15,000 at Lost Trades Fair

More than 15,000 people attended the Lost Trades Fair held at the Kyneton Racecourse on Sat March 7 & Sun March 8.

The volume of traffic through the town brought back memories of pre-bypass days.

Kyneton businesses and activities such as the Autumn Flower Show benefiting significantly from additional patrons.

Visitors and local residents were entertained by over 80 incredibly skilled artisans who demonstrated their trades and shared their knowledge continuously over the 2 days of the Fair.

The Lost Trades Fair, an initiative of Lisa and Glen Rundell, was established in 2014 to showcase traditional, rare and unusual arts and trades, actively promoting the people who practise them.

The Rundells have announced that the date for the 2016 Lost Trades Fair has been set for Sat Mar 12 and Sun Mar 13 and that tickets will be available through Trybooking from November this year.

In 2016 only 1,000 limited tickets will be available at the gates on each day with the aim of reducing long waits in queues.

Site Works Advance at Hospital

Now that the ambulatory care centre building at Kyneton District Health is finished, the $7.4M construction project at Caroline Chisholm Drive moves into its final stage.

The portables that housed Kyneton Community Mental Health and the Macedon Ranges Primary Care clinic have been dismantled.

These services have relocated to the new centre, joining KDH’s Community Nursing and Cobaw Community Health’s Allied Health and Social Support & Respite teams, who were already based at the hospital site.

Work is underway on a new car park and final touches to make the new helipad operational.

The project adds 80 car spaces, bringing the total available to 132.

This will be welcomed by visitors and patients attending the large private general practice scheduled to relocate to the building mid-year.

Internal road and footpath works are also happening.

The works create room for a bus to turn, and KDH has approached Public Transport Victoria to request the local bus route be altered to allow passengers to be delivered to the building’s entrance.
New Home for Starz

Starz Dance Centre has now moved into its new premises at 44 Beauchamp St, Kyneton.
The dance school is celebrating its eleventh year of operation in Kyneton and has over 100 students from across the Macedon Ranges area.
The new venue features two dance studios with sprung floors, heating, air conditioning, mirrors, wall mounted barres, costume and prop storage rooms, a large foyer and ample parking.
The school’s director Laura Smith said the new venue is an exciting step forward for the dance school and all of the families enrolled, as the students now have a place to call their own and have a building set up solely for the purpose of dance lessons.
Starz Dance Centre operates 6 days a week and offers classes in Classical Ballet, Jazz/Funk, Contemporary and two levels of specialist Tiny Tots classes.
The school caters for recreational dancers as well as those working towards a career in dance.
Extra activities such as competitions and exams are optional.
All students have the opportunity to dance in the annual end of year performance, which is a fully staged production showcasing all of the students, from the super cute little Tiny Tots up to the amazing and talented senior dancers.
The school is now accepting Term 2 enrolments and Laura encourages anyone who would like to join Starz to get in touch via email – starzdance@bigpond.com or phone 0458333761.

New Probus President

Kyneton Probus members have elected their President and Committee for 2015.
Outgoing President John Wells inducted the incoming president Bill Healy at the February meeting.
The Club will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month, on the first floor of the Bowling Club, which has the benefit of a lift.

Lighthorse Monument Return

The Macedon Ranges Council is currently managing the logistics of transporting the monument from the Avalon Airshow back to Kyneton.
The Council is also working with the artist who created the monument to prepare the monument for permanent installation at the Kyneton Police station.
The Council hopes that the monument will be ready to be installed in time for ANZAC day.

Mothers Day Stall

On Sat May 2 the RM Begg Aged Care Auxiliary will hold their Annual Mothers Day Stall in the Activities-Dining Room at the RM Begg Kyneton Aged Care in Epping St. from 9-12pm.
Hand-made items, home baked cakes and preserves books, trash & treasure and much more will be on sale.

Kyneton Connect’s 9th Anniversary

It is 9 years since the publication of the first issue of Kyneton Connect.
The initial run of 2000 copies has grown to 3500 copies today.
The newsletter is published by voluntary group Kyneton Connections and although we undertake a range of community activities this newsletter is our flagship.
Connect aims to publish news that is important to residents and to community life and participation and to celebrate the great and supportive community in which we live.
The unity within our community shines through in the list (below) of those financial contributors to Kyneton Connect over the past 12 months (most of them community organisations) without whom this publication could not continue:
Special thanks to PRD Nationwide who paid for our June 2014 issue and to Kyneton Toyota who made a significant contribution to our December 2014 issue.
We also express sincere thanks to our service business sponsors listed next to the Events Calendar in every Issue and to the many people and organizations who provide articles and information for this newsletter.
Very special appreciation to the hard working Kyneton Connections Committee, the volunteers who home deliver Kyneton Connect and to the Kyneton Copy Centre team who print it.
On a sad note, the passing of Kyneton Legend Leo Ramsdale, an inspiration to this community and a founding editor of Kyneton Connect, was deeply felt by the Connect team.

Co-editors: Eric Dearricott, Geradine Thomas & Rheita Moloney
School Cubby up for Auction
Kyneton Primary School will hold a community auction for its iconic school cubby house at 10am this Sat April 18. A cake stall will be held in conjunction with the auction.
The cubby house, which has been an object of affection for KPS students for some years, will go under the hammer to raise funds for an exciting new playground project known as a “Playpod”.
Playpods are large shipping containers filled with all manner of objects.
Acting Principal of Kyneton Primary School, Sue White, said children can play with objects from the container during lunchtimes in ways limited only by their imaginations.
“They build all types of things from rocket ships, stages, cars, beds, swings, slides – the possibilities are endless,” said Ms White.
Research and the experience of other schools shows the pods have a transformative impact on lunchtime play experiences that result in greater creativity, collaboration and relationship building.
The School Council’s reluctant decision to retire the cubby house came about because it can’t be relocated to the new school site.
“The cubby house needs some minor repairs but is in generally good condition and has years of enjoyment left in it yet,” Ms White said.
“The beauty of the Playpod is that it’s portable and can be taken with us when we move to the new school on Edgecombe St,” Ms White said.
Local estate agent, McColl Property has kindly volunteered to conduct the bidding at the auction.
Ms White encouraged those interested in bidding for the cubby to contact the school on 54221855 for further information.

Casseroles Club
Casseroles Club is a free, community food sharing initiative where volunteer Cooks provide an extra portion of a home cooked meal to a neighbour (Diner) who is older and/or unable to cook for themselves.
Macedon Ranges Shire Council is the first regional council in Australia to pilot the program.
Could you cook an extra portion of dinner for an older neighbour?
Do you enjoy cooking and would you like to give back to your community in a unique way? Sign up as a Cook and make a real difference in a community member’s life.
Would you like to share a home cooked meal prepared by a friendly neighbour?
If you’re older, or on your own and unable to cook, join Casseroles Club and meet a friendly neighbour bearing a delicious home cooked meal!
Casseroles Club is currently running in Lancefield and Romsey, and is taking expressions of interest from elsewhere in the shire.
For more information and to register as a Diner call Jessica Bridfoot, Casseroles Club Project Worker on 54220233.

RM Begg Cookbook
“Miss Begg’s Kitchen” is a new cookbook with favourite recipes from RM Begg on sale now for $30.
The cookbook is available from the RMB office, Mon- Fri 9am- 5pm.
It contains recipes from residents, families, friends, staff, volunteers, local chefs, board members, Our Lady of the Rosary School, Pulitano Builders and the visiting allied health team and features colourful photos of the RMB community by local photographer, Peter Ryan.

Smooth transition for “Shed”
Local men have taken over their shed in a smooth transition from Cobaw Community Health to the Kyneton Men’s Shed Inc. The transfer occurred at Midnight on Friday March 13, and Shed chairman, John Mitchell, says that everything is going well.
“We are facing a major challenge, the first hurdle being getting land on which to build a new shed.”
The lease on the current Mollison Place shed expires at the end of 2016.
Mr. Mitchell said. “We are currently in negotiation with the Council.
Hopefully this problem will be fixed quickly, as we cannot really start raising funds until we have appropriate land in the town.
“We have to raise some $100,000 and get the new shed operational by January 2017.”
Mr. Mitchell said that while Cobaw, had generously provided a seed grant of $30,000, finding the additional $70,000 or so would not be easy.
“But we have even more basic needs at present,” he said, hoping that Kyneton people would be able to help.
He said that these needs included a stove or cooker, folding and rigid chairs, pots and pans, a slow combustion heater and more hand and power tools.
“We are happy to clean out old sheds and are also able to help the community by making simple timber objects such as seating.
“We have also made nesting boxes for native animals, and wire traps for miner birds,” he said. “Our prices are very modest.” Ph John on 54226465.

Lisa Chesters John Mitchell, Mary-Anne Thomas & Treasurer Brian Ward
On April 8, the Men’s Shed received cheques totalling $1,600 to enable it to purchase a defibrillator.
They were donated by Federal MP Lisa Chesters ($600), the Macedon Shire ($600), and State MP Mary-Anne Thomas ($400).
Unfortunately Macedon Ranges has a higher than average percentage of people who are obese or overweight, and who report poor mental health. There are so many ways we can all work together to improve these statistics.

As individuals we can eat more healthily, plan meals ahead of time, incorporate exercise into our daily routine, and encourage each other to join in new activities.

The Council now has a Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee to comment upon proposed council strategies.

Currently we are considering healthy food choices in Sports and Aquatic centres, and some time ago we began making catering at council functions healthier.

The Council owns and manages many reserves, suitable for walking, running or cycling.

Council also established the “Live 4 Life” programme looking after the mental health of year 8 students.

We also run a series of free mental health first aid courses for parents or carers of these secondary school students.

Council has also assisted, via our Community Funding Scheme, many initiatives related to health and wellbeing.

I would encourage people thinking of organizing an event or wanting support for a new initiative that involves health and well being to make enquiries about submitting an application this year. Applications close on May 1 and details are available on our website.

Kind regards, Jennifer

Cr Anderson Reports

'Sylvia' at the K.M.I.

Excitement is mounting, with just two weeks to go before 'Sylvia' comes to town! “Who is Sylvia? What is she?”

Directed by Bette Sartore, the cast of six Cathouse Players will present this delightful comedy by A.R. Gurney at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute for five performances only.

Evening performances commence at 8pm on May 1, 2, 8, & 9 with a matinee performance 2pm Sun May 3. All tickets for this show include pre-performance sherries, program, and interval refreshments.

There is wine and cheese on opening night, or treat mum to the special pre-Mothers' Day gala night, and enjoy wine and supper with Director, cast and crew.

For further details and to book call Katie on 0448 371 623 or online at www.trybooking.com/GUKB.

Kyneton raises $32,000

With generous support of residents and travellers, $32,006.95 was collected for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal in and around Kyneton this year.

Kyneton’s Area Manager Roley Sandilands was ecstatic at the result saying, “It was an overwhelming total, one in which all that contributed should be very proud”. He thanked all the volunteer collectors and all those who donated.

Roley said the Lions Club collectors at the traffic lights did a fantastic job collecting over $7,500.

The District Fire Brigades again did a great job with Redesdale collecting a huge $6359.55, Taradale $2288.15 and Metcalfe $2206.

Special thanks to Matt and the Tylden Fire Brigade who answered a late call for help and hastily whipped around Tylden collecting almost $1700.

Kyneton’s RSL, Bowling Club and the Malmsbury and New Kyneton Hotels were big contributors, and the Kyneton CWA’s raffle raised $500.

Many businesses around town returned full tins of donations collected throughout the year.

Roley thanked the Commonwealth Bank, Agricultural Society, Kyneton Florist, Kyneton Police, Tim Ellen and Midland Express and Country Cob Bakery who continually offer support and assistance for the Appeal each year.

ANZAC and the Kyneton Museum

Kyneton Museum will feature two exhibitions to commemorate the Anzac centennial - the first The Soldier’s Gift looks at one family’s experience and loss at Gallipoli and the second is a major exhibition of costumes telling the stories of the women of Anzac.

“The Soldier’s Gift – The Illustrations of Jane Tanner” commenced on Apr 4 and continues until May 31.

It features the beautiful original illustrations by acclaimed illustrator Jane Tanner from the book The Soldier’s Gift, written by Tony Palmer. It tells the story of a rural family’s courage and loss at Gallipoli.

School workshops with Jane Tanner and Tony Palmer will be run in Kyneton, Lancefield and Romsey.

Support for the exhibition and school workshops has been provided by the Victorian Government and the Victorian Veterans Council as part of the Anzac Centenary Community Program.

“Women of Empire” is a major costume exhibition which will be on show at the Museum every day of the 2 weeks June 5-21.

Women of Empire 1914–1918 is a unique exhibition that uses original fashion designs to tell the story of Australian and New Zealand women whose lives were transformed by their experience in the First World War. This touring exhibition from Dressing Australia Museum of Costume will provide a rare opportunity to see an extensive display of women’s fashion and costumes from the WW1 era and discover 30 women’s stories.

Women who drove ambulances, became cooks as part of the war effort, and those with medical training – doctors, nurses, masseuses – joined the men on warships at Gallipoli, in Egypt and on the Western Front. But do not forget those who stayed on the home front and replaced the men or farms, in banks and offices. Women also did voluntary work making comforts and clothing for the troops or raising money for the women and children of Europe displaced by the war.
Auxiliary Bows Out

L-R: Laurie Diss,June Stewart,Hazel Gilbert, Sandra Golden (standing), Mayzie Hants, Jean Lucas, Gweneth Byrne.

Thousands of cakes. Rows of knitting. More than 200 years of collective service.

These were amongst the contributions acknowledged by Kyneton District Health at a recent lunch with members of the Kyneton Auxiliary.

The group, which began its community activities and fundraising in 1947, is winding up.

Funds raised by the auxiliary helped the hospital to purchase equipment like beds and lifting machines.

Book gathering was another important task. In the 2003 bed race from the former Wedge Street site to Caroline Chisholm Drive, the auxiliary team raced with a bed piled high with books for the patient library.

Many townships had an auxiliary, including Langley, Spring Hill and Woodend.

Auxiliary president Sandra Golden is now collecting minute books to donate to the Kyneton Historical Society, so that the legacy can be preserved.

She’s also keen to carry the spirit of community service into the next era by becoming a KDH volunteer.

KDH CEO Maree Cuddihy is expecting the opening of the ambulatory care centre to be an opportunity to say thank you to the Auxiliary.

“We're looking at a fitting way to mark the transition with one last auxiliary event,” said Ms Cuddihy.

Anyone interested in volunteering with KDH can phone 5422 9900 or visit the Kyneton Health website.

Trivia Night

Kyneton Music Festival is hosting its Annual Trivia Night on Sat Apr 25 at St. Mary’s Hall. Arrive at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Entry is $20 per person, get together a table of 8.

Drinks bar prices, BYO snacks.

Tickets are available from Major Tom’s at 57 Piper St, 54226395.

Carlsruhe History Unveiled

Residents and visitors to the Macedon Ranges can learn about local history in the beautiful surrounds of Carlsruhe, with new interpretive signage and infrastructure upgrades now completed.

Fifty local residents gathered at Yelka Park on the banks of the Campaspe River on Sat Mar 28 to celebrate the completion of the two-year project, with the most recent additions being a new Aboriginal interpretive walk and a historic gravesite restoration.

The $120,000 project was funded by the Victorian Government and Macedon Ranges Shire Council. It also included the construction of adult exercise equipment, a new path network, barbecue shelter and seating in the Carlsruhe Common.

Residents were joined by local Elder Uncle Larry Walsh who performed a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony on behalf of his people.

 Uncle Larry Walsh and Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson unveiled a plaque at the start of the interpretive walk, before leading residents along the path to explore the new signage outlining the history, customs and practice of the Taungurung people.

The tour concluded at the restored historic headstone of a local Clerk of the Mount Macedon Bench of Magistrates, who drowned crossing the Campaspe River by horse at Carlsruhe in 1847. His gravesite has been unmarked for well over a century.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson thanked all those involved in the project, particularly the Carlsruhe Community Planning Group.

“We hope the Yelka Park Aboriginal Interpretive Walking Trail will bring people to this place to learn about and reflect on local Aboriginal history and the Taungurung clans, who lived here sustainably for more than 1000 generations,” she said.

Kyneton Historical Society

The Kyneton Historical Society is participating in the National Trust Festival 2015 Apr18- May 26, entitled “Conflict & Compassion” as part of the Centenary of ANZAC.

At 74 Piper St, there will be a photographic display of soldiers and nurses from the district who went to WWI and served their country with pride.

Read their stories, some are tragic, others heroic and others just plain heart breaking.

At 75 Piper St, the home of the Society, there will be a display of Nurse Nora Kerr’s collection of badges from WWI and some of the postcards she sent back home to family in Kyneton.

Opening hours for the Society are: Tues 9-1pm and Sat 9-2pm.

Phone contact 0418 545648.
Changes for Motel and Mrs Smith’s Restaurant

The Motel at 101 Piper St has been transformed. As well as a bright new exterior it has had a name change to the Kyneton Motel.

Cathy Foote of Mrs Smith’s Restaurant at 91 Piper St purchased the property mid last year. Cathy is excited about developing this already thriving business.

The Kyneton Motel will soon be offering cooked breakfasts and evening dining in its newly renovated breakfast/dining area. Free WiFi and internet TV are coming soon.

After a very successful and rewarding 10 years as a Restaurateur, Cathy has decided to retire from normal restaurant trading hours at Mrs Smiths. There will be a change of direction for this Kyneton establishment which will continue to do private dinners, functions and special occasions. These can be booked lunch or dinner any day of the week. Varied and exclusive menus are a specialty including finger food functions.

Cathy and the staff at Mrs Smiths would like to thank their loyal customers. Mothers’ Day on May 10th will be the last day of normal trading. Bookings for Mothers’ Day and functions can be made on 54226844.

New at Piper + Wedge

Ann Gilbert, who has extensive wholesale and retail experience in Brisbane and Melbourne has applied her skills to filling the Piper + Wedge complex’s new store “Park and Webb” with new and edgy products from around the world.

Gifts for men are one of the priorities, with UK brand, Dents leading the charge. An array of fine gifts and homewares have been chosen to suit all ages, and there are lots of luxuries for Mother’s Day.

What’s New in Business

Of particular interest is original furniture made by local resident David Emery. David’s work has wide representation within Australia, notably in Parliament House Canberra, and several major public buildings.

We now have the opportunity to see a range of Emery tables, chairs and stools - every piece is lovingly crafted in Kyneton.

PRD Nationwide Kyneton

The ownership, but not the personnel at PRD Nationwide real estate agency at 2 High St Kyneton has changed. The change of ownership took place on April 1 with Manager Helen Jens and her brother Neil Directors and Michelle Jakovac a shareholder.

In addition to residential real estate PRD Kyneton is now specialising in commercial property management.

Helen had been managing PRD Kyneton since March last year and has been pleased with the continued growth in the business.

Hours are 9-5.30pm weekdays and 9-12pm Sat. ph 54222127.

New Bank Manager

Russell Hanson became Manager of the Kyneton Branch of the Bendigo Bank on March 10.

He was formerly the Manager at the Trentham Branch.

Russell said that he is very excited to be part of the new refurbished branch and is looking forward to engaging with the local community.

He commented that the new open plan set up at the bank was working well and had been well received by those who bank at the Kyneton branch.

Former Manager James Smithwick is now at the Castlemaine Branch.

Bella Rouge Boutique

A new fashion boutique has opened at 68 Piper St.

Bronwyn Arnaud who grew up in country Victoria in Wedderburn, has recently moved with her husband and family to Kyneton from Brisbane. Bronwyn describes her garments as ageless fashion with labels including Freez, Wish, Ajoy, Pink Stitch, Bless’ed are the Meek, August Street and Sweaters Barn all at affordable prices.

Future plans include formal wear, handbags, jewellery, hats and scarves.

Opening hours will be Wed-Sun 10-4pm although Bronwyn is considering being open one evening a week further down the track.

Phone Bronwyn on 0400649112
Marion & Me

'Marion & Me' is a new boutique at 54A Piper St and signifies the first official opening of the 'Marion & Me' women’s fashion retail experience. Marion & Me was named in honour of the boutique owner’s late Grandmother; Marion Swindon, who herself was a highly trained seamstress and tailor.

Marion's love and passion for fashion and design was passed down through the generations, firstly to her daughter Jenny, the founder of Jenny Scott Sorrento and now to both grandchildren who have followed into the family rag-trade tradition.

The store has a very familiar face, with Manageress Vicki Jackson overseeing day to day experiences. Catering for women who love original design and unique, yet timeless classic styles, Marion & Me is open Tue – Fri 10-5pm, Sat 10-4.30pm and Sun 11-4pm. Ph 52227495.

Roberts & Hassett

Roberts & Hassett have been making bespoke shoes in Melbourne for over 6 years and have recently opened their second shop in Kyneton at 29 High St. James Roberts will soon offer a range of made-to-order men’s shoes and boots to complement Theo Hassett’s bespoke process in Melbourne as well as a variety of handcrafted leathergoods. Open Saturdays and by appointment phone 54222659 or e: james@roberts-hassett.com.au

Kyneton Toyota Changes Hands

John and Ros Bradbury have announced that their business Kyneton Toyota has been sold to local community members, James and Luke Hardwick and Tim Barrett. The Toyota dealership which opened on June 16 2009 with 7 team members now employs 33 people. The Bradburys are extremely proud of the development of their Kyneton dealership.

Major highlights for them included: development of a highly successful team based on customer service excellence; the building of a new modern facility; winning the prestigious National Dealer of the Year for Toyota in 2013, Toyota’s highest accolade, and being recognised as the most awarded Dealership nationally in 2014.

Commitment to our local community has been a high priority in their approach.

John and Ros are very excited to be handing the business over to the Hardwicks and Tim Barrett, all of whom bring a wealth of experience to the business.

The business will officially change hands at the end of the financial year. John and Ros Bradbury are grateful for the wonderful customer loyalty established over the 6 years and appreciate the support of our local community very much. They will remain in the local community, living in Kyneton and working in Sunbury.

Women's Business Scholarship

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is encouraging local women to consider applying for Zonta international scholarships. The International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are awarded annually to women pursuing undergraduate or master's degrees in business management. These Women in Business scholarships may be used for tuition, books or living expenses at any university, college or institution offering accredited business courses and degrees.

The District 23 (which includes Kyneton) award is valued at US$1,000. For more information check the Zonta International website. Applications through the Zonta Club of Kyneton website will close on June 1.

Noy Legal

Noy Legal has opened at 19 High St. Justine Noy is principal of the law firm. She has a Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Taxation. Peter Thomas is the firm’s practice and client manager.

The firm provides a range of legal services including sale and purchase of businesses, dispute resolution, commercial leases and contracts, residential and commercial conveyancing, notary public, subdivisions, wills and estates, and workplace agreements.

The firm has been based in Melbourne and Macedon for 10 years, and Justine and Peter are very pleased with the move to Kyneton and the warm welcome received. Noy Legal Kyneton is open from 10am to 4pm on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri. To make an appointment, please call the office on 54221615 or send an email to peter@noy.com.au.

Infant Massage Classes

Cristy Riley is a Paediatric Massage Consultant who will be holding classes at St Paul's Church meeting room in Kyneton starting Apr 22. Cristy is a qualified nurse with many years experience.

The classes are held once a week and run over four weeks. Infant massage can help with Colic, Reflux, unsettled infants, asthma and provide many other health benefits.

To book a position for the course call Cristy on 0427484969.
Kyneton Secondary College will have a new Principal for Term 2. Current Principal, Mark Ridgeway is taking long service leave and District Principal and Kyneton resident, James Mulaney will be stepping in.

“James is well respected across the region and brings a wealth of experience as an educator and principal in many schools in Australia and overseas,” Mr Ridgeway said.

“I am looking forward to him working closely with our community to continue our school redevelopment and kicking goals whilst I am away.”

During his leave, Mr Ridgeway is planning to catch up on family time and undertake some travel.

In other news, Kyneton Secondary College students recently competed in the Regional swimming and diving competitions.

In the diving, Kyneton Secondary students won all three medals for the intermediate boys competition and Jackson Conforti went on to compete at the state level.

In swimming, both the Under 20 Male Freestyle and Medley relay teams won the Regional competition and will go on to the State championships.

Of the individual swimmers, Lachlan Vermont will be competing in the state championships for the Under 17 50m Butterfly.

The school is very pleased that Year 10 student, Alicia Rooth has been selected for the Victorian Country Football Team and will be travelling to Perth to play in the Nationals in May.

Rod Quantock In Malmsbury

Popular standup comedian Rod Quantock will present ‘The Last Tim Tam’ a show about the future in the Malmsbury Town Hall at 8pm on Friday May 1.

Tickets are $25, $20 concession. To book ph Sue 0408336352. Prepaid tickets available at the Malmsbury PO.

Kyneton Library’s Tech Savvy Seniors program

Victorian Tech Savvy Seniors is a Seniors Card Age Friendly Partners Program. It is designed to give older people, particularly those in regional and rural areas of Victoria the opportunity to develop skills to use technology for socialising, accessing important services, or conducting personal business.

Kyneton Library will be participating in this program with a five week course starting on Tuesday April 21. Each session will run from 10.30am to 12.00pm and include morning tea.

Topics include a beginner’s introduction to Internet, cybersafety, email, sharing photos & attachments and social media.

You can also borrow the training DVDs from Kyneton Library as well as view training videos through the Goldfields website.

For more information and bookings phone Kyneton Library on 54221365.

CFA Fashion Fundraiser

Kyneton Fire Brigade Auxiliary is holding a Danny Blumes Fashion fundraiser on Tues May 19 commencing at 10.30am. It will be followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon.

Cost $10 includes ‘lucky door prize’. To book call on 54222853.

Women Walk the World

Kyneton’s recently-formed CWA night branch, Kyneton Twilighters, will host a Women Walk the World event at 10am on Sun May 3.

Members, their families and friends will walk the Campaspe River Walk from the old Pig Market Shelter in the Kyneton Botanic Gardens to Quarry Reserve to raise funds to help the Associated Country Women of the World achieve its goal of connecting and supporting women worldwide.

The wider community are invited to walk with the members and morning tea will be supplied upon completion of the walk, rain or shine. Participation is a gold coin per person donation.

The Friends of the Bluestone Theatre will host a fund raising Trivia Night at 7.30pm, Sat May 16 starting at 7.30pm, The night, hosted by local identity Red, will feature guest artist Rauri Barker and there will be games along with the usual barrage of questions.

The Friends have already raised more than the $20,000 they committed to the project but there will be many more expenses to be met such as the cost of approved fire retardant curtains and other theatre fittings. Admission is $12 and teams will consist of 10 players per table. Groups and individuals are welcome. BYO nibbles and drinks. For bookings phone Alan Stone 54221807 or e: friendsofthebluestonestheatre@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available at door.

‘Spring Starts Here’

This year’s Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival from Sept 3-13 will tell the world that Spring Starts Here with its ideal choice of theme for 2015.

Planning is now well underway for this year’s Festival and an early brochure will soon be available.

“We already have some wonderful events and gardens for this year” Festival Secretary Marg Dearricott said. “All of our events are classy and fun with special interest events such as the Flower Show, the Antique & Vintage Fair, the return of the One Act Plays to the Bluestone Theatre and fun with ferret racing and the highly popular town wide scarecrow competition and workshops.

“Some of our events and entry forms will soon be on our website www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au”

“If you are planning an event for the Festival we would love to hear from you over the next few weeks.”

Phone the Festival on 54222828 and e-mail daffodil@netcon.net.au.

Bluestone Trivia Night

The Friends of the Bluestone Theatre will host a fund raising Trivia Night at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute on Sat May 16 starting at 7.30pm.

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Acting Principal at KSC
ADFA S Activities
Australian Decorative & Fine Arts (ADFA S) Central Victoria have already enjoyed two lectures at Kyneton Town Hall this year and are looking forward to the next events.

Meet Your Councillors
Residents and community groups have been invited to book a one-on-one meeting with the Mayor and Councillors to discuss local issues. Twenty minute meetings can be booked for between 7–9pm at the Wed May 6 at the: Kyneton Mechanics Institute.
To arrange appointment, contact Debbie Peter on 54220313 or email dpeter@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Waterway Workshop
The North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is inviting community members to a workshop on Thur Apr 30 to learn about topics relating to the values, threats and management of the Campaspe River.
The workshop is part of Caring for the Campaspe project.
Four guest speakers will share their insight and passion for Crown land management, weed control, cultural heritage and threatened species.
This free event will be held 10am-2pm including a light lunch at the historic Degraves Mill at 686-688 Cobb & Co Road Carlsruhe.
Contact the CMA on 54487124.

Kyneton Trail Riders
The Kyneton District Trail Riders Club has 3 great rides coming up:
Sun Apr 19 from Woodend to the Mount Macedon Pub for lunch.
Info / bookings: Jo 54272257
Sun May 31 - a more challenging bush ride in the Greendale area, saddle-bag lunch.
Info/bookings Garry 0400640433
Queen’s Birthday Weekend, Sat – Mon - June 6, 7, 8: Three rides over three days with good facilities for overnight camping at Enfield (near Ballarat). BBQ Saturday and Sunday pm.
Info/bookings: Julie 54248545.

SHC Students Remembered
A new World War 1 honour board has been set up at Sacred Heart College to acknowledge former students who participated in that war.
History teacher, Brett Lefebvre did the research to find the participants by comparing enrolment details in the College’s register with the enlistments recorded held by the National Archives.
Brett found three, Katie Fegan an orphan, Carrie de Groot from Kyneton and Nellie Horan from Woodend. All served as nurses during the Great War.
Katie Fegan, student enrolment number 19, arrived from the sister convent as a 10 year old orphan with her older sister Mary in May 1890.
She served in Egypt, London and France and after the war returned to Australia to continue nursing until her retirement in 1938. She died in 1951.
Nellie Horan who arrived at Sacred Heart as enrolment number 155 enlisted in August 1916 from the Kyneton Hospital and was sent to join the British Indian Service.
Nellie returned to Australia in May 1918 but later returned to India and married in the Calcutta Cathedral and never returned to Australia.
Carrie de Groot (pictured above) came to Sacred Heart in 1909 as a 17 year old enrolment (number 190) and graduated the next year. She enlisted as an army nurse in June 1917 and was sent to nurse in India. In mid-1918 she contracted influenza and was again ill in September.
Carrie had contracted tuberculosis she was sent home as an invalid in Dec 1918, discharged from the army as medically unfit in February 1919 and died in 1922 aged 30.
There may be one or two more who served that might come to light. There might be some males because the convent took in infant boys before the war but the record keeping for them is not as detailed.
The new World War 1 honour board is leaving some space – just in case.
The fourth annual ‘Greylight Olde Time Dance’ will be held from 1.30pm–4pm on Tuesday 12 May at the Kyneton Town Hall, with live music provided by the Sacred Heart College Band.

More than 100 older Macedon Ranges residents are expected to enjoy dancing or just listening to this very talented group of local musicians perform.

Even if you don’t dance, this is a wonderful social occasion—a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

The ‘Greylight’ Dance is a police-initiated event, held in partnership with Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Light refreshments will be provided and you are encouraged to book early as numbers are limited. Transport will be available but must be booked.

Bookings close at 4pm on Monday 4 May. To book, contact Stephanie Harper on 5422 0258 or email sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Fashion Parade

Does your winter wardrobe need an update?

You are invited to St Paul’s Hall in Yaldwin St at 1.30pm Fri May 1 to enjoy a Fashion Parade followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea. Try and buy on the day.

For information phone Betty 54221869.

Garage Sale May 9

On Saturday May 9 the Uniting Church will hold a Garage Sale at St Andrew’s in Ebden St Kyneton between 8.30am–12.30pm.

A wide range of goods and items will be available for sale.

The project is in support of the Uniting Church’s local and regional mission and outreach.

Ladies Brunch

“Nile River Learning Centre—Education and support for Refugee Women” will be the topic of a special brunch to be held at St Paul’s Anglican Church Hall this Sat April 18 from 9am to 11am with Guest Speaker Patrice O’Shea.

Patrice O’Shea is a retired Assistant Head of Ballarat Grammar. Her association with The River Nile Learning Centre has been a supportive one. Her husband John O’Shea, has been a member of the RNLC Committee of Management since 2008.

The primary aim is to develop ways for students to achieve their potential by helping them either to move on to further education, or to gain meaningful employment. Although RNLC receives some support from the Victorian Education Department, it is predominantly funded by private philanthropy.

RSVP to Ruth Murphy : 54235253 or roseberyhill@gmail.com.

Carlsruhe Tree Planting May 17

Carlsruhe Landcare Group have received a grant from DEPI to plant trees on Biolink phase 1 (repair job) and new planting on Biolink phase 2.

The Group is hoping that all "Carlsruhians" living in the Village as well as the surrounding areas will come and join them on Sun May 17 9am-2pm.

Afterwards volunteer planters are invited for a BBQ on the Carlsruhe Common.

If you are interested in helping out on that Sunday morning please contact Hanne Juul on 0428878048.

(at right) Australian chef, presenter and media personality, Guy Grossi will demonstrate at the Trentham Spudfest

Spudfest

The Great Trentham Spudfest will again shine the ‘spudlight’ on Trentham. Food, fun, live music, frivolity and spuds galore is what in store for this year’s eighth annual Great Trentham Spudfest to be held on Sat May 2 10am-4pm at the ‘Spud Hub’ Quarry St Reserve, Trentham.

Joining the 2015 event is leading Australian chef, presenter and media personality, Guy Grossi, who is following his passion for locally grown produce, will be doing a ‘Cooking demonstration highlighting the best qualities of the beloved tuber’.

Guy’s cooking demonstration will be held amongst the other activities in the ‘Spud Hub’.

There will also be spuds behaving, spuds misbehaving, mischievous spuds, spuds playing hide and seek in the special ‘spud paddock’, curly whirly spuds, Spudfest’s own ‘Spud Spruiker’ otherwise known as ‘Spudman’, artistic spuds, spud characters hanging around town, spud displays with over 20 varieties on show, spudelicious delights at a variety of food stalls, spud sack creations and spuds for sale direct from a local spud farmer to you.

The ‘Spud Hub’ will be alive with hot potatoes, hot art, hot music and fantastic entertainment for all the family to enjoy.

Spudtastic children’s activities and games include; spud dig; spud art; animals to pat and wagon rides to enjoy; face painting and rock climbing.

There will also be spud sack races for children and those adults who are still children at heart.

Be entertained throughout the day by roving performers such as stilt walkers and circus side shows. The main stage will be pumping with performances from bands such as The Cartwheels, All Day Fritz, Odd Sock Circus, Suitcase Full of Blues and Crosswind intertwined with local young performers.

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Veterinarians
Kyneton Veterinary Hospital 5422 1099

Yoga
Illuminate Yoga Studio 043801019
Antique Valuation Day
An Antique Valuation Day hosted by the Zonta Club of Kyneton will be held at St Mary’s Hall in Hutton St on May 17 from 10 am to 4 pm. Warren Joel, an antique valuation expert as featured on ABC’s “Collectors”. will value the items. Local man, Chris Allan is looking forward to having two items he found in his father’s shed valued. “It is a unique opportunity to determine if these things collecting dust in my father’s shed are of any value. We think they are of course, because they belong to our family. And we are hoping that Mr Joel agrees with us.” says Chris Allan of the copper framed portrait. (pictured). Chris is also intrigued to see if his flying duck, that you would often see discarded as rubbish, will be of any value.

The Antique Valuation Day is a fundraiser organised by Zonta Club Kyneton, with the money raised going to support Zonta’s local community projects and the assembly of birthing Kits for Birthing Kits Australia.

Entry to view the evaluations is $5 per person, and valuations are $5 per item with a maximum of 3 items per person.

To book your valuation call Kath Breen 0427547659.

YEP – Youth Program
Macedon Ranges Shire Council is continuing its Youth Engagement Program (YEP) for Term 2.

YEP offers a range of activities and events across the Macedon Ranges for secondary school-aged young people. It provides a safe and inclusive environment where you get to be a part of fantastic programs and activities such as art, dance, fitness, job skills, sk8, parkour… the list is endless.

The Kyneton YEP is on every Thursday from 4-6pm during term at Council’s Youth Development Unit portable building in Hutton St.

Young people are invited along for the fun and free food!

YEP Kyneton kicks off on Thursday 16 April with a games and chill night. To find out more, contact Sarah Cook 0402087949 e scook@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

U3A Short Courses Popular
Getting off to a good start in 2015 U3A Kyneton has already organised several successful short courses.

Photography with Howard Maylor encouraged members to think and learn more about their cameras' technical details and will include a Field Day in Term 2.

Genealogy with Brian Fitches continues to challenge U3A members to “shake the family tree”.

U3A’s opening Term 2 Friday speaker is Peter Salmon with “An Introduction to Genetics”. This presentation could spark interest for a follow-up short course on the topics of DNA, body structures, health and aging processes.

All are welcome to attend at 2pm on Fri Apr 17, at the rear 34 Mollison St.

In addition there is a possibility of starting a “Writing Short Course” which may lead to a Writers’ Group if there is sufficient interest.

For details, www.u3akyneton.org.au or call Pam Newton on 54235223.

Late Kyneton Shearer a Legend

The late Mark Conlan of Kyneton was inducted as a legend earlier this month into the Australian Shearers’ Hall of Fame at ‘Shear Outback’ in Hay New South Wales.

Mark Conlan 1953-2012 had an outstanding professional shearing career. A notable speed shearer, he set a record shearing of 852 in one day with his brother John using narrow combs. As a Champion show shearer he was 4 times Golden Shears Open Champion, competed 7 Trans-Tasman Tests and was Australia’s first World Shearing Champion in 1986.

Mark first started shearing competitions in Kyneton which were the basis for development of Sports Shear Australia.

Mark ran a successful shearing business, which employed up to 50 at its peak.

There are now 28 legends of the industry honoured with induction of further legends occurring on a biennial basis at Shear Outback’s Festival of the Blades.

Other legends inducted in early April were the late Maurice Doyle WA, Dick Duggan Maryborough Vic, Ian Elkins NSW and Kevin Gellatly WA.

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