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Forging Partnerships Through Traditions

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

In a week which began with World Baking Day, it was appropriate that the presentation of books devoted to cookery and home hints took place at the Buloke Shire Library.

Two things which Covid lockdowns reignited was a revival in home cooking and an urge to spring clean the home, so the addition of "how-to-guides" – especially from the Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. (CWA) – is a welcome contribution towards building the Library's resources.

A discussion between CWA East Wimmera Group President, Cheryl Kemp, (who is also a member of the Library review committee) and Buloke Shire Manager of Community Services, Mark Remnant, resulted in the Shire purchasing four books recently published by the CWA of Victoria.

In partnership with the local Charlton

CWA Branch, Cabbaritta, the transaction has forged a partnership between the various entities which has the potential to offer growth and support into the future.

Presenting two copies of "From Our Kitchen to Yours - 185 Favorite Recipes from CWA Victoria", plus two copies of "Thrifty Household – Hints and Tips" (by Noela MacLeod AO) Buloke Mayor, Daryl Warren, said it was the traditions of good cookery encompassed by the CWA which were highlighted.

A mean cook himself, whose name regularly appears amongst the prizewinners at the Donald Show, Cr. Warren said the CWA traditions show the serious attitude which country people take about doing things well.

The ability to bake sponges, fruitcakes, ginger fluffs and scones - all trademark staples of CWA - were the skills which earmark a good cook, Cr. Warren said.

Mark Remnant said the addition of these books was greatly appreciated by the library, and also emphasized the benefits of strengthening partnerships between the Shire and service organisations. "Building connections and opening pathways is important, especially for offering support during times of need".

CWA East Wimmera Group President, Cheryl Kemp, thanked Cabbaritta for their involvement in the purchase, saying the work of CWA addresses many needs for people across an array of issues.

"CWA has a strong focus in small communities, and we value the strengthening of networks to ensure this continues and grows," she said.

Royalties from the sale of every book contribute to the ongoing work undertaken by CWA Victoria.



Above: The presentation of four new books, published by the CWA of Victoria, was recently made to the Buloke Library network via a partnership initiative. Pictured at the hand-over (l-r) Mark Remnant (Buloke Shire Manager of Community Services, Cr. Daryl Warren (Buloke Mayor), Cheryl Kemp (President, CWA East Wimmera Group), Sue Dillon-Walsh (President Charlton Cabbaritta CWA Branch), and Adele Allcock (Buloke Library Officer).

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*Editorial
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the 150th newsletter, June edition. That's a lot of newsletters over the years. Yolanda Epskamp worked on the early newsletters which were originally only a few pages. Yolanda was followed by Corey Tonkin who was the editor whilst he attended Charlton College, then Lauren Riley for many years and finally myself. Each editor has improved and grown the newsletter. I must admit I don't include much extra content that previous editors used to produce themselves, so if there is anyone out there who would like to put something in each month, i.e., a quiz, interview with a local etc., feel free to send in your suggestions.

I was hoping I wouldn't be putting another newsletter together in lockdown!! Yet here we are again. For those trying to avoid going out, remember you can always read the newsletter online at www.charlton.vic.au/local-news/. Otherwise I hope it's all under control soon and things get back to the new normal.

On the farm we have finally finished cropping. With the low rainfall to date, it wasn't really an enthusiastic sprint to the end. However, despite getting pretty good at growing reasonable crops with little rain, we are looking forward to a decent drop soon. Our boys have been home a bit lately but are now ensconced in Melbourne studying for exams.

Cheers,
Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

- Harness Racing—4th July Event
Sunday 4th July
- Jazz in July @ Charlton Park
Sunday 18th July
- Café Culture—The Shuffle Club
Sunday 4th September



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

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Property of the Month
2 Mary Street, Charlton \$160,000

- Three bedrooms.
- Renovated bathroom (with bath).
- Heaps of storage and kitchen cupboards.
- Aluminium windows.
- Split system.
- Wood heater.
- Garden shed.
- Water tank.

This three bedroom weatherboard home is a perfect investment or just move in! It is in a great location and is currently rented on a monthly basis.

In With The New, Out With The Old, At Charlton Park

Contributed by Kevin Willey

A New Kubota 3690 Mower for Charlton Park Community Assets Committee was delivered by Jeff (Butch) Burnside from Turf Engineering on

Thursday May 27th. Committee Member, Kevin Willey, and Operator, Doug Finlay, were on hand to receive the new mower. The old mower was delivered to the Charlton Golf Club by Butch who was met

by President, Anthony Hargreaves.

The old mower was the same model, and in the four years of operation at Charlton Park, had 500 hours on the clock, barely run in as some would say.



Above: Charlton Park mower operator Doug Finlay on the old mower.



Above: The New Kubota 3690 Mower with operator Doug Finlay and Jeff (Butch) Burnside from Turf Engineering in Wedderburn.

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Your Community Bank News

Change to hours of availability as Community Banks collaborate to meet changing customer behaviour

The Boards of the Community Bank Donald & Community Bank Charlton, in conjunction with Bendigo Bank, have announced some changes to their operational hours of availability through a customer service model designed to better meet the changing needs and banking habits of local customers.

The changes to the operating hours for both branches aim to ensure both Community Bank branches continue to offer sustainable operations through shared resources that supports the wider community.

The changes will allow branch staff to better service customers in branch, out in the field, and via video call, telephone or email.

Together, the local Community Banks employ seven local staff and have recently advertised for an additional staff member to help manage the growing number of residential, personal lending, business and insurance customers who increasingly prefer to meet either online, or at a time and location convenient to them.

The new hours from May 31 will be as follows:

Community Bank Charlton & District
Monday to Thursday 11:00am to 4:00pm
Friday 11:00am to 5:00pm

Community Bank Donald & District
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 11:00am to 4:00pm
Tuesday closed
Friday 11:00am to 4:30pm

Jon Whykes, Chairman of Community Bank Charlton, said,

"These changes will ensure our staff can manage their working days into times when they service customers over the counter and then times when they follow up with lending and other business enquiries without face-to-face contact.

This change to our hours of availability is a joint operational decision that has been made to allow us to better service our growing customer base and community and to support their banking needs, as well as better share resources between our branches which ultimately benefits both communities."

John Stuchbery, Chairman of Community Bank Donald, said, "Customers increasingly expect bankers to be more available to them both in an online and in a mobile sense and as a result of the change in the hours that branch doors are open, our Community Bank staff will now be able to service more customers by video call and visit customers in locations that are more convenient to them."

The move also aims to further build long term sustainability and success and improve shareholder returns and community contributions.

Both branches continue to add to the prosperity and wellbeing of communities across the region and together, the two Community Banks have contributed more than \$1.7M to the community across the shire since 2003.

Please note: Both branches welcome incoming phone enquiries and appointments to discuss banking needs during the new opening hours.

Branch ATMs will operate as normal and customers can continue to bank 24/7 online or via our mobile app.



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

Golden Grains Museum News

Well it's hard to believe that it's June already, and apart from the recent lockdown, things have been back to some normality. Since reopening, the museum has received a number of visitors who have enjoyed viewing the fantastic range of items on display. This included a number of locals who took advantage of our recent open day during Volunteers Week, to see the goings on behind the scenes. If you have never been to the museum, or haven't been for some time, make it a point to drop by and have a look around. We open every Sunday from 11:00am to 3:00pm, and at other times by appointment. Cost is just \$5 for adults with children being free.

Have you considered recording your family's history on paper for future researchers or family members? The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is offering 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 papers recording your family's story. This could include family trees, photographs, written histories or similar items. These will be recorded on our database and available to view at a later date by researchers. We are fortunate to have written recorded stories by members of pioneers families, telling of the early days of the district and important information on family members' lives.

With the colder nights, our regular trips to Donald for Bingo have been put on hold. We appreciate all those who support us by coming along, and it's a great way of raising much needed funds. Keep an ear open for when we will be back on the road again for a chance to get amongst the winners.

Our feature story this month is a poem that tells of an incident that occurred in Wychitella back in the days of 6 o'clock closing of licensed premises, which was vigorously enforced by the local constabulary.

Wychitella Pub Raid

*Have you heard of any trouble,
That has been brewing about,
You have heard about the Police raid,
In the local pub no doubt.
Now I will tell you what has happened,
Though the news is far from new,
It will give you some idea,*

*What the cockies must go through.
We are working here upon the land,
And toiling day by day,
We are the backbone of the country,
So I've heard Joe Weaver say.
We all met there the other night,
We left our peaceful home,
Our business was a meeting,
About a telephone.
From Buckrabanyule side there came,
The Crutches and Blackwoods,
The Groses and Lamours,
Les Ennis, and all that could.
From Terrappee side McKinley came,
Or better known as Mac,
Who laid the poles when roads were bad,
For miles along the track.
Our local man was Hurley, John,
And Lawrence by the way,
And Eddie Keith, he was there,
And Frank McKin-e-lay
And from Charlton East there came,
A man called Mr Day,
Who gave us full instructions,
The wherefore and the way.
Long 'ere we met, the night was cold,
And after closing hours,
If my memory serves me right,
We'd had some bitter showers,
We felt the cold, our hair was thin,
And with chins so clearly shaved,
The landlord came and asked us in,
I think our lives he saved.
So if a traveller you should be,
Or wander from your home,
You'll find for hospitality,
John Foley stands alone.
He led us to a big fine room,
And we felt quite at home,
With Edward Grose placed in the chair,
We all got on the phone.
We spoke of poles, of wire, of gauge,
And listened to instructions sage,
Mac spoke so kind of Miss McFarlane,
I think she must be someone's darling.
Our room, but soon, its door was opened,
We heard a voice we thought was joking,
Saying the Police are here, don't cause
alarm,
I don't think they mean any harm.
Soon in they walked, two fine built men,
Both quiet and calm were they,
They wrote our names down one by one,
In a book they took away.
Of course the news is getting stale
But still the sting is there,*

*And the man I felt most sorry for,
Was Edward in the chair.
He told Police a doleful tale,
And asked if their hand could stay,
And keep from the list that night,
The name of Mr Day.
But Mr Day, a noble man,
No favours did he seek,
But gave a cough that cleared his throat,
And more clearly did he speak.
He spoke about the telephone,
A thing he understands,
And all about its usefulness,
But good sense he demands.
Blackwood sat next to Lamour, Bill,
Saying there will be trouble here man,
But Willie answered kindly back,
Oh, I don't give a damn.
Then after this there came a lull,
It seemed a silent wave,
Then Edward rose up from his seat,
To show that he was brave.
But time is the greatest healer,
That man has ever known
Twill heal the fright that Edwin got,
The night he sat on the throne.
From 'The Mallee Seaside' by John
Hunter Snr and Jnr.*

The Museum has recently produced an Historical Walking/Driving Tour brochure. Drop into the museum or the Charlton Neighbourhood House and pick one up. We are looking for your feedback



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. Check out our Facebook Page or search your browser for 'Golden Grains Museum Charlton'.
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'Calder Convoy' Conquers Charlton

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

A veritable truck "city" sprang up at Charlton Park on 15/16 May as a cavalcade of transports rolled into town for the second "Calder Convoy".

In what was a big weekend for Charlton, the convoy, along with the second "Ok Motels" (Contemporary Arts + Music in Small Towns) event created a real "buzz" with an influx of visitors boosting the local population.

The debut "Calder Convoy" in 2018 generated such success that a repeat was earmarked for 2020, however the advent of Covid meant an enforced cancellation until such time as the trip could safely be reinstated.

Coinciding with National Motoring Heritage Day on Sunday (16 May), the convoy is organized by the Tractor Restoration & Appreciation Club of Sunraysia, (TRACS) with enthusiasts travelling the Old Calder, starting from Calder Park North-bound and passing through the small townships which are now by-passed by the new highway. The event concludes in Red Cliffs.

An occasion to celebrate the significance of the transport route between Mildura and Melbourne, the road trip offers participants a chance to reminisce and recount stories of trucking days on this vital commercial link.

Growing from around 40 trucks in 2018, this year's event saw a massive increase to 80 plus vehicles, all of which have to be 25 years or older. For the real antiques, a leisurely ride on a flat-top or trailer means they can still be part of the action, as well as showcase the past and provide a talking point for restoration enthusiasts.

TRACS committee member, Robert Mansel, put this year's increased attendance down to the Covid lockdowns, saying that people were tired of having been cooped up and just wanted to get out again.

"We offer a pretty laid-back and casual weekend," Robert said. "People can make their own pace, as long they get to Charlton

by 3pm, and the event isn't too structured or over-organised. We get a lot of positive comments from participants about that".

Despite a short lead-in time for the 2021 event, Robert praised the trucking clubs for their support through advertising the weekend on their social media outlets or websites.

Charlton is seen as the geographic base for the overnight stop for the journey, offering multiple opportunities for travellers to do either part of the route, the whole trip (Melbourne to Red Cliffs), or just joining in at Charlton or on the next stage of the journey.

With the convoy heading north following

breakfast on Sunday, a lunch break at the lake at Ouyen provided an opportunity for participants to be joined by members of the Mildura Car Club. From there the travellers could make their way home, or continue on to Red Cliffs, where an appreciation day involving a number of activities was to be held on Monday.

The committee tasked with bringing the "Convoy" to fruition includes TRACS members, Robert Mansel, John Porker, Jack Droffelaar, "Moose" Johnston and Frank Wallace. Working in consultation with Charlton contacts, the Saturday stopover was filled with camaraderie as the travelers set up camps and locals dropped by to take



Above: Bill Fitzpatrick is renowned throughout the trucking fraternity, and has been an eager supporter of the Calder Convoy.



Above: A spectacular show of contemporary and heritage trucks filled Charlton Park as the second "Calder Convoy" rolled into town. Amongst the many models were Macks, Kenworths, International, and the older Bedfords, Austins, Dodges and Chevys.

'Calder Convoy' Conquers Charlton

in the rigs or talk "trucking" as the sun set.

An evening meal for around 140 was catered for by the Charlton Football Club in the new sporting complex. Keeping the mood light, a forum, featuring speakers Bill Fitzpatrick, Tom Atherton and John Porker, revisited experiences of travelling along the Calder as tall tales were shared and stories embellished.

A bright future beckons for the "Calder Convoy" as it continues to build strong partnerships with the Charlton community.

Right: Charlton resident, Kevin Sloan, and his dog, Eddie, pictured with the oldest exhibit on display – a 1948 Chevy tow truck from Mildura.

Below: The Fitzpatrick family were out in force at the event – pictured Paul with daughter, Rosie, and nephews, Will (l) and Darby (r).



Charlton Probus Club Inducts Five New Members

The highlight of the Probus May Meeting was the induction of five new members. New comers to Charlton over the past five or so years, Jenny & Greg Barnard, Deb Cleary, Ray Aisbett and Jo Phillips have become valued members of the Charlton community. President Eily Rosewall, ably assisted by nominators Garry Larmour and Sandra Patton, had much pleasure of inducting and welcoming all to the Club. It was also pleasing to welcome back Dawn Parish, who for personal reasons had been

absent from the Club for some time.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Kristen Ferguson of EWS who spoke on speech therapy and continence. These are two new services provided by EWS and the community is encouraged to avail themselves of these services wherever possible. The more these services are accessed the better the chances the local health providers have of retaining them.

Right: Jo Phillips, Deb Cleary, Eily Rosewall, Ray Aisbett, Jenny & Greg Barnard.



Charlton College News

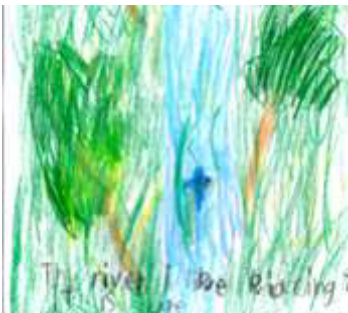
Division Cross Country

On May 5 students from years 3 to 6 attended the Sandhurst Division Cross Country in Bendigo. All student ran REALLY well, especially given there was 30 seconds between 30th and 60th place. James finished in 116th place, Oliver 104th place, Isaac 92nd place, Sam 61st place, Leigh 46th place, Stella 27th place, and Heidi qualified for the next level by finishing in 17th place. There are hundreds of runners in each event and for some it was the first time they had experienced the course so they will know what it is like for future years. Just where you line up at the beginning can mean about 30 places.



Above: L to R—James, Sam, Heidi, Leigh, Oliver, Isaac and Stella.

Humanities—Year 2 have been learning about the history of Charlton during our Humanities sessions. During the week they talked about their favourite places in Charlton.



Above: Josh likes to go kayaking on the Avoca River.

Below Lilymae's favourite place is her home because her family are there.



Above: Koko enjoys listening to the noise of the traffic near the shops.



Above: Tom J loves the trees in Gordon Park.

Reading fun in the Foundation-One room

During Wednesday the 19th of May, the Foundation and Grade 1 class participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. This year students were read the story 'Give me some Space!' (written by Philip Bunting) by an astronaut from the International Space Station. Following the story, students had some fun making their own rockets and testing out how they worked. The story this year has worked perfectly with the Term 2 topic for Science being all about space.



Above: Foundation-One class watching the story being read to them.



Above: Harrison and Mackenzie colouring in their rockets.



Above: Foundation-One class testing out their paper rockets

Year 3 & 4 in their studies on gold made aged gold licences.

Hollie and Marley tearing the edges of their licenses.



Harry after just completing his staining.



Charlton College News

Mothers' Day Fete

This year the College held a scaled down Fete with the focus being on fun for the kids. What fantastic activities the secondary students organised!



Above: BBQ for lunch, a must!



Above: The Children's Stall was very popular.



Above: Kiara, Olivia, Josie and Taylah with their slushies and slime.



Above: Oliver on the Balloon Pop.



Above: Selecting the all-important Mother's Day gift.



Above: Amber and Cody

Charlton College News

World of Maths

Recently the College had World of Maths visit. Students undertaking these sessions got to partake in hands on real life problem solving activities. Students worked in multi-aged groups. It was great seeing them all contribute and listen to each other's ideas to solve the problems.



Above: Isabel, Michael and Angus.



Above: Lilymae, Marley and Tom



Above: Murphy, Saxon & Joe.



Above: Brody, Bailey and Don.



Above: Stella, Poppy, Sarah and Ellie.



Above: Danny, Max, Ditch and Andrew.



Above: Millah, Joshua, Eli and Isaac discussing their ideas with Corina.

CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton

When: Sunday 20th June 2021, 7am to 5pm

Weigh in: 5.30pm at Clubrooms followed by soup and sals for tea.

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet at the Clubhouse before fishing
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching and releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in by 5.30pm to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation

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

For more information:

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Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

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





St Joseph's School News

Catholic Education Week 2021

Catholic Education Week was celebrated from 23rd May to 29th May. This year Catholics Schools are celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. The first Catholic school was established in Parramatta in October 1820. Since then Catholic schools all over Australia have worked hard to make a difference in young people's lives by educating them and instilling them with faith. Catholic Education Week is a faith based initiative, and it is an opportunity to recognise the impact that Catholic schools make in schools and the wider community. It focuses on the stories of Jesus and encourages young people to become more compassionate members of society.

On the 27th May, St Mary's Donald and St Patrick's St Arnaud joined with us at St Joseph's to celebrate Catholic Education Week. The other schools arrived at 10:00a.m. and we started the day with Mass. All of the Grade 5/6 students from each school took part in the Mass. I bought the breads up. It was a very enjoyable day and I had lots of fun. **Amali Fitzpatrick**

At Catholic Education Day, we had a cool band called Junkyard Beats. St Patrick's St Arnaud and St Mary's Donald came to our school to join us for the day. We all went into the hall to watch the show. We sat in lines from Prep at the front to Year 6 at the back. My favourite part of the show was when they did cooking and made music with all the pots and pans. They had big plastic drums that we all got to play. I loved watching the show. **Clancy Bourke**

We watched a show. There was music and it was really cool because they used junk as their instruments. Their names were Kobe and Tommy. The story was: they lived in Junkmania which was where the earthlings sent their junk. Their mission was

to fly to planet earth. We watched it with St Mary's and St Patrick's. **Lila Schofield**

After the awesome and loud performance, Kobe and Tommy handed out many junk instruments all the children could play with. They divided us all into three groups and had the teachers from the three schools to hand out an instrument to each child. One group was called Junk and they received containers to use as drums. Another group was called Yard and they received lids off the containers used to play as cymbals and finally the last group was called Beats and they received plastic bags. Once everyone had their instruments, we all played an extremely bad tune! I think everyone had an awesome time. **Sheena Fitzpatrick**



Above, Below & Above Right: Junkyard Beats



Mass at Charlton with St Mary's and St Patrick's students.



Charlton Neighbourhood House

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Greetings from the Charlton Neighbourhood House and welcome to our June update. What a very busy month it has been, with our Table for 12 sessions recommencing, Neighbourhood House and Volunteers Week being held, and many members of our community dropping in to access various services. Our celebrations for Neighbourhood House Week kicked off with us providing slices to accompany the delicious hot beverages being served by the FLO students in the Rex Theatre Candy Bar. The Rex features again on Tuesday as we offered free prebooked tickets for the movie 'Blackbird' starring Sam Neil and Susan Sarandon. Our appreciation goes to Australia Post for our successful grant application for this event. Wednesday saw a small but enthusiastic group enjoy a walk that finished with a cuppa at the House, while Charlton youth were offered the Charlton Club as a venue for after school activities. The week finished up with a selection of board and card games at the House. Thanks to everyone who joined in during the week.



Some members of the Neighbourhood House Mallee Network enjoying the screening of 'Blackbird'.

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.



Charlton Neighbourhood House is again proud to be involved with National Reconciliation Week. The theme this year is 'More than a word'. Drop by the House to find out how you can become involved helping to make a change in our communities attitude to reconciliation.

We have been trialling a new youth initiative through the Neighbourhood House by offering a venue for Years 7 to 12 to drop into on a Thursday after school from 3:15 to 5:30. The Charlton Club has been very supportive offering their assistance and venue as a space where the kids can get together, play some games, darts and pool, have some snacks and drinks, all in a supervised environment. The trial will continue until the end of term, and if enough support is shown, is likely to continue on a permanent basis.

We are also very excited to announce an upcoming June event focusing on the men in town. June 20 sees us hosting 'A Pleasant Sunday Morning' at Rotary Park to complete Men's Health Week. Featuring the talents of singer Big Bad John, a free BBQ, blood pressure testing and information brochures by EWHS, plus details about our town's community groups and organizations, this will be a terrific free event to be involved in. Some healthier beer options will also be available to sample, while a courtesy bus will do regular circuits of the town to pick up and drop off participants. Check our window for more details closer to the event.

The Charlton Forum Community Car continues to be very popular taking people to appointments from Swan Hill to Melbourne, and everywhere in-between. Please give as much notice as possible if you require the service to ensure availability of the vehicle and a volunteer driver. As always, we are extremely grateful to all the drivers who donate their time to provide this valuable service.



Keep abreast of our activities through
Charlton Neighbourhood House www.charltonnh.org.au
Or look in our window and community noticeboard



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Charlton Neighbourhood House

COURSE: PARTICIPATE IN SAFE FOOD HANDLING PRACTICES

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Necessary for anyone who plans on being a supervisor in food preparation processes and is a must for anyone looking to upskill in the hospitality industry.

Wednesday, 7th July, 2021

6pm - 10pm at the Charlton Senior Citizens

\$135 per person

Bookings prior to 17th June in person, call 0473 759 456 or www.charltonnh.org.au. Minimum numbers required.



EVERY MONDAY @ THE REX
10:30AM - 12PM

A FLO CAFE AND CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INITIATIVE

A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT TO DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS IN CHARLTON AND HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

1ST MONDAY

—
CHARLTON
NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE

2ND MONDAY

—
CHARLTON FORUM

3RD MONDAY

—
CHARLTON
COMMUNITY
GROUPS

4TH MONDAY

—
BULOKA SHIRE

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 continues with a terrific night hosted by Penny Van Boven. Penny will be preparing 2 delicious quick and easy vegetable based items that are sure to please. On offer will be a Popiahs (a small spring roll) and Falafels. Book your spot early as this course is sure to fill up quickly.

Date—Wednesday June 23

Time 7:30pm

Venue North Central Trade Training Centre

Cost just \$20!

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CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Learn basic photography skills
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August 8th & 15th
10am to midday.
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Water colour painting for beginners with Kate Giakimis
Let's Learn Knitting

Decorative garden pot painting

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Drop into the Neighbourhood House to discuss any courses or activities you would like to see run. We will be happy to investigate options to bring your idea to fruition.



Charlton Harness Racing Club News

LOCALS SALUTE ON DJA DJA WURRUNG CUP DAY

May 17th saw another celebration of culture and fellowship between the Charlton Harness Racing Club and the Dja Dja Wurrung People at the trots.

This day continues to grow in significance and stature as a growing number of locals are now participating in the day.

The welcome smoking ceremony at the commencement of the day is always a moving experience and seamlessly brings together everyone on course in a most respectful way. Dja Dja Wurrung Elders were seen warmly inviting on course patrons to take an active role in the ceremony. CEO Rodney Carter was most positive in the developing association, pointing out that days such as this create a greater awareness of the practical nature of cultural understanding moving into the future.

Handmade gifts were presented to all drivers in the cup and beautiful hand crafted wooden bowls awarded to the winning trainer and owner of the Cup race.

It was most fortuitous that our local trainers had their horses just right for both feature races with Belladonna Girl, for Greg Norman taking out the Dja Dja Wurrung Cup, and Minimum Wage, for Shane Sanderson winning the Wally Churchill Memorial.

The Churchill family was again on course to remember Wally's long association with harness racing and the CHRC, and Adam Cormack from Sth Australia was a happy owner representing Cormack Racing.

A major benefit of the growing Training Centre is that our meetings have strong local representation, providing great interest and enjoyment for local harness racing fans and our members.

We look forward to this day growing even further next year as we strengthen our ties with the Dja Dja Wurrung People.



Above: Benno taking part in the Smoking Ceremony.



Above: Kate Gath receiving her possum fur and clap sticks from Nikita Charles from Dja Dja Wurrung.



Above: Adam Cormack (Cormack Racing) and Rodney Carter (CEO Dja Dja Wurrung).



Above: Kevin Churchill, Brian Churchill, Joe Thompson & Shane Sanderson.

MOMENTOUS NIGHT FOR NEW OWNERS!

A vital part of the growth of the Charlton Harness Racing Club is to foster and encourage all levels of active involvement in the club. This can be from attending meetings and social events to following our local horses and trainers.

Or you can really dip your foot in, take the plunge and become an owner!

Congratulations to the local members Kim, Briony, Kaylene, Marisa, Marea and Andrea who, a very long 947 days ago, welcomed a tiny tot to Bushy Lodge, named her Bubbles and found all kinds of creative ways to celebrate her every milestone. Getting to the races was always going to be the icing on the cake so it was great excitement all round when She Sparkles

(her racing name) stepped out at Swan Hill for her debut recently. The blue caps were proudly out in force, Taylah Boyle put the finishing touches to her mane, and poor trainer Leon and young driver Ryan Sanderson probably could have done without the cheer squad! Without doubt it was the first time Ryan has been clapped off the track for coming fourth!

Sharing the ride is so important – thank you to all who have followed along the journey with us on Facebook- Bubbles has lots of fans!

Ownership is nothing if not a rollercoaster but this group has proven that there is much fun to be had along the way and hopes that with lots of luck perhaps a win is not out of the question for little Bubbles!



Above: Bubbles Cheer Squad. L to R—Kaylene Cossar, Kim Thompson, Ryan Sanderson (Driver), Marea Judd, Andrea O'Gorman, Leon Fanning (Trainer), Marisa Byrne.

JULY 4TH AMERICAN THEMED RACE DAY – free community brunch 11am

As we waded through another week of lockdown it is always great to have something fun to look forward to. The club is planning for a different race day where everyone is invited to come along for a free brunch and to be a part of a community day at the trots.

Sunday July 4th we will be celebrating all things American and the course will turn red, white and blue!

Keep an eye out for your invitation in the mail – we encourage all members and Charlton residents to come along, enjoy some hospitality in our beautiful new complex and support this initiative. Be on course to watch the Charlton named races live from the Meadowlands in New York and cheer on our local trainers, drivers and horses, who continue to do so well in tracks all over Victoria.

BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL VISITS TRAINING CENTRE

Early in the month President Joe Thompson welcomed all of the Buloke Shire Council to the Training Centre to give them an overview of the completed development and of the impact future plans



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will have on Charlton.

A work in progress the club has many ideas of how the centre can be further enhanced to be a leading 'horse hub' in Victoria.

As horse numbers continue to grow it is an economic boom for local contractors and feed suppliers. It was great to see the level of interest shown and we look forward to working closely with the Buloke Shire to further develop the centre into a thriving industry for Charlton.



Above: Cr. Carolyn Stewart meets Naomi Sanderson and Regent T.

JUNE RAFFLE NIGHT CANCELLED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

CHARLTON WINNERS FOR MAY – Well done all!!

- LARA BAY, COBRAM – JOHN TORMEY
- TOPHUT JOHNNY, BENDIGO – DRIVEN BY RYAN SANDERSON
- RADIUS, MELTON – DRIVEN BY RYAN SANDERSON
- MISS SERENA, MILDURA – SHANE AND RYAN SANDERSON
- NATIONAL DRAFT, MILDURA – DRIVEN BY RYAN SANDERSON
- BELLADONNA GIRL, CHARLTON – GREG NORMAN
- MINIMUM WAGE, CHARLTON – SHANE AND RYAN SANDERSON
- GLENFOTTEKOA, BENDIGO – JOHN TORMEY



Above: Welcome back to the trots- Lindsay Hobbs and Stan Gretgrix.

St Joseph's Community - The Aussie Camino

*Contributed by Jo Russell
—Charlton Pilgrim*

A month ago Anne Kenny and I set off to walk the Aussie Camino. How did this come about? Pope Francis declared this year the year of Saint Joseph and called on people all around the world to honour Saint Joseph. He himself has a great devotion to the saint and describes him as 'the man who goes unnoticed'. He believes Joseph saw the tender love of God, accepting the way things are and allowing miracles to happen.

The Aussie Camino is dedicated to Australia's first saint Mary MacKillop. Her influence was particularly strong in south eastern Australia as it was here that she discovered her love of teaching and was drawn to found the order of Josephites. So, as we walked the Camino we would honour both these saints.

Many people would know about the Spanish Camino or the Way of Saint James but maybe not as many would know about the Aussie Camino. It was started by Luke Mills, a Melbourne teacher who was inspired by the film 'The Way'.

Luke, with friends designed an Aussie 'Way' following Mary MacKillop's work in Portland and her journey to Penola where she set up her first school for needy children in a stable.

Luke led several Caminos establishing and refining the route, writing the handbook and the passport and his wonderful groundwork has made it easier for others to follow. He believes the Camino transformed his life and helped him keep going after the death of his wife. He hopes many people will be challenged to follow in his footsteps.

So Anne and I booked our places in the Pilgrimage and began two months of training! A week before we left for Portland we went to Melbourne to the Mary MacKillop Centre to receive our passports, our shells, which would be clipped to our backpacks, and meet the other pilgrims. We also learnt much about Mary MacKillop and left inspired, and keen to live up to the challenge Luke had set.

We were a group of sixteen, including our spiritual guide Fr Justin Driscoll, Nick our professional guide, Roger our driver, and eleven other

pilgrims from Ballarat and district. It was a great group of people with diverse backgrounds and interests and over the ten days of our walk we would get to know each other quite well.

The scenery was magnificent with cliff-top walking and beach walking, with beautiful seascapes and landscapes. It was great to be out in nature for six to eight hours every day. Some of the walking was tough, soft sand, many steps, dunes to climb, but it was balanced by easy walking on hard sand and wading with our boots around

our necks. Then along country roads in awe of the beautiful red gums and park-like paddocks.

The accommodation varied and it was like a blast from the past when three of us shared a room – lots of talk and lots of fun. But the stories and experiences will need time to resonate and bring out. For now it's enough to say it was something I'll remember always and I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to walk the Aussie Camino. I must say Anne and I are pretty proud of ourselves for walking the whole 200 kilometres!



Jo Russell & Anne Kenny

Exhibition Success

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

The ingenuity and skill sets for which the Country Women's Association (CWA) is renowned were on show during the East Wimmera Group Exhibition held at St. Arnaud during May.

The two-day event drew strong attendance and, most pleasingly, captured in excess of 800 entries across multiple disciplines including crafts, baking, floral and photographic categories.

Due to the deferment of the exhibition last year, Branch members had extra time to create, innovate and prepare entries for submission, and the results certainly provided an eye-catching display.

Speaking at the official opening, East Wimmera Group President, Cheryl Kemp, praised the 2021 event, commenting on the "dazzling showcase of work" and its ability to "inspire, engage and support interest for CWA into the future".

Echoing those sentiments, Northern Grampians Councillor, Tony Driscoll, acknowledged the "marvellous array of talent" on show, before commenting on the advocacy which CWA has provided for the rights of women and families across the years. "This exhibition showcases the role of women, and I congratulate all on this event," he said before officially declaring the exhibition open.

Drawn from the creative talent of members from the seven East Wimmera Branches - Bealiba, Cabbaritta (Charlton), Kara (St. Arnaud), Marnoo, Stuart Mill,

Wedderburn and Wirrem (Birchip) - contributions were also submitted from a number of Junior Branches.

From the finest examples of craft work to mouth-watering baked items, a kaleidoscope of colourful patchwork, mingled with exceptional crocheted rugs, hand-made garments, jewellery and carefully presented floral arrangements, these exhibits reveal the dedication members have towards producing top-quality content.

While Charlton Branch - Cabbaritta - received a number of accolades from the event - including trophies for One

Woman's Work (Janet Stafford), Best Article, Novice (Jo Phillips), Best Article of Knitting (Janet Stafford), First Prize - Table of 5 objects, and Branch with the highest points score, - all branches, regardless of their size or contribution, were winners through the expose of the CWA outreach in its many forms.

Thanking all who contributed, assisted and supported the 2021 exhibition, both Group President, Cheryl Kemp, and Group Craft Secretary, Cherie Duncan, expressed their appreciation, and the hope that East Wimmera will have strong representation at the State Exhibition later in the year.



Above: Winner of the table of 5 items under the theme "Black and White + One" was Charlton Branch (Cabbaritta) with members pictured (l-r) Donna McCallum, Janet Stafford and Maria Perger. The dash of hot pink with monochrome shades made for a striking display of items which included an embroidered picture, golly doll, crochet rug, table runner and lace bookmark.

Service Award For Janet

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Volunteer involvement with Red Cross for ten years and deployment across multiple emergency situations saw Charlton resident, Janet Stafford receive a Red Cross Service Award at Government House, Melbourne during May.

The hand-over of the small badge encapsulated Janet's far-reaching involvement across numerous traumatic and emergency incidents, where a steady hand and empathetic responses were required.

Officiating at the Government House ceremony was the Patron of Red Cross, Anthony Howard (AM QC) - husband of the current, Governor of Victoria, the Hon. Linda Dessau (AC).

Outlining Janet's strong community commitment, her citation emphasized hard work, organizational skills and ability to empower team members to

use initiative and encourage decision-making when needed. Leadership, strong values and a care for the volunteers with whom she works were additional qualities praised within the commendation.

Janet joined the Red Cross as an Emergency Services volunteer following the 2011 floods which devastated Charlton, contributing her skills as a volunteer in the local community Relief Centre.

In 2017 she helped provide Psychological First Aid (PFA) to victims of the Bourke Street Mall attack, and offered similar support to victims of the Townsville floods in 2019.

In late 2019 / early 2020 Janet took part in three deployments to the bushfire-ravaged east of Victoria, working as a Team Leader at Bairnsdale, dealing with evacuees from across the fire damaged areas.

Living on the family's cabin cruiser based at Paynesville,

Janet commuted to Bairnsdale for her four day deployments which were interspersed by three day breaks.

"We were taking care of huge volumes of very traumatized people," Janet said, "all of whom needed care at the same time. I had never experienced anything like it, and coupled with that, the smoke was horrendous."

Being mindful of the overwhelming impact on the helpers, Janet explained that Red Cross do a "brilliant job" of ensuring that their volunteers are looked after and are okay. "As a Team Leader, I also needed to ensure that my team were coping and dealing with things at all times."

Janet assumed a leadership role when the Charlton Branch transitioned to Friends of Red Cross, and is a key driver of the Trauma Teddy program as a coordinator in the local region.

She was accompanied to the award ceremony by her husband, Philip, and the couple later shared a celebratory lunch with family.



Above: Janet Stafford is pictured receiving her Red Cross Service Award from the organization's Patron, Anthony Howard, at the ceremony held at Government House.



Charlton Football Club

The Charlton Football Club had four members play in the Under 18 interleague game for North Central against Sunraysia and one Senior representative.

It has been great to be back out on the park this season and numbers in the social rooms and at social events have been strong. The Social club has run two fantastic events in the Roving Dinner and Mystery Bus Tour to date. The Club's

Goods and Services Auction will be held on July 10.

The Club has been investigating a Merger with Wycheproof-Narraport and last week members had the opportunity to vote on whether to go ahead with the proposal or not. Whilst the vote went against the merger the club will continue to work on what our future may look like.

The Reserves are yet to get a win on the board for the season, however, their performance is improving each week. The Seniors got their first win against St Arnaud, and have won each game since. Unfortunately we didn't get to play any games on May 29 due to a Covid shutdown. Hopefully we can be back out on the field soon.



Above: Senior representative Jordan Collins.



Above: Kris Clifford lining up for goal.



Above: Mason Heenan, supported by Cameron White.



Above: Tom Finlay kicking to an option down field.



Above: Angus McKenzie contests the ruck.



Above: U18 representatives Patrick Soulsby, Mason Heenan, Jackson Zagame and Patrick Sait.



Above: Ben Roberts under pressure.



Charlton Football Club

Juniors

Season 2021 so far:

With an influx of new players to the club we were keen to kick off the season with our BBQ lunch and family fun day at the Wooroonook Lakes, however, Covid had other ideas and we had to postpone our launch due to DHHS guidelines. Unfortunately, we didn't get time to arrange another day before the season kicked off. Training for the under 16s kicked off in late February with Darcy McCallum returning as coach for this season. Players stepping up from the under 13s were Michael Olive, Murphy McGeown and Joe Monaghan and we welcomed other new comers to the Navy Blues in Hunter Connolly, William Ison, Thomas Cotton, Harry Conroy and Locke Coles for their first season in the Navies jumper. It was great to see so many boys at training and with the season looking promising, they were keen to get in and have a red-hot crack. A few weeks later the under 13s kicked off their training under the guidance of Kirk Boyle and Doug Finlay. With 13 new names on the list and 8 returning players the numbers looked fantastic for the season ahead. Some

Charlton football family names are starting to reappear (do we have a father – son/daughter rule) with Isaac Roberts (son of Snowy), Tamsyn McGurk (daughter of Andrew & granddaughter of Greg), James Fitzpatrick (son of Terry), Charlie Zagame (son of Luke), Liam Monaghan (son of Brian), Reagan & Xavier Good (daughter and son of Darren), Darcy Olive (son of Matt). We also welcomed Ollie Daykin & Mineva Cotton who are new members of the CJFC and they have been valuable contributors to the club. Connor Frazzica, son of Melissa Devereux (Winsall) has also come to play for uncle Kirk alongside cousin Mitchell. Ever reliable Jye Roberts, Isaac Bourke, Seb Zagame, Ethan Soulsby, Sam Olive and Murphy Fitzpatrick are definitely leading their players well, and it's great to see Leigh Van Boven returning after a couple of years away from footy and making a great contribution also.

The NCFL and AFLCV academy ran a clinic and academy tryouts in late March to get the season underway. The clinic was very well supported by the future of Charlton football and it was great to see many kids enjoying

the opportunities given to them by the league and AFL Central Victoria.

Charlton have 12 representatives in this year's AFLCV academy, Angus Johnstone, Bailey Dixon, Cooper Boyle, Elliott Fitzpatrick, Harry Conroy, Hugh Sait, Hunter Connolly, Jacob Olive, Ned Zagame, Nick Thompson, Thomas Cotton & William Allan. They have had 7 training sessions and were due to play in a Gala Day on Sunday, 30th May in Bendigo against Maryborough & Castlemaine District Football Netball League, but due to Covid it has now been postponed to a later date. The boys have travelled around the league on a Wednesday night for trainings and many thanks to the parents who have either driven the bus or taken their cars to get the boys there and back safely.

Our annual jumper presentations were held on Thursday 29th March, in time for our first game. The night was accompanied by a BBQ supplied by funds given by the Auxiliary which we enjoyed with the junior netball and hockey players.

The 2021 season appears to be the 13s and they are up and

about and have had a fabulous season so far. They opened their season against Wycheproof Narraport in early April and managed to get their first win for the season 9.7.61 to 1.0.6. The under 16s missed the first week of games as WNFC don't field an under 16s side.

The second week we travelled the Calder to take on Sea Lake Nandaly Tigers and what an amazing display of football was the under 13s game. We came from behind in the final quarter to win by 1 goal 5.1.31 to SLNT 4.1.25. Unfortunately, the 16s boys weren't destined to get the same result, taking on the 2019 premiers, and without Oscar Bourke, who had hurt his arm in an incident with a motorbike and sheep, and Will Allan struggling after an early week illness, we were missing two of our stronger men on the ground and were outplayed in our first outing for the season 1.1.8 def by SLNT 13.7.94.

Round 3, we were on home soil to take on our southern neighbours in Wedderburn. Unfortunately, Wedderburn are where we were a few years ago, struggling for numbers, however, in true sportsmanship we joined the Wedderburn boys



Above: Under 13s after their first win against WNFC. Back L to R—Tamsyn McGurk, Leigh Van Boven, Sebastian Zagame, Ethan Soulsby, Ollie Dayton, Jye Roberts, Sam Olive, Xavier Zagame, Darcy Olive, Reagan Good, Mineva Cotton. Front L to R—Mitchell Boyle, James Fitzpatrick, Xavier Good, Liam Monaghan, Isaac Roberts, Charlie Zagame, Luca Zagame. Absent—Cooper McGrath, Oliver McPhee, Connor Frazzica, Harry Darmanin.



Charlton Football Club

in both the 13s and 16s to create a couple of good games. Charlton were winners in both games with the 13s winning by 60 point and 16s by 111 points. The scoreboard in both games didn't really reflect the standard of the games.

We travelled to St Arnaud for round 3 and we came up against very tough opposition, the 13s went down by 54 points in a physical contest against a well drilled St Arnaud. The 16s had a closer game and were in the hunt up until the final siren. Unfortunately, on field accidents to Elliott Fitzpatrick and Nick Thompson resulted in two players with broken bones, Elliott a finger and Nick an arm, which would see them both sidelined for some time.

At home against Boort was another great game for the under 13s. Their smaller brigade was getting into it and gaining confidence each week

and played some amazing football to have a comfortable win by 62 points. The under 16s battled hard all day and were well served by their regular players and Jye Roberts, Seb Zagame and Ollie Daykin who stepped up from the 13s to fill the spots left by injured players. Boort ran out winners by 66 points.

We had a very well attended Casserole tea after the Boort game, feeding over 200 people in the magnificent community building. It was great to see all the families, players and supporters enjoying a very extensive array of beautiful casseroles. Well done to Briony and Felicity for their organisation of the tea, everything went off well. Thanks to all the families for their casseroles, there were plenty of compliments.

Round 6 took us to Donald where we came up against

tough opposition who were switched on from the first bounce. We had plenty of the ball and our defensive pressure around the ground was amazing, but Donald was able to get over the line by a comfortable 29 points. The 16s had another tough day on the field but with some promising patches of play the results on the board didn't reflect the efforts of the boys. On a sad note Bailey Dixon, who was playing an absolute ripper, sustained a knee injury and was taken from the ground, leaving us one man down. We hope Bailey gets some positive results this week.

Thursday afternoon the news came that as of 11.59pm (27/5) we would go back into lockdown due to a Covid outbreak. We managed to get in one last training and it was great to see all the players getting around each other for

one last time for a week.

Fingers crossed the lockdown will lift on Thursday 3rd at 11.59pm as previously indicated so that we can get back on the field against Wycheproof Narraport at Wycheproof next Saturday.

The club has been extremely lucky to have a great amount of support from our community and thank the returning sponsors in Walsh Motors, GMG Financial Group, Roberts Windrowing & Fencing Contractors, Clifford Constructions, John & Cate Olive, Gulthul Pty Ltd (Will & Jac Leslie), Signwise Solutions, Charlton Mensland, Snows Shearing, Wrights Carpentry & Digging, Heenan's Authorised Newsagency, Bill Russell and North West Ag. We welcome new sponsors in Nutrien Ag Solutions & Elders Wycheproof.

Central Vic Academy Angus Johnston

Academy football has allowed me to improve all my football skills. It has taught me skills to kick longer and more accurately. It has made me stronger and more confident with tackling and looking for space for the ball. I've really enjoyed the social environment of it all and being able to make friendships with kids from different clubs and backgrounds.

Elliott Fitzpatrick



Elliott has enjoyed training with different people.

Hunter Connolly



I enjoyed meeting and playing footy with players from other towns and learning different ways to transition the ball.

Nick Thompson

I've enjoyed Trevor's style of coaching, his approach to training and coaching in a game day style setting was interesting.



Bailey Dixon



The academy has helped me to enhance my skills in a game situation whilst improving my basic fundamentals.

I have enjoyed meeting new mates and training with them

Jacob Olive

The academy has helped me to get better with my football skills and it has expanded my football knowledge. I have enjoyed the new drills we do, also playing with the best junior footballers in North Central and forming new friendships.



Thomas Cotton

Academy helped me improve my agility on the field, particularly getting the ball up off the ground more efficiently. I really enjoyed Academy as I got the chance to meet more players in the



NCFL community.

Cooper Boyle

I think the AFL Central Vic academy was of great benefit to my football. The training sessions have improved my skills especially with the heavily skill based warmups. The drills we did were extremely beneficial because they will help me in real game situations. I thoroughly enjoyed all the training sessions with Trevor, he had some great tips for us all and was very professional. Meeting and forming friendships with the boys from the other towns was also great.



Hugh Sait

Academy has helped me further develop my skills and given me more confidence on the field. I have enjoyed meeting new friends and kicking



pumped up footballs.

Ned Zagame

I enjoyed enhancing my football skills as well as training with other people from other towns, getting to know them better



Will Allan

Academy improved my ability to move the ball from one side of the ground to the other and to use my team mates better. I enjoyed talking to the people I already knew and my new mates. I did enjoy the food after, to be honest.



Beginners Poetry Workshop BOOK NOW!



Hosted by published author

Pauline Brooks

If you have always thought writing poetry was difficult, come along and find out just how easy it is.

Monday June 14, 7:00 to 9:00pm
at the Charlton Club
37 High Street, Charlton.



This project is supported by the Victorian Government's Community Activation and Social Isolation Initiative and Buloke Shire Council.



**Men's
Health
Week.**



**A Pleasant Sunday Morning
featuring 'Big Bad John'.
Grab a mate, bring a friend.**

Sunday June 20

11:00am to 2:00pm.

Rotary Park Charlton.

FREE BBQ

FREE DRINKS

(including low and zero alcoholic options)

FREE COURTESY BUS

(See the Charlton Neighbourhood House window for details)

EWHS Community Health, local club and service organization representatives will be in attendance.

Wet weather program at the Senior Citizens Room.

Enquiries Phone 0473 759 456 Charlton Neighbourhood House

The above event is being held as part of Men's Health Week 2021, and is supported by funding from the Buloke Shire CASI (Community Activation and Social Isolation Initiative) Fund.



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Embracing Community Eyecare

Charlton Feedlot

Charlton Feedlot is celebrating **50 years** and we need your help. We are looking for photos, newspaper articles, stories and any other items relating to the operation of the feedlot over the last 50 years.

If you have anything you would like to contribute, please contact Terri Wolfe on 5491 6201, 0409 806 384 or via email to terri@teysaust.com.au. Postal address is PO Box 201, Charlton.

All contributions welcome. There will be more exciting news about the celebrations in the coming months.

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" @ Charlton Park

Sat. September 4 - "The Shuffle Club" @ Charlton Golf Club

Sat. November 20 - "Los Cojones" @ Charlton Golf Club

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JUNE AGAIN

M 99 mins | Comedy | Drama

Sat 5 JUNE 8pm
Sun 6 JUNE 2pm
Tue 8 JUNE 8pm

During a fleeting bout of lucidity from her dementia, June Wilton has precious little time to bring together her estranged children, save the family business, and rekindle an old flame in this heartfelt dramedy



THE US Vs. BILLIE HOLIDAY

MA15+ 130 mins | Bio

Sat 12 June 8pm
Sun 13 June 2pm
Tue 15 June 8pm

The story follows jazz singer Billie Holiday during her career as she is targeted by the Federal Department of Narcotics with an undercover sting operation led by black Federal Agent Jimmy Fletcher, with whom she had a tumultuous affair.



THOSE WHO WISH ME DEAD

MA15+ 100mins | Action

Sat 19 JUNE 8pm
Sun 20 JUNE 2pm
Tue 22 JUNE 8pm

A teenage murder witness finds himself pursued by twin assassins in the Montana wilderness with a survival expert tasked with protecting him -- and a forest fire threatening to consume them all.



PETER RABBIT 2

G 93 mins | Family

Sat 26 JUNE 8pm
Sun 27 JUNE 2pm
Tue 29 JUNE 8pm

Peter Rabbit 2 is the live-action/CG sequel to the 2018 worldwide hit film that will once again bring Beatrix Potter's beloved characters to a global audience. In the new film, Bea, Thomas, and the rabbits have formed a makeshift and loving family -- but when Peter's reputation for mischief spreads beyond the garden and his family is at risk, he must decide what kind of rabbit he wants to be.



Rex Vouchers available
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St Martin's Messenger—June 2021

Worship:

Holy Communion	1pm Sunday 6 June	Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion	1pm Sunday 20 June	Blessing of the Plough Service
Holy Communion	1pm Sunday 4 July	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Hare and the Turtle in that race

The take home message of the race in the fable of the Hare and the Turtle is not all about the difference in athletic ability. The message is actually about their different attitudes. So, not about speedy or quick and slow and steady, but about how they both approach challenges, whether in a race or more broadly in life itself.

The attitude of the hare is to get going now, go forth with vigour and haste. Now this can be the right attitude at times, but if we have this attitude all the time, it could mean that we go that fast that we miss things in life as it sweeps past.

The turtle, on the other hand, has to move slowly but this is actually a blessing as it allows deeper thinking, sure and steady steps, time for reflection and demonstrates a dogged determination that gets results in the long run.

I was thinking that the race story is a good one to think on at the moment. We hear about the importance of being "agile" or "nimble" or "adaptable". So, should we take the hare or the turtle attitude, when we have a choice? Quick or slow, or somewhere in between.

We may want to get to the end of the current situation quickly, but it is going to take longer than we thought, so maybe the methodical, paced speed is better for us all. Accept what is happening, trust that we will get there in the end and take the pressure off ourselves. And when we get there we will know that we did not miss the in between events, the special times, that happened along the way.

"I saw something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong; neither is the bread to the wise, nor the wealth to the intelligent, nor the favour to the skillful. For time and chance happen to all." Ecclesiastes 9:11

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Mass Times:

Sun. 6th June. 10.30am (Zoom Mass into St Joseph's Church)
Sun. 13th June. 8.30am
Sat. 19th June. 7pm
Sun. 27th June. 10.30am



North Central Garden Club

The club met at the Lions Lodge. President, Bernice, welcomed all—especially new members to the club. Discussions included eradicating weeds in the garden—smothering with newspaper and layering of dense mulch. It was also mentioned that some weeds are beneficial to the ecology of the soil. Rake up the autumn leaves and add to your compost.

The June meeting will be a plant auction. Members can bring along potted plants, cuttings etc and make it a fun day.

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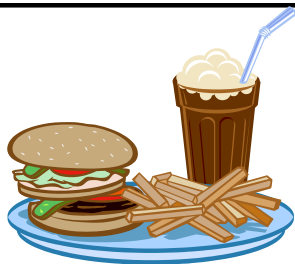
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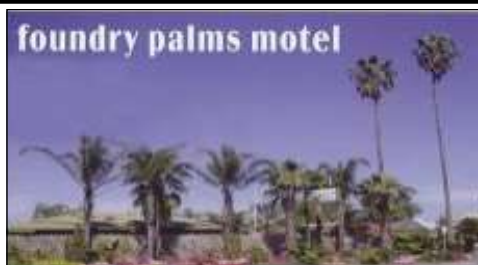
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