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## OUTSTANDING IN



On Sunday morning, 12th September in Charlton, there was a hive of activity with whistles blowing, people in high vis clothing pounding the streets on foot, bikes and skateboards, all armed with cameras.

The Charlton Neighbourhood House (CNH) and a team of over 30 photographers took part in the project 'Out Standing In'. Each photographer was responsible for one street, capturing images of residents, their pets, projects and activities. The concept was to capture a moment in history. People in outlying areas didn't miss out and EWS staff also took photos of its residents and patients. The CNH hope to produce a number of products to showcase its handywork, but for now are simply sharing them with social media for family and friends to enjoy. Further photos on pages 6 & 7.

**Top Left:** Dot McKee.

**Above:** The Fitzpatricks L to R—Tessa, Billy, Xanthe, Kylie, Amali, Poppy, Will & Darby.

**Left:** Greg & Marea Judd.

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*Editorial  
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the October edition of the Community Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for their contributions. Congratulations to the Neighbourhood House on its 'Out Standing In' project. There's been some terrific photos on Social Media over the last couple of weeks. I have included some in the newsletter to give you a taste.

Congratulations also to Alan Getley who is now a Councillor, representing the Mallee Ward, and Bronwyn Simpson, who will represent the Mt Jeffcott Ward. In the Lower Avoca Ward we have three nominees—Carolyn Stewart, David Pollard & Kelvin Getley. How wonderful that Charlton has five community members willing to put their names forward for council.

Thank you to our new sponsor—The New Horizon Quilt Shop. We welcome Neil to our town and the newsletter.

Both our boys will be home in a few weeks when uni finishes. Nick will be working at GrainFlow and Justin on the farm. It will be nice to have them home again.

We have started cutting hay so life will get busy very soon. The recent rain was most welcome—although it looked like we were going to miss out.

Stay safe and well.

*Carolyn*

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- With suitable house plans you could capture the rural views.
- Maximise the use of the sun.
- Water is connected and power is available.
- A soil test has already been done.
- Building blocks in the hill area of Charlton are very scarce.
- An opportunity not to be missed.

## Charlton Croquet Club

Normally at this time of the year the Charlton Croquet Club would be reporting on its annual Tournament. Unfortunately, due to COVID 19, the Tournament was not held this year but below is a report from the Tournament held in September 2000.

### "Sunny Weekend of Croquet"

Once again Charlton Croquet Club enjoyed a sunny weekend of wonderful croquet when they held their annual open Tournament for Handicap Range 0-12 on September 2 & 3. Nineteen players, from St Arnaud, Swan Hill, Mornington, Kyabram, Sea Lake, Kalimna Park (Horsham), Koroit and Charlton, started each morning at eight o'clock, which is quite a challenge with daylight saving in operation in early September. Travellers from distant clubs were rewarded as this year all placegetters came from visiting clubs."



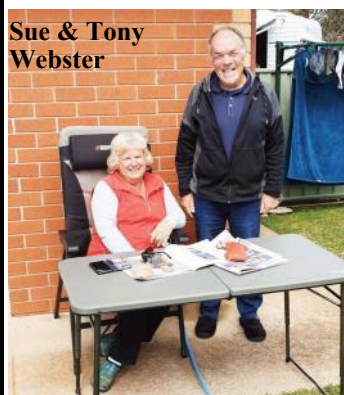
Mary Walklate  
& Nita Perry,  
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## Visitors Lend a Hand

The Travellers Rest Caravan Park has benefitted from the helping hands of visitors who have been staying at the park—biding their time until they can travel again. Les and Kath Davies from Gippsland and Sue and Tony Webster from north-eastern Victoria have been busy in the garden and Les has even been on the mower.

Park managers, Gary and Diane Wood, are certainly very appreciative of their efforts. The park surrounds are looking a treat and with the river looking good, it's a very pleasant spot to while away some time.

The Travellers Rest complex should be one the community is very proud of. The John Curtin Drive project, currently underway, and the Avoca River Precinct development, which will begin later this year, will only add to the popularity of this area.



Sue & Tony  
Webster



Kath & Les  
Davies with  
Bessie

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# Community Benefitting from Grants Program

Two local projects are seeing the benefits of the Community Bank grants program.

The **Charlton Golden Grains Museum** was successful in its application to the 2020 program and received \$3,500 for a new photocopier. Their old photocopier was 9 years old and repairs and maintenance costs were substantially rising with age. With the grant funds they were able to trade in their photocopier for a new one. Museum Secretary, Carolyn Olive, explained the importance of the copier in their operation, "in addition to general copying and printing, the Museum uses the copier for scanning and archiving. It is an essential tool in preserving our photographs, other paper based items and our catalogue in digital form. The 2011 flood highlighted the extreme importance in digitising our collection."

Many may have noticed the building work taking place opposite the toilet block at the Travellers Rest. The Charlton Forum received \$25,635 in funding for the **Beautify John Curtin**

Drive project in the 2019 grants program. The Forum stated "this project is aimed at making our town more attractive to both the travelling public and local residents alike. It will create a footpath where there is none, define the street boundary with a fence and provide a covered walkway for patrons. It is all about making our town visually attractive, which in turn will encourage people to stop and possibly spend in our town and indeed tell their friends about the wonderful experience they had when they stopped for a toilet break, a bite to eat or an overnight stop in Charlton."



## Charlton & District Community Bank considering a further buy-back of shares

Several years ago, the Board of NCFS held a very successful voluntary share buyback program. With a potential buyback limit of 150,000 shares, the company received and accepted offers that resulted in the payment for and subsequent cancellation of over 143,000 shares.

This share buyback program was so successful that subsequently there have been expressions of interest from other shareholders, as to whether the Board would consider another offer. The number of shares identified was relatively small, in the order of 20,000 to 30,000 shares.

Unfortunately, since the successful voluntary program that NCFS ran last time, the rules and preconditions for share buy-backs have changed and small share buy-backs are much more expensive to the point where they are now not economical.

Accordingly, if NCFS is to offer any future share buyback program, the Board of NCFS would need to be confident that potentially in excess of 100,000 shares would be available to any voluntary share buyback program that we were considering. So the Board has decided to write to its shareholders to see if there is a desire for a greater program to take place, which would be more economical.

## Shares still available in Community Bank

In further news North Central Financial Services Ltd company secretary, John Harley, has announced that there are still some shares available in the Community Bank. Many of these parcels are from deceased estates. Over recent years the bank has declared dividends of 7c per share, 5c per share and recently 3c per share all of which were fully franked. When franking is factored in, this is a return of more than the actual amount of the dividend.

If there are any potential shareholders interested, they should contact the company secretary on 0427 701 379.

Community Bank · Charlton

Give us a call on 5491 2322 or search Bendigo Bank Charlton.



# Golden Grains Museum News

Like you, we at the museum have been watching the easing of some restrictions, and share the concerns of our community still affected by COVID-19 restrictions. Here at the museum we still are not open to the general public but are hoping, that according to the current road map, we may be open in late November. We are continuing to work within guidelines behind the scenes on all the routines that need to be done from cataloguing our collection, receiving donated goods and maintaining the records; a work that never ceases.

We've been fortunate to have Maxine Bartlett uploading some of our photos and their details onto the Vic Collections online database thanks to her employer's offer of a week's paid volunteer leave. If anyone else is interested in doing this important work for us from home on a volunteer basis, let us know. You'll need a computer/laptop and internet connection.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Lotto fundraiser. A few lucky ducks had more than one win. We may run another later in the year, we'll keep you posted.

The Buloke Shire painters have been busy giving the museum a much needed facelift. It was last painted in 2006 by Greg Guy just in time for the Commonwealth Games baton's journey through Charlton. Much research went into choosing the colours and we think it's looking a treat.

Sadly this year the decision was made not to hold the Charlton Show due to the restrictions in place. As disappointed as we all are, the Golden Grains Museum is lucky enough to have many records of the show back to its commencement in 1881. What an annual highlight for the town and district it has been over these years. This is the first time the show hasn't been held since it began—it continued through both world wars. Next year would have been the 140th show—a huge milestone. This month we thought we would look at the centenary show held on October 17, 1981.

The Charlton A & P Society were determined to make this an event to remember and pulled out all the stops in booking some top rate attractions. President Lloyd Paterson, Secretary Joy Rowling and the committee were able to present one of the top performers on the circuit at the time; Jade Hurley. This followed on from

previous years with Slim Dusty and The Hawking Brothers. To commemorate the event, a permanent stage was built on the lawn opposite the TAB building, and this was used until the most recent renovations.

Other highlight acts were the M.G. Car Club display, the Victorian Mounted Police giving a display of tent pegging, hot air balloon rides and a period fashion parade. This included 60 outfits which the models kept on and mingled with the crowd. To coincide with this, seamstress Betty Watkins, (a successful Royal Melbourne Show exhibitor), had a display of dolls in Norm Strong's Goodfellows Grocery Store. All the shops in High Street remained open late on the Friday night for the large number of visitors in town for the weekend. A raffle of \$20 worth of goods and a child's bike were well supported. With music performed by John Martin's Music Men, and the ladies from Amity assisting in a Rubic Cube competition, the night was judged a huge success.

A popular event at the show was the Young Farmers sheaf toss, with Keith Jones of Wychitella tossing the bag 28ft into the air. Daryl Gifford of St Arnaud was second with Bill Baird of Charlton third. Kathryn Anderson won Miss Showgirl, while Tanya Walsh was Junior Showgirl. Miss Tiny Tot was Joanne McGurk and Mr Tiny Tot Christopher Downes. Over 4000 people attended the show on the Saturday in total.

The fun didn't end there. On the Sunday the Charlton Citizens Band performed on the showground's lawns in a special celebration of their 100 years. A large number of former band members were in attendance and a fantastic time was had by all.

The museum always welcomes any items of local history for our collection. Maybe you have photos, a written or oral history of a family member or some interesting keepsake. We would love to know about it.

We hope to reopen our doors very soon, but in the meantime please call one of the numbers below for any enquiries you may have.

President—Anne – 0408 547 973  
Secretary—Carolyn 0418 361 971  
Archivist—Markus 0413 129 216



Maxine Bartlett



**Charlton Centenary Show**  
**October 17, 1981**  
Appearing Live On Outdoor Stage -  
**Jade Hurley**


You know it only happens every once in a while, an exceptional talent comes along that makes you want to have another listen, another look.

A breeding ground for such talent has always been Australia, which has produced such recent music-to-the-world talents as Air Supply, AC/DC, The Bee Gees, Olivia Newton-John, Helen Reddy, The Little River Band, Andy Gibb and Samantha Sang.

Another Australian who deserves a look and listen, is singer-songwriter- pianist Jade Hurley. If ever there was natural talent for recording and writing it is this artist.

Barry Gibb once said that the Australian Club and Cabaret circuit is one of the toughest in the world, and if you can make it there, you can make it anywhere.

Jade Hurley has done just that, and at the moment is the undisputed success story in Australia in 1980, being the most "in demand" and highest paid entertainer in this country.



**JADE HURLEY'S  
20 GOLDEN OLDIES**

Show admittance prices - Adults \$3, Children \$1, Family \$8.

Jade Hurley and his Band will perform for 2 hours. This entertainment is FREE once inside the Show gate.

Other free attractions are - Victorian Mounted Police tent pegging demonstration, M.G. Car Club display, hot air balloon, period Fashion Parade.

**AT NIGHT**  
Centenary Dance - Shire Hall - 9.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.  
Featuring Jade Hurley's Show Band - Rocka Beatlin' Boogies - floor show and dance prizes of Centenary glasses.  
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**Julie & Nippa  
Sweatman**



**Wes, Michelle, Kye  
& Zara Jenkyn**



**Joe Thompson**



**Luke, Seb, Jackson, Charlie, Ned,  
Briony & Flynn Zagame.**



**Marie Bennett**



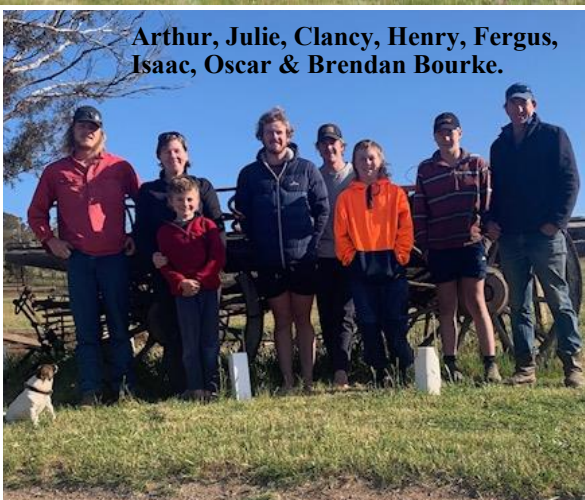
**Tom, Laura, Anna, Terry & James Fitzpatrick**



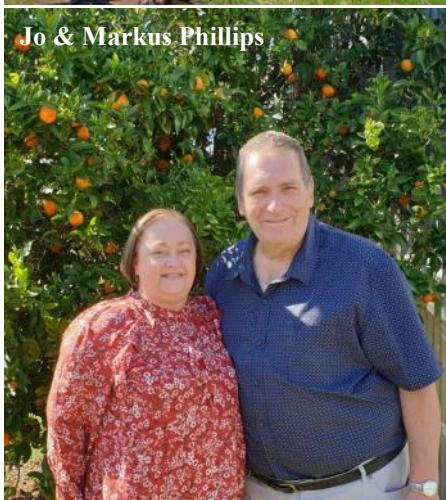
**Sam, Darcy, Matt, Alena, Annie &  
Emily Olive.**



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Anika & Franklin Holmes-Brown.**



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Isaac, Oscar & Brendan Bourke.**



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# OUTSTANDING IN



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Anne Wright



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# Charlton Neighbourhood House

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Like many of you we are celebrating the easing of some restrictions over the past weeks. Perhaps you have taken the opportunity to get away and explore or visit family regionally. Our doors are closed to most activities under Stage 3, and will be until after November 23rd. However we can offer some outdoor courses and activities listed in this column, so register any interests you may have now.

**We encourage those who require any face to face assistance from the Neighbourhood House to call 0473 759 456 to make an appointment.**

Be involved—The Charlton Neighbourhood House is looking for new members to join our Committee of Governance. If you would like to be involved with the future direction of our wonderful town asset call today for information. Hope to hear from you.

**Hand Sanitiser and wipes** in a convenient travel satchel are available through the Charlton Neighbourhood House and Marea's House to Home. Ideal to keep in your bag, pocket or glovebox, this is a valuable item to have available when you are out and about.

**Cost \$30 for 50 individual satchels.**

## **The Charlton Virtual Show— October 1 –31**

Sections are **1.** Champion Rose **2.** Champion Flower **3.** Best decorated mask **4.** Best decorated Spoon **5.** Best Decorated Front Gate or Mailbox **6.** Best Pet **7.** Best Chicken/Rooster **8.** Best Lego House **9.** Best Drawing or written piece of Charlton **10.** Best photo that captures what you love about Charlton **11.** Best Homegrown Produce **12.** Best Homemade Garden Art

**Email entries to [info@charltonnh.org.au](mailto:info@charltonnh.org.au)**

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in the Out Standing In photo project, you were all wonderful. Keep your eye on next month's edition for what we are proposing as the end product. Charlton is Outstanding!!!

Charlton Neighbourhood House took part in the recent RUOK? Day on September 10. Promoting resources available across the Buloke Shire to the public, and passing on the message that asking isn't easy but it could change a life, it was heartening to see so much interest in the event. Resources available at [ruk.org.au](http://ruk.org.au) provide lots of tips, suggestions and strategies for action to take after asking RU OK?



Check out the list below of upcoming events and training we have on offer that can be undertaken online in some cases, or face to face following social distancing regulations. There is generally a minimum number of participants required, so register your interest now.

Our Neighbourhood House delivery partner in Wycheproof has advised us about these upcoming courses -'Lifeguard Course in the Buloke Shire' and 'Aqua Fitness in the Buloke Shire'. A Yoga course is also commencing shortly in Charlton targeting older residents, but will be open to everyone. For further details contact Rhonda Allan on 0427 780 109.

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST UPCOMING COURSES**

- Ink greeting cards or painted flower pots. Cost TBC
- Boat and Jet Ski Training Course. Covers Marine Licence and the personal watercraft endorsement. Provided by Seaton Training Pty Ltd Cost \$125.
- Hospitality Training—Use Hygienic practices for food safety OR
- Participate in safe food handling practices SITXFSA002 Cost \$120
- Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Cost TBC
- Prepare and serve espresso coffee SITHFAB005 Cost \$180.
- Provide First Aid HTTAOD.003 \$160 (On-line component)
- Provide First Aid Childcare and Education HLTAOD.004\$190 (OLC)
- Provide CPR HLTAOD.001 \$70 (On-line component)



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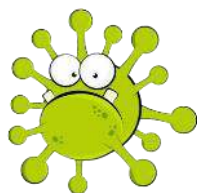
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**Lifeline** 13 11 14

**Beyond Blue** 1300 224 636

**Kids Helpline** 1800 551 800

**Nurseoncall** 1300 606 024



## Charlton Neighbourhood House Annual General Meeting- Thursday October 29 at 7PM

As we are a charity under ACNC guidelines we are allowed to have an electronic Annual General Meeting.

Please email [president@charltonnh.org.au](mailto:president@charltonnh.org.au) for further details

### Need a mask? We have got you covered.

Are you in the vulnerable category (e.g. age or illness)? The Victorian Government has provided the Buloke Shire Council with an allocation of cloth reusable face masks. Contact the Charlton Neighbourhood House to arrange a pickup or drop off at your house in Charlton.

\*Wearing a face mask protects you and our community by providing an additional physical barrier to coronavirus (COVID-19). Please note that bandannas, scarves etc are no longer an acceptable form of facemask.

The Charlton Forum Community Car is still available for transporting clients to non-urgent medical appointments as a user pay service, thanks to the wonderful volunteer drivers.

Bookings can be made by contacting our Community Car Officer Deb on **0438-549 274**.



The Charlton Neighbourhood House can still provide all your copying and office printing requirements. Posters, flyers, resumes, handouts etc, as well as secretarial services can all be arranged. Prices on application.

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### #Charlton Connect #Be Kind # Be Safe

We are continuing to create daily Facebook posts to help brighten the day of the Charlton community and provide information and activities to keep us all connected. So make sure you 'like' our FB page and follow our posts.

### Victorian Seniors Festival Reimagined

The Buloke Shire has recently announced that this year's Seniors Festival will be happening in a much different way. Rather than public events in October, the Festival will be running from May to October online and on radio. The festival is now up and running. Visit:

<https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/victorian-seniors-festival>



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## The Charlton Community Zoom virtual morning tea.

Everyone is invited as part of  
Get Online Week (19-25 October)  
to join us via 'Zoom' for a  
digital morning tea experience.  
Watch out for further details soon.

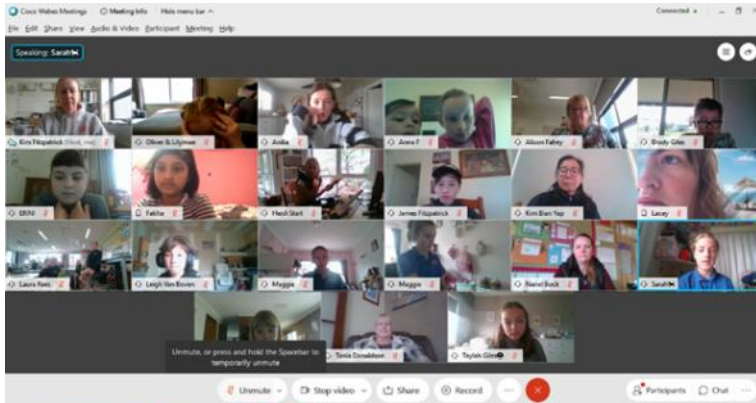




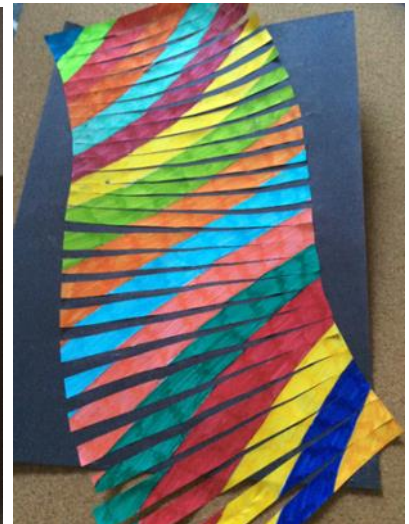
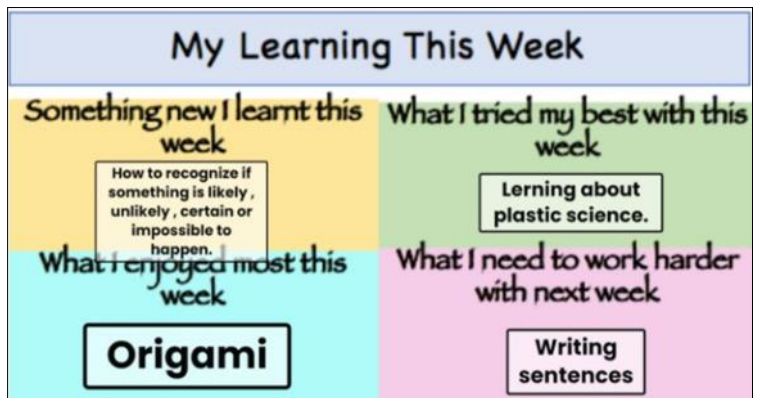
# Charlton P-12 College

We have rounded out another term in remote learning and will have one more week of learning remotely prior to returning to site second week of term 4. Students, parents and staff have continued to engage and ensure the learning journey continues. We have definitely had some ups and some downs. It has been a big effort all round.

We held our September Assembly on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. For our captains, Sarah and Maggie, this is becoming second nature. It ran very smoothly. A credit to these girls.



**Foundation-One** in their studies on paper have been making all sorts of things. Chace with his dotted picture for Art. Josh with his paper helicopter. Tom J's origami frog.



**Year 2** have been up to loads of exciting tasks. A snippet from Fatiha's story titled "My Daddy Snores". Lacey with her very impressive Japanese Carp Kite. Students also undertake a weekly reflection—Marley's reflection.

**Year 3 & 4** have been very creative. Erin completing an area exercise. Mitchell's shadow puppet. Erin's moving lines.





Ruby's sausage rolls

How could we forget, their cooking for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Stella's broccoli and honey soy stir fry and marinated chicken. Ruby W's oven ready sausage rolls.



The year 5 & 6 student's best friends competed in the 2020 Spud Olympics. Suzie (Heidi's potato) about to compete in the Biggest Splash event. Sally Scallop (Anika's potato) lining up for the Highest Jump event.

Father's Day wasn't forgotten during lockdown. Brody's father's day card. Maggie's father's day card.



## Health and PE Week:

The week of the 31<sup>st</sup> of August – 4<sup>th</sup> of September Charlton College students and the wider community participated in a range of 30 second challenges as well as Mindfulness and Wellbeing activities. The week focused on taking time out of your day for yourself to move and be active! Thank you to all our fantastic participants throughout the week, and remember to stay active!





# Charlton P-12 College

## RUOK Day:

Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September Charlton College celebrated R U OK day by wearing yellow to acknowledge the importance of speaking to your friends and family.

Pictured are the 7-9 students in yellow with cupcakes baked by our fantastic Wellbeing Coordinator, Natasha Saunders.



## Year 7 English

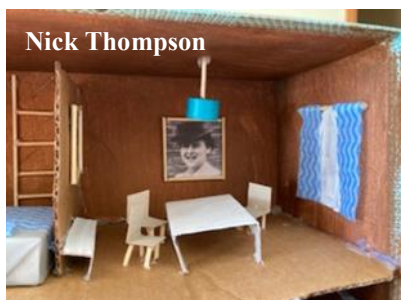
During online learning the Year 7's studied Black Snake, which explores the life of Ned Kelly. For their final assessment task, students developed an informational booklet which explained Ned Kelly's life and whether he was a hero or villain. Students designed their booklets to suit Ned Kelly's era; their final pieces can be seen below.



## Year 8 English

This term the Year 8s have been studying The Diary of Anne Frank. During remote learning, students accessed their work through Google Classroom and worked with their team to complete literacy circles every Thursday on WebEx. Across these weeks, students explored the setting of Anne Frank, including the physical setting where Anne and her family hid during the Holocaust. Students then developed their own version of the Secret Annex. Students developed these from cardboard and materials from home.

### Nick Thompson



### Ebony Start



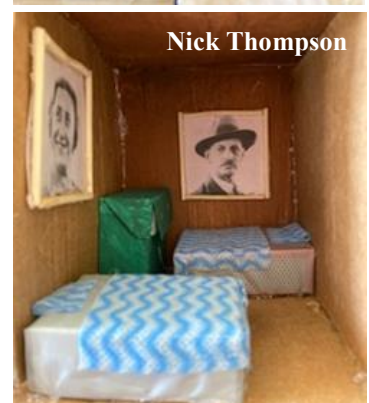
### Ebony Start



### Elliott Fitzpatrick



### Nick Thompson







# St Joseph's School

## Catholic Education Week at St Joseph's Charlton

This year we celebrated Catholic Education Week on the 9th September, with a difference. Due to Covid 19, we decided the best way to celebrate was with a liturgy in the school multi-purpose room with only the students who were at school, the staff and Fr Jim. We also invited the children doing remote learning at home to join in with Google meet. This meant almost every child was in attendance to help us celebrate Catholic Education.

It has been a really difficult time for our students, their parents and the teachers and this was a great opportunity to thank everyone for all the hard work they have done throughout 2020 to ensure our students continue to achieve their goals.

After our liturgy, the students at school were treated to hot dogs for lunch. We are really proud of our little school and everyone involved in it.



## Charlton Golf Club 'Hole in One'

Congratulations to Chris Mathews, who achieved every golfer's dream, on Saturday 12th September with his first hit of the day on the par 3, 7th hole. An 'easy 7 iron' he called it. This is the 3rd hole in one over the last 2 months in Charlton. Cooper Boyle was first to set the pace, achieving his on the par 3, 14th hole, followed by Wendy Laffin the same week on the 7th. It had been 10 years since a Charlton member, namely John Headon, had scored an ace.

The event for the day was Irish stableford pairs with 30 golfers competing. John Tormey and Brendan Byrne teamed well to score a very credible 69 points, closely followed by Anthony Hargreaves and Ian Jenkins.

Saturday 19th was the last organized event, with 21 golfers playing ambrose 3's, all appreciating being able to play in a larger group. The best golfers for the day were Troy Heenan, Jeff Cox and Damo McIntyre, who came in with a 4 under par 68-10-58. Next best were Brian Heenan, John Headon and Benno, also sub par with 70-9-61. We also counted our putts and the team comprising Brendan Byrne, Wayne Keenan and Wayne Southwell came in with a very economic 20 putts, with only one chip in. We were able to play the final round of our match play knockout event and Anthony Hargreaves defeated Ian Jenkins on the last hole. Congratulations to Anthony who has had a great season, having earlier won the B grade championship.



Chris Mathews retrieving his ball from the 7th hole following his hole in one.





## CHARLTON TENNIS IS A GO!!

The Charlton Lawn Tennis Club is excited to be kicking off its 140<sup>th</sup> season in October, following confirmation from Tennis Victoria that community tennis competitions in regional Victoria have been given the green light to proceed under the current Covid-19 restrictions.

The North Central Tennis Association competition will commence on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, with Charlton entering one team at this stage. Those interested in playing competition tennis against Donald, St Arnaud, Birchip, Nullawil and Wycheproof on a Saturday afternoon please contact either Wendy Laffin – 0427 115 194, or Troy Heenan – 0431 813 344 to register your interest or for any queries.

This season the Charlton Lawn Tennis Club is also looking at running a senior social tennis 'competition' on a Thursday night commencing on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October at 6:30pm. The

competition will most likely take the format of a Ladder System, similar to how the Charlton Badminton club competition has been run in recent years. For this format of social competition there is no requirement to be available every week and you can play when it suits. Why not come down for a hit and enjoy the fabulous 16 grass courts that are on offer?? Please contact Troy Heenan on 0431 813 344 for details or questions.

Junior players will again be catered for on a Thursday afternoon/evening, further details will be available after the AGM and confirmation of format and dates. Traditionally juniors has consisted of both the Hotshots program for those just starting out (under 10s) and a program including coaching for the older juniors.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of October, at 7:00pm, at (not in) the Clubhouse at Charlton Park. Social distancing, sanitisation and group numbers will be adhered to.



## CHARLTON RSL

Unfortunately Covid-19 restrictions led to the cancellation of not one but two RSL events in Charlton in the past few weeks: First, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VP Day on Friday 14 August; second, the annual Digger's Day golf day tournament.

Although Digger's Day could not be held, thanks to the generosity of its members and players, Charlton Golf Club has made a donation to Charlton RSL Sub-branch; this has enabled us to make a donation to Bendigo Legacy Club to help them with their good work in supporting service widows and their families.

Wednesday 11 November marks Remembrance Day, the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War. Whilst selling plans will depend on Covid-19 restrictions at the time, poppies and other

remembrance items will be available for sale in Charlton, either at a selling table or from Point of Sale boxes at local businesses. More on this closer to the day.

Sadly, on 4th September, we farewelled one of our few remaining World War II veterans, Angus Elstob, VX106705. Angus enlisted in the Australian Army on 05 November 1941, he served with distinction in 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade OVP, he came through the ordeal of war and was discharged on 04 April 1946. How well he served his fellow man on his return is known to his family, comrades and friends, who mourn his passing.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;  
at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will  
remember them.*

**Lest We Forget.**

**Charlton RSL Sub-branch.**

# 'Beautify Charlton' October Update

**A change of tack** with Town Signs which we think a very positive move.

Throughout 2018 and 2019 information sessions we have been informing the community of Town Signage initiatives intended to take place in Stage 3. The Signage proposal was driven by community feedback regarding the unpopularity of our current signs.

In ongoing discussions with the Shire's consultant, Doug Warren, it became apparent the depth of planning and intent that the Shire has for town signage, with an encompassing thematic design across the Shire, but at the same time honouring each town's individuality.

To continue with our original plans we think would be counter-productive and given some of the ideas offered by Doug Warren, feel there can be an enormous upside and have confidence that what ultimately replaces current signage will meet with widespread approval and pride. We feel it is clear that easily the best thing to do is embrace the Shire's plans.

The message we have put back to the Shire is that the level of community consultancy is vital. The community must feel it knows that it has a say and knows what is going on and feels that what is ultimately displayed is representative of community thought. This will be the time to say if you as the community want "The Friendly River Town" on display. It is important to make your feelings known!

There are very few towns of our size in our part of the world that have a river, let alone one like ours, and not many that can

rival it for sheer beauty and current and future developments. It is now, and will become even more so, one of the key features that will set our town apart.

We have asked and are confident that Doug Warren will keep our Committee up to date with developments and we have committed to the best of our ability to be another source enabling community feedback. The community has followed the 2 ½ year journey closely through the many communications we have made so we feel well served to be a valuable part of the process.

What will **Beautify Charlton** become? **BC** was only ever a 3 stage proposition. Stages 1 and 2 the trees, Stage 3 Signage and helping facilitate the formation of Charlton's Notables Committee. Even though watering responsibility will be there over the next 2 summers, once the Notables concept is underway, as planned we will go back to being a gardening committee, working as an additional resource for the Shire. Volunteers welcome!

Remain aware of Facebook updates, local town promotion spots and the Newsletter over the coming months. It is **vital** the Committee receives community feedback.

Spokesperson on the project for the Garden Club is Robin McRae 0400 522 700.

**Beautify Charlton**

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# Charlton Harness Racing News

## ELDERS JOINS THE CHARLTON HARNESS RACING CLUB



The Charlton Harness Racing Club was thrilled to welcome Elders as a club sponsor this month. Of course Elders are a prominent fixture in the lives of many here in Charlton with services that include insurance, real estate, livestock, farm supply and wool, and there would not be many who have not heard Wycheproof and District Manager, Kevin Thompson, ply his considerable trade at a clearing auction or sheep sale!

We thank him for facilitating this new association and we look forward to a happy and fruitful partnership with Elders throughout the 20/21 racing season.

## CHARLTON JOINS FORCES WITH THE BIG APPLE!

The Australian and American flags flew proudly side by side at the Charlton meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September celebrating the start of a unique and exciting partnership.

In what may seem like a strange association, the Charlton Harness Racing Club has joined forces with the Big M – Meadowlands Racing and Entertainment New Jersey USA. We eagerly await the time when we can gather as a club and watch the races named in our

honour. It is always a challenge to come up with new ways to promote our sport and we feel that this exposure to the harness racing scene in America will provide our members with a lot of interest and fun. The smallest and the biggest – a perfect fit!

We were so happy to welcome them to harness racing in country Victoria at our recent meeting here on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

## CHARLTON'S USA DRIVER AMBASSADOR – TIM TETRICK

In another exciting initiative Charlton Harness Racing Club has warmly welcomed champion American driver, Tim Tetrick, to the club. Tim has kindly agreed to be our US Driver Ambassador - the idea being that we as a club adopt him and follow his form from afar.

We very much look forward to planning some exciting social events around our connection with the United States as soon as is possible.

## RACING CONTINUES AT CHARLTON

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September saw racing again at Charlton and, although no local winners, a great day of racing ensued under the most glorious of blue skies. Everybody is adept at the mask wearing and social distancing now and meetings continue to run uninterrupted.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER (CUP DAY)

MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER



Charlton US Driver Ambassador Tim Tetrick





## NEW ADDITION AT THE REX

A huge shout-out to local Charlton artist, Brian Townsend, for his incredible work in painting the Art Deco inspired imagery on the Rex Candy Bar window.

Brian's undoubted creative skills have helped the Rex promote its Sunday Coffee initiative which offers locals their much-loved coffee "fix" each weekend.

Donating his time and considerable talents, Brian created a design based around the distinctive art deco/1930s era imagery, doing the bulk of the work on weekends in his own spare time.

Brian also contributes to jazzing up the streetscape in the lead-up to Christmas by painting Christmas inspired imagery on some of the shop windows. Another upcoming project will see him share his skills painting a Covid19 awareness sign on the Culgoa Police Station window.

Brian is known across the region for creating the Grand Final football posters which are printed and widely circulated by The Buloke Times following the biggest day in the local sporting calendar year (sadly not this year, though!)

For more details about the Rex Sunday Coffee check out the advert below.



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\*All patrons must use hand sanitiser on entry

\*A seating cap of 8 is in place (6 in the Rex foyer and 2 in candy bar area)

\*Max of 12 people in the Rex at one time (8 seating, 4 take away)



## Preliminary Notice

**Lions Club of Charlton is intending to reproduce the Local Large Print Phone Directory for Charlton residents, businesses and surrounds in 2021**

**This directory will be completely new and registration forms will need to be filled in to be included in this directory as a lot of details have changed.**

**All Businesses will be contacted for inclusion in the Business Directory which will include the White Pages Section.**

**Only phone, mobile and fax numbers will be accepted.**

**We request that First names and Surnames be used instead of initials and this will be on the registration forms and preferred to be more personal.**

**We will be delivering Registration Forms to every household for inclusion in the White Pages and Business Section to be filled in and placed in the plastic bins at Tormey's IGA, Post Office and Heenan's Newsagency.**



## Calling All Quilters

Is there anyone interested in being part of the **Moving Forward Quilt Challenge**. Entries open **16<sup>th</sup> October** and finished items to be delivered to **New Horizon Quilt Shop** by **21<sup>st</sup> February 2021** for inclusion in an exhibition of work early March.

Entry to exhibition will be a gold coin donation which will go to a local charity and people will be able to vote for their favourite item. Winner will receive a pack of 10 x 1 metre pieces of fabric to the value of \$240.00.

Please call into 9a High Street Charlton or ring Neil for further details: 0411 867 075.



## BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

### Lower Avoca Ward



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## Find your local flood guide – and prepare this spring

With above-average rainfall and possible flash flooding in the north west this Spring, residents are encouraged to plan ahead using VICSES' latest, local resources.

It follows the recent Climate Outlook from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM), indicating a heightened risk of a wet weather La Niña system across Victoria, and much of the country.

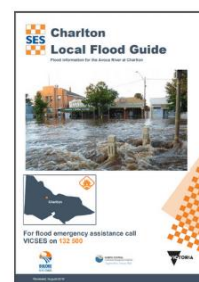
VICSES' Northwest Community Resilience Coordinator, Gavin Quinn, and Local Controller, Cameron Arnel, are encouraging locals to learn the basics when it comes to flooding preparedness, and staying safe during extreme weather events.

The following is recommended for residents in Victoria's north west.

1. **Understand the local flood history in your suburb or township.** Access these resources by following this link: [ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready/your-local-flood-information](https://ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready/your-local-flood-information)
2. **Take note to never drive on flooded roads.** It can take just 15 cm of water to float a small car. That's the height of an average pen. Stay safe by never entering floodwater, it can be fatal.
3. **Know what to do if your home is being threatened by major flooding and what we mean by 'Bag It, Block It, Lift It and Leave'.** Bag it - by laying sandbags where water may get into your home. Block it - by covering your toilet and drains to prevent back-flow and then 'Lift-it and Leave' by shifting valuables onto tables and benchtops and leaving early to a family or friend's house on higher ground (which is still ok to do in-line with COVID-19 restrictions).

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**Charlton**  
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## St Martin's Messenger—October 2020

### Paw-sing

On a return journey from a nearby town, I drive along a bitumen road and was approaching a farm house and driveway entrance. I could see a sandy coloured dog running along the fence, excited by the car, and looked to see if there was a fence in the driveway. No, there was not, so I thought to myself – Is this dog going to come out on to the road or stop???? I was really glad that I was going along at a steady pace but slowed down even more.

Because the dog had definitely not slowed down!!!! The dog was approaching the car, focussed on the front tyre. It looked like it was going to launch a full-on attack. The dog was close enough now for me to notice that it had a big smile on its face and why not, an unsuspecting car travelling slowly, no gate, no leash, no restrictions, boredom relieved and the thrill of the chase or even a catch. Then the credit it would gain for protecting the farmhouse. It was all looking pretty good, I am sure, from the dog's perspective. But then, at the last crucial moment, the dog hesitated and pulled back. It stopped in its tracks just before his nose would touch the tyre. The dog knew what it wanted to do – teach the dog in the

reflection of the wheel hub a lesson but, when the moment came, it was like it was not quite sure what to do next.

I guess that it will be a little like this as we commence meeting with people following the relaxation of restrictions. We will know what we want to do, and would usually do, but like the dog with the tyre, we may feel a little apprehensive to follow our usual instincts and habits.

But this is okay, the pause before we greet people naturally, when we think and consider the right approach, (do we hug, do we wave, do we stay distanced, etc) is what will keep us all safe. So just like the dog, the time for pausing (or if a dog, paw-sing) may feel a little strange but it is the right approach for now.

**1 Peter 5:5** “.....Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

**Worship:** Preparations are being made for the recommencement of services - contact me for further information.

Reverend Judi Bird: 0435 593 359  
judithblackbird@outlook.com

### North Central Garden Club

As Spring is upon us, plans for the Club's Annual Open Gardens scheduled for Sunday 11th October will not go ahead this year.

Open Gardens have proved popular for the community over the past years, attracting visitors from across the State. The many gardens—town and country that have been open have delighted visitors assuring return visits year after year. The Club has been so grateful to the owners of the gardens that have participated allowing the day to be a continued success. The well stocked plant stall with a great selection of potted plants, cuttings etc for the keen collector has been popular. Hopefully 2021 will see a better outcome and Open Gardens will go ahead..

Members met in March this year, as to when we will be able to meet again is yet to be decided .

Keep an eye out we may possibly be able to have a get together for the November meeting. Then we will resume in February 2021. The recent rain has been welcomed, hopefully you are putting in your practises in combating the fruit fly this year.

## A Blast From The Past

A public meeting was called for the 10th Match 1953 to form a Charlton Basket Ball team to take part in the North Central Football League competition. Later renamed netball so as to not confuse it with the American basket ball game, it is still a vital part of the league today.

Pictured below are L to R: Kathy Rogan, Dorothy Bartlett, Betty Glasheen, Joyce Miller, Florence Miller, Bernadette Fanning, Margaret Cossar.



### East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Church



COVID19: Outdoor religious gatherings are allowed for up to 10 people, plus the person leading the prayer. St Joseph's Church can be open for private worship for households or social bubbles, plus a faith leader. The provisions do not allow us to gather in our church to celebrate Mass as we would dearly wish to.

**Masses:** Fr Eugene will continue to celebrate Mass via Zoom at 10.30am every Sunday.

### Charlton Bowling Club

Another month gone, and it will soon be Christmas. It looks like we might be able to play soon. We can have as many players as needed for the game plus any coaches and umpires but no spectators. Indoor bowls is still limited to 10 people, outdoors 50. This is as per Bowls Vic but as the NCBD have yet to advise any clubs of a pennant start date, all we can do is go out and practise. It won't be much longer though. These details may have changed by the time this paper goes to press as Bowls Vic do not make weekend announcements.

Other than that, the new air-conditioning should be under way soon. The greens are looking good and the hardy Saturday players will all have the edge on us who haven't braved the cold.

Stay safe, remember the hay fever season is upon us so you need to wash those masks a bit more regularly. We will need masks for bowls as well.

See you on the green—hopefully sooner rather than later.

### Charlton Red Cross

Australian Red Cross is searching for new skilled and enthusiastic members to join the Emergency Services teams for the coming summer. There are many and varied roles which can be applied for and it is very rewarding to become involved. Joy Freeman—0432 656 009.

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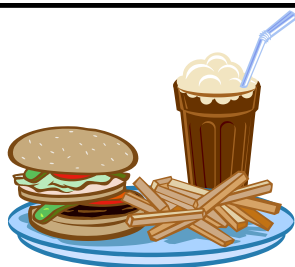
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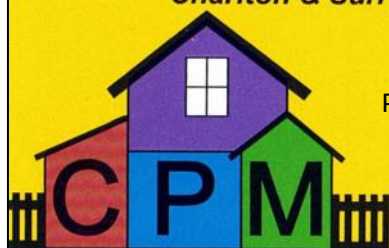
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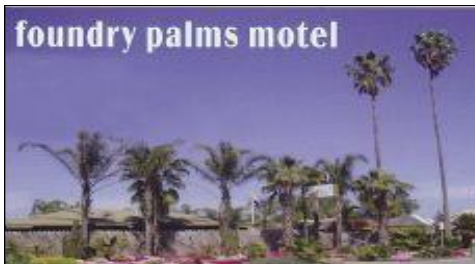
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