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The Charlton Neighbourhood House was thrilled to present the **Charlton Debutante Ball** for 2021, with the event being held for the first time at the Rex Theatre.

They were approached in late November by the Debs to see if any assistance could be offered as the event had been postponed three times and Friends of East Wimmera Health Services Charlton Campus, who have conducted the event for over 70 years, had announced they were not able to continue. The young ladies had purchased their dresses

and young men their suits and some were heading off to university and employment shortly.

President Kaylene Cossar said "The difficulties of COVID have had such a negative impact on our lives, it was important that we endeavoured to have something positive occur, particularly for the Youth. We auspice the Youth Group, and their President Dora McGeown is on our committee. Together we have spent the year seeing many things taken away from them

and stresses added with home schooling and social isolation, this was a wonderful opportunity to work with them to achieve something positive. It is also terrific that we were able to be the first post covid event in the Rex and able to financially support them with hire for the evening and trainings, along with supporting small business with purchasing the suits, flowers, presents and food etc."

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Above: L-R Back—Brodie Grylls, Jake Burke, Fergus Bourke, Caileb Good. Middle—Michelle & Wes Jenkyn (Trainers). Front—Thomas Fitzpatrick, Ruby Wright, Morgan Sullivan, Courtney Sait, Dora McGeown, Zara Jenkyn, Sophie Roberts, Chace Hooper-Dixon.

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*Editorial
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the March edition of the newsletter.

As promised the Deb Ball is a feature of this month's edition. Congratulations to all involved for putting on a great event in very difficult circumstances.

I'd like to thank the Buloke Times who very generously allow me to publish some of their content. Please send your news to them as well as the newsletter. Robin and his team are only too happy to work with Charlton to increase our town's coverage. They offer a digital subscription now which allows you to read the paper in lovely full colour.

It's great to see the Rex's doors open again and I encourage everyone to pop along to a movie or live show. Also why not try your luck at the Charlton Cup. Fingers crossed for perfect weather.

Our family popped up to Yarrawonga for a few days to visit family. How strange to be so far from home after almost 12 months. We even ventured over the bridge to spend 10 minutes in NSW!

Our sons are now back at uni in Melbourne and we hope they have an easier time this year. We know they'll enjoy being able to socialise more freely this time.

Cheers, *Carolyn*

**Thank you to all our
sponsors for 2021.**

Sponsorship renewals were sent out late last year with payment due by the end of February.

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Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

- Uniting Church Market
Saturday 13th March
- Charlton Cup
Sunday 14th March
- Town Garage Sale
Sunday 21st March
- Lions Easter Monday Market
Monday 5th April
- Splash Test Dummies @ The Rex
Friday 16th April



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- 25 x 25ft shed with concrete floor, roller door and power.
- Raised vegetable garden.
- 7,000 and 5,000Lt water tanks.

This neat steel framed house is only three years old and is on 3 acres. The property has everything you need with the bonus of only being 5 minutes from town and surrounded by open land.

St Joseph's Community News

On Sunday 28th February St Joseph's Community held a Memorial Mass to remember the lives of members and past members of St Joseph's who died during 2020. Because of Covid-19 many of us were unable to show our support in the usual way.

Also on 28th Feb. we held a dinner to welcome Fr Gerry Prunty. This was a friendly, informal occasion for parishioners to meet Fr Gerry.

On Sunday 7th Feb. we "zoomed" our first mass into St Joseph's Church. On the first Sunday of every month the Mass

celebrated at 10.30am at Birchip will be zoomed into the church. All welcome.



Above: Ana Digaum, Julie McGrath, Fr Gerry & Basil Avery

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Your Community Bank News

The very impressive new Wycheproof Preschool has welcomed students for the year and they have a new shed to complement the centre to which we have contributed.


"The Wycheproof Preschool Centre Parent Advisory Group was delighted to hear the announcement that they were successful in receiving the Charlton & District Community Bank Community Grant. The **\$20,000** in funding will go to a much-needed Outdoor Storage Shed at the new Wycheproof Early Learning Centre. As a Parent Group, with limited volunteer numbers and the big task of funding particular aspects of the new facility, we were delighted to be recognised as a group in need and a cause worth contributing to. We will be forever grateful to the Charlton & District Community Bank for their much-needed assistance, as will the many generations of children and the staff of the future centre who will directly benefit from using the modernised storage facility." - Tessa Coles



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Golden Grains Museum Happenings

It's hard to believe we are into March already, and that 2 months have already passed us by. We are very happy to advise that we are finally open again for visitors and researchers. Sunday hours are 11:00am to 3:00pm, other times by appointment. Come and check out your town's history some time; you will be surprised by what is on display.

The museum was very pleased to welcome a team from Australian Museums and Galleries Association in late February who came to assess our museum for accreditation. This is a peer review program that assesses local galleries, historical societies, heritage sites and museums ensuring that best practices in all areas of operations are occurring. The benefits of accreditation are: that bodies awarding grants know that we have achieved a high standard of organisation and expertise, access is available to resources from governing bodies, recognition for achieving a high level of policy and collection development in museum governance and much more. The group was extremely impressed with our museum and the work done since the floods of 2010/11.

Achievements like this don't just happen. They take hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours to review, catalogue, research, record and store or display historical items. Scanning of documents and photographs, newspaper clippings, funeral booklets and more all take time. This is where we need volunteers. Do you have an interest in history and preserving the Charlton story? Can you spare a few hours a month? Call one of the numbers

below for more information. No computer literacy required and all necessary training provided.

BINGO IS BACK! Yes, within COVID-19 restrictions Donald Bingo is on again as a fundraiser for the Charlton Golden Grains Museum. Book your spot now for our first visit on **Thursday March 11**. Our bus leaves Travellers Rest at 6:30pm **sharp**. Masks required on the bus. Cost still just \$5 (plus your bingo cards). Contact Anne or Carolyn on the numbers below to reserve your place. Next trip will be on Thursday April 22.

You have possibly noticed the construction work going on in Armstrong Street. The old Pre-School and Health Centre have gone, and work will commence shortly on a brand new facility for the town's young children. Here at the museum we have many documents, stories and images from the early 1940's relating to that popular site over many years. It was 1944 when the first committee was formed, and 1947 that the first payment of 47 pounds was deposited to form the Building Fund. It then took 15 years to raise the remainder of the funds needed to build and furnish the premises. With the final cost coming in at 13,000 pounds, 6,000 coming from the State Government, the Council loaning 4,500 and the Ladies Committee contributing 2,500 pounds, the building was officially opened in November 1962 by Mr Mack, The Minister of Health. A plaque was unveiled to mark the occasion, the Charlton Brass Band performed and Mr Mack was presented with a commemorative sandwich dish.

In closing, we always welcome 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, even just to scan into our records.

Please call one of the numbers below for any enquiries or to find out more about being involved.

President – Anne 0408 547 973

Secretary – Carolyn 0418 361 971

Archivist – Markus 0413 129 216

DONALD BINGO!!
Charlton Museum
Fundraiser
Thursday 11th March
Thursday 22nd April
Leaving Charlton Travellers Rest at 6:30pm for eyes down at 7:30pm at Donald Golf Club. Names to Anne Kenny 0408 547 973 or Carolyn Olive 0418 361 971. Cost is \$5 per person for the bus (masks required for bus).
This was a fun and enjoyable fundraiser for the museum in the past and we look forward to your company this year.



Charlton RSL Sub-branch



Charlton RSL Sub-branch's annual general meeting was held on Friday 19 February. The annual report and financial statements were presented and approved. Office bearers elected were: President, Gordon

Risk; Vice President, Bill Young; Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Freeman.

2021 ANZAC Day commemorations will depend on Covid restrictions at the time. Present plans are for wreath laying, The Ode, Last Post and Reveille at the Cenotaph; march to the Shire Hall; service at the Shire Hall; refreshments at the RSL Clubrooms.

Again subject to Covid restrictions, ANZAC badges, pens and other items will be available at street sales for the week leading up to ANZAC Day.

We look forward to your full and generous support for this, the One Day of the Year.

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Charlton Debutante Ball

Adhering to the COVID protocols placed limitations, however the event was structured for the Debs to feel like they had experienced a true Deb evening and that as many people had the opportunity to join the celebrations as possible. The event took place over four different venues and to address the limited numbers allowed and travel restrictions the Ball was live streamed.

The day was jam packed for the Debs with photos starting at 3.30pm at the Senior Citizens' Room. At 7.00pm they were bussed up to the EWS campus where they were presented to the residents through the windows. There were claps of joy, kisses blown and lots of tears as the Debs bowed and curtsied to their audience. The residents then returned to the lounge to watch the event on the TV and the Deb Set returned to the Senior Citzs to freshen up before being individually chauffeured in a beautiful vintage car to the front steps of the Rex Theatre, where they were greeted by onlookers.

The Debs stepped inside the foyer to be greeted by a 'Touch of Paris' before proceeding down the aisles and making their way on stage. Deb Whykes, compere, interviewed the young people revealing their character to the audience for a more personalised evening.

The presentations commenced with the attendants Sophie Roberts and Chace Hooper-Dixon and Ruby Wright and Thomas Fitzpatrick. Sophie's gorgeous dress featured a satin bodice with tulle falling from the waistline complete with

satin ribbon trimming around the hemline, finished off with a lovely satin bow at the centre back. Ruby's lovely gown was satin and tulle. The satin bodice highlighted by the beaded lace on the waist falling into a full skirt of tulle, which was complemented by a bow adorning the back of her dress.

The first Debutante was Courtney Sait and her partner Jake Burke.

Courtney chose a princess style gown made of soft bridal tulle. It featured a sheer bodice made of vintage inspired lace and delicate hand beading. Courtney's dress had an elegant open back framed by lace which was paired with dainty pearl buttons. To complement her dress Courtney wore a pair of drop pearl earrings with diamantes, pearl pins in her hair and an engraved rose gold bracelet given to her by her grandmother Eila Sait.

Morgan Sullivan and her partner Brodie Grylls were next.

Morgan's dress had elegant straps that set a beautiful feminine touch to the lace and tulle. Featuring a fitted bodice with a sweetheart neckline the bodice was embellished with lace. The soft skirt fell from the high waist and was finished with a layer of hail spot tulle. Morgan wore delicate jewels, including a soft and subtle diamond necklace, studded earrings with an abundance of diamonds, finished perfectly with elegant glimmering drop earrings and a small princess tiara.

Dora McGeown and Fergus Bourke were the third debutantes.

Dora's debutante gown featured a pleated skirt, with a ballgown silhouette, a

beaded bodice with a halter neckline and open back. To complement Dora's gown, she wore teardrop earrings which were gifted by her grandmother.

The final Debs of the evening were Zara Jenkyn and Caileb Good.

Zara wore a beautiful gown of shimmering lace. It featured a contoured neckline with a single strap, sweeping over the shoulder and into a corset back. To complement Zara's dress, she chose a single drop diamanté earrings and a fine diamanté bracelet, and a diamanté dragon fly which she wore when she was a flower girl at The Charlton Debutante Ball in 2010.

The partners all wore their own black suits, crisp white shirts, and gold bow ties.

The trainers, Wes and Michelle Jenkyn, had placed enormous thought into the presentation dances to accommodate the stage width and special requests. The first three—Lomond Waltz, Tangoette and Waltz Oxford showcased the dresses and the young people's dance skills beautifully. The fourth the committee had asked for something interactive and a little different, the four couples left the stage and danced the Chicago Swing down the aisles while the four attendants took to the stage and showed their dancing prowess. The traditional Pride of Erin with their parents needed to be executed differently also, with the girls' parents first and then the boys. Usually training sessions are provided to skill the parents too, however due to COVID that was not possible, so the crowd enjoyed the raw talents of parents putting their own spin on the dance, while the



Above: L-R Thomas Fitzpatrick, Ruby Wright, Courtney Sait, Jake Burke, Morgan Sullivan, Brodie Grylls, Dora McGeown, Fergus Bourke, Deb Whykes, Zara Jenkyn, Caileb Good, Chace Hooper-Dixon, Sophie Roberts.

Charlton Debutante Ball

attendants cascaded the stage in bubbles, throughout the three sets of the Pride of Erin. For the final dance the Debs requested that their trainers join them for the extremely fast paced Progressive Jive. People were amazed at the speed Gill Gretgrix could play this piece, particularly as she had to add the extra 5 entrance pieces earlier when the Rex music system malfunctioned.

The Deb Set, represented by Courtney, thanked the many people involved and made a few small presentations. The formalities concluded with family downstairs taking photos of the Debs on stage, whilst the upstairs guests exited and then the Deb Set reassembled on the external steps for the guests to take photos whilst family exited.

The Debs and their families then returned to the Uniting Church Hall for supper and they presented their dances again where they could be joined by family members. The members of the EWHS Friends committee were invited also as a formal acknowledgement of the magnificent effort undertaken by them over the past 70+ years. A slide show and printed photos showcasing some of the last 40 years of Debutante Sets undertaken by them were featured.

The Charlton Neighbourhood House Committee would like to acknowledge the amazing effort by many people to make this evening special for the young people, particularly in such a short space of time. Debutantes, Partners, Attendants, and their families; CNH committee, staff and volunteers; Event coordinators-Michelle

Jenkyn, Jayne Burton, Marea Judd, Kaylene Cossar; Trainers-Michelle and Wes Jenkyn; Pianist-Gill Gretgrix; Venue Suppliers-Uniting Church, EWHS Charlton Campus, Buloke Shire Council and Rex Theatre. Vehicle Supplier & Driver-John Sweatman; Livestream-Stuart Plumridge, Damien McIntyre and Charlton College; Venue Decorators-Bernice Kenny, Donna McCallum, David and Jenny Pollard, Bernice Whykes; Presenter-Deb Whykes; Advisor-Rosemary Hackett; Assistants- Joy Freeman, Wendy Laffin, Lynne McRae,

Deb Finlay, Jess McGurk, Chris Livingston, Barry McKenzie, Caryn Larmour, Margaret -Anne Wright, Hadyn Jones; Donors-Charlton Neighbourhood House Opportunity Shop, Tormey's IGA, and the many catering donors; Piano-Charlton Community Service Clubs and EWHS; Businesses-Charlton Florist, Charlton Mensland, Bruce Clymo (Videographer), Andy Banks (Photographer) and Rex Theatre; Reece Carroll and the EWHS Charlton staff; COVID Advisors-Buloke Shire Council and DHHS.



Jake Burke & Courtney Sait



Above: Fergus Bourke & Dora McGeown



Above: Caileb Good & Zara Jenkyn



Above: Morgan Sullivan & Brodie Grylls



Third Time Lucky Through Lockdown

Story courtesy of Buloke Times

The coronavirus pandemic has hit the population hard. With restrictions on events and functions throughout 2020 and continuing into the new year, wedding planning has become an almost impossible task . . . Or so you might think.

With a wedding date set for September 2020, Lachlan Holmes-Brown and his fiancée, Talia Gordon, had to reshuffle their plans not just once, but three times before they were finally hitched in a spur-of-the-moment snap decision prior to the “Circuit Breaker” lockdown that came into effect at midnight that Friday night. The couple was scheduled to wed at Carlsruhe on Saturday, February 13, before the latest lockdown announcement on Friday once again foiled their plans. The wedding party was already in Bendigo running errands in preparation for the special day, when they received the devastating news. Celebrant Georgie Dixon contacted them only a short time after the announcement was made and offered some alternative options; one of which was, “Let’s do it today!” Since they were in Bendigo anyway, they collected the floral arrangements and headed back to Charlton. In the time it took to travel from Bendigo to Charlton, all the wedding plans had been amended, an alternate venue sourced, and the determined couple were all set to be united on Friday evening at the Charlton Rotary Park, followed by a reception at the Vale of Avoca. (Whoever said it was too hard to get married during a pandemic has obviously not met this tenacious duo.)

With last-minute notification, the ceremony was attended by the groom’s parents, Matt and Jacinta Holmes-Brown, the bride’s parents, Andrew “Nifty” and Maree Gordon, and a small gathering of close family. Lachie’s brother Nathaniel was groomsman, Talia’s sister, Cassidy Gordon a bridesmaid, and Lachie and Talia’s eight month old daughter, Emerson, was flower girl.

The strapping groom presented in a navy suit with a red tie, and his facial expression

was as resplendent as his bride, who wore a white gown designed by Stella York. The dress – a curved white V-neckline with a matte Mikado bodice and ivory tulle ball gown with horsehair banding along the bottom – was ordered just before the first lockdown, arrived a couple of weeks before the second lockdown, and was finally to be worn the night before the third lockdown.

All of the wedding arrangements had to be changed, but such trivial things weren’t to get in the way of her special day this time, so to the rescue were Kolby Lee Donaczy and Shelby Parker to happily help with make-up artistry, while hair was done by Maddie Lucin from Salon 13. The bouquet Talia carried was a mixture of elegant white blooms and lush green foliage called “Lover Lover” from Vogue Nature in Bendigo.

Honeymoon plans were luckily the only

ones that didn’t need changing, because they hadn’t been made. The pair had planned to wait until travelling restrictions eased so they could cross borders without risking two weeks of quarantine thrown in to the package. Possibly a good thing though... a honeymoon might have been exhausting on top of what they already had to go through just to tie the knot.

It must have been one of the most hectic days in wedding history! But Lachie and Talia Holmes-Brown were finally married in their home town, beside the Avoca River in Charlton. Although it wasn’t quite according to plan, perhaps the last-minute stresses added a sense of adventure to the special occasion. It definitely gave them a story to tell, and much like Cinderella rushing home from the ball, the happy couple finally got their fairytale evening (so long as they were home by midnight).



Talia & Lachlan Holmes-Brown. (photo by terriandbec photography).

Community Car Providing Valuable Service to the Charlton Community

The Community Car is now just on two and a half years old having been launched on 13th March 2018. The Committee replaced the original Car on the 25th June 2019 and the new car has now done just over 40,000 km. Since we introduced the Service the two cars have done 266 trips and taken approximately 60 Charlton and District residents to a variety of Medical Appointments. The current Car is averaging 2.4 trips a week. Some weeks we have had to also use one of the Driver Education Cars because of clashes of appointment dates and the time of appointments.

For those who are not aware of the way the Car works, Clients book the car with the Neighbourhood House (5491 2333 or 0473 759 456) during office hours. Their administrator then rings around our 13 voluntary drivers to determine who is available, a driver is allocated and the client informed. We then ask you to pay for the trip. Please note that if no one is available when you ring, leave a message with your contact details and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

So what does it cost? The Car does not have any Government or Council funding

for its operation, therefore we have to charge a fee for use to cover both the operational cost and the cost of replacement of the vehicle in due course. At present the car is charged out at a rate of 30 cents per kilometre. If your appointment is 100 or more kilometres from Charlton you can then claim the trip on the Victorian Public Transport Scheme (VPTS). You can obtain a claim form from your GP or we have spare forms in the car, and the VPTS will refund you at the rate of 21 cents per kilometre. If you are a pensioner they will pay the full amount from the first trip. If you are not a pensioner you have to pay the first \$100 in each calendar year before you start getting refunds.

For instance: a trip to Bendigo, 216 kilometres, costs \$64.80. The VPTS will refund you approx \$45.36 so your cost for the trip is \$19.44. A Melbourne trip will cost \$156.60 less the refund of \$109.62 so your cost is \$46.98. If you needed to go to Wycheproof the cost is \$19.20 and St Arnaud is \$27.00. However because the distance is less than 100 kilometres from Charlton, there is no refund from the VPTS.

This is a highly regarded and very valuable service for the Charlton and District community's residents which has been a huge help to many people in the community. If you would like further information or an idea of the cost to another destination not mentioned above please ring the Neighbourhood House during normal working hours, if they are not present or busy when you ring leave a message and they will get back to you as soon as they are available. If you would like to become involved with the program by becoming a Volunteer Driver please contact Garry Larmour, Community Car Coordinator, on 5491 1647.



Charlton Croquet Club

Unfortunately, due to the sudden Covid-19 lockdown, the Croquet Club had to postpone its celebrations of 140 years since croquet was first played in Charlton. This celebration will possibly be held in April – date to be advised.

On Wednesday 10th February the Charlton Croquet Club had an introduction to Ricochet. The game of Ricochet was developed in the 1980s in Adelaide and is recognised by Croquet Australia as one of the codes of Croquet. Ricochet Tournaments are played regularly in Queensland and New South Wales and it is hoped to begin in Victoria.

The day began with an overview followed by drills and then

demonstration on the courts. The eleven participants enjoyed the challenge and thank the accredited coaches, Sarina and Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt.

Sadly the Association Croquet Section Championships were also postponed due to the lockdown so these will now be held on Thursday 4th and Sat. 6th March. Golf Croquet players have begun their Club Section Championships.

A group of friends who normally come to Charlton for the Film Festival still made the trip to support Charlton. On Saturday 27th February they enjoyed a game of Golf Croquet.



L to R Back—Moira Sheahan, Lois Munro (Swan Hill), Frances Stahl. Front—Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt (Coach) & Janet Richardson.



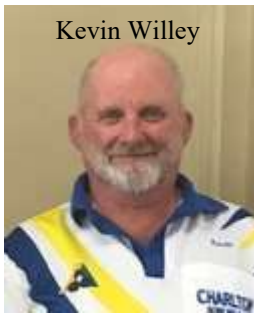
Visitors who normally travel to Charlton for the Film Festival.

Charlton Bowling Club

Another month gone by already. February saw the completion of the Men's Singles with Kevin Willey winning over Pat Connors. While that was being played the NCB Novice singles were played with new bowlers from across our division. Judy O'Neill was the successful lady and went to Ararat to play on carpet. A new experience with her finding it hard to begin with, 17 down before she scored to come back and only lose by 5 [16-21]. Well done Judy.

Jeff Cox was more successful becoming the runner up for the Wimmera Region. These two new players will be interesting to watch.

Diane Roberts and Eily Rosewall play-



Kevin Willey



Judy O'Neill



Jeff Cox



Dianne Roberts
& Eily Rosewall

ed off for the B Grade Singles [Ladies] with Eily winning the title.

Diane is Ladies Club Pairs Champion with Patty Saltmarsh.

The Men's fours final was played between Jeff Cox [s], Mick O'Brien, Greg Wain and Brad Chester and the team skipped by Rusty Round, Neil Cossar, Col Stewart and Brian Fitzpatrick. The winners being the team skipped by Jeff. The two teams were level going into the last end with Neil holding shot and Jeff did one of his very few drives to pick up 5. Congratulations fellows. A first for every player on this team.

There are still a few games to be played, the ladies will be playing their 21 up on the 11th March and 100 up on the 25th March. The men are playing their pairs on the long weekend- still time to get your entry in. They have the triples to play also. Notices of club games and tournaments are on the board for all to see. Don't wait to be asked to go to a tournament, put a team in, all good fun.

Midweek pennant lost the semi-final to the eventual Midweek pennant winners We tried hard, but they tried harder. Congratulations to the Korong Vale teams. For such a short season, we were lucky to have stayed on top for as long as we did. Maybe next year.

Charlton Bowling Club recently held Mums and Bubs every Monday in February. We would like to congratulate all participants. We saw some brilliant prospective bowlers with Riana also encouraging young William to have a go with the Junior Jack Attack bowls.

We welcome interest from groups to run events at the club. We can supply access to BBQ and bar as well as providing bowls for interested groups.

Contact secretary Kevin Willey for information.

CHARLTON INDOOR BOWLING CLUB is seeking interest from members of the public to see if they can put together

enough people to play indoor bowls [also known as short mat bowls]. The principles are the same as outdoor bowls with socialising and gentle activity, in a controlled environment. If enough interest is expressed, they will look at running an afternoon [possibly a Sunday] and/or an evening event. There are also tournaments to be played. A very challenging sport on all levels. Very social and very competitive as well.

Indoor Bowls will not begin until May and is again suitable for all age groups and abilities. Wheelchair access can be arranged with forward notice. Bowls are supplied, flat shoes essential.

Please leave your name with Neil Cossar or Greg Wain if you are interested. Numbers are in the Lions 'Green' phone book.

Right:
Riani &
William
Donaldson



Below: A group of local young folk enjoying some Barefoot Bowls.



Winner of the Men's Fours: Brad Chester, Mick O'Brien, Jeff Cox(s) & Greg Wain.



Runner's up of the Men's Fours: Rusty Round (s), Neil Cossar, Colin Stewart & Brian Fitzpatrick.



St Joseph's School News

Buddy reading

This term we have started a new program reading with the F/1/2 class, it has been very entertaining.

The teachers choose our partner we have to listen and read to for four weeks. After four weeks have passed we then change to

a different partner. During buddy reading, the older children have to listen to what the younger child is reading and how they read it. The younger child must get taught how to read fluently and to use lots of expression.

Before reading the two partners will

choose five books in the library each to read to each other. Once all the books have been read, you then choose another ten books.

I think everyone has enjoyed this new program of Buddy Reading.

By Sheena Fitzpatrick



Clancy Bourke & Willow Riley.



Ruby Radcliffe & Charlie Zagame.



Amali Fitzpatrick & Finn Schofield.



Toby Bourke & Murphy Fitzpatrick.



Rosie Fitzpatrick & Lila Schofield



Ethan Soulsby & Archer Riley

School Swimming

In the first two weeks of school being back St Joseph's did swimming lessons. On the first week of swimming lessons we met our swimming instructor Jess. She was really nice and helped us a lot. During week one we did lots of things including freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke. Then in week two of swimming we mainly focused on breast stroke. Friday week two was probably the best we did lots of games and had heaps of fun.

By Ruby Radcliffe



Willow Riley, Archer Riley, Maddie Lanyon, Megg Fitzpatrick



Maddie Lanyon



Megg Fitzpatrick & Jess McGurk



Willow Riley & Jess McGurk



Jess McGurk & Archer Riley

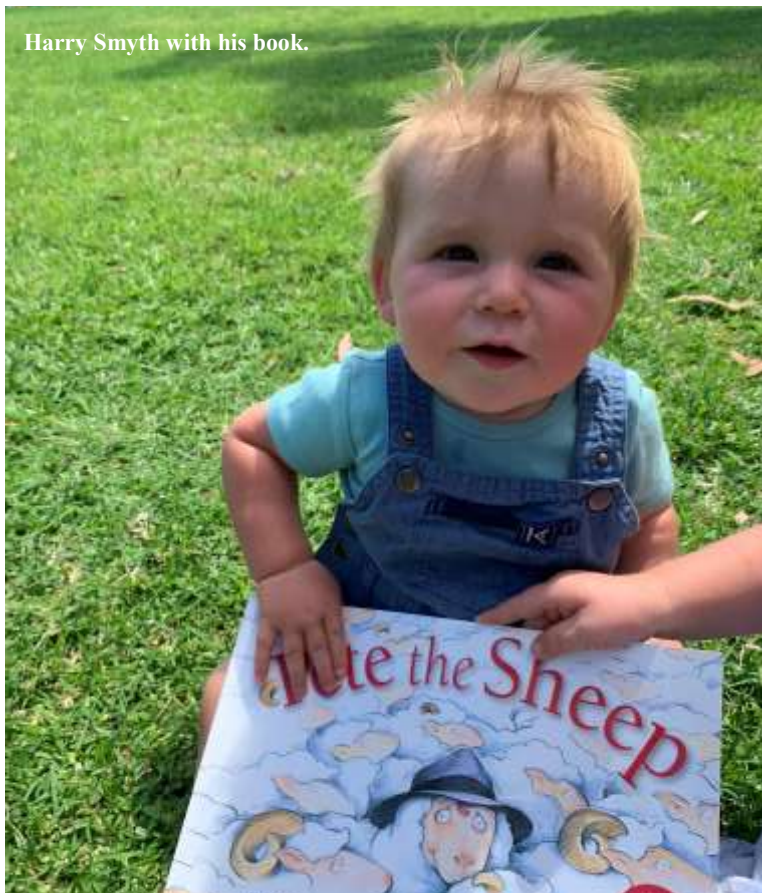
Charlton Rotary's Books For Babies

Due to COVID, this initiative of Charlton Rotary Club to gift a book for all new babies was delayed. However, with the assistance of Lauren Riley, quite a few gathered at Gordon Park to receive their books. Those not present were given their books later. This has been ongoing for many years and is appreciated by the parents as well as the babies.



Above: Tanya and Lucas Addlem, Jackie and Leo Stahl, Doug Gretgrix (in the back), Rebecca and Natasha Coughlin, Gemma and Thomas Pridgeon, Lachlan and Emerson Holmes-Brown, Elizabeth and Ethena Getley, Hanh and Sophia Sait.

Harry Smyth with his book.



Lucas Addlem receiving his book from Doug Gretgrix.

Triple Treat Sparks Charlton

By Mark Hayes—featured in the Golf Australia Newsletter, 18th January 2021.

Charlton needed a little “pick-me-up” in 2020.

The rural Victorian town on the banks of the Avoca River – an hour’s drive north-west of Bendigo – had, like many of its ilk, been battling through the pandemic’s sombre moments.

And then came the spark, statistically at least, from an extremely unlikely source.

Not once, not even twice, but three times, the golfing gods smiled upon the historic Victorian sand scrape course, providing that feel-good moment for all in the Buloke Shire.

It all started without fanfare at a club that hadn’t celebrated a hole-in-one for more than a decade.

Mallee-based coach Mark Bowd paid a visit for a junior clinic on August 14 when, partly because of Covid-19 restrictions around other sports, a generous turnout took in his tuition.

Among those irregular golfers was then 13-year-old Cooper Boyle, who, eager to put his new knowledge to the test out, wandered out to play a few holes afterwards, accompanied by the club’s women’s captain and junior co-ordinator Wendy Laffin, his sister Taylah and good friend Angus.

They’d reached the par-3 14th hole with Cooper having enjoyed various

degrees of success with his new skill set on previous holes.

And while he didn’t exactly flush his tee shot, it was always right on line and as it trickled up on to the scrape, Wendy screamed: “Cooper, it’s in the hole!”

“It was an amazing little shot and when I yelled out, he just dropped his stick and took off,” she said.

Months later, Cooper, now 14, is still dining out on his feat – particularly when it comes to his father, Kirk, a 10 handicapper who hasn’t been graced by an ace, despite a family history of “ones”. “I was a bit shellshocked when it went in, I’d never been close,” Cooper said. “Wendy was screaming. Angus was pretty pumped and a couple of older boys a hole away heard the noise and came over to see what was going on. “It was pretty cool. I’m still pretty happy with myself ... plus I’ve got one up on Dad now. “The funny thing was, I took a ball off Dad to go and play and when Wendy brought the trophy around (weeks later), it had that ball on it and now he doesn’t get to use that ball any more, either,” he said with a giggle as he joined his great grandmother Betty Baird and great grandfather Alan Cadzow in having had aces at Charlton.

Wendy’s role in this tale didn’t end there. Far from it.

Remarkably, just one day later, Laffin – herself an accomplished golfer

playing off 12 – sidled up the seventh tee and drew her 7-iron from 100m off the red tees. “I’d never thought about it. Ever,” she said. “I’ve won a couple of small things here and there, but a hole-in-one is something you never think you’re going to have. “But I was playing in an ambrose, the last in our group to hit and it looked a decent sort of a shot, but I thought it would just bounce through. “But it landed on a little rise, rolled up and in. They (my playing partners) saw it and yelled and I just went a bit cold, really. “I remember thinking, ‘Oh you’re kidding, but we got up there and there it was in the cup, so we took a photo and I tried to let it sink in. “We had to finish our game, so it gave me a while to think and then we had a little celebration in the clubhouse and I was a little bit late home. “By the time I got home, my husband Bernie said, ‘Golf took a long time today’. “So I told him what happened and I don’t think he really believed me.”

Wendy said the double was a mystery to many in the clubhouse. “We hadn’t had one for so long and Cooper’s caused quite a stir, so I think that people thought (mine) just couldn’t be true, too,” she joked.

But it wasn’t long until a third ace was added to cap the unprecedented 2020 winter.

The quietly spoken Chris Mathews, from 113m, dropped in his own 7-iron on the same hole less than four weeks later.

“I spoke to Chris and he was as laidback as ever. He sort of agreed it was incredible, but he doesn’t get too over the top about anything,” Wendy said with a giggle.

Wendy said the trifecta had become a great and positive talking point around town at a time when it was most needed.

She said the club, which has its main season from April to September, had welcomed many new players during Covid times, with people of all ages looking for activity and respite.

“You’d never say it was a good thing for anyone, but there’s certainly a lot more interest around the place now, which is great to have some new faces.”



Above: Cooper Boyle (left), Wendy Laffin and Chris Mathews retrieve their balls after their respective magical shots.



Charlton Neighbourhood House

30-34 High Street (in The Rex Theatre), Charlton Vic, 3525 Phone: 0473 759 456
Email: coord@charltonnh.org.au

Welcome everyone to the latest news from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. Following our recent letter box drop highlighting our courses and activities, we have fielded lots of enquiries and expressions of interest about our exciting program over the next few months. If you didn't get a flyer pop in and collect one or one can be sent to you.

After our brief COVID-19 lockdown we have been able to welcome volunteers and visitors back into the house. Many things that continued during that time are more easily available now such as photocopying, printing, laminating and general enquiries around courses, classes and services. Feel free to drop in and discuss anything you would like to participate in, or any ideas you may have to make our community even better.

The Charlton Community Car continues to be as busy as always. Would you like information on how to become a volunteer driver (training available), or would you like to speak to us about this popular user-pay service? Perhaps you have some ideas to offer at our listening post. If so, please call the Neighbourhood House. Charlton is very fortunate to have this service; thank you to our wonderful drivers.

Did you know the Charlton Neighbourhood House has internet access available? Cost is just \$4 per hour. Bring your own device or use one of ours.

Through the Buloke Shire Council we have a small supply of cloth face masks available for vulnerable members of our community at no charge. Call in and collect some if you need them.

Our popular **Gentle Water Exercise** sessions with Kasey King wound up in late February. Overall we were lucky with the weather and only had a minor hiccup with COVID-19. Thanks to the shire staff for assisting with rostering lifeguards during the season. Hopefully we will see everyone back again later in the year. Meanwhile the early morning swimming continues until late March.

Our First Aid or CPR Refresher and Responsible Service of Alcohol Courses were both well attended in early February, and participants are better prepared for work placements or volunteer activities. If you missed out this time contact the Neighbourhood House to put your name down for the next round.

Coming 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 this training. Cost \$330 (with 2 hour prework). Minimum participation numbers are required for this course to proceed. **BOOK NOW** to avoid disappointment.

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 being held on March 13. Cost will be just \$25. Note, while not a certified course, attendees will receive a certificate of attendance detailing the areas covered.

Our **Hygienic Food Practices Course SITXFAO001** is happening Tuesday March 30. Essential for those working or seeking employment in the hospitality area. Call now for further details. Cost \$135.

Averyll Loft's popular **Yoga Flow** sessions continue through the Mallee Sports Assembly, and we are happy to be partnering with Jo Russell who is back with her Tai Chi classes on Friday mornings at the Senior Citizens Room. For further details contact the Charlton Neighbourhood House on 0473-759 456.

Just a few of the planned upcoming courses and activities. Firearms safety, school holiday activities, and much more are to come. Watch this space or check out our window display. Our popular Table for Twelve will also be returning soon with more popular activities based around food and cooking.



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1080 Fox and Rabbit Baiting Course. Cost \$330.

Thursday March 18 6 pm

Participants receive a Chemical Handlers Certificate to participate in this training. BOOK NOW!

Bookings now open for our non certificate Barista Training on Saturday March 13. Cost just \$25.

This course involves both online and a face to face component.

Students will receive a participation document outlining the areas covered. Enquire today at the Neighbourhood House. Limited spots available.

Both courses being held here in Charlton for your convenience.



Charlton Community Transport Project



Imagine 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.

Imagine 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.

Imagine 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.

The Charlton Neighbourhood House is developing an integrated Community Transport Plan that has the potential to achieve all of this and more, but we need your input and ideas.



Working or seeking employment in the hospitality industry, or volunteering at your local club preparing food? The Charlton Neighbourhood House is hosting a Hygienic Food Practices for Food Safety Course (SITXFSA001) in late March.

This popular certificate course is sure to fill fast so book your spot today. Cost just \$135.

Date Tuesday March 30.

Time 6:00pm to 10:00pm.

Recent First Aid and CPR Refresher Course participants



Second Tuesday Book Club. Love books and reading? Come along on the second Tuesday of every month



Did you know we have been open for 2 years? Our aim has been to bring people together to connect, learn and contribute to our community through social, educational and recreational activities.

We look forward to continuing this role in 2021.

Charlton College News

Badge Conferral

Charlton College held its Badge Conferral ceremony on Tuesday the 9th of February. Senior & Junior leaders received their badges as did the Year 12s. Foundation students were each presented with a book.

Swimming Carnival

With lockdown just around the corner it was great to see the students enjoying valuable time together. The F-4 students had a great time undertaking the activities. Our Year 5 and 6 students who had been involved in the carnival with the Secondary students came across and were great assistants. The year 12s came across and buddied up with the Foundation students for a race up and back the pool also. It was fantastic to have a large contingent of parents present.

Celebrating Chinese New Year

The F-6 building was a sea of red, as we celebrated the Chinese New Year. We made and tasted some Chinese buns, undertook some Chinese related minute to win it challenges, made an ox and had a go at kung foo dancing.



Ten of the thirteen Foundation students proudly displaying their books



Sam, Thomas & Eli



Kung foo dancing



Swimming relays



Above: House Captains. Back—Lucinda Holmes-Brown & Caileb Good (Avoca), Jordon Start & Zara Jenkyn (Calder). Front—Taylor Giles & Josie Lamour (Avoca), James Fitzpatrick & Heidi Start (Calder)



Above: Senior School Leaders, School Captains: Angus Jablonka & Zara Jenkyn and School Vice Captains: Ethan Needs and Dora McGeown.





Charlton Harness Racing Club News

CHARLTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY BANK PACING CUP IS ON!

BLUE SUNDAY MARCH 14TH

Blue Sunday is almost upon us and preparations are well under way to welcome everyone to Charlton Park on Sunday March 14th for our biggest day of the year.

BUBBLES IN THE BUSH will again kick off the day at 11am and we urge all Charlton ladies to come along and continue the great work done by Team Teal in raising awareness and much needed funds for ovarian cancer research. There will be lots of prizes to be won and of course the auction will be a highlight. We thank the many people who have generously donated goods for the cause to ensure another successful fundraiser.

So please bring along friends and family and enjoy a relaxing start to what will be a very busy Cup Day.

PUNT OFF

The inaugural Charlton Punt Off will finally get under way this year with a variety of punters taking a seat at the table to pit their skills against each other.

Local lads Joe McGrath and Paddy Monaghan are teaming up against the pro punters, radio hosts and form analysts to try for the winner take all pool. Good luck boys!

The competition will be covered live all day on Trots Vision giving our Cup Day a tremendous amount of exposure, so with so much expertise on course we suggest you follow along and perhaps line your pockets as well!

So happy to report that all dining and marquee packages are **sold out** but there will be plenty of seating and umbrellas for the public, as well as our great new function room to watch all the action from.

Please be aware that you will have to check in at the front gate with a QR code or complete a form with your details to fulfil all of the required Covid documentation. The new world we now all live in!

GATES WILL BE OPEN AT 10AM.

**SEE YOU ALL ON BLUE
SUNDAY!!**

WORK CONTINUES AT TRAINING CENTRE

The Charlton Training Centre has been a hive of activity in recent weeks as works continue to accommodate the growing number of horses there.

Both Mickbeigh HR and Greg Norman have had additions to their teams recently and we will welcome the arrival of the Sanderson family from NSW and their

initial team of 15 horses in the coming weeks.

New yards have already been established and shelters will be popping up shortly.

It is a very exciting time for our club as these new racing teams choosing Charlton to settle in has such a positive flow on effect for the town and the promotion of the sport.

MONTH OF SUCCESS ON THE TRACK FOR CHARLTON TRAINERS

Our local trainers have hit a real purple patch with a long list of winners below for the month of Feb!

Special mention to Greg Norman who brought home the Ararat Cup with Zadaka and to Mick and Denbeigh taking out the Group 3 Tontine Trotting Championship at Horsham earlier in the month with Maorishadow.

To have our trainers winning feature races is fantastic and we can only hope that they have all timed their run nicely for Cup Day. Fingers crossed.

CHARLTON WINNERS – FEBRUARY

DOITSON—MICKBEIGH HR (Boort)

APIECOFLOU—GREG NORMAN

(Terang)

AZTEC INTI—JOHN TORMEY

(Charlton)

BLUE COMAN—GREG NORMAN

(Charlton)

ZADAKA—GREG NORMAN (Ararat Cup

Winner)

MAORISHADOW – MICKBEIGH HR

(Tontine Trotting Champion Horsham)

JOE THOMPSON – WINNER FASHIONS ON THE FIELD BOORT



Above: Greg Norman with driver Jodi Quinlan, Ararat Cup Winners.



Above: Denbeigh Wade and Duncan McPherson (founder of TeamTeal) at Boort.



Above: Joe Thompson with Elle Morro - fashions judge.



Above: Fr. Glasheen and Leon Fanning Boort Cup Day.

Harry's Service Acknowledged

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Recognition of thirty-nine years of service to Ambulance Victoria was recently accorded to Charlton-based paramedic, Harry Brindley.

A familiar face to many across this region, especially in their hour of need, Harry's dedication was acknowledged by Ambulance Victoria staff, Amelia Kohn (Loddon Mallee Area Manager 2) and Tim Hobbs (Buloke / Gannawarra Senior Team Manager).

The duration of Harry's service - in particular his three decades of placement in Charlton - is not the norm in the Ambulance service, where migration and transfers often mean relatively short tenures.

Receiving two additional decade clasps for his Long Service Medal, Harry was also presented with a plaque recording his thirty-nine years contribution, along with a Life Membership for the Ambulance Subscription Scheme.

Commenting on his service, Amelia Kohn praised Harry's dedication to the role of paramedic, emphasizing his deep desire to help people. "Harry would work 24 hours a day if he could," she said.

While a significant period of Harry's ambulance career has been based in Charlton, his collective involvement goes back more than 50 years to when he started as a volunteer in the St. John's Ambulance Brigade in Western Australia in the late 1960s.

Employment with the St. John's Ambulance Association then followed in 1971, with Harry's first placement at Port Headland Sub-Branch (Ambulance Station).

Following a fifteen-month tenure, a desire to pursue more intensive training saw Harry head to Perth, however a change of circumstances saw him quit Australia and move to England.

Two years with the London Ambulance Service followed, then employment with a private ambulance company based in the London suburb of Ealing Common saw him committed for another seven years.

Specializing with foreign nationals, who were not entitled to national health care, Harry recounted that the longest trip he ever undertook was a repatriation from London to Thessalonica in Northern Greece - the equivalent of travelling from Melbourne to Perth!

On returning to Australia during the 1980's Harry held positions at Shepparton, Melton and Kerang before settling in Charlton in 1991.

Reflecting on the longevity of his time in Charlton, Harry said, "When I arrived the whole town embraced me and my children, Mary and Ernie, as one of their own."

"As a single parent, and with my ambulance job commitments, it was that ongoing supportive attitude of the whole community that kept me here."

In 2017 Harry was awarded the national Ambulance Service Medal for distinguished service by a member of an Australian ambulance service.

As well as recognizing his commitment as a frontline paramedic and team manager, his citation also recognized his establishment of several volunteer Community Emergency Response Team groups for Ambulance Victoria, his dedicated time and efforts assisting and supporting the local ambulance auxiliary, along with his care for the wider community, most notably demonstrated by his efforts during the Charlton floods in January 2011 where he spent countless hours working to assist the community

during the disaster, despite his own property being ruined by flood waters.

There is no doubting the affection for Harry within the local community. Prior to last week's presentation there was a steady stream of people greeting him in the street, asking how he was going - just wanting to stop and have a chat.

His enrichment of the community has extended beyond his paramedic role, with as much dedication focused on community service through Lions at both Club and District level.

Currently District Governor-Elect for 201 V1-4, Harry is passionately researching opportunities for Clubs to consider when expanding their work with community enhancement.

Harry's Ambulance Victoria recognition is a timely acknowledgement for his selfless and dedicated outreach which has extended beyond the call of duty.

Below: Known throughout the region, and recognized for his unstinting dedication, paramedic Harry Brindley was presented with long service recognition last week by (l) Ambulance Victoria Loddon Mallee Area Manager 2, Amelia Kohn and (r) Buloke/ Gannawarra Senior Team Manager, Tim Hobbs.



Charlton Arts

Charlton Arts is looking forward to jumping back into action with 2 Cafe Culture shows planned for the second half of the year, and hopes of presenting a couple of other musical events.

It was disappointing that we were unable to hold our annual film festival in February but we hope to see everyone at our next festival.

To our sponsors,

*Thank you for renewing your support of the **Charlton Community Newsletter** for 2021. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.*

For any business who would like to sponsor the newsletter please contact Carolyn on 0418 361 971 or email charltonnewsletter@gmail.com.

REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

30-34 High St Charlton 3525
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boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au
www.rextheatre.org.au



COMING ATTRACTIONS March

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



AMMONITE

MA 15+ 117 mins | Drama

Sat 6 MAR 8pm
Sun 7 MAR 2pm
Tue 9 MAR 8pm

Acclaimed paleontologist Mary Anning works alone selling common fossils to tourists to support her ailing mother, but a chance job offer changes her life when a visitor hires her to care for his wife.



PENGUIN BLOOM

PG 95mins | Drama

Sat 13 MAR 8pm
Sun 14 MAR 2pm
Tue 16 MAR 8pm

Samantha Bloom breaks her back in an accident and is paralysed from the chest down. A year later, her children bring home an injured magpie they have found. She cautiously approaches the magpie and begins to get acquainted with the new family member.



THE DRY

MA 15+ 117 mins | Drama

Sat 20 MAR 8pm
Sun 21 MAR 2pm
Tue 23 MAR 8pm

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



RAMS

PG 119 mins | Drama

Sat 27 MAR 8pm
Sun 28 MAR 2pm
Tue 30 MAR 8pm

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?

Holiday Family Fun



SPLASHTEST DUMMIES

CREATIVE VICTORIA REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA DUMMIES CORP


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

CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Wakool Junction - 2 Day Competition.

When: Saturday & Sunday 6th & 7th March 2021, 7am start Saturday.

Weigh in: Anytime throughout the weekend via the Executive. Final weigh in and presentations, 6pm Sunday.

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet via the Executive at the river prior to fishing
- Fishing can be anytime over the two day competition
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching & releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp
- Longest fish & longest bag for the weekend will be added to yearly aggregate
- Max & Betty Bartlett Memorial Shield up for grabs; \$10/ person, winner takes all.

Entry fee: Adults \$5.00. Juniors \$2.00. Yearly Club Memberships available \$10 adults, \$15 family.

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

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



Charlton Uniting Church

Autumn UpMarket

Saturday 13th March 2021

Cnr Halliday and High Street

9am to 12 noon

*Preserves,
Cooking
Craft, Plants
Specialty stalls
Books
Produce
Donuts etc.*



**Cnr High and Halliday St
Charlton**



All proceeds go to the work of the Uniting Church in Charlton.

Interested Stall Holders can contact Gill Gretgrix 0427911308
by text, phone call or email on grettdoug@bigpond.com



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

DOGS ARE NOT ENCOURAGED AND MUST BE ON LEADS

Promoted by **LIONS CLUB OF CHARLTON INC.**

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



TO REGISTER - PLEASE RETURN SLIP WITH PAYMENT TO:

Lions Club of Charlton Inc.

PO Box 4

CHARLTON VIC 3525

Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Address: _____

(Required if hosting a Garage Sale)

Summary of Items FOR SALE: _____

(Please Tick)

GARAGE SALE - \$15.00 ☐

CAR BOOT SALE - \$5.00 ☐



Victorian Eyecare Mobile

Visiting Optometrist and Optical Dispenser will be here at:

Charlton

Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Victorian Eyecare Mobile is committed to providing the highest quality eyecare and eyewear. To make an appointment please email:

victorian.eyecaremobile@gmail.com call: 0436 005 012

Testing for:

Dry Eyes

Sore Eyes

Cataracts

Glaucoma

Macular Degeneration

Blepharitis

Eye Strain

Diabetic Retinopathy

Consultations are **bulk billed to Medicare**.
So there is no cost to you for the eye examination.

Embracing Community Eyecare

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

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.



REX THEATRE NEWS

MARCH | MOVIE HIGHLIGHTS:



PENGUIN BLOOM

PG 95 mins

13 / 14 / 16 March



RAMS

PG 119 mins

27 / 28 / 30 March

Check the Rex March Movie Flyer or <https://www.rextheatre.org.au/whats-showing.html> for all screenings.

THE DRY

Unprecedented crowds attended the screenings of "The Dry" on our re-opening weekend of 6 February. For many the experience was less than satisfactory with Covid caps limiting our seating, and people having to be turned away. The Rex has extended apologies across multiple media outlets to address this shortfall, and will be running the movie again on **March 20 | 21 | 23**.



Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund - an Australian Government initiative.
Regional Arts Victoria / Creative Victoria / Dummies Corp

SPLASHTEST DUMMIES

Friday 16 April 2pm

Tickets: \$10

Bookings:

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

Family holiday fun abounds when the Dummies bring their laugh-filled afternoon of action-packed silliness and slapstick entertainment **LIVE** to the Rex stage. Lots of activity lots of laughs, plus plenty of interaction for the young and young at heart. Just \$10 per ticket!

LIVE
on stage



Sunday Coffee@The Rex

Sunday Coffee has currently ended, and the Rex will be reviewing the options of re-instating it again into the future. The availability of more volunteers to assist with the running will be a determining factor. If you would like to help out, please contact the Rex at: boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au

2021 Deb Ball

Hosting a Charlton Deb Ball for the first time, the Rex congratulates all involved in what was a stunning evening for the young people of our community.



Letter to the Editor

Hi Everyone!

I was wondering how many fellow readers have friends, relatives or themselves visit Wooroonook Lake. My husband, the dog and I visit just about every day.

I have a little complaint to make. My husband has put out about ten fires in the last 3 months.

We do not want this to happen.

Please be aware it does not take much to happen.

Bev Elstob



**CHARLTON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

St Martin's Messenger—March 2021

Worship:

Holy Communion	1pm Sunday 7 March	Third Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion	1pm Sunday 21 March	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion	1pm Sunday 28 March	Palm Sunday
Holy Communion	6.30pm Thurs. 1 April	Maundy Thursday

Hope springs eternal with a “canna-do” attitude

Next door to the St Martin's rectory, the block has been cleared and prepared for the new kindergarten. The ground has been covered in gravel and compacted flat and smooth. So it is with admiration that I sighted the leaves of a canna plant popping out of the gravel. When I first looked, I thought it was a large bird who had just landed or was about to take off in flight. But no, it was a plant, who even though it had been covered and compacted, had the tenacity to shoot for the sky!!! Impressive.

This canna did not give up hope – it must have probably pushed and shoved its way through the material to burst out in defiance of its situation. What a great example to us to never give up, to always have hope.

It is said that there is no better elixir for the soul than HOPE. We may not always realise it, but hope is the underlying driver for any endeavour (human, plant and animal). For all of us, we invest time, energy and contemplation into those things that we hope for. It is

human nature to keep on hoping against all odds. Hope also comes from our faith in the eternal life promised to us by Jesus Christ, that when we pass from this life, we look forward to an eternity of joy and peace. Hope is built into and is central to our faith.



I will leave you with a few lines from the poem “An Essay on Man” from the famous English Poet, Alexander Pope, the author of the hope springs eternal quote, that we know well, (note that it was penned in 1733)

Hope springs eternal in the human breast: Man never is, but always to be blest:

The soul, uneasy and confin'd from home, Rests and expatiates in a life to come.

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, also mentions hope as one of the virtues: “*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*” (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Reverend Judi Bird.

0435 593 359 judithblackbird@outlook.com

East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Church



Mass Times:

Sun 7 th Mar.	10.30am (Zoom Mass)
Sun. 14 th Mar.	8:30am
Sat. 20 th Mar.	7.00pm
Sun. 28 th Mar.	10:30am
Sat. 3 rd Apr.	7.00pm (Easter Saturday)

Charlton CWA Cabbaritta Juniors

Hello Girls,

Our next get together will be Friday 26 March. Please remember to renew membership of \$30.00.

Thank you, Bernice and Donna

North Central Garden Club

Garden Club members met on Tuesday for the first meeting for 2021. The last time members were able to meet was March 2020.

The general concern of members was the invasion of fruit fly. All residents do need to be mindful of the pest. We do need to collect fallen fruit and double bag it or freeze the infested fruit. Also keep your trees to a manageable height so you can nett them. Of course the other option is to remove the tree from your garden. There are traps and baiting which will work for those wanting to keep their fruit trees.

For our March meeting the Club will be having an outing to various places of interest. We will be travelling with Starts Buses. If you would like to join the group for the day you will need to call Maritea on 0447 912 183 for more details

Enquiries: President Bernice 5491 1334,

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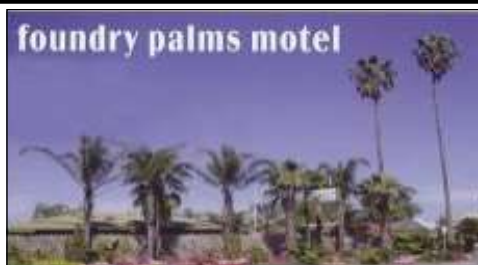
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Tuesday - Cards 1:30pm
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	1	2 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	3 Lions—Mixed Dinner Meeting at the East	4 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	5	6 Lions Paper Collection Bowls—Club Pairs 10am Angling Club Wakool Junction - 2 Day Comp.
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14 Charlton Cup Day	15 Bowls Meeting 7:30pm CWA Meeting, 7pm	16 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	17 Lions Business Meeting 8pm	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	19	20
21 Lions Whole Town Garage Sale	22	23 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm NCGC Trip	24	25 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	26	27
28	29	22 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	31			

April 2021

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	8 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	9 Probus Meeting	10
11	12	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	14	15 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	16 Spashtest Dummies	17
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