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## Teddywaddy RFG - Service Awards

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

The presentation of the CFA National Medal was made to long-term Teddywaddy RFB member, John Powell recently for his service to the organisation covering almost 60 years.

The Medal, amongst the CFA's highest accolades, is awarded only when a candidate meets a range of criteria, including diligent long service to the community in hazardous circumstances, including in times of emergency.

John's involvement has shown not only dedication to his own brigade and wider community, but also to supporting others, taking part in numerous Strikes Teams over the years in the wake of extreme fire events.

Joining the CFA in 1961, John held the position of Captain at Teddywaddy for seventeen years (1985-2002) guiding the brigade through peaks and troughs of operation, and providing sound advice as transformations took place.

Additional roles have included Secretary (2002 – 2014), along with VFBV Delegate from 2006 – 2014.

As the 2011 floods unfolded, John was actively engaged in the initial evacuation of Charlton, undertaking rescues as the perilous conditions intensified.

Encouraged to be involved in the fire service from an early age, John's reliable presence has been the mainstay of Teddywaddy over the years, leading to support and encouragement for succeeding leadership teams.

District 18 Commander, Paul Illman, along with current Teddywaddy RFB Captain, Tim Giles, had the pleasure of presenting the Medal at the brigade's AGM and social day held earlier this month.

Emphasizing that long service alone is not the prerequisite for a National Medal, Commander Illman read out the Preamble which accompanies the presentation, along with the details of the award's symbology and the presentation of clasps signifying additional 10 years of service. A candidate must have given at least 15 years of service to be eligible.

In a modest response, John acknowledged his appreciation for the honor as brigade members offered their congratulations.

Other service awards were also presented on the day to attending members including the following:

5 Year Award: Bryan Pedersen, Mary-Anne Pollard, 10 Year Award: Leanne Rose, 15 Year Award: Annette Giles, Jenny Pollard, 20 Year Award: Clinton Riley, 35 Year Award: Andrew Peverill, 40 Year Award: Brendan Byrne, Gary Pollard, 50 Year Award: Stuart Giles, Len Storey, 65 Year Award: Reg Pollard.

Covering the formalities of the AGM, elections retained the current Leadership Team comprising: Captain: Tim Giles, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant – Alister Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant – Gary Pollard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant – Brad Riley, 4<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant – Clinton Riley, Secretary/

Treasurer – Bryan Pedersen, VFBV/Group Delegates – Tim Giles and Andrew Peverill.

Members then had the opportunity to socialize over a long lunch and catch up on news from the extended period of lockdown resulting from the pandemic.



**Above:** CFA District 18 Commander, Paul Illman, (left) congratulates Teddywaddy RFB member, John Powell, (centre) on the receipt of the National Medal, as brigade Captain, Tim Giles, (right) looks on.



**Above:** Award recipients, plus brigade Captain, are pictured following the formalities. (Not all members eligible for awards were in attendance). Left to Right Back—District 18 Commander, Paul Illman, Clinton Riley, Gary Pollard, Reg Pollard, Len Storey, Mary-Anne Pollard. Front—Tim Giles, Andrew Peverill, Stuart Giles, Annette Giles, Bryan Pedersen. (Recipients not pictured – Brendan Byrne, John Powell, Leanne Rose, Jenny Pollard).

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*Editorial  
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the May edition of the newsletter.

Thank you to our new sponsor, Lyn Edyvean from Natures Gifts of The Earth.

There is certainly loads of sport in this edition. The summer sports have all had their presentations and the winter sports are well underway. Good luck to all our local teams this year.

Our diaries are getting nice and full again with all of the usual activities being able to take place this year. The OK Motels event on the weekend certainly made the town busy on Saturday. An event that brings visitors to our town that does not rely heavily on our volunteers is a nice change.

The croquet book was finally launched a few weeks ago. At this time of year I'm usually cranking up on another one—but I'm having a little break and catching up on lots of other projects. My 'To Do' list is slowly being whittled down. It's a nice feeling.

On the farm, cropping is well underway. Although we've had a little rain it's still quite dry and we all hope a good autumn break arrives soon. We're coming off the back of two good years—can we make it a third?

Our boys have been coming and going a bit lately. They cut firewood for us and I send them home with baked goods.

Cheers, Carolyn

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Please note, events are subject to change.

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- Jazz in July  
Sunday 18th July
- Café Culture—The Shuffle Club  
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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.



## Charlton RSL Sub-branch

On Saturday 17 April Charlton RSL Sub-branch held a dinner at the Charlton Golf Club to celebrate raising a total of \$100,000.00 from Diggers Day golf days over the years. The evening was a great success, and enjoyed by all who attended, from Bendigo Legacy Club (who were the recipients of the \$100,000.00), from the Golf Club, from Oasis, from Charlton business houses and from the Sub-branch. Our thanks go First to Charlton Golf Club, who provided the clubrooms and facilities, Second to Oasis, who cooked and served the meal, Third to Charlton Chamber of Commerce & Industry who donated vouchers for a raffle which helped defray the costs of the dinner and Fourth to all golfers who have, over the years, supported Diggers Day.

Sub-branch members were busy selling badges and other ANZAC items during the week prior to ANZAC Day. We raised a total of \$2,533.70, an excellent result; this goes towards RSL welfare. Thank you Charlton for supporting this worthy cause.

ANZAC Day was commemorated in the traditional manner, with wreath laying at the

Cenotaph, the Ode, Last Post and Reveille, then the March to the Shire Hall where the service was held, with Sub-branch president Gordon Risk and Padre Reverend Judi Bird at the helm. The guest speaker, Flight Lieutenant Warrick Jones, gave an inspirational address, Charlton Wycheproof Brass Band were in fine form, Charlton Choir were in good voice. Our new Orders of Service were used and received much

favourable comment. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were not able to invite the public into the clubrooms for refreshments after the service.

Our 25 pounder cannon outside the clubrooms has had a facelift and new tyres, and is looking just like new. The test firing is planned from 0001 hours on 31 May.

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# Charlton Community Bank Grants Program to Open

Charlton & District Community Bank® Branch, in partnership with the Community Enterprise™ Foundation has launched its 2021 Community Grants Program. There will not be an information evening this year with the program now online.

The program enables community organisations with good ideas to apply for funding from a pool of funds available to the local community from the community bank's profits. In 2021 the amount to be allocated is still to be determined but will be substantial.

"Charlton & District Community Bank® Branch is proud to support the local community, and the Community Grants Program should enable many local organisations to develop significant

projects", Bank chairman Jon Whykes said. "As well as smaller projects we are looking for some major projects that will aid the development of local communities and we hope that some of these will come forward. We encourage all community groups and organisations with ideas for improving the community to apply," Mr Whykes said. "Our bank has business interests in Birchip, Boort, Charlton and Wycheproof and we now have many communities that can benefit," Mr Whykes added. "The board is looking for quality applications and we will only fund quality projects".

The program will be coordinated by Community Enterprise Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bendigo Bank. Community groups and organisations which

develop and enhance Charlton & District and other North Central communities are encouraged to apply for a community grant.

Applications will shortly be available from [www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation)

The application needs to be made on this website and is a simplified process as it was last year.

**Applications open on Wednesday May 5th and close on Wednesday 26th May 2021.**

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Community Enterprise Foundation by phoning 1300 304 541 to discuss their application and to check eligibility.

For further information re this press release please contact: John Harley, Board Secretary, 0427 701379.

# Charlton Community Bank - Continuing Community Care

Providing service to small towns is something that Community Banks know all about. After all, their genesis resulted from the desertion of the big banks interests in rural areas. Looking after your own ranks high, and community helping community is the mainstay of country existence.

Like many others, North Central Financial Services (Charlton and District Community Bank) has steadily built its brand locally over the years, bolstering this with additional support channeled out through community grants to assist multiple organizations to grow and prosper.

Recently NCFS has undertaken another step towards community care through the financing and placement of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the Charlton Traveller's Rest precinct.

Installed only recently, the new device joins a number of other AED's located around the Charlton township where 24/7 access is the key.

Chairman of the NCFS Board, Mr Jon Whykes, said, "The idea for this project came about through having seen a similar idea in Keith in South Australia. Installing an AED with 24 hour accessibility and in a prominent location was the Board's priority."

In the busy area of the Traveller's Rest, adjacent to the off-street picnic area and on the toilet block wall, the new equipment is in close proximity to the caravan park, main street, Calder Highway and car parking

facilities - all within easy reach if an emergency should arise.

Mr Whykes said the Board would be registering the new device with Ambulance Victoria so that when a call was made the public could be directed to the closest piece of equipment.

While the AED comes with an 8 year warranty, NCFS will undertake regular maintenance of the equipment. In the case of use, Ambulance Victoria replaces the defibrillator pads.

The signage and installation of the defibrillator was carried out by Charlton business, Signwise Solutions.

**Below:** Investing back into the community is the by-word of Community Banks, and the North Central Financial Services (Charlton and District Community Bank) is doing just that with the recent addition of a new AED device at the Charlton Traveller's Rest - pictured are Board member, Amy Nicolson, and Community Bank Manager, Glenden Watts.





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# ANZAC Day Charlton

## WHY WE HONOUR ANZAC

With community observation of ANZAC Day reinstated this year, the residents of Charlton heeded the call and turned out to support the annual recognition of Australia's most sacred day.

A multi-generational crowd covered both sides of High Street near the cenotaph as veterans, RSL members, school representatives and others gathered for the traditional "stand-to" and wreath-laying which proceeds the march to the Shire Hall.

In contrast to the bleak scene of 2020, where only three socially distanced RSL representatives placed wreaths outside the local Club room, this year's gathering of families, young children, visitors and others reflected the community desire to share the occasion which holds such deep meaning.

From the eloquent address delivered by guest speaker, Flight Lieutenant, Warrick Jones, to the contributions from the Charlton/Wycheproof Citizens' Band, the Charlton Choir, attendance by school representatives and civic leaders, the town's commemoration of the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gallipoli landing refocused the message of comradeship which is part of the quintessential message of the ANZAC story.

For some years now Charlton has added the playing of the New Zealand national anthem to the ceremony, and this year's new order of service reproduced the words, providing an opportunity for the crowd to join the choir in its rendition of Kiwi patriotism.

Following Charlton RSL President, Gordon Risk's, warm welcome, Councillor David Pollard offered words of reflection on the significance of ANZAC, recognition of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Centenary (1921–2021) and the acknowledgement of local contributions towards military and national service during

times of unrest.

As ever, the support provided by the Charlton/Wycheproof Citizen's Band brings an important musical dimension to the day – from creating background music for the march, to supporting the hymns during the service, to this year's enhancement of "Abide with Me" with trumpet accompaniment provided by Joe Pryke. Under Brian Heenan's leadership the local core membership is regularly increased for occasions such as ANZAC Day by participants who travel considerable distances to share their talents.

Linking the service segments together, Padre, the Reverend Judi Bird, lead the Lord's Prayer following the reading of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm by Charlton College School Captains, Zara Jenkyn and Angus Jablonka. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthems of both Australia and New Zealand, before Reverend Bird said the parting Grace.

## Guest Speaker – Flight Lieutenant, Warrick Jones

Flight Lieutenant Jones joined the RAAF in 2008, and on completion of a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering at the Australian Defence Force Academy, he was posted to RAAF Richmond for professional development and training within the Air Mobility Group. Further postings included project design engineer, Spartan avionics performance manager and as Officer-in-Charge of 37 Squadron workshops. In October 2016 he was posted to Marietta, Georgia (USA) for 3 years as technical liaison officer inside Lockheed Martin providing software and project support for an international major upgrade program. He is now with the Defence Aviation Safety Authority in Melbourne as Officer in Charge of International Engagement.

**Right:** Bugler, Corey Harrison, (left) is pictured with Charlton RSL President, Gordon Risk, before the march.



**Above:** Prior to the laying of wreaths at the cenotaph guest speaker, Flight Lieutenant Warrick Jones, (left) is pictured with RSL Secretary Bill Freeman, (right) and St. Joseph's Primary School Captain, Tully Bourke (centre).



**Above:** Charlton College Captains, Zara Jenkyn and Lachlan Jablonka, read the 23 Psalm during the formal ceremony at the Hall.



**Above:** The Charlton march heads off with RSL President Gordon Risk and guest speaker, Flight Lieutenant Warrick Jones in the lead.



# Croquet Club Celebrates 140+ years

On April 17<sup>th</sup> Charlton Croquet Club held celebrations to mark 140 years since croquet was first played in Charlton.

The day commenced with the lawns filled with players of both association and golf croquet in ideal conditions. The day's winners were Robert Coutts of Boort in the golf croquet and Shaun Nuske from Sea Lake in association.

At 12.30pm everyone adjourned to the Bowling Club for a tasty lunch catered for by the Charlton members.

Visitors and locals were warmly welcomed by President Pat Mathews who, before handing over to Anne Kenny, chairperson for the day, thanked the members for all the work put in preparing for the day. She also sincerely thanked Anne Kenny for the hours of research put in to the book "Charlton Croquet Club 1879 – 2021" and Carolyn Olive for collating all the information resulting in an excellent record of Charlton croquet history.

The book was launched by past member of 40 plus years, Rosealie Curnow. Rose's connection to the Club goes back to the early 1900s when her Great Uncle Steve Dew and his wife played. Rose mentioned how fashions have changed through the years and our great relationship with the Bowling Club. She gave a very interesting report of her playing years here.

Visitors came from St Arnaud, Kyabram, Bendigo, Marong, Spring Gully, Horsham, Sea Lake, Boort, Swan Hill, Canterbury and Charlton. Among others there were apologies from Louise Staley MP and the President of the Victorian Croquet Association.

Before the afternoon was over the Charlton members gave a musical recital of "The Charlton Croquet Club Song" composed by Janet Richardson.

Everyone had a most enjoyable day.

**Right:** Carolyn Olive & Anne Kenny, co-authors of the Croquet Club Book.



**Above:** Members sign the 2021 Charlton Croquet Club Song.



**Above:** Past member, Rosealie Curnow, pictured with the book.





# Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to this month's news from your local museum. It has been another busy month of working behind the scenes and welcoming visitors back to view our amazing collection. Looking forward this year, we hope to again start receiving group bookings for tours, and hosting events for locals to attend and explore the town and district's history.

Recently several members travelled to Stawell for the Western Victorian Association of Historical Societies AGM. We are a member of the Midlands Zone and our Secretary, Carolyn, is on the executive. The highlight of the day was a tour of the former Pleasant Creek Hospital built in 1861.

Have you considered recording your family's history down on paper for future researchers or family members? The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is pleased to announce a new service for those who may be interested. For just \$10.00 we will scan and securely store an A4 size archival envelope of items recording your families story. This could include copies of family trees, photographs, written histories or similar items. These will be added to our database and available to view at a later date by researchers. We are fortunate to have a few recorded stories by members of pioneer families telling of the early days of the district and important information on family members' lives.

Thanks again go to all those who support the museum with our regular trips to Donald for Bingo. Apart from being a lot of fun, it is a great night of friendship and a way of raising much needed funds. There is no planned trip in June due to the cold evenings, but keep an ear open, if there is enough interest we may arrange a couple of car loads.

The museum recently received a valuable donation from the Baker family of a cedar colonial desk formerly used at the Charlton Railway Station and later used by Roy Baker in his Sunshine Harvester

Agency in High Street. We are very thankful to the Bakers for their gift and it now takes pride of place in our reading room.



Our feature story this month relates to a town memorial that most people would have driven or walked past at some stage, and possibly not paid much attention to. The gates to Charlton Park facing the Calder Highway pay tribute to the life of Sir Albert Dunstan; one of the longest serving Premiers of Victoria. Dunstan was born on 26 July 1882 at Donald, the son of a Cornish gold rush immigrant. After moving to Queensland to work on the family farm, Albert returned to Victoria and became a wheat and sheep farmer, as well as Member of the Legislative Assembly after winning a seat in the 1920 elections. He remained a member of the Victorian Farmers Union which later became the Victorian Country Party, taking a leading role during the turbulent political era of the 1930s and 40s.

With the support of the Labour party, Arthur Dunstan's VCP was sworn into Government on April 1935, with him remaining as Premier until 1945. Two major achievements were the removal of the Royal Melbourne Hospital to a large new site in Parkville and the sale of Crown Land at Fishermen's Bend to General Motors-Holden Ltd. With his eye always on rural areas, he provided for a continuance of direct concessions to primary producers in respect of payments for losses on soldier and closer settlement, reduction of railway freight charges on certain primary products and alleviation of costs and expenses connected with the destruction of vermin and noxious weeds.

In 1947 Dunstan entered a Liberal Country Party composite ministry as Minister



Above: L to R—Robin Monro, Jan Monro (nee Baker), Lottie, Adam Skelton, Anna Skelton (Jan & Robin's Daughter) & Emma.

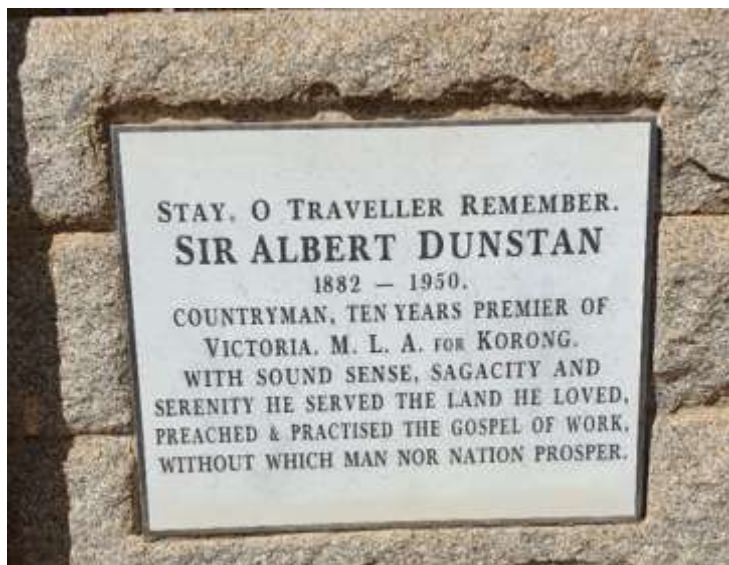


Above: The Sir Albert Dunstan Memorial Gates at Charlton Park.





# Golden Grains Museum News



of Health but spent the last two years of his life as a private member. He had just returned from a three-day tour of his electorate when he collapsed and died of coronary vascular disease at his Camberwell home on 14 April 1950. He was survived by his wife and children and was cremated after a state funeral.

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at the museum. To celebrate

Volunteer Week, the Museum is inviting interested people to drop in and we'll show what we do to preserve and display Charlton's history. Entry is free and there will be tea & coffee and a lucky door prize.

If you have an interest in history and would like to help preserve items for Charlton's future generations, contact the museum; you will be made most welcome. You can also become a 'Friend of the

Museum' for just \$20. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving our town's collection.

Check out our Facebook Page or search on your browser

'Golden Grain Museum Charlton'.

Phone enquiries:  
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## Charlton Golden Grains Museum

### Open Day

Come and have a look at what goes on behind closed doors.

Tuesday 18th May

10am—4pm

Morning & Afternoon Tea  
Lucky Door Prize

Free Entry

## Queen's Prize to Alister Larmour

*Courtesy of David Lee & The Buloke Times*

Birchip Rifle Club member Alister Larmour, of Charlton, has won the prestigious Victorian Queen's Prize in F open class on the Wellsford Rifle Range in Bendigo.

The Queen's Prize was held over three days and eight stages on April 16, 17 and 18. The two days before the Queen's Prize are set aside for "The Syme", often referred to as the warm up for the Queen's. Alister finished in fourth place in "The Syme" in a field of Australia's top F open class shooters. Day one of the Queen's series consists of 2 shoots at 500 yards and one at 600 yards. At the end of day one Alister was in 12th place. Day two of the competition is shot over 700, 800 and 900 yards. Alister finished first at 700, second at 800 and fourth at 900, to take out the Day two aggregate. Day three was shot over 900 and 1000 yards, with Alister finishing sixth in the day three aggregate. Alister's consistency over the three days saw him finish in first place and take out the Queen's Prize in F open class, with a score of 474.44, from Albert van Wyk of Rosedale with 474.39, and in third place, Frog Lowe of Goondiwindi with 474.37. It is believed to be the first time that a Queen's Prize has been taken out by a rifle shooter from this area since the late G. W. Letts won the Victorian King's Prize at Williamstown in 1949. Alister also placed third in the "Perce Pavey", which is the aggregate over the full 5 days of the competition. Birchip club members were following Alister's progress throughout the 5 days, and the text line was very busy. All were proud of his achievements, as they all know how hard he has worked and how dedicated Alister is to his shooting. To win a Queen's Prize is an outstanding achievement, and there could not be a more deserving winner. Well done, Alister.



Above: Councillor Rod Fyffe, OAM, presenting F Open Queen's Prize to Alister Larmour.



# OK Motels - Big Weekend in Charlton

The town was buzzing with visitors and activity on Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd May for the first of two OK Motels events planned for May at the Charlton Motel. OK Motels promotor, Kate Berry, has hosted two previous events in Charlton in 2018 and 2019. The weekend included live music and darts and pool competitions on the Friday night. Saturday afternoon saw a speed friending Devonshire tea at the Charlton Hall, catered for by the Wedderburn CWA. Saturday evening featured DJs and live music from 5pm till 2am, meals from the

kitchen and a full dance floor. The Mini Golf course, which has been out of use for many years, was given a facelift and featured a reproduction of the Tote Hotel plus other amazing set designs and was particularly popular at sunset.

The event was a great boost to tourism with the caravan park full of campers, the eateries run off their feet and other local businesses would have seen plenty of new faces.

The event also gave many locals the opportunity to earn a few dollars, working

on the door and behind the bar.

The feedback from the visitors about the Charlton community was very positive, particularly our facilities and the friendliness of residents. Some returnees noted the artworks that have been completed since the last OK Motels event.

The next OK Motels event is on Friday 14th & Saturday 15th May and it will feature a similar program.

Half price local tickets are for sale at Charlton Neighbourhood House (Business Hours) or Charlton Motel (After Hours).

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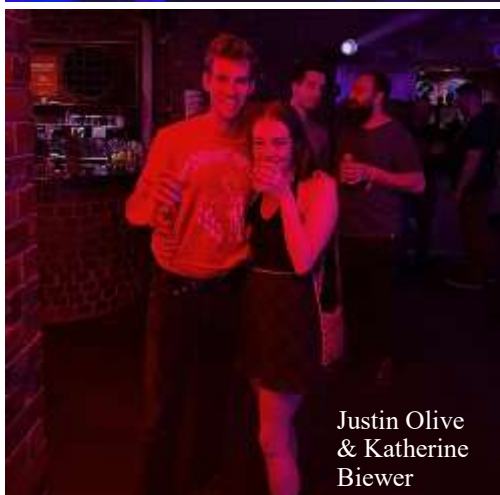
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CWA Devonshire Tea



Mini Golf Hole 4



Justin Olive  
& Katherine  
Biewer



The Tote Mini Golf Hole 2





# Donation of Sporting Trophy to Geelong Heritage Centre

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Last year, when COVID rendered sport all but extinct, I wrote an article on a cricketing trophy which had been in my family ever since I could remember. The silver embellished emu-egg, which had spent most of its life in a cupboard, had no apparent connection to my family (none of whom had played cricket) and was something of a curiosity. Reluctant to see it continue to languish unappreciated (except for its decorative appeal), I contacted the Geelong Heritage Centre as a starting point to see if it could be returned, at least to the region from whence it came.

The Heritage Centre expressed considerable interest in the item and plans were put in place to donate it to their collection. However, as COVID lockdowns came into force and restrictions were amplified, what should have been a simple transfer suddenly became complicated as businesses were reduced to skeleton operations or were closed indefinitely. Each time a window of opportunity appeared for the hand-over to take place, other obstacles brought further delays, until it looked as if the trophy was destined to remain with me forever!

Finally, two days before Easter this year, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Manager of the Geelong Heritage Centre, Mr Mark Beasley, and officially delivered the trophy to its new home. (Mark is the brother of Birchip's Brendan Beasley).

The article which follows (reproduced with permission from the Geelong Heritage Centre) explains the processes employed to research the background of the trophy and how it most likely came into my family's possession.

(And, in an interesting aside – the hotel at which the trophy presentation took place in 1887 still exists and continues to operate its trade today. In 2012 Darryn Lyons, the flamboyant celebratory photographer and former Geelong Mayor, became its licensee).

**The Geelong Heritage Centre has welcomed the donation of a rare and quirky piece of local cricketing history, in the form of a silver emu egg trophy awarded to the Captain of the South Geelong Cricket Club in 1886.**

Cr Ron Nelson, Chair of the Geelong Regional Library Corporation, said the Geelong Heritage Centre is always grateful for donations of this kind.

"This trophy is believed to be one of the earliest known Geelong cricket trophies presented to the champion team of the

season. We're proud to be able to include this piece of local cricketing history as part of our extensive heritage collections," Cr Nelson said.

Engraving on the trophy shows that it was presented to South Geelong Cricket Club Captain, Mr. T Bullen, upon winning the 1886-1887 season of the Junior Cricket Clubs of Geelong and District. Research shows the trophy was presented by Duckworth and Fox of Moorabool Street, which at the time was operating as a men's barber establishment and would in time branch into selling sporting goods and also offered a place for local sporting clubs to hold meetings.

A *Geelong Advertiser* article from 2 September 1887 reports on the awarding of the trophy:

*The fourth annual meeting of the South Geelong Cricket Club was held last evening at the Elephant & Castle Hotel...The club had succeeded in 9 out of 13 games played, one of the remaining four having been drawn and three lost. The cup presented for the competition by Messrs Duckworth and Fox had been secured with seven points out of a possible eight, and it had been decided to present it and also an oil painting donated by Mr T. Impey to Mr T. Bullen, captain of the team.*

Geelong Heritage Centre Manager Mark Beasley, delved into the Heritage Centre's archives to find out more about the background story of the trophy.

He said, "Researching the story behind

historical items is like a treasure hunt; it requires patience, curiosity and occasionally thinking a bit outside the square. The team and I accessed the many resources available in the Heritage Centre including the Geelong rates records indexes, the *Geelong Advertiser* index, the 1890/91 Geelong & District Directory, Ancestry and more."

"The story behind this beautiful trophy has many layers, some that remain a mystery. For example, which Geelong jeweler created this trophy for a reported price of five pounds? It could well be famous footballer and watchmaker Charles Brownlow, who was creating pieces like this trophy at the time," Mr Beasley said.

The GRLC is grateful to Ms Jenny Pollard of Teddywaddy in North Western Victoria, who contacted the Heritage Centre to offer the donation of the trophy. Ms Pollard recalls the trophy from her grandparents' house, which was on Bellarine Street in South Geelong. In discussing the trophy's origins with Mr Beasley, Ms Pollard remembered her grandparents referring to a neighbour as 'Old Tom'. Extensive record searches revealed that South Geelong Cricket Club Captain, Mr T Bullen, was in fact their neighbour and suggests this is how the trophy ended up with Ms Pollard's grandparents.

The emu egg trophy can be viewed at the Geelong Heritage Centre, Victoria's largest regional archive and resource centre.



Jenny Pollard presenting the donated trophy to manager of the Geelong Heritage Centre, Mark Beasley.





Heidi with her Regional Medallion

**Heidi competes at state championships.** Late in term 1 Heidi Start represented the College at the Regional Swimming carnival in Swan Hill in the 50m butterfly event. Heidi swam her best race ever and finished in first place. Heidi then went on to compete at the School Sport Victoria State Swimming Championships on the second Monday of term 2. Heidi had a good swim, beating her best time in the 50m butterfly by one second to finish in 35.15 seconds. This gained her sixth place. A magnificent effort given her training has been limited since the Charlton pool closed.



Heidi outside MSAC



Heidi poolside at MSAC



Year 5 & 6 students have planted succulents and made terrariums in SAKG. Leigh is showing what he made.



The Year 3 & 4 students had a session with Toni from the Red Cross where they learnt about how to prepare for an emergency. The group learnt about the essentials to pack, including water, food, medicine, clothes, toiletries and something special. The class showed their decorated pillowcases. The pillowcases were recommended to pack the "essentials" in as they are easy to carry.



**ANZAC Day.** College leadership students participated in the community and school ANZAC ceremonies. Students also learnt about ANZAC day in their classrooms.

### **Victorian High Achiever Program.**

Leigh Van Boven completed the Victorian High Achiever Program during term 1. Leigh has thoroughly enjoyed exploring number systems and cryptography. Mr Baird presented Leigh with a certificate to certify his participation in the program. The College has had James Fitzpatrick and Heidi Start selected to participate in the Numeracy component of this program during term 2.







# Charlton College News

## House Cross County

The House Cross Country took place in glorious conditions, very unusual for this event! The Year 2 students were first to take to the track. It was a tightly contested race at the front, with Chace Hooper Dixon crossing the line ahead of Tom Judd. The Foundation-One students lined up next.

This was the first time either of these groups had participated in the event and for many it was a challenge knowing what pace to complete the course at. To each student's credit, they all persisted and made it over the finish line. Don Blair was first to cross the line, with Archie Smyth coming in not too far behind. Then a string of students

finished including Millah O'Sullivan, Tom McGurk and Mary Harris. The Primary students got to watch the first few groups of secondary students leave prior to the Years 3 to 6 students leaving to run their 2 and 3 kilometer events. First across the line in the 2km event was Rhys Gahan, who was 2 minutes ahead of Marley McGurk and Anna Fitzpatrick. The 3km event is used as a trial to determine who will compete at division level. Runners didn't disappoint. In first place was Leigh Van Boven, in a time of 16.42 minutes, just 2 seconds ahead of Sam Cossar. Just over one minute behind was James Fitzpatrick, and within a minute of this, Oliver McPhee, Isaac Roberts, Heidi Start and Stella Nicolson. Well done to the students who showed resilience by doing their personal best.



Joshua, Hudson and Sophie striding out the final 10 metres.



Harrison Stahl and Amber Gough approaching the finish line.



Taylah Giles, Kiara Gough and Erin Blair approach the finish line.

## Tennis Hot Shots Gala Day.

In glorious weather conditions at Boort Charlton College Year 5 & 6 students participated in the tennis hot shots gala day. We sent two very even teams, one of which, Team Barty, finished in fourth place.



Erin Blair in action.

## Free Library: Take a Book-Leave a Book

Charlton's Men's Shed has built and installed a book library at the bus shelter at Travellers Rest. The idea is to take a book and leave a book.

The library is proving very popular but in reality more people are taking books than leaving them.

Do you have any books you no longer want? If so, we would love to have them.

If you can help, the books can be left at the Charlton Men's Shed, at the Free Library (if enough room) or phone Lloyd Paterson on 5491 1640.





# Charlton Neighbourhood House

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Welcome to the May issue of news and updates from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. Thank you for all the interest in recent activities that we have held over the past month. Many children enjoyed felt animal making with Cheryl Kemp and kite decorating with Jo Phillips during the school holidays.



The recent Firearms Safety Course also had referrals from the House, while a number of residents successfully obtained their Certificate in Safe Food Handling. Expressions of interest and bookings are now being taken for these upcoming activities— Cocktail Making, Walking Group, Marine and Personal Watercraft Endorsement, Mig & Arc Welding, Digital Photography Basics, Jewellery Making, Lets Learn Knitting 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.

Do you need computer or tablet upskilling? Tech Tuesdays are back. Book a time to sit down and explore ways to get the most from your device. Cost \$15 per half hour.

**Tech Tuesdays return to the Neighbourhood House.**

**Bookings essential.**  
**Cost \$15 per half hour.**



**Contact us for further information.**

New to town? We have Welcome Packs available which include an array of information from local community service groups. Drop in to collect your pack today. Businesses and organizations are welcome to contribute to the pack as well advising new residents of their services.

May 8 to 14 is Neighbourhood House Week across Australia, and we have a number of daily activities planned to tie in with the theme COVID Hero's.

Join us Monday the 10th as we supply food to have with your coffee at the FLO students training morning at the Rex Candy Bar. Tuesday sees us support the Rex Theatre with FREE Entry to the first 100 patrons for that night's movie screening. Wednesday we are hosting a 'Walk with a Friend' morning around Charlton finishing with a cuppa at the Neighbourhood House. Between 3:00pm and 5:30pm on Thursday the Charlton Club will offer secondary students free activities, soft drinks and snacks, while Friday finishes with Board Game Day at the House.

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus for some Pensioner and Health Care Card holders is still available through the Victorian Govt. For more information and to check eligibility 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.

We here at the Charlton Neighbourhood House have been very active trying to obtain some great outcomes for our district through various government grants that have been on offer. One of those recently announced was a further \$9,000 from the Victoria Government's 'Victoria Remembers Grant Program' to do a mural featuring the life of Sir John Monash on the decommissioned water tower at the top of View Street engineered by him. Combined with a previous generous donation from The Besen Foundation, this project will add yet another attraction that will draw people to Charlton.

Federal MP Anne Webster also recently announced our success in obtaining funding for an EFTPOS system for the Charlton Neighbourhood House which will make it easier for people wishing to pay for activities.

Up the street Monday mornings from 10:00am to midday? Charlton Colleges FLO Program students can make you a delicious coffee, at the Rex, plus you can touch base with various community representatives. Follow us on Facebook or see our window display.



Keep abreast of our activities through  
Charlton Neighbourhood House  
Or look in our window and community noticeboard

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## Neighbourhood House Week May 8th to 14th.

Monday 10th—Support the FLO Program students at the Rex Candy Bar with food for morning tea.

Tuesday 11th—FREE admission to the first 100 patrons for the Rex's 8pm screening of 'Blackbird'

Wednesday 11th—10.30am 'Walk with a Friend'. Start and finish at the CNH for a cuppa.

Thursday 12th—Youth afternoon activities and snacks at the Charlton Club.

Friday 13th—Game Day at the House. Come and enjoy some cards, board games, Scrabble & more.

Follow our Facebook posts for more details or check out our window displays.



Every Monday morning from 10:30am to midday, why not join us at the Rex Theatre Candy Bar to meet representatives from various groups around town, all while supporting the FLO Program students training in hospitality.



## Table for 12 is back!



Our very popular 'Table for 12' program is back with a night that is sure to interest many. Carmel and Benno's Vale of Avoca will be hosting Cocktail Making Basics. You will learn how to blend cocktails together while sampling a couple of creations. Finger food will also be provided as part of the evening. To celebrate the return of our popular Table for 12 events, a \$5 voucher towards a future CNH cooking session is included.

Date: Wednesday May 26 at 7:30pm

Venue: The Vale of Avoca

Cost : \$30 Per person. Book now at CNH!

Did 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 details about ways to assist your local community.

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.



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

Due to COVID-19 Breast Screening Clinics are experiencing high demand for their service, and high wait times for appointments. To assist their bus is rolling out to rural areas.

Charlton Neighbourhood House have secured 11 consecutive appointments and are offering courtesy transport to the BreastScreen Bus in Birchip.

### Monday 7th June

Pick Up 9am outside the Senior Citizens Rooms. Returned by 2pm. If you are 50-74 years of age, and due to have a screening please pop into the CNH before May 21st to secure your place and allow BreastScreen Victoria sufficient time for confirmations and registrations.

**Book Your place today  
on 0473 759 456**



BreastScreen  
Victoria



## Volunteers Week May 17 to 23.

This year's theme -

**Recognise, Reconnect and Reimagine.**

National Volunteers Week is Australia's largest celebration of volunteers. Watch our social media and window display for various activities during this week to recognise the terrific work done by many local groups around town. It is estimated that each year in Australia almost 6 million volunteers dedicate over 600 million hours to help others. Thanks to all those who especially volunteer at the CNH.



# Charlton Harness Racing Club News

## **RAFFLE NIGHT FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY CRICKET CLUB HOTEL**

All members and friends are welcome to come along for a fun drink at the Cricket Club Hotel on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

We look forward to building this night post Covid into a monthly regular for everyone as another way to be involved and to support the club.

Nibbles provided, raffle prizes and our betting competition which despite all challengers remains with Kim Thompson still leading.

Kick off at 6pm.

## **TAKE A BOW CHARLTON TRAINERS!!!**

The unbelievable winning strike rate for this season continued into April with Charlton saluting regularly at various venues around the state – and indeed interstate! We say to all our trainers “Take a bow” as you are giving harness racing fans here in town much to follow and enjoy. With the growing numbers of horses at the Training Centre there are certainly exciting times ahead.

Special mention to a few notable achievements for the month however.

## **GREG NORMAN AND ALADDIN**

Greg made the trip ‘home’ to South Australia to contest the SA Derby with the newly acquired three year old from New Zealand, Aladdin. After already winning the Mildura Guineas hopes were high but in the end the result was never in doubt. Huge effort – two wins from two starts here and hopefully many more to come. Well done Greg.

## **RYAN SANDERSON**

At only seventeen the sky seems to be the limit for Ryan as he competed in the Group 1 APG Final at Melton last week. Although Soho Senna finished back in the field it was a milestone for Ryan to get a drive in such a big race. Well done Ryan.

## **TORMEY STABLE**

The Tormey stable has hit a particularly purple patch with winner after winner in the last month. Some local owners have also enjoyed some success with John making it all the sweeter!

## **KEEP IT UP EVERYONE!**

## **SOME NOTABLE UPCOMING MEETINGS TO KEEP IN MIND DJA DJA WURRUNG CUP DAY MONDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

The club once again looks forward to

welcoming the Dja Dja Wurrung People on course for their special day with us and invites everyone to come along and enjoy the day.

A highlight is always the moving Smoking Ceremony which is conducted at the commencement of the day to welcome everybody. If you have not experienced being a part of this before do come along. This will take place at approximately 12pm.

## **AMERICAN THEMED RACE DAY SUNDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Pencil this one in as we are planning for all things stars and stripes on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> at the trots. The Charlton Harness Racing Club will be hoping for a great roll up to watch our special Charlton named races at Meadowlands New York in the late morning and we will reciprocate with Meadowlands race names throughout the day at our meeting. We will also hope to touch base with our American ambassador Tim Tetrick. Just another way that our little club is spreading far and wide!

Burgers and fries, hotdogs and apple pie will be the order of the day and kids a special prize for the best dressed American!

So please keep an eye out in the mail for further details – these days are only successful if people turn up to enjoy them.

## **GO CHARLTON TROTS !**



**Above:** John and Ellen Tormey. Winners at Charlton with Bella Bronski.



**Ararat.** Mark Boyle with Driver, Jack Laugher, & Gotonebetter.

# Charlton Badminton Club

## **Badminton is Back**

Charlton has again resumed Badminton after not being able to play at all in 2020, it was great to see Badminton back in Charlton in the month of April.

At the recently held AGM, Dr Stephen Webb has been elected as President, taking over from long standing President and life member Brian Heenan. Brian has been elected to the role of Secretary, while Naomi Fitzpatrick has taken on Treasurer responsibilities, taking over from Julie Roberts. Ethan Needs has stepped into the

Vice President role.

Junior Badminton will be played on Tuesday afternoons, the first few sessions have seen 12 new players take to the court. It is not too late to join, whether you are a new player or have played before.

Ladies Badminton will again be played on Friday mornings, it was fantastic to see four players travel up from Bendigo Badminton Association to join in with the Charlton ladies on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, a great morning (and lunch) had by all. Again, new members are always welcome. Why not come and enjoy this friendly social

outing, there is a broad age range playing (19 to 70+), something for everyone, and young children are most welcome, plenty of mums and grandmothers there to help out with baby sitting while you play.

The Open Age ladder competition has also begun on Tuesday nights, players from Wycheproof and Donald also joining with the locals to have over 40 players take to the courts in the first few weeks. The beauty of the ladder format is that you don't have to commit to each week. We'd love to see you there. Happy Hitting.







# Charlton Football Club

The Charlton Football Club is back on the park. After having to sit out the 2020 season, it has been great to get back out on Charlton Park and finally get to enjoy the use of the awesome new facility that is now available to us all.

In 2021 the Club in being led off-field by President Shane Fitzpatrick, Secretary Kim Fitzpatrick, Treasurer Simon Peck and a very willing committee. On the field, we see the return of two great servants of the club as co-coaches, Aaron Walklate and Anthony Judd, agreeing to take the reins for the year. The club has a very 'Charlton' look to it this year, with the first senior game seeing only one player who did not have a direct link to the township taking to the field – a wonderful reason to really get behind the club this year and see what our locals (and ex-locals) can do.

Senior Debut – Round 1 saw a number debutants, stepping up out of the U16s ranks from 2019—Jackson Zagame, Mason Heenan, Patrick Sait and Patrick Soulsby, ran out together for their first Senior game. Joining the boys was first game Charlton player, Jordy Collins, who had committed to the Club for the 2020 season and has returned this year and looks a very handy recruit with time and poise when in possession of the ball. New resident, Cameron White, also pulled on the Navies jumper for the first time in Round 1. Returning to play in Charlton after various

years away were Angus McKenzie, Luke Mulquiny, Tim Hill and Dan Whykes.

Joining the team in Round 3, was new recruit Kade Blow, joining us from South Bendigo and looks like he will be a handful for opposition sides on a wing or across half back.

The team has now improved its 2021 record to 1-3 after securing a nail-biting 1 point win against St Arnaud at St Arnaud on Saturday last. The team is now starting to gel and looking forward to the rest of the year. Why not get along and enjoy the new facilities at home games and get behind the Charlton sides – football, netball and hockey.

Jake Lanyon has again taken on responsibility for coaching the Reserves side. Joining Jake in the 'twos' have been a number of young men who are also stepping up out of the juniors for the first time – Caileb Good, Ethan Needs, Brodie Grylls and Darby Fitzpatrick, who all played in U16s in 2019. Encouraging to see the numbers that took to the field in the last game against St Arnaud, with no current U16s being required to field a side.

The Charlton Football Club welcomes all of our new and returning players, and wishes Aaron and Anthony, and all of the coaches, players, administrators and volunteers of all of our teams across football, netball and hockey the very best for the season ahead.



**Kade Blow**



**Luke Mulquiny**



**Anthony Judd**

**Angus McKenzie**



**Tim Hill**



**Anthony Judd**



**Mason Heenan, Jackson Zagame, Pat Sait, Pat Soulsby**



**Aaron Walklate**



**Jordy Collins**



# Charlton Cricket Club Closes Season



The Charlton Cricket Club could finally gather for its end of Season Break-up, the first time in the fabulous new building, after not being able to have their break up last year due to COVID-19.

A large gathering of players, life members, families and Sponsors attended a fantastic evening to celebrate another successful season.

Our B graders had another very successful year on the field, catapulting to 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder after the final round and reaching the Grand Final again. However, again it was not to be. I'm sure we will be 'bigger and better' next year.

The Club was very fortunate to have their first Captain/Coach, with Dan Whykes approaching the Club at the start of the season, to Coach and mentor our players, focusing on our teenagers, developing their skills.

We also had Barry Findlay coming out regularly, from Bendigo on Sundays to provide expertise one on one coaching to our Juniors and teenagers. His tuition and coaching knowledge has been invaluable to the developing of our Juniors and teenagers. We thank Barry for continuing to do this and provide his expertise and knowledge of the techniques and skills of the game.

We had around 20 kids participate in the DJCA Junior competition and Junior Blast program, which allows the DJCA to remain a competitive competition for our Juniors.

Thanks to all the parents and families taking the kids over to Donald each Friday evening to play in the DJCA

## The Formalities

President, Adam Soulsby formally welcomed all in attendance, noting and thanking our Life Members and Sponsors who were in attendance.

Adam also thanked those families and volunteers who keep our Club functioning, without their tireless work we would pretty much not have a Club.

## WMCA Junior Country Week

Our Club had great representation at WMCA Country Weeks held in January again, with 14 Juniors being selected and playing, including 4 girls playing in the WMCA Belles Girls team. This is an indication of the strength and ability of our Juniors, and the development of these kids, thanks to Barry Findlay's one on one coaching and the mentoring and knowledge coming from our Coach, Dan Whykes.

## Woolworths Junior Blast Program

We again had a great group of young future Club stars participating in Junior Blast.

Finn Schofield, Flynn Zagame, Sam Cossar, Eli Cossar, Archie Smyth, Isaac Allen, Isaac Roberts, Dash Riley, Chace Dixon, Xavier Good and appearances from future girls star, Sophie Smyth

## Sponsors & Volunteers

Without our Sponsors we just would not survive. They are key to our survival and success. We thank the following financial Sponsors, some new, but most supporting us for a long time. We appreciated all our Sponsors and their support.

**Major Sponsors;** Tey's Australia - Walsh Motors - Pridgeon Automotive - Tormey's IGA - North West Ag - Signwise Solutions - NCFS Ltd (Community Bank) - Perry Contractors - Holmes Brown Floor & Window Coverings - The Vale of Avoca B&B & Licensed Café - Heenan's Newsagency - Boyle Builders - East Charlton Hotel - Cricket Club Hotel

And to our few Volunteers, who we value so much in our Club. Including our scorer, Hayley Soulsby who goes to every match supporting her boys, but also doing our Scoring and MyCricket duties. Adam & Kim Fitz for co-ordinating training each week, keeping the boys and girls connected while Training. Shane Fitz & family for all the work they do keeping our facilities sanitised and clean - and to other Volunteers and parents and families at our Club

for the work and support they provide each week. It certainly doesn't go unnoticed.

## 2020-2021 Awards

**Batting Aggregate** (Brian Wright Shield)

Dan Whykes - 258 runs / 25.80 average

**Batting Average** (Donated by Marty Clifford Construction)

Darcy McCallum - 36.43 average / 255 runs

**Bowling Aggregate** (Brian Wright Shield)

Patrick Soulsby - 23 wickets / 12.22 average

**Bowling Average** (Donated by Marty Clifford Construction)

Elliott Fitzpatrick 11.98 average / 18 wickets

**Most Improved** (Donated by Barry Findlay)

Elliot Fitzpatrick

**Captain's Award**

Angus Soulsby

## 2020-2021 Champion Player of the Year

Patrick Soulsby

Our 16yo Pat Soulsby had a break out season, taking 23 wickets, 10 catches and making 179 runs.

## 2020 - 2021 KGB (Kelvin Baird) Medal (Best in Finals)

Patrick Soulsby - Semi Final was washed out, however, Pat was outstanding in Grand Final taking 3 wickets, 3 catches and also involved in a run out, and second top scorer in batting, making 11 runs

## Future

The Club again is excited about the next few years with such a great crop of Junior kids stepping up into the Senior B grade team.

Although, we continue to be challenged by number shortages during harvest and January holidays, we also continue to be more than competitive and successful on and off the field

As mentioned our Club has such great families and few Volunteers that keep our Club functioning. We thank so much our Sponsors, who provide our crucial funds to pay for equipment, insurances, facility maintenance and power costs, etc.

Thanks to everyone and look forward to next Season. It was so good to be able to participate and connect with each other again, during such 'different'

times we live in at present

We wish all WMCA Clubs a safe and enjoyable break during the off season.



Above: Darcy McCallum—Batting Average



Above: Elliott Fitzpatrick—Most Improved & Bowling Average



Above: 16-year-old Jackson Zagame holding the scorecard showing his maiden century v. Watchem.



# Charlton Cricket Club Closes Season



**Above:** Life Member Kirk Boyle presented the Kelvin Baird Life Member (KGB) Medal to Patrick Soulsby for Best in Finals.



**Above:** Angus Soulsby (left)—Captain's Award. Pictured with Captain Dan Whykes



**Above:** Life Member, Brian Wright, presents his batting aggregate shield to winner, Dan Whykes.



**Above:** Life Member, Brian Wright, presents his bowling aggregate shield to winner and Champion Player of the Year, Patrick Soulsby.



## Charlton Probus News

Charlton Probus Club has had a busy April program. Members were hosted by the Wycheproof Probus Club and had a pleasant day including morning tea and lunch.

A special guest speaker last month was the editor of the North Central News, Sue Hynes.

Birthdays celebrated in April were Marg Byrne and Pat Mathews.

Probus members were pleased to help Matt and Elaine Donaldson celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary.



**Above:** Committee. Back—Anne Kenny, Barb Dalrymple, Pat Mathews, Sandra Patton, Noreen Ryan, Gary Larmour, Russell Round. Front—Margaret Bibby, Maretia Doughty, Pat Clifford, Eily Rosewall (President), Sue Walsh.



**Above:** April Birthdays. Marg Byrne and Pat Mathews.



**Above:** Matt & Elaine Donaldson celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.





# Charlton Netball Club

Action shots from around the courts.



**Above:** Emmy Nelson receives a pass from Tahli Roberts, Zali Heenan on circle edge in the 16 & Under A.



**Above:** Emily Olive receives a pass from Emmy Nelson in the 16 & Under A.



**Above:** Lucinda Holmes-Brown receives a pass from Sarah Smith in the B Grade.



**Above:** Kirsty McKenzie attempts an intercept in the A Grade, watched on by Abby Thompson.



**Above:** Erin McGurk looks for options whilst Maddison Fitzpatrick (GA) drives to ball, Chloe Walsh holds under ring and Zara Jenkyn in background in the A Grade.



**Above:** Josie Larmour looks to pass to Maggie Riley in the 13 & Under.



# Charlton Bowling Club Presentations

*Contributed by Patty Saltmarsh*

CHARLTON BOWLING CLUB Presentation and Closing day was held 1pm on Anzac Day. Two short games of triples were held before afternoon tea. It was very delightful to see lots of lovely homemade cakes and sandwiches (donated by the Cricket Club). Somehow the tables got lightened a fair bit before presentations began, starting with the winners of the day, Patty Saltmarsh (S), Eily Rosewall and Greg Wain, the only 2 game winners.

This was my last day at Charlton. I would like to thank all members of the club for their friendliness and wish you all well into the future. Stay safe on the green.

Club presentations were as follows:

Club Singles	Kevin Willey	Patty Saltmarsh
B Grade Singles	Joo Cheong Ong	Eily Rosewall
Club Pairs	Pat Connors, Stephen Perry	Patty Saltmarsh Diane Roberts
Club Triples	Pat Connors Richard Porter	Patty Saltmarsh Hazel North
	Ken North	Diane Roberts
Club Fours	Jeff Cox , Mick O'Brien Greg Wain Brad Chester	Not Played
21 up	Kevin Willey	Patty Saltmarsh
100 up	Pat Connors	Patty Saltmarsh
NCDDBA Novice	Jeff Cox	Judy O'Neill



**Above:** Kevin Willey Club Singles Champion & Con Carmody 21UP Handicap Memorial Champion.



**Above:** Pat Connors 100UP Handicap Champion.



**Above:** Winners. Back—Jeff Cox, Joo Cheong Ong, Brad Chester, Pat Connors, Patty Saltmarsh, Richard Porter, Michael O'Brien. Front—Kevin Willey, Judy O'Neill, Greg Wain, Eily Rosewall, Diane Roberts.



**Above:** Patty Saltmarsh & Diane Roberts Ladies Pairs Champions. Patty had a clean sweep and won all ladies' championships.



**Above:** Patty Saltmarsh, Club Ladies Singles Champion, with Club President, Richard Porter, who wished Patty all the best



**Above:** Eily Rosewall Ladies B Grade Champion.



**Above:** Joo Cheong B Grade Champion.

# Charlton Golf Club Opening

On Sunday 11 April, the Charlton Golf Club held their opening day, with the course dry, but in excellent condition. Club President, Anthony Hargreaves welcomed 35 golfers, plus other spectators and thanked everyone who had attended pre season working bees to prepare the course for the coming season. Anthony then introduced Life Member, Leo McLoughlan, to officially open the 2021 season. Leo spoke of country sport and the commitment of members who make our clubs the great places that they are. Leo then hit the first ball of the season down the par three, 7th hole and thrilled the crowd, resembling that of Augusta, as he pitched the ball at the flag, only for it to land softly in loose dry soil and finish just short of the freshly oiled sand.

The day's golf was a 12 holes ambrose event, with groups of four. Scoring was very close, with only a range of 4 shots between the net scores of the 9 groups. The winning group comprised President Anthony, Anne Kenny, Rebecca and Troy Heenan, with a commendable 5 under par, 43-5-38. Coming second was Eily Rosewall and Ian Jenkins teaming with Life Members Kevin and Pat Mathews scoring 48-9-39. In third place it was great to see two of our juniors, Jackson and Ned Zagame, with Clint Olive and Jeff Cox scoring 50-10-40, winning on a countback from 2 other groups. Golfers and non playing partners then enjoyed a BBQ tea and fellowship to conclude the day.

This year Charlton is trialling making Sunday as the main day for men's golf. We are hoping that some of the golfers who took to the fairways last year will be able to continue to hone their skills.

We have again engaged the Swan Hill golf coach, Mark Bowd. Mark is giving one hour coaching lessons which began in April.

The last of these will take place on Sunday May 16th. Please contact Captain Trevor McGurk (0419 335 900) if you are interested, you will then be given a time slot.

**Below:** Leo McLoughlan hits the 1st ball to open the 2021 season.



## HUGE GARAGE SALE

10 CLIFTON STREET, CHARLTON.

Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> May 1—4 pm

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 1 pm

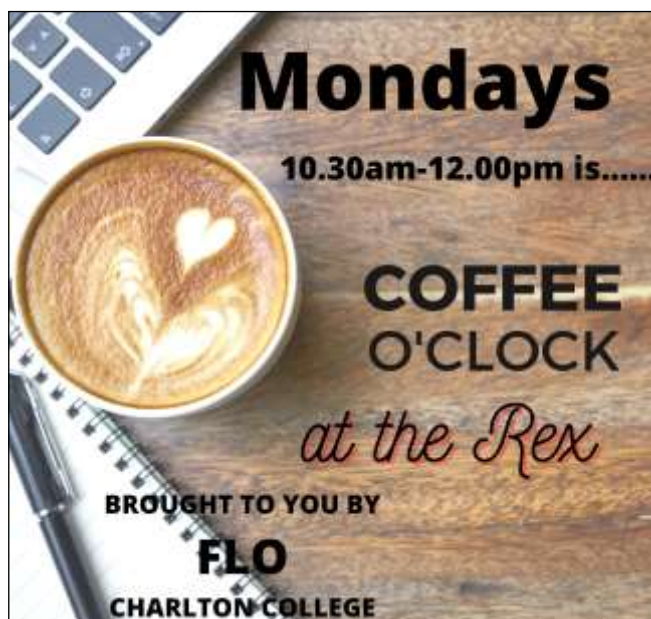
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## Charlton Arts—Save the date

After a year of shutdown, we are back up and running for 2021. Make note of these dates already planned, and hopefully there may be more. Hope to see you at all or one of these: more details to follow in future newsletters.

Sunday July 18 - "Jazz in July"

2 Cafe Culture shows - Sat. September 4 - "The Shuffle Club"

- Sat. November 20 - "Los Cojones".





# 'The Merger' - Saving Footy, Bringing Change

If the North Central Football League put the words “merger” and “footy” together in one sentence there would be an immediate reaction. Why is this happening, who is being merged and can we stop this?

Rest assured. This is only a preamble to the Rex live show - “The Merger” – kicking off on stage on Sunday 9 May.

The Regional Arts Victoria (RAV) show evolved via performer Damian Callinan, whose ability to connect with country audiences and use his multi-layered acting style, was commissioned through a

partnership between RAV and Vic Health to write a show that might subtly deal with issues of racism in regional communities. The result was “The Merger”.

Premiering at the Adelaide Fringe (2010) the play then toured Australia as momentum built towards a film adaptation, which has had wide acclaim. Damian Callinan, now returns to the original script bringing his one-man show to Charlton.

The story starts off with a familiar feel. In 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. *(Feel free to substitute local clubs to gauge the level of calamity!)* But prodigal son coach Troy Carrington (Callinan) has other ideas; to save the club he embarks on a program 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 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 sport (AFL).

Nominated on the 2021 VCE Drama playlist, the live performance of “The Merger” is a “must-see”, not only for students, but as a commentary on rural attitudes towards diversity and change.

\*Please note: “The Merger” is a SUNDAY EVENING performance.\*

“The Merger” – LIVE-ON-STAGE – Sunday 9 May 8pm Tickets: \$20 Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-merger>.



**Charlton  
24th May  
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- \*Environmental Impacts
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- \*Envenomation

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### THE COURIER

M 111 mins | Drama

Sat 1 MAY 8pm  
Sun 2 MAY 2pm  
Tue 4 MAY 8pm

Cold War spy Greville Wynne and his Russian source try to put an end to the Cuban Missile Crisis.



### BLACKBIRD

M 98 mins | Drama

Sat 8 MAY 8pm  
No screening Sun  
Tue 11 MAY 8pm

Lily and Paul summon their loved ones to their beach house for one final gathering before Lily decides to end her long battle with ALS. The couple plans a loving weekend complete with holiday traditions, but the mood becomes strained when unresolved issues surface between Lily and her daughters Jennifer and Anna.

Live-on-stage Damian Callinan in "THE MERGER"



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### THE FATHER

M 97 mins | Drama

Sat 15 MAY 8pm  
Sun 16 MAY 2pm  
Tue 18 MAY 8pm

A man refuses all assistance from his daughter as he ages. As he tries to make sense of his changing circumstances, he begins to doubt his loved ones.



### SIX MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT

M 100 mins | Drama

Sat 22 MAY 8pm  
Sun 23 MAY 2pm  
Tue 25 MAY 8pm

Summer 1939. Influential families in Nazi Germany have sent their daughters to a finishing school in an English seaside town to learn the language and be ambassadors for a future looking National Socialist. A teacher there sees what is coming and is trying to raise the alarm. But the authorities believe he is the problem.



### THE WRATH OF MAN

MA15+ 119 mins | Drama

Sat 29 MAY 8pm  
Sun 30 MAY 2pm  
Tue 1 JUNE 8pm

The plot follows H, a cold and mysterious character working at a cash truck company responsible for moving hundreds of millions of dollars around Los Angeles each week.



## CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Running simultaneously with Mid Northern Shield

**Where:** Local fishers unlimited radius of Charlton—Mid Northern Shield Pental Island Caravan Park

**When:** Saturday & Sunday 22nd & 23rd May 2021, 7am to 5.30pm

**Local Weigh in:** 5.30pm Sunday at Clubrooms followed by BBQ tea.

- Mid Northern Shield held at Pental Island Caravan Park. Members to register with executive at campsite prior to fishing. Prizes for longest fish and longest bag. Mid Northern team comp presentation 5.30pm Saturday, individual comp presentations 11.30am Sunday at campsite.
- All members fishing 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 Sunday to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation

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

For more information:

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**St Martin's Messenger—May 2021**

**Worship:**

Holy Communion 1pm Sun. 16 May 7th Sunday of Easter  
Holy Communion 11am Sun. 23 May **Parish Service at St Georges Donald Day** of Pentecost  
Holy Communion 1pm Sun. 6 June Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Let the Easter Joy continue**

Now you may be under the impression that Easter is celebrated on only one day. Well, no, it is such a wonderful story that the church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day for a further 50 days until Pentecost. At Easter we remember Jesus being the light who shone on the darkness of humanity and who could not be overcome by that darkness.

At the heart of the story of Easter is that same light and love. God's love, made real in Jesus Christ. In dark and changing times Jesus responded by putting his faith in the greatest power that he knew: God's love made real. The story of Easter teaches us that we can respond in the same way, with the same great power.

Where others are cruel, we can be kind. Where others are hurtful, we can seek to heal. Where others choose to be bitter and resentful, we can choose to love. We can be God's love made real in deeds and action.

This Easter, may you know that God's love will continue to be made real in your life throughout the year. Made real through the good and kind deeds of others. Made real through your own compassionate actions.

May God's love - real, and active, and caring, and kind - continue to sustain you and keep you through all the days ahead.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3

Reverend Judi Bird.

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[judithblackbird@outlook.com](mailto:judithblackbird@outlook.com)

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

Mass Times:

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am  
Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May 7:00pm  
Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10:30am  
Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> May No Mass



**North Central Garden Club**

Members and friends enjoyed a visit to Liz Dunstan's garden. Liz welcomed the group to the property "Hill View" giving a brief history. The homestead was built in 1919 in solid brick. The Dunstan family have resided there for the past 34 years. It has a large country garden with two of the original trees remaining. Others have been planted in the past 34 years. Garden rooms, expansive lawns, evergreen and deciduous trees create a tranquil setting. Paved areas and plenty of formal seating making it the perfect setting for the afternoon tea to be served.

A huge thank you to Liz for inviting the club to enjoy her garden and many thanks for the delicious afternoon tea. A wonderful time was had. President Bernice presented Liz with a gift in appreciation for the terrific day.

The May meeting will be at the Lions Lodge on Tuesday 25th May at 2pm. Competition is Best Bloom or spike, a winter vegetable, bunch of herbs. Produce for the trading table is always acceptable. Hope you are able to come along and share your gardening knowledge.

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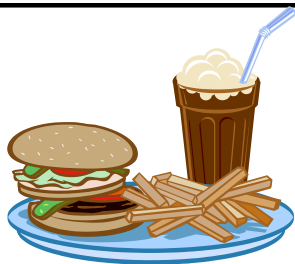
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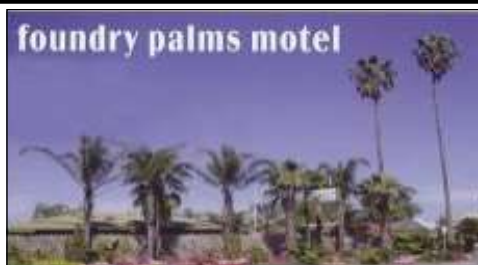
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9 Mothers' Day The Merger @ The Rex	10 Angling Club Meeting 8pm	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	12	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	14 Probus Meeting OK Motels	15 OK Motels
16 Lions Lake Boga Trip	17 Bowls AGM 7:30pm	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	19 Lions Business Meeting 8pm	20 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting CWA Road Trip	21 RSL Meeting 4:30pm	22 Angling Club Fishing Comp
23 Angling Club Fishing Comp	24	25 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm NCGG 2pm	26	27 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	28	29

## June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	2 Lions Dinner Meeting	3 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	4	5 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
6	7	8 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	9	10 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	11 Probus Meeting	12
13	14 Angling Club Meeting 8pm	15 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	16 Lions Business Meeting 8pm	17 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	18 RSL Meeting 4:30pm	19
20	21 CWA Meeting, 7pm Bows Meeting, 7:30pm	22 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	23	24 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	25	26
27	28	29 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	30			