

Locky News

Lockington's Priceless Paper

#### LOCKY LOCALS LIVE UP TO THE CHALLENGE

The past few weeks have seen absolutely devastating floods in our wider community, but as usual when the chips are down our rural communities came together in support of those in need.

We've witnessed younger members of our community stepping up to take the lead in coordinating relief, we've seen a big influx of people and some of our local businesses stepped up with extended opening hours to support the impromptu needs.

Special mention in recognition of the following...

- The team (led by Alicia Rachael) who got the Community Centre opened and set up accommodate some of those who had to evacuate.
- The Travellers Rest who welcomed many extras into the facilities.
- "Giddings Co" who put in a mammoth effort extending opening hours and keep stock on the shelves.
- "Our Pub" who extended their opening hours and for keeping the food up to evacuees and volunteers.
- The general public who cooked up a smorgasboard in order to provide free meals to evacuees.
- "Lockington District Business Centre" who opened on a Sunday to accommodate the extra traffic in and being diverted though town (the main road Echuca to anywhere south).

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This week's Locky News was prepared by... Alison and Marilyn

#### AUDIENCE LOVED BRIAN LETTON

Over 100 gathered in Lockington's Community Centre to be entertained with singing, jokes, and tales for hours by Country Music Singer, Brian



Letton. We sure got our money's worth, thanks to the Lockington Lions Club.

The original plan (organised months ago) was to send the proceeds to assist the flood victims in Lismore NSW, but given the recent flooding of Rochester, it was decided to split the funds between Lismore and Rochester.

It was great for this night to still be run, after able to the disappointment of again cancelling the Lockington Country Music Festival that was scheduled for the weekend of 21 to 23 October. Very happy to advise  $% \left( {{\left( {{{\left( {{{\left( {{{\left( {{{\left( {{{c}}}} \right)}} \right.} \right.}} \right)}_{0,0}} \right)}_{0,0}} \right)} \right)$ dates for LCMF 2023 of 27 to 29 October

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- "Lockington Neighbourhood House" who helped evacuees with relief assistance and opening the Playgroup facilities for extra hours
- Our local CFA teams who were involved in evacuations and clean ups
- The many individuals who gave evacuees an ear to listen, a shoulder to lean on, a pair of hands to help or simply an opportunity for distraction.

People of Lockington... pat yourselves on the back for a job well done, but certainly not finished yet. It will be a very long road back to "normality" for those who have been directly impacted by the floods. I'm certain though, that our Locky Locals are in this for the long haul.

"Many hands make light work" rings so true in times of need, please continue to be "feet on the ground" in and around our wider community.

Alison Stewart (Editor)

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#### LOCKINGTON & DISTRICT LIVING HERITAGE COMPLEX

Complex: 5486 2515 - Open Sunday's 1pm to 4pm or by appointment President: Kevin "Jack" Oliver - Secretary: Beryl Marshall 5486 2353 Website: http//www.lockingtonvic.com.au

#### Hello again Everyone,

We have reached the early 1890s, as we look back at the newspapers of the day to learn how people fared in our district, from the Selection Era until Lockington was gazetted as a township. The yield from the 1891-92 harvest had not been up to expectations across much of Victoria's north, but in Pannoobamawm, Pannoomilloo and Diggora, farmers felt the result of their year's labours had been satisfactory. Unfortunately, the wheat market that breakfast" ... The toast to the health of the bride and bridegroom year was down, so once again, the outcome from all the effort they expended did not meet their hopes.

Not all local farmers had pinned their hopes on grain crops. In Bamawm, Mr T Bradshaw had almost the whole of his 300-acre selection laid out in vines and fruit trees. In 1892, they had produced "a most prolific yield, of excellent quality, and this, too, without any artificial methods of irrigation on a loose sandy soil, and in a part of the country where rain, even in the winter season, is not always to be depended on" to quote a passage from the Bendigo Advertiser on 8 April, that year. Mr Bradshaw intended erecting an extensive winemaking plant, and he also planned to convert some of his choice grapes into raisins. These last plans suffered a severe setback in late May 1892 when, as the Age reported on the 31<sup>st</sup>, the building in which the grapes were stored caught fire and almost all of the crop was destroyed by heat and smoke.

The settlers' hopes for a railway service to be constructed through the district were also set back at about that time. When a Railways Standing Committee had visited the area in April 1891, the local people had provided what they believed to be convincing evidence that a rail service was needed; that the ideal route for its construction would be from Elmore through Tennyson to Gunbower (or alternatively to Tomara or Cohuna); and that the productivity of this region could make such a service payable. Now, as reported by the Tennyson correspondent to the Bendigo Advertiser, on 26 May 1892, they were seeing a railway survey team currently engaged in surveying a direct route from Rochester to Cohuna; a line which, if constructed would be of no benefit to them at all. They were baffled.

There had been a dry start to 1892, but sufficient rain fell in late May to fill all the dams and to allow the seed that had been sown to germinate. Still, grass was scarce, and farmers were having to hand -feed stock, according to the Bendigo Advertiser's correspondents from Milloo and Tennyson. Nevertheless, the farming communities made the best of the situation. About a hundred people attended a social held at Tennyson on 27 May, and there were similarly large attendances at a concert at Milloo on 8 June, and another held at Tennyson on 10 June 1892. On a sad note, the people of the district were grieved to learn of the death of a long-time fellowresident and friend, Mr Henry Wilson, of Milloo. Mr Wilson had been the local wheelwright and blacksmith, and came originally

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#### from Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland.

On 22 June 1892, the Bendigo Advertiser carried a report from Wanurp, of "A wedding which has been causing no small amount of local interest here;" a wedding celebrated "when Mr C W Sims, of Pine Grove was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony to Miss E Yeaman, second daughter of Mr Charles Yeaman, Shadyside.... After the ceremony, those present sat down to an elegant was proposed, and "duly responded to by the bridegroom. The other toasts were the 'Bridesmaids,' the 'Parents of the Bride,' and the 'Bridegroom,' which were all well received and duly honoured, after which the young couple took their departure amidst a shower of rice and good wishes for the metropolis, where they are to spend their honeymoon."

In March 1892, the Secretary for Mines, Mr Howitt, had stipulated that it was desirable to retain the Terrick Terrick Forest as a State forest, because it contained "most valuable Murray pine timber." This announcement pleased the residents of the plains, as the Terrick Terrick Forest was also the only place for many miles around where they could obtain timber for firewood or fences. However, despite Mr Howitt's recommendation, by July that year, it was reported that 2000 acres of the timber reserve were to be thrown open for selection, and the remainder to be handed over to the Mines Department. The residents took action and on 12 July, it was stated in the Age that a petition was being signed protesting against such a step. On 30 July, the Australasian reported that a deputation of landowners from the neighbourhood of the Terrick Terrick reserve, had waited on the Minister for Lands, Mr McLean, earlier that week, to voice their protest to the proposal. The Minister said that he would consider their representations.

It was also on 30 July 1892, that the Ovens and Murray Advertiser published a statement from Mr Howitt, pointing out that "that the only soft timber in the colony is the Murray pine, but this tree is of rather small growth, and the forests are rapidly becoming denuded. The timber brings a high price in the northern districts, as it resists the ants, and is therefore valuable for building purposes. It is to protect this timber that the alienation of the Terricks timber reserve is opposed, and Mr Howitt now has under consideration the advisability of reserving another area of young Murray pines in the Mallee country." The matter had come up for discussion in connection with a proposed import duty on Oregon timber. The question had arisen as to whether any native wood could take its place for building purposes, as the Oregon wood was light, durable, and cheap, while most of the Victorian timbers were close-grained and heavy. Which goes a little way to explaining why the Terrick Terrick Forest was significant; there will be more about 1892 next time. 'Bye until then,

Marg O'Brien.

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Reports - a word count limit of approx. 500 words is sufficient for most reports, preference will be given to shorter reports. Due to space limitations your report may need to be edited.

Letters to the Editor, articles and reports should be typed or printed, and must show the author's name and contact details. We do not include controversial political issues or party policies unless we can give equal space to all parties or sides of the argument. (Contact details are for office use only and will only be published by request.)

Articles are printed in good faith and in no way reflect the views held by the 'Locky News' voluntary workers. We reserve the right to reject items deemed to be unsuitable. Any malicious information will be forwarded to the Police.

All news items will be put on website unless we're advised not to.

#### New LION IN THE PRIDE

At the last Lockington Lions dinner meeting, we witnessed the induction of a new member, Susan Kirchhofer.

Susan was asked a few months ago if she would like to join our club and didn't hesitate to say yes.

On behalf of the club, we welcome you and hope you enjoy the club for many years to come.

Pictured is Pres. Stephen Peter congratulating Susan



#### JOE AND JULIE RECOGNIZED

At the Annual meeting of Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex on Monday, October 24, in recognition of their valuable contributions to the Complex, Joe & Julie Chappel were recognized for their untiring devotion, commitment and involvement by being given Life Memberships.

Both Joe and Julie responded gratefully, but also stated their work was not for reward, but a desire to help the Complex.

Pictured : "Jack" presents to Joe and Julie





God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does

not know God. For God is love.

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### **Lockington Here for Support**

When the floods hit Rochester on 13th October, Lockington stepped up to support our neighbours in Rochester. It has been a devastating time for the Rochester and surrounding community who have been inundated with water through homes, businesses, workplaces, paddocks and yards.

Out of this unfortunate event, it has been amazing to see the Lockington community step up to support in any way they can through sandbagging, rescues, providing a safe place to stay, organising food, removing soiled furniture and carpets and anything else that can assist those that have been flood affected.

Our Lockington Community Hall, Lockington Hotel and Travellers Rest has accommodated those from Rochester, Shepparton and other flood areas to provide a safe space and warm meals.

Ged, Breanna and staff at Giddings have also gone above and beyond to ensure locals, visitors and outlying communities have food and essentials to meet their needs. The St Mary's Op Shop in the Business Centre have also been a great help providing clothing for people who weren't able to grab enough clothes before leaving their flood homes.

On reflection on everything that has happened so far, it still amazes me how much the Lockington

Community have demonstrated their assistance and support with everything and anything.

From volunteers organising sleepovers at the Hall, putting in aerials and donating items, cooking food,

organising gazebos for privacy, picking up prescriptions at Elmore—flood affected members are voicing their appreciation everyday.

There has also been more traffic through our small town then ever with trucks, caravans, motorhomes, machinery and vehicles using a small town as a safe travelling route to get to safety or transport much needed supplies and equipment. Thank you to everyone in the community who has assisted in any way, it has not gone unnoticed and everyone is greatly appreciative.

If you or you know of anyone that has been affected by the floods they can make a claim through the Victorian Emergency Relief Assistance Payment: https://emergencypayments.dffh.vic.gov.au/ and also through their Centrelink page on their MyGov account. Lockington Neighbourhood House can assist in making flood claims, setting up MyGov accounts or linking Centrelink. If you require assistance with these, please call (03) 5486 2683 or 0499 170 329.





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# Appointments to the board of directors of Rochester and Elmore District Health Service

The Department of Health is pleased to invite applications for part time board director positions of public hospitals (including early parenting centres) and multi purpose services with terms of office commencing from 1 July 2023.

These positions provide an exciting opportunity for members of the Victorian public to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Applicants are selected for their capabilities, including personal and professional attributes, skills, knowledge, and experience that contribute to the strategic leadership of public health care for the Victorian community.

Safe and high quality healthcare for all Victorians is a priority of the Department of Health. Applicants must be able to demonstrate and provide evidence in support of the capabilities they identify in their applications.

Rochester and Elmore District Health Service is a small rural health service that delivers a range of programs and services for our local communities. The Health Service is located in Rochester and provides services to surrounding townships including Elmore, Nanneella, Stanhope, Lockington and Rushworth. Further information is available on our website www.redhs.com.au.

All applications will be considered however the board would particularly welcome applicants with expertise in the competency areas of:

- Patient (User) experience and consumer engagement
- Asset Management
- ICT Strategy & Governance

Please refer to the Position Description and Board Director Capability Framework for more details (www.health.vic.gov.au/applying-for-board-director-positions).

The Department of Health is committed to ensuring boards, and committees, reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. We encourage applications from women, people of all ages, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and from lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse, intersex and queer people.

Applications close at Midnight Monday 21 November 2022

Further information including how to apply, please visit www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications

For all enquiries regarding the appointment process and the board, contact Sharolyn Taylor, Executive Assistant, E: rochhosp@redhs.com.au Ph: 5484 4451

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# Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre Inc. Board of Management,

invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting, on Thursday November 17th 2022 at 2pm at the Lockington Bush Nursing Centre. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about this year's achievements and the future of <u>YOUR</u> Bush Nursing Centre. Please RSVP by 10th November, to 5486 2544 or email admin@ldbnc.org.au for catering purposes.



### Lockmore Financial Services Limited

#### Media Release - 27.10.22

#### Major Support for Our Community Announced at AGM

At the recent Lockmore Financial Services Limited (LFSL) 2022 Annual General Meeting, a number of initiatives were announced that will help return much-needed funds to our local community.

"It's no surprise that a key focus for Lockmore will be to support our community of Rochester as it recovers from the flood crisis. We know that community consultation is vital in situations such as these, to ensure that any support offered is meaningful and directed to the right places. As such, we have been working closely with the community groups that are co-ordinating the clean-up effort in Rochester to determine the short, medium and long term initiatives that will have the most impact for our flood-affected locals" said Chair, Brad Drust.

Running alongside this will be a University and TAFE Scholarship Program, targeted towards students that are undertaking their first year of study in 2023. There will be two scholarships of \$3,000 each available to University students and 2 scholarships of \$1,500 each for TAFE students. The scholarships will assist students with the start-up costs associated with their study; such as travel, accommodation & school supplies. Special consideration will be given to those students that were affected by the floods. Applications will open on the 1st of December and close on January 31st. Said Brad – "Our young people are our future, and we believe they deserve the best support possible to help forge their careers and achieve their dreams".

Brad also announced that \$50,379 would be provided to 26 community groups through the August/September 2022 Community Sponsorship Program. "As always, the recipients of this program come from a range of sectors; including education, sport, community facilities, health services and other community groups" said Brad.

In exciting news for LFSL shareholders, a 5.5c fully franked dividend was announced for the 2022 year; which will mean that over \$87,000 will be returned to shareholders in December 2022. "As an overall result for the 2021/22 financial year we have posted a profit of \$123,081 after tax, which is almost twice the profit recorded in the previous year" said Brad. Brad continued on to thank shareholders and customers for supporting Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester.

Finally, Brad announced Julianne Hand's departure from the Board. "Julianne has been committed to the company, has always spoken up for what is right and helped us to tune into the banking and community needs of the rest of the district." Julianne was thanked for her 2 years of service.

The Annual General Meeting was held online on Thursday 27 October. To read the full Annual Report visit the Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester website <u>here</u>, or copies are available at Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester.

More information on any of the above can be found by contacting Lauren Ross at <u>lross@lockmore.com.au</u> or by visiting Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester.

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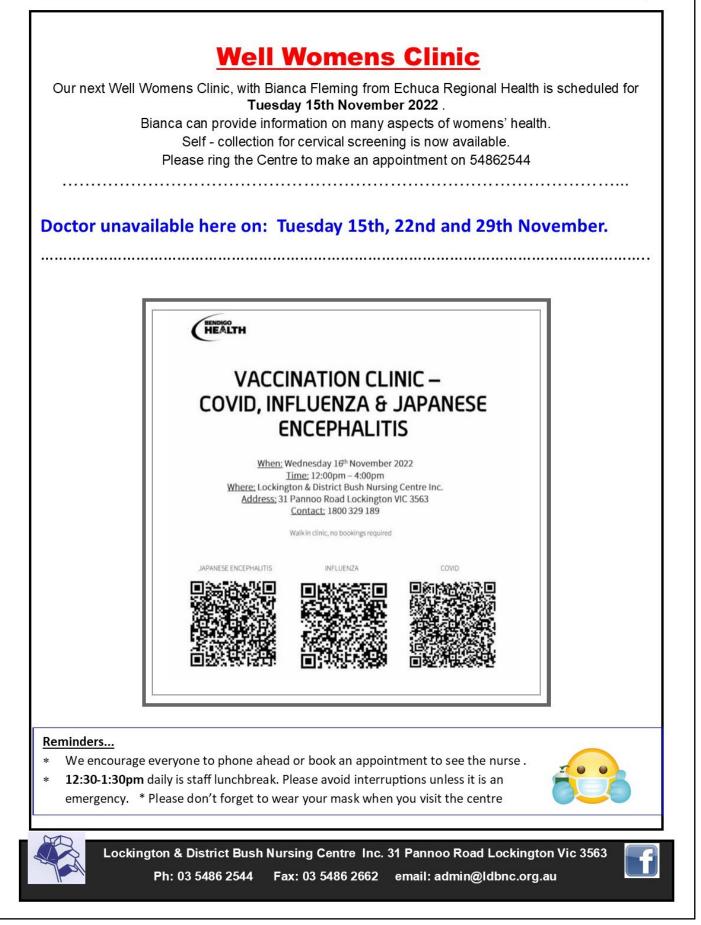


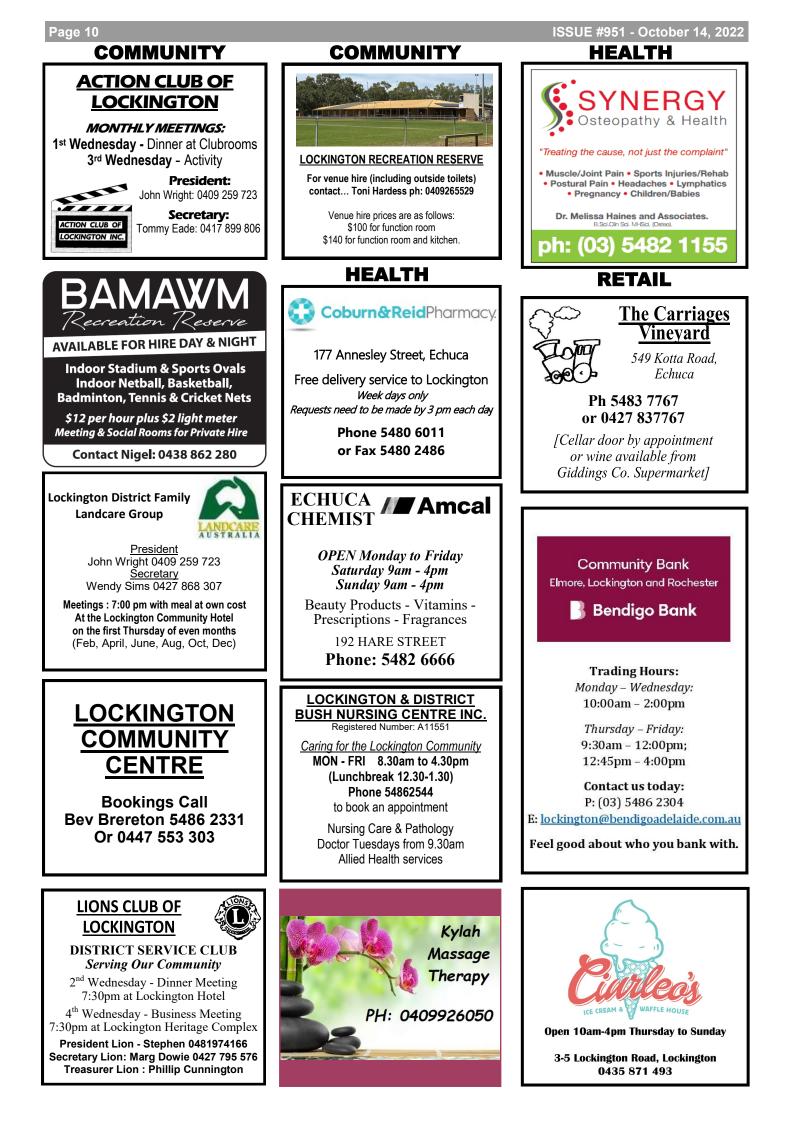
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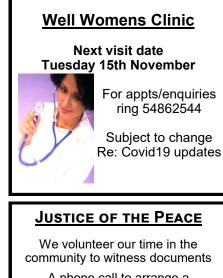


Lockington Lions Club are very pleased to advise that the loved Lions Christmas cakes and puddings are now available.

You can purchase from... Lockington Bush Nursing Centre Lockington Business Centre Lockington Post Office

1kg cakes and puddings \$15ea 1.5kg cakes \$19ea





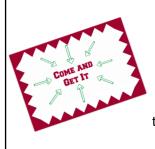
A phone call to arrange a convenient time for this service would be appreciated.

> Wendy Sims 0427 868 307 (Victoria)

Paul Harrison 0436 306 388 (N.S.W)

The Milloo Branch Campaspe Shire Council Immunisation Session **COUNTRY WOMEN''S** By appointment only ASSOCIATION Ph: 1300 666 535 **Annual General Meeting** Monday, 28th November Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11AM 11.30am – 12noon Lockington Bush Nursing Centre Vaccines for children & adults, including flu vaccine

Refer to Council website for more info.



Followed by General Meeting at 1PM Julie Chappel 54862226

of the

at the Milloo Hall

Did you loan items to the Community Centre to be used for the flood evacuation relief centre? There are still a number of items yet to be collected including a Gazebo, children's games & books, beddings, mattresses, rugs, blow up beds, Gazebo covers & more.

Please contact Alicia on 0487649864 to collect items before their donation to the Op Shop.

Thanks again to everyone who donated items, cooked and volunteers their time"



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Please keep in mind that it costs us \$1 per paper to produce.

Please drop a donation in one of our tins around town.

DONATION TINS are located at Business Centre, Giddings, Post Office



### **BAREFOOT BOWLS**

has now commenced on a Tuesday night, weather permitting. Names in by 6:30pm for 7:00pm start. All ages welcome! Singles, couples, families, groups come along and have a fun night! Flat soled shoes or bare feet. Bowls available if required.

> Enquiries: Neil Haines 0457 056 591 or Denise Gilmore 0422 819 027



Our local brigade is seeking new members to help us protect our community.

Training and Protective CFA clothing is provided. We have regular Sunday morning activities at the station. Come along and become a member of our CFA family.

#### Contact:

Secretary Jeff Millard 0477944964 or Captain Eric Bloomfield 0417381049 or any members for details



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# Situation Update 3 November 2022

#### **Council Services**

- Library services Rochester Library remains closed.
   All other libraries open
- Saleyards Truck wash reopened
- Campaspe Animal Shelter Appointment only. Call 5480 3005
- Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre Group fitness classes and regular pool bookings have restarted.
   Learn to Swim lessons will resume from Monday, 7 November
- Campaspe Community Children's Centre Reopened
- Rochester and District Child Care Centre Closed.
  Temporarily relocated to Country Kidz Tongala
- Maternal and Child Health Operating via a combination of telephone and centre visits. Please call MCH booking – 1300 644 964
- Community Transport Please call Community Transport Coordinator to discuss rescheduling – 0408 379 647

#### To keep up to date, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/councilservicesflood

#### **Health and Wellbeing**

Call Lifeline on 13 11 14 (24 hours, 7 days)

Echuca Regional Health (ERH) telehealth appointments available at <u>https://erh.org.au</u>

#### Other resources:

Nurse on Call - 1300 606 024 or www.health.vic.gov.au/primary-care/nurse-on-call

Virtual ED - Northern Health www.vved.org.au

Bendigo Health Mental Health Triage - 1300 363 788 or www.bendigohealth.org.au/mentalhealthTriageServices

Doctors On Demand www.doctorsondemand.com.au

Cub Care – for kids. Paediatric emergency for under 15s 5pm to 11pm <u>www.cubcare.com.au</u>

My Emergency Doctor - 1800 123 633 or www.myemergencydr.com

#### Sandbags

For those who have sandbags, we are asking you to keep them on your property for the time being. We are seeking advice through the Incident Control Centre the process and timing for sandbag removal. We will let you know as soon as we are advised.

### **Flood Recovery Hotline**

1800 560 760 (7.30am – 7.30pm, every day)

- Find out about a range of clean up services
- Find financial, mental health and other support
- Find somewhere to stay

### **Road Signage**

Please do not drive through water over the road or remove 'road closed' signs. Every road in the shire that's been flood affected must be first inspected before signs are removed and the road is declared safe. Please do not remove signage because the road appears to be clear of water or hazards. The minute you drive over a road that's had water over it – sinkholes and bubbles can form and sections of eroded road can break off.

Stay up to date with a list and VicTraffic map of road closures at <u>www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/road-closures</u>

#### Waste

- Food waste can now be placed in green bins, along with garden waste. The service has resumed as normal.
- Kerbside collections are continuing across the shire
   on roads that are not flood affected
- Apart from Rochester, all transfer stations are currently open
  - Rochester Transfer Station open 9am 5pm for household flood waste ONLY. Exclusions apply, visit <u>www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/wasteflood</u>
  - Commercial operators can use the Rochester Emergency Transfer Station at 22 Malloy Street
- Removal teams have been brought in by the State Government and Emergency Recovery Victoria to assist in removing flood affected property waste. You can register via the online form on Council's website
- Asbestos needs to be disposed of correctly. More information: <u>www.asbestos.vic.gov.au/about-</u> <u>asbestos/removing-or-disposing</u>
- If your bin has been missed or your bin is missing due to flood waters, this can be reported by visiting <u>www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/wasteflood</u> or phone 1300 666 535.

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### Situation Update - 3 November 2022

#### Water Update from Coliban Water



#### Echuca

- The Water Treatment Plant (supplying drinking water) is operational. There is no impact to your water services
- Flood gates remain in place
- Where safe access allows, clean up will continue at the site of a number of sewer spills
- Our crews will be working this week at sinkholes in Anstruther Street and Darling Street. These sites are fenced-off. We are aware of odours in the area
- The temporary pump currently setup in Pakenham Street is being removed
- Our crews continue to investigate issues in Moama Street
- More information at <u>www.coliban.com.au/echuca-update</u>

#### Rochester

- We will be removing the flood gates in the next 24 hours
- The Water Treatment Plant (supplying drinking water) is operational. There is no impact to your water services
- Toilets and showers are available at the Presbyterian Church Hall, the Recreation Reserve, Pascoe Street and Apex Park
- Your sewer network is partially operational. The service may be unreliable and customers should expect outages
- Repairs to sewer pump stations impacted by floodwater are underway
- More information at <u>www.coliban.com.au/rochester-update</u>

#### Gunbower

- We are carting water to supply Gunbower with safe drinking water
- Sandbags are in place at the Gunbower Water Treatment Plant (supplying your drinking water)
- Sewerage services are operating as normal

#### **Relief Centre**

The centre is available 24/7.

Services available:

- Salvation Army
- Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
- Centrelink
- Echuca Regional Health

Address: Echuca South Basketball Stadium, 244 High Street.

#### **Financial Assistance**

There is Federal and State government financial assistance that may be available to you. Services at the Relief Centres should also be utilised, such as Centrelink and the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

To find out more, go to www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/relief

#### How Can I Help?

- To volunteer, register here <u>www.disasterreliefaus.org/vic-flood-recovery.</u> Disaster Relief Australia is an organisation that partners with Emergency Management Victoria
- To donate <u>www.bendigobank.com.au/floodappeal</u> or <u>www.givit.org.au/donate-funds</u>
- You can also speak to your local neighbourhood house, which may be taking volunteer registrations

#### When Returning to Your Home

**Electricity:** Only turn on power at the mains if water has not entered your property. Have wiring and appliances tested and tagged before use. For more information contact your service provider.

**Gas:** If your home has been impacted by floodwater, do not attempt to turn the gas supply back on. For more information contact your service provider.



## Community Newsletter, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November CURRENT SITUATION

Dangerous hazards including floodwater, mud, debris, damaged roads and fallen trees may still be present. Never park or take shelter under a tree when it's windy.

Other areas of Echuca and Echuca Village will be assessed to potentially allow more residents to return to their homes in the coming days and weeks. Do not enter floodwater or return to an evacuated area until it is declared safe by authorities.

#### Echuca:

The Murray River Echuca Wharf is 94.59m and falling slowly. River levels in the Murray in the Echuca to Barham section are likely to remain above the major flood level (94.40) through to next week.

#### **Rochester:**

River levels have receded. The Rochester sewer network is now partially operational. While the network has been partially restored, the service is likely to be unreliable and you should expect outages.

#### Torrumbarry:

The level at Torrumbarry will remain around 7.85m through to next week. Works continue to reinforce the temporary emergency levee and continue to be closely monitored.

#### Keranq

The Loddon River at Murray Valley Highway bridge (Kerang) is currently at 77.24m and falling slowly. The river level is expected to remain above the minor flood level for the next few days.

#### Water and Sewerage from Coliban Water

The drinking water supplied to all towns served by Coliban Water is currently safe to drink. Echuca and Rochester residents are encouraged to set aside 20-40lts of drinking water in suitable containers to meet the drinking water needs of your household.



Residents please continue to consider your usage of anything that produces wastewater. Boort- A drinking water tank is located on the Fire Brigade Track.<u>www.coliban.com.au/latest-updates</u>

#### Relief and Recovery

Echuca Relief Centre & Information Stadium 244 High Street Echuca Open: 9am – 5pm daily Phone: after hours 0400215375

Swan Hill Relief Centre & Information 15 Gray Street Swan Hill Phone: 0447094347

Rochester Resource Centre Racecourse Recreation Reserve

Northern Highway, Rochester

Rochester Foodshare Rochester Presbyterian Church 2 Victoria Street, Rochester

#### Community meetings:

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** Community Drop-in Session- Echuca Stadium 244 high Street, Echuca 3:30-5:30 Representors of the Campaspe Shire and Other Agencies.

#### Agriculture Victoria

A financial support package for farmers is available. Visit agriculture.gov.vic.au/floods 1800 226 226

<u>Blazeaid-</u> For Fencing Assistance Bridgewater Recreation Reserve, Park Street Bridgewater. Co-Ordinator: Graeme Allen 0477 488 434

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# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### Emergency relief payments

Personal Hardship Support. https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/personal-hardshipassistance-program

#### Stagnant Water

If you have concerns about the smell of black (stagnant) water or sewage leakage around your property, please contact the EPA (1300 372 842) or Coliban Water for assistance. <u>Never eat fish</u> <u>caught from the flood water.</u>

#### Health Information

Health advice for flood related illness and injury. https://www.health.vic.gov.au/health-advisories/healthadvice-for-flood-related-illness-and-injury

#### Infectious Diseases

Find out more: <u>www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/e</u> <u>mergencies-floods</u>

<u>Mosquito-Borne Disease</u> Find out more: <u>www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/</u> <u>mosquitoes-can-carry-diseases</u>

#### Mould and Your Health

For information and safety on how to clean up and remove mould go to **Mould removal at home** visit the below link <u>https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditio</u> <u>nsandtreatments/mould-removal-at-home</u>

#### Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV) Find out more:

https://bendigohealth.org.au/JEV/ Japanese encephalitis (JE) virus vaccine eligibility has now been expanded. For information on the eligibility criteria, please

visit https://www.health.vic.gov.au/infectiousdiseases/japanese-encephalitis-virus

There is currently limited supply of JE vaccine in Victoria. Eligible people can contact their general practitioners, local council or community pharmacy to arrange a vaccination appointment. You can also express interest with the Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit (LMPHU) here: https://bendigohealth.org.au/JEV/



#### Asbestos Warnings

If you have a house of age, please be wary of asbestos in your home. Asbestos may be uncovered by flood waters. Please **contact your local** council for advice on management of asbestos in your home.

#### Disposal of Used Sandbags-Beware of

**Contamination**.Please refer to your local council website for information regarding cleaning up after a flood, including disposal of used sandbags.

#### Road closures and travelling in the area

Information **13 11 70** or the VicTraffic website traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au

#### Wildlife

If you see animals that appear injured or caught in flood water call 136 186 or via Wildlife Emergency App

#### SNAKES: IF YOU SEE A SNAKE LEAVE IT ALONE! IF BITTEN APPLY FIRST AID AND CALL 000

#### Should you remain isolated or cut off and require food or medical supplies please call SES 132 500

Refer to the SES website for information on flood preparedness <u>https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/</u>

For Commercial and Recreational Users of the Murray River:

Visit the NSW SES website for

information: <u>https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/news/all-news/2022/emergency-area-declared-murray-river/</u>

#### **Donations**

Please only donate non-perishable food. **No prepared cooked food**. Furniture, toys and clothing items are to be donated to charity shops. <u>www.givit.org.au</u>

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# FURTHER INFORMATION

#### Mental Health and Family Violence

Nurse-on-Call on 1300 60 60 24 registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from anywhere in Victoria

It is normal to have emotional or physical reactions following a distressing event. There is always help available through your doctor or local mental health professionals.

#### Lifeline - 131 114 Beyond Blue - 1300 224 636 MensLine - 1300 789 978 Kid's Help Line - 1800 55 1800 Mental Health Hub 1300 375 330 Family Violence - 1800 737 732

#### Register. Find. Unite.

This service registers, finds and reunites family, friends



and loved ones after an emergency. https://register.redcross.org.au/

#### Returning Home After A Flood

For information on actions to take when returning home from a flood and other relief information visit

https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/relief

Electricity: Only turn on power at the mains if water has not entered your property. Have wiring and appliances tested and tagged before use. For more information contact your service provider.

Gas: If your home has been impacted by floodwater, do not attempt to turn the gas supply back on. For more information contact your service provider

#### Emergency Recovery Victoria

Flood Recovery information and support for people and communities affected by floods. https://www.vic.gov.au/october-2022-floodrecovery

#### Latest River Heights

http://www.bom.gov.au/cgibin/wrap fwo.pl?IDV60149.html

#### Vic Emergency – Latest Warnings

www.emergency.vic.gov.au VicEmergency Hotline - free call 1800 226 226 VicEmergency app Facebook or Twitter (#vicHAZARD)

#### Translating and Interpreting Service

To access this information in other languages, call the 131450 (free call) and ask them to call VicEmergency Hotline.

#### National Relay Service

Speech/communication impairment contact on 1800 555 677 and ask them to call the VicEmergency Hotline.

#### Power outages

www.powercor.com.au/power-outages-andfaults/live-outage-map/

#### Telstra

Have activated disaster assistance packages for customers in the impacted areas. See links for updated information Telstra Disaster Assistance https://exchange.telstra.com.au/victoria-tasmaniaflooding-disaster-assistance-2022/

#### Know Your Local Council

Find your council using the link below for the latest information https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/

#### Schools

Information on updated school closures is available via the Dept of Education website: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/ health/Pages/closures.aspx

#### Flood event: Support for children, students and families

Supports and resources are available to government school students and families affected by the 2022 Victorian flood event. https://www.vic.gov.au/flood-event-support-

children-students-and-families

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#### LOCKY CLICKERS FUNDRAISE FOR FLOOD RELIEF

On behalf of the Clickers Club, Ellen & I would like to thank all who came in support of Rochester to help raise funds for their flood recovery fund.

It was a great night shared with lots of laughs. The Locky Pub staff, Linda, Pam, Kristen an everyone. They all did an amazing job!

We raised \$1,100 which was amazing!! Thank you everyone who came along on the night.

Thank you to all who came to help an all who donated for the raffle.

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#### Report

#### October 16

With all the recent rainfall and non-playing bowlers, the women were able to fit in their weekly Social bowls on Tuesday. The name of the game was Triples and the winning star-studded trio of Mary Thomas, Sue Harris and Phyllis MacFarlane (s) saluted after a near flawless display of teamwork. Daylight was second!

On Tuesday evening the first night of Barefoot bowls was held and attracted twenty-two players to enjoy the fine conditions. Following the scheduled two games of eight the Campaspe Area Pennant season. ends, there were three teams undefeated. After a lengthy thoughts are with all the people who have been countback and some severe scrutiny, the end result favoured Jacob Haines and Ray Hanson (s) with two wins plus 9 shots ahead of Graeme Wood, Cindy Felmingham and Neil Haines (s) 2 wins +8 shots. Third place went to Rhaine Dennis, Peter Standl and Lloyd Buchanan (s) 2 wins +7 shots. The club thanked Mary Thomas (cards), Brian Kinnane (b.b.q. chef), Denise Gilmore (organiser) and Dave Thomas (bar) for their great input on the night. The Barefoot bowls will continue on a Tuesday evening With the continuing rainfall during the past week, there (weather permitting) commencing at 7.00pm. Names to be were several play days cancelled. The women had to listed prior to 6.30pm. All welcome - bowls are available.

Unfortunately due to the recent spell of wet weather, the weekly Sixty and Over competition has suffered over the past two weeks as play had to be cancelled. Lockington The Sixty and Over was a washout at Elmore, but Bowls Club are scheduled to host the competition this hopefully will resume at Moama on Wednesday. week, but may also suffer the same fate?

Congratulations to our member Bev Brereton who has been adjudged as the month of June winner of the Volunteer of the Year award that is being supported by Tobin Brothers. The twelve monthly winners will be judged chocolates in a 11-9 victory. in the final later in the year.

Members are advised that the 2022-2023 B.C.G. the Match Committee re. Resumption of Pennant for Handbook is available. Books are issued with members season 2022-2023. Hopefully a decision will be to the names applied and are available at the clubhouse. Notice affirmative. If the result is o.k. to play, then our three - one per person.

The first round of Campaspe Area pennant was cancelled due to the wet weather. Both Midweek and Week-end pennant will resume this week. Good bowling and greater success to all kindred clubs.

#### October 23

The women enjoyed another fine morning for their weekly Social bowls and attracted a quality field to compete. The winning trio on the day was the team comprising Sue Harris, Margaret Davis and Lady President Denise Gilmore (s) with a breathtaking performance by all bowlers.

On the Tuesday evening there was a small gathering for the popular Barefoot bowls. With all the problems associated with the flooding around the district, several players were absent. After the completion of the scheduled two games of eight ends there were no two game winners. In fact all teams playing recorded a win and loss on the night. Further history was made when two teams could not be separated.

The respective pairs involved were lan Staig and Lloyd Buchanan (s) along with Rhane Dennis and Graeme Wood (s) who both scored a win and a loss plus 2 shots -Nine shots against and aggregate - 11 shots. The final decision was all bowlers were winners. Barefoot bowls will continue on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Bowls are available. Names to be listed prior to 6.30pm.

With the continuing rainfall and floods affecting several local district towns, there has been a handbrake put on many organised bowling events. At Lockington the weekly Sixty and Over competition was cancelled on the Wednesday then the scheduled Annual "AutObarn" Waterwheel Classi0c Fours was cancelled on Sunday. This prestigious tournament has now been rescheduled for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 starting at 9.30am. Contact Russell Shawcross 0428 862468 or Ray Hanson 0428 991865 for entries. This event is sponsored by AutObarn Echuca plus Paul Evans Welding (Rochester) and Golconda Finance.

The bowling fraternity are anxious to get on the greens for Our affected by the floodwaters.

The weekly Friday practice session and barbeque was again well attended. The lucky members draw favoured a delighted Frank Chugg - "never happens to me"?.

Get well wishes to all members on the sick list.

#### October 30

forego their weekly Social bowls on the Tuesday while the popular Barefoot bowls went down to the damp conditions on Tuesday evening.

On Saturday our members joined in a game of Triples to try and energise the body to match-like conditions. At the end of the day the trio comprising Rhane Dennis, Jim Harris and Graham Turner (s) won the

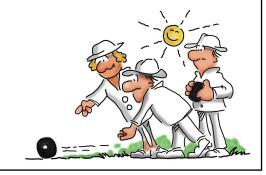
The Campaspe Area clubs have been requested to inform divisions will be playing at home. Division Three is listed to play Deniliquin wile Division Four will host Tongala. Our new look Division Five will meet Tongala at home. Best of luck to all teams.

In the Premiers League on Saturday the Moama Steamers had a great battle against Bendigo at home. Scores were pretty even for most of the day.

There was good attendance at the Friday evening practice session and barbeque. The lucky members draw was announced with the missing link being Jim "Jimbo" Harris. Jackpot to next week.

The club has rescheduled the prestigious AutObarn Waterwheel Classic Fours to Sunday 27th November starting at 9.30am. Contact Russell Shawcross 0428 862468 or Ray Hanson 0435 991 865 for entries. This event is a Gold Letter day.

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#### LOCKINGTON BOWLS CLUB



REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### **November 6**

Members enjoyed pleasant conditions and greens for the annual Cup Day Triples on Tuesday. The day attracted thirty odd members and guests. At the completion of the days play, the trio comprising John Dowie, Andrew Harris and Ken Main (s) won the spoils ahead of Ian Staig, John Fisher and Club President Neil Haines (s) placed second. A day of fun and novelties. The Cup sweeps were collected by Ray Hanson and Russell Shawcross while the Fashion on the Fields contest was won by Pauline Humbert and Sue Harris (dead heat) with Steve Pavone just edging out John Whiteside in the Men's section.

There was no Barefoot bowls on Tuesday evening, but will continue this week.

On Wednesday several teams competed for the coveted Len Vine Trophy played at the Moama Bowling Club as part of the Sixty and Over competition. Our members tried



really hard but failed to gain much momentum and finally enjoyed the hospitality and greens.

The women will be holding the Annual Invitation Fours on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 10.00am. Contact Lorraine Appleby lorraineappleby41@gmail.com or Annie Haines 5486 8200 for details.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November the club will hold the Annual "autObarn" Waterwheel Classic Fours starting at 9.30am. Contact Russell Shawcross 0428 862458 or Ray Hanson 0435 991865 for entries. Four games of ten ends - Gold Letter event.

The Friday evening barbeque and practice session was cancelled due to several members being involved in the major concert held at the Community Centre.

CUP DAY CELEBRATIONS

Pictured left :

Winners L to R: Andrew Harris, Ken Main, John Dowie Pictured right :

Runners Up L to R: Neil Haines, John Fisher, Ian Staig



#### **FREE CONCERT WAS GREAT**

A lovely appreciative audience enjoyed the free concert which Rupe Adams very kindly offered to give at the Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex on Sunday, October 30 at the current times of difficulties. Rupe's son, Thank you Rupe & Reg Shane, and friend Helen McAuliffe also joined Rupe at the for microphone for items.

A bonus to the afternoon was also well-known country music singer, Reg Poole, a friend of Rupe's, who offered to come and participate.

Refreshments were made available for concert attendees.

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#### NOVEMBER

Thursday 10 Milloo CWA AGM 11am at Milloo Hall

Friday 11 Social Indoor Bowls 7:30pm at Bamawm Extension Hall

Saturday 12 Lockington Pony Club Rally 10:00am at Scurrah Reserve (Contact Christine Buckley 0400 576 767)

Sunday 13 Heritage Complex Open 1:00 - 4:00pm On Duty: Jim & Therese

Mondav 14 Heritage Complex Meeting 7:30pm At the Complex

**Tuesday 15** Well Womens Clinic Contact Bush Nursing Centre for appointments ph 5486 2544

Wednesday 16 Vaccination Clinic (Covid, Influenza & Japanese Encephalitis) 12:00pm - 4:00pm at Bush Nursing Centre

Action Club Activity Night at Club Rooms Phone 0428 844 489 or 0409 259 723 for details

Thursday 17 Lockington Bush Nursing Centre AGM 2pm at Bush Nursing Centre

Sunday 20 Heritage Complex Open 1:00 - 4:00pm On Duty: Bev & Les



ST. MARY'S OP SHOP

Mon, Wed, 10am to 2pm Thurs Fri, 10am to 2:30pm

### **BANK TRADING HOURS**

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Thursdays & Fridays - 9.30 am to 12 noon, 12.45 pm to 4.00 pm

Monday 21 LOCKY NEWS TYPING DAY Closing time for articles/adverts 10:00am (earlier if possible)

Wednesday 23 Lockington Lions Club Business Meeting 7:30pm Heritage Centre

Sunday 27 Heritage Complex Open 1:00 - 4:00pm On Duty: Beryl & Garry

Locky Clickers Club 1:00pm Ciurleo's Ice Cream & Waffle House

Monday 28 Immunisation Session 11:30am - 12 Noon Bush Nursing Centre By appointment only Ph: 1300 666 535

Bamawm CWA - 10:30am Locky Business Centre

Heritage Complex Meeting 7:30pm At the Complex

#### DECEMBER

Sunday 4 Pine Grove Gun Club Simulated Field & Game

Heritage Complex Open 1:00 - 4:00pm On Duty: Joe & Julie

Wednesdav 7 Action Club Dinner 7:30pm Club Rooms

Friday 9 Social Indoor Bowls 7:30pm Bamawm Extension Hall





Tuesday 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Wednesday 10.00 am - 5 pm

Thursday 10.00 am - 2.00 pm



#### MONDAYS

- Strength & Balance Class 9.00 am - Bush Nursing Centre Nicole Hocking Podiatrist
  - 9.30 4.30. Bush Nursing Centre. Phone: 5486 2544.

#### TUESDAYS

- Men's Shed 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Phone 0499 170 329
- Dr. Patrick Nzegwu 9.30 am - 5.00 pm **Bush Nursing Centre** Phone: 5486 2544.
- Ladies Social Bowls. Names by 10:45am 11:00am start
- Barefoot Bowls Names by 6:45pm 7:00pm start

#### WEDNESDAYS

- Strength & Balance Class 9.00 am - Bush Nursing Centre. Tai Chi
- 4:30–5:30 pm Bush Nursing Centre \$8 per session, with Fay Sizeland
- Lockington Playgroup 10:00am - 1:00pm (not during school holidays) St. James Church Hall. Enquiries: Bethany: 0429 636 578

THURSDAYS

- Social Activity Day 10am - Bush Nursing Centre Phone: 1300 488 226
- Men's Shed By appointment Phone: 0499 170 329
- Ladies Social Badminton 9:30am - Bamawm Sports Centre. Enguiries: 0458 548 622

#### FRIDAYS

• Bowls practice 4.30pm BBQ tea to follow.

#### **SATURDAYS**



 Bingo 7:15 pm - St. Joseph's Hall Campaspe St, Rochester.