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New School Year Begins

The school year began for students at both St Joseph's Primary and Charlton P-12 College on Tuesday 1st February. We wish all students and teachers all the best for 2022 and hope that things run more smoothly than the previous two years.



Charlton College 2022 Foundation students—Ned Larmour, Tyson Skuse, Molly Riley and Nate Lane.



St Joseph's 2022 Foundation students—Madelyn Winslade, Vinny Roberts, Mia Wright and Lila Lanyon.

Charlton Lights Up

The 50th Annual Australia Day Weekend Tennis Tournament has been a massive success for the town of Charlton and its tennis club. It attracted over 160 players from across four states, gracing Charlton's beautifully prepared 16 grass courts over three days. The highlight, at what is believed to be regional Australia's oldest tennis club, was the 'lighting up' of the front row of five courts for the Mixed Doubles finals on Sunday the 23rd of January. Finals were played in all five grades of competition after round robin qualifying matches by the 61 pairs in attendance. Club stalwarts and life members, Rae & Brian Heenan, given the honours of officially turning on the new

lights. It would have been difficult to find two more fitting people for the honour: Rae - the inaugural Women's Open Singles Champion and Tournament Secretary for the past 30 years; and Brian - has held every position in the club on numerous occasions, including Tournament Secretary, and currently greenskeeper as well as Tournament Director - and the courts were presented at their best once again. Finalists could not have asked for a better atmosphere to perform at their best, the large crowd treated to wonderful tennis across all five grades.

(See page 18 for full tennis report)



Brain & Rae Heenan switch on the lights.

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From the Editor Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the first edition for 2022.

Congratulations to our Citizen of the Year—Kaylene Cossar, Young Citizen of the Year—Tessa Fitzpatrick, and Community Event of the Year—RSL Charlton Sub-branch Diggers Day Thank You Dinner. All very worthy recipients.

Welcome to all our newcomers to Charlton over the last 12 months. I hand delivered invitations for the Australia Day Ceremony to almost 40 houses!

Thank you to our sponsors who have renewed their sponsorship for 2022. There has been a number of businesses changing hands lately, so I will drop by to discuss sponsorship soon.

I have a very busy year ahead due to my involvement with many exciting projects for Charlton, and as Secretary for Buloke Tourism, I am also involved in several projects that will benefit Charlton as well. There's certainly a lot going on in our region!

I'm looking forward to sharing all the news over the next 11 months. Let's hope life gets back to normal soon.

Cheers
Carolyn

Thank you to all our sponsors for 2022.

Sponsorship renewals for 2022 were sent out in December with payment due in February.
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Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

- OK Motels
Fri 25th—Sat 26th
- Whole Town Garage Sale
Sunday 27th
- Charlton Pacing Cup
Sunday 20th March



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Kelvin awarded PhD

Recently Kelvin Getley, son of Alan and Lorna Getley, was awarded a PhD after many years of hard work. Kelvin agreed to provide some details on his thesis and his plans for the future.

My graduation ceremony at USQ was postponed due to Covid so my award was conferred "in absentia" (so I'm officially graduated), however I'll be attending a ceremony when things settle down a bit.

My PhD in Astronomy was completed through the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) as an off-campus student. I started it in 2013 and finished in 2021. My PhD was supervised by Prof. Brad Carter (Professor of Physics and Director of the Centre for Astrophysics at USQ), Associate Professor Rachel King (Associate Professor of Statistics at USQ) and Dr. Simon O'Toole (Head of Data & IT and Data Central Project Scientist at the Australian Astronomical Optics at Macquarie University).

My thesis (completed as a Thesis by Publication) was titled "*Detecting binary star planetary and brown dwarf companions from analysis of eclipse timing variations*" where the bulk of it is made up of my three articles that have been published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. The focus of the thesis was on eclipsing binary stars (two

stars that are gravitationally bound together and happen to be lined up so that they periodically pass in front of each other, or eclipse, when viewed from Earth) and analysing the times of the eclipses to look for variations in the expected eclipse time and the actual eclipse time to determine if there are any other objects orbiting the stars.

The three papers I've had published are:

1) "*Evidence for a planetary mass third body orbiting the binary star KIC 5095269*" – Where I provide evidence of a planet that has 7.7 times the mass of Jupiter orbiting two stars outside our solar system.

2) "*Stability of planetary, single M dwarf, and binary star companions to Kepler detached eclipsing binaries and a possible five-body system*" – Where I analyse previously reported systems to ensure they are stable over the long term (i.e. the planets/stars remain gravitationally bound) as well as discover a few additional bodies (mostly stars) such as a non-eclipsing binary that itself eclipses an eclipsing binary.

3) "*The detectability of binary star planetary and brown dwarf companions from eclipse timing variations.*" – I ran tens of thousands of simulations on the National Computational Infrastructure (a supercomputer located at the Australian National University in Canberra) to

determine the extent to which eclipse timing variations can detect low-mass objects around binary stars.

In the immediate term (i.e. over the next few months) I plan on taking some time to rest and relax after a lot of years of hard work. After that I'm hoping to find a postdoc position so I can continue doing research including possibly finding more planets and other weird and wonderful objects hidden out in the universe.

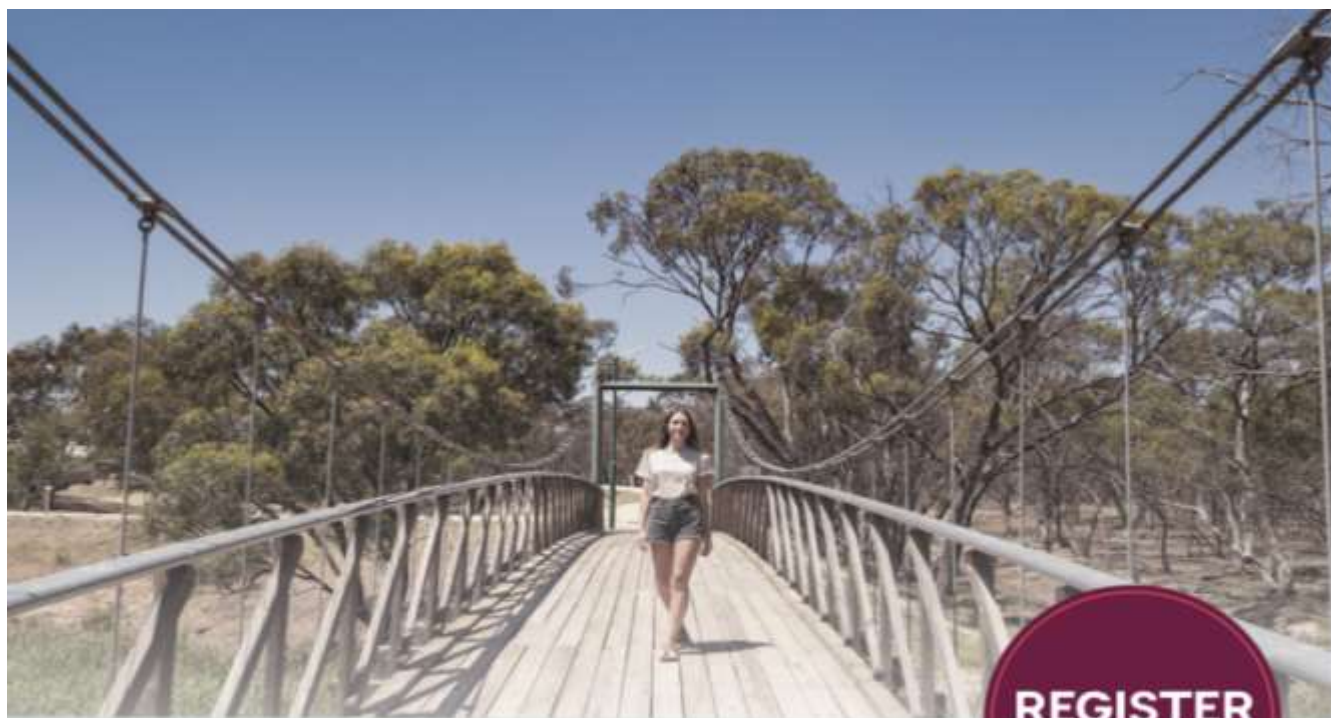


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Polish Consul General Visits Rex

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

A visit to Charlton's Rex Theatre by the Australian Polish Consul General has laid the foundations for an exciting performance opportunity in 2022.

The Consul General, Dr. Monika Konczyk, along with her son Marcin, and Greg Machnacki (co-ordinator of Polish performance throughout Australia), were touring Victoria during late December, and dropped into the Rex courtesy of a connection with local pianist, Dana Czarski.

Consul General Konczyk was excited about seeing another side of Australia, having travelled from Sydney down along the Great Ocean Road, the Grampians, Halls Gap, then Charlton over the Christmas break, before heading back to NSW.

Visibly impressed with the Rex, Dr. Konczyk said that her role as Consul was about bringing people together and building mutual understanding.

As Dana Czarski played the Steinway Concert grand, the Consul General spoke about building cultural bridges saying, "Music joins people - music finds friends everywhere and brings different nationalities together."

With 2022 marking the 50th anniversary of Australian / Polish diplomatic relations, the visit entailed discussions about holding a special musical occasion at the Rex as celebrations unfold across the country.

The association between Poland and Australia was formalized on 20 February 1972 and acknowledges the connection between the two countries stretching back more than 150 years. While Polish influence filters through Australian culture and can be seen in the naming of the *Strezlecki Ranges* and *Mount Kosciuszko*, the country has also absorbed a range of high-profile people with Polish heritage. Actor Jacek Korman, pianist, David Helfgott (Polish Jewish ancestry), Magda Szubanski, radio personality Karl "Dr. Karl" Kruselnicki, and Professor Lidia Morawska, (Queensland University of Technology) whose research into the transmission of Covid has influenced the management of the disease - are just some who have become established citizens, enriching our national identity.

In consultation with Greg Machnacki - coordinator of the Australian PolArt

Festivals - the Rex management discussed ideas about bringing performers to the theatre to celebrate the diversity and richness of Poland's cultural heritage.

Tapping into his wide resources, Greg and Dr. Konczyk believed that a diversified musical program could be curated for later in the year following the completion of the Rex renovation. Having previously attended the Rex in early 2020 (providing technical support for pianist, David Helfgott's stellar performance) Greg was already familiar with the scope and possibilities offered by

the theatre.

Two years into her four- year tenure as Australian Polish Consul General, Dr. Konczyk was effusive about her trip across Victoria, making special mention of the mountainous terrain of the Grampians, which reminded her of her homeland region in Northern Poland. Praising the beauty of the Australian land, and the chance to see a different landscape she said it had provided an opportunity to appreciate the real spirit of the country.



Australian Polish Consul General, Dr. Monika Konczyk (back), is pictured with local pianist, Dana Czarski at the Rex during a visit to discuss the presentation of a musical event during the 50th anniversary celebration of Polish / Australian diplomatic relations in 2022.

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More Than Words - A Remarkable Journey

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

As we return to a more normal world, and with entertainment back on the agenda, Charlton resident Bruce Gardner's story, about living the life in the rock 'n roll world, is surely one to share. And it was his way with words which helped to make the dream of many a youngster – that of being part of a successful rock band – come true for this teenage boy from Broadmeadows.

While numerous others aspire to fame and fortune, the group Bruce joined ended up creating a sensation not just in his local area, but through backing many of the biggest names in the Australian music scene of the 1960's and '70's.

Now retired, Bruce recently shared his tale at a gathering in Charlton, opening his address with an outline of his passion now for writing poetry. He then back-tracked to reveal the amazing beginnings of his wordsmith work which culminated in providing songs for the hottest new talent on the 60's rock scene – a very young Broadmeadow's group by the name of "*Total Fire Band*".

As part of the four, then five-member group, Bruce's writing skills were honed during his apprenticeship as a typesetter at the local newspaper, where he also regularly wrote a column about the growing music scene.

Initially called, "*Platter Chatter*" it later morphed into "*In Time with Bruce*" and provided snappy reviews on the changing music styles generated by the impact of Beatles and the Rolling Stones. Reviews of up-coming records and groups were a feature.

Also a guitarist, (though somewhat modest about his skills), Bruce was invited to join "*Total Fire Band*" in 1967, following the City of Broadmeadows "Cavalcade of Youth" - an event designed to showcase the talents of all forms of local entertainers within the region. At just 18, he became the oldest member of the group, with the youngest – a school boy of just 15.

The importance of "*Total Fire Band*" relates as much to the setting in which it was formed as it does to the talents of its members. Broadmeadows in those days was the much-maligned northern suburb of Melbourne – notorious for its rough background, hooliganism and gang fighting. Against such negative associations, the rapid rise and glowing high profile of "*Total Fire Band*" was like a beacon, and provided an uplift for the area. So much so that the current Broadmeadows Council is planning a retrospective acknowledgement of the group, (hopefully set for next year), with a big music event, complete with special staging and a book to revive interest in the local band which created such a buzz.

The five band members included Wayne Morrison (lead guitar), Mark Eustace (lead singer), Trevor Misselbrook

(drums) Doug Willmot (organist) who, along with Bruce, projected a wholesome, clean-cut image. Originally managed by Channel 9 employee, Geoff Crozier, after judging at the "Cavalcade of Youth", the group received massive exposure through television appearances on prime-time shows like "New Faces", "Blind Date", the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal and the iconic, "In Melbourne Tonight", hosted by TV legend, Graham Kennedy,

Starting off small – with local gigs across the northern and western suburbs of Melbourne - "*Total Fire Band*" rapidly built a following with a fan club and newsletters breathlessly heralding their arrival on the music scene. Given the limited communications of the day, incentives offered through fan membership (including personally autographed photos, a badge, band member bios), plus the attraction of five young men in tune with the "happening" music scene, did the rest.

The band also gained traction through the highly rated radio 3UZ disc jockey of the day, John Vertigan, opening up access to huge numbers of listeners on his immensely popular show.

Profiles in industry publications such as "Go Set" magazine, the Sun "Young Sun" columns, the Herald's "In Black and White" column, support from the prominent DJ, Stan Rofe, plus significant publicity through local newspapers kept the boys in the spotlight.

Commenting on his writing for the band Bruce said: "Normally music is written first, and then lyrics are fitted to the tune. But we did it the other way, and it worked for us. Even today when I write poetry or song lyrics I put the chords to it last. I still have contact with Wayne (Morrison) who lives in New Zealand, and he has helped me through a couple of tricky spots if I am struggling with what I have written. The range of songs we wrote together was well varied and ranged from soft ballads to heavy and plain old rock and roll."

The band released a record on their own label (a first back in the day), titled "*Billy Cart b/w Lady I Love You*", both written by Wayne and Bruce, and released through the Fan Club with initially strong sales. Other hits such as "*Flight 224*" also gained prominence.

As their profile grew so did their desire to move on to the next level of entertainment. Believing that Geoff no longer had their best interests at heart, the boys went with a change of management, enlisting Arthur Merriman – the Victorian Sales Manager for Overeem Amplifiers - who had seen the band on television. In a move made in heaven, the company supplied the band with state-of-the-art music gear which improved and enhanced their sound, consequently raising their profile even more.

Under Arthur's guidance, and in keeping with their "fire" theme, the band wore red outfits, complete with ladies red, decorative shoes. Bruce remembers the pain endured when the boys took part in the Moomba Parade and instead of being transported on an old fire engine as planned, they had to walk the entire distance in their high heels!

As the audience reactions became more frantic, the boys' shirts were designed with detachable sleeves so they could be ripped off, thereby adding to the frenzy of the moment. Their tagline of "Think pink –but wear red", saw the fan base also adopt their idols' fiery colour scheme. While Bruce no longer has this trend-setting costume, a colour photo from an old press clipping captures the impact!

A reservoir of information is contained in the many scrapbooks of memorabilia which chronicles the band's rise to fame. Progress from local outlets, to regional stop-overs and then metro gigs saw them supporting some of the biggest music stars of the time - Ronnie Burns, Normie Rowe, Issi Dye, the Master's Apprentices, Billy Thorpe and the Aztecs – the list reads like a who's-who of Australian musical talent, and confirmed the band's emerging status as a group destined for stardom. They certainly lived up to their moniker of "hot stuff" with reviews proclaiming: "predicted to be one of the top bands of 1970", "teenagers are clamoring for this group to appear in their area", "*Total Fire Band* – the hottest property around".

Amongst the highlights of their career was their involvement in the 1970 Moomba Parade, of which they were the only accepted rock group to take part. Featuring in the evening pop concert, the boys performed in front of a crowd of around 10,000 spectators. A stint at the 1970 "*Battle of The Sounds*" at Festival Hall, was another big step which the band embraced. Meeting and supporting the late, indigenous Boxing World Champion, Lionel Rose, at an Australia Day performance where he sang his hit "*Let Me thank You*", was yet another highpoint.

As 1970 progressed Bruce felt that a cross road had been reached and it was time for him to leave the group. While the band continued for a short time after - capturing a spot at the Sunbury Music Festival, and with member, Denis Dunstan going on to become the Australian manager for Fleetwood Mac, the group knew they had reached the end of the road.

"It was a great experience," said Bruce, "and of course we loved the atmosphere and adoration, but being so young none of us were ready for the really big time which we felt we were being pushed towards. We had a very rapid rise over a short period of time."

Using his writing skills, he headed into

the real estate business, before moving to Charlton with his partner, Annette, in 2012 where they opened the business, "Timeless Treasures and Tea Rooms".

While arthritis now limits his guitar playing, Bruce is still passionate about writing, and is spending time developing his evocative poetry. A trip to Port Arthur triggered an intense affinity with the location – one which he is keen to explore more thoroughly through his poems.

While life's journey can take many routes, an astute way with words has underpinned much of Bruce Gardner's life. This is his story to share.

Right: Taking a walk down memory lane, Charlton resident, Bruce Gardner is pictured with memorabilia from his days as a lyricist and bass guitar player with the "Broady" "Total Fire Band". The band's origins and achievements, which created a such a favourable image for the northern suburbs area, are set to be acknowledged through a retrospective exhibition and event by the Broadmeadows Council in the near future.



Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to our first update from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. All of us here are very excited about the year ahead, and all the opportunities that may be presented to continue to grow our wonderful collection of items. It is only thanks to a small number of people who volunteer their time that we are able to present such a wonderful experience to both local and out of town visitors.

We are looking forward to again being able to undertake a few visits to other museums and places of interest during the year, and to welcome like minded groups to make the trip to Charlton and view our displays and records. The museum also intends hosting events during the year that will have a distinct Charlton flavour, and encourage more people to attend and view our collection. Keep an eye open for further details in coming months. Don't forget that we are open every Sunday from 11am to 3pm or by contacting one of the numbers below for all museum related enquiries.

Would you like your family's story recorded for future generations? Late last year we introduced a service where you can record your history for us to scan into our digital reference library, and store a copy of the papers, family images or genealogy charts in an A4 size envelope. This is a wonderful opportunity for stories not to be lost, but preserved for researchers at a later stage. Cost is just \$10, which goes towards helping to maintain our collection.

Many people would not be aware that the museum is also the 'Place of Deposit' (POD) for many old council records, and records for many clubs and organizations that were once located here in Charlton. This ranges from sports' groups to

Guides and Scouts, Swimming Club, Young Farmers and many, many more.

This month we are going back to 1933 when The Shire of Charlton signed a four year agreement with The Charlton Electric Light and Power Company Limited to provide public lighting to the town. The cost of the project was two hundred and thirty eight pounds & eight shillings, payable in quarterly instalments of fifty eight pounds & twelve shillings. The contract stipulated that the lights were to remain on from dusk until midnight, apart from two located on the bridge over the Avoca River, which stayed on from dusk until dawn. In total 57 lamps were to be installed, with the electric company providing additional lights free of charge if requested by the shire, so long as they were able to be connected to the main line.

In 2022 the Charlton Golden Grains Museum is continuing looking for more enthusiastic 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 and don't need any experience. 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 'Charlton Golden Grains Museum'.

Phone enquiries:

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Secretary Carolyn 0418 361 971

Archivist Markus 0413 129 216

Image: The Charlton Power House, cnr Camp & Halliday Streets.





Charlton Neighbourhood House

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Welcome to the first issue of the Charlton Community Newsletter for 2022 and our latest catch up from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. We hope that everyone was able to enjoy time with family and friends over the holiday period and see the New Year in safely. December was a very busy time here at the House with many activities across a broad range of age groups. Our early morning swim sessions and Gentle Water exercises continued, with the warmer weather being much appreciated by the attendees.

As well as Santa's mailbox being available for children to drop their very important letters in to Father Christmas, parents were able to have photos taken and printed of their children with Santa at the Band Rotunda. A huge thank-you goes to all the volunteers who help make these events special for Charlton's young people.

We were very pleased to host a free Gingerbread House making afternoon for around 20 excited children thanks to Buloke Shire's CASI Fund. There was plenty of icing, lollies and fun games enjoyed by those attending, and some delicious gingerbread projects taken home for the families.



A fantastic night was had by all who attended the Charlton Neighbourhood House's Dive In Movie 'Space Jam 2' at the Charlton Pool. With support from the Rex Theatre, GrainCorp, and again, Buloke Shire's CASI funding, the feedback we received was terrific, and will hopefully lead to similar events.



Our 'Tech Tuesday' support sessions will be returning in February for the cost of \$15 per half hour. Bookings are essential by phoning 0473 759 456. We are also looking at hosting more formal computer and device upskilling sessions during the year.

As part of the 16 Days of Activism

Campaign that ran across the Buloke Shire a special free 'Sip and Paint' event was held at the Cricket Club Hotel. A large group of ladies enjoyed each others company while creating some wonderful artworks.



We were once again pleased to be happy assisting with the town's Australia Day celebration by compiling 'welcome packs' for newcomers to Charlton over the past 12 months. If you are new to town and were unable to make it along, drop in to the Neighbourhood House to collect yours when convenient.

While we sadly had a few interruptions to some planned courses and activities in January, we are back in full swing in February and beyond. The early morning swimmers continue to be catered for at the Charlton Pool Tuesday and Thursday mornings, while Second Tuesday Book Club will be meeting at the Travellers Rest on Tuesday the 8th for their first French themed catch up.

Our First Aid and CPR Refresher course is on Sunday February 6th. You must book now to fill in some required pre-registration paperwork. Cost is \$180 for the full course and \$95 for the CPR Refresher segment. NCLLEN will subsidize this course for just \$10 for students who attended Year 12 in 2020, 2021 and this year.

Pauline Brooks is pleased to again be hosting her Poetry Possibilities workshop on the 10th of February for the small charge of just \$10. Enquire today for further details.

We have rescheduled our Food Handlers and Food Handling Supervisors course for Sunday February 13. The cost for each of these courses is \$135, subsidized for eligible 2020, 2021 and 2022 Year 12 students for just \$10 thanks to support from NCLLEN. Contact the Neighbourhood House today for more details.

While many were disappointed at the cancellation of our Responsible Service of Alcohol training, we are happy to advise that has also been rescheduled to Sunday February 13. Cost for this Certificate course is \$130, or \$10 again for eligible Year 12s.

Our popular 'Table for 12' series of activities kicks off at the North Central Trade School Kitchen on Wednesday February 23, with Rice Paper Rolls and Vegetarian Dumplings. Hosted by Penny, Kim and Joo these evenings always fill fast. Book and pay now.

The Charlton Creativity Art Group will recommence meetings for the year on February 26, and then every 4th Saturday of the month following. If you are interested in art in its many forms, contact us today for further details on this great friendly group.

Just a reminder that OK Motels returns to Charlton on February 25 and 26. Limited tickets for locals at \$75 will be available through the Charlton Neighbourhood House closer to the event.

Looking ahead, we have many fantastic activities and courses planned to cater for the spectrum of our community. Activities during school holidays for children, certificate training sessions, social get togethers, artistic programs and so much more. If there is an activity or event you would like to see happen, or that you would be confident in hosting, feel free to call or drop in to the Neighbourhood House to discuss it.

Still available for purchase are our 'What Charlton Means' Youth photo books at just \$25, and the 'Outstanding In' Charlton photo album at \$50. These beautifully created books are a great memento or gift idea. Pop in to have a look at one if you haven't already seen them.

While 2022 still holds a lot of unknowns in relation to COVID, all of us at the Charlton Neighbourhood House are looking forward positively to a year of activities, training and opportunities to continue making Charlton a great place to be.



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WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

AT THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
The heart of our community.

FEBRUARY

1

Early Morning Swimming
Every Tuesday & Thursday 6:30am-7:30am
At: Charlton Pool
Cost: \$60 half season



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



8

Carers Group Lunch
Tuesday 8th 12pm
At: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Pay for own lunch



10

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



13

Food Handlers Course Level 1
Sunday 16th 9am-1pm
At: Charlton Park
COST: \$120 discounted price



13

Food Handlers Course Supervisors Level
Sunday 16th 1:30-5:30pm
At: Charlton Park
COST: \$120 discounted price



13

RSA Course
Tuesday 19th 6-10pm
At: Charlton Senior Citizens
COST: \$110 discounted price



23

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



26

Charlton Creativity - Art forms in various mediums
Saturday morning 26th 10-12pm
At: TBA
Cost: FREE

25-26

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



MARCH

Dates TBC for March events/activities:

- Below Zero FReeZA event
- Table for 12

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

2022 Off To A Flying Start!

It is always the aim of any group, club or organisation to build on what has been achieved in the past. The Charlton Harness Racing Club is certainly no different. Whilst much has been done throughout the difficult Covid period the club is already forging ahead with more infrastructure to improve the on course experience for our members, guests and racing participants who continue to strongly support our race days.

One of the great joys of any race day is being able to be up close to the horses – to see, hear and touch them. This is not achievable at the moment given the current position of the parade ring. With hopefully the Gods on our side we will be unveiling a new parade ring situated in the centre of the lawn area where previously there were a row of stalls.

These 20 stalls were unceremoniously dismantled after our last meeting on Jan 17th (thank you to Bernard and all our trainers and drivers who pitched in) and work is about to start on the remodelled under cover stalls. These will be a blessing during the very hot months as well as the very cold ones!

All of these improvements keep our club at the forefront of animal welfare and patron comfort, and go a long way to ensuring the viability of racing here in Charlton.

We can't wait to tick off these latest changes, scheduled for completion a few days before the Charlton and District Community Bank Pacing Cup Day. Keep your fingers crossed everyone!

March 20th is our big day! We urge all our local members and Charlton residents to please pencil this in-the day can only be a success if you come along to support it. The whole day will be going live on Trots Vision giving us a great opportunity to showcase all that is great about Charlton. So let's fill the track!

Remember Blue Sunday March 20th Our Town's Cup Day!

Dining and Marquee bookings are now open – but please be mindful that some alterations may occur re density requirements, should Covid throw us another curve ball.

Please call Andrea on 0499701322 for enquiries

Dining \$50 per head

Dressed marquee for 10 \$100

Wedderburn Trotters Cup For Ryan Sanderson and the Logan McNaultys

A successful day at Wedderburn saw Charlton's Ryan Sanderson team up again with the McNaulty's Chissy to win the Wedderburn Trotting Cup. The McNaulty's are all Charlton members, not to mention great fun people and the Charlton contingent

There one day!



Gone the next!

on course were all very happy to see them carrying the cup!

Well done also to Wayne Gretgrix who trained the last winner of the day Dashndot also owned by the Gretgrix clan of Charlton members.

Local Sponsors Give Strong Support

It has been particularly encouraging to be able to welcome two new major local sponsors to the club for 2022.

We are really thrilled to have the support of Benno, Carmel, Tyler and Natasha from The Vale Of Avoca – check out their fancy new sign on the winning post!

We also welcome Diane Hotham from the Cricket Club Hotel who is already requesting more local winning photos to adorn her pub walls! Pressure is on!

Thank you also to Bec and Troy from Heenan's Charlton Newsagency who have also joined our local Business Sponsorship group and are an invaluable help to us as a local contact point for the club.

(Don't forget membership renewals can be paid at the Newsagency).



Trainer Jason McNaulty Driver Ryan Sanderson and owner Noel McNaulty with the Wedderburn Trotters Cup



Charlton Harness Racing Club

Along with the renewed support from our Pacing and Trotting Cup naming rights sponsors in The Charlton and District Community Bank and North West Ag Services we are so looking forward to a great day on March 20th.

Building these strong connections is invaluable for the future of The Charlton Harness Racing Club.

Raffle Nights return for 2022

Cricket Club Hotel
every first Friday of the month 6pm.

Winners for January On The Track – Congratulations All - Keep Them Coming

Martha Lavinia, Mildura—Driver Ryan Sanderson
Wild Man, Mildura—Driver Ryan Sanderson
Glens Of Tekoa, Swan Hill—Trainer John Tormey
Captain Confetti, Swan Hill—Driver Abby Sanderson
Shaq, Bendigo—Trainer John Tormey
Starvin Marvin, Mildura—Driver Abby Sanderson
Radius, Terang—Driver Ryan Sanderson

Shaq, Bendigo—Trainer John Tormey
Chissy, Bendigo—Driver Ryan Sanderson
Art of Sheng Li, Cobram—Driver Ryan Sanderson
Glens Of Tekoa, Kilmore—Trainer John Tormey
Ozzie Playboy, Mildura—Driver Abby Sanderson
Kempeys Delight, Stawell—Driver Denbeigh Wade
Art Of Sheng Li, Shepparton—Driver Ryan Sanderson
Chissy, Wedderburn Cup—Driver Ryan Sanderson.

Charlton Croquet Club

Although the weather has been humid players have turned up in good numbers so far in 2022. February is a busy month with Section Championships in both Association and Golf Croquet to be played. On 8th & 9th Feb. Charlton Croquet Club will host the 2nd Workshop for Association Croquet players. This is a two day coaching session for player development.

On Saturday 26th Feb. Association Croquet will hold an Invitation Doubles event.

Top: Nita Perry, Janet Richardson, Lindsay Patullo.

Bottom: Naomi Patullo, Pat Mathews, Barb Dalrymple, Margaret Bowen.



RSL Thank You For Australia Day Award



On Australia Day, Charlton RSL Sub-branch was presented with the Charlton Community Event of the Year 2021 award. The award was in recognition of the Sub-branch/Bendigo Legacy Club celebratory dinner held on 17 April

2021. This dinner was to note and celebrate the raising from Diggers Day golf days of a grand total of \$100,000.00 for Bendigo Legacy.

The first reference to Diggers Day we can trace was in 1935: the event had been most successful, the net profit was 3 pounds 9 shillings and 9 pence.

Charlton Sub-branch decided to donate the net proceeds from Diggers Day golf days to Bendigo Legacy Club; unfortunately the date this decision was made has been lost in the mists of time. Legacy was chosen

as beneficiary as Legacy's role is to care for the widows and children of servicemen who die on active service or who die from service related injuries or illness.

Diggers Day resumed after World War 2; in 1947 the net profit was 14 pounds 15 shillings and 4 pence; in 1959 the net profit was 331 pounds 4 shillings and tuppence ha'penny! Look after the ha'pennies and the pounds will look after themselves!

In 1964 the popularity of Diggers Day can be gauged by an entry in Sub-branch minutes: that an extra 18 gallons of beer be obtained as a reserve for Diggers Day. In 1976 the net profit was \$1,040.55. And so Diggers Day continued, and each year our Sub-branch sent moneys to Bendigo Legacy Club.

Old soldiers never die, they only fade away and, as Sub-branch numbers declined, we called first on Apex Service Club and then on Oasis Service Club to help out on

Diggers Day, which they were only too willing to do. The first reference to their assistance was in 1981. We thank them sincerely for their support over many years.

Last year the Sub-branch donated \$1,252.00 to Bendigo Legacy Club. An odd amount, but this brought the grand total donated over the years up to \$100,000.00.

And so we come to Saturday 17 April 2021 and the Charlton RSL Sub-branch and Bendigo Legacy Club celebratory dinner, the culmination of 86 years of community service and of \$100,000.00 donated to Bendigo Legacy Club. We thank all who assisted in putting on the event and all those who attended.

We thank Charlton Forum for making the Charlton Community Event of the Year 2021 award available; we are honoured to accept it. The award plaque will be displayed in pride of place in our Sub-branch clubrooms.



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VOLUNTEERS ENRICHING COMMUNITY

A perfect outdoor setting on a perfect summer's morning greeted the Charlton community as citizens gathered for breakfast and the 2022 Australia Day ceremony held at the Shire Hall forecourt recently.

With Covid protocols occupying a minimal background, the sense of communal interaction was relaxed and representative of a laid-back Aussie gathering.

True to form, Aussie insects made their presence felt with ants creating issues along the pathway where the announcements took place! (Unfortunately, relocation of the lecture wasn't an option).

The recognition of the local achievers - those who contribute to, and enrich our communities - is showcased through the partnerships between organizations which join to make the celebration of the national day such an important event in the annual calendar.

Collaboration between the Charlton CWA Cabbaritta Branch and the Charlton Forum, bring together support from additional volunteer groups which include: the Charlton Lions Club, Charlton RSL Sub-Branch, the Charlton Choir, and this year, the inclusion of members from the CWA Junior Branch who took part in the flag raising ceremony. Acknowledgement was also given to the Buloke Shire, Cr. David Pollard and the Charlton Neighbourhood House for contributions towards the event.



Bringing a generational change, two members of the Charlton Junior CWA Branch assisted with the flag raising at this year's Australia Day ceremony - pictured (l-r) RSL Sub-Branch members, Bill Young and Gordon Risk with Erin Blair and Anika Holmes-Brown.

Welcoming the crowd, Cabbaritta President, Janet Stafford opened with an acknowledgement to Country before inviting people to reflect and to recommit towards making Australia an even better place for the future.

Following the recitation of the Australia Day Pledge, President of the Charlton Forum, Bruce Gardner was introduced to announce the Charlton Australia Day awards.

Charlton Citizen of the Year

Kaylene Cossar

(Award presented by Kevin Mathews - 2021 Charlton Citizen of the Year)

Citation

Kaylene has been heavily involved in numerous community organisations and projects over many years. However, it was her involvement in the establishment of The CIRCLE after the 2011 flood, and more recently, the Charlton Neighbourhood House, that was highlighted in her nomination.

After the devastating January 2011 flood, Kaylene stepped up to help the community and subsequently became a key member of the Charlton Recovery Committee and it's People's Sub-committee. The committee identified the need for a Community Resource Centre as a central point for individuals to obtain advice and support. It was Kaylene who came up with the name 'The Charlton Information Resource Centre and Learning Environment', known as The CIRCLE. A location was secured and Kaylene sourced the bond and the first year's rent. Her amazing energy combined with her consummate skills as a communicator, networker and negotiator, led to The Circle being painted by volunteers, furnished, and fitted with telephones and computers within a matter of days.

Kaylene's strong organisational skills were evidenced with her ability to match the numerous offers of help and resources with

community groups and individuals in need. This included 'The Buddy System' which involved volunteers visiting the vulnerable and isolated for a 'Cuppa & a Chat'. Kaylene also successfully negotiated with the East Wimmera Health Service for the provision of a psychologist for 2 days a week for most of the first two years of the life of the CIRCLE.

The CIRCLE eventually closed due to a lack of funding but had served the community admirably when it was most needed. Kaylene's input over that time was substantial and a large proportion of The CIRCLE's success can be genuinely attributed to her driving force, vision and dedication.

In 2018 when new funding became available to establish Neighbourhood Houses, Kaylene was approached by Charlton Forum to assist with the submission to the State Government. A very strong application was submitted and was successful. Auspiced by Charlton Forum, a sub-committee was established with Kaylene as the inaugural Chairperson. Again, she was the driving force, providing excellent leadership for her committee and strong direction. Kaylene was instrumental in negotiating with the Rex Theatre to use part of its premises and she was responsible for producing most of the operational policies and procedures required to operate as a Neighbourhood House.

The Neighbourhood House quickly became operational opening in February 2019, offering numerous services to the community. Kaylene was instrumental in fostering various collaborations with other community groups and is also the driving force behind many of the programs and services it offers. It has since become an invaluable asset to the community. With her guidance they have secured numerous grants for many programs and projects in the three years it has been operating.



The crowd stands for the flag raising and singing of the national anthem.



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Kaylene has been re-elected as Chairperson for a third term and continues to provide invaluable support to the coordinator, other staff and the Committee, and dedicates many hours a week to its continuing operation.

In other community service, Kaylene served on the Charlton College P-12 School Council from 2006 to 2018, including two terms as President. An extremely hands-on President, during her first term Kaylene was a welcome support to the Principal during the construction of the new Primary School and Science & Language Buildings.

Kaylene was actively involved in her children's sport. Most noteworthy was her involvement with the Football Ladies' Auxiliary for approximately 10 years, holding the roles at various times of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Kaylene was also Secretary of the Basketball Club for a period of ten years in which she was involved in all aspects of the running of the club and was awarded a Life Membership.

Kaylene is a Charlton Park 2020 committee member and is manager of grants for the committee. She undertook the major work involved in obtaining the \$325,000 Building Better Regions Fund grant. Kaylene also contributed many hours to help prepare the new building to be ready for the opening.

Kaylene has been involved with the CFA for many years and at one point was employed as a Brigade Support Officer. Kaylene became Secretary of the Yeungroon CFA in 2017 and has been Secretary of the Volunteer Fire Brigades of Victoria for 2 years. She brings her extensive experience to these roles.

Kaylene is Chair of the Buloke Shire Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee. This is a volunteer role, and she represents both Charlton and the wider Buloke Community.

Kaylene is currently involved in numerous community projects ranging from art and culture to the environment and community wellbeing. She is also a member of several project control groups including the newly completed River Front Project and the upcoming Streetscape works. Kaylene's dedication to the ongoing wellbeing and prosperity of her local community is outstanding. We have all, or no doubt will, benefit from Kaylene's contributions in some way.

Congratulations Kaylene, the Charlton community thank you for your efforts.

Response

Thanking the Forum and her nominators, Kaylene said she was humbled to be a recipient, and acknowledged the volunteering work of many in the crowd.

While touching on the sensitivities generated by Australia Day, she emphasized that "Reflection, Respect and Celebration" were communal grounds upon which all shared agreement.

"Our community survives on volunteerism," she said, "and no one person can achieve what we as a collective have. I have been very fortunate to volunteer in a number of organizations, and I thank everyone involved in these for guiding me, mentoring and supporting me. Volunteering has helped me develop many skills, form many friendships and networks, and helped me feel connected."

With goals of making community "better, stronger, more cohesive and inclusive and giving everyone a voice", Kaylene said witnessing Charlton bounce back from setbacks to become stronger and more vibrant has been the result of tireless community work.

In the long journey towards the establishment of the Charlton Neighbourhood House, Kaylene also acknowledged the many supporters, highlighting Geoff Wright as a visionary, who unfortunately did not see this dream become a reality.

Thanking her family and friends for their "tremendous support", Kaylene concluded by congratulating Tessa Fitzpatrick on both her Charlton and Buloke Awards.

Young Citizen of the Year Tessa Fitzpatrick

Citation

Tessa has a remarkable sense of community and a willingness to contribute. During her secondary school years she was active in the SRC, a house captain and sports captain, involved in the Youth Group and also travelled to Canada on Rotary Exchange. Tessa was also involved in the Charlton Hockey Club as a player, umpire and coach, and was the Junior Girls Coordinator and a committee member for the Charlton Basketball Association.

After completing her schooling and working for a few years in Canada, Tessa decided to move back to Charlton and has chosen to work locally and study online so she can continue to live in her local community. With her return, she has taken a very active role in the Charlton community. Tessa has been a representative on the Charlton Neighbourhood House committee for the last twelve months and brings a wonderful youth perspective that is greatly valued. Tessa expressed her desire for the Neighbourhood House to have a stronger focus on the under 35 age group and what they have to offer the community. She also encouraged the inclusion of our local natural environment in the Neighbourhood House strategic plan. These will both be a focus for the Neighbourhood House for the next three years. On behalf of the Neighbourhood House, Tessa also liaises with the OK Motels event manager to ensure a strong connection with the community as well as coordinating the roster of local hospitality staff.

The Neighbourhood House worked with Tessa to present a proposal to the Charlton Landcare group that had been dormant for a number of years, and as a result Tessa raised her hand mid-year to take on the role of President of Charlton Landcare. She has commenced the huge task of rebuilding the organisation. Already they have conducted two well attended biodiversity walks and have made applications for funding bird hides along the river and Wooroonook Lakes.



Charlton Citizen of the Year, Kaylene Cossar (l) and Charlton and Buloke Young Citizen of the Year, Tessa Fitzpatrick (r) are pictured with their respective awards following the Australia Day ceremony.



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Tessa's involvement with the Charlton Hockey Club continues and she is the current President of the club. Tessa is also a valued and active member of the Charlton A & P Society.

In addition to the Charlton Young Citizen of the Year, Tessa has also been awarded the Buloke Citizen of the Year. Tessa is an inspirational role model for the youth of Charlton. She illustrates that after completing school you can follow your own path, which in her case, has led her overseas and then back to Charlton. She can demonstrate to other youth that you can live an active, full and interesting life in a small town whilst contributing to the larger picture. Tessa is a natural leader and her enthusiasm is infectious to both young and old.

Congratulations Tessa

(Response)

Firstly, acknowledging Country, Tessa said what an honor it was to receive the award, expressing the benefits of "living in such a place where so many opportunities are presented every day". Citing the experiences of her Rotary Exchange, coaching hockey, or making "santas" for the footy – these things have given me both purpose and taught me the integral part volunteers play in every aspect of our little community."

Referencing the many "cogs in the machine that make things work so well", Tessa thanked the Forum, The Charlton Hockey Club, the Charlton Landcare Group, the Neighbourhood House, the A. & P. Society, the Rotary Club, and lastly her family and

friends for the experiences and opportunities made available to her.

Tessa concluded by acknowledging the disparity between the celebration of Australia Day for some and its recognition as a day of grief for others. "I just hope that as a community and as individuals, we can act with compassion and empathy towards each other when it comes to our celebrations today," she said.

Charlton Event of the Year RSL Diggers' Day "Thank-you Dinner"

(Accepted by RSL President, Gordon Risk and Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Freeman)

(Citation)

The Charlton RSL sub-branch held a 'Thank you dinner' on Saturday 21st April at the Charlton Golf Club in recognition of reaching \$100,000 in donations to Bendigo Legacy - the proceeds of RSL Diggers' Day golf which started in 1935. Invitations were sent to sponsors, trophy donors, Legacy representatives, RSL members, Golf Club members, OASIS members, the local Police and anyone who has helped with the running of Diggers' Day. The OASIS Club catered and the Charlton College Year 10 work experience students waited tables as a fundraiser. Eighty-five meals were served on the night.

Speeches were given by the Presidents of RSL, the Golf Club, Bendigo Legacy, OASIS Club and the family of the late Norm Lindhe, a tireless organiser and worker for Diggers' Day and the main trophy is named in his honour.

The President of Bendigo Legacy stated that Charlton RSL is the largest contributor to Legacy outside the Bendigo area.

This event was run during Covid, in-between lockdowns. The Covid-19 requirements were onerous but the organisers persevered and a terrific night was enjoyed by those in attendance.

(Response)

In responding, Bill Freeman outlined the 86 year history of the Diggers' Day Golf event, acknowledging that the award covered much more than a single year's community service.

"From little acorns great oaks grow," said Bill, referencing the first event of 1935 which raised 3 pounds, 9 shillings and 9 pence, the net of which was donated to Bendigo Legacy.

Over succeeding years, the profits have increased, with a notable entry in 1964 that 18 gallons of beer be obtained as a reserve for Diggers' Day!

Enlisting the help of Apex and OASIS service clubs in latter years, Bill acknowledged their support, before expanding on the celebratory dinner held on 17 April 2021 as the culmination of 86 years community service and \$100,000 of donations to Bendigo Legacy.

"Today's award will be displayed with pride of place in our Sub-Branch Clubrooms," he said.

Charlton Youth Volunteer Recognition Awards

There were four nominees from the Charlton Netball Club: Maddison Fitzpatrick, Zara Jenkyn, Emmersyn Nelson and Isobel Soulsby.

Newcomers Welcome

Welcoming newcomers to town has become an established part of the morning's ceremony, with Forum President, Bruce Gardner, acknowledging the three newest local Australian Citizens. "Welcome Packs" compiled by the Neighbourhood House, were also presented to a large number of new residents.

Guest Speaker Harry Brindley

Following a musical medley of Australian songs by the Charlton Choir under the leadership of Gill Gretgrix, guest speaker, Charlton local Harry Brindley, presented an informative Australia Day address. He spoke about the scope and impact of the "Freedom Across Australia" (FAA) touring initiative which seeks to provide travel opportunities for severely disabled people.

Starting with the origins of the activity, which is based on a UK initiative known as "Across Trust", the Australian version, which began in 1988, has become a Lions initiative since its beginnings at the Lidcombe Hospital in NSW.

Addressing the issues of long-distance travel for adults with disabilities, the project has enjoyed the support of Lions Clubs



Charlton RSL Sub-Branch President, Gordon Risk (r) is congratulated by Bruce Gardner following the presentation of the Charlton Event of the Year for the RSL Diggers' Day Celebratory Dinner.



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across Australia, with the Auburn Lidcombe Club NSW accepting it as a Club activity in 2002. Fundraising by the Club over a number of years enabled the purchase of a fully modified trailer complete with kitchen, along with a fully modified bus with capacity for three wheel-chairs and seating for 15.

Charlton's connection with the initiative evolved out of a group visit during the 1990's where the local Lions Club hosted the overnight stay. Offering both his generosity and his ambulance skills, Harry's assistance so impressed the organizers that, as they were leaving the next day, they asked him if he would take part in their next trip. And, as they say – the rest is history!

The Charlton connection has since been enhanced further with Charlton Lions Club adopting the FAA following the disband-

ment of the Auburn Lidcombe Club. Operating through online meetings, the group is eagerly anticipating a return to travel once the impact of Covid eases. And true-to-form, Harry has taken on the role of Field Officer for the tours.

Emphasizing the immense benefits and positive outcomes for the participants in these tours, Harry re-counted a number of examples where life-changing results had yielded complete, and lasting, changes of attitude for the individuals involved.

From providing respite for carers, to broadening horizons for participants, the opportunity to increase self-confidence and self-sufficiency is an important aspect of the activity.

Hosted by Lions Clubs across the country, and offering satisfying volunteer oppor-

tunities, Harry said, "The pleasure of giving is a personal reward."

Concluding by thanking the community, and highlighting the supportive embrace extended to himself and his family all the years ago on his arrival as the town's paramedic, Harry acknowledged the input of the Australia Day organizers, before being presented with a (long overdue) Charlton mug.

The morning concluded with the rousing rendition of "I Am Australian" before award winners were congratulated by family and friends.

Below: A passionate and pro-active Lion, Harry is currently District Governor for V 1-4 and is pictured at the Australia Day breakfast with Janet Stafford, President of Charlton CWA Branch, Cabbaritta.



Recipients of the Youth Volunteer Recognition Awards are Charlton Netball Club members (l-r) Zara Jenkyn and Maddison Fitzpatrick. Emmersyn Nelson and Isobel Soulsby also received awards, but were apologies on the day.



Newcomers were welcomed to Charlton and presented with welcome packs filled with information about the town.

Retro Rex - Harry Potter 2007

While the Rex is closed for renovation, we're turning back the clock to look at events, features and stories which have added a sparkle to the theatre's history.

To kick things off, the recent 20th anniversary of the release of the first Harry Potter film seemed like a good place to start. And with the special cast reunion film - *"Return to Hogwarts"* - fresh in the mind, let's turn our attention towards the Rex celebration of all things "Potter".

The year was 2007 and the last book installment of the boy-wizard's story - *"The Deathly Hallows"* - was due for release on 31 July.

Anticipation was high, with the frenzy ramping up about what the final outcome of J.K.Rowling's mega-hit series would hold for many of the much-loved characters. The book release neatly coincided

with the Rex screening of *"The Order of the Phoenix"*, so it seemed like the perfect opportunity to make an "occasion" out of the movie-going experience.

A competition inviting patrons to attend the two Sunday matinees dressed as a HP character was advertised. Prizes of a hardcover edition of J.K. Rowling's final book were to be awarded for the best or most creative outfit, and given the excitement, access to a copy of the newly-released book was a BIG incentive!

The event promo read: *"Professor McGonagall will be using her magical powers to judge the competition, and there is no truth to the rumor that wands will be barred from the premises. Nimbus 2000s (broomsticks) will have to be parked outside!"*

Numerous much-loved characters rolled up to the Rex

in costume. From Harry himself, to Hermione, Dobby the Elf, Professor McGonagall, Dumbledore, Professor Snape, the Trolley Lady, (complete with the lolly trolley), journalist Rita Skeeter, along with witches, wizards and muggles, the Rex was abuzz with excitement.

The Candy Bar window was decorated with H.P. paraphernalia, including Hedwig the owl in her cage, an antiquated broom stick, piles of old books, bottles of potions and a couple of writing quills. Local signwriter, Jim Harvey, generously whipped up a sign for Platform 9 ¾ for the foyer, and patrons were greeted by Rex Board members dressed as various characters.

Looking back, (especially through the Covid-limiting lens of today), this was an episode which genuinely captured community imagination and added some extra pizzazz to "going-to-the movies".

While we wait with anticipation to re-open, indulge in a bit of nostalgia with these photos, and share with anyone who might have been a part of it!

Once the Rex re-opens, we will look forward to offering similar opportunities into the future.

Top: Professor McGonagall (Lesley Miller)

Centre: Nathaniel and Lachlan Holmes-Brown show their Harry Potter skills.

Right: Dobby the Elf (Sally McLean), with Harry Potter (Walter Townsend)



Left to Right: Anita Jones, Hadyn Jones, Bev Turner and Ken Jones as various characters.



The Rex window advertising the movie "The Order of the Phoenix"



A group photo following the movie.

Charlton College Awards Ceremony

Charlton College held a day time Awards Ceremony on Monday the 13th of December in the Charlton stadium and streamed the event live. School Captains, Angus Jablonka and Zara Jenkyn, compered the event. In his address School Council President, Shane Fitzpatrick, noted the continued commitment and resilience shown by staff in an even more challenging year, and wished former Principal, Kelvin Baird, all the very best in his retirement. New Principal, Jamie Daff, commented that Charlton College is a very positive environment and he complimented students on how well they settled back into the

schooling setting following remote learning.

The Charlton College Literary Awards provide opportunity for the talents of writers from throughout the College to be acknowledged. Thomas Judd's piece entitled "I.O. Mator" about a specially built machine was judged winner for the F-3 area, while Josie Larmour's emotionally packed piece entitled "Legless" was judged the Years 4-6 winning piece. In the 7 to 9 area, Elliott Fitzpatrick's elliptical structured piece entitled, "Nature vs City" was judged best and Delilah Harris' piece entitled "Gutsy the Wombat" won the HMP Good Story Award.

The recipients of the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership awards were Angus Jablonka and Tyler Riley, acknowledged for the leadership and teamwork they have demonstrated within the school and broader community and for demonstrating values considered integral to the ADF and Australian society. ADF also provided funding for a Future Innovators award, the recipient of this was Lennon Jablonka.

Students recognised for their all-round achievement were Amber Gough, Stella Nicolson, Fletcher Holmes-Brown and Mason Heenan. Charlton Arts Inc once again provided scholarships to acknowledge the artistic talents of our students, with Dora McGeown being the recipient of the Artistic Excellence award, having produced creative art works within a range of studio forms including drawing, painting and collage and Elise Fitzpatrick being the recipient of the Artistic Development award.

The afternoon concluded with the College Captains' report where they acknowledged all the teaching staff and encouraged students to enjoy the time spent at school as it goes very quickly.

Congratulations to Angus Jablonka, the 2021 Charlton College Dux.

Angus has demonstrated a conscientious and thoughtful approach to his studies. A deep thinking student, Angus persevered through two disrupted years of senior schooling to achieve excellent results in the final year of his VCE. He particularly excelled in Year 12 after finding a strong sense of purpose and motivation.

Supported by his family and staff at the College, Angus balanced his studies with his role as one of the College Captains and his preparation for entry into the Defence Force in 2022.



ADF Future Innovators and Long Tan Leadership Awards. Future Innovators: Lennon Jablonka; Long Tan Leadership: Angus Jablonka & Tyler Riley.



All Rounders: Start's Buslines F-2: Amber Gough; Lion's Club 4-6: Stella Nicolson; Buloke Shire 7-9: Fletcher Holmes-Brown; Rotary & Ampol 10-12: Mason Heenan.



Charlton Lights Up

With players travelling from as far as Moranbah in Qld, Merimbula in NSW to Adelaide in SA, and from across all parts of Victoria, including the Mornington Peninsula, Greater Melbourne, Geelong, Mildura, Horsham, Shepparton, Avenel, Bendigo and everywhere in between, the tournament has continued to go from strength to strength, and provides a welcoming atmosphere that brings the little township of Charlton alive for this weekend each and every year. Great also to see ex-locals joining in the fun, Charlton welcoming back Joanne (McGurk) Cooney, Steve McGurk, Bronwyn (Heenan) Pokorzynski, as well as past club champions – Richard Noonan, Roger Heenan and Sarah Crutch all getting back onto the grass of their former club.

Quality matches were played across the three days, club president Troy Heenan identified two as particular standouts, both featuring two of country Victoria's strongest women players: Geelong's Nicole Mullen teaming with father Michael to overcome four time reigning Champions, Shepparton's Eliza Long and Troy Snow in an enthralling match, decided by a third set super tie-break. The other match no-one watching could take their eyes off, was the Ladies' Open final played between Nicole and Eliza, Eliza avenging the previous night's defeat with a tough 10-8 victory – what a treat for those in attendance to witness such high quality tennis, right here in little old Charlton.

Sunday the 24th of January, welcomed Sunday Funday at Charlton Park – the mixed doubles day quickly becoming the show-piece of the weekend. The day's play leading into the evening dinner break – a 'food van' style of offering for players and spectators, with entertainment provided by Greg Towers, new proprietor of The East Charlton Hotel, before all five grades of



The large crowd in attendance.



Sunday Funday under lights.

Drone photograph by Ned Zagame



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mixed doubles finals were played in the relative 'coolness' of evening beginning at 7:45pm and concluding under the newly operational lights – part of the 'Light Up Buloke' project – an evening that is sure to be replicated in the coming years and become a regular part of the Charlton Tennis Tournament offering.

Champions in the marquee events were as follows: BQS Group Men's Open Singles Champion – Nick Gatusso; Bakery Lane Serviced Apartments Ladies' Open Singles Champion – Eliza Long; Walsh Motors

Men's Doubles Champions – Nick Gatusso & Joe Nihill; Priority 1 Property Ladies' Open Doubles Champions – Michelle Balic & Bronwyn Osborne; Heenan's Charlton Newsagency Open Mixed Doubles Champions – Michael & Nicole Mullen.

Locals (and ex Locals) to do well: Naomi Fitzpatrick – runner up B Grade Ladies' 'Doubles (partnered by Kylie Evans of Bendigo); Steven McGurk – winner B Grade Men's Doubles (partnered by uncle Marty Smith of Mildura); Patrick & Hamish Noonan (sons of Richard) – runners up D

Grade Men's Doubles; Sarah Crutch – runner up B Grade Ladies' Singles.

Special thanks to the Charlton Lions Club for providing the labour to cook our BBQ, and thanks to all of our sponsors who have come on board this year and contributed to the ongoing viability of the Charlton tennis club – Australia's oldest regional club, and to the holding of this special tournament, which is estimated to contribute in excess of \$60,000 into the local community each year.

The DUCK is Charlton's Champion

Dale (DUCK) McCallum is Charlton Bowling Club's Singles Champion defeating a Blistered Irishman in Pat Connors in the final. Duck defeated defending Champion Kevin Willey convincingly along the way as he could do no wrong using the wide side in the wind to his advantage, and then defeated another up-and-coming bowler Joo Cheong Ong.

B Grade Singles was won by Jeff Cox who also was North Central Playing Area Novice Singles Champion for two years in a row. Jeff was to play against other winners within Wimmera Region in St Arnaud

but unfortunately, he will be away.

After starting our 21UP & 100UP Handicap events early, they came to a standstill when Pennant started. Looking at the remaining games there was Michael O'Brien in both draws, Joo Cheong Ong, Jeff Cox, Dale McCallum, and John Headon to play each other.

Another NEW member Michael O'Brien worked his low handicap to his advantage continually getting the shot, thus adding to his score to defeat Kevin Willey, Brad Chester and finally Dale (DUCK) McCallum in the

21UP Handicap Championship.

The 100UP Handicap Semi Finals saw Joo Cheong Ong defeat Michael O'Brien and Jeff Cox defeated John Headon. Jeff Cox continued his winning

streak to overcome Joo in the final.

Charlton Ladies' Singles Winner was again Lynne Southwell.



Pat Connors (left), runner up to Dale (Duck) McCallum, Charlton's Singles Champion.



100UP Handicap Championship winner Jeff Cox, (left) and runner up Joo Cheong Ong.




Michael O'Brien, (left) Charlton's 21UP Handicap Champion and runner up Dale (Duck) M Callum.



**Variety Rally
Around Victoria**

Friday 4 - Sunday 6 March 2022

Charlton Stop—March 4th, approx 12pm
100+ cars. Let's give them a warm welcome. Drinks available.



**Charlton
& District
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Plaques**

THESE INDIVIDUAL NAME/YEAR PLAQUES WERE REMOVED FROM THE OLD KINDER WALL BY THE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE DEMOLITION.

PLAQUES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION UNTIL **JANUARY 31ST 2022** FROM THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE. WHILE AVAILABLE THE PLAQUES WILL BE RELOCATED TO SHOWCASE SOLUTIONS.

THE COMMITTEE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF DECIDING ON A NEW WAY TO DISPLAY PREVIOUS PLAQUE NAMES AT THE NEW BUILDING.

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Bereavement Thank You

**Monica Margaret Livingston
09.03.1928—26.12.2021**

The Livingston family wish to thank our friends in the Charlton community for their many cards, prayers, thoughts, texts, flowers, food and visits following the sad passing of our mother, Monica.

We thank the Charlton Medical Group, Dr Webb, District nurses and ambulance officers for their care of Monica over the years. We also thank and appreciate the care of Inglewood and District Health Service.

We thank Father Gerry (St Joseph's Church), Father James and Swan Hill and District Funerals for their care and assistance with Monica's Mass. We acknowledge all who attended.

God has her in his keeping, we have her in our hearts.

Upcycle Your Art

Don't like that artwork anymore? Want to make room for something new?

**Rotary is hosting a second-hand art market on
the weekend of the OK Motels event (25th-27th January)**

Contact Jenny on 0488 916 202 for more details.



CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Running simultaneously with Mid Northern Shield

Where: Local fishers unlimited radius of Charlton—Mid Northern Shield Barham Caravan Park

When: Saturday & Sunday 19th & 20th Feb 2022, 7am to 6pm

Local Weigh in: 6pm Sunday at Clubrooms followed by BBQ tea.

- Mid Northern Shield held at Barham Caravan Park. Members to register with executive at campsite prior to fishing. Prizes for longest fish and longest bag. Mid Northern team comp presentation 5.30pm Saturday, individual comp presentations 11.30am Sunday at campsite.
- All members fishing to register by placing their name on the registration sheet at the Clubhouse before fishing
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching and releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in by 6pm Sunday to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation

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

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652



**All new and current
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Bereavement Thank You

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The family of the late Leo and Kathy Noonan sincerely thank you for the cards, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy following their passing.

Loved parents of 7 and adored grandparents to 29, Leo passed in late July and Kathy in December.

The support shown during these difficult times is very much appreciated and a great comfort to all of us.

*Wendy, Bernadette, Marea, Shane, Peter,
Gabrielle, Richard and families.*

2021 Charlton Rotary Club

Christmas Lights Competition

WINNERS:

Most Impressive Decorated House

Emily & Daniel Lane - 135 High Street, Charlton
Karen & Geoff Cox - 7 Donald Road, Charlton

Most Impressive Shop/Window

Boyz Café - 27 High Street, Charlton

Most Impressive Santa

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Congratulation to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated.

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Charlton Friends of the Red Cross

A very quiet summer to date with no deployments but we have three Members ready and trained if required. We have delivered goods to a family isolated by Covid and two of our members are "caretaking" a further quantity of non-perishable items which can be quickly delivered if required.

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East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times:

Sun. 6 th Feb.	10.30am (Livestreamed into St Joseph's Church from Donald)
Sun. 13 th Feb.	8.30am
Sat. 19 th Feb.	7.00pm
Sun. 27 th Feb.	10.30am



Charlton Uniting Church

Regular services have continued during Covid restrictions but with respect to rules of isolation and social distancing. We visit St. Martin's Anglicans on a monthly basis and Pastoral support is given where and when requested, remembering a phone call can be a great help to the lonely. Unfortunately we have been unable to visit the Aged Care facility but can have phone contact with residents.

North Central Garden Club

Garden Club will meet on Tuesday 22nd February, Lions Lodge 2 pm. Come and join us for the first meeting for 2022, we need your contribution to plan the syllabus. Hopefully you have been managing the summer weeds and also watching out for the fruit fly. The recent rain has certainly freshened up the trees, plus the lawns grow overnight.

Looking forward to see you all there.

Enquiries Bernice 5491 1334, Mareta 0447 912 183, Sue 0407 140 336.

St Martin's Messenger—February

Worship:

1pm Sunday 6 February 5 pm **Friday** 18 February
1pm Sunday 20 February 5 pm **Ash Wednesday** 2 March

It's hard to change your mind

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, Nazareth, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?" ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Mark 6:1-3

I don't think Jesus' neighbours had a problem with him personally. They liked him, he had grown up with them, maybe he had built their houses (remember that he was a carpenter until he put aside his tools). Their problem was with what he was saying and doing. They felt upset, irritated, outraged.

We all have attitudes and routines to give shape to our lives.

Little things, like what we have for breakfast and what we do on the weekend. We have our comfortable slippers and the music we love listening to.

We have our settled convictions too – about politics and asylum seekers, about God and about global warming.

This is the way it was for the good people of Nazareth, Jesus' hometown. They knew what they always knew. And here came someone they thought was like them, rejecting them by saying strange things about God and what God wanted. To make things worse, his friends were tax collectors, lepers, the poor and outcast.

"Get lost, carpenter! We know what we have always believed about everything, and what you say does not fit."

Rejection hurts. So can truth. We can imagine the pain of Jesus, as he sadly shook his head and moved on.

Help me Lord, not to give offence nor take it. Give me a thick skin and a warm heart. Amen.

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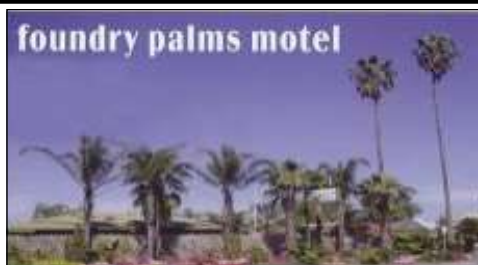
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6	7 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	8 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	9	10 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	11 Probus Meeting	12
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20 Fishing Comp @Barham	21 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting, 7:30pm CWA meeting	22 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm NCCG Meeting	23	24 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	25 OK Motels	26 OK Motels
27 Town Garage Sale	28 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm					

Mar. 2022 All meetings & events TBC & subject to Covid-19 restrictions

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