed the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's announcement that it proposes to close the public toilets adjacent to recently closed business Duck, Duck, Goose & Larder in Piper St.

Business owners in Piper St are stunned that the Council has decided to withdraw support for the Shire's most important and most frequented tourist street.

In response to residents' questions at the September Council Meeting it was reported that businesses in Piper St were not consulted about the toilet closure and that "as the decision fell within Council's operational responsibilities, it was made by officers under delegated authority".

Piper St business owners only learnt of the proposed closure when one of them came across it on Facebook.

The Council has stated that the closure is consistent with its Public Toilets and Barbeques Strategy but the occupiers of the street have prepared a document outlining why the closure of the Piper Street toilet contradicts the Council's strategic framework and fails to meet any of its removal criteria. "This facility serves exactly the type of high-traffic commercial/tourist location that the strategy identifies as requiring public toilet provision" they said.

Dom Testoni, the Council's Director Assets and Operations said.

"In 2006, when Council sold the Piper Street site, a clause was negotiated for Council to lease back and maintain the toilets for public use, and recurring lease agreements have been in place since this time.

"However, with the lease fee cost to Council proposed to significantly increase, it means that Council continuing to lease the toilets was no longer sustainable."

"In deciding not to sign a new lease, we considered the best use of ratepayer funds and ongoing leasing/maintenance costs, as well as the availability of alternative public toilets nearby" Mr Testani added.

Businesses in Piper St do not accept that it is reasonable to expect that visitors, especially the elderly or children, to trek to and from the middle of Piper St to the Hutton St or the Showgrounds toilets, in a town with which they are unfamiliar.

First Look at the Redeveloped Old Kyneton Primary School

Crowds flocked to the Old Kyneton Primary School on Sun Sept 14 for a first look at the transformed site, as part of a Community Open Day on parade day of the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival.

From an arts market in the heritage bluestone building to music performances in the striking new atrium building to rides, stalls and food trucks on the former school grounds, the Open Day showcased the redeveloped indoor and outdoor spaces.

The Creative Victoria team was on site to talk to community members about the project, the work undertaken to date, and next steps.

Eastern area now accessible:

Following the Festival, the temporary fencing has been moved on the eastern side to allow access to the grassed area and basketball courts which can now be used by



community.

Period for EIOs extended

Creative Victoria is seeking an operator or head tenant with a

compelling vision and suitable experience to bring the Old Kyneton Primary School to life.

At the request of interested parties, the deadline of Expressions of Interest (EOI) has been extended to 5pm, Mon Oct 20.

Expressions of Interest are welcome from all types of organisations for all uses of the space, and will be considered from single organisations, partnerships or a consortium of organisations.

For more information or to submit an Expression of Interest, visit creative.vic.gov.au

Free Kindergarten at Bug-A-Lugs in 2026



Owner and Operator of Bug-A-Lugs Jules Clapham has announced that from 2026, Bug-A-Lugs located in Hoyle Crt will be offering free funded kindergarten on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in Kyneton.

"Each child will have access to two full days (8:30am – 4:00pm), with the added flexibility of before kinder care, after kinder care, and holiday care for families enrolled with us.

"This unique model means children will not only benefit from a high-quality kindergarten program but will also have opportunities to connect with older children, helping them build confidence, friendships, and lasting community connections" Jules Clapham said.

"We are thrilled to extend our care and expertise to support children from 3 years through to 12 years, making an even bigger impact on local families.

"We can't wait to welcome the next generation of Kyneton children into our program and continue building a strong, connected community together" Jules concluded.



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



How wonderful was it to see businesses, locals, their families, friends and visitors all enjoying what we know Kyneton has to offer as part of the Daffodil and Arts Festival?

A huge thank you to all volunteers and sponsors involved.

Parade Day and the Committee working hard to arrange the opening of the Old Kyneton Primary School site were two highlights.

With such a great start to Spring here's hoping that our farmers get the right balance of rain and sunshine to bring them closer to coming out of the drought we have been experiencing.

We are acutely aware of the pressures the drought has put on our farmers, and that the new Emergency Services Volunteer Fund Tax (ESVF) will place an increased cost to them and all residents and businesses.

Rates notices were unfortunately delayed this year, due to the need to introduce the State Government's ESVF.

Council has extended the period to pay for 30 days from receiving your notice.

This new state government tax, may cause some people financial stress, so please contact council staff if you wish to discuss extra time or a payment plan.

For enquiries specific to the state government tax please contact the State Revenue Office directly on 1300819033.

Council is legislated to collect it on behalf of the state government, who determine the amount. From the money we receive we must send a proportional amount to the state government and cannot use it for council purposes only.

With the recent sad passing of Christine Walker in South Ward the Victorian Electoral Commission provided a count back on September 1 to announce Rob Guthrie as the new South Ward Councillor.

He has been on Council before, and we welcome him back and look forward to his input.

All contributions from you are greatly appreciated because we realise just how many times we have asked you to have your say so far this year.

We anticipate endorsing the final Council Plan at the end of October.

This plan includes the disability action plan and health and well-being plan, as well as being informed by our former positive aging and early years plans, all in one place as the "Shaping the Ranges" document.

Hopefully this makes tracking our progress and demonstrating how we work across the whole of council and with all stakeholders easier to follow.

There are no current consultations at the time of this publication.

Currently though, we are running a campaign to recognise everyday heroes of reducing waste and increasing recycling.

Nominations are open until October 31. Check out our website for more.

With reducing waste in mind, don't forget as part of our pre-season clean up your property promotion - green waste disposal is free at all our transfer stations from Oct 27-Nov 2.

Thank you to those of you who attended our recent West Ward councillor catch up at the Kyneton Farmers Market on Sat Oct 11. Suggestions for different times and locations always welcome.

West Ward Councillors Jennifer Anderson, Kate Kendall and Janet Pearce

Croquet Season in full swing

With the coming of Spring, the Kyneton croquet season is already in full swing, with the just completed HiLo tournament, visits from the two Kyneton Secondary Schools, a Social Day with players from around Victoria on Oct 8th, the Watts Fresh Challenge vs. Mt. Macedon on Oct 24 and the IGA Challenge vs. Castlemaine set for Nov 7.

There will be free Twilight Come and Try sessions all throughout Summer, starting at 5:30pm, every Wednesday evening from Dec 3.

The Kyneton Croquet Club, the oldest croquet club in Australia, celebrates its 150th Anniversary in 2026, and work has already started on sprucing up the clubhouse and grounds in preparation.

The Kyneton Croquet Club and clubrooms are also available for end-of-year functions.

For further information, contact Jenny on 0414371262 or email kynetoncroquetclub@gmail.com.

New Water fountain

In partnership with Coliban Water and Healthy Loddon Campaspe the Council has installed a new drinking fountain in the Mechanics Reserve adjacent to the Lions Kiosk.

This central location was strategically chosen to provide free public access to drinking water, and encourage healthy hydration habits.



Mini Fete

From 8am to 2pm on Sat Oct 18 the Kyneton Friends of Vision Australia is conducting a mini-fete in the Watts Pavilion at the Showgrounds.

Stalls include home made cakes, slices, biscuits, preserves, plants, produce, craft, sewing, and trash and treasure. Enquiries: Kathy 0418145847.

Charity garden breaks new ground



Volunteers at Mark's Country Place on Oct 4

Mark's Country Place is a new charity garden in Kyneton.

On Sat July 5 over 15 volunteers came together to plant more than 150 native tree and grass tubestock, transforming the landscape around the newly established wetland.

The Board of Directors extended its heartfelt thanks to the volunteers and local tree management companies who donated mulch—contributions that made the planting day a success.

Sue and Stuart Colvin, founders of Mark's Country Place, are thrilled to see their vision taking shape. "Caring for an intellectually disabled son has made us passionate about building an all-access recreational space to not only support those with special needs, but foster wellbeing and connection within our community," said Sue.

Another planting day was held on Sat Oct 4.

Mark's Country Place is growing into a place for everyone. To learn more, donate or get involved, visit: markscountryplace.org.

Biggest Morning Tea Thank You

The Kyneton Aero Club would like to thank the Kyneton Community for their generous endorsement of this year's Biggest Morning Tea, held at the Airfield last May in support of the Cancer Council of Victoria.

The event raised a record amount of over \$5,000, all of which goes directly to the Cancer Council to help bring us closer to a cancer free future.

A significant contribution was made by the Calder Classics Car Club providing vintage and classic cars alongside the Aero Clubs classic aircraft which provided a visual feast for connoisseurs of motor vehicles and flying machines.

New Street crossing coming

Towards the end of October the Macedon Ranges Shire Council will commence work on a raised safety platform (wombat crossing) on Kyneton's New St utilising funding from the Victorian Government's Safe System Pedestrian Infrastructure Program.

The platform will be constructed near the intersection of New with High St and will include associated works of footpath and drainage improvements in the immediate vicinity of the crossing. The works are expected to be completed by mid-November, weather permitting.

The Council has advised that road closures and detours will be in place on New St and the surrounding streets to allow completion of these works safely and efficiently and that drivers should plan for minor delays due to the detours.

Friends of Refugees Kyneton

Friends of Refugees Kyneton is preparing to welcome a refugee family from overseas.

Friends of Refugees Kyneton (FORK) is partnering with Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia (CRSA) to support this family as they begin a new chapter, one of safety, dignity, and hope, in Australia.

They will arrive with permanent residency visas, ready to contribute and rebuild their lives.

FORK's aim is to ensure a soft landing which means more than just help with transport, housing, and essential services — it means friendship, connection, and the support that truly makes a place feel like *home*.

Currently, FORK is run by a small team of volunteers — and they welcome anyone interested in joining them to get in touch.

To offer help or learn more, contact Friends of Refugees Kyneton at forkyneton@gmail.com and follow them on Facebook.



Ray, Fern, Christiana, Zoe, Rebecca and Russel

Kyneton Meal Train



Welcoming a new baby is a joyful and exciting time, but it can also be overwhelming for new parents. That's where the Kyneton Community Meal Train comes in.

Meal Train is coordinated by two local Kyneton mums Kiki and Nicole, who are inviting both volunteers and new families to get involved.

Volunteers can sign up to prepare and deliver a meal to local parents during those first busy weeks at home.

Whether it's a home-cooked favourite or a simple store-bought dish, every contribution makes a difference.

"All local families are invited to receive a meal from our dedicated volunteers" Nicole said.

"If you'd like to volunteer or if you're an expecting or new parent we'd love to hear from you.

"Together, we can make sure every family feels supported and cared for during this special time".

Email Kiki and Nicole at: kynetonmealtrain@gmail.com

Kyneton Horticultural Society

The Kyneton Horticultural Society has two great speakers scheduled for their coming meetings.

On Mon Oct 20 Amanda Marx will share her passion for natural history, art and exploration, speaking on the botanical works of Ferdinand Bauer, the renowned natural history painter who accompanied Matthew Flinders on his 1801-1803 voyage to circumnavigate and map Australia.

On Mon Nov 17, the Society will welcome Sarah Corbet to share the inspiring story behind the Lyonville Hemp House—a remarkable example of sustainable living, creative design, and hands-on resilience.

The meetings are open to all and are held in the Kyneton Football-Netball Clubrooms at the Showgrounds 7pm for a 7.30pm start. KHS Members Free, Non-Members - \$10.

Third Drawer Down comes to Kyneton



Founded by Abigail Crompton in Melbourne, *Third Drawer Down* has been making art accessible since 2003. Abi is an artistic force for good and is dedicated to making great art part of everybody's everyday.

Third Drawer Down studio collaborates with artists to reimagine their works into objects.

Objects that are thought-provoking, entertaining, engaging and made with care.

Third Drawer Down has collaborated with more than 200 international artists since 2003 and has worked with the world's most loved institutions and has grown into a global business.

It retails and wholesales their objects via its owned companies and distribution outposts in Australia, the US, the UK and Asia.

Third Drawer Down retails at 159 Mollison St (next to Macedon Ranges Furnishings) and is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday and via its doorbell on Monday to Wednesday.

Miss Maisie extends

Miss Maisie at 54a Piper Street opened an extension to their showroom six weeks ago.

The well established business can now displays an even wider range of women's clothing including new spring and summer garments.



Julia with new stock at Miss Maisie

What's New in Business

Chiropractor

The local community is welcoming back a familiar face in health and wellness- Dr Zoe Marziano.

She is once again offering chiropractic care to patients seeking hands on healing at Performance One Chiropractic 150 Mollison St Kyneton. Zoe believes that chiropractic care is for all ages and helps the body function at its full potential.



She has special interest in functional neuro-rehab, a growing field which assesses the brain-body communication networks, identifies breakdowns and then prescribes exercises to improve brain performance.

Zoe is providing care on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Make appointments through Performance One's online system or by calling 54226488.

Melbourne Pathology relocates



Christie Bell of Melbourne Pathology

Melbourne Pathology, formerly co-located with Campaspe Family practice has relocated to 165 Mollison St Kyneton (formerly Goonawarra Medical's surgery).

Open 8am-4pm Mon-Fri Melbourne Pathology accepts all pathology referrals. Walk ins welcome.

A full range of blood tests and pathology collections, non-invasive prenatal testing, cardiology services (ECGs) are provided by local, friendly, experienced pathology collectors.

Ph 54226897.

New at Ray White Kyneton



Ray White Kyneton has two new team members.

Sarah Turner has lived in the Macedon Ranges for the past seven years and has embraced the region's lifestyle.

With a Bachelor of Property and Real Estate from Deakin University and experience as a property valuer, Sarah offers clients strong market insight, professionalism, and a clear understanding of property values and buyer demand.

Beyond real estate, Sarah is well known locally as the owner of the Kyneton gym Outland.

Dash Fenwick was born and raised in Kyneton, spent many years working in his family's business; Monsieur Pierre.

"Now, I am proud to begin my career in real estate with Ray White Kyneton. "I am passionate to immerse myself fully in the industry, learning as much as I can from every opportunity.

"For me, real estate is about people: listening to their stories, recognising what matters most to them, and being someone they can trust throughout the process" Dash said.

Medical Centre on the move

Goonawarra Medical centre is moving its Kyneton premises.

It had been at 165 Mollison St, and at the time of going to print was temporarily located at 2 Jennings St whilst waiting for the imminent completion of works at its new permanent Kyneton location on the corner of Mollison & Welsh Sts.

New liquor outlet

A new liquor store the Premix King has recently opened at 97 Mollison St .

The outlet can be accessed either from Mollison St or from Fahey's Lane.

Hours are 9am-9pm Mon-Thu, 9am-10pm Fri & Sat and 10am-8pm Sun.

Phone 54032671.

The ferns are back

Work in the Kyneton Botanic Gardens has continued apace over recent weeks. Following clearing out of the Fern Gully and restoration of the watering system the Head Gardener, John, and his team have recently added several tree ferns as well as other suitable plants.

Once established these will be a key feature of the Fern Gully providing an attractive vista from the roadway above and also from the river walk pathway below.

Visitors to the gardens will also notice new plantings in several of the garden beds along the central pathway and an entirely new embankment of native plants along the bluestone wall at the rear of the Cottage.

This work has also been done by John and his team together with a small group of Friends of Kyneton Botanic Gardens volunteers.

If you haven't been to the Botanic Gardens in a while it is well worth a visit in the coming months when the Spring bulbs will be spectacular and the gardens looking their very best.

The Friends volunteers hold monthly working bees and welcome new members to support their work either financially or in-kind!

Follow the Friends on Instagram at: [kynetonbotanicgardens](https://www.instagram.com/kynetonbotanicgardens) and please consider joining, \$20 single, \$30 family.



More parks behind IGA

The layout of the parking bays in the public carpark behind Kyneton IGA was changed over the last weekend of September.

The former angular layout has been changed to a rectangular one creating 34 parks and 5 disabled Parks compared with the previous 22 parks plus 4 disabled parks.

Community work and embracing the future

Kyneton Men's Shed has been making significant contributions to the community as well as increasing its wardrobe of high tech and woodwork equipment.

It has, through Shed members, led by John Brooke, made a "mini" fire truck for the Kyneton CFA, which was a highlight of their entry in the recent Daffodil & Arts Festival parade.

John Brooke and Peter Stone have also refurbished the Kyneton Connections community notice board located outside the post office.

The Shed has purchased a state-of-the-art Creality K2 3D printer.

The Creality K2 printer adds to the Shed's growing suite of modern technology, which already includes a laser engraver/cutting machine and two large-screen computers.

Other recent purchases include top-quality wood and metal lathes with all accessories; a new TIG welder and oxy/acetylene set, a second-hand metal bandsaw, several new battery-powered tools including a router/trimmer, impact screwdriver, and bradder. "With the Creality K2, we can now create custom components, replacement parts, prototypes, and artistic pieces that would be impossible or prohibitively expensive using traditional methods," said Shed President, Ian Curnow.

"The Creality K2 is ideal for beginners and experienced users," said Mr. Curnow. "It's powerful, but also easy enough for someone with no prior experience to start creating with just a few minutes of training."

The Shed plans to host introductory workshops and collaborative projects where members can learn how to design and print their own creations.

CFA Open Day well supported

The Kyneton Fire Brigade held a successful open day on Sept 13 and would like to thank the community for their interest in finding out about the Fire Brigade.

The younger visitors particularly enjoyed the small fire truck and the toy fire truck races.

The little fire truck is an important prop the brigade can use to teach the little ones about fire safety. The Brigade thanks John Brooke and the Kyneton Men's Shed, Stretch Portelli



and Nic Hanna for making the truck possible.

On Sun Dec 7 the Brigade will host a junior running competition at the Training Track at the Showgrounds.

Pay a visit to experience the excitement of the local junior brigade members competing against juniors from other brigades.

Cathouse Players' Love Letters

Kyneton's Cathouse Players are about to perform "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney at the Masonic Centre, 7 Yaldwyn St West.

There are 4 matinees only on Oct 18 & 19 and on Oct 25 & 26 at 2pm sharp.

Tickets are \$25/\$20. Bookings via www.trybooking.com/DFLOD or 0494166257 for enquiries and special needs. Companion card is welcome and the carer's seat must be booked.

Free pads and tampons

The Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that Macedon Ranges Shire's women and girls are set to benefit from the rollout of free pad and tampon vending machines – helping remove barriers to work, education and community life.

Vending machines to dispense the free pads and tampons are being installed with the support of the Shire Council and Central Highlands Rural Health.

Woodend, Romsey, Gisborne Libraries and the Kyneton Town Hall will be the Council site locations and at Kyneton Health one will be in the Urgent Care Centre toilet and the other will be in the Ambulatory Care Centre toilet.

Women and girls across Victoria have already saved thousands of dollars, with more than 100,000 packs of pads and tampons dispensed in the first six months of the program.

Once the rollout is complete, up to 1,500 free pad and tampon machines – both smart and battery-operated – will be available at more than 700 public locations across Victoria.

Around the Galleries

Cusack & Cusack

31 Piper St

Cusack & Cusack Gallery are delighted to announce Richard Baxter's Exhibition CubeBIO.



Untitled Landscape, oil on canvas,
Richard Baxter 2024

The Opening is on 4-6pm Sat Nov 8.

Richard Baxter lives in Central Victoria on a beautiful hillside of granite, trees, and a lot of stars at night.

There are rabbits, kangaroos and a tame wallaby, all of which eat the veggie garden that still needs a fence.

The Old Auction House

52-56 Mollison St

The gallery is full with a wide range of artists and themes.

Upcoming exhibitions are:

Oct 16-Nov 17: "Expressions of Nature" - Terri MacDonald & Michelle Slater

An exploration of natural themes of the Australian environment is connected through depictions of familiar birds and plant. Meet the Artists 2-4pm Oct 25.

Oct 16-Nov 10: "GroundWater" - Malini Lewis and Sally Berridge

Working in watercolour and print-making the artists have a common theme of time and working with the found marks created by the physical properties of their respective materials.

Nov 20-Dec 24, Buttlejorrk Artists Annual Exhibition - featuring Painting, pottery, woodwork, sculpture, textiles, jewellery and more, plus special guest artists from Macedon Ranges Potters.

Meet the Artists 2-4pm Nov 15.

Art on Piper 44 Piper St

At Art On Piper the collaborative exhibition of painter Gillian Gorrie and photographer Peter Ryan continues with additional works being added over the month.

Through November, AOP asks "Remember This?" as their artists take

you down memory lane, through their creativity, and special historical props from Piper Street's past.

Colourful Christmas fills the window display, plus the exhibition room for December, brimming with handmade decorations in a wide range of familiar and new styles.

Open every day from 10am- 4pm.

At the Stockroom

98 Piper Street

Contemporary Art to Nov 2

Brodie Ellis *Visitations*

Lara Chamas *Who eats his fill while his neighbour is hungry*

Emma Jimson *Wedge*

Earth Creativity Flame

Earth Creative Flame is an Exhibition of works by Main Ridge Pyro's (Ceramic Potters and Sculptors from the Mornington Peninsula) with over 100 pieces of original handmade ceramic pieces.

Trio Art Studio and Gallery at 98 Trio Rd Kyneton is excited to be hosting this diverse collection of sculptural and utilitarian tactile pieces range from the tiny and delicate to large and bold.

The exhibition features works created using different wood firing methods, including the traditional Japanese Anagama kiln known for its tunnel shape and flame effects, the efficient Bourry Box kiln, and the ancient Pitt Firing method that yields unpredictable surface variations. This is a group show by people from varied backgrounds and professions with a common interest and that is firing ceramic ware with wood as the heating fuel.

The exhibition opened on the Oct 5 and closes on 2 Nov.

Gallery hours are Sat. Sun. and Mon. 10-4pm.



Jack Latti, Ceramic Potter

Community House Art Exhibit

On Thursday Nov 20 from 5pm to 7pm come visit the Good Food Hub 35 High St to view some of the fantastic works completed by students from all Art Classes run at Kyneton Community House.

There will be a range of different mediums to view from students of all ages.

Drinks and nibbles provided, everyone welcome.

Kyneton Celebrates Christmas



'Kyneton Celebrates Christmas' is a Christmas concert brought to Kyneton and district by the Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir on Sun Nov 16 at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

In consort with their accomplished accompanist Elizabeth Maher, the Choir's 2025 concert includes exquisite settings in three-part harmony of various well-known Christian carols and several less familiar carols too—some joyous, others tender, some sung in Welsh.

There's a little audience participation also.

The support act is a violin, harp and French horn trio—Rachel Williams, Elizabeth Maher and Alexander Maher.

Arrive early for a seat. Afterwards, afternoon tea is in the church hall. Sandwiches provided. Contributions of cakes, slices, fruit platters etc very welcome. Gold coin/s donation.

'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

Kyneton Theatre Company's presentation of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's multi award-winning show "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" continues in the Bluestone Theatre over the next two weeks Oct 17-19 and Oct 24-26

Friday performances start at 8pm and Sat and Sun performances at 2pm.

Book via the Kyneton Theatre Company website.

Langley-Barfold Brigade celebrates a century of service



Langley-Barfold Fire Brigade has proudly celebrated 100 years of serving their community.

In November 1924, Barfold Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade was formed and a couple months later in January 1925, Langley brigade formed.

Back then a group of farmers got together and did their best to extinguish fires with the limited supplies they had on hand – funded through local community members.

In 1950, Langley and Barfold brigades amalgamated and became Langley-Barfold Fire Brigade.

A local farmer kindly donated part of his land for the brigade to operate from. The CFA later built a new fire station in the 1960's.

Langley-Barfold Captain Mark Bond said that the brigade and its equipment has continued to evolve. "I'm proud of our brigade and it's 62 members, they're a really vibrant and active brigade" Mark said.

Mark encourages anyone living or moving to a rural area like Langley-Barfold, to join their local CFA. "Brigades are a great way to get to meet the community and make friends, while saving lives," Mark said.

The brigade recently held its 100th anniversary celebrations at the Kyneton Ridge Estate. A book called 'Time and Change – 100 Years of the Langley Barfold Fire Brigade' was also recently launched.

Kyneton Band's annual concert

The Kyneton Municipal Band's annual concert will be held on Sunday 19th October at the Mechanics Institute Hall starting at 2pm.

The Band is very pleased to have as its special guest artists, the Naturally Cool Big Band who will perform some classic big band era swing music.

For a small entry fee you can be entertained by the talented musicians that reside in the Macedon Ranges.

Gardening at Kyneton Station

Kyneton Station Volunteers are seeking help to plant out small native plants and grasses on the morning of Sun Oct 19 from 10 am.

Weeding, mulching and general garden maintenance are also needed.

Follow up maintenance is planned for Sunday November 16, and earlier if needed.

The daffodils planted by the Volunteers in autumn put on a good show in September for the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival, and will be followed by the wildflowers in the Bee and Butterfly Garden along Mollison St. Working bees are generally held on the third Sunday of the month at the station.

New volunteers are very welcome.

Email stationvolunteers1@gmail.com for further information on the Kyneton Station Volunteers program.



Stationeer cares for pots of daffodils on Platform 1 at Kyneton Station

'Sunday Lemonade' in Lauriston

Lauriston Hall will host an incredible night of live music with the sensational duo, Sunday Lemonade on the evening of Fri Nov 28.

Crowned the 'people's choice' at the Tamworth Country Music Festival 2024, Tys & Loz are an infectious, ray-of-sunshine duo.

Their refreshing blend of folk, rock, and roots music is guaranteed to have you smiling.

The evening will be opened by Lauriston local, the talented Iain Grant. Your ticket includes a delicious light high tea supper. A bar will be operating throughout the night (no BYO).

Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Adults: \$35 Kids (15yo or under): \$10
Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1473722>

Lauriston Hall is at 440 Lauriston Road, Lauriston.

Volunteer Grants



KDAF's Bill Meeker & Marg Dearthcott with Lisa Chesters MP

Two Kyneton community organisations, the Agricultural Society (\$5000) and the Daffodil & Arts Festival (\$2050) were among 19 Bendigo Electorate groups to share in \$66,225 in Federal grants to recognise and assist their volunteers.

The grants were announced by Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters on Tues Sept 9.

The Festival's grant was for marquee provision and walkie-talkies whilst the Agricultural Society's was towards their insurance costs which had trebled in the last two years.

RSL Commemorative services

The Kyneton RSL Sub-branch will be hosting commemorative services on Oct 31 and Nov 11.

Beersheba Day is on Fri Oct 31 and the Sub-Branch will hold a short service at the Light Horse Statue outside the Police Station at 10.30am.

On Remembrance Day Tues Nov 11 the commemorative service will be held at the Cenotaph in Kyneton, commencing at 10.45am. There will also be a similar service in Trentham at the Cenotaph at 10.45am.

The RSL Sub-branch was a proud winner of best vintage and veteran vehicle at Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival Parade.

The RSL's Veterans Catch up continues with a small group gathering on the last Sunday of the month from 2.30 to 5pm.

A bus trip being planned for the latter part of 2026. It will be a five day trip from Monday to Friday to Temora museum and Canberra War Memorial with a two night stop in each place.

The cost for the bus, accommodation, all meals and any entry fees will be approximately \$1400 per person.

To make the trip viable, the Sub-branch will need to fill a 48 seat bus.

Anyone interested should call the RSL on 54226735.

Kyneton Seniors



Kyneton Senior citizens enjoyed time with the Royals from the Daffodil & Arts Festival recently with four former Queens Kathy Muldowny, Betty Jenner, Enid Farmer and Val Ford enjoying being part of a group photo. Gifts were presented to the senior and the junior royals.

“We will continue to ensure all our aged have the opportunity to a life well lived, as we share in a cost effective nutritional weekly meal, with the added bonus of good company.

“Come join us. Membership is \$20. Contact 0419124159” Seniors President Marj Williams said.

Kyneton Clothes Swap

Kyneton Community House has initiated the Kyneton Clothes Swap which will be held at The Good Food Hub, 35 High St 10am-12pm on Sat Nov 22.

Trade your preloved clothes for new-to-you treasures and connect with the community at the Kyneton Clothes Swap!

Register through the Kyneton Clothes Swap Facebook link.

Community Garage Sale Nov 9

The Lauriston Hall Community Garage Sale will be held 9-2pm on Sun Nov 9. This is the perfect day to sell your preloved goods, hunt for a bargain and enjoy a fantastic community atmosphere.

There will be a sausage sizzle, cake stall, coffee van, kids lucky dip and lots of pre-loved goods for sale

You can also book a stall via this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1473708>

2025 Macedon Relay for Life.

The rescheduled Macedon Relay for Life will take place on Sat Nov 8 at Lancefield Park from 11am to 8pm. The Relay is a fun community day to recognise and celebrate local cancer

survivors, those going through a cancer experience and their carers, to honour and remember loved ones lost and to raise money to help save more lives. For registration or enquiries go to the Lancefield 2025 Relay For Life website.

Kyneton Community House

All Term 4 courses and activities at the Kyneton Community House are on its website or paper copies are available from 34 Mollison St.

In term 4 KCH offers a range of exercise classes suitable for all levels and abilities, including Belly Dancing, Pilates and Dancercise.

Eligible concession card holders can apply for the Power Saving Bonus \$100 payment.

If you need help submitting your application the Community House is offering help either on Tuesdays 12-2pm at 35 High St or Wednesdays 10am - 12pm at 34 Mollison St.

KCH has welcomed 2 new long-term tenants to 34 Mollison St:

Nurse Next Door: Local carers and nurses for your aged care, NDIS and nursing needs. Anna and Magda 0483828084.

Visit them at the Community House on Tuesdays 10am-3pm for a free blood pressure check.

The Sewing Room Kyneton: A space to gather, share projects, participate in workshops, and learn all things sewing and fabric together.

Donations to local police

The Kyneton Lions Club and Woolworths of Kyneton recently donated a food hamper and gift card to the Kyneton and the Malmsbury Police Stations.

“The donations were in recognition of the valuable work Police do protecting our community and putting their lives at risk every day.

“We appreciate their service.

“They are unsung heroes” Lions Secretary Dennis Bertoncini said.



Auxiliary markets relocation



Temporary changes are on the horizon for the RM Begg Auxiliary first Saturday of the month markets.

From Nov 1 the markets will be conducted from two large containers in the RM Begg carpark on Epping St while renovations start on the refurbishment of Bolton Hall.

The markets will continue there until work is completed on the hall and the new units.

The Auxiliary's usual great things will be on sale including toys, books, knitted goods, preserves, cakes etc.

Keep an eye open also for their Christmas raffle – tickets will be available outside Woolies and from RM Begg reception.

The raffle will be drawn at the Auxiliary's Dec 6 Christmas market.

Kyneton RSL Open Day

The RSL is holding an Open Day 2-5pm Sun Oct 26 with a free barbecue, showbags for children and information available regarding how the RSL works. Other groups will also be present, including the Air Force Cadets, Legacy, the Scouts, Path of the Horse Equine Therapy and a representative from the Kyneton Food Bank.

All Day Sacred Harp singing

On Sat Nov 29 the 5th Kyneton All-Day Sacred Harp singing will take place in the Kyneton's Red Brick Hall 23 Yaldwyn St West with registration at 9.30am and singing 10am-4pm.

You can participate in a whole day of shape note singing from The Sacred Harp songbook (Denson edition).

No experience is necessary. An introductory singing school will be held at the start of the day.

Song books will be available to loan or purchase.

A shared lunch will be provided.

For more information email Lauren at kynetonsacredharp@gmail.com.

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Kyneton Events Calendar

Fri Oct 17	KTC 'Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' Bluestone Th. 8pm
Sat Oct 18	KTC 'Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' Bluestone Th. 2pm
Oct 18 & 19	Cathouse Players 'Love Letters' Masonic Centre 2pm
Sat Oct 18	Vision Australia Mini Fete Watts Pavilion 8-2pm
Sun Oct 19	KTC 'Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' Bluestone Th. 2pm Kyneton Band Annual Concert Kyneton Mechanics Institute 2pm Stationeers Garden at the Station Kyneton Station 10-12pm Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 1.30pm Kyneton Dog Dash The Velodrome 2pm registration 1pm
Tues Oct 21	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am Kyneton Community Lunch 35 High St (every Wed. during term)
Wed Oct 22	12.30pm
Fri Oct 24	KTC 'Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' Bluestone Th. 8pm 'King Canoe' Major Tom's 8.30pm
Sat Oct 25	KTC 'Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' Bluestone Th. 2pm
Oct 25 & 26	Cathouse Players 'Love Letters' Masonic Centre 2pm
Sun Oct 26	KTC 'Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' Bluestone Th. 2pm Kyneton RSL Open Day Kyneton RSL 2-5pm
Thur Oct 30	Author: Peter Mitchell Kyneton Library 10.30-11.30am
Sun Nov 1	RM Begg Auxiliary Market RM Begg Car Park 9-1pm
Tues Nov 4	Melbourne Cup
Wed Nov 5	Kyneton Cup Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Sat Nov 8	Kyneton Farmers & Makers Markets St Paul's Park 8.30-1pm Kyneton Community Market Cnr Ebden & Yaldwyn St West 8.30-1pm Friends of K Bot. Gardens Giant Plant Sale Community Market 8.30-1pm Relay for Life Lancefield Park 11-8pm
Sun Nov 9	Lauriston Hall Garage Sale Lauriston Hall 9-2pm
Wed Nov 12	'It's Time to Talk about Power' Kyneton Town Hall 7pm
Fri Nov 14	Kyneton Show Carnival Night Showgrounds 5.30-10pm
Sat Nov 15	Kyneton Show Family Day Showgrounds 9-4pm
Nov 15 & 16	Budburst Cellar Doors throughout District
Sun Nov 16	'Kyneton Celebrates Christmas' Our Lady of the Rosary Church 2pm Stationeers Garden at the Station Kyneton Station 10-12pm
Tues Nov 18	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am
Thur Nov 20	Kyneton Community House Art Exhibition 35 High Street 5-7pm 'Left Write Hook' Kyneton Town Hall 6pm
Fri Nov 21	Old Time Dance St Mary's Hall 7.30pm
Sat Nov 22	Kyneton Clothes Swap 35 High Street 10-12pm
Fri Nov 28	'Sunday Lemonade' Lauriston Hall 7pm
Sat Nov 29	'All day Sacred Harp Singing' Red Brick Hall 9.30-4pm
Wed Dec 3	Wednesday 'Come & Try Croquet' starts Croquet Club 5.30pm
Sat Dec 6	RM Begg Auxiliary Market RM Begg Car Park 9-1pm
Thur Dec 11	Thoroughbred Racing Kyneton Racecourse 11am

Giant Plant Sale

At the Rotary Community Markets on Sat Nov 8 The Friends of the Kyneton Botanic Gardens will hold a giant plant sale with a huge variety of healthy perennials, shrubs, trees, edibles, succulents and bulbs will be available to add to your Spring garden projects.

All plants have been propagated, nurtured and grown on by Friends volunteers over the past year.

Cash payment is preferred but online sales will be available.

Bring your own bags, trays or boxes to take your plants home in.

Hurry Reserve dog park



The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is continuing detailed planning in preparation for construction of the dog park at Hurry Reserve (Kyneton Velodrome), funded through the Victorian Government's Dog Parks Program.

It is expected to be delivered in early 2026.

Community consultation on preliminary designs is expected later this year.

The proposed dog park will see a change of use of the former velodrome.

The Council has advised that the condition of the existing velodrome surface and adjacent building have deteriorated and are no longer fit for purpose, nor are they being actively used by a cycling club.

The former cycling velodrome clubhouse is planned for demolition.

Quotes have been received for demolition following some recent preparatory works, including the removal of asbestos and termination of utility services.

Council advises that it has also approached the family of the former local identity that the pavilion was named after - Tom Ashby - to confirm there are no requests from the family before the pavilion is demolished.

The removal of the pavilion will be scheduled prior to work on the dog park upgrades taking place.

Kyneton Cup Wed Nov 5

The Kyneton Cup is held at the Kyneton Racecourse on the day after the Melbourne Cup – this year: Wed Nov 5.

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 including Fashions on the Field, marquees, dining room packages or simple general admission to one of Victoria's most picturesque courses. Tickets can be purchased online or at the course. Gates open at 11am.



Little Aths begins

Kyneton Little Athletics for the 2025-26 season started at Kyneton Showgrounds on Sat Oct 11.

Little Aths is for ages under 6 to under 17.

Membership is \$149 per child. Family discounts apply.

To register visit the Kyneton Little Athletics Centre website or to enquire email kyneton@lavic.com.au.

Budburst Wine Festival

Macedon Ranges Wine Region Budburst will be held on Sat 15 and Sun 16 Nov.

Over two festival days, more than 20 winemakers across 15+ Budburst venues will open their doors, More information is available on the Budburst website budburst.com.

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Eric Dearricott
Editor

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