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A WORD WITH WALSHY



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A BLAST FROM THE PAST

(pic front page)

I was visiting a local school recently when I bumped into a very familiar face – from the good old days.

Barry Milne and I go way back – we played together in the 1969 Calivil junior premierships side.

So it was an unexpected bonus to bump into him and have a chance to tell a few embellished stories about how good we were way back when and oh the game was so much tougher in our day.

And then we hobbled off in separate directions to get on with the rest of the day.

135

YEARS OF SALVOS IN ROCHESTER



The big brass descended on Rochester recently with both the Salvation Army leadership and the brass band from the Salvo's Ringwood Citadel were in town to celebrate 135 years of service to the Rochester district by the Salvation Army. And to thank the many people who helped the community during and after the October 2022 floods.

Like nearly everyone else in Rochester, the Salvo's facility was also flooded but that didn't stop them from swinging into action with the support of other Salvation Army Corps in providing meals, clothing and assistance to the Rochester community.

Rochester has certainly benefited from Salvation Army Captain Cameron Lovering and wife Maryanne coming to the community. Another example of a family who just threw everything into the flood recovery and still are.

I am pictured with Captain Lovering, Salvo Divisional Commander Kelvin Merrett and Nats MP Gaelle Broad.

IT DOESN'T GET MUCH HOTTER THAN THIS



You know the mercury's on the rise when the annual Echuca Cup race meeting has to be started in the morning so it can be run and done before it gets too hot for everyone.

While I was there for the big race I caught up with Gunbower Racing Club president Vicki McGillivray and new Echuca Racing Club chief executive Jarrett Farley. It was another successful day's racing at one of Victoria's premier regional tracks – with a big crowd in attendance despite the heat. Sadly, it was another typical day at the track for me – I couldn't pick any winners.

YOUNG REGIONALS GET A SAY TO PARLIAMENT

The Parliament of Victoria will host a youth forum in Kyabram on Wednesday April 17.

This is your chance to tell your parliament what matters to you, as regional young people.

It is a rare chance to have a direct say to the people making the big decisions about the world in which you live.



So if you're aged between 16 and 30 years and would like to take part, go to the link below and fill in an expression of interest.

<https://forms.office.com/r/tPWT6w89xx>

SWAN HILL turns on another cracker !



Where would we be without the service clubs in our communities to come and cook the sausages at nearly every event that's on. This one was the Swan Hill Region Food & Wine Festival , and the Rotary club wasn't going to let a bit of warm weather put them off doing their civic duty. Well done to the team, including head cook Damian Kelly.

Brewing up a good farm product



At the same event I met Hamish and Liz Chirnside from Lake Meran Brewery, who were flat out pulling beers at their stand – but were happy to take a brief break for this photo.



Their aim is to grow all the ingredients – from barley to hops – on the farm to brew these very tasty beers.

There's no doubt about the people from the Mallee, they weren't going let a 'warm' Saturday get in the way of attending the festival, which had seen more than 1400 tickets presold to make the day another great success.



SINCLAIR SCHOLARSHIP THE KOKODA TREK CONFIRMED

I am excited to report we have completed processing applications for Year 11 students to join a trek to the Kokoda Trail later this year.

A shortlist has been drawn up and interviews will be held on Monday, April 8 to select the successful applicants. They will then go into training before heading off to Papua New Guinea to join students from elsewhere in the state. It is an incredible experience, one I am still talking about and I only wish I was going with them. Perhaps my ankle will be sufficiently recovered for me to be part of the 2025 trip.

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FIRE DANGER PERIOD - AMENDMENT



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