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PROFILE—LYN & FRANK CRICHTON

Lyn was born in Charlton where her parents had a wheat and sheep farm at Nine Mile. She had three brothers. She attended the Nine Mile Primary School and had the unusual situation of the teacher boarding with the family. The family moved to a farm at Bellarine and Lyn attended secondary school at West Tech which was a long daily commute. On completing her studies she went to a Business School in Melbourne and then gained a job in the office at Beaurepaire Tyres. Here she met Frank and before long were married and the family grew with one boy and two girls. Whilst being mostly a stay at home mum Lyn did some work at her parents' service station in Portarlington. Eventually Frank and Lyn bought the business and ran it for 25 years.

Frank was born in Geelong and lived in Inverleigh where his parents ran a poultry farm, before moving into Geelong. Frank attended Chilwell Primary School and then Geelong Junior Tech. He gained an apprenticeship as an automotive electrician gaining wide experience in how to run a business. During this time he met Lyn and they married. Next he bought a concrete truck and climbed the rungs to become a plant operator for Pioneer. After some time with refrigerated transport he bought with Lyn her parents service station in Portarlington. His father-in-law was apprehensive about selling but Frank proved that he could make it into a successful business.



Lyn and Frank lived in Leopold and spent a lot of their retirement time travelling with a caravan or motorhome. They moved to Bellarine Springs two years ago and have become fully immersed into the life of the village – not just as participants but also organisers.

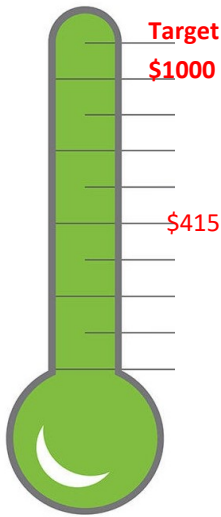
In earlier times Lyn was a very good tennis player and attended St Andrews Portarlington with her mother who was in everything at the church. Later she attended the Presbyterian Church in Newcomb. Now Lyn enjoys singing, cooking and giving it away to neighbours, and village activities.

Frank was into motorsports in his younger days and spent 14 years as the President of the Geelong Speedway Drivers Club and 3 years with the Avalon Speedway Drivers. Now it's carpet bowls and gardening and other village activities—he organised with his daughter an oyster tasting night.

They now have 6 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Lyn attends church because of the peace and satisfaction she receives knowing that the Lord helps her. Frank attends to support Lyn, but he has been finding that he is learning.

LOOSE CHANGE



Our recipient organisation for the first half of 2026 is the Victorian Farmers Federation Disaster Relief Fund, to support farmers affected by fires.

To date we have raised \$415.35

This months' services

5 Apr—10.30 am Easter Day
 Rev Karen
 HC & Loose change
 12 Apr—10.30 am Rev Margaret
 19 Apr —10.30 am Denise's Team
 26 Apr—10.30 am Wayne's Team

WALK OF WITNESS

Good Friday 10.45 am from Christian College to the Uniting Church, to be followed by hot cross buns and cuppa in our hall. The liturgy theme is "Jesus' Journey to the Cross".

HOLIDAY BEST WISHES

On the assumption of being able to fly, we wish Karen a wonderful holiday as she travels to Europe to present at a conference and to have a holiday. Karen is on leave from 11 April—26 May.

HOLY WEEK

There's plenty happening and hopefully you will be part of them.

- Sunday 29 March—Palm Sunday service
- Thursday 2 April—Maundy Thursday service 7.00 pm
- Friday 3 April—Good Friday service 9.30 am
- Walk of Witness 10.45 am
- Saturday 4 April—Easter stall
- Sunday 5 April—Easter Day

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Pat Handley who is celebrating her 90th birthday this month. Wishing you many more with God's love. An "0" birthday lunch will be held on Sunday 3 May in conjunction with May birthdays.



Happy birthday!

APRIL

- Zara Leslie
- Ian Cook
- Pat Handley
- Graeme Dryden
- Susan de Lange
- Piper Colley
- Mervyn Jacobs
- Win Baker
- Belinda McLaverty

Happy birthday!

OUR BANK DETAILS

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	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
APR 5	Margo & Marie	Val	Rhonda	Rhonda	Marie	Jonnie	Val	Denise & Marie
12	Marg & Maggie	Rhonda	Val	Susan	Jean	Lynda	Colleen	
19	Melva & Brenda	Melva	Claire	Denise's Team	Denise's Team	Margo	Denise	
26	Belinda & Darren	Wilma	Denise	Wayne's Team	Wayne's Team	Ian	-	

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