



2023

The year that was!



Tayla & Paul
Hickmott
welcomed
their son
Grayson Jack
Hickmott on
01.01.2023



Australia Day Citizen of the Year Sharee Dobson



Australia Day Guest Speaker Wendy Buteux



Billy, Hamish, Gus, Imogen, Jacob, Lucy and Sam Noonan

Tanner and Henry Dobson with Jude Hall enjoying swimming lessons at Birchip pool while staying with their grandmothers and wearing their special sun hats sponsored by Greg's Digging





**Connor Chase
& Jay Connelly
welcomed
Kailani
Connelly-Chase
on 06.01.2023**



**Tennis & Cricket Quiz Night Junior Table Winners
– Blake, Hannah, Riley, Jeswin, Chriswin, Oliver**



**Tennis & Cricket Quiz Night Champions
Stephanie & Shan Coffey, Boyd Pickering, Susie
Thompson, Kim Stewart, Kellie Matthews**



**B Grade Winners
James Paley & Lachlan Randall**



**A Grade Winners
Will Marks & Jonty Randall**



Birchip Cricket Club Champions - Jonty & Lachlan Randall



Brad Sharp Cutting Vanilla Slices



Sarë Store opened – January 2023



Sonia says goodbye to Grandma Dorrie



**John Foott
RIP**

05.09.1933

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24.01.2023



Birchip Youth Group Executive

**Dorothy Ivy
[Dorrie]
Russell**

19.04.1930

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21.02.2023



Milly Margaret Hinkley



Holly & Dale welcomed Milly on 25.02.2023



Welcome Chaitra and Shiva



2023 Birchip P-12 School - Individual Swimming Champions



Sr Sheila
Belleville
RSM



08.08.1931 - 23.02.2023



Sr Sheila Belleville's Memorial Mass - Fr Gerry Prunty, Sr Carmel Setford, Sr Veronica Lawson, Sr Margie Kelly, Fr Eugene McKinnon



**Velia
McLean**

15.03.1945

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23.02.2023





JT and Tim winning Bream fishing Competition



Tennis Champions – Joshua Hamilton, Sassia Coffey, Jon Haslam, Des Coffey, Sandie Richmond and Asha Lee



2023 Birchip Trots Crowd



Archie
Tyler and
Jett
Hinds



**BCG Awards Harm Van Rees Award to Nick Poole
- February 2023**



2023 Birchip P-12 School Fete



The new 2023 Birchip Mural – horses at Bill's Trough



Janine Paley, Kristy knights, Veronica Hogan and Darren Angel represent Birchip CFA at the Mali Heart festival



**Nicholas
Bales &
Madeline
Durie married
11 March 2023**



**Blake Lee –
ABC's Heywire
winner with
Anne Webster
MHR**



Birchip Bowls Tournament



Nicholas Bales
& Madeline
Durie with
sisters Elise &
Laura Bales

11.03.2023



Edward
Rickard &
Elly Kenna
welcome a
daughter
Lara on
14.03 2023



**Elizabeth
Bourne
(Betty)
Barling**

RIP

11.04.1929

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15.03.2023



2023 Mali Heart Street Art Festival



Kristie, Stacey and Harriet demonstrated the work machines to Probus members in April



BCG Farm Tours opens to the public in April 2023



Birchip CERT 15 year medals presented to Rachel Ferrier and Keiko Nakamura

Cheyenne Parsons
& Joe Reid welcome
their son Artie John
Reid on 16.04.2023





Dorothy May Kearney
RIP

26.05.1929 - 25.04.2023



Birchip CERT

Joshua King, Carol Reid, Andrew Bidstrup, Gail Sharp, Carly Hemley,
Keiko Nakamura, Jo Thompson, Rachel Ferrier, Andrew Jochs

LEROY JOHN SIRETT



Lochy & Sam welcomed their son on 29.04.2023



**Bethany
Hiha
undertaking
work
experience
at BCG**



**Jock &
Joshua with
the 2022
Geelong
Premiership
Cup**



Damian Callinan presents Double Feature

Blake Lee – establishing QR codes on Birchip's History Markers.





Easter Eggs enjoyed by Playgroup children – Eloise, Thomas, Sonny, Jed, Rudy, Phoebe, Imogen, Heidi, Angus, Harriet, Sylvie, Alana, Saffron



**Fitness Instructors – Demi Foott,
Brenda Doran, Maddie Sinclair**



'George the Farmer' entertains Birchip children



Diona & Jo - World Down Syndrome Day



'George the Farmer' Thomas Noonan with tractor and sisters and cousins Eloise, Lucy, Imogen, Harper, Charlie, Hamish

Bendigo Bank



THIRD QTR

**Will
Sheahan
plays in
the VFL
for
Geelong**



**Monica
Therese
Donnellon**

27.08.1936

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22.05.2023



**Troy & Brooke became
grandparents when
Marnie Morris was born
on 15.06.2023 to Jake &
Courtney
- with Aunty Bella.**



Clarice Bennett undertaking work experience at BCG (Brooke Bennett, Clarice Bennett and Domenic Bertazzo)



Headspace visit the Football, Netball & Hockey



School Primary Individual Cross Country Champions



Secondary School Individual Cross Country Champions



Ray Scott

RIP

03.04.1942

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21.06.2023



**Lachlan & Demi welcome Maci Lee Foott
on 08.06.2023**



Birchip P-12 School Grade 2 & 3 children with parachute

Donald's Sam Dunstan and Bull's Dale Hinkley Fly High





Matthew
Ryan
plays
200
games



Engineering Teacher Glenn Wilson, with Blair Hogan and Robert Cozens



Fr Gerry and Kevin Delaney at Heinrich's 80th Birthday at the Belleville Room on 18 July 2023



Birchip Golf Club Ladies Champions

Chris Donnellon and Nick Noonan travelled to Germany for the World Fistball Championships as part of the Executive in July.





Katrina Lee turns 50 – with husband Charlie & sons Clancy & Theodore



**Sunday May
Slocombe**

02.10.1928

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03.07.2023



Wirrim CWA members at Marnoo Lunch



Gathering of former Birchip school friends

Trevor Rickard, Brendan Ryan, Lana Coffey, Cathy Gould, Jim Coffey,
Phil Eltringham & Greg Foott



Jan Jeffery(Sec) Pat Smith(Treas) and Lorna Litt(Pres) new Probus Executive for 2023-24



Marcia and Louise from CBA bank Birchip visited to warn Probus members about scams at the March meeting



Probus visit to Sharp's Bakery



Birchip CFA host a "Come and try night"



The Murray to Moyne bike riding team raise \$16,915 for the Birchip Hospital.



Blair Hogan wins
“Young Traded
Person of the
Year” for Victoria
and Tasmania at
the welding
excellence
awards.



**Robyn Ferrier
enjoying a
refreshing drink
after breaking
her wrist in the
Bungle Bungles**



**Darren Hogan
recognised for 5 years
of participating in the
District 18 CFA Captain
Peer Mentor Program.**



Joshua
Richmond
competes in
the Gold
Coast Half
Marathon



The Tiwi
Islands
welcomed their
latest footy
recruit in
Cameron Berry



Golf Coach Beryl with Will and River



**Geoff Smith
50 Year
Anniversary
of Vietnam
Veteran's Day**



Football
Club
progressive
tea at the
Best-Tyler
house



Genevieve Clarke, 5 years at BCG and Claire Pickles, 15 years with BCG, pictured with CEO Fiona Best



**Birchip
Principals Mr
Christie and Mr
Sayle attend
Melbourne
Conference**



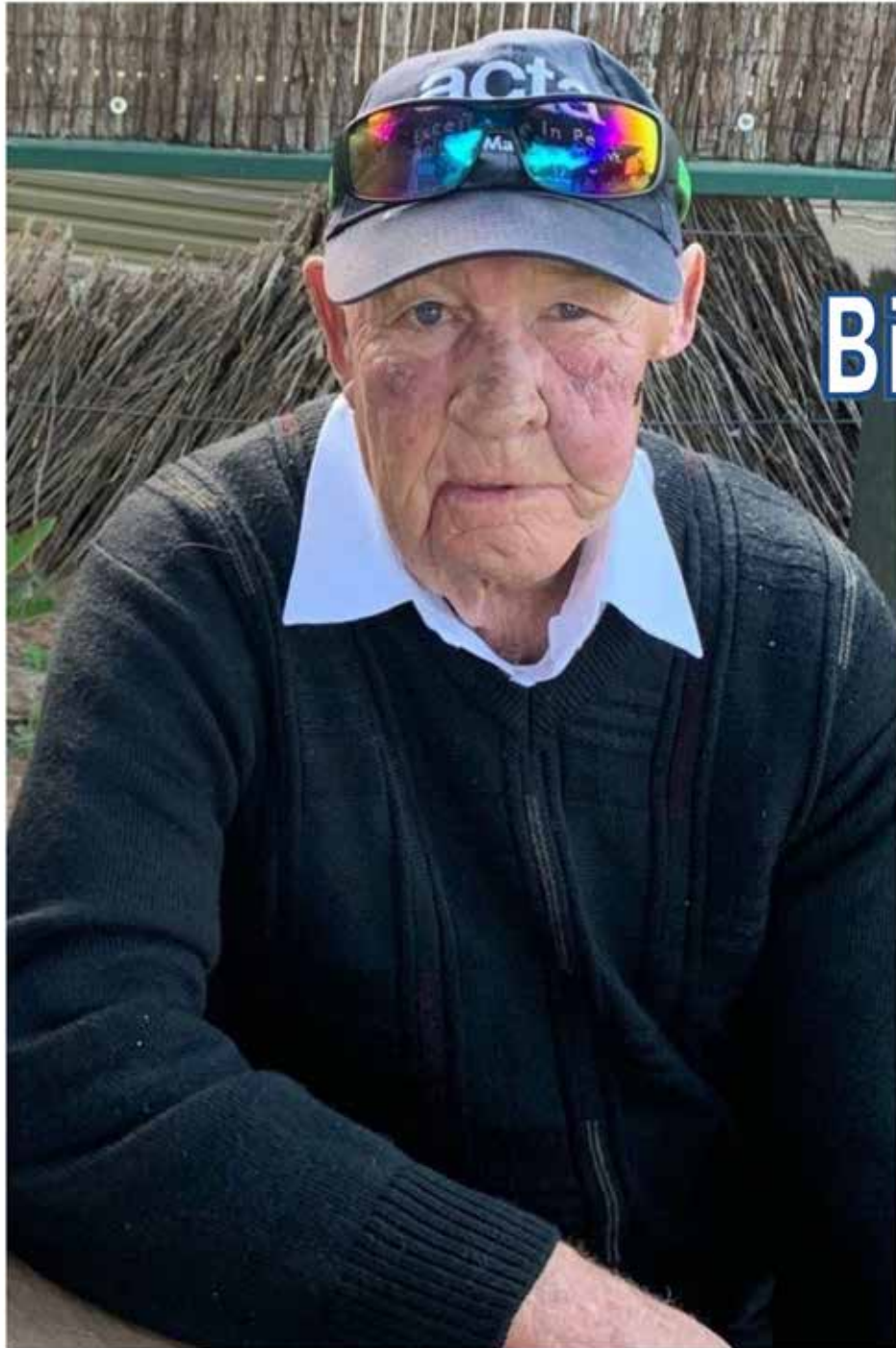
**Birchip
Community
Leisure Centre
President Fiona
Best bestows Life
Membership on
long serving
secretary Julie
Coffey**



Birchip Kindergarten demolition



Lachlan Foott 200 games with daughters Arli and Maci



William George Whitling

RIP

07.10.1943

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07.08.2023



Lesley
Cook's
beautiful
butterfly
patchwork
quilt which
won awards
at CWA
Exhibitions



150th
game
player,
Riley
Doran,
snaps for
goal as
Saints Ned
Gorrie
attempts to
smother



St Vincent de Paul Community Lunch



**Julian, Briony
and Violet
welcome
Giselle Louise
Liston
Born 18.08.2023**



**Marcia Mallia
and Simone
Christie -
Commonwealth
Bank funding
for Birchip
Christmas Party**



Masquerade Ball



Masquerade Ball



**Birchip Patchwork Group – Jan, Anna,
Sharon, Anna, Val, Rhonda, Kerry, Ros**



A Grade Netball celebrate their win over Wycheproof



Beau Haslam
Birchip Watchem
Hockey Club
Under 15 Girls
Best on Field



BWFC Best Club Person – Stephanie Coffey with Brad Sharp & Tricia Russell



BWFC Milestone Players

Riley Doran, Matthew Rickard, Lachlan Foott, Matthew Ryan, Ben Hogan



Birchip Cemetery Working Bee



Birchip Show 'n Shine - Beryl & Neil Fietz



Birchip Show 'n Shine Cars - close up



BWFC Reserves Trophy Winners

Bailey Baxter, Lachlan Randall, Jacob Noonan, Alex Noonan

Loddon Mallee Region



**Birchip
P-12
School
Loddon
Mallee
Regional
Athletics
Team**



BWFC Senior Trophy Winners

**Joseph Reid, Darcy Reid, Lachlan Ryan Jos Builder,
Marshall Rippon, Dale Hinkley, Nick Rippon**



Rainey Daniel
in National
dress at
Birchip
Probus
September

BWFC Under 14 Trophy Winners

Jack McAuliffe, Noah Dean, Oliver Cook, Will Ryan, Koby Hamilton





**Birchip Watchem Hockey Club Trophy Winners
Noah Dean, Charlie Barber, Eva Coffey, Torey Atkinson**



**Natasha
Hogan
attends the
International
Deaf Bowls in
Scotland**



Birchip Watchem Minkey Hockey Players & Coaches



Birchip Watchem Hockey Under 12 Team



**Birchip Watchem Hockey Club Trophy Winners
Beau Haslam, Bridie Casey, Taina Brooks, Kristy Knights**



**Kristy Knights BWHC President bestows Life Membership
Amanda Reid with Life Member Simone Christie**



CONGRATULATIONS BRYAN HOGAN



NORTH CENTRAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE LIFE MEMBERSHIP



- Over 300 games for Birchip Swans
- Captain of the reserves from 1972-1976, including the 1973 flag
- Reserves Best & Fairest · U16s coach
- Reserves coach · Over 20 years as a committee member
- Two terms as president (1980-81) and (1991-92)
- Life membership of Birchip-Watchem Football Club
- President of the NCFL junior body in the early 1990s
- Appointed to NCFL board in 2001 · Vice President 2002-2004
- President 2005-2006

Bryan Hogan receives
NCFL Life Membership –
Chris, Peg, Bryan, Kelli-
Ann & Patrick



**BWNC 14 and Under Trophy Winners
Zara Lowry & Gracie Ferrier**



**BWNC 14 and Under B Premiership
Team and first year players**



BWNC Junior Awards – Tylah Haslam, Sassia Coffey, Hannah Wilson, Keira Lowry, Jenna Angel and Gabrielle O'Donnell



BWNC Senior Awards - Gemma Ryan, Cheyenne Parsons, Carling McEvoy, Jenna Angel, Maddie Sinclair, Meghan Noonan, Khianna Brooks, Sandie Richmond



**Netball Umpires - Brenda Doran, Meghan Noonan,
Rebecca Botheras, Noeline Hogan**



RESERVES BEST & FAIREST



MILNEY MEDAL
*Donated by the Milne family
in memory of Ben*
Sam Milne

#togetherwecharge

The 2023 BWFC Ben Milne Medal went to his brother Sam – with parents Graeme and Cathy



BWNC Under 17B Team Premiers with coach Cheyanne Parsons



BWHC Underage premiers



David Livingston & Jeff Bolden swapped jumpers – now back with their families.



Birchip Watchem 23 St Arnaud 5

14 & UNDER 'B'

north central netball association
GRAND FINAL

* 2023



Charlton & District
Community Bank®



BEST ON: SIENNA RICHMOND

Charlton & District Community Bank® Branch



north west ag
SERVICES

A DELTA AGRIBUSINESS COMPANY

St Arnaud
Betta
HOME LIVING



**Sienna
Richmond – Best
on court in final
with coach and
mother Sandie
Richmond**



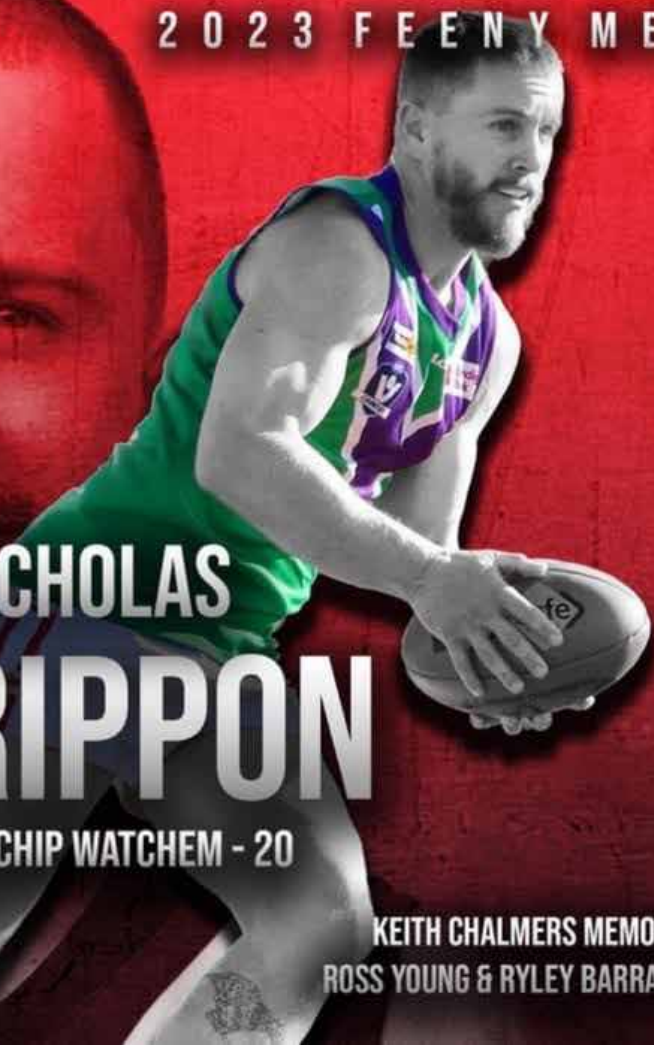
Eva Coffey –
Best & Fairest in
the North Central
Under 15 Hockey
2023

2023 FEENY MEDALLISTS



NICHOLAS
RIPPON

BIRCHIP WATCHEM - 20



TRENT
DONNAN

SEA LAKE NANDALY TIGERS - 20



GOLDACRES

KEITH CHALMERS MEMORIAL TROPHY
ROSS YOUNG & RYLEY BARRACK - DONALD -16



Bridie Casey
- North
Central
Hockey
Assoc Junior
Umpire
Award



2023 BWFC Girl's Competition



**BIRCHIP - WATCHEM
HOCKEY CLUB
UNDER 15
BEST & FAIREST
RUNNER UP**



**CHARLIE
BARBER
34 VOTES**



**BIRCHIP - WATCHEM
HOCKEY CLUB
UNDER 15
BEST & FAIREST
WINNER**



**EVA COFFEY
49 VOTES**



**BIRCHIP-WATCHEM HOCKEY
CLUB
UNDER 15 AWARDS**



**MOST
DETERMINED
TOREY ATKINSON**



**MOST RELIABLE
NOAH DEAN**

Birchip Watchem U15 Hockey Club Award Winners



**BIRCHIP - WATCHEM
HOCKEY CLUB
MEN'S
BEST & FAIREST
WINNER**



**HANNAH
KEMP
36 VOTES**



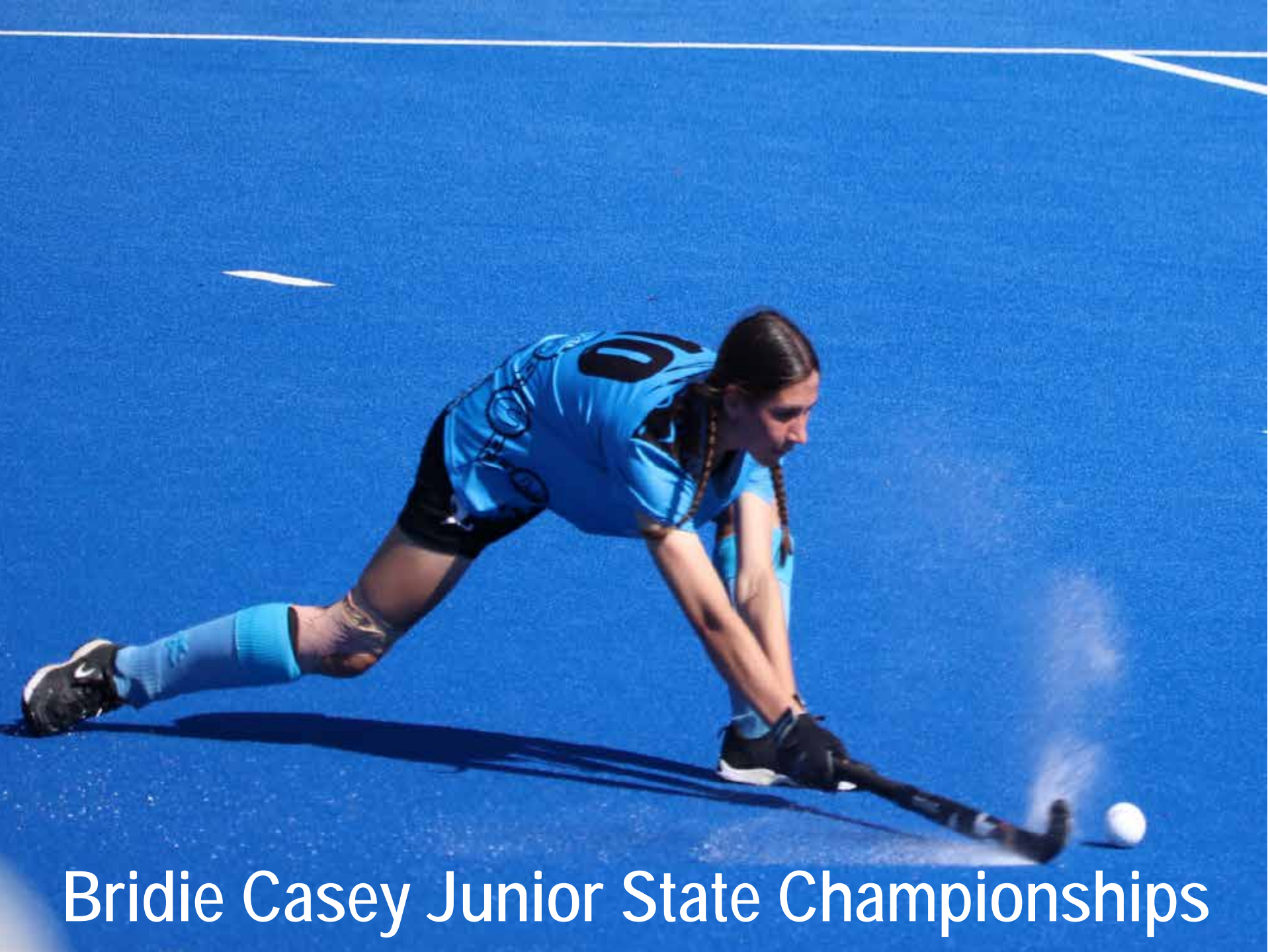
**BIRCHIP - WATCHEM
HOCKEY CLUB
MEN'S
BEST & FAIREST
RUNNER UP**



**KRISTY
KNIGHTS
30 VOTES**



**Birchip Watchem
Hockey Club Award
Winners**



Bridie Casey Junior State Championships



Jakoby Sagggers Junior State Championships



2023 BWHC Minkey A Team



2023 BWHC Under 12 Team



John Ferrier ,BCG Chair, interviewing Linc Lehmann BCG Main Site host at the BCG Main Field Day, Sept 2023



2023 BWHC Under 15 Team



2023 BWHC Women's Team



**Dannie Ian
Maywood**

RIP

07.07.1957

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17.09.2023



The crowd at the BCG main field day at Lehmann's farm at Kinnabulla, September



**Jeff
Bolden**

RIP

18.05.1947

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18.09.2023



Will Marks

**2023 NCFL
Rookie of
the Year**



EWHS Harmony Day



International Womens' Day



Jim Daniel – we'll miss you mate!



**Wirrim CWA executive elected for 2024 at their
AGM in October 2023.**



3rd weekend in October

www.facebook.com/malleerootroundup

JIM
BEAM
APPLE
CIDER

JOHNNIE
WALKER
UDL
RASPBERRY

CARLTON
DRAUGHT
GREAT
NORTHERN

BUNDY
RED
BUNDY
YELLOW

WATER
SOFT
DRINK

UDL
PASSIONFRUIT

UDL
ORANGE



2023 B & S Ball Committee



The 2023 Birchip Batchelor's & Spinster's Ball



Brodie Glen at the B&S Ball



Mallee Root Round-Up Revellers



**Riley &
Jahneva
welcomed their
3rd son Kylo on
04.10.2023.
Isaac, Andrew,
Kylo & Jaia.**



Brad, Willow and River Ryan



CSIRO Director of Food and Agriculture, Dr Michael Robertson, visits BCG, Oct 2023 (John Ferrier, Fiona Best, Dr Michael Robertson & Dr Yolanda Plowman)



Birchip Hospital Flower Show Crowd



**Latrobe
University
Chancellor Hon
John Brumby AO
presents Olivia
Rickard with her
Bachelor
Business
(Agribusiness &
Event
Management)**



**Birchip Hospital Flower Show Auxiliary Executive -
Carol Reid, Cathy Lowry, Brooke Morris, Brenda Doran**



**Madeline
Paley &
Daniel Borley
Engaged
24.10.2023**



Birchip Hospital Flower Show - Logan with Nita



Flower Show – Best Exhibit Winner - Maureen Donnellon



**Rebecca
Botheras
Graduates from
Leadership
Wimmera 2023
Change Makers
Course**



**School Art on
display at
Birchip
Flower Show
in October**



BWFC 2023-2024 Executives



Naomi (Ferrier) McKenzie wins Emerging Artist Award



Tchum Lake North filling



RUOK?TM

Afternoon Tea



Jim Fletcher and
Brian Jeffery making
Christmas Reindeers
in " Santa's
Workshop" at
Birchip Men's Shed



Jude Hall baptised with godfather Leigh Donnellon, parents Mick and Claire Hall and godmother Alecia Millard at St Mary's Church 05.11.2023



Remembrance Day



Halloween in Birchip

Madelyn & Riley Doran on their Wedding Day



Jak Goldsmith



Roger & Dianne Lehmann



Daniel & Andrea Boyle



Sarah & Andrew Barber



Kathy & John Boyle



James & Patrice Rickard



Birchip's new builds



A sunset at Tchum Lake



2023 Birchip P-12 School Year 12 Graduates



BCG wins Leadership and Innovation Award – with Minister Gayle Tierney - December 1 2023



2023 Birchip P-12 School – Year 12 Class
Sophie Kemp, Chloe James, Gaby Sanford, Taina Brooks, Maggie Wilson, Ella Walsh, Erika Payne, Lachlan Randall, Tate Knight, Bridie Casey



2023 Birchip P-12 School - Achievement Award Winners

Logan Cullen, Eva Coffey, Garth Kilroy, Anieka Boyle, Gracie Ferrier, Frances McClelland, Charlie Ferrier, Ari Milne, Ari Richmond, Jai Poyner



Birchip P-12 School

**Nutrien Agriculture
Award**
Hudson Mc Credden

**Janet Lee Literature
Award**
Eliott Bidstrup

**Richmond
Mathematics Award**
Torey Atkinson

**Bev Horton Science
Award**
Jeswin Daniel

**Environmental
Science Award**
Levi Poyner



Birchip P-12 School

2023 Dux of School

**Bridie Casey with
Principal
Mr Andrew Sayle**



Birchip P-12 School - 2023 Year Level Duces

Lana Angel, Jeswin Daniel, Imogen Boyle, Elliott Bidstrup, Blake Lee
Macada Russell, Toby Field, Michael Darby



Birchip P-12 School - 2023 Grade Six Graduates

Toby Field, Jo Wilson, Garth Kilroy, Cooper Harrison, Stephanie
Trickey, Macada Russell with teacher Mrs Lauren Baker



Birchip P-12 School

Ryan Hampton
winner of the
RSL
Encouragement
Award

Lachlan Randall
– winner of the
Richmond-Gourlay
All-rounder Award



2023 Birchip P-12 School Captains – Lachlan Randall & Chloe James with Principal Mr Andrew Sayle and School Council President Tim McClelland



Birchip P-12 School – 2023 VCE Subject Award Winners

Eliot Bidstrup, Lachlan Randall, Chloe James, Ruby Kemp, Bella Morris
Sophie Kemp, Connor Lee



This pine tree is from
the original Lone Pine
at Gallipoli.

Now growing at the
Birchip Cemetery.
In memory of departed
comrades.

'Lest we forget'





New Barber Memorial Seats at Birchip Cemetery



ABC

**2023 Heywire
Winner**

Elliott Bidstrup



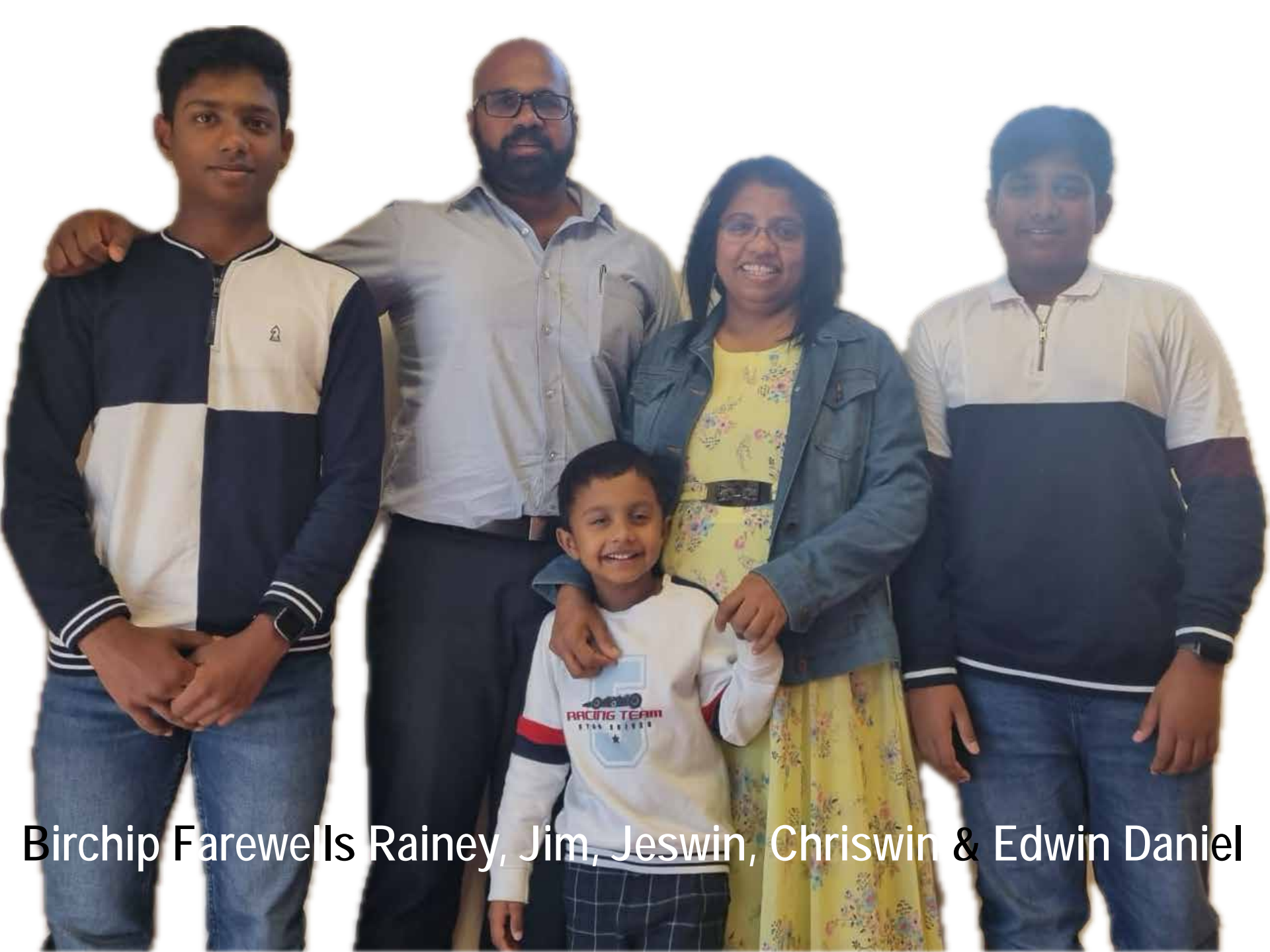
**Dorothy(Dot)
Richardson**

RIP

04.07.1931

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13.12.2023



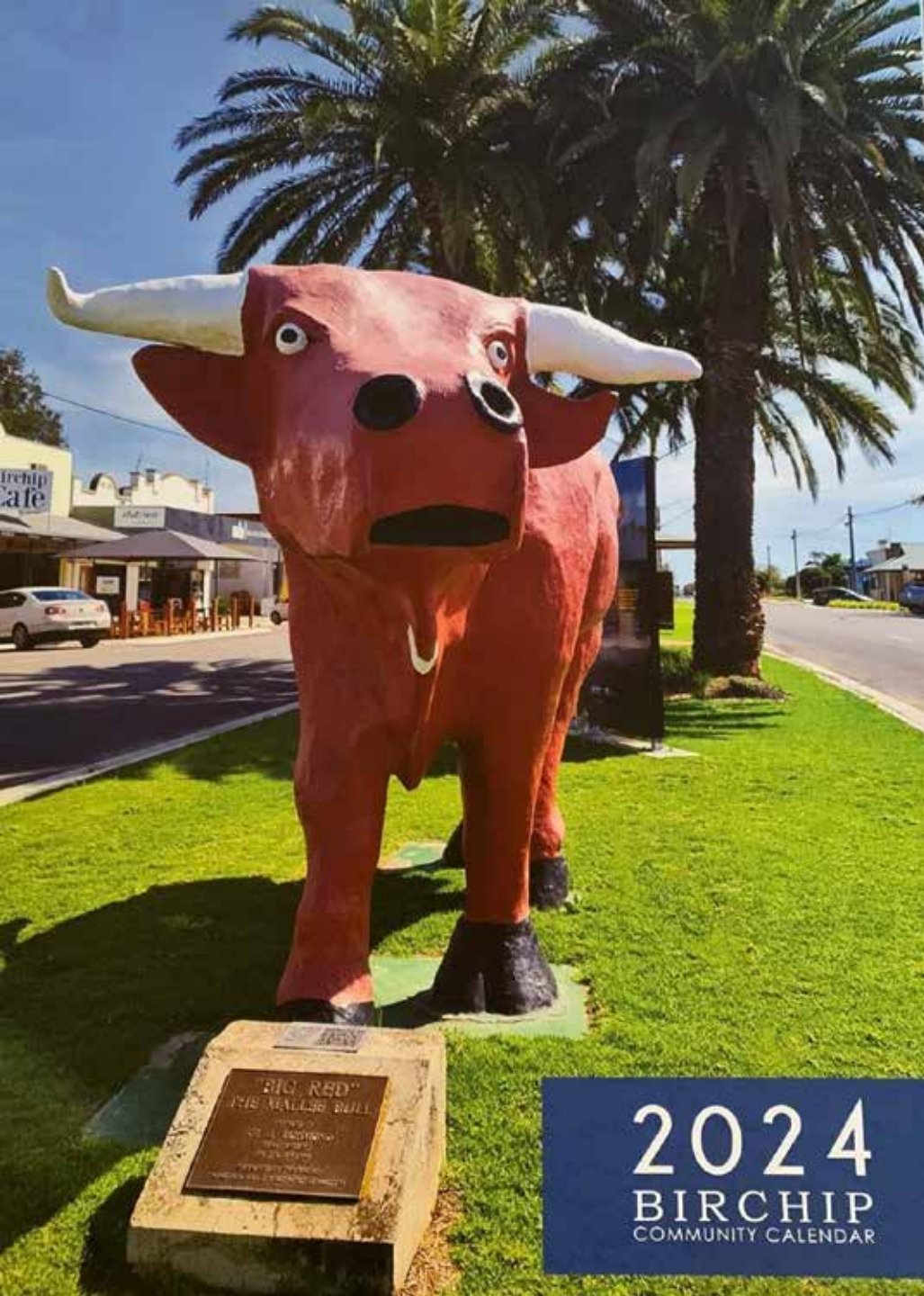
Birchip Farewells Rainey, Jim, Jeswin, Chriswin & Edwin Daniel



2023 Birchip Harvest

2023

- Another year post-COVID – it's still hanging around.
- The 2nd Annual MaliHeart Festival and another mural to adorn our town.
- Another successful B & S Ball.
- Was it an El Niño or another good year?
- 2023 Cemetery Upgrade to Lawn 1.
- At least six new houses on the go!
- Our young people continue to do us proud.
- We look forward positively to 2024.



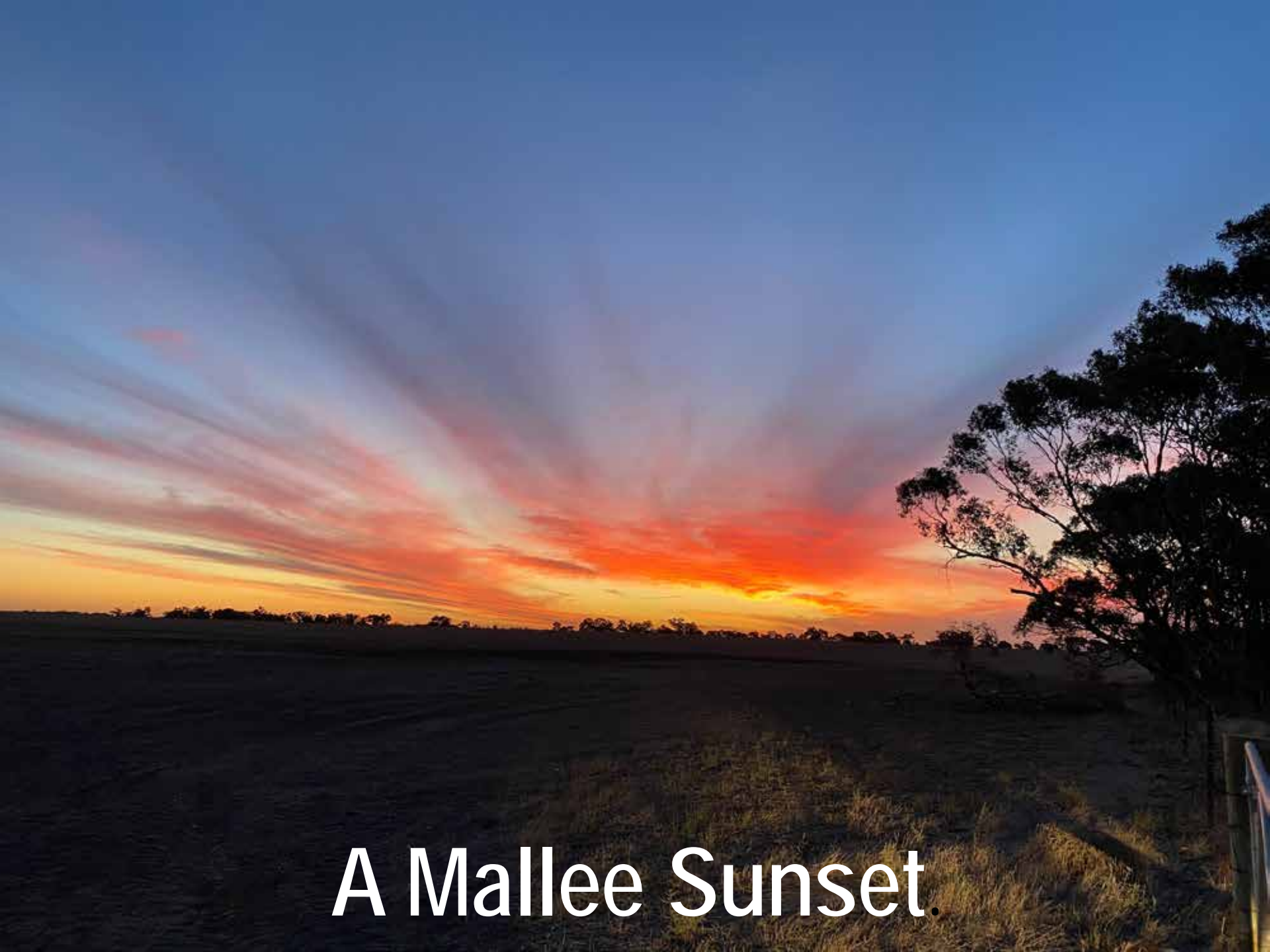
Have you
purchased your
2024 Birchip
Community
Calendar yet?

Many thanks to
Sharee Dobson
for her work.

2024
BIRCHIP
COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**For Birchip Cares bookings during the
summer holidays contact
John Richmond on 0417 106 033**



A Mallee Sunset.

Thank You

Many thanks to Simone Christie, Blake Lee, Maureen Donnellon, Amanda Casey and many other people who contributed to this year's *'2023 The Year That Was'*.

I trust you all have a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas with your family and friends.

**This 2023 presentation can be found on
the Birchip website:**

<http://www.birchip.vic.au/>

**The link to the presentation can be found
on the home page.**

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Have a safe and peaceful Christmas everyone.