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Rex Hosts Movie Themed Wedding

The outside marquee read "Kristy and Pete's Big Fat Greek Wedding", but this wasn't the title of a forthcoming block-buster hit!

For the first time in its 83 year history, the Rex was playing host to a fully-fledged wedding ceremony—and one which drew on movie lore for a theme.

The happy couple, Kristy Stafford (parents, Phil and Janet) and Pete Matheos (parents, Con and Helen), celebrated their 20 March wedding with a salute to their long-time passion – science fiction movies.

And what better way of doing it than in a genuine movie "palace" like the Rex.

Incorporating meaningful snippets into the

ceremony the pair finally celebrated their special day after suffering previous cancellations due to the pandemic.

Family and friends travelled from across the state and country to be a part of the occasion and, in the process, got to sample country hospitality drawn from numerous sectors of the Charlton community. Cont. p8.



Above: Surrounded by family and friends, the happy couple pose for a group photo outside the Rex. Article by Jenny Pollard.

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*Editorial
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the April edition of the newsletter. It certainly has a lot more news than this time last year which is terrific.

It's great fun to have a wedding featured on the front page this month. Well done to everyone involved in giving Kirsty & Pete such a great wedding day. We hope they have a long and happy life together.

Thank you to our new sponsors—the Charlton Motel and the Charlton Op-Shop. We have new sponsors coming on board regularly which is much appreciated.

Life on the farm is getting busy—although it never really quietened down this summer. We had an inch of rain at Yeungroon recently which was a very nice drop. We've started sowing some early crops and look forward to a good year.

I'm busy working on a number of projects at the moment, most of them history or tourism related. Plenty to keep me busy!!

Have a Happy Easter everyone,

Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

- Lions Easter Monday Market
Monday 5th April
- Splash Test Dummies @ The Rex
Friday 16th April
- The Merger @ The Rex
Sunday 9th May



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Property of the Month

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- Massive Block - 1/2 acre (approx).
- Some shedding.
- Outdoor area.
- Split Systems/Ceiling Fans.
- Fully fenced.

This house has all the features of a California Bungalow. Bay lead light windows, large rooms, high ceilings, paneling throughout and ornate fireplaces. Situated in the friendly river town of Charlton in North Central Victoria, walking distance to all amenities and on a massive block. Definitely worth a look!

Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome everyone to our monthly catch-up from your Golden Grains Museum. We have been so happy to again open our doors to visitors and have been incredibly pleased with the numbers dropping in to view our fantastic collection. Many of our displays have been freshened up and new exciting items added. Our CWA display has been packed up and a new temporary display of the amazing craftwork of Nell Hobbs, titled 'One Woman's Work', is under development. Thanks to her daughters, Marlene and Janice, who have loaned us a number of items, a new display of her skilled handiwork will be available to view. If you have not visited for a while, spare an hour or so one Sunday and come and say hello. Opening times are 11:00am to 3:00pm, or by appointment. Admission \$5, with children being free.

Other news is that the Bingo Bus was back on the road and across to Donald last month. This is a terrific fund raiser for our museum, while giving attendees a fun (and sometimes lucky) evening out. Thanks go to Jamie Start (and Garry Wood) for looking after us so well on the bus, as it takes a burden off having to drive across risking kangaroo strikes. The next trip is April 22nd.

It is hard to believe how quickly the year is passing, and that Easter is almost upon us. How different things are today in Charlton to years past. Easter celebrations were held by large congregations across the many churches, sport carnivals were eagerly competed at, organised group camps were out at the lake, and many past residents returned to catch up with family and friends.

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. Have you thought about maybe 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 per annum. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving our town's collection.

Please feel free to call one of the numbers below for any enquiries you may have. President Anne – 0408547973. Secretary – Carolyn 0418361971. Archivist – Markus 0413129216



Above: Janice (left) and Marlene working on the new display of their mother's work.

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Charlton CWA Cabbaritta

The year has started very busy for the ladies of the Cabbaritta CWA based here in Charlton. January saw our regular involvement with other community groups in presenting the Australia Day Community Breakfast. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who assisted in making this the successful day it was.

We have again started holding our regular monthly meetings, after a disrupted

2020, at The Lions Lodge and have been fortunate to have 2 very interesting guest speakers. Markus Phillips gave a talk on the recent digitisation program at the Charlton RSL and presented some wonderful historic items for viewing, followed last month by Neil Jackman from the New Horizon Quilt Shop telling of his journey into quilting over the past five years. We are also happy to report another successful afternoon with

our CWA Junior girls. Some lovely Easter wreath decorations were made followed by some fun games.

We are always looking for new members keen to be part of our friendly community organization. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month with the exception of May. All enquiries to Jo (Secretary) on 0417538598.



Above: Guest speaker, Markus Phillips, with Moria Olive, Dawn Parish, Bev Turner, Bronwyn Simpson.



Above: Branch members, Janet Stafford & Donna McCallum, Coordinator Bernice Kenny with Cabbaritta CWA Juniors.



Lions Easter Monday Market

Early Market Bookings Encouraging

The Lions Club of Charlton Inc. are pleased to advise that their Annual Easter Market will again be held on St Joseph's School Oval on Easter Monday 5th April 2021. As in the past the Market will commence at 9.00 am and run through to approximately 1 pm.

The Market coordinator, Lion Kevin Willey, reported at the Club's last meeting that site booking have been received for in excess of 25 sites and that he has had a lot of inquiries for sites so he expects the number of sites will be similar to the 2019 Market, around the 50 to 60 mark. To date the sites include Antiques and Collectables, Tools, Plants, Cooking, Clothing, Fruit and Vegetables, Soaps, Salami, Donuts and Coffee to name a few. We have been consistently told by Marketeers that the Charlton market is one of the best smaller

Markets in the area and that they love coming to Charlton to be part of it Kevin said.

Lions Lady President Francie Stahl said plans are well in hand for the barbeque which will take a similar form to previous years and will be ready to roll for early stall holders and others to get their breakfast and sample the delicious Bacon and Egg sandwiches, Hamburgers and Sausages on toast cooked by Lions President Geoff Winsall and his team.

A raffle for a \$200-00 Food Hamper will be drawn at the Market sometime around 12 noon. Kevin said all in all the Club is looking to try and provide something of interest for everyone at the Market.

If you are interested in obtaining a site or would just like more information please contact Lion Kevin Willey on 03 5491 1830 or 0428 911 830 or Lion Garry Larmour on 03 5491 1647.

Charlton Lions Club Easter Monday Market

Monday 5th April
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Charlton Men's Shed

Charlton Men's Shed had an informative and practical demonstration on Thursday March 18.

Ex local Paramedic, Harry Brindley, gave a detailed and informative demonstration of the use of a defibrillator to a keenly interested group of 14 local members.

Harry's 50 plus years as an "ambo" helped to get the message across to the group that the implementation and use of the "defib", was not a complicated or scary thing to use. In a 40 minute demonstration, Harry used the Men's Shed unit to show just how simple the procedure is, should it be needed. Questions were asked in a sensitive tone and answered with a wry Harry answer that kept the group attentive throughout.

At the completion of the demonstration, a fine afternoon was enjoyed by both members and the revered guest, who continued to answer questions over a cuppa.

Any men wishing to join or know more about the Charlton Men's Shed are welcome to attend "The Shed", off Armstrong Street any Tuesday or Thursday from 1pm.



Above: Stan Gretgrix & Mal Connell pictured with the defibrillator.

A MEMORY IN STYLE



Local RSL member, Annette Sherriff, has made and donated a quilt to raffle for the Charlton RSL. The quilt depicts the proud meaning of ANZAC and will be on display at the Charlton Neighborhood House with tickets on sale leading up to the raffle date draw on Sunday 25th April at the RSL hall.

Tickets will also be available from the RSL having their own "selling days" outside of Tormey's IGA from Monday April 19. Price for tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

All funds raised will go towards projects dedicated to the local RSL branch, and we encourage all to buy a ticket for this "one off" quilt.



Above: RSL members Ken Lugton and Gordon Risk (President) holding the quilt made and donated by Annette Sherriff.

CHARLTON EARLY YEARS LEARNING CENTRE TAKES SHAPE

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

The Charlton Early Years Learning Centre took big steps forward during March with the arrival and placement of modules which will form the new building.

The Armstrong Street location was a hive of activity as long loaders delivered their cargo - unit by unit - into the cleared site for the placement process to begin.

As individual components were backed onto the premises, they were prepared for attachment to the crane which then raised and rotated them to their predetermined locations.

One of the more spectacular moments - the raising and placement of the longest section of the building - was witnessed by the current kinder children, who were bussed to the site along with their teachers, Sharon McLean and Deb Whykes.

This memorable moment will leave an indelible imprint, as these young children become the first beneficiaries of this new complex.

It is anticipated that the building will be ready for use in Term 2.



Above: Raising the module off the long loader.

Quilters Help Neighbourhood House

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Helping hands come in many forms and the recent quilting exhibition held at *New Horizon Quilting* in Charlton brought opportunities for both the Neighbourhood House and the practitioners of this exacting craft.

The quilting outlet - which opened last year - is the brain-child of Neil Jackman, a creative craftsperson in his own right, who shares his time between Ballan and Charlton.

Establishing a new business during the pandemic year made for a “pretty weird time”, said Neil, however passionate quilters are not to be deterred, and strong local support has been able to be showcased through the “*Moving Forward Quilt Challenge*” which was recently on display.

Providing an outlet for quilters to drill deep into their creativity, Neil put out the call last October-making available Challenge Packs, complete with fabric and directives as to how the project should evolve.

Beginning with just two fabrics and having a total of three layers, participants were encouraged to “go wild” to build up their designs and use additional fabric in creative ways.

The resulting support for the inaugural Challenge was heartening, with 17 entrants, strong attendance for the exhibition and \$302 raised for the Charlton Neighbourhood House. Attendees could vote for their favourite item to decide the winner, which was Casey McSwain with her engaging wall hanging inspired by her love of dogs.

Held on the premises at the *New Horizon Quilting* at 9A High Street, Neil said it was an opportunity to encourage both first-time quilters and experienced hands, while presenting this creative outlet to the wider public.

Adding to Charlton’s profile as an evolving hub for artistic endeavour, Neil’s business provides a diverse range of quilting fabrics, drawing praise from practitioners who say the variety surpasses that available in many larger centres. Pricing is also kept affordable, with “specials” often available.

The key feature of the enterprise is Neil’s imposing Bernina Q24 Long Arm Quilting machine - the revolutionary, state-of-the-art workhorse - which requires a considerable amount of space to accommodate its 12-foot frame.

“I saw a “Vacancy” sign on the shop window,” said Neil, “and after making enquiries, the building was just perfect when I discovered the size of the back room. My house is way too small to fit this machine in!”

Marketed as “realizing the biggest quilting dreams you can imagine”, Neil is building up commissions with his power-

house capacity to attempt the most complex, detailed or large-scale of projects. A current commission, which has extensive customized detail, is expected to take more than 15 hours work, even with an apparatus as high-tech as the Q24.

Having transitioned from needle-felting work (competing at the Melbourne Show), Neil made the move into quilting about five years ago. “I made a needle-felt cushion which I needed to have quilted and took it to Millrose Cottage in Ballan (renowned patchwork and quilting suppliers),” said Neil. Smitten with the fabrics on display, and captivated by Japanese designs, his first foray into quilting featured the elegance of oriental cranes. And from there - well, the rest is history!

As life slowly returns to more normality, Neil said he will start planning how the Charlton business will evolve, possibly with

opening hours moving to Thursday, Friday, Saturday so he can accommodate “Sit & Sew” sessions on Thursdays.

And there will probably be another “Challenge” advertised later in the year.

“I’m keen for people to try the “Art Quilt” line, where creativity and innovation are the keys, in preference to the more traditional quilting forms,” Neil said.

So, quilters take note - for more information either check out signage at the Charlton business, or contact Neil Jackman on - 0411867075.

Final results:

1st—Casey McSwain

2nd—Rosemary Perry

3rd—Lesley Miller

Additional Awards:

Lyn Keller & Meryl Wiseman



The impressive Bernina Q24 Long Arm quilting machine is able to accommodate large items and can sew up to 2,200 stitches per minute. Neil calculated that the project displayed on the frame would take up to 15 hours of customized work to reach completion, instead of the rigorous work associated with hand stitching the item.



Stepping away from the traditional styles of patchworking and quilting, Neil is pictured with one of his own designs featuring this cheeky Aussie emu.

Rex Hosts Movie Themed Wedding

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As established residents of the town, Phil and Janet were keen to showcase the community's strengths and welcomed the travellers with a picnic barbeque at Rotary Park on the night before the wedding.

And as the big day progressed there was a strong emphasis on "local" content, with Charlton businesses and organisations involved in many aspects of the young couple's nuptials.

Arriving at the Rex in vintage vehicles (loaned by family and friends), the bridal party was already on stage as Kristy made her entrance to the strains of the Grand March from the Star Wars movie.

Preceded by Light Sabre attendants – six-year-old, Billie and four-year-old, Josef excitedly waving their glowing wands – Kristy walked down the aisle accompanied by her father before being "given away" by both her parents.

The formalities of the service unfolded in the capable hands of local marriage celebrant, Joy Freeman, and following the vows, as the couple kissed, the auditorium erupted into applause and cheering.

As the signing of the register took place the Rex curtain was raised for a short screening of the Casey Showband performing a musical medley to "Doctor Who" film footage featuring all the actors who have held the title role.

As a member of the Showband (and also of the Casey Philharmonic Orchestra), Kristy's involvement added a meaningful touch to the ceremony.

The formalities concluded with Kent Ross (conductor of the Casey Philharmonic Orchestra) performing a selection of items on the Steinway concert grand piano as the bridal party left the stage and moved outside to greet family and friends.

As the congratulations flowed a large group photo, taken under the on-street marquee, captured the family atmosphere of the couple's special day.

Following photos at the Travellers' Rest swing bridge and the Chapel (the home of The Boyz Café owners Neville Cloak and Robert Spruhan), the reception was held at the Charlton Park complex.

Phil and Janet Stafford wish to express their thanks to the many Charlton businesses, organisations and clubs which formed such an integral part of Kristy and Pete's big day, and especially to Marea Judd for her "extraordinary" co-ordination in bringing everything together.



Above: The Art Deco surrounds of the Rex provided a spectacular backdrop for the recent wedding of Kristy Stafford and Pete Matheos (pictured with marriage celebrant, Joy Freeman) – especially so, given their passion for sci-fi movies.



Above: Leaving the Rex foyer, Kristy and Pete head outside to mingle with family and friends following the ceremony.

More Community Transport Options for Charlton?

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The Charlton Neighbourhood House has received funding from the Victorian Department of Transport to develop a new integrated community transport model for Charlton and district.

This project will look at current community transport options in Charlton, as well as opportunities to grow these in the future to meet the needs of local community members of all ages.

Local residents are being asked to complete a short survey which is available in hard copy through the Neighbourhood House or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/charlton-transport> to help inform the project.

According to Charlton Neighbourhood House President, Kaylene Cossar, the Charlton Community Car provides an invaluable service to elderly members of the local community supporting them to attend out of town specialist medical appointments.

“We know we could be doing more to meet not only the needs of our elderly residents, but residents of all ages who, for many reasons, do not have access to transport of their own,” she said.

“Working with us on this project are Julie Slater and Ellen White who both have a strong knowledge of the community transport sector, as well as backgrounds in community development,” said Ms Cossar.

“They will be undertaking a broad

community consultation process over the next few weeks to capture the needs and wants of the Charlton community when it comes to future community transport options,” she said.

The theme of the consultations will be “imagine” and Charlton residents are being asked to imagine the following:

- a community transport service that will help residents go where they want when they want – both young and old, families and friends, those with mobility issues, and those who can’t drive.
- opportunities to attend events locally

and across the region, go shopping in town, attend local and specialist medical appointments, take in a movie at the Rex, or just a fun night out without the hassle of driving.

- a Charlton filled with designated walking and cycling tracks linking key town icons – the town centre, the river front, and sporting facilities that can be accessed by all, whether you are on foot, a bike, or a gopher.

For more information about the Community Transport project contact the Charlton Neighbourhood House on 0473 759 456.



Probus News

The Annual Meeting of Charlton Probus Club was held March 12, 2021.

Office bearers elected were Eily Rosewall President, Anne Kenny Secretary. (Full report and photos next issue).

March Birthdays : Garry Larmour, Russell Round, Rose Stafford, Helen Hooper Heath, Pat Sutton, Sue Livingstone, Gill Gretgrix. A very Happy Birthday to Rose Stafford on your 90th.

Next meeting to be held 9 April 2021, 10am at the Shire Hall.



March Birthdays. Gill Gretgrix, Russell Round, Rose Stafford and Sue Livingstone.

Noreen Ryan and Rose Stafford



“BLUE SUNDAY” - A SPARKLING SUCCESS

By Jenny Pollard

The Charlton Harness Racing Club (CHRC) celebrated its first big crowd event since Covid restrictions eased with the running of the Charlton and District Community Bank Pacing Cup on Sunday 14 March.

It was almost 12 months to the day when the 11th hour decision preventing crowds from attending the 2020 Cup was made, and while that event still took place, the anticipated showpiece opening for the new Charlton Park Complex was severely diminished as Covid-19 restrictions took hold.

Moving forward a year, and under clear blue skies, the “Blue Sunday” racing moniker was evident throughout the Charlton Park complex with blue and white bunting in evidence, and crowds making the most of a return to socialization in a big way.

The fourth presentation of “Bubbles in the Bush” - the feature fundraising activity supporting research into ovarian cancer – opened the day with the track-side grassed precinct filled with blue and white umbrellas and teal covered tables sporting grey-blue eucalyptus décor.

The dress code of patrons flocking to support the event was stylish - with a casual edge - with many of the younger gents wearing a classic race-day hat. The mood was decidedly laid-back, as people mingled

over drinks and enjoyed rotations of delectable finger food.

Welcoming the crowd, CHRC Marketing Manager, Andrea O’Gorman, began with an acknowledgement to St. John of God (SJOG) Bendigo Hospital for their sustained sponsorship of “Bubbles In the Bush”.

“We are truly blessed to have this support,” said Andrea, “and we thank SJOG sincerely for this commitment. Many locals and people from around this area rely on their services, and we will hear more about the expansion of these shortly.”

“It’s also great to see so many expats making a return for this event,” Andrea continued, before thanking the many contributors for their “greatly appreciated” input towards the success of the day.

Special mentions were directed to Dale McGrath – CFO of AMES Australasia - for the donation of items for the raffle, and also to Bernard and Carol Fanning for the donation of the Ocean Grove holiday.

Despite its short history, Charlton “Bubbles” has raised in excess of \$15,000 to support ovarian cancer research, with this year’s funds being ear-marked for the “Survivors Teaching Students” initiative – a volunteer program which brings the faces and voices of ovarian cancer survivors and caregivers into the classrooms of health professional students to teach them about women’s experiences with the disease.

A short address by Claire Pysing (Nurse Unit Manager, Day Oncology Unit at SJOG) highlighted a diverse expansion of initiatives by the hospital, including thirteen new specialists across a range of disciplines, the success of the Private Patient Liaison Nurse in Bendigo Health Emergency on weekday mornings to facilitate transfer of patients to SJOG, (considered for expansion to Saturdays during the football / netball season), and the Outpatient / Oncology Outpatient Rehab.

“Our motto is ‘It’s your Health, It’s Your Choice’, said Claire. “Our specialists have as much experience as Melbourne based doctors and it’s so much easier to have treatment carried out locally.”

John Tormey then took the mike as a brisk bidding session began and raffleprizes were drawn. A mammoth \$4,000 was raised during the short session– a great testament to the support given by all who attended the event!

As the first of the ten-race program began, Rob Auber (Victorian Harness Racing Club) welcomed the growing crowd, praising the new Charlton Complex and encouraging everyone to enjoy the day.

With the Conference room fully booked for dining, patrons enjoyed the indoor and outdoor spaces in which to share a varied and delicious meal.

As the afternoon progressed, the eagerly anticipated “Fashions on the Field” attracted



Above: The scene as “Bubbles in the Bush” launched the Charlton Pacing Cup day. Patrons turned out to support the Ovarian Cancer fundraising event which raised \$4,000 on the day. 2021 marks the fourth year St. John of God Bendigo Hospital has provided support for this worthy event.

“BLUE SUNDAY” - A SPARKLING SUCCESS

a large number of entrants presenting in colourful and stylish ensembles. Sponsored by the Victorian Harness Racing Club, the categories were hotly contested with the following winners being named:

Best Dressed Racegoer: - Kristy O’Gorman
Best Dressed Local Racegoer: - Briony Zagame
Hat of the Day: - Sue Walsh.

As the celebrations continued, the “party” mood rolled on into the evening.

Right: John Tormey (front r) begins the auction for the “Bubbles” fundraising.

Below: The youngest attendee at the Charlton Pacing Cup Day was 3 month-old Thomas Pridgeon held by (l) his great aunt, Jenny McGrath with (r) his aunt, Lizzy McGrath. Thomas’s parents are Gemma and Luke Pridgeon of Charlton.

Below Right: The bubbles were sparkling as (l-r) Kirsty McKenzie, and Phoebe and Sabrina Thompson toasted the success of the 2021 Charlton Pacing Cup at the new Charlton Park complex on Cup Day.

Bottom: CHRC President, Joe Thompson, pictured holding the Charlton and District Community Bank 2021 Charlton Pacing Cup, praised the new venue and the scope it provides for sporting opportunities.

Bottom Right: Winners of the Fashion on the Field categories (l-r) Hat of the Day- Sue Walsh, Best Dressed Racegoer – Kristy O’Gorman, Best Dressed Local Racegoer – Briony Zagame.





Cup Day 2021 Shines For Charlton

BLUE SUNDAY – WELCOME BACK !

On so many fronts the 2021 Charlton and District Community Bank Pacing Cup Day was a long awaited and anticipated affair.

With no cup day here in 2019, the late cancellation of spectators last year due to Covid, and the ever present frustration of not being able to utilise the new complex to its full capacity, the Charlton Harness Racing Club was almost reduced to prayers if not tears at times!

The wheels do turn however, and the Gods finally shone on us (despite a late rain scare) with a perfect day and a big happy crowd.

The event was strongly supported by locals and participants alike proving that harness racing is alive and well in our little town.

Big thank you to our major cup day sponsors Charlton and District Community Bank, North West Ag Services and the Cup Day Fanatics.

BUBBLES IN THE BUSH

Thank you to all the ladies who again turned out in frocks and numbers to support the fourth St John of God 'Bubbles in the Bush' Ovarian Cancer Team Teal Fundraiser. This initiative has become an important start to the day raising much needed funds for the Survivors Teaching Students Program which aims to bring the experience of living and coping with this disease to the forefront of health students' learning.

We again welcomed Claire Pysing (Unit Manager Day Oncology Unit SJOG) who updated us on all of the developments at the hospital including new services now available to Charlton residents.

Claire has supported 'Bubbles' from the very start and we look forward to consolidating our ties with SJOG in the years ahead.

The auction was again a highlight and we thank John Tormey and Joe Thompson for again involving the crowd and getting them to open their wallets!

It was fantastic to have the two major donation contributors in attendance this year – CFO Ames Australasia Dale McGrath and Bernard and Carol Fanning. It is a great strength of our club that expats are drawn back home for this day and have such a strong commitment to see Charlton succeed.

So ladies we say well done again. Whilst you most certainly set the tone for a fun day you also contributed \$4000 towards Team Teal – bringing our four year total to around \$20 000.

The Charlton Harness Racing Club is immensely proud of you for that!

BLUE SUNDAY

As Charlton turned many shades of blue to celebrate our flagship day racegoers also got into the spirit wearing a touch of blue. It did indeed turn out to be a day to celebrate as our local trainers rose to the occasion with three winners.

WELCOME TO CHARLTON SANDERSON FAMILY

No better way to feel like a local than to start getting winners and the club could not have been happier to see the instant success on this special day for Shane and Ryan Sanderson. Dikerry managed to break the Charlton duck quickly – must have read the fairy tale script! In a whirlwind week of transporting horses from NSW, moving house and settling in, a tremendous effort to hit the ground running like they have.

We wish Shane, Naomi, Abby and Ryan all the best - you will be part of the furniture in no time!

CONGRATULATIONS GREG NORMAN & CORMACK RACING

One way to impress the boss is to crank out a couple of winners when they are watching! Great to again have the Cormacks on course from Adelaide to watch their horses and Greg Norman had them ready to win and win they did.

Cee Cee In America, with Kerryn Manning aboard, was able to lead and dictate all the way and quickly followed up with Fiftyshadesofhay making it two wins in a week.

CUP DAY FEATURE RACE WINNERS – WELL DONE

Charlton and District Community Bank Pacing Cup Winner
Like A Wildfire—Driven by Leigh Sutton, Trained by Emma Stewart

North West Ag Services Trotters Cup Winner
McLovin—Driven by Kate Gath, Trained by Andy Gath

Cup Day Fanatics Classic Winner
Celestial Fragrance—Driven by Jason Lee, Trained by Brooke Wilkins.

PUNT OFF

In a new initiative for the club we were thrilled to see the success of the inaugural Charlton Punt Off.

Ten teams battled each other for the \$2500 winner take all pool and as fate or good management would have it the Charlton Team of HRV's Cody Winnell and Nikkita Ross managed to stave off the pro punters and collect a total of \$4500 for the Club. The local trainers are clapping the loudest with the proceeds to go towards a horse walker at the Training Centre.

Special mention to local lads Joe McGrath and Paddy Monaghan who put their hand up to take part and created lots of interest on course – went hard finishing mid field.

THANK YOU ALL – GO CHARLTON TROTS

CHARLTON TRAINERS ON FIRE IN HOT TWO WEEKS

Well all the stars and moons must have aligned over Charlton in recent weeks as our local trainers have literally set the world on fire with winner after winner. It has been an unbelievable period with most stables saluting. Special mention to the Sandersons who won the Ouyen Cup with Blaster Ranger last week. A timely reminder to all how difficult it is to get a winner let alone a swag like this so we congratulate you all – not only amazing results for you but you are providing great interest and enjoyment for many in town. Exciting times ahead for our club!

MARCH HONOUR ROLL

BLASTER RANGER OUYEN CUP WINNER

Trainer Shane Sanderson, Driver Ryan Sanderson

SMOKIN SHAZZA OUYEN

Trainer Shane Sanderson, Driver Ryan Sanderson

SPORTING MODEL MARYBOROUGH

Trainer Mick Gadsden, Driver Jack Laughler

OUR QUICK CASH SWAN HILL

Trainer John Tormey, Driver Ellen Tormey

SEA HAWKE SWAN HILL

Trainer Shane Sanderson, Driver Ryan Sanderson

LEIGHA MILLER SWAN HILL

Trainer Shane Sanderson, Driver Ryan Sanderson

CEE CEE IN AMERICA CHARLTON

Trainer Greg Norman, Driver Kerryn Manning

DIKERRY CHARLTON

Trainer Shane Sanderson, Driver Ryan Sanderson

FIFTYSHADESOFHAY CHARLTON

Trainer Greg Norman, Driver Kerryn Manning

APIECEOFLOU HORSHAM

Trainer Greg Norman, Driver Jack Laughler

FIFTYSHADESOFHAY BIRCHIP

Trainer Greg Norman, Driver James Herbertson

CAPTAIN BLING SHEPPARTON

Trainer Mick Gadsden, Driver Denbeigh Wade

SPORTING MODEL SHEPPARTON

Trainer Mick Gadsden, Driver Denbeigh Wade

DOITSON BOORT

Trainer Mick Gadsden, Driver Denbeigh Wade



Cup Day 2021 Shines For Charlton



Above: Ryan, Abby, Naomi & Shane Sanderson—Winners Ouyen Cup.



Above: Presentation. Charlton and District Community Bank Pacing . Jon Whykes Chairman Charlton and District Community Bank, Joe Thompson CHRC President, Leigh Sutton Winning Driver Like A Wildfire.



Above: Sam Olive, Mitchell Boyle & Kerryn Manning.



Above: Presentation North West Ag Services Trotters Cup. Luke Zagame (North West Ag), Kath Gath, Winning Driver & Joe Thompson.



Above: Junior Members Numbers Presentation.



Above: Greg Norman with Cee Cee in America.



Charlton Neighbourhood House

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Email: coord@charltonnh.org.au

Welcome everyone to another issue of the Charlton Community Newsletter and news from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. It's hard to believe that Easter is upon us already, and how busy we have been since last month.

We are pleased to announce the addition of Rebecca and Liz to our team. Both bring a great deal of experience and passion in their respective roles at the house. With these appointments we are happy to advise our opening hours are now 10:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.



Our Charlton Forum Community Car has been very busy with trips to non urgent medical appointments. If you enjoy driving and have some spare time on your hands, why not consider becoming a volunteer driver. Contact the Neighbourhood House for bookings and if you require more volunteer details. Also, thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Community Transport surveys. All the information compiled will hopefully lead to some great future outcomes.



Are you new to town? We have Welcome Packs available which include an array of information from local community groups and services. Drop in to collect your pack today. Community groups are welcome to contribute to the pack as well, advising new residents of their activities and contact details.

We are seeking any photos, particularly taken on the Rex Theatre steps, from the recent Debutante Ball. Please contact us for forwarding of the images to add to our wonderful record of this event.

We are continuing to update our Community Directory of clubs, special interest groups, churches, public facilities and such. Feel free to contact the Neighbourhood House to confirm we have the correct details or to advise if your office bearers have recently changed. The Community Directory gives us the opportunity to share information promptly such as grants or training that we hear about so your group doesn't miss out. It is also a great resource for new comers seeking to become involved in various groups.

In March we were delighted to receive a generous donation from Neil, at New Horizon Quilts in Charlton, of over \$300. These were the proceeds of gold coin donations as part of his quilting competition initiative, 'Moving Forward'. The money will be put towards a future community event.

Expressions of interest are now being taken for the upcoming activities– Cocktail Making, Walking Group, Marine and Personal Watercraft Endorsement, Mig & Arc Welding, Digital Photography Basics, Jewellery Making and various Table for 12 cooking events. Enquire today. Note: most courses and activities require a minimum number of participants to proceed. Do you have a course you would like to host, or is there something you feel would be worth holding? Contact us and we can investigate going forward with it.

Coming soon to the Neighbourhood House on Monday mornings, we are hosting 'Listening Posts'. Various community representatives will be available to discuss their group or activities. More details to follow shortly.

Neighbourhood House Week and Volunteers week are coming up in May. Keep an eye open for activities.

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus for Pensioner Concession Card Holders and some Health Care Card holders is now available through the Victorian Govt. For more information and to apply visit :

<https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/>

If you need assistance with your claim? Bring a recent bill and your Concession Card. A small donation is appreciated.



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Coffee anyone? Some recent attendees at our Barista training session held at the Rex Theatre. A fun day was enjoyed by all while picking up some very important coffee skills

Scan the QR Code to be directed to the Charlton Neighbourhood House web page, and all our current news, Facebook page and upcoming events and community information.



Links to: <https://www.charltonnh.org.au/>



Tech Tuesdays return to the Neighbourhood House.

Bookings essential.

Cost \$15 per half hour.
Contact us for further

School Holiday Activities.

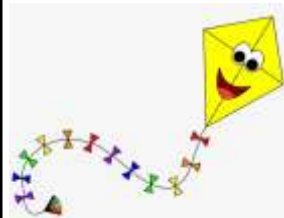


April 8 10am Felt Animal Making with Cheryl Kemp. Cost \$6 per craft kit

April 15 10am Kite Decorating with Jo Phillips

Cost \$10 per kite kit

Book now! Note: a parent or guardian must be present during these activities.



The Charlton Neighbourhood House invites visitors and locals alike to forward all your beautiful pictures of Charlton for future promotional material. Note that acknowledgement will not be possible on any images used.

Did you experience some great service, or enjoy a nice meal at a local venue? Send us your feedback.

Text: 0473-759-456 or email: info@charltonnh.org.au



Do you know donations made to the Charlton Neighbourhood House are tax deductible through our association with ANHCA.? Contact the Neighbourhood House if you would like further details about ways to assist your local community.



Supporting our Veteran Community. Pop into the Neighbourhood House from early April to purchase raffle tickets for this fantastic ANZAC quilt donated to the Charlton RSL by Annette Sherriff Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Second Tuesday Book Club have now returned to their regular meeting dates. Contact the Charlton Neighbourhood House for details about this fun active group.



Charlton Bowling Club

Another month gone and we are near the end of season 2020-2021.

Most of the club games have been played with Patty Saltmarsh winning the 21-up over Eily Rosewall.

The ladies still have the 100-up to play which will be on the 8th April—it has been very hard trying to fit events in with other sports now being played.

The team of Ken North, Pat Connors and Richard Porter are our successful Triples winners for the men.

Congratulations to all players.

Right: Triples Winners. Ken North, Pat Connors & Richard Porter.



A P EARTHMOVING KRAKAJAK TRIPLES BOWLS CONCLUDES

Charlton Bowling Club's Night Krakajak Triples Bowls, sponsored by A P Earthmoving, has concluded and the Winners for 2021 are the Townies team of Carolyn Heritage, John Gretgrix and Dale (Duck) McCallum.

Allstars defeated Clubbers team of Sue Nelson, Frank Stockdale and Wayne Keenan in the Semi Final 10 shots to 5 to advance in the Final.

Lions team of Kevin Patton, Andrew Peverill and John Headon defeated the All-Stars team of Ken Round, Rodney Heritage and Russell Round in the second semifinal 10 shots to 5 to meet the Townies in the Section 1 Final.

Townies team as above came out victorious over Lions to win 11 shots to 3.

The Pewter Mugs for winning section

one was presented to the Townies team by Sponsor Aaron Watts and Carolyn Heritage responded thanking the Sponsors and Charlton Bowling Club and everyone that played each week.

Section two was won by YYY Men team of Steve Dransfield, Neil Cossar and Leo Giakimis defeating the Legends team of Brad Chester, Tom Finlay and Doug Finlay 15 shots to 8.

With only ten teams playing the remaining two teams played each other twice to decide the winner of section 3.

Flintstones team of David Livingstone, Gary Bateson and Greg Wain defeated the TNT team of Tracey Dalrymple, Neville Spruhan-Cloak and Diane Roberts 17 shots to 9 over the two games.

The losing teams in the semifinals played off to win glasses with the winning team being All-Stars with 9 shots, this team

has won the Pewter the past two years with a slightly different team.

Charlton Bowling Club congratulates all the winners and our sponsor, A P Earthmoving, for their support and special thanks to everyone for participating and having a team ready to play each week.

To the team members who arrive early to set up and put the gear away a Big Thank You.

A Special Mention and Thanks goes to the Vale of Avoca (Benno & Carmel) who provided a BBQ on the second and last night of Krakajak.

The first BBQ we invited our Croquet neighbours and we had a Gold Coin Donation where we raised \$94 to be distributed to a charity, (last year's donation went to Mallacoota bushfires).

Thank you "The Vale" for your continued support, it is appreciated.



Winners Section 1. Dale (Duck) McCallum, Carolyn Heritage, John Gretgrix and Sponsor Aaron Watts (A P Earthmoving).



Winners Section 2. Neil Cossar, Leo Giakimis (the Greek), Steve Dransfield and Aaron Watts Sponsor (A P Earthmoving).



Winners Section 3. David Livingstone, Gary Bateson, Greg Wain and Aaron Watts sponsor (A P Earthmoving).



All-Stars Team. Russell Round, Rodney Heritage, Ken Round and Aaron Watts Sponsor (A P Earthmoving).

Charlton Bowling Club



Above: 21-up winner, Patty Saltmarsh & Runner-up, Eily Rosewall..



Above: Pairs Winners, Stephen Perry & Pat Connors.



Above: 100-up Runner-up, Kevin Willey & Winner, Pat Connors.

Charlton Croquet Club

The Murray Valley Association Croquet Championships were held in Boort on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th March. Charlton was represented by Marg Bowen, Nita Perry and Lindsay Patullo in Section 4, Barb Dalrymple in Section 3 and Anne Kenny in Section 2. Other competitors came from Boort and Swan Hill. Lindsay was competing in his first tournament and won three of his four games and is the Section 4 Champion. Lindsay will now compete at the Victorian Country Regionals to be held at Portland from Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st April. Anne Kenny was runner up in Section 2 and as Wimmera District does not have a competitor, Anne will play for Wimmera. Janet Richardson will also attend as a referee.

Charlton's Association Croquet Championships were held on Thursday 4th March & Saturday 6th March 2021. The Section 2 Champion is Anne Kenny, Section 3 Barb Dalrymple (uncontested) and Section 4 is Margaret Bowen.

Golf Croquet's Championships are still being finalised.

The celebration of 140 years since Croquet was first played in Charlton is now scheduled for Saturday 17th April.



Lindsay Patullo—Section 4 Champion at the Murray Valley Championships.



Anne Kenny—Association Croquet Section 2 Champion, Marg Bowen Section 4 Champion.

Charlton Golf Club

We are almost to the time of the year when golf enthusiasts need to dust off the bags and buggies and prepare to trudge the fairways once again. Hopefully this season can progress more normally than the past one.

Over the Summer there has been plenty happening at the Charlton Golf Course. The men have been busy constructing a shed where golf carts can be housed at the course.

There have also been several working bees to tidy the course. In addition to the usual spraying for bindii, there has been lots of bark and sticks removed from the fairways. All that is awaited now is the rain to complete the green picture.

The ladies have a working bee scheduled for Wednesday 7th April at 9am to get the Club House back into order following the season's break.

This year golf commences on Sunday 11th April 1.30pm for 2.00pm hit off.

The ladies commence their season on Wednesday 14th April. Names in at 9.45am for 10am hit off. Lunch at Oogies to follow.

Any prospective players will be most welcome. If there are any queries, please contact Presidents Anthony Hargreaves or Chris McGurk.

Charlton Lawn Tennis Club Annual Presentations

Charlton Tennis stars shine at "The Henry's"

The Charlton Lawn Tennis Club has held it's annual 'night of nights' – affectionately known as "The Henry's", named in honour of the first recorded club champion, Bill Henry. The Henry's were instigated in 2004 as a way of recognising all contributions on and off the court, not just for one's playing ability.

The club was thankful to have a number of life members in attendance and thank non-playing life members Bill Crutch and Ian Addlem for attending and joining Brian & Rae Heenan, Sharon McLean and Trevor McGurk as current playing members.

After another very successful year, reaching the finals, hosting a Covid affected but extremely successful Covid Classic in January and seeing a re-emergence of Thursday night tennis which saw many extra tennis players join the club, it was great to come together and close out the year.

The Formalities

Club Champions were presented with their trophies, serving as proof of the swell of numbers, multiple grades were played in Doubles for the first time in a number of years, as well as five grades of Singles.

Ladies' Singles

Maddison Fitzpatrick has won her third consecutive Ladies' Club A Grade Championship. Maddi defeated Emily Lanyon in the final, in a high quality topsy-turvy three set match, eventually decided by a tie-breaker in the third. Former club champion Sarah Crutch, daughter of the Ladies' Club Championship trophy donor Bill Crutch, was on hand to present Maddi with her trophy.

Ladies' B Grade was won by Abby Thompson, runner up Carmel Fitzpatrick.

Ladies' C Grade winner was Hayley Soulsby, defeating Briony Zagame in the final.

Men's Singles

Troy Heenan has completed a hat-trick of wins in the Mens Singles, claiming his eighth overall title to tie Bill Crutch's Club Championships tally. Troy was presented with the Brian Heenan trophy by his father Brian. Runner up in the Men's A Grade was Matt McGurk.

Men's B Grade was claimed by Cameron White, defeating Trevor McGurk in three gruelling sets.

Ladies' Doubles

Played in a round robin, rotating partner format, the winners of the Ladies' A Grade Doubles were Jess McGurk and Michelle Jenkyn.

Winners of the Ladies' B Grade Doubles were Naomi Fitzpatrick and Wendy Laffin.

Men's Doubles

The Men's A Grade doubles was taken out by Troy Heenan and Matt McGurk.

B Grade Men's Doubles winners were Cameron White and Wayne Southwell.

Mixed Doubles

Also played as a rotating partner format, the Mixed Doubles was won by Wendy Laffin and Troy Heenan.

Gold Henry's

The Gold Henry's are presented based on results of the Saturday North Central Tennis Association competition. Players scores are tallied, evaluated, halved, cubed and multiplied by the number of Saturdays played to determine the overall winner.

Ladies

1. Carmel Fitzpatrick	13.3
2. Zara Jenkyn	11.5
3. Emily Lanyon	10.8
4. Abby Thompson	10.6
5. Sharon McLean	9.7

Mens

1. Troy Heenan	19.0
2. Matt McGurk	12.2
3. Mason Heenan	9.3
=4. Brian Heenan	8.8
=4. Lindsay Patullo	8.8

Thanks to Sharon McLean, CEO of The Henry's and Carmel Fitzpatrick, chief statistician.



2021 Ladies' Singles. B Grade: Abby Thompson, A Grade: Maddi Fitzpatrick, C Grade: Hayley Soulsby.



2021 Men's Doubles. B Grade: Wayne Southwell & Cameron White, A Grade: Matt McGurk & Troy Heenan



2021 Trophy Donor Bill Crutch and Ladies Champion Maddi Fitzpatrick



2021 Men's Singles. B Grade: Cameron White, A Grade: Troy Heenan



2021 Ladies' Doubles. A Grade: Jess McGurk & Michelle Jenkyn, B Grade: Wendy Laffin & Naomi Fitzpatrick



2021 Mixed Doubles. A Grade: Wendy Laffin & Troy Heenan

Annual General Meeting

To be held on Monday 3rd of May, 2021, at the Charlton Lawn Tennis Clubhouse at 7:30pm. All members welcome.

Charlton Netball Club

Like everyone the Charlton Netball Club is looking to shake off the year that was 2020. Over 18 months since our club has taken to the court in competition all coaches, players and supporters are on the countdown to round 1 for 2021.

In the time off we have been buoyed by the success and experiences of a number of our junior netballers. Isobel Soulsby was accepted into the AFLCV development program earlier this year. This is a testament to her dedication to her netball, love of the game and talent and we wish her well in the development of her netball. Maddison Fitzpatrick has also continued her netball development through dedication to altered training programs in 2020 and finished her time in the Netball Victoria Talent Academy earlier this year with a tournament in Bendigo. Maddison's time in this academy has only enhanced her netball

talent and we are very proud of her.

As we look forward to season 2021 a number of our youngest netballers have participated in the NCNA representative tryouts aiming for selection in the 13 & under, 15 & under and 17 & under representative squads. We congratulate them on representing the Charlton Netball Club at this level and wish those selected a wonderful experience in their respective teams.

In the last couple of months we have excitedly announced coaches for the 5 grades that will represent the club this year. A & B Grade coach David Clausen has returned after coaching B Grade in 2019 and is joined by returning netballer Kasey King who is coaching C Grade. Our 16 & under A team will be lead by Maddison Fitzpatrick who continues to provide her netball expertise to the club in many ways

and our U13 team will be coached by Amy Nicholson. Amy's passion and knowledge for netball will ensure our youngest netballers both enjoy and develop their netball.

As each of the grades have returned to the courts for training over the last couple of months the club is excited to see many returning and new faces. Despite the season start coming around quickly we are always happy to welcome anyone with a desire to play with us. Please get in contact with someone within the club if you are interested in joining us this year.

With only a few weeks left before round 1 starts on April 10th, 2021 we want to wish all our coaches, players and supporters a successful and happy season of netball.

**Bring on the Netball
Go Navies!!**



Above: A & B Grade Coach, David Clausen & C Grade Coach, Kasey King.



Above: 13 & Under Coach, Amy Nicholson & 16 & Under Coach, Maddison Fitzpatrick.



Above: Isobel Soulsby.

Coffee O'Clock at the Rex

Needing a coffee fix on a Monday? Pop down to the Rex Candy Bar between 10.30am – 12.00 where students and staff from the Flexible Learning Options (FLO) program have been opening the Rex for a morning cuppa. We will be closed for the Easter school holidays and will re-open Monday April 19.

The FLO program operates at the College and currently has a mix of students from Wedderburn, Wycheproof, St. Arnaud, Charlton and Donald. Students who attend FLO also volunteer at EWHS for Meals on Wheels. Practising our hospitality skills supports our VCAL learning outcomes while enjoying some valuable work experience time. Thank you Rex Theatre for supporting the FLO program. We're enjoying meeting the locals and we hope to see you at the Rex after the Easter break!

Mondays
10.30am-12.00pm is.....
**COFFEE
O'CLOCK**
at the Rex
BROUGHT TO YOU BY
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Charlton College News



Swimming Representatives

Stella Nicolson and Heidi Start represented the College at the Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival in Bendigo. The girls had a successful day, Stella finished 3rd in the 11 year old girls breaststroke. Heidi finished 2nd in the freestyle and swam a magnificent race in the butterfly to finish a clear first. Congratulations to both girls on their efforts on the day and to Jennifer and Amy for transporting them down and supporting the girls on the day.

Hockey Road Show

All Primary students were involved in a hockey clinic provided by Hockey Victoria. Former student and local hockey player, Xanthe Fitzpatrick, along with Wedderburn player Samantha Giorlando, kept the students busy and challenged them with a variety of fun activities with the stick and ball.



Action galore in the warm up!



Students 'stealing the eggs'



Regional Champion

Congratulations to Heidi Start. Last Thursday Heidi represented the College at the Regional Swimming carnival in Swan Hill in the 50m butterfly event. Heidi swam her best race ever. This is a really wonderful achievement, and credit must go to Heidi for all the training she undertakes. Heidi will now compete at the State Swimming Carnival second Monday of term 2.



Eli admiring his monster

Victorian High Achievers Program

Leigh Van Boven is the second student from the College who has undertaken the VHAP Mathematics program, and we have recently learned that two more students will take part next term, with James Fitzpatrick and Heidi Start being selected. Heidi and James dropped in to view one of Leigh's sessions recently to gain an idea of what to expect.



Leigh Van Boven, Heidi Start & James Fitzpatrick

Foundation Numeracy

Foundation students have been exploring different 2D shapes and their properties. They looked for shapes in the environment and made the scariest monster ever using 2D shapes. They counted how many shapes they have used to create their monster.



Mary counting the numbers of shapes she used to create her monster.



Don and Campbell creating their monsters.

Movie Dress Up Day

The College SLC held a movie dress up day during week 8 of term. The F-6 students did a great job dressing up.



Foundation-One: Minions.



Year 3&4: Hop.



Year 5&6: Hotel Transylvania



Year 2: The Karate Kid

LMR Swimming

Last Thursday the LMR Swimming carnival was held in Swan Hill. We had Jordan and Ebony Start entered into multiple individual events each, and for the first time in more than 10 years, we had a relay team entered. Jordan and Ebony did a

fantastic job, both winning 2 events and placing in all their other events. The training sessions paid off for our relay team of Jacob Olive, Angus Johnstone, Jordan Start & BK Swallow, with them coming a very respectable 4th (only 3sec from 3rd).

The boys result was even more impressive given that 3 of them were racing against older competitors.

A big thankyou to Chelsea Deason & Jennifer Start for running the training sessions for the last few weeks.



Ebony Start: 1st 50m & 100m Freestyle, 2nd 400m Freestyle & 3rd 100m Backstroke. Jordan Start: 1st 50m Butterfly, 1st, 200m IM, 2nd 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle & 50m Backstroke.



17yrs Boys' Relay team: BK, Jacob, Jordan & Angus.



Live Shows at the Rex

HOLIDAY LAUGHTER WITH “SPLASHTEST DUMMIES”.

Get ready for a splash-tastic circus comedy this school holidays when the ‘Splashtest Dummies’ bring their action-packed, water themed skills to the Rex Theatre on Friday 16 April at 2pm.

The 60 minute, live-on-stage, performance features Jack Coleman, Simon Wright and Isaac Salter, three highly skilled circus performers who showcase a stunning array of the highest jaw dropping acrobatics, juggling and stunt work.

Internationally acclaimed, the trio come armed with pool noodles, a giant beach ball and a huge bubble machine, as the Dummies turn the theatre into a volleyball court, beach, bathtub and an underwater paradise. There are bubbles, water pistols and epic immersive action!

Full of laughs and plenty of surprises, this world-class troupe will display a brilliant array of catch-your-breath stunt work, acrobatics, juggling and the side splitting, slapstick comedy for which the dummies are famous. New to this production is the inclusion of unicycles, incredible magic tricks and inspiring puppetry.

Executive Producer, Jamie Bretman, is passionate about using circus to improve the lives of young people across the country. He believes in encouraging imagination expansion through play, audience

engagement and just being silly.

“We don’t talk down to kids, I’m a firm believer in this. We give kids permission to be involved (or not), but to trust us. It’s a really safe space and it’s really interactive.”

‘Splashtest Dummies’ is suitable for audiences of all ages, and at just \$10 per ticket is a value-for-money holiday outing.

Supported by Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund – an Australian Government initiative, Creative Victoria, Regional Arts Victoria and

Dummies Corp, be prepared to have your funny bone well and truly tickled and your mind blown by what the human body is capable of!

‘Splashtest Dummies’ appear live at the Rex on Friday 16 April at 2pm | Tickets - \$10

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/splash-test-dummies>

For more information: <https://www.rextheatre.org.au/live-shows.html>.



DON’T MISS “THE MERGER”

Damian Callinan presents a tour de force performance in his acclaimed one-man live show, ‘The Merger’ - live-on-stage at the Rex on Sunday 9th May 8pm.

Centred around the Bodgy Creek township, the dysfunctional Roosters Footy Club is in trouble and will either have to fold or merge with their arch rivals - the Hudson’s Flat Cougars. But prodigal son coach Troy Carrington (Damian Callinan) has other ideas; to save the club he embarks on a programme to recruit refugees and unwittingly takes the community on a journey of change.

Classed as one of the “country’s finest character comedians” (Herald Sun), Callinan plays every role with a nuanced deftness in this standout show presented by the Hey Boss management and production team.

Supported by Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund – an Australian Government initiative – ‘The

Merger’ tackles a diversity of themes ranging from racism to asylum seekers, through to community and Australia’s beloved AFL code.

This well-crafted play is a “must-see”

piece of entertainment – not to be missed!

Tickets: \$20

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-merger>



Easter Trading Hours

Tormey’s IGA

Thursday 1st 8:30am—6pm
Friday 2nd Closed
Saturday 3rd 8:30am—1pm
Sunday 4th 9:30am—1pm
Monday 5th 9:30am—1pm



Heenan’s Newsagents

Friday 1st Closed
Saturday 2nd Open till 12pm
Monday 4th Closed



Charlton Pharmacy

Friday 1st Closed
Saturday 2nd Closed
Monday 4th Closed

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DRAGON RIDER PG 92 mins | Family

Sat 3 APRIL 8pm
Sun 4 APRIL 2pm
Tue 6 APRIL 8pm

A dragon, an orphaned boy, and a mountain spirit work together as they trek through the Himalayas in search for the Rim of Heaven.



HIGH GROUND MA15+ 105mins | Drama

Sat 10 APRIL 8pm
Sun 11 APRIL 2pm
Tue 13 APRIL 8pm

In a bid to save his family, Gutjuk, a young Aboriginal man from Arnhem Land, teams up with ex-soldier Travis to track down the most dangerous warrior in the Territory.

Join the Live-on-stage Holiday Fun with the **SPLASHTEST DUMMIES!**

Live-on-Stage SPLASHTEST DUMMIES

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

Logos: Australian Government RSE Fund, CREATIVE VICTORIA, REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA, DUMMIES COOP



WILD MOUNTAIN THYME PG 102 mins | Drama

Sat 17 APRIL 8pm
Sun 18 APRIL 2pm
Tue 20 APRIL 8pm

The headstrong farmer Rosemary Muldoon has her heart set on winning her neighbour Anthony Reilly's love. The problem is Anthony seems to have inherited a family curse, and remains oblivious to his beautiful admirer. Stung by his father Tony's plans to sell the family farm to his American nephew Adam, Anthony is jolted into pursuing his dreams in t his comedic, moving and wildly romantic tale



NOMADLAND M 108 mins | Drama

Sat 24 APRIL 8pm
Sun 25 APRIL 2pm
Tue 27 APRIL 8pm

Following the economic collapse of a company town in rural Nevada, Fern (Frances McDormand) packs her van and sets off on the road exploring a life outside of conventional society as a modern-day nomad.



REX THEATRE CHARLTON

Sun 9 May 8pm
Tickets \$20

Bookings:
<https://events.humanitix.com/the-merger>



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With the school holidays upon us, the Victorian State Emergency Service is reminding anyone who will be travelling to drive safely, plan ahead and take regular breaks. This is an especially important message for the Easter long weekend.

So far this year, more than 55 people have died on Victorian roads. Whilst this is fewer compared to the same time last year, long weekends can be notorious for road trauma.

On the Easter long weekend, Driver Reviver sites will operate at high profile travel routes across Victoria, providing free

refreshments to encourage holiday makers to stop, take a break and refresh.

SES volunteers will be on hand offering free tea, coffee and biscuits.

Drivers are urged to avoid drowsy driving. Some simple tips are planning ahead, getting quality sleep the night before a trip and planning to stop at least every two hours.

VICSES volunteers in Victoria respond to on average 1,300 road crash rescues every year.



Driver Reviver

Volunteers saving lives across Australia



What is Driver Reviver?

Driver Reviver is operated by volunteers across Victoria during holiday weekends and peak traffic days, offering free coffee, tea and snacks to encourage drivers to stop, revive, and arrive alive at their destination.



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Safe driving tip



Listen to your body

Are you yawning, rubbing your eyes or feeling restless? These are all symptoms of fatigue. If you're feeling tired, don't try and fight it - pull over for a power nap.



Clementine Virginia Wright



Born: 5th March 2021

Weight: 3960g

Parents: Tom Wright & Sia Pefanis

Siblings: Joseph & Dorothy

Grandparents: Nola & Geoff Wright



Reggie Jeremiah Bourke



Born: 22nd March 2021

Weight: 8lb 8oz

Parents: Brendan & Julie Bourke

Siblings: Henry, Arthur, Fergus, Oscar, Isaac, Clancy

Grandparents: Frank & Val Bourke, Bill & Marie Fitzpatrick



Charlton College Mothers' Day Fete

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Charlton College Fete will **not be open** to the public. Only staff & students will be attending the Fete.



Charlton Badminton Club



Juniors: – Tuesdays after school

Seniors: – Tuesday nights

Ladies: – Friday mornings **Come, join in, have some fun & be active**

When:

Juniors 13th April at 1:30 pm (school holidays)

Then every Tuesday at 3:15 pm after school

Juniors must be in Grade 3, or turning 9 during 2021

Seniors 6th, 13th April at 7:30 pm for a casual hit

Annual General Meeting 20th April at 7:30 pm, followed by a casual hit

Then every Tuesday night at 7:30 pm

To be eligible to play at night, juniors must be at least 14 years of age

Ladies 19th, 26th March at 10 am

Then starting 23rd April every Friday at 9 am

Children are most welcome

Where = Charlton Stadium, Charlton College, Davies Street

New and previous players all welcome. If you haven't played before, we can help you.

For more information, please ring Brian Heenan 0437 756 672

Rebecca Heenan 0407 318 488 Rae Heenan 0437 093 672 or

Bernadette Zagame 0427 582 805

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CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton

When: Sunday 18th April 2021, 7am to 5.30pm

Weigh in: 5.30pm 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 5.30pm 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!**



Indoor Bowls

The Charlton Indoor Bowling Club are seeking interested people to play indoor bowls during the winter months. It's a great social game which can also be very competitive. It is also an all abilities and all age group activity with wheelchair access available on request.

If you would like to support this small group please contact Neil Cossar on 0407887941 or Greg Wain on 0408740338.



**CHARLTON CHAMBER OF
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St Martin's Messenger—April 2021

Worship:

Holy Communion	6.30pm Thursday 1 April	Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion	1pm Sunday 4 April	Easter Sunday
Holy Communion	1pm Sunday 18 April	3rd Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion	1pm Sunday 2 May	5th Sunday of Easter

Put God in your top pocket

What do we put in our top pocket these days? What do you have in your top pocket?

Many of the coats and shirts we wear today do not have a top pocket – instead they have a side pocket or a pocket at the waist or an inner pocket with a zipper. But hopefully there is somewhere to tuck away something that does not take up any room, but can give you so many things.

We used to be sent to school with a clean handkerchief – perhaps to help wipe our tears away or to cover a wound.

Having God in our top pocket, means He is also able to help. He has loads of experience in assisting when we are working through sadness or difficulty.

We used to be sent to school with some loose change – maybe 20 cents, in case we had to make a phone call home when we missed the bus!

Sometimes, when we feel we have missed the bus completely in our current situation, (maybe feeling alone or unsure), we can call on God, we can talk to him. “Telephone to glory, Oh what joy divine, I can feel the current moving on the line, Made by God the Father for His very own, You may talk to Jesus on this royal telephone”, as the song made famous by the artist, Jimmy Little, goes. “When you get in trouble give this royal line a call”. (And it is a free call!!)

Now there are probably other things that you can put in pockets, and times have changed, but our needs are the same.

Consider putting God in your top pocket, easy to reach, guaranteed NOT to weigh your pocket down – just the opposite – He will uplift your Spirit and your soul. And, He is there when you need him (available 24/7)

By putting God in your top pocket, your soul will prosper and your joy and peace will increase. Remember to lean on Him, share with Him and He will give you grace and assurance. And, no matter how many times the top pocket goes through the wash, God will still be there for you. Day in and day out.

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

East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Church

Mass Times:

Easter

Holy Thursday: 7.00pm zoom Mass in St Joseph's Church

Good Friday: 10am at St Joseph's

Easter Saturday (Vigil): Wycheproof 5.00pm,

Charlton 7.00pm St Arnaud 9.00pm

Easter Sunday: Donald 8.30am Birchip 10.30am Boort 5.00pm



Sun. 11th Apr. 8.30am
Sat. 17th Apr. 7:00pm
Sun. 25th Apr. 10:30am

North Central Garden Club

Garden Club members and friends enjoyed a recent day out taking in the Rodalisa nursery with a chance to check out the latest with what's in vogue for the autumn plantings. Then a short drive to Wellsford Forest to the rustic Gallery beneath the gums of the well known artist, Terry Jarvis. Along with the beautiful watercolour paintings for sale are delightful gifts, hand crafts etc. A stroll around the garden sure has inspired us to come home and adopt some ideas into our own spaces.

The garden club welcomes you to join us. We meet at the Lions Lodge on the 4th Tuesday at 2pm.

For the April meeting we will be visiting a local rural garden. Meet at the Travellers Rest at 1.30 pm and travel in cars .

Enquiries: President Bernice 5491 1334,
Treasurer Maretia 5491 2180, Secretary Sue 0407 140 336.

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*North Central Garden Club
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Tuesday - Cards 1:30pm
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	2	3 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
4	5 Lions Easter Market	6 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	7 Lions Dinner Meeting Mixed—East Hotel	8 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	9 Probus Meeting	10
11	12 Angling Club Meeting 1pm	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	14	15 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	16 Spashtest Dummies RSL Meeting 4:30pm	17
18	19 CWA Meeting, 7pm Bowls Meeting 7:30pm	20 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	21 Lions Business Meeting 8pm	22 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Museum Bingo Trip	23	24
25 ANZAC DAY Bowls Closing Day Presentations, 1pm	26	27 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm NCGG 2pm	28	29 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	30 OK Motels	

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31					1 Lions Paper Collection from 9am OK Motels
2	3	4 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	5 Lions Dinner Meeting	6 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	7	8
9 Mothers' Day	10	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	12	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	14 OK Motels Probus Meeting	15 OK Motels
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