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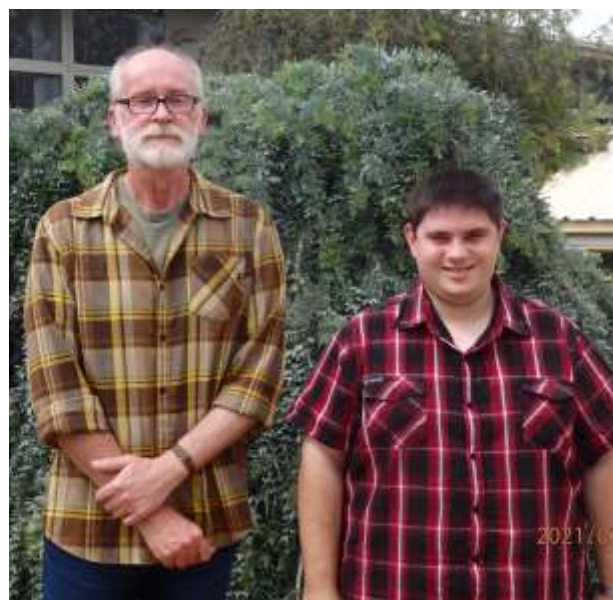
## New School Year Begins



**Above:** Charlton College Foundation students. Back row—Eli Cossar, Lochlan Caine, Don Blair, Campbell Riley, Harrison Stahl, Tom McGurk. Front row—Archer Smyth, Mackenzie Coughlin, Mary Harris. (4 students absent for photo).



**Above:** St Joseph's School Foundation Students. Meg Fitzpatrick & Willow Riley.



On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of February, Charlton College welcomed 13 Foundation students. It was a busy day full of excitement and we wish them all the best for their time at the College. Charlton College also welcomes two new staff members in 2021, Mr Ellery Cain and Mr Anthony Zudetich. Mr Cain will be teaching English and Humanities whilst Mr Zudetich will be teaching Mathematics and Science. The College is looking forward to their contributions to the program.

Friday was also the first day for St Joseph's Foundation students, Meg and Willow. The two girls will no doubt enjoy this new stage in their lives and we wish them the best for their time at St Joseph's.

The Pre-School children have started at their temporary premises at the Tennis Club, whilst the new Charlton Early Learning Centre is under construction. This will certainly be an interesting time for the staff and kindy kids.

2020 was a difficult time for both students and their parents but Charlton's students rose to the challenge. We hope that 2021 is a much easier year for all students, teachers and parents.

**Left:** Mr Ellery Cain & Mr Anthony Zudetich.

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*Editorial  
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the first edition for 2021.

This is a bit of a catch up edition with news from December as well as January. I look forward to receiving your news throughout the year and thank you in advance for your input.

Thank you to our generous sponsors who have again chosen to support the newsletter. And thank you to the Charlton Neighbourhood House who do a great job of printing and distributing them.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas & New Year and the opportunity to catch up with family and friends. Charlton was certainly a busy place with many families choosing to celebrate at home.

Congratulations to the CWA & Lions Club for putting on a wonderful Australia Day event. The outdoor venue was a nice change and created a relaxed picnic atmosphere.

Our family has had a quiet summer at home. The boys have been working and we've just stayed put for the time being. The Croquet book is finally finished and I look forward to the festivities on 20th February.

Cheers

*Carolyn*

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## *Buloke Australia Day Award*

### **MEMBER OF WINNING TEAM**

Congratulations to the Charlton Neighbourhood House as a team member of the Buloke Event of the Year Award presented to the Buloke Neighbourhood House Network for the 2020 "RU OK? Day".

The award was announced at the Buloke Shire Council Australia Day Eve event held at Nullawil where Buloke Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year were also acknowledged.

Representing the Charlton Neighbourhood House was Kaylene Cossar, pictured with Cr. David Vis, who made the presentation.

Representatives from the five Neighbourhood Houses –including Donald, Birchip, Sea Lake and Wycheproof Community Resource Centres – were on hand to accept the prestigious award.

The citation acknowledged the scope of community outreach initiated by the Network to engage with communities and individuals dealing with the isolation, disruption and lockdowns resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Charlton Neighbourhood House was also recognized with a special award at the Charlton Australia Day ceremony for their photographic documentation - "Out Standing In" – which recorded Charlton residents' responses to the Covid lockdowns in their own homes and locations.

A great start to a new year of community outreach, and well deserved recognition for the team effort which enables this to happen!



**Above:** Charlton Neighbourhood House Chairperson, Kaylene Cossar, pictured with Cr David Vis.

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# Rotary Christmas Lights Comp

Wayne Keenan and Sue Nelson were the winners of the Most Impressive Santa in the Charlton Rotary Club Christmas Lights Competition. Sitting in his buggy at 106 High St. Charlton, resplendent in his red suit, surrounded by gifts and a Christmas tree he was a sight to behold. Christmas is a special time of the year and Keenan's Santa was a fun way to engage in the festive season.

Congratulations to all Charltonians who lit up their premises with displays of Christmas lights and decorations which added hugely to the enjoyment of Christmas by the community. Pleasing to notice the newcomers to Charlton embraced and joined in this festive tradition as did some of the farming community.

It seems that Charltonians have shaken off the lockdown blues as there were many more houses and businesses lit up this Christmas.

There were some amazing Christmas Light displays and the judges found it difficult to select the winners.

The 2 Most Impressive House winners were Dale and Donna McCallum at 5 Mary St. and Pauline and Gavin O'Connor

at 14 Clifton St. Both houses were a Christmas wonderland decorated from the roof to the front lawn area.

Winner of the Most Impressive Shop/Window was Carol and Michael from

Charlton Takeaway and the Most Impressive Santa, Wayne Keenan and Sue Nelson at 106 High St.

The Rotary Club of Charlton thanks everyone who "Lit Up Charlton".



**Above:** Wayne Keenan & Sue Nelson, winners of the Most Impressive Santa.

## Golden Grains Museum Happenings

Hello again from your local museum and to our first update of 2021. January was far from a quiet start for us, as the committee and volunteers have been very busy preparing the Golden Grains Museum for our accreditation visit by AMaGA in early February. Many fantastic donations of local items have also been received that require research, cataloguing and preparing for display or safe storage. As we ready ourselves to once again open our doors for visitors, you may consider helping preserve the history of the town and district by volunteering. There are a multitude of tasks that require attention in many areas of the museum from cataloguing to being in attendance during opening hours for visitors. Any training required will be provided, and it is a fantastic way of being involved in our community. You can also

become a 'Friend of the Museum' for just \$20. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving our town's collection.

Bingo trips to Donald that have been a great source of revenue for the museum, as well as a lot of fun, will hopefully be recommencing very shortly. Plans are also underway for another 'Night at the Museum' when COVID-19 regulations ease a little more. This will follow on from our successful 1950s' evening held some time back.

The museum is happy to receive donated items that have a local district connection to an individual, place or business. If you know the story behind the item even better. Items can be loaned temporarily for up to twelve months or donated for permanent safe keeping and display. If you are having a tidy up at

home, please consider if the item may have any historic local connection before throwing it away. Speaking on which, we were very fortunate to have donated recently a beautiful old scrap book dating back to First World War. Enclosed were numerous newspaper clippings about the Royal family, swap cards, photographs, store accounts, handwritten names and dates and much more. This lovely historic item was saved from the Charlton Tip around 20 years back after being pulled from the refuse.

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# Charlton Australia Day

Contributed by Jenny Pollard  
Innovation, Resilience &  
New Beginnings

From a period of enforced “hibernation” to gathering again for communal events, Charlton’s Australia Day 2021 captured a “joie de vivre” spirit with its outdoor setting and strong community response in celebration of the country’s national day.

In a modified presentation, noticeable omissions from previous years reflected the pandemic’s impact as did the COVID safe measures installed on site to trace potential community transmission.

With the Charlton Hall forecourt ringed with tape and bollards, and a single entry point capturing attendees’ details, the large crowd embraced the chance to re-connect in perfect weather conditions to acknowledge local achievements.

This year saw innovation prevail with new forms of recognition highlighting accomplishments reached under the duress of lockdowns and isolation.

President of the Charlton Forum, Bruce Gardner, outlined a number of changed categories, resulting from the limited opportunities of 2020.

With no Event of the Year, an Honorary Mention was made to the Charlton Neighbourhood House for the production of its “Out Standing In” – a series of around 2000 photographs taken by 30 volunteers recording how people experienced the Covid lockdowns in their own homes and “bubble” locations. With a view to future archiving, these images are to be collated into digital and hard copy formats as a record to be shared with the community, as well as being retained for historical purposes.

Replacing the Young Citizen of the Year award, the Forum chose to acknowledge all of Charlton’s youth for their positive attitude towards a year of schooling upheavals, inconsistencies and the general turbulence of an unprecedented time.



Above: Charlton Citizen of the Year, Kevin Mathews (r) is presented with his award by Bruce Gardner (President of the Charlton Forum).

## Special Award

A “one-off” “Special Youth Achievement Award” was presented to Harrison Mulquiny, whose age had only just excluded him from that youth category.

It is in the field of agriculture that Harrison is being recognised. Harrison works on the family farm in partnership with his father Bernie. Before Harrison’s involvement, the Mulquiny farm was predominantly cropping with some trading in wethers for wool. Seeking to further develop their wool production, Harrison introduced a flock of

Woolpark Polls. In 2017, Harry was named joint winner of the sheep and wool

industry, Peter Westblade Scholarship, for helping manage their farm’s 500 Merino commercial flock. In April 2019, Harrison’s flock finished second in the preliminary Peter Westblade Trials. In March 2020, Harrison topped Australia’s largest wether trial. Most of Harrison’s success has been achieved in partnership with his father, but Harry has been the driving force. Harrison is to be commended for his enthusiasm for the wool industry. The farming community always takes pride in the achievements of others in the industry, and evidence of a young farmer achieving recognition, provides great confidence in the future of farming in our district. Harry is also an



Covid precautions were in place as the crowd builds at the Charlton Australia Day ceremony last Tuesday.



inspirational role model for other youth considering a career in agriculture whether on the family farm or elsewhere.

## Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Kevin Mathews for extensive community involvement and dedication to numerous organisations.

Kevin has been a diligent worker for a variety of organisations in the Charlton community for many years. His professionalism, leadership qualities and willingness to lend a hand has resulted in the success of numerous projects and has ensured the continuing success of various clubs. In particular, Kevin's involvement with the Charlton Golf Club and the Charlton Rotary Club, specifically the Annual Rotary Art show, are noteworthy.

Kevin first joined the Charlton Golf Club in 1968. He has held numerous executive positions over the years and was instrumental in the extension of the Club House in the summer of 1976-77. Over his 50 years with the Golf Club, Kevin has been extremely committed to all aspects of its operation and was awarded a Life Membership in 1989.

Kevin joined Rotary in 1984 and has held several positions during that time. He and wife, Pat, have been the coordinators of the Rotary Art Show since 2001. In addition to extensive preparations, this role also involves travelling to collect and return artworks. Kevin & Pat's dedication has ensured that the art show remains a major drawcard in Charlton's annual calendar. Kevin was awarded the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship in 2006.

Other organisations Kevin has contributed to include the Charlton Cemetery Trust, Meals on Wheels, he was a foundation member of Probus and he is currently a volunteer driver for the Community Car.

Congratulations Kevin on many years of valued service to your community.

Thanking the Charlton community and acknowledging the Golf Club for his nomination, Kevin said, "When I think of the people who have been nominated over the years, I am extremely honored, humble and chuffed to receive this privilege. I was brought up on the motto of 'You only get out of life what you are prepared to put in.'"

The pleasure gained from helping the community, plus making many lasting friendships has given much satisfaction." He then congratulated the other award recipients and welcomed newcomers to the town.

## Address

In a short address, Bruce Gardner highlighted community resilience in the face of adversity over recent years, saying Charlton's "never-give-in" attitude was a hallmark of the town.

"I'd also like to add that our Shire has been one of only three LGAs to not register a case of Covid-19. This speaks volumes for the care and values we, as citizens, place on our community within the Buloke Shire."

A new year brings new beginnings and

inclusive projects such as the Avoca River Walk, Town Streetscape Project and completion of the Children's Early Learning Centre will add invaluable to community spirit.

The presentation of welcome packs and mugs saw a mix of more than 30 new residents and weekenders joining the Charlton community.

From the opening flag raising by RSL members Gordon Risk, Bill Young and Bill Freeman, to the Australia Day Pledge read out by CWA President Sue Dillon Walsh, the enduring work Charlton CWA Cabbaritta Branch, the musical input from the Charlton Choir under the leadership of Gil Gretgrix and the sustenance provided by Lions and Lions Ladies marked a true community mix to create a special day.

During the formalities Councillor David Pollard acknowledged the heritage of the Dja Dja Wurrung clans and their curation of the land, along with announcing the winners of the Buloke Shire Australia Day awards.

The Charlton Choir presented a medley of traditional Australian songs, culminating with "I Am Australian" and finishing with the National Anthem.



**Above:** Recent newcomers to Charlton, Stephanie Jakubik, and her nine and a half year old son Bohdi, are pictured enjoying Australia Day. Stephanie was enthusiastic about their move to the town, with Bohdi looking forward to starting school at Charlton College.



**Above:** A special Youth Achievement Award was presented to Harrison Mulquiny (r), pictured here with Bruce Gardner.



A large number of newcomers were welcomed into Charlton as part of the Australia Day ceremony.



# "Mallee Melee" - Battlelines Drawn in Charlton

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

While it's usually known as the "Friendly River Town", Charlton was the centre of "conflict" during January as the inaugural "CHARLCON" gathering of war gamers drew battle lines in the opening salvo of the "Mallee Melee".

In any other year, the dedicated gamers would be heading to Canberra for the annual CANCON (National Gamers Convention) to indulge their passion for conflict strategies and epoch-defining battles, but as with so many things impacted by COVID, the event's cancellation offered an opportunity for Charlton to hold a down-scaled, but equally intense, weekend of clash and combat.

Twenty-four passionate devotees revisited battles of renown or engaged in futuristic conflicts in a (relatively) amiable manner at the Charlton RSL, testing their acuity for attack and defense against like-minded participants.

Event co-ordinator, and Charlton resident, Markus Phillips – himself a dedicated gamer – spent a busy time overseeing the weekend, and sharing insights into the attraction of this version of "boys and their toys". (To be fair, there was one female participant in attendance).

"When CANCON was cancelled we hurriedly pulled this together," said Markus. "While we have people here from Echuca, Bendigo, Dimboola, Shepparton, Drouin, Navarre and Swan Hill, our largest group comes from Melbourne."

Known as the Peninsula Pretorians (named after an elite unit of the Imperial Roman army), the eleven members, along with their southern compatriots, meet on a

regular basis in Mornington to thrash out the intellectual challenges of real and imagined battle scenarios.

The gamers emphasize that their hobby isn't about celebrating war. While its attractions are many and varied, it is the mental challenges, along with strategy and tactics which hold strong appeal. Or, in some cases, it's the association of a family member's involvement in a theatre of war.

As much as anything, it's the fun, friendship and social opportunities which unite the groups.

While the rules of engagement vary according to the era, the games can be as

complex as working through a 300 page rule book, or as straight forward as setting up pieces and mutually letting the game unfold.

Mike Parker, from the Peninsula Pretorians, who attended the weekend with his son, Will, said, "It's the social aspect which is important for me. It's not about winning or losing."

Having collected plastic soldiers "since I could walk", Mike now has a collection of around 30,000 figures and a garage area housing a 6' x 11' table on which to lay out the games. The space is also lined with numerous display cabinets and bookshelves.



**Above:** Fathers and sons (l-r) Mike and Will Parker and Adam and Sean Copeland are pictured with the futuristic "War Hammer" layout during the miniature war games event held in Charlton last weekend.



**Above:** CHARLCON co-ordinator, Markus Phillips (second left) takes part in the "Battle of Britain" with gamers (l-r) Des Croke, Tony Chandler and Steve Curtis.





# "Mallee Melee" - Battlelines Drawn in Charlton

Mike and Will, along with friend, Adam Copeland and his son Sean, were deeply involved in a sci-fi game named "War Hammer". In another part of the room fighter planes were engaged in the Battle of Britain, while the previous day the "War of the Roses" had been fought and won.

For Swan Hill pair, Michelle Bremen and Geordie Irvin, a futuristic game named "Beyond the Gates Antares" was populated with drone-like models and sci-fi figures in lush jungle terrain created from plastic aquarian plants. Just three years into

gaming, Michelle is a virtual novice compared to Geordie, who has at least twenty years' experience on which to draw.

While debate and tactics circled the room, Markus Phillips said the event had proved to be a resounding social success, with many participants arriving on the Friday and staying over until the following Monday. The Charlton Club's support for the event included a "meet and greet" on the Friday night, with an offer to re-group on site again after signing off on Sunday. Dinner at the Vale of Avoca on Saturday

night enabled more time for social engagement, while Cabbarritta CWA supplied lunches and afternoon teas for the visitors.

Riding on the success of this weekend, another gathering is being mooted for around mid-year.

If tactical challenges hold appeal or even a passing interest in historical eras or military backgrounds take your fancy contact Markus Phillips - 0413 129 216 - to find out more about the world of miniature war gaming.

## Charlton Bowling Club

**Contributed by Patty Saltmarsh**

CHARLTON BOWLING CLUB welcome all members back.

It's been a hard season so far with multiple members unavailable on Saturdays through illness or other reasons. This has meant we have had to give forfeits in Division 2 each week. Division one has utilised division 2 players, but some players have missed out in having a game and we apologise for this. Things have been beyond our control.

With such a short season with many restrictions, we are lucky to be playing at all.

### **Club Championships**

Kevin Willey is into the final of the club singles and is to play Pat Connors. Kevin is also trying very hard for a clean sweep in all championships again this season, but our newer bowlers are making everyone work very hard for their finals berths.

With the ladies, after a marathon 32 ends, Patty Saltmarsh managed to get over the line by 2 points against Eily Rosewall. We were level 7 times. Eily has not been told that you should lose some touch when you get new bowls. We both felt the effects for a few days.

**Eily is to meet Di Roberts in the final of the Ladies B Grade. Di also has new bowls and is handling them very well. Should be a good match to watch.**

The Men's B Grade saw Joo Cheong Ong winning over Jeff Cox, another good game to watch.

Please watch the board for date changes which have happened to fit

everything in. Perhaps the new dates suit you better for the Pairs, Triples and Fours.

Midweek pennant has stayed in the top four, currently second, but are yet to have the bye. Wishing you all the best in maintaining your standings. Only 2 games to go before the bye which is on the last day of play before finals. We need to get more points up before then.

The Novice Singles will be held on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> February with 3 men and 2 ladies from our club competing for the respective titles, not a big field but we do not know the calibre of the players from other clubs so we wish our players the best of luck.

Charlton Bowling Club is in the centre of our Division and as such travel time is much reduced, travelling to Boort, Donald, St Arnaud, Wycheproof, Wedderburn and Korong Vale being the furthest to go. We are always looking for new members and can offer free coaching as well as the use of club bowls and other aids. Lawn bowls is challenging as tactics are involved, it is social with the meeting of new people on a regular basis and as such, is good for many health reasons, Mental and Physical. It is a sport for all ages and abilities. We are an equal opportunity club with men and women chosen on ability in all pennant games.

We hold social bowls during the off season from about March-April. both indoor and outdoor and welcome newcomers at all times. Great time to learn the game.



**Above:** Ladies' Champion, Patty Saltmarsh & Runner-up, Eily Rosewall.



**Above:** Men's B Grade Champion. Joo Cheong



# Charlton Christmas Fest

## A successful Charlton Christmas Fest for 2020.

After wondering if we could hold the Annual Christmas Fest, we were able to get permission from the State Government and the Buloke Shire to do so, but of course, under COVID restrictions. Staying safe was our priority.

Our Committee came up with a plan and on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December we all gathered at Rotary Park to enjoy an evening in preparation for Christmas.

Many thanks to the following people/Clubs for making this all happen.

**Charlton Lions Club** for supplying and manning their Air Castle. **OASIS** for the Barbeque. **Charlton Rotary Club** for the Spinning Wheel. **Charlton and Wycheproof Brass Band** for playing lovely music for the evening. **Year 8 Students from Charlton College** for doing the Face Painting very artistically (also by getting ideas from their phones). **A & P Show Society** for the use of their trailer for

the stage and chairs for seating. **Rick Walklate** for setting up the sound system and **Jon Whykes** for acting as emcee. And **Charlton C.F.A.** for bringing Santa to the Christmas Fest. Also thank you Santa for coming.

The **Major Raffle** is the Star attraction of this evening. The Committee spent over **\$1650 in Charlton businesses** to make up the Prizes. The winners were: **1<sup>st</sup> Ophelia Connors, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Perry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Elaine Wicks.**

However, with donations from the following people and businesses, the total value of the **Raffle was \$2000.**

Thanks for these donations from - North Central Panels, East Charlton Hotel, Charlton Newsagency, Charlton Florist & Fashion, House to Home, Jenny Watts, Mensland, Country Savers, D & G. Wood and North West Ag Supplies.

Finally a big Thank you to the Christmas Fest Committee. This committee is made up of representatives of our **3 Service Clubs** –

**Lions, Oasis and Rotary.** These Clubs are all Volunteers and if anyone would like to become part of these active Clubs, I am sure you would be most welcomed. Volunteering makes a big difference to our town.

Thank you one and all. I hope your Christmas was a good one, and we look forward to a better year in 2021. Stay safe and COVID free.



**Above:** The raffle prizes worth over \$2000. **Left:** Youngsters enjoying the Lions Club jumping castle. **Below:** some of the crowd enjoying the festivities. **Bottom:** The Charlton-Wycheproof Citizens Band enjoying the opportunity to play in public again.







# Charlton Probud Club

On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, the Probud Club was finally able to hold a meeting. It was great to see 54 members at the Christmas luncheon. After many months we were finally able to hold the induction of Denis Best – we hope he will enjoy the friendship of the club.

After the formalities of our meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January we had a varied program. To prepare members for Australia Day a Quiz about Australia was completed in groups of four. This was followed by a short skit about a visit to the Doctor. Thank you to Marj Bartlett and Sandra Patton for joining Anne Kenny to “perform” this short

act. As travel has been very limited in the last 12 months a Landmarks Quiz was distributed to find out how many we remembered. To finish the activity Sandra Patton gave an informative 5 minute talk on her first trip to Charlton – thank you Sandra.

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, there was a good attendance for our “outing” to the Lions Lodge. On this very warm day we watched the Andre Rieu 2008 performance held in Melbourne. The reference to Australia tied in with our Australia Day theme.

Our next meeting is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.



Above: Inductee, Denis Best (left) pictured with Graham Curnow & Eily Rosewall.



Above: Watching the Andre Rieu 2008 DVD at the Lions Lodge.



Above: Margaret Byrne & Neil Cossar.

## East Wimmera Parish News

New appointments: We welcome Fr Gerry Prunty, who has been Parish Priest of Mortlake and Terang, to the East Wimmera Parish. Fr Gerry celebrated his first mass at St Joseph's on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. Fr Gerry was in the Birchip Parish many years ago so is no stranger to this area.

A farewell was held for Fr Jim McKay on Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Fr Jim was in Charlton for approx. 1 year and is now the Assistant Priest at Horsham.

A farewell was also held for Fr Eugene McKinnon on Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Fr Eugene is now Parish Priest of Linton, Redan and Sebastapol.

St. Peter's Wedderburn: It is with sadness we announce the closure of St Peter's Wedderburn. St Peter's was originally attached to the Inglewood Parish but in 1978 became part of St Joseph's Parish Charlton. St Peter's celebrated its centenary on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1978.

Joan Steel and Frank Canfield are St Peter's oldest and longest worshippers

with over 60 years attendance. Christmas Eve Mass was the last Mass to be offered in St. Peter's ...end of an era.



St Peter's



Fr Jim's Farewell



Fr Eugene's Farewell



# Charlton Covid Classic

## **Charlton Courts full once more.**

The tennis courts were full, the accommodation houses and caravan park were full, the pubs were full, and the street was full of action as the Charlton Covid Classic took place over the Australia Day weekend.

All 16 of Charlton's lawn tennis courts were in full action on the Australia Day weekend once again. Running an abridged form of the annual Australia Day Weekend Tournament, the Charlton Lawn Tennis Club has hosted over 140 keen participants for a weekend of mixed, men's and ladies' doubles. With the courts beautifully prepared by long time greenskeeper Brian Heenan playing better than ever, a warm weekend was enjoyed by all who made the trip to what is understood to be regional Australia's oldest tennis club – established way back in 1881.

## **Saturday Mixed Doubles**

Saturday's mixed doubles saw 52 pairs in action across five grades. Nine pairs took to the courts in the Open division, and after some great tennis Eliza Long and Troy Snow prevailed to win their fourth straight Open Mixed title, defeating Ash Andrews and Joe Nihill 7/5 7/5 in an entertaining final.

A Charlton connection exists here in the Open mixed doubles, with Troy Snow being the grandson of Ian and Coral Cameron and nephew of Jayne and Tony Burton, Troy has been coming back to the Charlton

tournament for close to 20 years and now boasts a touring party of more than 30.

The Charlton club celebrated success in the A grade competition, with Sharon McLean and Troy Heenan coming out winners in the section of seven pairings, winning all six matches played, runners up went to Genevieve Gordon & Peter Bath – Peter is the nephew of Alison and Russell Round. Many of Charlton's older community will remember Peter's father Doug, himself a wonderful tennis player.

The B Grade saw mother and son Rebecca & Ben Bath overcome husband and wife pairing of Peter & Linda French in the final after making their way through their respective sections. Ben celebrating his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in style – although never a resident of Charlton, I'm led to believe that Ben has celebrated every one of his birthdays in Charlton – I guess that means he has been to 18 tournaments!! Happy Birthday Ben.

The family feel of the tournament highlighted when the second winning mother and son combination took out the C Grade Final – Calivil's Michelle & Oscar Balic defeating Fiona & Brae Jessup.

D Grade was won by long time supporters Judi Vanderheiden and Jim Clark, with first time participants Elise Turner and Keith Chittleborough finishing runners up.

In the Rotating Partner doubles section played James Coulson won section 1, while Simon Bensley and Tom Smith could not be

separated finishing joint winners of section 2.

## **Sunday Doubles**

The Ladies Doubles had 22 pairs compete in four grades on what was forecast to be a hot January Sunday, with play being brought forward to an 8am start, and most matches reduced to a 6 game set to allow most of the competition to be played before the hottest part of the day.

The Open Ladies doubles saw some high quality women's tennis played, arguably the strongest competition in a number of years with three pairs competing in a round robin to decide the title. After three great matches, Eliza Long and Ash Andrews were crowned champions with mother/daughter pairing of Mary Rodwell and Michelle Balic claiming the runners up trophies.

B Grade ladies trophies were taken home by Anne Crouch and Donna O'Loughlin, defeating sisters Genevieve Gordon and Gabe Richards.

Ladies C Grade doubles saw more local success, Charlton's Naomi Fitzpatrick combining with Bendigo's Kylie Evans to claim the trophy. Rebecca Bath and Bev Anderson claimed the runners up prizes.

D Grade ladies saw the Charlton / St Arnaud pairing of Abby Thompson and Keegan Amos fall just short in finishing runners up to Lyndal Ablett and Amanda Briody.

A total of 36 pairs took to the courts in four grades of Men's Doubles.





# Charlton Covid Classic

Five of those pairs contested the Men's Open Doubles, Nick Gatusso and Sam McHarg winning all four of their matches to claim boasting rights over Jarrod Bingham and Matt Carroll.

In the men's A grade, 12 pairs took to the courts and with the forecast high temperatures were split into three sections. Eventual winners were tournament veteran James Coulson and partner Grant Woodbridge, who defeated first time attendees Damien Saunder and Paul Henshall.

Ten pairs competed in the B Grade men's doubles, eventually taken out by the pairing of Peter French and David Watson, who defeated Norm Fuh and Paul Moldrich. Both pairs have been fantastic long-term supporters of the tournament and continue to grow the respective contingent of players that they drag along with each and every year – greatly appreciated by the club.

The C Grade men's final almost didn't happen with eventual runners up Trevor and Noel Archdall showered and preparing to get on the road home before getting the call to come back and play the final, getting through their section on a countback. Unfortunately for Trevor and Noel, who first came to the Charlton tournament back in late 1970's / early 80's, and would have to have been a combined 80+ years older, they were defeated by Max Fergie and Harrison Hughes.

The club sincerely thanks all of the volunteers and contributors who ensured yet another successful Australia Day weekend was able to occur. No doubt a hugely successful weekend for a number of Charlton business houses who have benefitted from the influx of visitors over the few days, with some players staying in town for over a week to enjoy the hospitality and friendly atmosphere.

The club is looking forward to hosting the 50<sup>th</sup> tournament in January 2022. Planning is already underway and the club will be looking to get as many former Charlton tennis players as well as Tournament participants back to celebrate what has been and continues to be a wonderful weekend of tennis. Please, if you get the opportunity, tell anyone that you know who has had any connection to tennis in Charlton – it would be great to see them at the club and back in town.

Dates for the 2022 50<sup>th</sup> Tournament are Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, with a celebratory dinner to be held on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Below Left:** A Grade Mixed Doubles winners – Sharon McLean and Troy Heenan.

**Below Right:** Ladies C Grade Doubles winners – Naomi Fitzpatrick and Kylie Evans.





# Charlton Pony Club

At Charlton Pony Club recently it was almost back to normal with the cross country course resounding to the beat of hooves as pony club and open riders from all over the state (except Melbourne) took part in the Midland Zone Pony Club Horse Trials.

The event was to have been held at Charlton in March, but due to Covid 19 it was postponed. Once restrictions were lifted, the various equestrian ruling bodies worked with the State Government to produce a Covid safe Return to Competition Plan.

The organisers followed this as all riders were pre-registered, camping had to be booked, temperatures were taken at the gate along with names and addresses and of course masks still had to be worn. No spectators were allowed, only one parent per rider, plus only enough personnel to run the event. Clubhouses were still closed to the public except for toilets, but as it was permissible to run a canteen Charlton Pony Club were able to cater for all meals and snacks.

Pony Club proved that it might take a bit more organising but it is possible to

operate almost normally under Covid Safe guidelines. Of course it helps that horse riding is a naturally self-distanced sport which takes place in the open air and in the case of Charlton, over a large area.

The Olympic sport of eventing is really three horse sports in one as it tests the ability of horse and rider to perform in dressage, show jumping and cross country. Firstly, dressage where the horse's training and rider's ability to ride a memorised pattern of straight lines and circles in a small enclosed area are tested, the judge looking for such qualities as calmness, straightness, rhythm and obedience. Then, speed and jumping ability over fixed natural-type obstacles on the cross-country and, finally, the horse and rider must show control and skill over the brightly coloured poles and the tight twists and turns of a show jumping course.

As well as the riders vying for individual honours, the Midland Zone Pony Clubs formed teams of riders to compete for the Zone shield.

Despite not being able to attend regular rallies this year the Charlton riders all had a great day with all current club members competing and getting a ribbon, either as an individual or a team member. Well done kids!

**Left:** Kian Blanchard, Charlotte Dowell, Annie Olive, Maggie Riley and Maya Dowell—4th place team challenge.

**Below:** Kian Blanchard, Amalie Blanchard and Abbey Pollock—2nd place team challenge.





# Kirby White - Victorian Local Hero

**Contributed by Ryan White**

Former Charlton local, Kirby White, attends Australian of the Year awards. Kirby Elise White was born on St Patrick's Day 1985 in Charlton to our wonderful parents and longtime Charlton locals Ron and Carol White. I've always joked saying that St. Patrick's is the best day of the year to have your birthday, because it doesn't matter what day of the week on any given year your birthday falls on, she would always have people to join and celebrate.

Kirby was a ballerina as a child, she then became very active in sports as a teenager and regularly played basketball and particularly badminton which she made the Victorian team for. She won the school athletics days every year in High School and even won the Victorian Northern Zone athletics one year.

She is also a good pianist and has played at weddings.

After completing her VCE at Charlton College in 2002, Kirby then went on to study a Bachelor in Biomedical Science at Deakin University in Geelong. Upon graduation Kirby then enrolled to do her honours research at The University of Melbourne. She was then employed at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne as a research assistant but later discovered her real passion was in medicine.

In 2010, Kirby applied for a scholarship at Notre Dame in Sydney as a Doctor of Medicine and was successful which was much to my delight, as I also resided in Sydney at the time. She accepted the scholarship and we both lived nearby in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs. Upon graduation Kirby received two job offers, one in Sydney and one in Bendigo. Country life plus being closer to family made it an easy decision for Kirby to move to Bendigo.

Kirby worked as a GP at Bendigo Health until February 2020 and then started her own business "The GP Clinic". When COVID-19 reached Victoria, Kirby tried to order extra gowns and couldn't receive

them as there was a statewide shortage so she decided to act. She developed a gown that could be laundered and re-used, allowing her to keep seeing patients, this is when "Gowns for Doctors" was born.

She then set up a go fund me page and raised over \$40,000. This initiative helped engage local volunteers and industries to manufacture the gowns. There are now over 5,200 gowns that have gone out to over 750 clinics across rural and regional Victoria.

As a result of her outstanding efforts, Kirby was deservedly awarded the Victorian Local Hero of the Year as part of the Australian of the Year awards. On the evening of Australia Day she attended the Australian of the Year awards with her husband, Tom, and our parents Ron and Carol. I've been an expatriate now for 8.5 years and missing that event was the most homesick I'd ever been. They got to meet the Governor General, David Hurley, along with the Australian Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, along with the state and territory recipients of the Australian of the Year awards.

Kirby unfortunately didn't receive the Australian of the Year Local Hero award but we couldn't be more proud of her achievements. She is the only sibling I have and I couldn't have asked for a better one.

Kirby resides in Bendigo with her husband Tom along with children Flynn 7 and Stella 2.

Kirby received a complementary invitation as a contestant on Channel Nine's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Frontline workers edition". Much to my delight she won \$64,000. You can stream her episode here:

<https://www.9now.com.au/who-wants-to-be-a-millionaire/2021/episode-1?fbclid=IwAR23S8ARdYjPlymojSCGTW8kD22GTfUd7VP0PuzBXeVVwuLGmoflVeDTBLg>



**Above:** Kirby with Governor General, David Hurley.



**Above:** Kirby with Prime Minister, Scott Morrison.

## Charlton RSL Sub Branch



Charlton RSL Sub-branch's annual general meeting will be held at the clubrooms on Friday 19 February at 1630 hours; all present members and persons interested in joining the Sub-branch are cordially invited to attend. Election of office bearers will be held and the annual report and financial statements presented.

Surely 2021 will be an improvement on Covid-19 year, 2020. Subject to the lifting of restrictions, we plan to:

- \* hold regular monthly meetings and social days;
- \* sell Anzac badges and other items and recognise Anzac Day on Sunday 25 April;
- \* with the generosity of Charlton Golf Club and the assistance of Charlton Oasis, conduct Diggers Day raffle and hold the annual golf day; and,
- \* sell poppies and other items and recognise Remembrance Day on Thursday 11 November.

A reminder of how Covid-19 has changed our traditional birthday celebrations; no longer can we blow out candles on birthday cakes!

We have obtained a New Zealand flag, which will be flown with pride on Anzac Day. This flag is available for community use; please contact the Sub-branch if you wish to borrow this flag.

And a reminder as to why we serve: eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

***Lest We Forget.***





# Charlton Neighbourhood House

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Email: [coord@charltonnh.org.au](mailto:coord@charltonnh.org.au)

**Welcome** everyone to the first issue of the Charlton Community Newsletter and news from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. It's hard to believe that we are into February already, and how busy we have been since reopening after Christmas.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions we have been able to welcome volunteers and visitors back into the house. Many services that continued during the lockdown are more easily available now such as photocopying, printing, laminating and general enquiries around courses, classes and services.

The **Charlton Community Car** has also been very busy as more doctors open their practices for patients across a broader spread of appointment times. As usual, we owe a great deal of thanks to our volunteer drivers and Deb our Co-ordinator for making this valuable service available.

The **Australia Day** celebrations were held at the Shire Hall following COVID-19 outlines and were a great success. The Cabbaritta CWA and Lions Club again provided a fantastic breakfast, while the Charlton Choir was in fine voice. Thanks must also go to the Buloke Shire for all their assistance in the preparation and the RSL for the flag raising. The money raised on the morning will go back to a worthwhile community project.

We were proud to gain an honourable mention for our photography event **Out Standing In**. We were also very pleased to be nominated for the Buloke outstanding community event of the year for the 'Out Standing In' project. Even though we didn't win, the combined Neighbourhood Houses across the Shire won the award for the 2020 'RUOK?' mental health initiative held late last year. Thank you to everyone involved in both those important events for our residents. The community spirit shown during that difficult year was a credit to the Buloke District.

**Courses, courses, courses!** With the difficulty of delivering training, lifestyle and social classes and courses last year, we have kicked 2021 off with a selection of some of our most popular.

Our **First Aid** or **CPR Refresher** course that will be held here in Charlton on Monday February 8 is now fully booked. Contact us today for our next date. This course does involve some online prework.

Thursday February 11 sees the Responsible Service of Alcohol training take place. This certificate course will prepare you for employment at licenced venues, and is also a requirement if you wish to volunteer at clubs and events serving alcohol. **Bookings close soon.**

The **1080 Fox and Rabbit Baiting Course** is a Victorian Legislative requirement for those wishing to handle this poison. Note, you need to have a Chemical Handlers Licence to participate in the course. Cost \$330 at a date to be confirmed. (2 hour prework)

For anyone who enjoys coffee or for those seeking employment, the Charlton Neighbourhood House is offering a **Barista Training Course**. With an online and face to face component, this course is expected to run later in March. Cost will be just \$25. Note, while not a certificate course, attendees will receive a certificate of attendance.

Averyll Loft is again offering her popular **Yoga Flow** sessions through the Mallee Sports Assembly, commencing on February 1. We are happy to partner with Jo Russell who is also back with her **Tai Chi** classes on Friday mornings at the Senior Citizens Room. For further details contact the Charlton Neighbourhood House.

These are just a few of the planned courses and activities for the year ahead. Firearms safety, school holiday activities, Book Club, Cocktail making and much more are to come. Watch this space.

**True Wellness (Strength & Balance)—Charlton**

Includes a FREE morning tea on March 9th 2021

**Time:** Tuesday mornings 9 am to 10 am  
**Dates:** 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd February, 2nd, 9th March 2021  
**Where:** Charlton Park (football oval)  
**Cost:** \$10 per session or \$5 concession for 65+ years or those turning 65 by the end of March 2021  
**Bring:** Water & Towel  
**Instructor/Registration:** Kasey King (Cert. IV Fitness)  
Ph. 0406 029 712 Email: [kaseyk82@gmail.com](mailto:kaseyk82@gmail.com)

**bowling with babies**

Coming soon to:  
**Charlton Bowling Club**  
Gordon Park, Charlton.

**When**  
From Monday 1st February  
5-week program, every Monday.

**Time**  
10.00am - 12.00pm

**Cost**  
FREE to participate!

Bookings are essential  
Scan the code below or visit website

Visit our website at [playbowlingwithbabies.com.au](http://playbowlingwithbabies.com.au)

**Yoga Flow—Charlton**

Includes a FREE morning tea on March 15th 2021

**Time:** Monday mornings 10.30 am to 11.30 am  
**Dates:** 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd February, 1st, & 15th March 2021  
**Cost:** \$14 casual or \$60 for 6 week block (full fee), \$10 casual or \$40 for 6 week block (concession for 65+ years or those turning 65 by the end of March 2021)  
**Instructor:** Averyll Loft  
(Cert. Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Cert. IV Fitness)  
**Venue:** Charlton Senior Citizens Rooms, High St Charlton  
Register at the Charlton Neighbourhood House, High Street or Ph. 0473 759 456 Email: [coord@charltonnh.org.au](mailto:coord@charltonnh.org.au)



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**1080 Fox and Rabbit Baiting Course. Cost \$330. Date to be confirmed. Expressions of interest now being taken.**

Expression of interest now also open for our non-certificate Barista Training. Cost just \$25. Enquire today at the Charlton Neighbourhood House.



HLTAID003 Provide First Aid  
Cost \$165  
HLTAID001 Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation  
Cost \$90  
This course supplements the online component done prior.



While our first training course has been fully booked, we are taking expressions of interest for a future training session in First Aid and CPR refresher.

**Closing soon!**  
There are still a few spots left for the Responsible Service of Alcohol course. Be quick to secure your place.



The Charlton Neighbourhood House is pleased to be involved in presenting the 2021 Debutante Ball. With the help of a small army of volunteers, our town's young Debs will be able to have their night on **Friday February 5th**. Thank you also to the Charlton community for supporting this event in such large numbers. Tickets sold out very quickly, and even after our venue increased its capacity, not everyone who wished to go can be accommodated. Have a terrific night everyone.



The children's wonderful Spoonville characters have returned to the Charlton Neighbourhood House for a short time. If your child or children would like to have their creation back home with them, pop into the house to collect them.



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

Bookings can be made by contacting our Community Car Officer, Deb, at the Charlton Neighbourhood House **during business hours on 0473 759 456** (note the number).

Please leave a message if there is no answer.



Don't forget that the Charlton Neighbourhood House can still provide all your copying, printing and office requirements. From posters, flyers, reports, handouts to resumes and scanning, no job is too big or too small. Prices on application for secretarial services and discounts apply for bulk orders.



## We are hiring!!

**We are currently advertising for an Administration Officer for 10-15 hours per week (Monday & Tuesday, possibly Wednesday). If you are interested in obtaining a position description email - [president@charltonnh.org.au](mailto:president@charltonnh.org.au) or call 0427-177688 for further details.**

## Santa Photos

Thanks to everyone involved in the Santa Photo session we held just prior to Christmas in Elliott Gardens. With support from the Buloke Shire and our wonderful volunteers, many children shared the magic of Christmas and meeting Santa. Letters to Santa mailbox was also a popular hit with the kids.







# Charlton P-12 College Awards

The Charlton P-12 College Awards ceremony was held on the 14th December in the afternoon. Normally held at the Rex Theatre in the evening, last year due to Covid-19 it was held at the College with only students, teachers and the family of Years 12s in attendance. The ceremony was live streamed to family and friends. The following are some of the award & scholarship recipients.



**ADF Future Innovators and Long Tan Leadership Awards**—Future Innovators: Mason Heenan & Courtney Sait; Long Tan Leadership: Abby Thompson & Cobi Fitzpatrick



**Ben Green Literacy Award**—  
Courtney Sait



**Rotary Year 10-12 All Rounder**—  
Cobi Fitzpatrick



**Buloke Shire Year 7-9 All Rounder**—Elise Fitzpatrick



**Lion's Club All Rounder**—  
Mitchell Boyle



**Lions Club Traffic Safety Award**—Patrick Soulsby



**Lions Club Design & Technology Award**—Darby Fitzpatrick



**TEYS Year 11 Encouragement**—  
Caileb Good



**Joan Supple's Year 6 Encouragement**—Sarah Blair





# Charlton P-12 College Awards



**OASIS Improvement in Studies**—Maddison Fitzpatrick & Bonnie Nicholson



**Charlton Arts Visual Development**—Fletcher Holmes-Brown



**Year 6 Kindness**—Maggie Riley



**Mallee Excellence**—Mason Heenan



**Parents' Club Positive Behaviour Awards**—Zara Jenyn, Anika Holmes-Brown, Tyler Riley



**Dux**—Rose McGeown

Charlton College congratulates our Year 12 students on their 2020 achievements which were completed in challenging circumstances due to Covid -19.

Of the seven students in Year 12, two students undertook VCAL and five students undertook VCE. The College would like to congratulate Rose McGeown

on receiving the Dux award. Rose is the daughter of Heidi Gibbeson and Martin McGeown. Rose obtained an ATAR of 88.7. Subjects undertaken included, English, Further Maths, HHD, Studio Arts, Psychology and Community Services.

It is expected that most students who applied for tertiary entry received their first

round offer. Charlton College congratulates all the graduates from the school and wishes them all the best in their tertiary and employment pursuits. We are proud of the achievements of all of our students who have strived for their best which is a result of the strong partnerships between families and the College.

***Charlton Debutante Ball  
Special Feature  
in the March Community  
Newsletter***





# Charlton Park 2020 - Turning of the Sod

## Sod turning conducted to commence work on \$325,000 grant for Charlton Park 2020

On Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>, Charlton welcomed Dr Anne Webster, Member for Mallee, to conduct the "turning of the sod" to formally commence the Building Better Regions Fund project in Charlton.

Dr Webster said she was delighted to be in Charlton on this important occasion and praised the Charlton Park 2020 committee and the Charlton Harness Racing Club for all their work in bringing stage 2 of the project to fruition.

In responding, Chairman of Charlton Park 2020, John Harley said that this was a special day for him because when the first sod was turned on stage 1 of the Charlton Park 2020's project, he was in Queensland due to a family illness, so he was really pleased to be here today for the turning of the sod on stage 2 of the project.

John reminded the audience that "Charlton Park 2020 committee was formed in July 2006 and so we have been at this for over 14 years now.

As I said at the announcement of the Federal and State funding for Stage 1 in October 2017 we can label our efforts as the **4 P's** – passionate, productive, patient and persistent.

The Building Better Regions Funding process has been an example of our persistence – unsuccessful in our first application but we sought feedback and made a better application and in the end a successful application that was announced in May of this year".

John thanked Anne for her support. He indicated that there are a number of small and larger projects that are part of this grant – with the majority devoted to improving the infrastructure for the Charlton Harness Racing Club. The large machinery and vehicle shed that will be built on the trotting training track will be the major piece of infrastructure. The Charlton Harness Racing Club is working so hard to upgrade its facilities and bring more economic development to Charlton. As an example, within the last 12 months 2

trainers have been attracted to come to Charlton to base their business here and Joe Thompson is working to attract another trainer and more after that.

This grant will only enhance the attractiveness of our town for these purposes as well as sending a positive message to Harness Racing Victoria about the future of this industry in our town.

The main items covered by the grant include:

- The carpark and road to the south and west of the main building which wasn't able to be funded when the building was constructed.
- A number of the infrastructure projects in the grant will benefit the Charlton Harness Racing Club.
- The removal of the old machinery and equipment sheds which will be rebuilt over on the back track. This will house the water trucks, mobile barrier vehicle and other vehicles owned by the Harness Racing Club and housed in the one shed.
- Relocation and construction of a new veterinary room and a new equine wash and urinal facility.
- Construction of some new covered horse stalls to replace some that were lost in the development of the new building. These will be placed at the eastern end of the complex.
- The construction of a new fence along the side of the netball area to add to the old playground and to provide necessary wind protection to this newly developed area.
- Some more playground equipment and landscaping of the area.

There is one piece of infrastructure remaining to be completed in this area – a multi-purpose facility to provide horse stalls and a wool display area for the Charlton A & P Society. It is hoped that this will be completed with further funding in the near future.

Charlton Harness Racing Club President, Joe Thompson, said he was very pleased to see the commencement of the

project.. "This funding will go a long way towards the redevelopment of the harness racing precinct. We have received great support from Harness Racing Victoria both for this project but also for our plans to develop further the harness training facilities in the south-east corner of the town.

The relocation of the sheds will enhance the facilities over there and will attract new trainers to our town, so enhancing the economic redevelopment of Charlton," Joe added.

This work will add to the already completed new grandstand viewing area and the lawn areas developed to the north and east of the harness racing complex. "I want to acknowledge the great work undertaken by Randall Perry and Wes Jenkyn in redeveloping this area", Joe concluded.



Above: Dr Anne Webster, Member for Mallee, turning the first sod of the BBRF project with John Harley, Chairman of Charlton Park 2020, looking on.



## Charlton Basketball Club

Basketball is back!

Junior basketball will start on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**Aussie Hoops will begin at 3:30p.m.**

Aussie Hoops Prep to Year 3

**Mixed Junior basketball 4:30p.m. & 5:30p.m.**

This year the mixed juniors will be split into 2 sections. These groups will be decided on the first night so we ask all mixed juniors to come at 4:30p.m.

Mixed Juniors are Grade 4 or 9 years of age by 31/12/2020 to 15 years by 31/12/2020

**Mixed Senior Social Basketball no later than 6:30 for a 6:45 start**

## Fees for season:

Aussie Hoops \$20 for new registration, \$15 if registered 2019/2020 season

Mixed Juniors \$40 for new registration, \$15 if registered 2019/2020 season

Senior \$79 for new registrations, \$40 if registered 2019/2020 season

**Basketball Victoria extended registrations by 9 months so this fee does not have to be paid if you were registered last season.**

Any questions, please contact Darcy McCallum, Troy Heenan, Cate Olive or Briony Zagame



# Vale Margaret Wood: 6 April 1934 - 5 October 2020

The Charlton community is mourning the passing of much-loved community member Margaret Wood. Margaret passed away peacefully on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 following a short illness. Her funeral service at St Martin's church was officiated by Reverend Judi Bird and due to the COVID restrictions attendance was restricted to twenty people. This, however, did not diminish the heartfelt tributes and acknowledgment of the lifetime commitment Margaret gave to her family and loved Charlton community.

Margaret came to Charlton in her early teens with her guardian Aunt & Uncle when her Uncle Jack was appointed Postmaster. She attended Charlton Higher Elementary School and upon leaving commenced her first job as a dental nurse for local dentist Vic Knight. She also enjoyed filling in as a relief telephonist at the Charlton Telephone Exchange.

In the late 1940s, a few years after arriving in Charlton, Margaret met handsome local farmer Ted Wood at the Methodist Youth Club. This meeting led to a lifelong devoted partnership.

Ted and Margaret married in April 1953 and soon followed with the birth of Gary in 1955 and Helen in 1958. Margaret embraced her role as farmer's wife and mother and began her lifetime community service journey. She was a member of the inaugural committee established to raise funds for a kindergarden, mothers' club member,

staunch supporter of the scouts, guides, swimming and netball clubs. She played the organ on Sundays at St Martin's church for over 60 years and, like many Charlton women, cooked up a storm for any fundraiser or community event.

Lean times on the farm called for some creativity which began with Margaret raising turkeys and enlisting the kids to collect and bag kindling to sell for \$10 per bag. She also worked at the Roadhouse cooking for ten years followed by an enjoyable stint in Heather's Choice gift shop.

Margaret enthusiastically supported Ted throughout their married life in all his endeavours including Golf, Rotary, Shire council as well as during his years as Shire President. One of her great loves was her involvement with the annual Rotary Art Show.

Margaret, in her own right, was an active member of the Red Cross, Probus, The Royal Institute for the Blind and for many years was church parish secretary.

Margaret was not one to seek the limelight, rather she worked quietly behind the scenes with a quiet word, a delivery of a plate of food or other support to community members in need.

She quietly went down to Rotary Park weekly to clean the BBQ, so it was always ready for visitors to town. She helped with the cleaning at the Rex Theatre and was

always on hand with decorations, tablecloths, vases and flowers for any event.

In acknowledgment of her commitment to her community Margaret was awarded a Centenary medal in 2003 and Citizen of the Year in 2011.

A fitting tribute to someone who gave so much.

Vale Margaret. You will be sadly missed.



## CHARLTON EASTER MARKET

EASTER MONDAY - APRIL 5th 2021

9-00 am - 1-00 PM

STALL HOLDER Entry is Off Learmonth Street Church Gate  
Public Entry is from High or Learmonth Streets

ADMISSION FREE

VENUE: ST JOSEPH'S OVAL

- \$200-00
- HAMPER TO BE WON
- B.B.Q
- PLANTS
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- NURSERIES
- CLOTHES
- MANY MORE STALLS



SITES STILL AVAILABLE @ \$15-00 6 metres x 8 metres

CONTACT: KEVIN WILLEY 0428 911830

GARRY LARMOUR 54 911 647

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## CHARLTON TOWN GARAGE & CAR BOOT SALE



Sunday 21st March 2021

8am Onwards

GARAGE SALE \$15.00

CAR BOOT \$5.00



Do you have things lying around your home that you don't really need, but are too good to throw out? This is the perfect opportunity to turn unwanted items into cash!

\* Venue: Car Boot Sale at TRAVELLERS REST  
Collect maps with directions to all Garage Sales

\*\* Please Register: by 4th March to ensure inclusion on Garage Sale Day Map.

\*\*\* Enquiries: Contact Neville on 0439 375 239



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# Charlton Harness Racing Club News

## **CHARLTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BANK CHARLTON CUP DAY SUNDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> BLUE SUNDAY**

Plans are well under way to celebrate our first Cup Day with a crowd at the new 2020 complex – fingers crossed that COVID does not thwart us at the last hurdle again.

Crowds have recently been welcomed back on track at Charlton and the club was very happy with the compliance of spectators – it appears all are adjusting to the new world we now live in.

Whilst we are anticipating that there will still be some rules and regulations to adhere to, we hope that all Charltonians will take the opportunity to support our major race day of the year and help us build the day into one of the best country cup days in regional Victoria.

With some luck by March 14<sup>th</sup> there will be some relaxation of the rules and more freedom will be allowed.

So EVERYONE IS INVITED to join in this day, BLUE SUNDAY, cheer on our local trainers and drivers and experience a great community day at our fantastic Charlton Park.

### **BOOKINGS**

Dining – BOOKED OUT

Marquees \$50 – Still some marquees left

Call Andrea 04133701322

### **BUBBLES IN THE BUSH 4 11am CUP DAY**

Ladies please pop March 14<sup>th</sup> in your diaries for our Cup Day kickoff Bubbles In The Bush- supporting Team Teal and Ovarian Cancer research.

**Plenty of little jobs to do so if anyone wants to lend a hand just give Andrea a call- 0499701322.**

### **MAJOR SPONSORS**

Thank you to our major sponsors who continue to support this day:

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### **THERMOMIX RAFFLE WINNER – Dale McGrath**

Congratulations Dale- a great supporter of the club, our Cup Day and our annual fundraiser Bubbles In The Bush.

A huge thank you to everyone who bought a ticket in the thermomix raffle. The support was just unbelievable from people far and wide. To those who shared on facebook thank you—you got the word out and we are well on the way to raising the money for a horse walker at the Training Centre—Another step towards cementing this facility as an important industry in our town.

### **NEW SEASON MEMBERSHIPS**

Thank you to all the members who have renewed their memberships for the current season which commenced Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. A reminder that payments can still be dropped off at Heenan's Newsagency – thank you Bec and Troy for making this service available – good members!!!

### **RAFFLE NIGHT RESUMES FOR 2021**

Raffle night resumes this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Cricket Club Hotel from 6pm

### **GO CHARLTON TRAINERS AND DRIVERS**

Our local Charlton trainers finished the season off well and have continued on their merry way for the start of the new season.

Don't forget you can access all races on your mobile, ipad, or computer by going to TROTS VISION. As the Summer of Glory continues with the Hunter Cup this Saturday night at Melton Trots Vision provides a most comprehensive coverage including interviews with trainers and drivers, and expert form analysis for the punters out there!

Tune in to watch the champ Lochinvar Art go round – a star.

### **WINNERS**

MAORISHADOW – Mickbeigh HR, Horsham Group 3 Tontine Trotting Championship

LITTLEBITOFMAGIC – John Tormey, Mildura

ABSTRACT HANOVER – Driven by Denbeigh Wade, Mildura

APIECEOFLOU – Greg Norman, Shepparton

BLUE COMAN – Greg Norman, Swan Hill



**Above:** Denbeigh Wade and Maorishadow



**Above:** Dale McGrath (Raffle winner), Lisa Cox & Hugh McGrath.



# Welcome Back to the Rex



It's been a long time, but the Rex is back on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February!

Beginning with the Australian movie, **"The Dry"** (MA15+ 117 mins), based on the award-winning novel by Australian author, Jane Harper, the "locally" filmed movie, starring Eric Bana provides a stellar feature with which to kick-start the Rex following the Covid-19 closures.

Keeping the Australian theme running, the second week of February will showcase the Michael Caton / Sam Neill hit- **"Rams"** (PG 119mins) - a story about two estranged brothers who must set aside their differences when a rare and lethal illness threatens their respective flocks of sheep in Western Australia. Described as "a warm, funny, tender and down-to-earth rural drama", **"Rams"** is about men and rural life, taking a look at masculinity in ways which men may relate to. Funny at times, but also touching, **"Rams"** is beautifully filmed, and is another "must-see" movie in February.

**"The Furnace"** (MA15+ 116 mins) takes the audience into the 1890's in Western Australia - a time when whole teams of cameleers plied the vast deserts, carrying supplies to remote mining settlements when the state was in the grip of gold fever. Seen through the eyes of Afghan cameleer, Hanif - an outsider in the colonial context - he is surviving and battling his own conscience in a racist, tough outback and forming relationships with other key characters from diverse backgrounds. A stand-out performance by young Egyptian actor, Ahmed Malek, with strong support by Australia's David Wenham. **The Furnace** is an impressive, engrossing and compelling tale.

**FREE SCREENING -Saturday 27 February 8pm "LOOBY" 80 mins**

A one-night-only **FREE** screening of the documentary film on the life and art of

Australian artist, Keith Looby. Winner of numerous art prizes and awards, including the 1984 Archibald Prize, **"LOOBY"** takes a look at the man and his art in the context of what was happening around him through his career - socially, politically and personally.

The final film for February, **"Summerland"** (PG 99mins), is set during World War II. Alice, a reclusive writer, is resigned to a solitary life on the seaside cliffs of Southern England while World War II rages across the

channel. She opens her heart to an evacuee after initially resolving to be rid of him in this moving journey of womanhood, love and friendship.

So, tick off your viewing list, as the Rex presents a diverse selection of movies and live shows for 2021.

(For all screening details see the Rex flyer or website: [rextheatre.org.au/what's showing](http://rextheatre.org.au/what's%20showing) )

And don't forget to follow on **Facebook & Instagram**.



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## COMING ATTRACTIONS February

Movie Prices: General Admission \$12 Members \$10 VIP Members FREE

	<p><b>THE DRY</b> MA 15+ 117 mins   Drama</p> <p>Aaron Falk returns to his drought-stricken hometown to attend a tragic funeral. But his return opens a decades-old wound -- the unsolved death of a teenage girl</p> <p><b>Sat 6 FEB 8pm</b> <b>Sun 7 FEB 2pm</b> <b>Tue 9 FEB 8pm</b></p>
	<p><b>RAMS</b> PG 119 mins   Drama</p> <p>Brothers Colin and Les have been fighting for decades. Both are award-winning sheep farmers but when disaster strikes and disease threatens their flocks, will they be able to work together to save their sheep, their legacy, and their community?</p> <p><b>Sat 13 FEB 8pm</b> <b>Sun 14 FEB 2pm</b> <b>Tue 16 FEB 8pm</b></p>
	<p><b>THE FURNACE</b> MA 15+ 116 mins   Drama</p> <p>To escape the outback, a young Afghan cameleer falls in with a mysterious bushman on the run with stolen Crown gold.</p> <p><b>Sat 20 FEB 8pm</b> <b>Sun 21 FEB 2pm</b> <b>Tue 23 FEB 2pm</b></p>
	<p><b>LOOBY</b> Sat 27 FEB 8pm <b>FREE SCREENING</b></p> <p>Looby addresses the question of what it is to be an artist in Australia. Keith Looby has relentlessly pursued a life in art across seven decades. He has won many major art prizes and is in the collections of every major gallery in Australia and many internationally, including MOMA in New York. The film looks at Looby's art in the context of what was happening around him through his career - socially, politically and personally.</p>
	<p><b>SUMMERLAND</b> PG 99 mins   Drama / Romance</p> <p>A young woman revisits her past when she opens her heart to a young evacuee in SUMMERLAND, a wartime drama with a contemporary sensibility.</p> <p><b>Sun 28 FEB 2pm</b> <b>Tue 2 MAR 8pm</b></p>



**SPLASHTEST DUMMIES**  
Fri 16 April 2pm  
Tickets \$10  
Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/splash-test-dummies>



## Evie Heather Bish King



**Born:** 18th December 2020, 6:27am  
**Weight:** 7lb 3oz

**Parents:** Peter King & Lindsay Bish King  
**Siblings:** Shantelle & Patrick  
**Grandparents:** Heather & Gary Bish  
Russell & Marlene (dec) King

## Moving Forward Quilt Challenge

There has been a great response from the local area to enter the challenge and it will be a great exhibition of works showcasing our local talent.

The exhibition will be held from the 5<sup>th</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> March and will be at New Horizon Quilt Shop, 9a High Street Charlton. The hours will be 9 to 4 from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> and 9 to 2 on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.

Entry will be by gold coin donation with all these proceeds going to the Charlton Neighbourhood House and not only do you get to look at the wonderful items on display but you also get to vote for your favourite item and this will help decide the winner of the challenge.

PLEASE come along and support all the people who have put in so much of their time and effort to enter and let's make this a great event for the town.

If there is anybody still interested in doing something for the challenge there are still kits available, and a reminder to all others that your entries must be at 9a High Street Charlton by Feb 21.



## Thomas Charles Pridgeon



**Born:** 21st December 2020  
**Parents:** Luke & Gemma Pridgeon  
**Grandparents:** John & Wendy Pridgeon  
Brendan & Julie McGrath

## Ivy Rose Sexton



**Born:** 12th December 2020  
**Weight:** 6lb 4oz  
**Parents:** Billy Sexton & Lily Campbell  
**Grandparents:** Peter & Donna Sexton  
Kelvin & Fiona (Bendigo)



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**Saturday 27th Feb 2021**

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FISHING COMPETITION**

**Where:** Unlimited radius of Charlton

**When:** Sunday 21st February 2021, 7am to 6pm

**Weigh in:** 6pm at Clubrooms followed by BBQ tea.

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet at the Clubhouse before fishing
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching and releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in by 6pm Sunday to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation

**Entry fee:** Adults \$5.00. Juniors \$2.00. Tea only (not fishing) \$3.00.

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

**All new and current  
"fisherpeople" welcome!**



Charlton Netball Club would like to welcome everyone to season 2021. After the year 2020 turned out to be, we can't wait to see as many faces at the courts this year, both old and new.

In exciting updates we have been lucky to appoint Dave Clausen as coach for A and B Grade. We wish Dave all the best and offer him all our support for the incoming season. Training for seniors and U16s will begin Thursday 4th February @ 6pm (this week) and all players are reminded to register before they are able to train.

See the following link.

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=1&id=40540&entityid=44711>

A quick working bee is organised for Monday 1st February @ 5pm to get courts, shed and surrounds cleaned up. We ask for as many players and parents to attend as possible to share this responsibility for the enjoyment of all.

In our return to netball in 2021 there will be a number of measures in place throughout to ensure we are COVID safe. We ask if anyone is feeling unwell to stay home. We also ask for people to maintain social distancing requirements. At training a record of attendance will also be kept and equipment will be sanitised between sessions.

More information on a COVID safe return to sport can be found at the following link.

<https://vic.netball.com.au/sites/vic/files/2021-01/Return%20to%20Community%20Netball%20Clubs%20and%20Associations%20Outdoor%20Venues%20-%202021%20Jan.pdf>

We wish everyone cheering on the Navies this year all the best. Catch you at the court.  
CNC Committee



**Charlton Croquet Club inc.  
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**past members and friends**

**to the Club's Celebrations of Croquet in Charlton 1879 – 2021**

**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**12.30pm Luncheon (\$30) at Charlton Bowling Club**

**followed by the launch of the Club Book**

**"Charlton Croquet Club 1879 – 2021" (\$45)**

**There will be Association & Golf Croquet play at 10am**

**RSVP – Anne Kenny PH: 0408 547 973 or 5491 1673**

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**by February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**St Martin's Messenger—February 2021**

**Worship:**

Holy Communion 1pm Sunday 7 Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Holy Communion 1pm Wednesday 17 Feb. Ash Wednesday  
Holy Communion 1pm Sunday 21 Feb. First Sunday in Lent  
Holy Communion 1pm Sunday 7 March Third Sunday in Lent

**A good sprinkling of Mallee Dust**

My Mum had a framed cross stitch with two rabbits which said "This home is protected by dust bunnies". This was her way of saying that a home was not supposed to be 'clinically' clean – it was to be lived in and to be comfortable. 'Pristine' clean was not the order of the day. The activity of any family living in their home is always going to generate, capture and produce a liberal sprinkling of dust. And, as we know, it is always 'good Mallee dust' that settles in our homes in our part of the world.

My Nanna had a fluffy black feather duster with a short red handle. But these are no longer in favour – I guess that they did tend to just move the dust from the ledges to the floor. But it was fun to flick in and around the ornaments – I am not sure why, but my Nanna was always a little nervous when I was doing this.

And, just as dust coats items inside our homes, so too there is dust in our lives. A coating that covers over thoughts, feelings, attitudes, memories, events, hopes and aspirations. Maybe the dust represents how the busy-ness of day-to-day activities and the

passing of life itself, can sometimes cover over, or hide, what is really important or significant to us. We can be somewhat reluctant to address or acknowledge things for fear of pain or uncertainty.

We are invited in Lent, to wipe away our uncertainty. In essence, we are to 'wipe away' the dust of the year, polish up and consider what we can now look at with more clarity and assurance. Revisit or reassess that which maybe was covered over with dust and was not clear to us. Look at what is under the dust and give it some attention. Then, as we have cleared our minds and souls of dust, we can focus on the year ahead, the season of Lent, which precedes the joy of Easter.

**Ash Wednesday**

In biblical times, covering oneself in dust and ashes was always connected with humility and penance.

In the observation of Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, ash is applied on people's foreheads in the shape of a cross. As this is applied, one of the common phrases uttered by the priest is, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," calling to mind God's words to Adam in Genesis 3:19.

Genesis 3:19 *"By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."*

Reverend Judi Bird 0435 593 359  
judithblackbird@outlook.com

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



**Mass Times:**

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.30am Zoom Mass in St Joseph's Church  
Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 8.30am  
Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00pm  
Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.30am

**North Central Garden Club**

The Garden Club will head into the year 2021, with a positive outlook on what we may be able to achieve.

We will welcome all members and intended members to come to our first meeting for the year.

We will be planning the syllabus so come along with your ideas please. Our plan at this stage is to organise a trip, this will be discussed at our February meeting.

The Club will meet at the Lions Lodge at 2 pm on Tuesday 23rd February

Enquiries: President Bernice 54911334, Treasurer Maretia 54912180, Secretary Sue 0407 140 336

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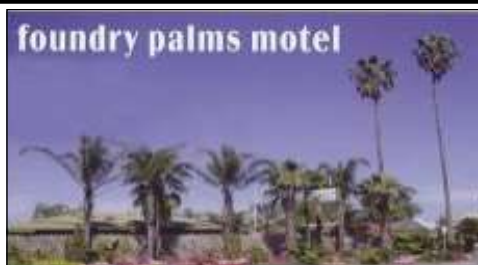
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	2 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	3	4 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary	5 State Novice Singles Bowls 10am <b>DEB BALL</b>	6 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
7	8	9 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Angling Club Meeting, 8pm—long w'end vote	10	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Warrack Shed Visit 1:30-2	12 Probus 10am	13
14 Lions Trip to Lake Boga Museum	15 CWA Meeting Lions Lodge 7:30pm	16 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Bowls Meeting 7:30pm	17 Lions Business Meeting 8pm	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary	19	20
21 Angling Club Comp (see notice)	22	23 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm NCGC 2pm	24	25 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm (AGM 3:15pm)	26	27
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## March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	3 Lions Dinner Meeting	4 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary	5	6 Lions Paper Collection from 9am Angling trip to Murray
7 Angling trip to Murray	8	9 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	10	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	12 Probus AGM 10am	13
14 Charlton Cup Day	15 Bowls Meeting 7:30pm	16 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	17 Lions Business Meeting 8pm	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary	19	20
21 Lions Whole Town Garage Sale (See form inside)	22	23 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	24	25 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	26	27
28	29	30 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	31			