



Tongala Senior Citizens committee members Shirley Allen and Joy Chalmers marked the club's 58th birthday with a sweet celebration.

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Lorraine Applebee, Denise Neuth, Margaret McPhee and June Lea catch up over lunch.



Tongala Primary School students Vivian Snelling and Victoria Davie handed out hot food and sandwiches to the senior citizens.

# Senior citizens mark 58 years

By Bree Lambert

Tongala Senior Citizens Club members recently marked a major milestone, celebrating the club's 58th birthday with a gathering full of community and connection.

Members were joined by visiting seniors group representatives from Kyabram, Lockington and Shepparton, who travelled to the Tongala Senior Citizens Club to join in the festivities on Friday, July 24.

Tongala Senior Citizens Club secretary Joy Chalmers thanked everyone who attended, with special

praise reserved for the young volunteers from Tongala Primary School who helped on the day.

"They're out in the kitchen serving, they're cleaning up, and they're just liaising around with seniors, it's beautiful," she said.

As the Tongala Senior Citizens Club looks ahead, the bonds built between the town's oldest and youngest residents ensure the club's legacy remains as strong and connected to community as ever.

• The Free Press was there to capture the club's birthday celebrations.



Shepparton Senior Citizens Club members Bev Denner, Judith Zampaglione and Shirley Egan turned up to celebrate with Tongala Senior Citizens Club members.



Tongala Primary School students Sienna Covington, Lilly Smith, Vivian Snelling, Victoria Davie, Adelaide Mackrell and Elisha Daniel served lunch to attendees.



Tongala Senior Citizens Club committee members Marilyn MacDonald and Win Crilly selling raffle tickets at the door.



Marlene Draton, Sandra Norster, Geoff Norster and Campaspe Shire councillor Luke Sharrock attended the occasion.



Mavis O'Brien, Linda Harris, Rose Hutchinson and Doreen Dean catch up before lunch.



Cindy Simons and country and variety singer Kim Ritchie put on a show for attendees.



Senior Citizens Club members enjoyed catching up at the celebration.



Andrew Vater, Murray Ross, Alexandra Andrew, Chris Andrew, Judee Campbell and Ros Wyland caught up to celebrate the occasion.