

# TOONGABBIE NEWS

Issue 2, Spring 2019.

## M **OBILE PHONE BLACK SPOT**

At the recent Toongabbie Public Meeting convened by the Toongabbie Township Group the second most important issue, behind safety at the school crossing on the Maffra Road, was a lack of reliable mobile phone reception in our area.

The Toongabbie Township Group has resolved to make appropriate representations to try to remedy the situation in the next round of Mobile Black Spot funding.

How has mobile phone black spot affected you?

- Is this affecting your daily activities?
- Are you a tradesperson or business owner and has the mobile phone black spot affected your business?
- Have you experienced an emergency that could be better managed with good mobile phone coverage?
- Were you adversely affected during bushfire emergency in the past and more recently?
- Does it affect the functioning at our local primary school?

Please take 5 minutes to jot down and forward your experiences with mobile phone coverage in Toongabbie. We hope to use your experiences to lobby for inclusion in the next funding round .

Please email [graber52@outlook.com](mailto:graber52@outlook.com)

Many thanks

Graham Berrett

Toongabbie Township Group Inc.

Prunus - spring-flowering blossoms—  
Toongabbie Village Green



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Please send text and photos as separate attachments by email to the Editor, Ann Berrett at **annber2016@outlook.com**

Clearly written or printed material will also be accepted and can be posted to The Editor, Toongabbie News, PO Box 35, Toongabbie 3856.

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## THE SUMMER EDITION

### DEADLINE

for all contributions is

**FRIDAY DECEMBER  
6TH, 2019**

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## Editorial

Welcome to this Spring Edition of Toongabbie News. Our next Issue—Summer 2019, will hopefully go to print early December. However, the third and future editions of the newsletter are dependent on us being successful in our application for funding through a Latrobe City Community Grants Program. If successful we will be able to produce a 12 page quarterly newsletter over the next 12 month period. We should know by the end of October if we have been successful in our application.

The first, Winter and this second (Spring) edition have only been possible through the generosity of Max and Irene Bridges (MJB Printing) who have printed both editions at cost for the Toongabbie Township Group Inc.

Thank you to all individuals, clubs and groups who have submitted material. Such has been the response that I have had to edit to stay within the current page limit for our Winter and Spring newsletters.

I hope you enjoy this edition and encourage you all to continue to support the newsletter by sending in your written contributions and photos.

Ann Berrett



2019 Spring lambs photo taken on the Paulet family property—"Millring".

## FRIENDS OF THE TOONGABBIE WETLANDS

The Friends of the Toongabbie Wetlands was formed in 2002 out of concern for the presentation of the entry to the town, which after the railway line was closed and removed many years ago, left Toongabbie with the legacy of a large area of unused land in the middle of the town which had become environmentally degraded. The Committee of Management was established to develop a wetlands to compliment the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail which runs through the centre of the Toongabbie Wetlands. It is now a popular area for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The Committee of Management has taken responsibility for developing and maintaining the site.

Committee members and interested volunteers maintain the area by

- ♦ Regular mowing to create an aesthetically pleasing grassed area.
- ♦ Regular spraying of weeds, including blackberries, on the paths and around the waterways.
- ♦ Collection and burning of fallen sticks and branches
- ♦ Repairing any damage, from weather or otherwise as needed.

We receive funding from the Latrobe City Council each year in the form of an Annual Maintenance Grant. Funding is used to maintain the area and the equipment used in maintaining the area. It also assists in paying for a spraying contractor to assist with controlling the weeds and to resurface paths when needed.

The Committee would love some 'new blood' so if anyone is interested in being involved they could speak to Philip O'Malley (President) on 0419 110 057 or Barbara Fulton (Secretary) on 0428 924 718.

## TOONGABBIE RECREATION RESERVES

On 12th September the Triannual Public Meeting of the Toongabbie Recreation Reserves Committee was held. The meeting was chaired by the Latrobe City Councillors with Cr. Dan Clancy, Cr. Dale Harri-man, Cr. Darren Howe and Cr. Kellie O'Callaghan in attendance.

The President presented a report on the Committees achievements over the last three years.. A Committee was elected including two new members Trevor Dalach ( also a member of the Toongabbie Golf Club) and Tim Paulet elected onto the Committee. The new Committee is Graham Berrett (President), Mark Woods ( Secretary), Roger Ries (Treasurer), Alan Paulet, Don Cadwallader, Tom Anton, Tim Paulet and Trevor Dalach.

The Committee operates under the Crown Lands Act 1978 and manages three areas of Crown land in Toongabbie. The Recreation Reserve, Village Green and Water Reserve.

Latrobe City was thanked for their support through an Annual Maintenance Grant and Minor Capital Works Grants.

Discussion was held around issues facing us over the next three years and funding possibilities. These issues included:

- ♦ Maintenance of aging buildings.
- ♦ Sealing of Stadium car park.
- ♦ Upgrading playing surface of Oval.
- ♦ Increasing cost of water for Committee
- ♦ Golf Clubs Latrobe Valley Authority Grant Application.
- ♦ Upgrade to skate park.

We thank the Councillors for their attendance. The Committee can be contacted via any member or the President on 0351 924 567 or email [graber52@outlook.com](mailto:graber52@outlook.com).



## LIONS CLUB OF WELLINGTON/ LATROBE

### YOUR local Lions Club.

**T**he club has been kept very busy with running of twice monthly BBQ's at Woolworths Traralgon, attending various meetings and functions etc.

We recently responded to the "NEED FOR FEED" request for assistance for things to put into comfort packs for our needy farmers.

The club donated \$200.00 and Woolworth's Traralgon donated a further \$100.00, so a substantial amount of Men's things were duly purchased and delivered to the need for feed HQ at Upper Beaconsfield.

Last lions' year the club supported the following organisations:

LCIF INTERNATIONAL FUND, TOONGABBIE WILDLIFE, TOONGABBIE MECHANICS INSTITUTE, RIDE FOR SIGHT, "NEED FOR FEED", LCI FIRE APPEAL, SPINAL CORD, MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC,

LICOLA WILDERNESS VILLAGE, RETINA AUSTRALIA, ALF NATIONAL DROUGHT RELIEF, GIPPSLAND FARM RELIEF, LATROBE REGIONAL HOSPITAL, CFA – TOONGABBIE, TOONGABBIE PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLUE RIBBON, SPONSORED TWO CHILDREN TO A LIONS LICOLA CAMP, STRATFORD LIONS – TOWARDS VEHICLE FOR A DISABLED CHILD, AUSTRALIAN LIONS DRUG AWARENESS FOUNDATION, AUSTRALIAN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

**As well as this, the club was able to respond to other urgent needs as well!**

Our next highlight will be the visit of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor at our Dinner meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

We are also in the process of organising for the sponsorship of two local children to be able to attend a camp at the Lion's Licola Wilderness Village in January 2020.

We have recently obtained two lovely teardrop banners to help promote the club in the community



We thank the greater Toongabbie Community for their ongoing support, without such support, we simply wouldn't be able to function, THANK YOU.

### Toongabbie Wellbeing Centre

Toongabbie Wellbeing Centre was established in 1994 by Marlene Cadwallader who has had decades of experience in both Western Medicine and Alternative Therapies. A nurse of 50 years she has been practicing Natural Therapies for the past 25 years with focus on pain relief and stress management.

#### TOONGABBIE WELLBEING CENTRE

##### NATURAL THERAPIES

Remedial and Relaxation Massage  
Lymphatic Drainage  
Pranic Healing  
Reiki

**Marlene Cadwallader**  
Ba. App.SC. ANATA

0428 786 178



**Tuesday  
5th  
November**



*Come  
and Celebrate*  
**MELBOURNE CUP**  
Presented by Wellington & Latrobe Lions Club

*The Day kicks off with:*

- A glass of bubbles on arrival as part of Chicken & Champagne Lunch from 12:00pm
- Fashions on the Field Men & Women
- Races will be broadcast on TV with races sweeps running all day
- Drinks at Bar Prices
- Coffee & Tea

**Tickets \$25 Per Person**

Tickets available:

Christine  
0400 672 739  
Shazelle  
0409 222 582  
Facebook



Venue: Toongabbie Cricket Club Rooms  
Main Street, Toongabbie

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 **Latrobe Valley  
Mine Rehabilitation  
Commissioner**

**Understanding our future  
after mining**

With Hazelwood closing in 2017, Yallourn ceasing operations in 2032 and Loy Yang in 2048, rehabilitation planning for all three coal mines is underway that will transform the Latrobe Valley we know today.

Professor Rae Mackay, as the Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner, provides independent advice to the Victorian government and works closely with the community, stakeholders and Hazelwood, Yallourn and Loy Yang mine owners on mine rehabilitation planning.

As power generation has been integral to the region's economy for nearly 90 years, the community has considerable interest in ensuring that future landforms deliver on a range of social and economic benefits, as well as provide accessible and visually attractive landscapes.

**Meet with the  
Commissioner**

The Commissioner is keen to keep the community informed about the work being done and values your views on mine rehabilitation planning: What does it mean for you, for the region? How would you like to be engaged in the conversation?

To find out more, or if you're a member of a community group and would like the Commissioner to attend a group meeting, please contact us:

1800 571 966  
commissioner@lvmrc.vic.gov.au  
lvmrc.vic.gov.au

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## **LATROBE CITY COMMUNITY GROUPS WORKSHOP: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING**

A WORKSHOP AIMED AT ASSISTING COMMUNITY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES TO UNDERSTAND DIFFERENT FUNDING PLATFORMS AND HOW TO MAKE THEIR ORGANISATIONS MORE SUSTAINABLE.

### **KEY TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- The difference between fundraising, donations and philanthropy
- What funders are looking for and developing a worthy pitch
- Developing a funding history and tailored fundraising plan

**DATE: Monday 18 November 2019**

**TIME; 5.30 PM FOR A 6.00 PM  
START TILL 9.00 PM**

**LOCATION: Century Inn, 5 Airfield  
Road (Cnr. Princes Hwy), Traralgon**

Please register via <https://cgsustainablefunding.eventbrite.com> before  
Wednesday 13 November 2019

For further information contact Audrey  
Matthews on 5128 5658 or  
[Audrey.Matthews@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:Audrey.Matthews@latrobe.vic.gov.au)



## PIPE GRANGE CENTENARY

**A**lmost 100 years ago, on the 30th September 1919, Dr Horace Frederick Hayes, purchased "Pipe Grange" on Chappels Road East from the Majendie family for the sum of 9 pounds and 10 shillings per acre. Further land had been purchased by the Hayes family over the years, enabling them to run a successful mixed farming business.



Dr Hayes from Warragul had purchased the property for his son George Hayes upon his return from service in WWI. He had many fellow returned soldiers come to work for him over the years.

In those days Pipe Grange did not have a suitable shed for shearing. Instead the large mobs of sheep were walked 3 miles of dusty laneways to the neighbouring property "Millring", to make use of the Henderson's well equipped shearing shed. It was during these long days of shearing that George met Martha Henderson, who he would later



marry. The shearing shed on "Pipe Grange" was not built until 1948. In 1926 George married Martha and had two sons Len and George. Working on the farm was enough

to keep Len and George from getting into too much trouble whilst growing up.

A lot of rabbit trappers would come to the farm back in the day. They used to stay in an old shed on the property; Len remembers walking past at night, stopping to listen to a story or two whilst smelling the rabbits cooking in a four-gallon kerosene tin. A stew with some gravy in it, was pretty good tucker. The rabbits were taken to a cool room off the butter factory in Glengarry, where the rabbit buyer would come at least twice a week to collect the haul.

A lot of time was put into clearing the land of the thick population of gumtrees so that it could be used

for cropping and fodder. 94 gum trees and 400 stumps were cleared in one 34 acre paddock alone. During his semi-retirement, as much as anyone ever retires from farm work, Len planted thousands of gum trees around the property with the help of his grandchildren.

The sheep yards were built in the 1920's then had a refurb. In the 1950's using red gum railings, some of which remain today. "Pipe Grange" ran approx. 1500 Corriedale sheep— much the same numbers as today however, the farm now runs Border Leicester x merino ewes to produce fat lambs and wool.

In the early days, horses were used to drive the cattle to Glengarry train station once they were ready for market, approximately every 3 months. George Snr., Len and George would follow the cattle on their horses with a couple of good sheep dogs.

George Hayes Snr passed away in 1959 at the age of 66. Len and George had taken over the running of the farm in the years prior. In 1967, Len bought out George's share of "Pipe Grange". Len and his wife Gwen had four children Jenny, Robyn, Chris and Richard. The boys now run "Pipe Grange" together with their families.

Over the past 100 years there have been many ups and downs in farming life, but the connection and love of the land and to your stock, make it all worth it. The drought we are currently experiencing is one of the worst Len has seen in his 89 years on the farm. Preparing for tough times when the years are good has ensured "Pipe Grange" remains a viable farming business.

Written by Len Hayes and his granddaughter Lauren Schmidt. Sadly since writing this article Len passed away peacefully at his home "Pipe Grange" on 20th August 2019, just 6 weeks shy of the long awaited centenary celebration.



Len Hayes





Left: carting  
Hayes's wool to  
Toongabbie rail-  
way station from  
"Millring".



Photos: page 4 top left—George  
Snr., Len & Dr Horace Hayes.

P4: bottom left—George, Len &  
George Snr., on horse back drov-  
ing sheep to "Millring".

Page 5: top right—Gwen & Chil-  
dren feeding cows in 1954 Land  
Rover.

2nd from top on right: Len Hayes

Right: harvesting a pea crop

Bottom right: haystacks

Below left: carting Hay



## Toongabbie Fire Brigade

### Smoke Alarms

#### Is your smoke alarm ready for retirement?

If your smoke alarm is more than a decade old, it may belong in a museum, not on your ceiling.

CFA Assistant Chief Officer South East Region Trevor Owen is warning the community that out of date smoke alarms could be a liability in an emergency. All smoke alarms have a 10-year life span and need to be replaced or they may not work when you need them most.

Mr Owen says smoke alarms save lives by providing a critical early warning that could give you time to evacuate safely – but only if they work. “In a fire, only a working smoke alarm can save your life,” he said.



We believe that some households have never replaced their smoke alarms and that is concerning.

The risk of dying from fire is greatest at night when you are asleep. When we sleep we lose our sense of smell. Without a working smoke alarm, you may not wake up in time to safely escape.

If your smoke alarms aren't working properly, you may miss that vital early warning sign that could save the lives of you and your family.

CFA and MFB recommend smoke alarms with a 10-year lithium battery, and should be installed in all bedrooms and living areas. When installed and maintained correctly these smoke alarms detect smoke the quickest, giving you more time to evacuate.

If you don't have a working smoke alarm in your home and a fire occurs, you are four times more likely to die and 26 per cent more likely to suffer serious injuries. If you do choose to use a 9volt battery smoke alarm, the battery will need to be replaced every year.

A good reminder is doing it every year at the end of daylight savings or at the start of the new financial year.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/smoke-alarms/>.



@toongabbiefirebrigade

#### **Toongabbie CFA Junior Development Program 2019**

Time: 6 -7pm

Age: 11-16 year old

Cost: Free!

Term 2 - Last session June 27th

Term 3 - No Juniors

Term 4

Oct 17th, Oct 31st

Nov 14th, Nov 28th

Dec 12th

If you would like more information, contact Cassandra on 0411 422 173



## TOONGABBIE MENS SHED NEWS

**T**he Toongabbie & District Men's Shed Inc. members have just completed the construction of the veranda on the east side of the kitchen / amenities section of the Shed. Thanks to Stephen Bailey for managing the project and to all the members who volunteered their time to complete the veranda under budget and finally finish off the exterior of the Shed.

Members are also constructing a steel frame and back board sign for the Wellington Latrobe Lions Club to erect at the Toongabbie Mechanics Institute Hall, displaying their signage.

Picture frames using the timber from the Mechanics Institute Hall's old picket fence are being made to display the historical photographs of the Toongabbie area. These photographs will hang on the wall in the hall. A display board for the Shed has also been made from these old pickets.

The Toongabbie & District Men's Shed Inc. will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 5.00pm. All members and interested persons welcome.



Above: Veranda completed

Below: Colin and Terry





## TOONGABBIE GOLF CLUB NEWS

**A**fter such a dry Summer and Autumn, our fairways were a bit tired and sad, but the very welcome Winter rains have those same fairways green, growing and ready to welcome golfers back from their hibernation.

Spring is a busy time for most of the nearby golf clubs and Toongabbie is certainly no exception.

In addition to our weekly, men's and women's competitions, October 20 will see the Toongabbie Plate, a men's team event, with players from many of the nearby clubs competing. Heyfield, Newry, Maffra, Traralgon and Morwell and other clubs will also be hosting their 'Plate' days during Spring and Toongabbie will be competing in them all.

Our annual tournament will be running from November 14-17 with men's, women's and mixed events over the 4 days. The event hosts players from near and far and is one we look forward to each year. This will be quickly followed by our men's club championships over the following 2 weekends.

Other clubs in our region also have their annual tournaments during Spring and it's an important time for the collegiate clubs to support each other and continue the friendly networks that golf clubs engender and enjoy.

As always, our women will be competing in a number of events at clubs right across East Gippsland as well as hosting a couple of popular events in September and November.

It's a great time of year for playing golf, so if you've been itching to get out and have a hit or have been thinking of joining a club, it could well be worth your while to check out the Toongabbie Golf Club. Daily green fees are only \$15 and you can play as many holes as you like. Memberships are only \$240, the cheapest you'll find anywhere.

**And, don't forget our monthly dinners, held on the first Friday of each month. Bookings are required.**

For any enquiries about the club, our events and functions or about joining or playing, give us a call on 5192 4755. If we aren't there, leave a message and we'll get back to you.

Toongabbie Recreation Reserves Committee Inc.

### **Toongabbie Annual Machinery Sale & Auction**

**Sunday October 27th 2019**

**10am Start. Full Catering—morning tea & lunch**

Buyer number system applies

Terms cash or cheque—ID will be required

Book larger items for sale ASAP with the Committee to ensure free advertising

Call Graham on 5192 4567 or Allen on 5192 4435

Gates Open 8am

Stall Sites available for the day—\$15 each

Call Roger on 5192 4702 to book

Trestles supplied



## SCOUTING OPPORTUNITIES IN TOONGABBIE

Scouting offers boys and girls the opportunity to achieve their full potential and become responsible citizens of their local, national and international communities.

- Cub Scouts: 8-11 yrs. Meet each Thursday 6.30—8 pm.
- Scouts: 11-14 yrs. Meet each Wednesday 7-9 pm.



You will notice as you pass through Glengarry that the Scout Hall is undergoing extensions and renovations, which is going to give us a lot better facilities for our Scout Groups.

Enquiries: Group Leader, Phillip O'Malley

0419 110 057

Located in Glengarry, along the Traralgon/Maffra Road, the 1st Glengarry Scout Group has a strong Toongabbie membership. Through adventurous activities such as camping, hiking, survival skills, camp cooking, archery, canoeing and much more, children learn resilience, problem solving skills, leadership and self confidence, while making and developing friendships. All this fun, as well as going out and being involved in and serving their communities.

The 1st Glengarry Scout Group is very excited to have recently formed their first ever Joey Scout Mob. For girls and boys school age 5 to 7 years, Joey Scouts aim to nurture and develop a greater understanding of the world around them with a growing awareness of their surroundings and nature by getting out and about in their community.

1st Glengarry Scout Group offers 3 sections of scouting for girls and boys.

- Joey Scouts: 5-7 yrs., meet each Thursday 5-6 pm.



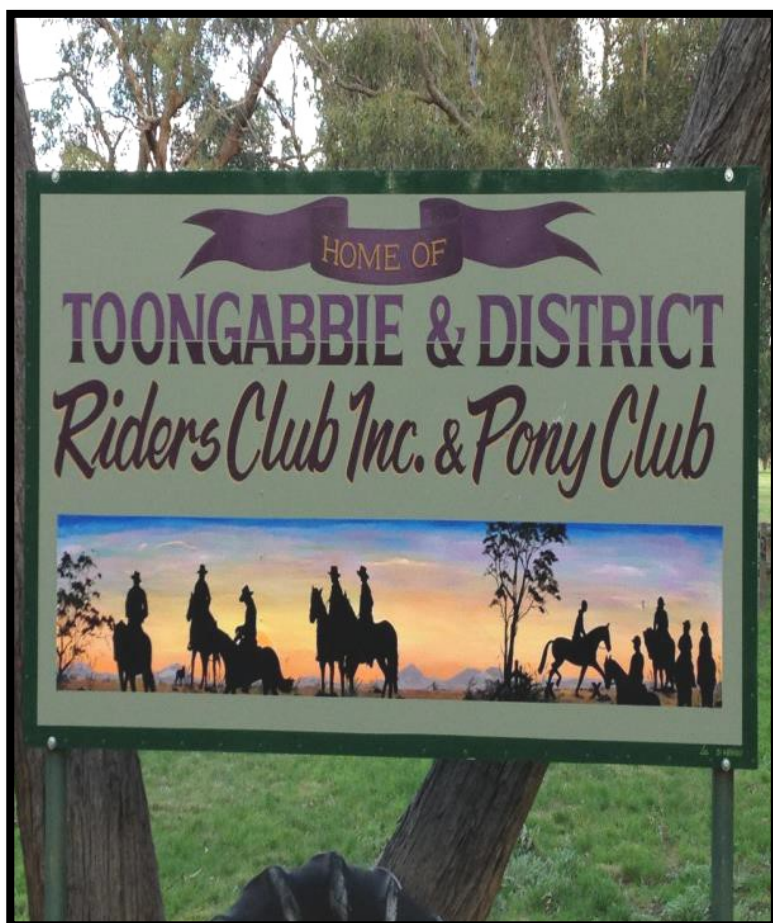
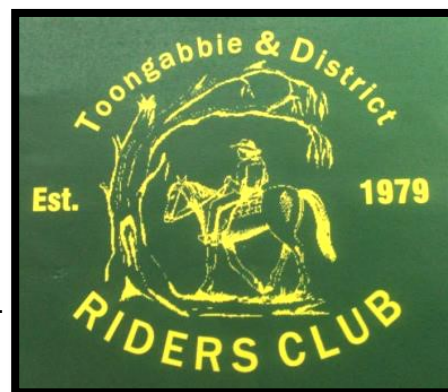
## Toongabbie and District Riders Club Inc.

The riders club members have remained active over the past few months with members attending the monthly rides at Willung, Toongabbie and Glengarry as well as joining Yarram and Rosedale clubs on a couple of their club rides.

The next few months the club will be busy with organising our monthly rides with our annual meeting on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> October in the meeting hall.

November will start with a ride in the Yinnar area on the first Sunday of the month. The novelty day is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of November. These days have proved very popular with not only club members but horse riders from around the area. Up to 100 riders of all ages have competed on the day. This is not only a great day for the riders but spectators enjoy the day especially those younger up and coming equestrians, some under 5 years old, having a lot of fun on their ponies. There is a tuck shop on the day to for those that get a bit hungry.

As mentioned in the last edition the club is celebrating our 40 year anniversary this year. Celebrations will be over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> November 1<sup>st</sup> December with a trail ride from the grounds up into the bush on the Saturday. BYO saddle bag lunch. Saturday evening there will a dinner and entertainment at the grounds with plenty of time to catch up and relive past experiences with the club. We would love to see all those past members come along and join us and help us celebrate this significant milestone. Sunday there is a short morning ride with a BBQ lunch with meat and bread supplied. Please bring a salad or sweet to share. Sunday is also the club Christmas break up. Price for the weekend \$35 for adults, 13 & under \$20, 5 & under free. This includes the ride fee Sat & Sun, spit roast and entertainment Sat night and BBQ lunch Sunday. For those that wish to attend please give Dave a call to register your intent to help with the catering. If you know of anyone that we need to notify please send there information to the email address below.



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