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Charlton College Farewells Kelvin

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

The final day in office for Charlton College principal, Kelvin Baird, took place on Friday 17 September as the much loved and respected educator commenced retirement.

In a subdued celebrations (due to the Covid restrictions) staff paid tribute to Kelvin's considerable contributions, not just as the College principal over the past ten years, but also as a former teacher at the school.

It was a case of the "local boy" coming full circle – from a student, to teacher, then leader – in a career spanning more than 40 years.

Commencing as College principal in August of 2011, Kelvin's tenure opened as Charlton was still in the recovery phase from the devastating floods of earlier that year. While much progress had been made things were still a "work in progress" with additional needs to focus on.

Having completed his own education (Years 11 and 12) at what was then Charlton High, Kelvin's career began following a four year teacher training course at Latrobe University, Bundoora. His first placement, at Upfield High School, began in 1977 where he remained for four years. A move to Ardeer High School followed (1981 - 83) before he returned to home territory in Charlton in 1984. A 17 year stay came to an end in 2001 when Kelvin took on the role of Assistant Principal at near-by Wedderburn College, before becoming Principal of

the facility from 2002 to mid 2011. Leadership at Charlton has now completed his career.

Reflecting on his decade at Charlton, Kelvin emphasized that a principal is only as good as the team which surrounds them, saying "I have been lucky enough to work with a passionate and dedicated team and I would like to acknowledge the great support I have received from parents, students and staff".

Always prioritizing the best outcomes for students, Kelvin listed a number of milestones which have brought increased benefits to both the local children and which have resulted from transformative methods of teaching over the past ten years.

Top of the highlights was the establishment of the North Central Trade Training Centre (NCTTC).

Through the North Central Cluster of Principals, in partnership with the North Central Local Learning and Employment Network (NCLLEN), and with regional support, the vocational centre "has guaranteed our rural students access to high quality, hands-on training in various fields of endeavour," Kelvin said. Opened in 2014, the facility is a showpiece for technology education, and evidence of the outcomes resulting from a collaborative effort with a common purpose.

Other valued initiatives showcasing the diversity of the College include driver education through CHARTSEC, the TAC L2P Learner Driver Mentor program, along with the FLO

(Flexible Learning Options) program which supports vulnerable students to re-engage with education and schooling. "The North Central Network FLO program has become an integral part of the school's operations", Kelvin said, "and is only made possible through our partnership with the NCLLEN and the dedication, energy and enthusiasm of the operation's team".

"Significant changes in teaching practice and learning over the past ten years have also enabled many new opportunities for engaging students," Kelvin said. The introduction of the One-to-One Laptop Program - where every student and teacher has access to his or her own laptop/device in a wireless envi-

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Charlton College principal, Kelvin Baird, ended a long association with his home-town school just prior to the September school holidays - retiring after a career spanning more than 40 years.

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*Editorial
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the October edition of the community newsletter. This is a big edition—lots of sport! Although sadly no finals stories. What a shame they didn't go ahead.

It's also a shame the show, swap meet and garden days are cancelled. However the Art Show is only postponed and we all hope that it can go ahead in November. The Neighbourhood House is also hosting some live bands on what would have been show night so there will still be some activity at Charlton Park afterall.

We've had a few of our older residents pass away lately including Dr Walklate. What a legacy he has left behind. We all have special memories of Dr Walklate. He actually delivered Clinton and also our youngest, Nick—two generations! I also recall him having to cancel a golf lesson on a Wednesday afternoon to take out my appendix. Thank you to Phil Walklate for sending in your eulogy. Also thanks to the Walsh family for their memories of Ray, another fixture of our community who has passed.

Well isn't it wet. The crops are looking great although not so good for the hay. We're never happy!

We were supposed to be hosting Nick's 21st in a few weeks but alas that is another casualty of Covid. We are looking forward to next year and the chance to celebrate a few missed family milestones.

Carolyn

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Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

- Harness Racing
Thursday 14th October
- Boogie in the Buloke
Saturday 16th October
- Rotary Art Show
Friday 19th—Monday 22nd November
- Harness Racing
Sunday 21st November



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Charlton College Farewells Kelvin continued

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ronment allowing students to learn at their own pace and ability levels— has now enabled students to access a broader range of resources through connections beyond the school, as well as changing how staff can support and interact with students.

A background in IT while a teacher at Charlton College saw Kelvin involved in the early days of video conferencing. These endeavours received an international award in 1998 at the Learning Technologies Annual Conference in Anaheim, USA. Gaining third-place in the Best Overall Global Distance Education Network, the award acknowledged the development and introduction of a teaching process using video conferencing throughout 48 schools which enabled students to receive tuition in subjects they would not normally be able to study.

Kelvin's professional dedication was also acknowledged in 1999 with a National Award for Excellence in Teaching for his contributions towards establishing an internet hub at the Charlton College for both the school and community use.

Kelvin also served on the Board of the NCLLEN for almost 20 years, and held the

position of Treasurer during that time.

Civic involvement has also been a high priority, and Kelvin is renowned for his association with local sport. As a competitor, administrator and guiding force, he has brought immeasurable benefits to the Charlton Football and Cricket Clubs, with these being recognized with a Life Membership (Football) and an award in his name for Cricket's "Best in Finals". Showing that his contributions extended well beyond the class-room Kelvin was also named Charlton Citizen of the Year in 2000 – reflecting a passion for creating opportunities for his community.

While now looking forward to a well-earned break, Kelvin said he aims to spend more time with family and his grandchildren, and then travel, when circumstances permit.

"I'm going to miss the interaction with the students," he said, but emphasized that he would still be visible and involved with the Charlton community.

"I leave this position knowing that I have given my best shot and I have no regrets," he said.

Mr Jamie Daff takes on the role of principal in Term 4 with the position being re-advertised for take-up in 2022.



Kelvin on his last day.

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Bill Freeman designed a magpie protection hat to wear as he cycles around Charlton. He is pictured on his way home from the Uniting Church. Bill has been attacked many times as he crosses the James Paterson Bridge over the Avoca River in Charlton. Photo by Hadyn Jones

Riverfront Project Complete


The Riverfront Project is now complete and the fences have finally come down. The project involved an upgrade to the Charlton Weir; the sealing of the back lane which also involved the installation of guttering and drainage; the riverbank was cleared of peppercorns and other nuisance trees; and the installation of a timber viewing platform, new turf, seating and lighting. The area still needs some finishing touches to the gazebo and further landscaping works and artworks are in the pipeline.

Charlton Forum members formed part of the Project Control Group with Buloke Shire Council and are very pleased with the outcome. The project was designed to enhance the Avoca River Precinct, making it more aesthetically pleasing and user friendly. The installation of lighting to showcase the trees at night means that the precinct is worth a visit day or night.

The project will tie in with other works scheduled to take place in the Travellers Rest undercover area and the main street. Forum members also form part of the Project Control Group for the streetscape improvements. When everything is complete it is hoped that these improvements will enhance the High Street and Avoca River precincts, ultimately encouraging more visitors to stop and also make Charlton an even nicer place to live.



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Stan turns 80

Charlton Men's Shed Vice President, Stanley Gretgrix, enjoyed a "Pleasant Tuesday" at The Shed, on Tuesday September 14. The grand old man of the Shed turned 80 years old, and was the centre of attention with members and invited guests calling in to congratulate Stanley and three other Shedders, who were celebrating their birthdays around the same time.

Members Ken Lugton, John Minogue and President, Mal Connell, were all in attendance as Past President, Lloyd Paterson, spoke highly of Stanley's passion and endeavour to promote and encourage new members to the activities the Men's Shed offers.

Gillian Gretgrix (sister-in-law), and Eily Rosewall reminisced about schooldays at Teddywaddy West and the (obvious) playful banter that happened "all those years ago". All of which brought a big smile to Stanley's face and a couple of awkward blushes..

A memorable sign "Stan's Corner" was given to Stan by a couple of the younger members, proudly displayed in the corner where Stanley whittles away splitting kindling wood for sale to the community with funds going to many projects the Shed undertakes. Last year, a total of 220 bags were sold into the town during the colder months.

Naturally complying with

Covid restrictions, a fine array of sandwiches, cakes and other delectable eats were enjoyed by all.



Above: L to R—John Minogue, Stanley Gretgrix and Ken Lugton. Mal Connell (absent)

More than 'Just Another Brick...'

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

While Rod Heritage could be forgiven for channeling the Pink Floyd classic ("*Just Another Brick in the Wall*") his recent reconstruction work on Charlton's Mensland building has unearthed a surprising find.

Under the instigation of the Buloke Shire, to address safety issues with the western wall, Rod has currently replaced more than 100 bricks recently to ensure the structure remains solid.

In the course of his work the discovery of possums' feet imprints on a number of the original bricks has come to light.

Rod believes that when the bricks were made and left to dry overnight, the possums scampered across the damp surfaces, leaving their marks for perpetuity.

The century-old wall displays one of Charlton's much admired street murals. The eye-catching work, which showcases graphic icons from around the town and district, also carries the defining "Welcome to Charlton" sign which greets travellers heading south on the Calder Highway. Completed in 2019 as part of the town's "Three Walls" project, the painting by Melbourne artist,

Kate Pullen, is part of the township's growing initiative for engaging people by bringing art to public spaces.

While the refurbished space

now ticks the safety box, its unexpected discovery adds another focal point to the art-trail experience!



Above: The refurbishment of the Charlton Mensland western wall has revealed the added attraction of tiny possum feet imprints made more than a century ago.



Above: Bricklayer, Rod Heritage, is pictured hard at work shoring up the building's exterior wall which houses one of Charlton's defining streetscape murals.

Charlton Landcare News

Thirty-five years ago, the Landcare movement began in Victoria, Australia, in 1986 when a group of farmers near St Arnaud formed the first Landcare group, a voluntary group to repair the natural environment. Since then, the Landcare concept has spread across Australia and to about 15 other countries. The Charlton Landcare Group recently held the Annual General Meeting and under the leadership of a younger generation are looking at expanding their membership group. Incoming President Tessa Fitzpatrick, supported by Vice President Andrew Wright, Secretary/Treasurer Julie Bourke and new committee person Marcus McGurk are all hoping to expand the membership and activities to capture urban issues along with agricultural.

Tessa said, "The strength of Landcare groups is the community members and the networks formed with local government, and organisations. Previous executive and continuing members Greg Carmody, Marion Watts and Geoff Winsall, have worked hard to establish these over the last decade and now it is up to us to grow them."

As the group sought ways to extend, they approached the Charlton Neighbourhood House to assist them with their vision. CNH president, Kaylene Cossar said, "Part of our House's strategic plan for the upcoming 3 years was identified to seek ways of incorporating a community approach to climate change adaptation. When Tessa explained the Landcare vision, we were very excited to form a partnership, to help us localise some of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals we are working towards."

Together the partnership has already conducted 'Adapt Loddon Mallee Climate Ready Communities' Workshops; applied for funding to construct bird hides along the Avoca River, Community Forest and Wooroonook Lakes; worked with the Lions Club to complement the existing native garden at Lions Park; advocated for weed control along the Riverbanks; and conducted biodiversity walks along the River.

These walks were led by Andrew Borg, Facilitator Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network. Andrew explained to the two groups about the importance of biodiversity for provision of functioning eco-

systems that supply oxygen, clean air and water, pollination of plants, pest control, wastewater treatment and many ecosystem services. He identified many native grasses, fungi and native species and birdlife along the river walking track. Andrew suggested that if the Charlton community could start cataloguing their unique biodiversity through a website like <https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/> it would help with future projects and funding. It is as simple as taking a photo, or recording a sound of any bird, animal or plant on your phone and uploading to the app. You don't even have to be able to identify it as others will assist. Images can be copyrighted too if you prefer.

Tessa said, "There are so many amazing apps that we can use to record what is around us and if we want to learn, apps like frogid or birdsong are great. Then there are the apps like Snap Send and Solve that we should all have on our phones. This allows us to take a photo of weeds in our district and send them straight to Buloke Shire Council. We will work with the right authorities to ensure they do not become problematic like the gazanias, boxthorns, and wheel cactus. The image records the precise location, and we will work with Buloke to advocate for action in these problem areas."

"But we are not all about weeds, we would love to undertake projects enhancing our ecotourism and regenerative agriculture, but first we need to reach out for new members. Membership is free and you can either email charltonlandcare@gmail.com, or pop into the Charlton Neighbourhood House and we are encouraging everyone to follow us on Facebook." Tessa explained.

Below: Facilitator, Andrew Borg, addressing Biodiversity Walk participants.



Above: Facilitator, Andrew Borg, reading a card from the ADAPT Loddon Mallee Climate Ready Communities ToolKit about koalas. Below—a photo of a koala 7 miles from Charlton that he took a few days later.



Photographed during the Biodiversity Walk—Fungi.



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Hello from all of us at the Charlton Neighbourhood House, and welcome to a month packed full of activities and events. With the recently announced Victorian Roadmap, Buloke Shire is amongst one of several Local Government Areas to trial the Vaccination Economy Reopening Plan for business and organisations. What it means is that residents will be able to freely access a larger number of venues by showing proof that they have received two COVID-19 shots. This will be a boost for local businesses to recovery safely hosting more visitors to their premises.



In conjunction with the Charlton Landcare Group, we would like to thank everyone who took part in the recent biodiversity walk with Andrew Borg, and to all those who got involved in the September Scavenger Hunt.

Congratulations go to our winners Stella Nicolson, Isabel Soulsby, Amali Fitzpatrick, Kelly Wright, Mercadiez O'Sullivan, and Georgie Wright. The photo comp winners will be announced soon.

Children's Week is being held this year between 23 October to the 31 October, and has the theme, 'Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others'. We will be hosting a photography session at the Travellers Rest on Saturday 30th October between 10am and 12pm, where children can come with their family and friends and have a picture taken with young animals. These pictures will then be printed at the Neighbourhood House for the children to keep.



An important activity we are very pleased to be involved with is Older Driver and Gopher Road Safety Day on Thursday October 21. Representatives from various organizations will be present to enhance older drivers skills. Limited places are still available for this free informative session. A light finger food lunch is provided.

The Charlton Carers Group will be celebrating Carers Week on Wednesday October 13 with lunch at the East Charlton Hotel. With COVID-19 restrictions, places are limited to 10 attendees. Phone us 0473-759 456 to reserve a spot.



Sunday October 17 at the

Charlton Senior Citizens Room. rescheduled to Wednesday October 27 and will feature Mia Siam and Grilled Filled Tofu Pockets. Hosted by Penny, Kim and Joo this will be a great fun night.

The first of our series of Explore Buloke day bus trips is scheduled for Thursday October 28. Thanks to funding from the Buloke Shire we are hosting a trip to Sea Lake and Lake Tyrrell, with morning tea at the Nullawil Heritage Museum, all for \$20.

Once again we are pleased to be involved with Get Online Week through the Good Things Foundation. This year we will be hosting an Internet Café in the Rex Theatre Candy Bar area between 10am and 11am & 11:30am to 12:30pm on Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd which will cover various aspects of mobile technology from setting up a QR Code to downloading your Vaccine Certificate through MyGov. Bookings are essential—look for class schedules in our window.

Finally we are excited to be partnering with local groups to host some live music and provide an opportunity for people to dust off their dancing shoes. The event will be hosted outside at Charlton Park on Saturday October 16th. This is a COVID Safe event and protocols will be adhered to. Tickets are available online at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/boogie-in-the-buloke?>

For those residents looking to obtain or renew their First Aid and CPR certificates, we have arranged with Talk Smart Training a Sunday session on October 17. This course will be delivered online with this final one hour session being held to judge competency and review the course lessons.

Our popular Table for 12 series is



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WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

AT THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

2	Watercolour workshop Every Saturday during October from 10am-12pm At: Charlton Senior Citizens COST: FREE	
7	Youth Space Every Second Thursday 3pm-5pm At: Charlton Club COST: FREE	
9	Marine and Personal Watercraft License Saturday 9th 1pm-5pm At: Charlton Senior Citizens COST: \$125	
10	Alcohol Ink Cards workshop Sunday 10th 10am-12pm At: Charlton Senior Citizens COST: \$5	
13	Carers Week Lunch Wednesday 13th 12pm At: East Charlton Hotel COST: Pay for own lunch	
16	Boogie in the Buloke Live music event for 18+ Saturday 16th 7pm til Late WHERE: Charlton Park COST: \$15	
17	First Aid and CPR training Sunday 17th 10am-11am At: Charlton Senior Citizens COST: \$170 Provide First Aid level 2 OR \$80 Provide CPR	
20	Charlton Neighbourhood House AGM Wednesday 7pm-9pm At: Charlton Senior Citizens COST: FREE	
21	Older Drivers and Mobility Scooters Safety Day Thursday 21st At: Charlton Senior Citizens COST: FREE	
20-22	Get Online Week - Internet Cafe 6 x 1 hour sessions (must book in) Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd At: Charlton Neighbourhood House COST: FREE	
27	Table for 12 (Cooking Mee Siam and Grilled crisp tofu pockets) Wednesday 27th 7pm-9pm At: North Central Trade Centre COST: \$20	
28	Explore Buloke Bus Trip (to Sea Lake & Lake Tyrrell) Thursday 28th 9am-3pm Departing Travellers Rest COST: \$20	
30	Children's Week Celebration Petting Zoo and photos Saturday 30th 10am-12pm At: Travellers Rest COST: FREE	
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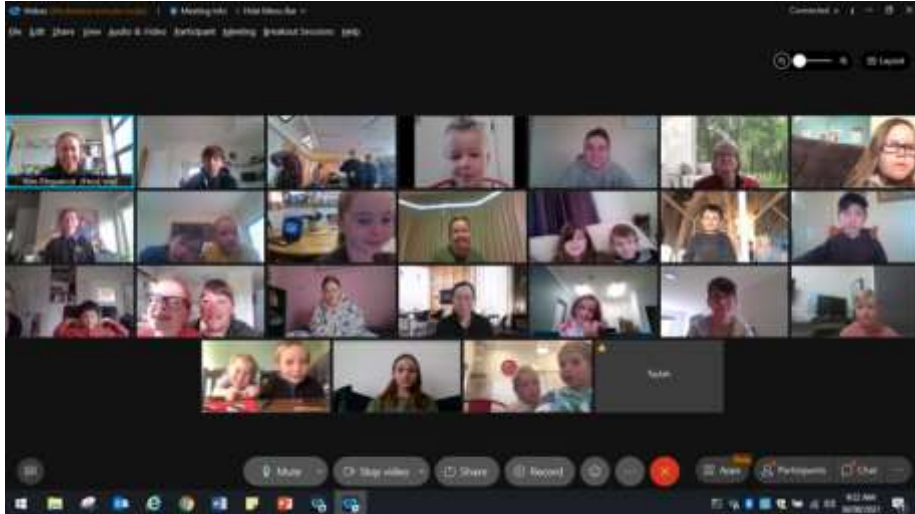
For more information on any of our upcoming events/courses, visit our website or facebook, check out our window or pop in to the Neighbourhood House during the week





Charlton College

Remote learning continued so we met up fortnightly for assemblies. Our captains, Anika and Leigh have done a magnificent job conducting them from their homes.



Fathers' Day was during lockdown and Dads didn't go unrecognised. The students shared their favourite things about their Dads and Step Dads which were compiled in a video and, of course, students made cards. Pictured—Heidi's & Erin's cards.

Mitchell undertook his final Victorian High Achievers Program for Numeracy session.



Work for years 3 to 6 was submitted online. Anika's grammar.

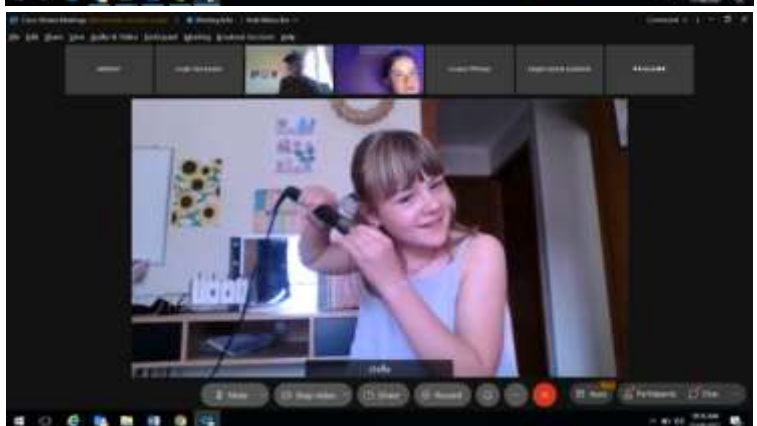
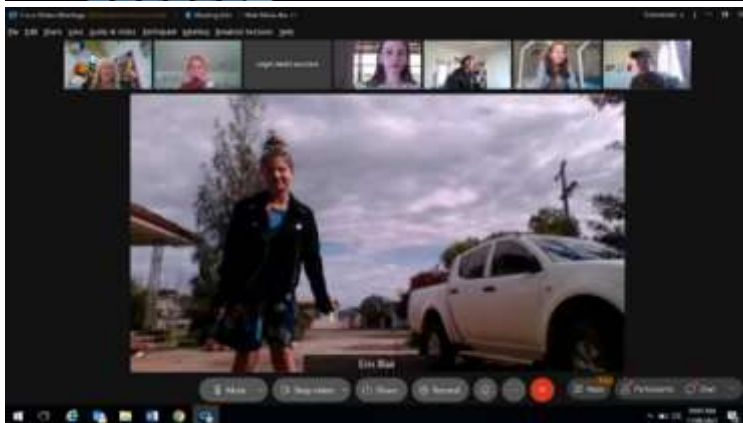
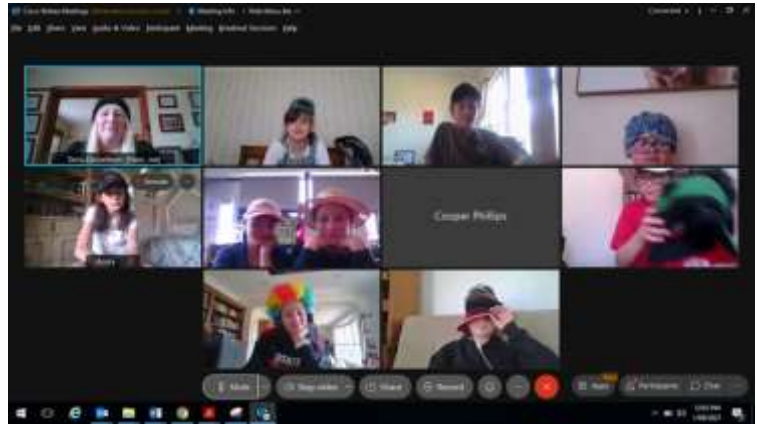


Anika, Taylah and Stella with their cube net group submission. Yes, breakout rooms are wonderful for group work.



Charlton College

Year 5 & 6 have been having some fun on their weekly Webex catch ups. They dressed in yellow and met online on R U ok day. They wore hats. To end the term, they had a class party and shared their talents—Erin on skates, Heidi on piano, James with his Lego and Stella curling her hair.



F-2 returned to site for the final week, and boy was that fun! Day one we pieced back together our class photos and had a picnic.

Vale Dr Brian Walklate 1925-2021

Dr Walklate has been a significant presence in the Charlton Community for over sixty years. In his role as a country G.P, he impacted many lives, bringing some into the world, saving others and being present at the end when someone passed away. He delivered many babies and in some cases, two generations of the same family.

Dr Walklate was the son of Rev. Cyril and Irene Walklate, born in Wangaratta on 19th October, 1925. He attended Wesley College, and after completing school, aged 16, he commenced medical studies at Melbourne University. Upon failing his first year, he joined the Navy and served during WW2. At the end of the war he was offered the opportunity to recommence his studies, which he did, completing his internship in Melbourne.

Dr Brian Walklate came to Charlton in 1953 with wife, Mary and baby daughter, Sue, and formed a partnership with Dr Jewell who had been practising in Charlton since 1950. Like many other practitioners of his era, Dr Walklate would make house calls, day and night. He would think nothing of returning from holidays and driving for hours to deliver a baby, before driving all the way back again. In the days before there was an ambulance, he would transport an accident victim using his own station wagon.

Dr Walklate's expertise in surgery, obstetrics and anaesthesia made him greatly in demand for locum work, not only in the surrounding districts but also in southern N.S.W. Dr Walklate tried to 'retire' on a number of occasions only to be called back into service so Charlton was not without a doctor. He also supervised three overseas doctors in their bid to become registered in Australia.

Dr Walklate was involved in obtaining a new twelve bed Bush Nursing Hospital for Charlton in 1965 and was also instrumental in setting up the Meals on Wheels, Home Nursing and Home Help Services. He was a major promoter in the establishment of the Senior Citizens Club in 1961. Dr Walklate, as with other previous doctors, was heavily involved in community affairs. He joined

the tennis and golf clubs soon after arriving in Charlton taking on various roles over many years. He was awarded a Charlton Golf Club Life Membership in 1986. He was an inaugural member of the Charlton Rotary Club and served as President on multiple occasions. Brian was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for his service to Rotary in 1988 as was Mary. For his services to medicine and the community Dr Walklate received the Charlton Citizen of the Year Award in 1994, was accorded a testimonial dinner and received the Rural Health Award in 2002, and received an Order of Australia in 2006. In July 2009, Rotary erected a plaque in his honour in Rotary Park.

Dr Walklate finally relinquished his medical registration in 2010.

Dr Walklate is survived by his wife, Mary and children, Sue, Ric, Jan & Phil.

Remembering Dad

As read by Phil Walklate

The longevity of a life creates a wealth of memories and much to reflect upon - and so now I reflect on "Doc", "Walkie", "Pro", "Bri" and "Pa" to recall some of the monikers attached to him along the way.

As his long career as the local doctor came to its conclusion, the town he tirelessly served generously acknowledged his contribution. His achievements have been recorded, but what of the man himself - his character that gave him his purpose to life and the way he lived it. And how he shared his journey with our own? This is how I reflect on the man I called "Dad".

No doubt about it - he was a unique character, a product of his lineage perhaps, for his father was something of a character as well - and now I have witnessed them both in the final stages of life.

If I had to choose one word to describe the man - then it would simply be "busy", and how I will probably remember him most. He always needed to feel useful, to have purpose in his presence - doing something and it often didn't matter what or how menial the task. In his later stages as his physical capabilities were taken from him, you could see the frustration in



him as his capacity to do things and contribute waned, and he began to lose his own sense of purpose. In the end he was hanging on for mum but ready to go - in his mind his purpose served.

I've often felt that he was introverted if not shy in his nature - not naturally inclined to seek the limelight or the attention, and comfortable with his own company. This might surprise some because he would often put himself out there, and attention came to him none-the-less through the course of his work and his place within the community he served, and sometimes when he felt the need to stir the pot or to prick the conscience of his target. This was no doubt his father Cyril's influence living on in him, a man who was also known to speak out on issues even if unpopular to some - and yet the introvert remained his essence throughout his life. This may explain in part his "busyness" - sometimes as an avoidance of social situations or as an icebreaker - it's easier to relate to people while working on a shared task.

Trying to describe him as a father I find quite challenging and complex and one that I will reflect upon for some time. Being older now I better understand that we are all complex in our own way - products of our own upbringing and life events.

Only recently chatting with Mum and Dad I learnt a part of the story of his WW2 service. Brian was initially deployed to munitions, but a government minister known to the family came across his path and arranged to have him moved to the navy where he served as a medical orderly. Mum and Dad

later reflected that they felt his father's hand was behind his war service involvement. Both Cyril and Irene lost their brothers in the first world war - they knew the cost.

He would say he always knew he wanted to be a doctor and he was devoted to his work. But I know, despite his dedication to his profession and where we stood in his priorities, he loved us all and we wanted for nothing material and I have fond memories of time spent together.

But it will not be the material things that I will remember. It's the time we spent together, and I can still recall:

- * sitting on his lap as a small child allowing me to steer the car as we came back from a trip to the tip
- * being in the back yard and him telling me of the frogs he kept for pregnancy testing. I don't know how or if he ever used them in any meaningful way
- * being carted around on the golf bag on a Saturday so he & Mum could play golf
- * being taught how to play golf in the back yard with the seemingly lethal practice ball on a string
- * as a young teenager building the train-set together
- * our various wood-working projects in the shed (he was never far away to lend a hand on these projects)
- * and out on the golf course, but particularly the time playing at Barwon Heads.

We will all carry our memories of him - but perhaps the most cherished for me will be his smile.

Maybe it's what a child seeks

most from a parent - that acknowledgement - it never leaves you.

In his final days even when he would struggle to open his eyes, it was there - that smile and acknowledgment.

He loved playing his chosen sports - there was football in the younger years (though I don't recall him ever talking about his playing days and anything I heard was from others). Tennis was a sport he enjoyed for an extended period of his life, and of course golf was something he enjoyed most of all and was able to share with his family. His golf tutoring at the course was how he acquired his nickname of "Pro", that or the fact he didn't mind telling you what you should be doing - but the coaching was just another example of how he kept himself busy - as if he didn't have enough to do being the GP for the town. He loved the game and studied it with many books.

Even when relaxing at home he would be active - model making, collecting model cars & tapestry for a period, and of course his woodwork were just

some examples of the interests he would pursue.

Physically he has gone but he will always remain with us in our minds where he will live on larger than life. His legacy to us are the values he has shared with us by example - in the way he lived his life. (These values I feel were his father's also).

I know he will be with me for the rest of my life's journey, as I am reminded constantly in the mannerisms I often exhibit!

We reflect on his life and sadness weighs upon us - but such emotions were not to be dwelled upon too long by his way of thinking. These thoughts only got in the way of what needed to be done next.

Again - being busy was his way.

Faint praise and overt encouragement were not the tools of his trade! I think maybe he saw these as tools often misused. His approach was to challenge you if you strayed from good form or a path where your intent was about self-first or not thinking of others or the greater good (Again I feel this was also his father's influence).

The Rotarian ideology of "service above self" perhaps captures how he approached life. He didn't speak of it, he just did it.

Charlton became his home in every sense of the word. Serving the community gave him his purpose and fulfilment in his life. We would joke amongst us of Dad's reluctance to be on the other side of the town's speed restrictions!

Dad and Mum came to the town in its 'rebuilding' phase after WW2. My child's memory from the 60's is that it was a vibrant time in the town's history. The shops, full of businesses and the community hard at work creating the services it needed. It was a busy community - just the fit for him.

And as the town has thanked him for his service, so I would think he would thank the town in return—for it has given him a good life - a place to practise his profession, raise a family and make a contribution to the community.

Remembering Dad cannot be done without the acknowledgement of Mary (Mum) by his

side and the marriage they shared for over seventy years. It was their partnership in life and love for each other that gave them both a blessed life. Mum's support for her husband, raising and nurturing the family gave him the opportunity to practise his profession and serve his community in the manner that he did.

So now, if I were to sum up his life with two words, I would need to look no further and draw inspiration from the man himself and a turn of phrase he would often use.

The memory comes to mind of the old family home in Camp Street, Dad sitting at the kitchen table and Mum enquiring if he had had enough to eat. Dad would look up from the paper he was reading - it was The Age newspaper, and he would probably be doing the crossword - and he'd simply reply "Yes thanks, I've had eloquent sufficiency"

Well Dad, your life has indeed been one of "eloquent sufficiency"

- and we will miss you.



Thank You

On Thursday 16th September a service was held by the family of Doctor Brian Walklate OAM, at the Bendigo Crematorium. Covid restrictions mandated that the number in attendance be capped at twenty, but it was also the wish of Brian that there be "no fuss". Sadly, the restrictions prevented some immediate family members attending.

A small service was conducted which saw his children and grandchildren speak from the heart of how proud they were of him and how he contributed to their lives. Some fun memories were recalled showing the character he was.

Brian's commitment to Charlton and wider districts has been generously acknowledged by the community and though he was a reluctant recipient of praise and thanks, preferring to deflect to others and acknowledge their contribution, he was appreciative of his community.

Arriving in Charlton as a 27yo to commence a life's work as a country GP until the age of 85 is a remarkable story. The family is proud of his achievements and service. We are also thankful to the community in which he worked and played. It has given him the opportunity to practise his profession, one that he always knew he wanted to do, in the manner that he did.

His was a blessed life, a life given to the service of others and in that service, he found his purpose.

Thanks to everyone for their condolences and kind thoughts - he has certainly been a part of so many people's lives.

The Walklates



Vale Raymond Walsh 1940 - 2021

Tribute as read by Hayley.

Born at Epworth Hospital Richmond on the 6th February 1940, Raymond was the only and eldest son of George and Pauline and sister to Heather.

Growing up in Elsternwick, Melbourne, he attended Elsternwick Primary school and then his secondary schooling was at Caulfield Grammar, where he enjoyed footy days and the camaraderie and friendship he had with his peers. He would help out after school in his Dad's shoe repair shop, which was located near the Elsternwick railway station. He excelled at mathematics and was very good at figures, he had an opportunity to study and work in accounting but chose not to.

Dad commenced his apprenticeship at age 16 on 9th January 1956 at Melford Motors, South Melbourne, attending Richmond Tech for 5 years and completing his apprenticeship on 17 January 1961. One of his first jobs was to paint the entire workshop. He worked on Lindsay Fox's first truck which some of you will remember featured, restored in a TV ad with Lindsay. He also related tales of the Fox family's petty criminal past. He also did a wool classing course at RMIT 1954 – 1955.

Dad knocked around with Athol Guy of Seekers fame and often talked about him playing his Mother's piano and how he played it so aggressively he thought it may fall apart. He also spent some time around the St Kilda football club as Athol played under 19's and was a quietly passionate Saints supporter. He and some mates got into some strife at the football club one Saturday night and luckily Carl Ditterich was able to step in and help them.

Most Friday nights would see Dad head from the city up to his Aunt Flo's farm at Cooma near Stanhope, to spend time with his cousins, the Millers. Here they enjoyed their time together boating and fishing. He loved the farm and I think he would have loved to be a farmer. There were also get togethers with his cousins in Melbourne, which were always a highlight. In his younger days there were trips to the trots at the Showgrounds, with his father, which were much treasured. Race 4 horse 7 was the Saturday bet which Dad's parents started and he continued, one of us will have to keep the tradition going.

Dad came to Charlton in 1965 where he was in business, where Tormey's Supermarket is today. Dad quickly established himself in the local community and often told the story of having to go out for several days in a row to start Steve Zagame's tractor for him when Steve first moved to the district. His knowledge of trucks came in handy over the years especially keeping the older trucks on the road. Farmers would go and see dad about their old trucks right up until his retirement. His knowledge and contacts in the industry will be sadly missed.

He met Mum in 1968 while she was working across the road at the hairdressers.

In 1970 he commenced work as the Service Manager and RACV Patrolman at R J Lowes, where their current business still exists today. He spoke highly of his former colleagues during this time.

Mum and Dad married in 1970 at the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, having the reception at The Cricket Club Hotel and enjoyed a honeymoon in Mildura at the caravan park. This commenced a life long partnership. To borrow a line from Forrest Gump they were like peas and carrots, always together.

They first lived at Barrakee after they were married, moving to Charlton in 1973 and into their current residence at View St in 1974. The travel time to work would not have been much different from how I have heard both of them would drive the big V8 cars on the Borung Road.

The children soon followed with Craig being born in 1971, Hayley in 1972 and Raquel in 1975.

In 1991 Walsh Motors was established with Craig, where dad worked until 2020 when he was forced into retirement with his health starting to deteriorate and the potential impact of the pandemic looming on his health. He was very proud of all his children and of Craig on all he achieved and how he grew the business.

His was a working life unselfishly dedicated to the motor trade industry and the RACV. Although I shudder to think the reception some of the stranded drivers who had broken down received on a Saturday night after a couple of beers when Raquel would drive him to jobs. Perhaps not the same as the TV ads.

In his spare time you would find Dad tinkering in his shed or Ray's hardware store as we all like to refer to it as. It was his place to be fixing and building things.

Model trains, which he had a room dedicated to, were a passion, as were trains in general, particularly riding on and train spotting. Dad knew his trains.

Family was obviously his great love, even though work and RACV calls kept him busy, he always made time to follow us kids, in whatever we did. This flowed down to the grandkids following them and having a healthy interest in their sporting pursuits be it footy, cricket, netball or anything else they were involved in. He was a great supporter of the Charlton community sponsoring many community events over a long period which Craig has continued. For example, the business has sponsored the Charlton Football Club for over 30 years.

Dad loved all his family including his extended family, cousins and second cousins. He spoke glowingly of them all and always seemed to know what they were up to.

Proud of us all and supporting us no matter what, he never had a disparaging word



even though he must of shook his head at some our decisions.

Basically his life was dedicated to his work and to his family. I recall one of their trips to our house in Castlemaine with the car and trailer full of tools and material for jobs around the house, due to the ineptitude of his son in law with tools. Dad would be pleased to know he has improved, slightly. They would work all weekend, Mum being his loyal labourer. Around 4 o'clock on Sunday the car would be packed up, it seemed Mum did most of this, and they would head home for another week of work on Monday. The trips were extremely appreciated and I know they did the same for Chris and Raquel. I hope we can also do the same for our children although probably with less skill.

Dad could do nearly anything, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, brickwork. I remember one time he was up a very tall ladder, it was nearly the height of a two story house, working on a leaking gutter. He would have been in his early sixties, way too old to be climbing a ladder but always wanted to help. He never saw himself as old even in the last few months with Mum wanting him to use the walker. 'No I am not using that I will look old,' he said. You will see a photo of Dad taken 9 days before he passed, sitting on the verandah on his phone to his sister with a crocheted rug on his lap, even then when I called him Grandpa he didn't like that.

Mum and Dad enjoyed many live shows and musicals. They enjoyed a few interstate holidays when us kids sent them on trips including Tassie in 1995 to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, Perth in 2000 to

celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary and in 2010 a train trip on The Ghan for Dads 70th birthday. They enjoyed trips away with Raquel and Chris which involved fishing, travelling on trains and holidaying at the beach. Chris and Dad any chance they got would go fishing, with little or no success. They also enjoyed a few trips in their caravan.

An important feature of Dad's day were the daily newspapers, which always consumed his time, especially the comics. He also liked his monthly train magazines, keeping him up to date with all things rail.

Dad liked a beer. I remember Jamey coming for tea at Mum & Dad's house and couldn't believe that after having dessert Dad would have another beer. For Jamey the sweet food would ruin the taste, not for Dad. Adam on several occasions when talking to Dad at the office just before 5, he would have to follow him around to continue the conversation as he found his basket, which Mum always sent lunch for him and Craig in, and turning all the lights off as it was time to go, Beer o'clock.

Dad enjoyed and looked forward to his Friday nights at The Charlton Club after his working week, to catch up with friends, have a beer and discuss all matters of interest. He was always happy for friends to drop in for dinner, a chat and enjoy a beer or a glass of wine (or 2)!

Dad was Dad, what you saw was what you got. One of the most big hearted grumpy buggers you could meet. His best kept secret was he was quite emotional, but don't tell anyone.

We will cherish the time and many memories we have all shared with you, that is something that can never be taken away.

You never complained and fought the battle until the end and to lose you is so hard but you knew it was time.

A friend who also lost his Father to Cancer 2 months ago said to me 'they must be after the extra special ones this year' and Dad to us, you were very special.

A good, honest and well lived life.

Rest easy Ray, Dad and Pa

We would like to pass on our thanks and appreciation to East Wimmera Health Charlton, The District Nurses Anne and Deb, Dr Webb, St John of God Hospital and Oncology Staff and Dr Sam Harris, for their care and attention given to Dad over the past 2 years.

Thank you to Mum for taking care of Dad for the 50+years of your marriage, especially the last 2 years since diagnoses and the last months when his health deteriorated. We know Dad really appreciated it and hated being helpless.

Thank You

Sue and family would like to thank the many people for their kindness shown towards us with the passing of Ray

Your comforting words, cards, floral tributes and food hampers were very much appreciated.



North Central Hockey & Football Success for Charlton



The Charlton Hockey Club scored a trifecta at the North Central Hockey Association Vote Count held on 16th September 2021. The club has had a very successful year fielding all teams for the first time in a number of years, and if finals had gone ahead, would have fielded a team in all divisions—possibly a first for the Club and a terrific effort.

Elise Fitzpatrick blitzed the field to take out the Best & Fairest for the Under 15s. Elise has had a stella year which included playing in the Under 15s at the National Championships in Bathurst. Xanthe Fitzpatrick was a joint winner with Talei Brooks from Birchip Watchem in Women's. Henry Bourke easily took out the award for Best & Fairest in Men's.

The Club have not held its Vote Club which has been postponed until they can meet in person.

L to R: Under 15's Best & Fairest—Elise Fitzpatrick; Men's Best & Fairest—Henry Bourke; Women's Best & Fairest—Xanthe Fitzpatrick.



At the North Central Football League Vote Count, Charlton's Tom Finlay was awarded the Tooleybuc Sporting Club President's Award. Tom also finished third in the Feeny Medal count on 13 votes and Angus McKenzie came in fifth on 9 votes. The Club's Vote count is still to take place.



Charlton Harness Racing Club

RACE DAY UPDATE

There have been many recent enquiries regarding the status of race day attendance at Charlton.

As it stands at the moment only race day participants – drivers, trainers and strappers are permitted on course, along with essential staff to run the meeting. These include clerks of the course, track attendants, stewards, track maintenance staff and various CHRC officials.

There has also been an increase in covid marshals on course to ensure that all runs according to the strict protocols put in place – temperature testing, QR check ins, masks and social distancing continue to be the norm.

It is worth noting that all racing participants have been mandated to be fully vaccinated by 26th November to be allowed to continue to attend meetings and the early response from participants across the board has been most positive. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can again have visitors on course to enjoy the summer months of racing.

What form that will take we are not yet sure, but rest assured we are looking forward to seeing familiar faces again on track and planning ways to welcome harness racing fans back to Charlton.

VALE RAY WALSH

The club would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the recent sad passing of one of our favourite members – Ray Walsh.

Ray was a most active member who never missed a social occasion and was most generous in his support of all club initiatives. A regular on course and at our monthly raffles Ray embraced all the fun aspects of being part of a race club – including a punt! Walsh Motors are current club sponsors and are always on hand to help out when things go awry which they so often do at the worst moment. Ray and Craig have always been there to help.

Apart from that Ray valued the Charlton community immensely, was always good company and just a great bloke. He will be so missed by us all and remembered with great fondness.

The Charlton Harness Racing Club sends its deepest condolences to our treasurer Hayley, Sue, Raquel, Craig and all of their families. RIP Ray.

WEDNESDAY WAGER IN TROUBLE!!

We are sure that sooner rather than later the tide will turn for our Wednesday Wager!

Current total is stuck on \$133.00 which quite frankly is not going to buy us much fun!

It's been a while since our last winner but nonetheless members are following along hoping for the best! It is an easy way for us

to stay connected with our members and learn about the merits of following the trots on TROTS VISION.

TROTS VISION is Harness Racing Victoria's live streaming service which allows anyone to watch races and pre and post interviews, along with form analysis of each meeting free on your phone, tablet or computer. We really encourage all our members to familiarise themselves with this over the next few weeks and months as we move into Group racing.

REMINDER – THE VICTORIA CUP has been transferred to Bendigo Sat 9th OCT due to the curfew rules currently in place at Melton.

We wish Erik and the team at Bendigo all the best hosting this iconic night for the industry.

CHARLTON WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Well the wheels literally keep turning for the training and driving ranks here in Charlton – well done to all those who saluted during the month of September.

Special mention to President Joe Thompson who at last cracked it for a double – something that has surprisingly but annoyingly alluded him over his long training career. Nice to achieve the milestone on home soil and with local lad Ryan in the sulky. Tick it off Joe ... finally!!

- STAG PARTY, BENDIGO, GREG NORMAN
- CLARENDON ENVOY, CHARLTON, JOE THOMPSON, RYAN SANDERSON
- CEE CEE IN AMERICA, CHARLTON, JOE THOMPSON, RYAN SANDERSON
- CUTTY SARK, MILDURA, SHANE SANDERSON, RYAN SANDERSON
- CHISSY, GEELONG, RYAN SANDERSON

- VANQUISH STRIDE, STAWELL, SHANE SANDERSON
- VANQUISH STRIDE, OUYEN, SHANE SANDERSON
- MAJOR WATSON, CHARLTON, ABBY SANDERSON (WIN NUMBER 3!!)
- AWESOME OLLIE, MELTON, JOHN TORMEY, ELLEN TORMEY
- NERO STRIDE, SWAN HILL, SHANE SANDERSON, RYAN SANDERSON
- CEE CEE IN AMERICA, SWAN HILL, JOE THOMPSON RYAN SANDERSON

UPCOMING RACE DATES AT CHARLTON

THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER
SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER



Abby with Nero Stride



Joe and Ryan with winning double horses, Clarendon Envoy & Cee Cee In America

Charlton Bowling Club Season Opens

YES! We have opened for season 2021/2022 in cooler conditions on Sunday September 12th than had been experienced during the week prior. The sun was shining, and the temperature was around 15 degrees with the WNW winds persisting between 20kph and 40kph while we were playing. Eighteen members attended our Opening Day of Practice being the allowable terminology for sport to play within the covid rules.

President, Richard Porter, welcomed members to our Practice Opening Day and informed members of the pro-

posed start of Pennant on Saturday October 2nd and Mid-week on Tuesday October 5th.

A Minute's Silence was observed for George Grose who was the older brother of long-time member Geoff Grose, and Brian 'Doc' Walklate who was certainly a Legend in Charlton.

The day's practice and Club Opening started with Club Champion, Secretary and Life Member, Kevin Willey, rolling the Kitty and 2019/20 Ladies Club Champion, Lynne Southwell, rolling the first bowl. (It is great to see Lynne back this season after most of last season

off after an operation on her bowling hand).

With around twelve ends being completed the skies looked like they were going to burst, and they did with members running for cover as hail stones covered the greens within minutes. Well that finished the bowls for the day even though the sun did shine again as another 0.6mm fell making the total 1.2mm including the hail.

Once inside a birthday cake was presented to Brad Chester with a couple of 4's on the top and members gladly sang Happy Birthday while Brad had a

big smile on his face. Brad became a full-time member in 2015 when Murdoch House gave him a scholarship to play the sport he loved. He nominated our Bowling Club to receive the money so we bought him a set of bowls and a club shirt to start his bowling career. He might have the most unorthodox delivery but look out when he has his eye in. Well, Done Brad.

Pennant Practise is Thursdays from 4.30pm – 6.30pm and members are urged to attend.



Above: Club Champion Kevin Willey rolling the first kitty.



Above: 2019/20 Ladies Club Champion Lynne Southwell rolling the first bowl.



Left: Hail covering the green.
Above: Brad turns 44.



Charlton Netball Club

CNC Presentation Dinner and Vote Count

The Charlton Netball Club held a hybrid Presentation Dinner on Saturday September 18 in the function room of the Charlton Park Community Complex. To adhere to the current restrictions and allow the relevant players to be present, sittings were held for each age group. Those that couldn't attend were able to watch it through the live stream from the comfort of home.

In her welcome, President Shelley Nelson spoke of how great it was for us to be able to play some competitive netball this season, yet disappointing that A and B didn't get to challenge in the finals. Having not held a formal function in 2020, she thanked Randall Perry for his drive in the reconstruction of the area between our courts and the change rooms during 2020, and Wes Jenkyn for his tireless work in keeping it looking its best. Acknowledging the club has a fabulous area on which we can continue to develop. Shelley also spoke about how the club, after many years of deliberation, this year purchased an electronic scoreboard with the assistance of funds from North Central Smash Repairs. The scoreboard has been a wonderful addition, it shows lovely clear scores, has the functionality to promote sponsors and events and also cuts down the covid workload, with only the keyboard needing to be wiped instead of each individual number. The club was fortunate to have a great band of other generous sponsors on board for the season, including Walsh Motors, Charlton Massage Clinic, Charlton & District Community Bank, Heenan's Charlton Authorised Newsagency, House to Home, Loveland Electrical, North West Ag Services, Perry Contractors, REX Theatre, Roberts Windrowing and Fencing Contractors, Stacey's Dental and Tormey's IGA. The club really appreciates their continued support in these challenging times and we trust that our members will endeavour to support them whenever possible. Shelley acknowledged the contribution from all of the committee this year, adhering to the constantly changing Covid protocols definitely increased our workload, but everyone worked hard to ensure our players got to get out on court. As committee member, Katelyn McIntyre, will be leaving at the end of this year, Shelley thanked Katelyn and her family for their contributions to the club over the years. She acknowledged that whilst only small in numbers the club ran NetSetGo again. It was great to see two of our younger members in Emmersyn Nelson and Isabel Soulsby gaining their first taste of coaching, through running these sessions which are very important in ensuring a future for our club.

Coaches of the 13 & Under A team, Amy

Nicolson and Zara Jenkyn spoke about how exciting it was to see the improvement in the players as the season progressed. Two awards were presented at this level, Anika Holmes-Brown was named "Most Consistent". Anika diversified this season, discovering a talent in defence. Delilah Harris received the award for "Most Improved". Delilah having experienced netball for the very first time this year.

The 16 & Under A coaches, Maddi Fitzpatrick and Maddy Tormey, expressed the enjoyment they had encountered during the season with a diverse group of girls. The group truly drawing closer as a unit as the season progressed. Votes were spread in the initial five games, with only two votes separating a top four. The eventual winner, Isabel Soulsby, finished the season strongly, being awarded best on court in the final four games of the season and received the Best and Fairest trophy for her efforts. Runner Up was tightly contested, with Emmersyn Nelson and Annie Olive tying. Zali Heenan received the Coaches' award. After the count the girls provided the parents present to a dance performance. Something they have worked on since the season end over zoom and in person when permitted.

Kasey King was awarded the C Grade Best and Fairest. Kasey finished 8 votes clear of Runner Up, Rebecca Sexton. Kasey had a stellar season in the centre, with 7 best on court performances. As Coach, Kasey spoke of how proud she was of the efforts and achievements of the team. Kasey was also the Players' Choice, and she awarded Bethany Shearwood-Boyd the Coaches' Award.

The B Grade count conducted by Coach Dave Clausen remained tight during the first round. Megan Bruns finishing a runaway winner in the end finishing with 24 votes. Emily Lanyon and Tessa Sexton tied for Runner Up, Tessa missing the final three games of the season due to injury. Megan and Lucinda Holmes-Brown were the Players' Choice and Lucinda was awarded "Most Improved".

The A Grade count was again another exciting affair. Team young guns Maddison Fitzpatrick and Abby Thompson both finishing on 16 votes to be awarded joint Best and Fairest. Maddi having been a key attacking player, played at goal attack for the season and Abby having played goal defence where she reads the play well. Brian Fitzpatrick presented Maddi and Abby with the Lucy Fitzpatrick Memorial Trophy. He congratulated the two girls and said he was particularly proud to have another Fitzpatrick name on the trophy. Kirsty McKenzie was awarded Runner Up, finishing just one vote behind. Kirsty was also the Players' Choice and Zara Jenkyn

was awarded "Most Improved".

The Club announced Maddison Fitzpatrick as its Rising Star for 2021. In 2021 Maddison continued her involvement in the Netball Victoria Talent Academy and represented North Central in the 17 & Under. She has also played a key role in the attack end of the Charlton A Grade side.

Maddison was also presented with the Club's Junior Incentive Award for season 2021. Besides contributing to the regular week to week duties Maddison has undertaken online modules to expand her knowledge of coaching. After being an assistant to the 13 & Under team the previous 2 years, this year she was joint Coach of the 16 & Under A team where she has taken training both in person and via zoom during lockdown. Maddison has undertaken various Umpire Education courses and in 2021 re-sat her Theory Examination and gained her C Grade Badge.

The final award of the evening was the Claire McGrath Memorial for Best Club person. Jennie McGrath presented the award to Julie Roberts. Julie has been an active member of the club for a long period of time now. In short, Julie undertook the Treasurer role at the club for the fourth consecutive year. She is an active committee person, having kept covid supplies up to date, worked at catering events, assisted with grant submissions and whose experience is very valuable in ensuring the smooth running of the club. Julie has also been the 16 & Under Primary Care person in 2021 and has undertaken various other court-side roles in previous seasons.

Once the formal presentations concluded players in attendance were entertained with a guess the younger player quiz.



Claire McGrath Best Club Person: Julie Roberts & Jennie McGrath.



Charlton Netball Club



*13 & Under Most Consistent:
Anika Holmes-Brown.*



*13 & Under Most Improved: Delilah
Harris*



*16 & Under A: L to R: Emmersyn Nelson-Runner Up Best & Fairest;
Isabel Soulsby-Best & Fairest; Annie Olive-Runner Up Best & Fairest;
Zali Heenan-Coaches Award*



*C Grade: L to R: Rebecca Sexton – Runner Up; Kasey King – Best & Fairest
and Players' Choice; Bethany Shearwood-Boyd – Coaches Award*



*B Grade: L to R: Emily Lanyon – Runner Up Best
& Fairest; Megan Bruns – Best & Fairest & Play-
er's Choice; Tessa Sexton – Runner Up Best &
Fairest.*

*B Grade: Lucinda
Holmes-Brown –
Coaches Award &
Players' Choice*



*A Grade: L to R: Zara Jenkyn – Coaches Award; Maddison Fitzpatrick &
Abby Thompson - Best & Fairest; Kirsty McKenzie- Runner Up Best &
Fairest & Players' Choice.*



*Lucy Fitzpatrick (A Grade Best & Fairest) – Abby Thompson, Brian Fitz-
patrick & Maddison Fitzpatrick*

Tennis is Back!!

The Charlton Lawn Tennis Club is looking forward to its 141st season beginning this month. In line with current Covid-19 restrictions, recreational tennis and training is currently allowed, until 'community sport' can begin from the 5th of November.

The North Central Tennis Association competition will commence on Saturday the 6th of November, with Charlton entering one team. Those interested in playing competition tennis against Donald, St Arnaud, Birchip and Nullawil on a Saturday afternoon please contact either Wendy Laffin – 0427 115 194, or Troy Heenan – 0431 813 344 to register your interest or for any queries.

This season will see the return of a senior social tennis 'competition' on a Thursday night commencing on Thursday the 14th of October at 6:00pm. Until the 5th of November, this will be held as training sessions in preparation for both Saturday afternoon and a little more structured Thursday nights. The competition will likely take the format of a Ladder System, similar to the way Thursday nights ran last season. For this format of social competition there is no requirement to be available every week and you can play when it suits. Why not come down for a hit and enjoy the fabulous 16 grass courts that are on offer, a bite to eat and some refreshments to make it a great social night?? And as soon as the new lights and fencing is complete, a relaxed, pleasant Thursday evening, with a hit of tennis should be had by all. Please contact Troy Heenan on 0431 813 344 for details or questions.

Thursday morning Ladies will also continue this year, those looking to participate should contact Rae Heenan on 0437 093 672 for details.

Junior players will again be catered for on a Thursday afternoon/evening, further details will be available after the AGM and confirmation of format and dates. Traditionally juniors has consisted of both the Hotshots program for those just starting out (under 10s)

and a program including coaching for the older juniors. To register your interest, again please contact Troy (0431 813 344).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - was held recently, Troy Heenan will enter his second year as President, and Michelle Jenkyn continues as Secretary. The club welcomes Cameron White to the committee as Vice-President, and Matt & Jess McGurk take on joint responsibility for the Treasurer role, taking over from Wayne Southwell who the club thanks immensely for the sterling job done over many years. Wendy Laffin will again take on the role of Saturday team captain.



INTERESTED IN PLAYING TENNIS IN SEASON 2021/22
JOIN THE CHARLTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB ON A SATURDAY

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Change of Date for the Charlton Art Show

The Rotary Club of Charlton has changed the date for its annual art and photographic exhibition to Friday 19th November. It was originally planned for the 8th October, but with current covid conditions, this date has become untenable. With the State Government now announcing their roadmap out of covid, and with plans for certain restrictions to be lifted toward the end of October, the club is confident that the show can go ahead.

It will be a wonderful opportunity for the local community to socialise and support those artists and photographers who have been in isolation for so long.

The dedicated art show committee are still accepting entries and are happy to field any enquiries artists may have. Please contact Jenny Watts 13jennywatts@gmail.com or Pat Mathews kevpat1@bigpond.com



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Art Exhibition Co-ordinator: Enquiries or entry forms
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St Joseph's Churches in Charlton & Banyena, East Wimmera Parish

In the East Wimmera Parish, we have two churches named after St Joseph, one in Banyena and the other in Charlton. Both were built at a time when Australian gold rushes were changing the convict colonies into more progressive cities with the influx of free immigrants.

Banyena, 40 kms west of St Arnaud, is the church recognised in the recently released film "The Dry". St. Joseph's Banyena was built in 1876 using timbers from the local Bolangum Hills. These timbers were carted by bullock teams and it was indeed a labor intensive exercise. The church still stands to this day with some modifications.

The original church in Charlton was built around the same time as Banyena, although 30 years later the Bishop of Ballarat, Dr Higgins, appealed to the people of Charlton to build a new church and the corner stone was laid in 1907. It was unfortunate that on January 1, 1991 this church was destroyed by fire but has since been replaced by a more modern building which stands in pride of place today.

Although a similar start to Banyena, Charlton also has a catholic school attached to it. St Joseph's primary school started in 1895/96 and classes were held in the church during the week. The four main classrooms of the present school were built in 1959,

and more rooms were added in the sixties and seventies. The school is still in operation and values the role of St Joseph in its teachings.

Throughout St Joseph's Banyena and Charlton's 145-year history they have played a central role in the life of local families. They have been the place to celebrate both joyous occasions and to join together to support each other during times of loss and difficulty.

By Noeline Hogan (Parish Coordinator – East Wimmera Parish) –

"Our Diocesan Community" (Catholic Diocese of Ballarat).



Above: St Joseph's—Charlton built in 1907.

Right: St Joseph's—Banyena, built in 1876.



Success in North Central Netball Association

The North Central Netball Association streamed their Vote Count and Presentations from Charlton on Monday 20th September. A small group of Charlton representatives were able to be present in person. Maddison Fitzpatrick was the recipient of the NCNA Junior Incentive award. Maddi extending her on court contributions in season 2021 to include coaching the 16 & Under A team, a role she worked on improving during 2020 by completing online learning modules; umpiring, where this year she gained her C Grade Badge; and many other day to day duties around the club. Kasey King featured prominently in the C Grade count where she finished third. Megan Bruns' stellar season was rewarded with the NCNA B Grade Best and Fairest. Megan having played defence all season polled in 8 out of the 11 games, including being named best on court 5 times, to finish on 20 votes. A very well deserved award. The club congratulates these girls and is hoping to have a family day where they can be recognised in person prior to looking to season 2022.



Above: Megan Bruns—B Grade Best & Fairest.



Above: Maddie Fitzpatrick—NCNA Junior Incentive Award.

Charlton Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to the latest catch up from the Charlton Golden Grains Museum. It has been a great pleasure to again open our museum doors to the public following the easing of some lockdown restrictions, and we are looking forward to the vaccine rates in the community being at a level where life will be getting back to some normality. As is always the case, our members have continued to do a great job working on listing new donations and trying to keep doing all the behind the scene things that require attention.

We were pleased recently to be able to hold our Annual General Meeting within COVID-19 restrictions, and even though the year was severely interrupted with lockdowns, so many achievements were listed by our President, Anne Kenny. All Office Bearers accepted nominations to remain in their current roles, and it was agreed that the year ahead would be a very productive one for the museum with planned exhibitions and road trips.

Our Secretary, Carolyn, had the privilege of showcasing our museum to the Governor of Victoria, The Honourable Linda Dessau AC, and her husband, Mr Anthony Howard. It was a virtual visit and Carolyn had the opportunity to talk about the museum and showcase some of our treasured items. The 1928 Football Premiership trophy, won by Woosang Football Club, proved a winner with both the Governor and Mr Howard being avid AFL fans.

The museum also took part in the AMAGA Awards on Tuesday 5th, where in another virtu-

al event, we were awarded our accreditation. This can be viewed on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nD_Hcy3pxWY.

With the longer days and warmer weather approaching, this month's feature looks at the history of the Charlton Swimming Pool. Many old images are held at the museum of happy days being enjoyed at the popular swimming spots prior to the pool's construction, including the old Charlton Weir. Following the successful 1926 'Back to Charlton' celebrations, 100 pounds of the event's profit was allocated towards the establishment of community baths, on condition a similar community amount could be raised within 12 months by the Charlton Progress Association. This was achieved, and with a further grant from the State Government, sufficient funds were on hand to start construction of the concrete baths and changing shed. The official opening was

on the 19th November 1937 by Cr William Williams and was so successful 150 pounds was made which went towards the baths opening debt of 390 pounds. Total cost was 1083 pounds for the 20 metre x 40 metre structure which had a depth of just under one metre to over 2 metres. It was the first baths opened in northern Victoria.

With the hot summer climate, the Charlton Council realized from the late 1940's the desirability of a better pool with a water filtration plant and children's paddling pool would be required, but construction of the new pool was held up due to shortages of steel and concrete. The old baths remained in operation until the current Charlton pool was opened in December 1961, where in its first year of operation over 18,000 visits were recorded, excluding school groups. This grew to almost 21,000 attendances 2 years later in the 1963/4 season. This pool con-

tinues to serve Charlton with upgrades to the buildings in recent years.

The museum is always looking for more new members to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public. You could give as much or as little time each month as you wish. 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 or historic items.

Check out our Facebook Page or search on your browser 'Golden Grain Museum Charlton'.

Phone enquiries:

President Anne 0408 547 973

Secretary Carolyn 0418 361 971

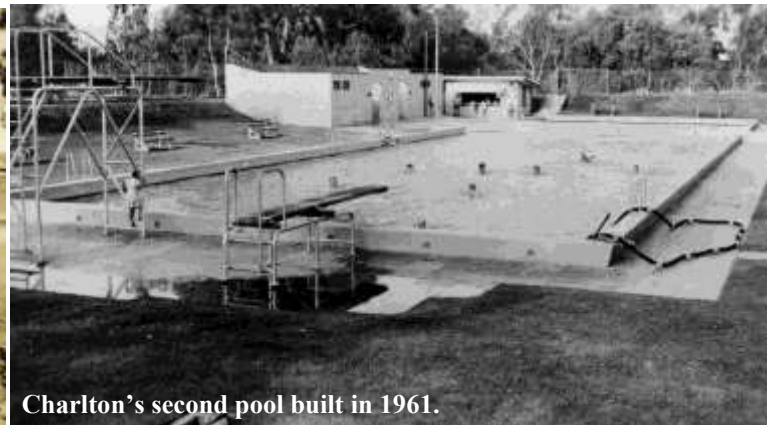
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All contributions welcome. There will be more exciting news about the celebrations in the coming months.



LIONS CLUB OF CHARLTON INC

We have finally produced and distributed the 2021 Local Phone directory only to find a few small mistakes listed below.

- Page 34 – Kathy Rogan's Mobile should be **0418 323 940**
Page 42 – Marg White has cancelled her landline after her entry.
Page 47 – St Martins Mobile should be **0435 593 359**

APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE

Please make these amendments to your New Orange phone directory.

Anyone who has missed out may contact Garry Larmour on 54911647 or Kevin Willey on 54911830 to receive a copy.

CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton

When: Sunday 17th October 2021, 7am to 6pm

Weigh in: 6pm at Clubrooms followed by BBQ tea

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet at the Clubhouse before fishing
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching and releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in by 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.
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For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652



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2021 Charlton Show Cancelled

Due to the ongoing restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic the Charlton A & P Society committee have regrettably cancelled the 2021 Charlton Show. We are very disappointed to have to cancel this event for a second consecutive year.

The committee had started planning and preparing for the Show back in April with all intentions of bringing the community that one day of fun and excitement, however under the current restrictions we felt it is not feasible or safe for the community to gather for the Show.

We would sincerely like to thank all the businesses and supporters who had already contributed towards the Show this year and hope your support will be ongoing as we plan for a bigger and better 2022 Charlton Show. If you would like your sponsorship funds returned directly, please contact Amy to make arrangements.

To discuss this further, please feel free to contact the committee.

Stay safe and we hope to see you at the 2022 Charlton Show!

President: Billy Fitzpatrick Ph. 0409 056 732

Secretary: Wendy Laffin Ph. 0427 115 194

Treasurer & sponsorship: Amy Nicolson Ph. 0428 188 912

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Buckrabanyule Memorial Hall Inc.

2021 Melbourne Cup - Euchre and Bowls Night

The annual Melbourne Cup Euchre and Bowls night at the Buckrabanyule Hall has again been postponed until next year due to the continuing impact of Covid-19.

We hope to see everyone again in 2022.

Please Stay Safe!

Buckrabanyule Hall Committee

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WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2021

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Charlton Lions Club
Swap Meet Cancelled

St Martin's Messenger—October 2021

Worship:

- Holy Communion 1pm Sunday 3 October
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
- Holy Communion 1pm Sunday 17 October
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
- Holy Communion 1pm Sunday 7 November
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Savour the moment

So here is the situation – the game is over – the outcome determined. One team wins and one team loses. No surprises there. But for the supporters of the team who lost – what happens then?

The team that came second – well, they made it to the final – a worthy achievement by any measure.

So we can acknowledge the loss, accept it, appreciate the efforts that allowed the game to occur and come to terms with what it means for the future? This means that we do not have to pack up the flag, put away the scarf straight away on the day

afterwards. This process of acknowledgement can take some time to process and should not be rushed.

If we only celebrate the wins in our lives, then we are missing out on the other opportunities to express emotion and feelings. So maybe we should celebrate the loss and the draw as well. (Maybe celebrate isn't the right word, maybe acknowledge and reflect). This would allow us to mark the time appropriately, consider our feelings and think about where we will place the memories and time in our life's story.

So don't only celebrate the wins, acknowledge the losses as well, giving some space to the things that happen in our lives – they can be important to reflect on, understand and file away in our lived history.

Romans 12:15 'Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep'.

Reverend Judi Bird, 0435 593 359,
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East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times:

- Sun. 10th Oct. 10.30am (Livestreamed into St Joseph's Church from St Arnaud)
- Sun. 17th Oct. 10.30am (Livestreamed into St Joseph's Church from Donald)
- Sun. 25th Oct. 10.30am (Livestreamed from St Joseph's Church)
- Sun. 31st Oct. No Mass

Currently places of worship are allowed up to 20 persons – if you would like to attend St Joseph's Church on any of the above dates please contact Anne 0408 547 973.



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North Central Garden Club

As Spring is upon us plans for the annual Open Gardens scheduled for October 10 will not go ahead this year .

Open gardens have proved popular for the community over the past 7 years, attracting visitors from across the state. The many gardens in town and country that have been open have delighted and pleased visitors assuring return visits year after year.

The club has been grateful to the owners of the gardens that have participated allowing the day to be a continued success .The well stocked plant stalls with a terrific selection of potted plants, cuttings etc for the keen collector has been popular.

Hopefully 2022 will see a better outcome and Open Gardens will go ahead. At this time the October meeting scheduled for Tuesday 26, 2pm, Lions Lodge will go ahead pending the rules. The recent rain has been ideal for the gardens. Hopefully you are putting in your practises in combating the fruit fly.

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3	4 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	5 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	6	7 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	8 Probus Meeting	9
10	11 Angling Club Meeting 8pm Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	12 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	13	14 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting Harness Racing	15 RSL Meeting 4:30pm Rotary	16 Boogie in the Buloke
17 Fishing Comp	18 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting, 7:15pm CWA Cabbaritta 10:30am	19 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	20 Lions Business Meeting 8:00pm	21 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	22	23
24	25 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	26 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm NCGC 2pm	27	28 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Bowls Triples T'ment 12pm	29	30

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All meetings & events TBC & subject to Covid-19 restrictions

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	2 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	3 Lions Dinner Meeting	4 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	5 Rotary	6 Lions Paper Collection from 9am Bowls Pennant
7	8 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling Club Meeting 8pm	9 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	10 Mens Shed—Buloke Halt Presentation, 3pm	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	12 Probus Meeting	13
14 Art Show	15 CWA Cabbaritta 10:30am Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting, 8pm	16 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	17	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	19 RSL Meeting 4:30pm Art Show	20 Art Show
21 Fishing Comp Harness Racing Art Show	22 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	23 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	24	25 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	26	27
28	29 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	30 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm				