

Where to from Here?

Now that the Old Baynton St. Primary School has been saved from sell-off, we have an opportunity to keep it in the hands of the local community. The Kyneton and District Co-Op has been formed by residents to utilise the school precinct for community activities and community groups..

What is the Co-Op vision?

- Affordable, or freely available, indoor and outdoor space for a broad range of community groups and community activities.
- Maintenance and protection of heritage values.
- A place of collective belonging and connection.
- Open, accessible, and flexible public space.
- Shared community responsibility based on control of the precinct by a democratic organisation.
- Support for community driven and socially worthwhile initiatives.
- Strongly engaged community across all age groups to promote broad inclusion.
- Commercial use of the precinct by the Co-Op to create cash flow for the nurturing, and the promotion, of public good and benefit.
- Aim to meet everyone's needs without harming the living world or the prosperity of future generations.

Cooperative Principles

1. *Cooperatives are based on values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity*
2. *Cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others*

The important question the Town Square Co-Op will ask the community is.... "How can we help you?"

The flip side for all of us as individual members of our community is.... "How can we all contribute so the Co-Op can strengthen, and facilitate, its helping role."

Deposit your completed membership application in the community chest box at the Kyneton Newsagency or at the Kyneton Branch of the Bendigo Bank

For more information go to

Kynetononline.org or ph.54221808

Joining the Co-Op as a Community Organisation

Congratulations to your community group, and all its members, for your sign up for organisational membership of Kyneton's newest community organisation, the *Kyneton and District Town Square Co-Op*.

Forming the Co-Op and building group and individual membership is an important first step towards community control of the school precinct for everyone's benefit and enjoyment. By joining the Co-Op family, your contribution will begin to make our tag line 'We meet, we connect, we belong.' a reality!

Whether your group is looking for a home in the school, or just joining up to pledge your support for the Town Square Project, your membership of the Co-Op is what we need to convince the state government our community is right behind the Co-Op as the body to control the school for wide and diverse community engagement.

