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## Charlton Museum Tribunes saved and restored with \$25,000 grant for other flood damaged items

The Charlton Golden Grains Museum was very fortunate to receive \$25,000 from the Newman's Own Foundation to fund the restoration of some of their flood damaged collection including cabinets, textiles and upholstered furniture.

It is very specialised work and without this generous donation, the future of some of the museum's most significant items would be in doubt.

Included in the items that were damaged were 40 years of Charlton Tribunes, most of which were not yet microfilmed.

The newspapers were put into a large freezer loaned by Harvey Norman Bendigo, for a period of two months whilst the committee determined if they could be saved.

Thankfully the Public Records Office secured the services of Steamatic who dried the newspapers for free.

The pages of the newspapers which were previously stuck together and covered with mould can now be turned page by page.

The museum building repairs are

nearly complete and unpacking of the collection is well underway.

The process of redesigning the museum layout and ordering new display cabinets is the next step.

The research facility is up and running with family history requests arriving frequently, however the museum committee anticipates that it will still be several months before they are officially open to the public.

Visitors are welcome anytime to see what's going on or to lend a hand.

*Right: Caroline Olive, (Secretary of Charlton Golden Grains Museum) displays a restored copy of one of the Charlton Tribunes which were badly damaged in the flood.*



## Ring 000, NOT the local number

AFTER a recent spate in members of the public calling fire stations directly to report fires, CFA's St. Arnaud group is urging the community to call triple zero (000) first for any emergency.

St. Arnaud Group Officer Craig Cheesman said while it's great to see the public being proactive and calling CFA as soon as they see a fire, people need to remember the majority of our brigades are volunteer based and may not have someone sitting at the station to take their emergency call.

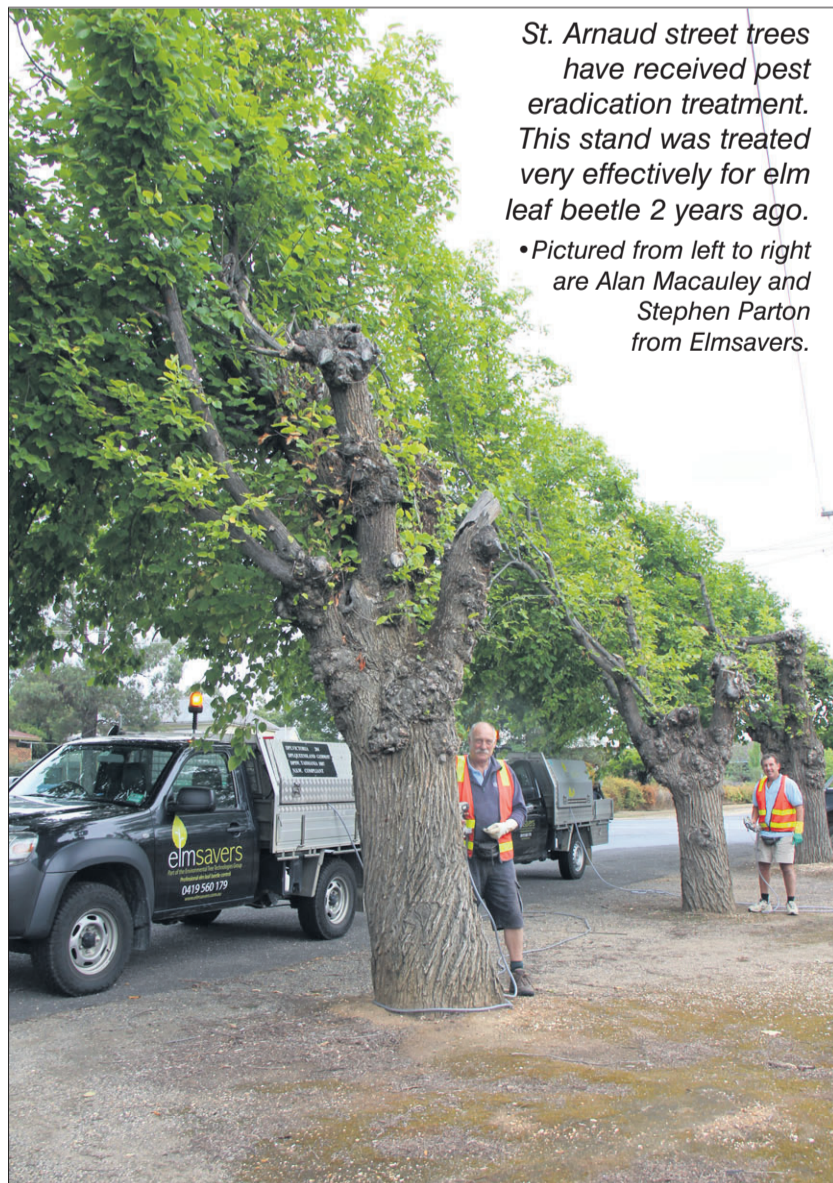
"Knowing how to call triple zero (000) in an emergency can be the difference between life and death," Mr Cheesman said.

"The triple zero service is the quickest way to get the right emergency service to help you, and allows CFA to respond in the most timely manner.

"We understand that St. Arnaud is a tight-knit community and people think they're doing the right thing by calling their local brigade but we really need to enforce the correct procedures by calling triple zero.

"Our dedicated volunteers work hard to protect lives and property.

"We just need the community to assist us with maintaining this level of protection," he said.



St. Arnaud street trees have received pest eradication treatment. This stand was treated very effectively for elm leaf beetle 2 years ago.

•Pictured from left to right are Alan Macauley and Stephen Parton from Elmsavers.

## Tree life saver was in town

LAST Wednesday and Thursday Elmsavers treated over 100 street trees in St. Arnaud for insects and disease.

Trees treated included elms, plane, oak and ash.

Operator Stephen Parton said that while most of the trees were looking healthy he is concerned about the oriental trees near the post office.

"We provided a complimentary treatment to these trees as we were not exactly sure what is affecting them.

"We know that they have powdery mildew which we've treated but they also have what we call a disease complex which is a number of diseases.

"We have done our

best for them, hopefully they will recover."

Stephen said the latest tree treatments overall are guaranteed for two years, after which he recommends they are retreated.

"It is important to stay on top of insects but especially diseases.

"Insects can knock them but diseases can be dire."

Elmsavers also treated 140 trees in Stawell and found a number in bad condition due to a fruit tree borer which can cause considerable damage if left untreated.

### Readers please note:

Due to Labour Day Weekend, next week's edition of the North Central News will be available Thursday 15th of March 2012.

## Inside today

~ No water for Batyo Catyo yet.

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