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History Remembered - Charlton CWA Commemoration

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Taking a step back in time, members of the Charlton Country Women's Association (CWA) Branch, "Cabbaritta" donned vintage outfits recently to mark a milestone tribute to the pioneer women of the district.

The 85th anniversary of the erection of the memorial gateway at the entrance to the Mechanics Institute and Band Rotunda in Elliott Gardens saw the present-day CWA members gather for a photograph to highlight the occasion.

Originally dedicated on 10th November 1936, the project was initiated by the CWA Branch of the day to commemorate the contribution of the early women settlers. The stone pillars and benches remain, along with the dedication plaque, but the fate of the original gates is unknown.

A Charlton Tribune coverage of the event states that the ceremony was held in conjunction with the CWA Conference which took place at the Victoria Hall. Making reference to the large crowd on the day the article continues:

"At the conclusion of the conference the Dedication of the Memorial Gate to Pioneer Women took place at the entrance to the Mechanics Institute grounds. Cr. S.G. John, Shire President, addressed the large assembly, referring to the deep debt of gratitude owed to the pioneer women of the district. Cr. John, at the conclusion of his address, called upon Mrs. W. E. Sargood, State President of the C.W.A. to unveil the tablet. A number of the pioneer women of the district were present and were afterwards entertained at afternoon tea."

A further item in the Tribune, entitled "The Pioneer Women - Let Us Remember Them Always", states:

"No record exists of the achievements of the pioneer women of this district and we are inclined to take their loving sacrifice and brave hearts for granted.

We owe more to the women pioneers than to the men, for not only had the women to live lonely lives, bear and rear the

family, but also take a full share in the subjection of the virgin bush to cultivated land. And work in the house, with all its pioneer inconveniences, and heart-breaking drudgery was the lot of the splendid women whose memory the C.W.A. desires to commemorate. Every town in Australia should be the proud possessor of the finest memorial possible to the Pioneer Women, the mothers of the men and women today."

A lengthy poem by G. E. Evans followed, entitled "The Women of the West", which accentuated the trials faced by women as the new land was inhabited. Stanza 3 reads:

"In the slab-built, zinc-roofed homestead of some lately taken run,

In the tent beside the bankment of a railway just begun,

In the huts on new selections, in the camps of man's unrest,

*On the frontiers of the Nation, live
The Women of the West."*

Unfortunately, no known photograph exists of the unveiling of this memorial.

Cabbaritta members also added to their history book with a re-creation of photos of their CWA predecessors from the 1950's (and possibly an earlier era) with a group shot on the band rotunda steps. Set-up in a similar style to the past, Office Bearers stood at ground level with members arranged on the steps.

The morning concluded with a tour through Charlton's Golden Grains Museum.

(Thanks to Carolyn Olive at the Golden Grains Museum for supplying the background material for this article).



Above: The 85th anniversary of CWA's tribute to the achievements of the district's pioneer women was commemorated by the current CWA Branch "Cabbaritta" last Thursday. Pictured (l-r) (seated) Maria Perger, Donna McCallum, Bernice Kenny, (standing) Elizabeth Richardson, Joanne Phillips, (right seated) Janet Stafford, Bev Turner, Bronwyn Fisher, Moira Olive, (standing) Shirleen Stafford and Susan Walsh.

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*From the Editor
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the last edition for 2021.

Firstly I'd like to thank all the sponsors for your generous support. We gain more sponsors each year and at last count had 45. Secondly I like to thank all the contributors—without your content there would be no newsletter. I rarely have to chase people up so thank you for your prompt submissions. Thank you to Jenny Pollard and the Buloke Times who kindly let us use their content. Thank you to the Neighbourhood House who print and distribute the newsletter each month. A big thank you to Anne my trusty proof reader. Lastly, thank you for all the positive feedback—it really helps when life gets a bit hectic.

I look forward to bringing you the local news next year. Note—there will be no January newsletter.

On the home front, our harvest is finally underway. We have a lot of canola this year and they are almost halfway through it. I'm always glad when they've finished the canola—lots of little black seeds rolling around everywhere! Both our boys are home which is nice—Justin helping with harvest and Nick working at Grainflow.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year.

Cheers
Carolyn

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sponsors for 2021.**

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Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

- Uniting Church Market
Saturday 4th December
- Harness Racing
Thursday 16th December
- Community Christmas Carols
Sunday 19th December
- Christmas Fest
Wednesday 22nd December
- Harness Racing
Monday 17th January
- Tennis Tournament
Sat 22nd—Mon 24th January



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- New kitchen/pantry.
- Central heating and cooling.
- Fully secured with NBN connection.
- 23,000 litre water tank.
- Maintainable garden.

Rex Closed for Renovations

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Following the recent \$800,000 funding announcement for the Rex Theatre's back-stage upgrade, patrons are advised that the venue will remain closed until the completion of the renovation, which is scheduled for June 2022.

With demolition of the old toilet block due to begin in coming weeks, along with the blocking off of fire exits as work progresses, the venue will not comply with building regulations, and so cannot operate.

Adding to the disappointment of the past two years, with rolling disruptions caused by Covid lockdowns, this latest news adds to the ongoing down-time experienced by the Rex, and extends the frustrations experienced by loyal supporters.

Chair of the Rex Board, Hayden McKinnon said, "We understand people will be disappointed by this news, but the upgrade marks a new beginning which will see the Rex evolve into a venue capable of presenting greater variety and scope of live theatre. This in turn translates into bigger and better cultural possibilities for our town and region."

While the Rex has introduced many operational upgrades and cosmetic improvements during the on-again-off-again seasons under Covid, patrons have scarcely had the chance to note the developments, which are geared

towards bringing 21st century technology to the 1938 building.

"Boosting efficiency, addressing comfort and providing inclusiveness for all is taking the Rex forward," said Hayden. "These steps build greater capacity for the facility, which in turn means our local populations are the beneficiaries. From streamlining access, to boosting drawing power for more wide-ranging live

performance, the Rex is establishing a solid base from which to grow into the future."

Updates on the progress of the renovation will be available on the Rex Facebook page, with key highlights circulated through all media outlets.

Below: Plans can be viewed in the front window of the Rex.



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Merry Christmas
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Christmas trading hours

Please see below our trading hours:

Community Bank - Charlton
Friday 24 December - 11.00am to 5.00pm
Reopening Tuesday 4 January - 11.00am to 4.00pm



The Charlton and District Community Bank would like to wish all of its customers and the Charlton community a Merry Christmas and safe holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in 2022 to help you with all your banking needs.

Thank you for your support throughout the challenges 2021 has delivered us all.

Community Bank - Charlton

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

UNITE to Fight Cancer

A group of motivated Charlton locals and friends took to the pavement recently and met the challenge of walking 60km in 10 days between 14-23rd October for the Unite to Fight Cancer 2021 challenge.

Our team members met the challenge kicking off on Oct 14th either individually or with other team members over the 10 days. Some racking up the kms around the streets of Charlton, the gravel tracks of Buckrabanyule, while others took in the sights of Castlemaine. We finished off our challenge by uniting together to complete our final 6kms as a team in Charlton.

Our team aptly and cheekily named F*** Cancer exceeded expectations raising a combined total of over \$19,000, putting us

in 6th place on the leaderboard for fundraising efforts for the challenge.

UNITE to Fight Cancer 2021 fundraises vital funds for the **Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation** providing some of the brightest minds in cancer research the specialised technologies and resources needed to make exciting breakthroughs. Ultimately, that could mean a life-changing difference for people affected by cancer.

It's not too late to sponsor our team, go to the following link and choose a team member to sponsor.

<https://my.unitetofightcancer.org.au/f-cancer>

Right: Raquel Walsh, Craig Walsh and Hayley Soulsby walking in honour of their Dad, Ray.



Probus News



November Meeting of the Charlton Probus Club was held November 12th after months of lockdown, due to Covid 19.

November Birthdays are Moira Sheahan, Barb Dalrymple, Maretia Doughty, Kevin

Mathews and Mary Nener.

Our guest speaker for the November meeting was from The National Stroke Foundation.

The National Stroke Foundation is a national not-for-profit organisation that works with stroke survivors, carers,

health professionals, government and the public to reduce the impact of stroke on the Australian community.

Their mission is to stop stroke, save lives and end suffering.

Stroke is largely preventable, changes can be made to

reduce our risk of stroke.

A reminder of our Christmas Meeting – to be held 11.30am Friday 10th December at the East Charlton Hotel. Followed by Christmas Lunch at 12.30. Covid restrictions will apply and you will need proof of vaccination to attend.



Above: November birthdays. L to R—Kevin Mathews, Barb Dalrymple, Mary Nener & Moira Sheahan



Above: 80th Birthdays—Moira Sheahan, Eily Rosewall and Heather Hargreaves

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Charlton Remembers

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A small crowd gathered outside the Charlton RSL Clubrooms on 11 November to observe the 103rd anniversary of the Armistice which ended World War I.

On the day now known as Remembrance Day, participants joined with RSL members to observe a minute's silence at 11am and "stand-to" for the playing of the "Last Post".

A number of attendees laid wreaths at the

foot of the sturdy "Lone Pine" outside the club room – a plant derived from the original tree on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Charlton RSL Sub-Branch President, Gordon Risk, then recited "The Ode" before thanking those in attendance for their support.

Unlike last year's commemoration, people were able to attend *and* share some social time following the service.

With 2021 marking the centenary of the

sale of poppies (originally begun in the UK to raise money to support ex-servicemen and the families of those who died in the conflict), Charlton Vice-President, Bill Young, said 2021 had been a very good year for the sale of poppies and associated RSL items.

"We had in excess of \$1,600 of sales, making this probably our best year ever".



Above: Alan McGillivray (l) and Geoff Bulleid (r) are pictured following the Remembrance service in Charlton last Thursday. Alan wore CFA and National Service medals, and Geoff wore his father's WW II medals (service in New Guinea and Japan), his brother's Solomon Islands medals, plus his own medals from service in Vietnam during the 1970's.



Above: Charlton resident, Julie Young, laid a wreath in memory of her grandfather, Leslie Jones, who was one of the first servicemen to land at Gallipoli. Wearing his, and her father's WW II service medals, Julie herself was in service with the Women's Royal Australian Army Corp in 1974-75.



Above: Marking the 11th November at 11 am, Charlton residents are pictured outside the RSL Sub Branch Club rooms.

St Joseph's Community - East Wimmera Parish

On Sunday 28th November during Mass St Joseph's Community remembered parishioners and past parishioners of St Joseph's who died during 2021. We also remembered family members and friends from other areas who passed away this year.

Friends or relatives were invited to light a candle and were given

a posy, of rosemary for remembrance and lavender for peace, as symbols of hope and love which give meaning in the midst of loss.

November is a time of remembrance but 28th November was also the First Sunday of Advent – a time of hope.

After Mass many of the parishioners enjoyed lunch together.



Above: L to R: Fr Gerry, Brian, Aurelia, Liam & Joe Monaghan.



Above: L to R: Anne Calnin, Bernadette Zagame, Brian & Dawn Mulquiny.

Charlton Golden Grains Museum News

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is almost upon us, and what another crazy year we have experienced. We can all only hope that 2022 sees some normality return as vaccine rates continue to climb and booster shots commence. From our museum's point of view, we can be very proud of the huge amount of work that has continued to be done preserving our town and districts' history, even with the limitations of COVID-19.

Without a doubt the year's highlight was the Charlton Golden Grains Museum being awarded accreditation by the Australian Museums and Galleries Association Victoria, recognising a high level of commitment to the preservation and continued improvement of our wonderful collection. This was the accumulation of a lot of hard work by our dedicated volunteers to achieve the requirements of the panel.

With very few visitors allowed to our premises during the year, fundraising has been very limited. We are grateful to the Bendigo Bank for a grant to replace our aging computer. What a terrific organization it is, that returns so much back to our community. At our AGM, plans for 2022 were discussed to again get people engaged with our activities. New cabinet displays, such as the recent Girl Guides and embroidery displays, the Bingo Bus to Donald, road trips, special in house events and more will commence in the new year, so watch for further details.

We have our annual calendars for sale again—this time featuring the Charlton Mill. This iconic landmark is nearly 100 years old. Calendars will be available from

the market on 4th December or the Charlton Neighbourhood House.

Other exciting news is a new digital undertaking that has commenced, led by one of our new members, David Beaty. David has already been very busy digitizing our photo collection, but is now also involved in getting members active on Google Workspace, and increasing our digital presence on social media. Look out for videos and stories on our Facebook and Instagram pages. More involvement with the Charlton College students is also being discussed with the museum's activities hopefully being incorporated into the curriculum where ever possible. We look forward to working with the students on a range of projects.

In 2022 the Charlton Golden Grains Museum will continue 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 of important historic items for future generations.

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

The museum will be closed to the public until February, although we can open by

special appointment for family history research requests.

Phone enquiries: President Anne 0408 547 973, Secretary Carolyn 0418 361 971, Archivist Markus 0413 129 216.

On behalf of everybody at the museum, have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2022.



Above: Be Prepared—The Guides Motto. Our new display featuring items donated by Queen's Guide, Ann Brennan nee Wain. Display also includes items donated by Fiona Clarke nee Jenkins and on loan from Diane Wood.



Charlton Neighbourhood House

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The Charlton Neighbourhood House has again kicked off its popular water activities for the 2021/22 summer season at the Charlton Pool. As in previous years keen residents have joined in for the twice weekly **Early Morning Swimming** from 6:30am to 7:30am, with lap swimming being the popular activity. Cost for the 30 sessions is a low \$120. Our second activity is the **Gentle Water Exercise** sessions, hosted this year by Physiotherapist Nicola Kirk. Nicola's classes commence at 2:00pm on Wednesday afternoons. The next block is 5th January-2nd February \$15 for 5 classes.



November also saw the **Charlton Carers Group** enjoy a luncheon together at the East Charlton Hotel. The Group will meet every month.



As popular as ever, the Cocktail Making evening at the East Charlton Hotel was enjoyed as part of our Table for 12 series. These courses will continue next year with our first being planned for February 2022, with rice paper rolls.



As part of our 'Explore Buloke' initiative, the Charlton Neighbourhood House, supported by CASI funding from the Buloke Shire, hosted its second bus trip on Thursday November 25 around the Charlton district. With knowledgeable local, Carolyn Olive, giving an informative commentary during the day, many interesting venues were visited.

The group's first stop was the Charlton Traffic Education Centre where the group took a lap around the track in the bus, while observing students behind the wheel gaining valuable experience towards obtaining their licence.

A warm welcome awaited the group at the North Central Trade Training Centre where a tour of the impressive facilities was accompanied by an informative video presentation and a delicious morning tea. The visitors all walked away impressed by this terrific asset for the area's students, many having no idea of this part of Charlton College's operation.

The weather continued to be fine for the trip out to Teys Charlton Feedlot, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The group heard about the scale and day to day operations of the site, and of their new improvements.



Yeungroon was the next stop, with the historic Yeungroon Hall a popular photography backdrop. Details were given about the planned reinvigoration and memorial due to be commencing next year. A short ride later the wind farm was seen from close up, and the scale of these giants was revealed. With a stiff breeze blowing, the power generating turbines were a highlight for many, and the 360 degree panoramic views across the district were stunning. The bus then made its way to its final destination, Coonooer Bridge, to see the historic Church, canon and community hall.

A huge thank you goes to all who helped make this a wonderful excursion; Brett at the Driver Ed Centre, Jamie and Barry at the Charlton College, Terri from Teys, Peter for his assistance at the Windfarm and Coonooer Bridge, and Carolyn for the commentary.

As this is the final newsletter for 2021, we would like to thank everybody who has been involved with the Charlton Neighbourhood House, whether it be in a volunteer capacity or a user of our services. Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and happy and safe 2022.



WHAT'S ON IN JAN & FEB

AT THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
The heart of our community.

JANUARY


4

Early Morning Swimming
Every Tuesday & Thursday 6:30am-7:30am
At: Charlton Pool 
COST: \$60 for season Jan-Mar


5

Gentle Water Exercises
Every Wednesday 2-3pm from 5th Jan. to 2nd Feb.
At: Charlton Pool 
COST: \$15 for all 5 sessions


7

Barefoot Bowls
Friday 7th at 7:30pm
First group get together 
At: Charlton Bowling Club
COST: FREE


11

Carers Group Lunch
Second Tuesday monthly 12pm
At: East Charlton Hotel 
COST: Pay for own lunch


16

Food Handlers Course Level 1
Sunday 16th 9am-1pm
At: Charlton Park 
COST: \$135

16

Food Handlers Course Supervisors Level
Sunday 16th 1:30-5:30pm 
At: Charlton Park
COST: \$135

19

RSA Course
Tuesday 19th 6-10pm 
At: Charlton Senior Citizens
COST: \$130

22


Dive in Theatre Movie at the Pool
Saturday 22nd 
At: Charlton Pool
Cost: \$5

FEBRUARY


1

Early Morning Swimming
Every Tuesday & Thursday 6:30am-7:30am
At: Charlton Pool 
COST: \$60 for season Jan-Mar


2

Gentle Water Exercises
Wednesday 2nd (Last session)
At: Charlton Pool 
COST: \$15 for all 5 sessions


6

First Aid and CPR Course
Sunday 6th CPR -9am-12pm
Full Course- 9-3:30 w/30 min lunch
At: Charlton Senior Citizens 
COST: \$180 Full course, \$95 CPR


8

Second Tuesday Book Club
Tuesday 8th 12pm
At: Charlton Travellers Rest
BYO Chair, Lunch and Book 
COST: FREE


10

Poetry Possibilities with Pauline Brooks
Thursday 10th 2-4pm 
At: Charlton Senior Citizens
COST: \$10

23

Table for 12 - Rice Paper Rolls (chicken and vegetarian)
Wednesday 23rd 7-9pm 
At: Charlton Trade Training Centre
Cost: \$20

25-26

OK MOTELS
Friday 25th - Saturday 26th 
At: Charlton Motel
Cost: \$75 local tickets (limited tickets)

For more information on any of our upcoming events/courses, visit our website or Facebook, check out our window, or pop into the Neighbourhood House Mon-Fri 10am-4pm



Charlton Harness Racing Club

ARE YOU A MEMBER YET??

With the new racing season just around the corner (Beginning Jan 1st) now is a great time to act if you have ever thought about supporting and joining the Charlton Harness Racing Club.

We often hear "I don't know anything about racing" – not a prerequisite! We are very much a community club with some would say a little too much emphasis on being social! Given the current circumstances we are all living through, staying connected with each other seems more important than ever.

It is worth noting that our picturesque track is beamed around Australia and New Zealand on race days and we are hoping to capitalise on all the hard work, planning and development that has taken place over the last year.

We are so very proud of the existing loyal support we have from Charlton locals which has allowed us to plan with confidence for the future, and we urge you all to become involved and take advantage of the brilliant facilities we are all so fortunate to have at Charlton Park. Our strength lies in local involvement and building a sense of pride in the achievements of our trainers and drivers who have represented our town so well throughout season 2021. They have certainly given harness followers in town something to cheer about.

Membership sits currently at 680 and we would love to get to 700!!

So we welcome everyone to be part of 2022 'BETTER TOGETHER' – there are exciting times ahead!

**** Membership forms can be picked up and payment made at Heenan's Newsagency—We thank members, Bec & Troy, for supplying this service****

**Adults \$20 per year or \$50 for 3 years
Family \$50 per year
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HATS OFF TO YOU MR. NORMAN!!

There is no doubt that Charlton trainers and drivers have had a super month but it is worth noting the purple patch of Greg Norman winning three races within a couple of days and collecting a Group 3 along the way - the Breeders Crown Graduate Mares Free For All at Melton with Belladonna Girl. Good luck to those out there (and there were some!) who popped a few dollars on at \$150/1!!!

Well done also to Ryan Sanderson who has driven 9 winners for the month including the Bendigo Anniversary Cup aboard Vanquish Stride.

If you want to know why people get swept up in the excitement of racing

perhaps strapper Dixie's face says it all.

REMINDER TO ALL !!! BLUE SUNDAY - CHARLTON CUP DAY - SUNDAY MARCH 20TH

As the most important day of the year for us we urge everyone to mark this date and consider being a part of Charlton Cup Day.

Pleased to finally announce that crowds are now welcome back to the track as long as you are double vaccinated.



Ryan Sanderson and the Bendigo Anniversary Cup

**NEXT MEETINGS
THURSDAY DEC 2ND
THURSDAY DEC 16TH**

AND THE FOALS KEEP COMING!!

Over the coming years we will be watching to see how these youngsters perform on the track – for now we just enjoy how beautiful they are! Good luck to the McGrath and Thompson camps.



PRESIDENT JOE THOMPSON AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE CHARLTON HARNESS RACING CLUB WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THEIR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE 2021 SEASON AND WISH THEM ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON.

CHARLTON WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER

- THE BOOST, MILDURA—DRIVER RYAN SANDERSON
- LONESTAR LAD, MILDURA—DRIVER RYAN SANDERSON
- DONTSHOWYOURACES, MILDURA—DRIVER MICHAEL GADSDEN
- MAJOR MAL, COBRAM—DRIVER RYAN SANDERSON
- VANQUISH STRIDE, BENDIGO—SHANE AND RYAN SANDERSON



The McGrath foal



The Thompson foal—'Nuts'

- ZADAKA, KILMORE—GREG NORMAN, RYAN SANDERSON
- MARKLEIGH JEAN, MILDURA—MICK GADSDEN AND DENBEIGH WADE
- BLUE COMAN, SHEPPARTON—GREG NORMAN
- MISSBLISFULLBEACH, MILDURA—DRIVER RYAN SANDERSON
- BELLADONNA GIRL, MELTON (GROUP 3) - GREG NORMAN
- ARTISTIC COWBOY, MILDURA—DRIVER RYAN SANDERSON
- MY SUOERANUATION, CHARLTON—DRIVER RYAN SANDERSON
- MON BEL ANGE, CHARLTON—JOHN TORMEY
- VANQUISH STRIDE, SWAN HILL—SHANE AND RYAN SANDERSON
- DEFENSIVE GUY, SWAN HILL—DRIVER DENBEIGH WADE
- QUICK WITTED, BALLARAT—JOHN TORMEY.



Charlton Harness Racing Club



Above: Denbeigh Wade & Michael Gadsden—winner with Markleigh Jean.



Above: Ellen Tormey leading Mon Bel Ange at Charlton.



Above: Strapper, Dixie Horig enjoying Belladonna Girl's big win at Melton.

Charlton Croquet Club

After many Covid19 postponements the Charlton Croquet Club was finally able to host a two day Association Croquet Player Development Project on 23 & 24 November 2021. This initiative was the first of three workshops for developing competitors organised by Croquet Victoria.

Our coach was Kenn Boal, a member of the Rich River Club. Kenn is a level 4 coach and has been a coach for more than 30 years. Kenn has been a leading player for many years and among other achievements he has represented Australia in the Trans Tasman team.

A player from Portland and another from Swan Hill joined with the seven Charlton

players for the two days.

Kenn's enthusiasm and knowledge made the two days very enjoyable. Some of the participants had vast experience while others were relative newcomers to the game. Kenn has a very simple way of explaining the shots and we all gained a lot from the two days.

On 25 & 26 November Naomi Patullo, Val Bourke & Margaret Bowen attended a Golf Croquet Player Development workshop in Boort.

The annual Peg McGrath Doubles event was played over three days in November. Most games were close and the final result was not known until the last game was com-

pleted. The winners were Margaret Bowen and Janet Richardson with 4 wins. Lindsay Patullo and Nita Perry finished runner up with 3 wins followed very closely by Barb Dalrymple & Patricia Mathews also with 3 wins but their nett points were less. Naomi Patullo (in her first competitive game) and Anne Kenny had 2 wins.



Above: L to R: Coaching group - Margaret Bowen, Janet Richardson, Barb Dalrymple, Kenn Boal (Coach), Lois Munro (Swan Hill), Michael Edwards (Portland), Patricia Mathews, Lindsay Patullo & Anne Kenny.



L to R: Peg McGrath winners - Janet Richardson & Margaret Bowen.



Charlton Hockey Club Presentations

On Saturday November 20th, Charlton Hockey Club members met for their first vote count in two years. A relaxing Saturday lunch together was just what the doctor ordered after a stressful season. Under 12s were presented first with Amali Fitzpatrick and Murphy Fitzpatrick taking out the Girl's and Boy's Best & Fairest Players, while Sheena Fitzpatrick took home the runners up Best & Fairest Player. Siblings Murphy and Sheena along with their cousin Amali, played an incredible team game together this year stepping up as the 'seniors' on the team after a heartwarming underdog premiership win together in 2019. Coach Tahlia Casey-White awarded Clancy Bourke the Coaches Award, for his outstanding improvement throughout the season. Tully Bourke took home the 'Sportsmanship award' for his level-headed fair playing style in the backline.

Under 15s was presented next with Elise Fitzpatrick and Brayden-Kane (B-K) Swallow taking out the Girl's and Boy's Best & Fairest players. With Elise's quick thinking and amazing goal scoring ability and B-K's incredible ball skills, it is no wonder that these talented young players took out their respective awards. Luca Evans won the runners-up Best & Fairest, another smart young player with a huge future in hockey ahead of him. Naomi Fitzpatrick awarded the 'Sportsmanship award' to Poppy Fitzpatrick, one of the team's quiet achievers who always brings her best game to the field each week and played a huge part in bringing her team together as one. Beau Johnstone was awarded the 'Coaches award' for stepping up his game and dazzling the opponents with his smart plays throughout the season.

The Women's Best and Fairest went to NCHA Best and Fairest recipient Xanthe Fitzpatrick after another outstanding season as she dominated the play with her infamous fast breaks which almost always end

in a goal, also landing her top goal scorer of the league (20). Eldest sister Tessa Fitzpatrick was awarded runners-up Best & Fairest due to her pure gutsy determination and demand of the ball each week. Coach Xanthe Fitzpatrick presented Kelly Wright with the Sportsmanship Award. Kelly is one of the most dedicated members of the team, whether it be training or game day, she can be relied on to always bring her absolute best. Centre-half Brooke Thompson took out the Coaches Award after another astounding year as the team's most reliable back, a well-deserved award for the 2021 Women's team Captain.

Reigning Men's NCHA Best and Fairest recipient Henry Bourke also took out the club Best and Fairest player for the season. Henry's level-headed and calculated game plays are a force to be reckoned with and absolutely attributed to his win. Angus Jablonka was named runner-up Best and Fairest Player. His speed, agility, and incredible skill are an opponent's nightmare and a teammate's absolute dream. Up-and-coming star Brayden-Kane Swallow received the most improved, spectators would never have guessed that this was his first year on a senior team by his final game, as his skill and team playing ability improved out of sight throughout the season. Brooke Thompson was presented the coaches award for her commanding presence on the field, never letting down the team.

Best Club Person of 2021 was presented to valued CHC member Naomi Fitzpatrick for her outstanding contribution to the club. This season, Naomi did a huge amount of work for the club. On game day Naomi assisted coaching the Under 12s team, then coached her Under 15s team before playing a game on the women's team, and topping off the day by coaching Men's. Naomi also took on Treasurer once again, and was involved in a large amount of work behind the scenes. Her commitment to the Charlton

Hockey Club throughout the years is why the Charlton Hockey Club believes that Naomi was a worthy recipient of 'Best Club Person'.

Jessica White was awarded the 'Charlton Massage Clinic Most Conscientious' for her tireless work for the club throughout the 2020 and 2021 season. Secretary Jessica played a huge part in supporting her fellow executives in crucial decisions that were faced due to COVID. Jessica was team manager of the Minkey team, and helped to ensure each game-day ran as smoothly as possible and that all record keeping was accurate and submitted to the league every weekend. Now based in Swan Hill, much of this work was done remotely. Jessica's commitment to the club is greatly appreciated.

At the commencement of the award presentations, the Charlton Hockey Club members were able to sit down and catch up with fellow teammates, life members, and guests. A well-deserved morning together after another sporadic season.



Best Club Person—Naomi Fitzpatrick.



Henry Bourke presenting the Men's awards.



Charlton Hockey Club Presentations



Under 12s—Amali Fitzpatrick, Sheena Fitzpatrick, Murphy Fitzpatrick, Clancy Bourke, Tully Bourke.



Under 15s—Beau Johnstone, Luca Evans, , Poppy Fitzpatrick, Elise Fitzpatrick. Bayden-Kane (BK) Swallow—absent.



Women's—Kelly Wright, Xanthe Fitzpatrick, Tessa Fitzpatrick, Brooke Thompson.



Men's—Angus Jablonka, Henry Bourke, Brooke Thompson.

Charlton Lawn Tennis Club

STRONG START TO CHARLTON TENNIS SEASON

The start of the 21/22 tennis season has been a strong one for Australia's oldest regional club – Charlton. Competitions and social hits have started across Thursday ladies, Thursday juniors, Thursday night social and Saturday North Central Tennis Association competition. New members are always welcome, and anyone interested can come along to any one of the Thursday sessions and are encouraged to 'try before you buy'.

The Charlton team entered in the NCLTA competition has started the year very encouragingly, having won four of the first five matches played and comfortably sitting inside the top four heading into their first bye of the season.

The club is looking forward to the hosting of the 50th Annual Australia Day Weekend tournament on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of January, and all past players of both Charlton tennis and the tournament are urged to 'come back to Charlton', whether in a playing capacity or just to catch up with old friends in what has become an awesome weekend of family friendly tennis. There are no sheep stations up for grabs and the tennis is always played in wonderful spirit.

The icing on the cake coming at this year's tournament is in the form of the Mixed Doubles finals to be played under lights for the first time on Sunday the 23rd of Jan, with an official welcome back and short formalities over a 'food van' styled evening meal, with live music flowing into the playing of the matches. The wider Charlton community is most welcome to come and join in this evening as well – there is sure to be some entertaining tennis being played across the weekend.

As is the case for most clubs, the membership base of the tennis club is declining, and as can be imagined, the hosting of such an event cannot happen without the help of volunteers. Anyone who is able to lend some help is asked to contact president Troy Heenan on 0431 813 344 to register your interest and availability.

16 Days of Activism

Over two hundred community members participated in color runs at Wooroonook Lake, Tehum Lake, Watchem Lake and Green Lake on Sunday to play their part in creating a safe and respectful Buloke, free from family violence.

The events were organised by youth groups and Neighbourhood Houses in Birchip, Charlton, Sea Lake and Wycheproof and funded by the Mallee Family Violence Executive and Respect Victoria as part of 16 Days of Activism.

16 Days of Activism awareness raising activities are designed to reduce the preva-

lence of family violence by informing people about the impact of harmful attitudes and behaviours and encouraging them to think more about their own lives and how they can contribute to reducing gender inequality, discrimination and marginalization, which are all key drivers of family and gender-based violence.

Family violence directly affects one in five Victorian women over the course of their lifetime. It is the leading contributor to preventable death, disability and illness in Victorian women aged 15 to 44 years.

Family and gender based violence is not

limited to physical or sexual abuse, it includes emotional abuse and any threatening, coercive or controlling behaviour, psychological torment, economic control, damage to property, social isolation and any behaviour which causes a person to live in fear

During the colour runs at the lakes on Sunday, and throughout the 2021 16 Days of Activism the Neighbourhood Houses endorsed Respect Victoria's campaign: 'Respect Women: 'Call It Out'' (Respect is...).

Respect Victoria created 16 different 'Respect Is' statements to promote their



Above: L to R—Jye Roberts, Sheena Fitzpatrick, Clancy Bourke, Poppy Fitzpatrick, Isaac Bourke, Elise Fitzpatrick, Murphy Fitzpatrick, Amali Fitzpatrick and Rosie Fitzpatrick



Above: Tom McGurk



Wycheproof and Charlton youth in a rainbow of colour.

16 Days of Activism

2021 campaign which included: Respect is choosing not to laugh at jokes that put women down. Respect is standing up for equality. Respect is sharing the housework and the caring work. Respect is working together to prevent violence against women. Respect is creating safe, equal workplaces. Respect is striving for equality on and off the field. Respect is calling out harmful comments and behaviours. Respect is understanding that there is no 'right' way to be a man or a woman. Respect is treating all kids as equal. Respect is knowing that age is just a number. Respect is making accessibility a priority. Respect is creating a future where we are all safe and equal. Respect is celebrating rainbow families. Respect is celebrating our differences. Respect is recognising a problem and being part of the solution. Respect is recognising that families come in all shapes and sizes.

Respect takes many different forms and

Buloke residents are encouraged to articulate what "Respect is" to them, what it looks like, and how they can put it into practice in their everyday lives because as a basic human right everyone deserves to be treated with respect.

Understanding the connection between respect, gender equality and family violence is essential for achieving long-term change. The Buloke Neighbourhood Houses thank everyone who participated in the events for running towards a safe, equal and respectful future for all Victorians.

Buloke Cluster Lead, Simone Christie, said, "Hopefully the colour runs have inspired Buloke residents to think about the types of behaviours and actions that represent and personify 'respect' and that everyone understands how this can have a positive impact on gender equality and family violence, because when gender equality exists, we all benefit."



Above: Jenni McGrath

Charlton Badminton Club Season Wraps Up



The Charlton Badminton Club Season wrapped up with an End-of-Season Dinner

The 2021 Badminton season has come to an official close with the holding of the annual

presentation dinner on Friday the 26th of November. It was great to see such a cross-representation of the club in attendance, with a spread in age from mid-teens to soon-to-be octogenarians. President, Stephen Webb, welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for making the most of a covid interrupted season, a relief to have a season at all after last year's didn't get started due to the pandemic and the indoor nature of the sport.

Presentations were made for the Club Championships, unfortunately the Mixed Doubles was unable to be held as the final lock-down of the year brought an early close to the season. However, the Doubles and Singles events were both able to be held.

Doubles

Ladies' C Grade:

W Val Bourke & Aurelia Monaghan
R/U Carolyn Stewart & Riani Donaldson

Ladies' B Grade:

W Tahli Roberts & Charlotte Stewart
R/U Imogen Stewart & Jemimah Webb

Ladies' A Grade:

W Lucinda Holmes-Brown & Abby Thompson

R/U Lisa & Megan Bruns

Men's C Grade:

W Tyler Riley & Griffin House

R/U Jeremy Gray & Allen Joy

Men's B Grade:

W Nick Thompson & Jackson Zagame

R/U Sam Goldsmith & Joo Ong

Men's A Grade:

W Troy & Mason Heenan

R/U Brian Heenan & Stephen Webb

Singles

Ladies' C Grade:

W Riani Donaldson

R/U Carolyn Stewart

Ladies' B Grade:

W Amy Russell

R/U Jemimah Webb

Ladies' A Grade:

W Abby Thompson

R/U Lucinda Holmes-Brown

Men's C Grade:

W Bailey Hooper-Dixon

R/U Paul Sanderson

Men's B Grade:

W Nick Thompson

R/U Mason Heenan

Men's A Grade:

W Troy Heenan

R/U Anthony Stewart

Congratulations to all club champions, special call out to new Ladies' Club Champion, Abby Thompson, who claimed her maiden club singles championship.

Thursday night competition results are tallied to derive aggregate winners for the season. Ladies' Aggregate winner for 2021 was Kasey King (+45), 2nd – Jemimah Webb (+21); 3rd Riani Donaldson (+20), 4th Rae Heenan (+3), 5th Carolyn Stewart (0), While in the men's, the winner was – Troy Heenan (+246), 2nd – Tyler Riley (+127), 3rd

Bailey Hooper-Dixon (+103), 4th Jeremy Gray (+97), 5th Fletcher Holmes-Brown (+93).

Section winners – Section 4 – Jeremy Gray; Section 3 – Tyler Riley; Section 2 – Mason Heenan; Section 1 – Troy Heenan.

Juniors

The juniors have also wrapped up their season. This year there were 25 players take to the courts.

Aggregate winners were: Beginners – Winner - Sam Olive, Runner Up – Liam Monaghan; Girls – Winner - Elise Fitzpatrick, Runner Up – Amali Fitzpatrick; Boys – Winner – Joseph Monaghan, Runner up – Seb Zagame.

Section winners: Section 4 – Rosie Fitzpatrick, R/Up Bohdi Jakubik; Section 3 – Sam Olive, R/Up Liam Monaghan; Section 2 – Amali Fitzpatrick, R/Up Joseph Monaghan; Section 1 – Elise Fitzpatrick, R/Up Seb Zagame.

Junior All-Rounder award winner was Michael Olive. Rae Heenan's coach's award winner was Clancy Bourke.

Thursday Ladies

The winter season for the ladies also came to an end due to a covid shut-down.

Overall Aggregate Winner – Carla Hooper-Dixon, Runner up – Naomi Fitzpatrick
Section 2 Winner – Mary McLoughlan, Runner Up – Maree Hooper
Section 1 Winner - Carla Hooper-Dixon, Runner up – Naomi Fitzpatrick
Rae Heenan Trophy – Naomi Fitzpatrick.

Social ladies continues through the summer on Friday mornings at 9:30am, new players always welcome, bubs welcome too.

Tormey's IGA

Wednesday 22nd—8.30 to 6pm
Thursday 23rd—8.30 to 7pm
Friday 24th—8:30 to 6pm
Christmas Day CLOSED
Boxing Day—10am to 1pm
Monday 27th—9.30 to 5pm
Tuesday 28th—9.30 to 5pm
Wednesday 29th—8:30 to 6pm
Thursday 30th—8:30 to 6pm
Friday 31st—8:30 to 6pm
New Years Day—CLOSED
Sunday 2nd—9:30 to 1pm
Monday 3rd—9:30am to 5pm

Charlton Post Office

Christmas Day—Closed
Boxing Day—Closed
Monday 27th—Closed
Tuesday 28th—Closed
New Years Day—Closed
Monday 3rd—Closed

Charlton Bakery Café

Christmas Day—Closed
Boxing Day—Closed
Monday 27th—Closed
Tuesday 28th—TBC
New Years Day—Closed
Monday 3rd—TBC

Charlton Hair Salon

Closed from 25th December
January—limited availability by appointment.

Charlton Mensland

25th—28th December—Closed
New Years Day—Closed
Monday 3rd—Closed
Other days—TBC

Charlton Newsagency

Christmas Day—Closed
Boxing Day—Closed
Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th January—Closed
New Years Day—Closed
Monday 3rd January—Closed

House to Home

Friday 24th—9am to 6pm
Saturday 25th—Tuesday 28th—Closed
Saturday 1st—Monday 3rd January—Closed

Charlton Pharmacy

Christmas Day—Closed
Boxing Day—Closed
December 27th & 28th—Closed
New Years Day & January 3rd—Closed
All other days open as normal

The staff at the pharmacy would like to remind people not to leave their script till the last tablet.

Bendigo Bank

Friday 24th—11am to 5pm
Reopening Tuesday 4th January 11am to 4pm

Commonwealth Bank

Monday 27th - Closed
Tuesday 28th Closed
Monday 3rd - Closed

Boyz Cafe

Closed 25th, 26th, 27th 28th January
Open 29th, 30th, 31st January
Closed from 1st - 3rd January 2022

East Charlton Hotel

Christmas Day—Closed
Boxing Day—4pm to 7pm (no meals)
27th & 28th Dec—4pm to 7pm (no meals)
New Years Day—Closed
Sunday 1st Jan—Closed
Monday 3rd Jan—11am to late

Charlton Foodworks

Closed Christmas Day Only

Salon 13

Closed from 22rd December 2021 to
January 12th 2022

Charlton Neighbourhood House

Closed from 25th December to 4th January
Limited hours thereafter until further notice.
Car bookings—0473 759 456

The Vale

Closed from Monday December 20th 2021 to
Thursday January 6th 2022.

Charlton Florist & Fashion

25th—28th December—Closed
New Years Day—Closed
Monday 3rd—Closed
Other days—TBC

**PLEASE ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
EARLY SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!**

Cricket Club Hotel

Closed Christmas Day afternoon from 12pm
Open all other days

Charlton Quality Meats

Closed from 25th December until
Sunday 9th January 2022

Golden Grains Museum

Closed in December & January
Open by appointment only

Country Savers

Closed 25th—28th December
New Years Day—Closed
Monday 3rd—Closed

The Rex Theatre Closed Due to Renovations



CHARLTON CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

*12 Days of Christmas
Promotion*

WINNERS

PAT CLIFFORD
BERNICE WHYKES
CAROLYN HERITAGE
GAIL SMYTH
WILMA MASON
BILL RUSSELL
JIM HARVEY
ANNETTE SHERRIFF
MAY CHESTER
CARMEL FITZPATRICK
LISA BRUNS
LESLEY MILLER

Thank you for shopping local

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS 2021—2022

Charlton Medical will be closed for the Christmas-New Year period beginning Monday 20th December 2021 through until Monday 3rd January 2022. Normal Surgery hours will resume at 9:00am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Friday 20th December 2019 through until Sunday 5th January 2020.
Normal Surgery hours will resume at 9:00am on Monday 6th January 2020.

Please check that you have enough prescriptions to get through this period; if not, see the doctor for new scripts before the holidays.

If you require medical assistance during the holidays please call the Charlton Hospital on 5477 6800 or go to the Hospital Urgent Care Centre to see a Nurse who will give you advice, or if required, arrange for you to be seen by the on-call Doctor.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 000 FOR THE AMBULANCE

The staff at Charlton Medical wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and a safe and Happy New Year

Looking For Answers

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

A straight forward air ambulance transfer from Melbourne to Charlton turned pear-shaped for Charlton resident, Jan Jones in November, when her return home from hospital after major surgery raised serious questions about the service's transport code.

Following a three-week stay in St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, having undergone a tumor removal from her esophagus, the recuperating patient was inexplicably flown past her home town, landed at Warracknabeal airport - more than 100 kilometers away - then driven back to Charlton by taxi.

And - without her family knowing where she was when she didn't arrive in Charlton at the designated time.

Daughter, Wendy Pledger, and husband, Hadyn Jones spent an hour-and-a-half waiting at the Charlton airport, concerned that no transport vehicle had arrived for the pick-up and wondering where their mother and wife was, before finally discovering her whereabouts via an approach to the Charlton and District Ambulance Station.

Wendy filled in the background story:

'Mum was due to come home on the Tuesday, 9 November, but conflicting information about final checks caused what turned out to be an un-needed delay, making it too late to make the trip that day. St. Vincent's said they would organize the air ambulance for Wednesday, and rang me to

say the flight was leaving Essendon airport at 10:30am on 10 November with an ETA of around 12 midday in Charlton. A taxi would be on hand to transport Mum from the airport for the short 3.5 kilometre trip to home.'

"As I live at Cranbourne, and had to travel through the city, I had initially proposed picking her up on the Tuesday, and driving her home, however, Hadyn was keen that she travel by ambulance, so that if there was an emergency in transit, she would have the appropriate care. The hospital also said that given her surgery, and the insertion of a feeding tube into her stomach, she would be more comfortable lying down for the 3 hour-plus journey rather than sitting in a car."

Given that Jan had still been quite unwell, the re-introduction of light oral feeding had only begun the day before she was due to be discharged. The management of her condition at home had caused additional apprehension, with Hadyn and Wendy having to learn the skills via an online tutorial as Covid restrictions prevented in-person training.

With Jan a no-show at Charlton, Wendy and Hadyn approached the local paramedic, who, though not involved, eventually tracked her location to Warracknabeal, where a taxi from Horsham was waiting to pick her up to make the long road trek back home. (As locals know, the road from Warracknabeal back east is not the smoothest

strip to travel on, especially for someone in Jan's condition!)

Despite the hospital's recommendation that the patient not travel for long periods in an upright position, Jan then had to endure the 100 kilometre trip *back* to Charlton.

Finally arriving home at 2:30pm, an exhausted Jan was happily reunited with her family, whom she hadn't seen since her hospitalization on 20 October, (again, due to Covid).

Making contact with the Buloke Shire about the usability of the Charlton airport, her daughter, Wendy was told that while Charlton was not "certified", Donald, Birchip and Wycheproof were, and the Shire knew of no reasons why the Charlton airstrip couldn't be used, as it had been in the past.

"You have to ask why the plane didn't land at one of the other local airports," Wendy said. "All of them are closer to Charlton than Warracknabeal".

"It was the lack of communication from the air ambulance which concerned us. We know they dropped a patient off at Shepparton before heading to Charlton, and we have no issue with that. It was the fact that there was no communication with anyone about a change of plan for Mum. And there appears to have been no communication with the Buloke Shire about any issues which make landing at Charlton airport inappropriate."

Weather was unlikely to have been a factor in the deviation to Warracknabeal.

Given that Jan's trip had extended from 1.5 hours to 4, Wendy expressed concerns that her mother's needs hadn't been met over the extended travel time. "Her feeding tube needs to be flushed every three hours, she didn't have a toilet stop, she didn't receive any hydration, and is currently required to follow strict dietary guidelines at this stage of her treatment".

"I rang St. Vincent's after Mum arrived home and they were "mortified" by what had happened".

Praising the assistance of the local paramedic and the taxi driver, Wendy said, "While we were lucky that Mum arrived safe and sound, we want to prevent this happening again. Given the aging population of this area, this is an issue which needs to be addressed so that nobody else has to go through what we experienced."

Wendy contacted St. Vincent's Patient Liaison who issued a prompt reply saying that decisions are made by Ambulance Victoria and "we will let them respond".

At the time of writing, her email to the air ambulance remained unanswered.



Above: Recuperating from major surgery, Charlton resident, Jan Jones (centre) is pictured with her husband, Hayden and daughter Wendy, showing the road distance travelled after her air ambulance flight made an un-scheduled by-pass of her Charlton drop-off point.



Charlton College

Charlton College Year 9 students embarked on an adventure to South West Victoria from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th November, canoeing along the Glenelg River from Pritchards Landing to Nelson. The students carried their food and clothing in water tight

containers/bags in their canoes and camped along the river banks at night. They were very lucky weatherwise, with only one day where it rained lightly for a short while.

The Glenelg River rises in the Grampians and flows generally north, then west, then south, for over 350 kilometres making

the river the longest river in south-west Victoria and third longest overall. A short stretch of the lower end winds through south-eastern South Australia before returning to Victoria to enter Discovery Bay at Nelson.



Charlton Park 2020 Update

After a year or more of Covid interruptions the implementation of the \$325,000 BBRF grant is finally nearing completion. Here is an update of the projects still to be completed

Road and carpark

The implementation sub-committee has been working closely with the Buloke Shire with the planning of the construction of the car park on the river side of the new building and the road into it. It will include a turn-around at the end nearest the horse stalls and space for many parks. It is hoped that this will be completed in late 2021 or early in 2022

Water Fountains

2 fountains have been ordered at a cost of \$2986.50 They will have a spring loaded side tap and large drinking bowl and will be located near the lawn to the east of the netball courts.

Gym Equipment

These will be a double station set – chest press and leg press at a cost of \$10,987 and will be located in the same area,

VET Shed

The concrete floor and framing has been completed but there has been a hold up with some of the materials – typical in the post

Covid times. This will be completed in early December and then allow for the old VET shed to come down once the new one is commissioned.

Stalls/sheds

There are 2 of these – a smaller covered stalls building on the north east corner of the horse stalls complex and a larger one to replace a line of stalls and relocate them with a covered area near the ladies driver's room. It will also double as a wool display area for the A & P Show Society. They have been redesigned as they now require shutters rather than fans to assist with air flow especially in hot weather

The larger shed/stalls is funded by the State Government but the two projects are being administered together.

Both have been ordered but again delays in construction mean they will be erected in late January.

This will then allow the Harness Racing Club to construct a new parade ring much closer to the building and to patrons. With live TV on Trots Vision planned it will provide a great spectacle and the chance to promote Charlton.

There is now no February Harness meeting so the plan is for all this work to be

completed by mid February so that the old stalls can be removed and the new parade ring established in readiness for the Charlton Pacing Cup.

Indigenous Garden

Native garden and bush tucker. Dja Dja Wurrung are working on this and have started growing plants for the garden. This will be located to the south of the building.

Grand opening

The committee is looking for a date to finalise the BBRF project and invite the politicians to it. One suggestion being examined is that it be on the same day but prior to the April Dja Dja Wurrung Cup meeting in April – say 11 am followed by a lunch.

The Chairman of Charlton Park 2020 said that this has been a more difficult project than expected due to the many interruptions. He thanked Kaylene Cossar for the tremendous amount of work she has put in, especially liaising with the bureaucrats in the Federal Government with all of the red tape attached to such a grant. He also highlighted the hard work of Harness Racing President, Joe Thompson, especially for working through all of the red tape to get the larger stalls building approved.



The Carers' lunch provided an excellent opportunity to congratulate Ken and Anita Jones on their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Ken and Anita were married at the Congregation Church in Croydon on 24/11/1956, by St. Vincent's hospital chaplain Isabelle Mary. They caught a taxi to Lilydale for the evening and then caught a McKenzie bus to Marysville for two weeks honeymoon, along with a lot of Americans who had come to watch the Olympics.



Little Reggie Bourke had nothing to worry about Sunday evening at the Wooroonook CFA Christmas Party when encountering Santa for the very first time. Keeping a close eye on him were his 6 big brothers and mum, Julie. Dad Brendan was able to join the family a little later for a BBQ tea.

Malaysia the Melting Pot of Asia

Penny Van Boven was guest speaker at the October meeting of the Charlton Action for World Development Group. Charlton has been Penny's home for 13 years but she grew up in Malaysia and lived there until she married Justin Van Boven and moved to Australia and finds Charlton a great place to bring up their son Leigh.

Penny looked beautiful in a national dress of maroon and gold silk tailored in Malaysia of Indian silk. AWD members were taken on a fascinating tour of the country of her birth as she illustrated her talk with colourful pictures and interesting facts.

We learnt that the king is selected for a five year term by nine hereditary rulers or Sultans. The four states without hereditary rulers have governors who are selected by the king for a four year term. The prime minister has executive power over the thirteen states.

Kuala Lumpur is the capital of Malaysia. However a new capital city, Putrajaya, was developed in 1995 outside the overcrowded metropolitan capital as the administrative centre.

Penny said Malaysia is a multinational and multicultural country with a very diverse population of over 32 million people. The main race is Malay, ethnic Chinese the second largest group and Indian descendants make up a third group. Malay is the country's official language but English is widely spoken especially in the city. Penny grew up in the city.

Penny said that while Malaysia is predominantly a Muslim nation there is a thriving religious diversity in the country and relations between the religious groups are generally quite tolerant. Although she said that's not to say there isn't any racial tension, but it is generally a peaceful country.

Because all the world religions are found in Malaysia there are many festivals, e.g. Diwali the Hindu festival of lights, the Buddhist's birthday, lunar new year to name a few.

Penny said that Malaysia is known as the cultural melting pot of Asia and that if you want a multicultural travel experience there is no better destination with its myriad of festivals, food and customs.

Penny said that early this year Malaysia battled a serious Coronavirus outbreak. In the months of lock down to help those in need the White Flag movement was started on social media. Households would hang a white flag in front of their house to indicate that they needed help. It began with neighbours providing food and supplies but soon celebrities, charities and business stepped in to assist.

Penny said that sometimes it takes a pandemic of this enormous scale to make us realise how fragile life can be and how grateful we are to be alive. She said she was proud to have been born and to grow up in a multi racial country like Malaysia, that it has made her more tolerant and that she has more respect for other peo-



ple's faiths and their different ways of worship.

Dawn Mulquiny thanked Penny for her most interesting and informative talk and said she was glad she had moved to Charlton and was happy here.

Thank You

A huge thanks to Carolyn for her time and expertise in producing and editing the Community Newsletter. It is a great way of keeping the community up to speed with the happenings of the town and district.

Thanks to all the contributors as well who make it a worthy read. Sue Walsh

Thank You

Janet Jones would like to thank everybody who sent her Birthday cards and get well wishes, there were just so many of you.

Thank you so much, you are so kind. I am doing OK at the moment.

*Thank you so much, love Jan Jones.
16th November 2021*

Thank You

"80 Years"

To my family and friends of Charlton and near and far. A very big Thank You and appreciations for your Best Wishes, visits, many, many cards, flowers, gifts and afternoon tea on my special Birthday. Also, many, many phone calls.

Thank you to the Charlton Golf Ladies for the High Tea at President, Chris McGurk's home.

To the Charlton Bowling Club for the Presentation of my O.B.E. Badge and many kind words.

Thank you to the Probus Club for your card and Best Wishes.

Please accept this as my personal Thank You.

*God Bless
Eily Rosewall*



Victoria's Oldest Regional Tennis Club welcomes you to our

50th

January Long Weekend Tennis Tournament 2022

We're Celebrating
AND we're changing things up!
So...



Sat 22nd Jan - **DOUBLES**

Sun 23rd Jan – **MIXED** (finals under new lights 7.30pm!)

Mon 24th Jan – **SINGLES & Rotating Partner Doubles**

Sunday is Funday for the Fiftieth

A Food Festival evening

*with a variety of foods to purchase & events to participate in,
followed by the Mixed finals under our new lights. Yes, you can
nibble, indulge, catch-up, share a laugh, sit back and enjoy
...unless of course you're playing in the Mixed Finals!*



*We'd love to celebrate our 50th
with past members, players and
Tournament Attendees, so
please share the news*

**Entry Form coming soon as we wait for the latest update on Covid Protocols
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Charlton Rotary Christmas Lights Competition

What better way to come out of a challenging lockdown and re-connect with life in Charlton than by putting up your Christmas decorations. There's still some uncertainty around, but the Charlton Rotary Christmas Light Competition is not one of them—and there's the added bonus of winning cash prizes along the way.

There are 3 categories:

2 x Most Impressive Decorated House,
Most Impressive Shop/Window,
Most Impressive Santa.

All 4 winners will receive \$50 each.

If you choose to opt out of this competition ring 5491 1640.

Winners will be announced at the Charlton Christmas Fest.

Let's finish 2021 off in a bright and colourful way by "Lighting Up Charlton".



Above: Harrison, Isabella and Leo Stahl are already in the Christmas spirit, waiting for their dad (Damien) to put the Christmas lights up on their house.

North Central Garden Club

Food Fun and Friendship was the order of the evening on Tuesday 23rd of November at the Lions Lodge. It was great to be able to get together to share all aspects of gardening. Due to the restrictions on meetings and gatherings our club has not been able to have the regular monthly meetings or the annual Open Gardens, however let's hope 2022 will allow us to present the wonderful gardens in the community.

The winners of the competitions conducted throughout the year were Bernice Kenny 1st, Lynne McRae 2nd, Deb Cleary 3rd. The President's award went to the ever reliable Treasurer, Maretia Doughty.

The competition gives members a chance to show off some of their garden produce whether it be flowers, vegetable or foliage.

The evening concluded with a quiz and Kris Kringle, which is always a bit of fun.

Hope you all stay well and can cope with the summer season.

The club will resume on February 22nd, 2pm at the Lions Lodge.

Planning the syllabus will be on the agenda, so come along and present your ideas on what you would like to do in 2022.

Wishing you all a very Happy Festive Season.

Rotary Charlton Christmas Light Competition

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Most Impressive Santa

All 4 winners to receive \$50 each

No entry form

Winners announced at Christmas Fest
"Let's Light Up Charlton"



Charlton Rotary Club Raffle Winner

Charlton Rotary are pleased to announce ALISON TORMEY is the winner of the 2021 Art & Photography Exhibition Raffle prize - see picture below.

Although the Exhibition was unable to go ahead we are grateful for the support of locals who made our raffle a success. We would also like to thank those who sponsored the Rotary Club and supported us in so many ways in attempting to run the event for this year; this includes all the artists and photographers who had entered their artwork and had entries ready to go.

We hope 2022 will be a big year for events in our Shire and town and look forward to your participation from mid next year as our plans proceed at that time.



CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton

When: Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th December 2021,
7am to 6pm.

Weigh in: 6pm at Clubrooms on Sunday followed by
BBQ tea & a visit Santa.

- 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 6pm 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.

Please join us to celebrate the festive season. Santa will visit with lollies for the kids.

Families please bring a salad or sweet to share.

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652



**All new and current “fisherpeople”
welcome!**

Kim Takes Home Show Raffle

The Charlton A & P Society congratulates Kim Wishart on winning their annual raffle. The committee decided to go ahead with its raffle this year, even with the 2021 Charlton Show being cancelled.

Over the past month committee members, led by raffle co-ordinator Murray McLean, sold a massive 1300 tickets! Murray said, “We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the Charlton community and their support of the Show Society, to see so many tickets sold is outstanding”.

Murray, along with President Billy Fitzpatrick and Secretary Wendy Laffin, were on hand Saturday morning to present winner Kim with her raffle prize.



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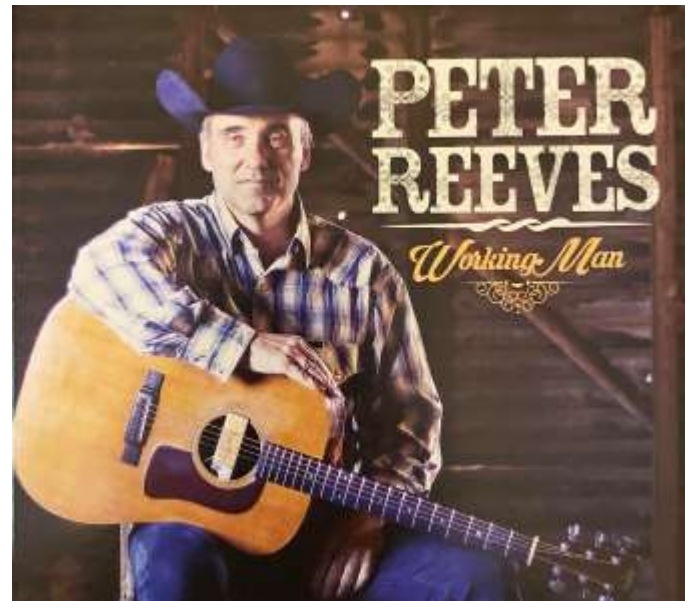
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born, in a manger, in a stable. So what do you find in a stable? Well in this one, there were definitely a few animals. (Well, not as many as in Noah's Ark, but quite a few.) A donkey, sheep, goats, cattle and maybe a rooster and some camels.

So I wonder what was the first animal noise that Jesus heard after he was born that night? Was it the "baa" of a sheep or lamb, a "moo" of the cattle, a "hee-haw" from the donkey, a "maa" from the goat or maybe a "cock-a-doodle-doo" from the rooster or a "grunt" from the camels? Or maybe, the animals were all so excited to have a baby born in their stable who was so special, that they all joined together to welcome Jesus to the world?? Now, that would have been exciting for Jesus, and his family, as he first came into the world. A choir of animals singing "Welcome Jesus".

We share this excitement every year when we remember that Jesus is the reason for Christmas, and in coming into our world, brought us great joy as the Messiah, the Lord and our Saviour. Now that is worth making some noise about!!!

And she (Mary) gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

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

East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times:

Sun. 5 th Dec.	10.30am (Livestreamed into St Joseph's Church from Donald)
Sun. 12 th Dec.	8.30am
Sat. 18 th Dec.	7.00pm
Christmas Eve Mass	9pm
Sun. 2nd Jan.	10:30am (Livestreamed)
Sun. 9th Jan.	8:30am
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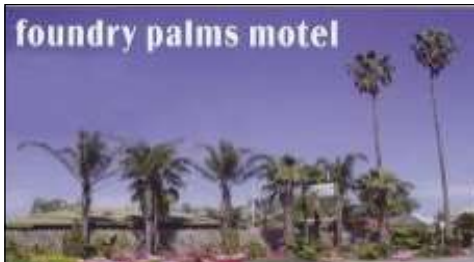
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12	13 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling Club Meeting, 8pm CWA 7:30pm	14 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	15 Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	16 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm & Xmas Party 6pm Rotary Meeting Harness Racing	17 RSL Meeting 4:30pm	18 Fishing Comp
19 Fishing Comp & Xmas Party Community Xmas Carols	20 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting, 7:30pm	21 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	22 Xmas Fest	23 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	24	25 Merry Christmas
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Jan. 2022

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm					1 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
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