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Garden tea party funds to help families

A charming garden tea party has raised more than \$1000 for the Goulburn Valley Pregnancy and valley Pregnancy and Family Support Service.
Last month's party was at Robyn and John Processing Services.

Robyn and John Pettigrew's historic Bunbartha home, Manaroo.

The couple showed the 80 guests through the house William Orr built in 1910 and Mr Pettigrew gave an interesting presentation about its part owners.

Goulburn Valley Preg-nancy and Family Support Service committee chair-woman Pat Moran said all

"The garden was absolutely beautiful and the bonus was that they opened their house to us all," Mrs Moran said.

"We had a scrumptious afternoon tea and it was just delightful.'

Mrs Moran said the money raised would go towards family support, material aid supplies and

material and supplies and volunteer running costs.

The service supports families by supplying baby and children's clothing and quality used equipment, such as prams, bassinets,

They also provide emergency nappies and formula.

Mrs Moran said she was grateful for a recent Community Fund Goulburn Valley grant of \$7500 to go towards storing the clothing and equipment.
The Goulburn Valley

Pregnancy and Family Support Service is at the old church hall at 15a St Andrew's Rd, Shepparton.

Top day: Robyn and John Pettigrew opened their historic Bunbartha home, Manaroo, for a garden tea party.



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God does know best

PUT AMBITIONS ASIDE TO HEED GOD'S SIGNS

By George Deeble.

Euroa Christian Fellowhip

Charles Haddon Spurgeon was acknowledged as the most powerful, successful and fruitful minister in the

successful and truttul minister in the history of Victorian England.
He said "he thanked the Lord a thousand times very heartily for the strange providence which forced his steps into another and far better path".
What was this far better path?

When he was 18 years old and seek-ing God's will for his life, he felt it was time for theological training. His father and friends advised him to

attend college.

So he made an application to Regent's Park College and an interview was arranged between himself and the head of the college.

The meeting was to be in Cambridge at the home of Mr McMillan, the publisher.

Spurgeon rose early and asked for God's guidance in the matter.

At just the appointed time, he showed up at the McMillan home.

He rang the bell and a servant showed him into the parlour.

There he sat for two hours until he could stand it no longer.

He called the servant and was horrified to learn that they had forgotten to announce his arrival and had not advised anyone he was there.

Meanwhile, the head of the college who was sitting in an adjoining room had, likewise, lost patience and had left Cambridge for London by train with-

out the interview ever taking place. Spurgeon was deeply disturbed and his first impulse was to chase after the man and explain what had happened. However, he decided to take a long

walk in the country to clear his head and eventually a Bible verse came to him from the book of Jeremiah, "Do you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not.

He felt God was telling him not to worry about the misunderstanding and not to make any effort to clear it up, but to accept it as God's will and

serve Him where he was. History proved this decision was

absolutely right.
I don't know about you, but there are times when I desire to do certain things, however well meaning, but which are often really motivated by personal ambition and are not what God requires of me.

It is interesting how often we pray for God's direction yet fail to heed the signs because they don't align with our

I am still learning this lesson, but more frequently, experience is showing me God really does know best.



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