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Nullawil Celebrates 125 Years

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No matter the weather, this Easter in Nullawil will be a true reflection of the township's story so far. From Friday 25 March and across the weekend this tight Mallee community will celebrate both its 125th Anniversary and the 30th Anniversary of its Historical Society, marking both with a "Back to Nullawil" and everyone is invited!

Anticipation is high with many travelling back to the town from right across the country to join the hard working community living in the Calder Highway town. The backdrop to the celebrations is the magnificently restored Auchmore Homestead on the Quambatook Road which is now a museum. Within the grounds lays the work of the Historical Society and its volunteers. It is hard to imagine it hasn't taken longer to amass such a stunning snap shot of the area's history which gives an amazing insight into life on the land here and indeed in many rural locales throughout history.

In addition to the Homestead, fully furnished with period pieces and stain glass windows, the grounds play host to many of the areas significant historical buildings. The Towaninny Primary School now sits here and beside it the shelter shed from Culgoa Primary School. Such is the attention to detail the makers of the hit film "The Dressmaker" inspected the site as they put together their setting arrangements.

A key feature of the site is the relocated Winston Church. After meticulous planning the building was picked up and moved here in one day! It will host a combined church service on the Sunday morning.

This facility is by no means a secret but perhaps the words could be spoken louder. School children who travel in from across the state have been entertained and fascinated by the working machinery, working man's hut, drop log house as well as the many artefacts that adorn each building.

The event promises to be a flowing weekend of events for all ages as well as a true "Back to" experience designed to entertain locals and the wider community.

Registrations open from 4.00pm Friday 25 March at the Uniting Church Hall. This will include an extensive display of the Nullawil story so far.

Saturday's highlights include; a time capsule opening at the Nullawil Primary School, Auchmore Homestead open, working machinery displays, children's activities with both BBQ lunch and afternoon tea available on site. Saturday night features a meal and entertainment at Nullawil Recreation Reserve.

Back up Sunday when the Historical Society grounds are again open from 9.00am for the combined church service, Nullawil South West Primary School reunion and lunch. After that a Family Day commences at the Recreation Reserve from 2.00pm which features a jumping castle, face painting and traditional games. All this punctuated by dinner from 7.00pm.

All returning persons are encouraged to register their interest.

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So no matter the weather this will be a celebration of a hard working town, proud of its unfinished story. Hey, a hot and windy day wouldn't be out of place now, would it?

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