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## RED CROSS SERVICE RECOGNISED

Story by Jenny Pollard

Three hardworking Charlton ladies are the recent recipients of the National Emergency Services Medal in recognition for their outstanding contributions and work for the Red Cross organization.

Joy Freeman, Janet Stafford and Jenny McGillivray are pictured with their awards which acknowledge the support offered in assisting communities and individuals recover from emergencies across Australia.

Formerly Red Cross members, the trio are now "Friends of Red Cross" following the closure of the Charlton group in 2019, however their commitment continues as members of the Red Cross Emergency Services for the Northern Lakes region which covers the Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Buloke, Gannawarra and Swan Hill.

Dedicated, and with a deep desire to help others, they have given a considerable amount of time lending a quiet hand when the call comes through.

Joy stepped up in 1983 when the Charlton Branch was in need of new members, and Janet made her start as a "spontaneous volunteer" when the 2011 floods hit.

"I went down to the Charlton Hall with a cake and offered to help," she said, "and I came home two weeks later! You can't do that now – you have to be a trained member."

Jenny also saw the need following the floods and signed up in 2012.

The girls have been involved in many of the "big" stories of the 2000's, which their medals testify. All were acknowledged for their work during the 2019 / 20 Bushfires, with Janet receiving an additional clasp for her deployment to Townsville following the January / February 2019 floods.

During the bushfires, Joy and Jenny worked with evacuees from Mallacoota at the Sale RAAF Base, while Janet worked as a Team Leader during three separate deployments to Bairnsdale with evacuees from along the East Coast.

Learning to deal with rapidly evolving situations, and with sometimes hundreds of people whose reactions are unpredictable and out of character, can add to already intense

situations. Flexibility is also required, as fluid situations can change quickly, meaning there can be an acceleration of, or delay to the responses.

With deployments of six days duration (including two for travel, if required), the work can range from handing out food and water, to assisting people with grant applications, through to offering psychological first aid. These humanitarian efforts can also involve interaction with numerous other agencies, all of which are focused on establishing support for those who have been impacted.

Citing one of their most difficult assignments, Joy and Janet both related their thoughts on working in the immediate aftermath of the 2017 Bourke Street Mall incident where six people died and 37 were hospitalized. Providing personal support to the general public grieving at the spontaneous memorial at the Melbourne GPO, they said the situation was confronting as they circulated amongst the crowd.

For all incidents, but especially for one such as the above, support for the helpers is readily addressed by the Red Cross through initial briefings, de-briefings and ongoing welfare checks to ensure that everyone is

coping.

Despite the intensity of their assignments, Janet, Jenny and Joy all spoke of the rewards and satisfaction this work brings, and the opportunities for building networks across different groups and sectors of the community.

Although being the newest recruit, Jenny said as a result of her many experiences – both on the ground and through training – she had made many new friends and learnt a "huge amount, especially from Joy and Janet". For the McGillivray family, this is the third family member to receive a National Emergency Medal, with Jenny's husband, Allan and daughter, Louise, being so honored for their involvement in the 2009 Bushfires.

During the last two years as Covid has made its mark, the ladies have been busy with the delivery of food parcels and doing welfare calls across the three LGAs. "We have been busy working behind the scenes," said Janet, adding that new volunteers are always welcome.

The Red Cross organization offers many forms of engagement, which a quick check of <https://www.redcross.org.au/volunteer/> or phone 1800 733 276 will reveal.



Members of the Red Cross Emergency Services (l-r) Joy Freeman, Janet Stafford and Jenny McGillivray show their National Emergency Services Medals, which feature the flowering wattle, symbolizing the accomplishments and sacrifices made by Australians in the service of others in times of crisis.

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## *From the Editor Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the March edition for 2022. It was a battle to get this one out on time but I got there in the end!

Welcome to our new sponsors—Chompy's, the Charlton Motel, the Foundry Palms Motel, and The Broadbill Café. These businesses are all under new management and we wish them every success. Thank you also to all our regular sponsors who have generously sponsored us again. If you inadvertently forgot to pay your account—it's not too late. Let me know and I'll pop your advert back in the April edition.

By all accounts the OK Motel weekend was a great success. It was terrific to see our town buzzing with visitors. Many of our local businesses and some of our community groups benefited from the event and we hope to see another OK Motels in Charlton soon.

On the home front, Justin has graduated from Deakin with a Bachelor of Nutrition and is currently working for the Education Department in a role that has nothing to do with nutrition. Nick is heading back to Uni and I hope this year is a lot easier for him after two years of online learning. On the farm we are getting ready for cropping and spreading gypsum. Looking forward to another prosperous year.

Cheers  
Carolyn

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## Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

- Charlton Pacing Cup  
Sunday 20th March
- Harness Racing  
Monday 4th April
- Don't Mess With the Dummies @ the Shire Hall  
Thursday 14th April
- Deb Ball  
Friday 22nd April
- Harness Racing  
Thursday 28th April



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## St Joseph's Presbytery Centenary

On Sunday 23rd October 2022, St Joseph's Charlton will celebrate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stones of the Presbytery and the Hall (formerly St Joseph's School).

In 1865 Charlton was included in the newly created Inglewood Parish. In 1875 a Catholic church was built in East Charlton. In 1876 a new mission of St Arnaud was created and East Charlton became part of the St Arnaud Parish. In January 1885 the new parish of Charlton was created and Fr Michael Costello was the first Parish priest. A foundation stone for a new church was laid in Feb. 1907.

In 1918 Fr Cornelius Kelly became Charlton's first Australian born Parish Priest. The post war years were a time of unprecedented church building activity and Fr Kelly was quick to take advantage of this. A bazaar conducted in 1921 was to raise funds for the building of a new presbytery. It raised £2,227 and was so successful it was decided to erect a new

school as well. The land was donated to the church by the late Mr Joseph Fanning.

On 8<sup>th</sup> October 1922 Most Rev. Dr Foley, Bishop of Ballarat, in the midst of a large assembly, laid the foundation stones of the new presbytery and school. Prior to

the completion of the Presbytery in 1923, and its occupancy by the priests, the residence at 120 High St was purchased (in 1885) and used by the local Catholic community as a residence for the local priests.



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The Charlton and District Community Bank is thrilled to welcome Julie McKee to its staff as our new Branch Manager.

Julie joined us in early January as an extremely capable addition to our staff, due to her years of banking experience. The role of Branch Manager became vacant shortly after Julie joined us and we are thrilled she is now taking on this role.

Julie will complement the talents of our other members of staff so we can continue to serve our clients and community. If you have any enquiries about your banking needs, including insurance, superannuation, investment opportunities, home loans and many more services, please come and see Julie and our wonderful staff.



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# Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome again to news from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. The volunteers at the museum are excited with the further easing of restrictions, and the opportunity for more visitors to come and view our wonderful collection. It has been a difficult 2 years for many businesses, groups and organisations, but we are hopeful 2022 will get back to some normality. We open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by arrangements with one of the people listed below. Also in the planning are some themed events during the course of the year which will showcase various aspects of life in Charlton in bygone days. Details will follow as they come to hand.

The Museum was recently successful in obtaining a grant to purchase a showcase to expand its military display. We have also submitted an application for funding so we can extend our displays into the former Wesleyan Chapel.

Our feature story this month is the amazing life of one of Australia's pioneering women in the medical field; Mary Clementine De Garis. Born in Charlton in 1881, one of six children, to clergyman and irrigation pioneer, Elisha Clement De Garis, and Elizabeth Buncle, a midwife, Mary was dux of her year at Methodist Ladies College and enrolled in the male dominated field of medicine at the University of Melbourne in 1900. She was awarded a Bachelor of Medicine in 1904 and Bachelor of Surgery in

1905, and was appointed to two resident positions at the Melbourne Hospital and the Women's Hospital. Her first full time position took her to Muttaborra in north-west Queensland before travelling to the United Kingdom and America in 1908-09 to further her studies. On returning to Melbourne Mary took up a position at the Queen Victoria Hospital and a private practice in the centre of town. The lure of the outback drew her to the western New South Wales town of Tibooburra to work at the hospital there between 1911 and 1915.

Wishing to be closer to her fiancé, Colin Thompson, who had enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces, Mary sailed to London in 1916 and worked at the Manor Hospital. On learning of Colin's death at Pozieres in August 1916, she joined the Scottish Women's Hospital organization and was posted to the Ostrovo Unit in Macedonia on the Balkan Front. This was a field hospital and transport column that comprised around 200 tents and came under the command of the Serbian Army. Mary served there from February 1917 to October 1918 and was the Chief Medical Officer for 18 months. For her service she was awarded the Serbian Order of St Sava. Returning home in May 1919, Mary settled in Geelong and took up the cause for women to be members of the hospitals' general committees, and for a maternity ward, antenatal and postnatal care to be implemented at the hospital.

She was the first and only female doctor in Geelong from 1919 to 1941, and held honorary positions as Consultant to the Maternity Ward until 1959. Publishing over 40 articles in journals and writing 5 books, Mary practised until 1960 before dying in Geelong in 1963.

The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is on the lookout for more volunteer 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; training will be provided. 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. Another simple option is to 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.

*Below: The Ostrovo Unit & Mary Degaris.*





# OK Motels - Charlton Blooms With Visitor Influx

It wasn't only the increased number of visitors in town, it was the sudden appearance of a tent "city" at the Traveller's Rest, full accommodation outlets, and visitors seamlessly integrating into the community which made the sixth "OK Motels" weekend in Charlton such a success.

Plus, the weather gods made things easy with warm, summery days and balmy nights, which were perfect for enjoying the attractions of our small country community at the end of February.

Many arrived Friday, and were keen to get the party started with the Locals V Blow-ins pool competition at the Charlton Club, before heading down to the Charlton Motel for music by the band "Sunfruits".

Saturday offered a chance to explore the shops, enjoy leisurely meals, meet the locals, and take a dip at the pool party, while the pubs and Vale of Avoca also picked up patronage. The Charlton Rotary

Club added another attraction with their Oncycling Art Market held at the Seniors Club rooms during the day.

The Charlton Lions Club whole town garage sale on Sunday offered the chance of "bagging-a-bargain", along with a BBQ breakfast to start the day, and ongoing tea and coffee throughout the morning.

The newly opened "The Broadbill Café and Other Stuff Too" (formerly The Boyz) did brisk business for its inauguration, and there was a frisson of excitement amongst some of the visitors about what "treasures" the garage sale might yield.

The "sell-out" weekend saw a big crowd enjoy the contemporary music rocking the Charlton Motel function room on Saturday night, and keeping the dancing going into the early hours. The up-tempo beats had the place jumping as patrons enjoyed the sounds of their favourite bands.

Lazing in, and by the water, at the Charlton Pool Party on Saturday afternoon

was an option grabbed by many, with DJ, Josh, setting the tone with a 70's / '80's mix of music, and the Charlton CWA Branch, Cabbaritta a star attraction with their home-made ice-creams. The deliciously flavored honeycomb, Malteser, choc mint, and vanilla varieties, plus a mango sorbet, saw the queues increasing as the afternoon went on.

Strong positive feedback about how friendly the locals were, and how impressed many were with the home-town support for "OK Motels" was a recurring theme in conversations, with some already planning their return weekend visits.

The recent relaxing of Covid restrictions certainly helped to lift the mood for the weekend, and has set the tone for the resumption of many entertainment and recreational pursuits.

So, here's looking forward to the next "OK", with a giant thumbs up for continuing success!



**Top:** An array of glamping tents boosted the visitor capacity at the Travellers' Rest over the OK Motels weekend.

**Above:** Providing the Friday night music was the band "Sunfruits", pictured outside the newly opened Broadbill Café and Other Stuff Too (formerly The Boyz): (l-r) Charlie Bowmaker, Lincoln Healy, Elena Jones, Evie Vlah, Winnie McQuinn and Jene Argiro.

**Right:** Cabbaritta CWA President, Janet Stafford (centre) and Branch member, Maria Perger (r) joined DJ, Josh Millowick, around the turntable for the disco beat at the Saturday Pool Party. Cabbaritta made up around 50 litres of ice-cream for their much-in-demand summer treats.







**Top Left:** It was all about style for Paul Wyborn (second right) at the OK Motels Charlton Pool Party. Paul's statement headdress channeled the flamboyant style from the "House of Abundance", while fellow Moteler, Jeska Dee opted for a more conventional look. Lifeguards Lachlan Start (l) and Paddy Eccles (r) make up the quartet.

**Top Right:** (l-r) Bri McNally, Simon Schoen and Morgan McNally, along with their croc, "Betty", said it was "so good" to leave Footscray behind for the weekend, and were relishing the warm weather in Charlton.

**2nd Row Left:** It was thumbs-up for a great weekend from (l-r) Sana Gerrand, Beth Patch, Juno Petherbridge, Meisha Gerrand, Sophie Rzepecky and Dylan Lees.

**2nd Row Right:** Everything was "OK" for this group of revelers at the Charlton Motel as they settled in to enjoy a night of music – (l-r) Liang Lucca-Pope, Stuart Lucca-Pope, James Lacey, Tania Strange and Nicole Salter.

**Above Left:** This couple were breaking out the dance moves as the Saturday night bands ramped up.

**Above:** Bass guitarist, Nick Brown, from the band "Cable Ties", in action.





# Charlton Neighbourhood House

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What a busy start to the year we have experienced here at the Charlton Neighbourhood House. The final session of the early morning swimming group is being held on March 10, and a big thank you goes out to the Buloke Shire staff who assist in the running of this program, and the Shire itself for waiving a large part of



this season's fees. It has been a trying year with a shortage of lifeguards across the various towns, and we are thankful this program, and our Gentle Water Exercise program, was able to go ahead.

We have hosted several certificate courses here in Charlton that saved the need to travel to Bendigo for the participants. Responsible Service of Alcohol, Safe Food Handling and Food Supervisors courses left attendees prepared for various roles they will be undertaking in our community. Thank you to Charlton Park for their continued support.

A small group attended Pauline Brooks' recent 'Poetry Possibilities'

course where poetry writing and composition was discussed, while our ever popular 'Table for 12' at the North Central Trade School was another huge success thanks to the efforts of Penny, Kim and Joo.



The Charlton Forum Community Car has been extremely busy as doctors reopen more appointments for their patients. This service relies heavily on the selfless volunteers who give up often full days to serve our community. There is a need for more drivers currently, so if you have some free time and would like to help other members of the Charlton community call the Neighbourhood House for details. Please give as much notice as possible when arranging your trip.

Have you seen the 'Charlton, Outstanding In' book that featured a multitude of members from our community at the height of the COVID lockdowns? We still have copies for sale at the Neighbourhood House for just \$50. These wonderful photo books are a great keepsake or an ideal gift. We also have available for \$25 a limited number of our Youth Project photo books. Drop in to have a browse and to purchase your copy.

Coming up we have many great opportunities to get involved in activities around our community.

The BIG news is the Deb Ball is again being hosted on April 22. Eight or nine young couples will feature on the wonderful night at The Charlton Shire Hall.

We are pleased to be hosting on Sunday March 6 our CPR Refresher and First Aid Training. Book your spot now for these important legislative Certificate courses that are now required by many groups and organizations. No further sessions are planned in the near future.

Exciting news for our towns young people with a popular FREEZA



event being held on March 26. The re-invigorated Charlton Youth Group is combining with Wycheproof for a fun evening at the Wycheproof Racecourse. More details to follow as they come to hand.

Make a note now on your calendar for our Term 1 school holiday activities with Jo and Liz for primary aged children. Magic is coming to Charlton on April 14 with the first activity being Magical Wand making and Cornish Pixies. On the second week, April 21, the children can make their very own Spell Book and a Mandrake. Limited places and bookings are essential. Cost for each session is just \$7.

Our popular 'Tech Tuesday' sessions have returned on Tuesday mornings where those small device issues can mostly be solved. Bookings essential and a small charge of \$15 for a half hour applies.

The Charlton Carers group has again been meeting regularly to enjoy each other's company and plan for future events and guest speakers. If you care for a close friend or relative and would like further information please call 0473 759 456 for more details.

Do you enjoy painting or sketching? The Charlton Creative Group is a collection of budding artists working in various mediums. With support from the Buloke Shire's CASI fund, free sessions are held on the fourth Saturday of each month in locations around town. It doesn't matter what age or skill level you are at, this fun group will encourage you along the way. Contact us for details.

Want to see an activity happen or a class be run? Maybe you have a particular skill or interest. Call in to discuss arranging a class to share your passion.



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# WHAT'S ON IN MARCH & APRIL

AT THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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## MARCH

1

**Early Morning Swimming**  
Every Tuesday & Thursday 6:30am-7:30am  
AT: Charlton Pool  
COST: \$20



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



7

**Flo Café**  
Every Monday 10:30am- 12pm  
Except school & public holidays  
AT: Rex Theatre Candy Bar  
COST: Hot drinks for sale



8

**Carers Group Lunch**  
Tuesday 8th 12pm  
Second Tuesday of every month  
AT: East Charlton Hotel  
COST: Pay for own lunch



23

**Table for 12  
Pizza making**  
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 (BYO art supplies)



26

**Wave (Dance FReeZA)  
Charlton Youth Group event**  
Saturday 26th 8pm-12pm  
AT: Wycheproof Race course  
COST: \$20 ticket + \$10 bus ticket



31

**Explore Buloke Bus Trip**  
Trip no.3 more info to come!  
Thursday 31st  
AT: TBA  
COST: TBA



## APRIL

12

**Carers Group Lunch**  
Tuesday 12th 12pm  
Second Tuesday of every month  
AT: Rex Theatre Candy Bar  
COST: Hot drinks for sale



14

**School Holiday Arts & Craft activity**  
Magic wands and Cornish Pixie's  
Thursday 14th  
AT: Charlton Rex Theatre  
COST: \$7



20

**Table for 12  
TBC**  
Wednesday 20th 7-9pm  
AT: Charlton Trade Training Centre  
COST:\$20



21

**School Holiday Arts & Craft activity**  
Spell books & Mandrake  
Thursday 21st  
AT: Charlton Rex Theatre  
COST: \$7



22

**Debutante Ball**  
Featuring 9 beautiful couples  
Friday 22nd 7:30pm onwards  
AT: Charlton Shire Hall  
COST: Students \$10, Adults \$15



27

**Charlton Creativity - Art forms in various mediums**  
Saturday morning 27th 10-12pm  
AT: TBA  
COST: FREE (BYO art supplies)



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

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## CHARLTON CUP DAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>

It is all hands on deck as plans are put in to place for the Charlton Harness Racing Club's most important day of the year. It is the one day when we hope that all members and locals will band together and gather at the track to celebrate our community and our club. Many eyes will be on us on March 20th and it is a great opportunity to showcase all that is great about Charlton.

So we ask that you all please put aside an hour or two and support this event and enjoy using the comfortable new building that we are lucky enough to have. There will also be some local trainers, drivers and horses participating, so come along and cheer them on!

**Free Entry** – but you must be double vaccinated to attend

### Bubbles In The Bush

11am sharp

#### Fundraiser for Ovarian Cancer

Ladies (and blokes! ) come along and have a drink on the lawn to kick off the day and continue what is now a proud tradition of Charlton ladies helping other less fortunate ladies. Fun, giveaways and the most entertaining auction!

Theme – Flowers In Her Hair

**Dining** – Still some dining seats available for purchase \$50 a head. Call Andrea to book 0499701322

**Blue Sunday** – Charlton will slowly turn blue as a reminder of the day –if you would like to help with this pick up your blue cup from the Newsagents and display it on your front fence/window/door

**Kids – Come and meet Agent T** - The World's Best Pony! And new Charlton Club mascot. Thank you to Naomi Sanderson for allowing us to use him.

**Charlton Punt Off 2** – We will again welcome some pro and semi pro punters to take part in the punting competition with the winner take all prize at stake. Good luck to the local lads Joe McGrath and Paddy Monaghan.

**Punters Club** – for those who are not sure about the punt – let someone else do it for you!

**Fashions On The Field** - ladies frock up to win some great prizes!

**Trots Vision Coverage** – this event will

be shown on Harness Racing Victoria's streaming platform Trots Vision for the entire day - this means thousands of eyes will be on our track. So just another reason to fill the course.

**Marquees** – sold out.

**New Parade Ring** – work is currently being undertaken to complete the new and improved parade ring bringing the horses and drivers closer to where patrons can see them. Along with the two new stabling barns the course will again take on a new look!

**Thank you to all our Cup Day Sponsors** who generously support this day for our town and club. Without them we cannot continue to evolve and grow:

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**Raffle Night** - this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Cricket Club Hotel 6pm onwards.

### Welcome to Charlton Markham family!!

The Charlton Harness Racing Club and indeed all of Charlton warmly welcomes new trainer Ash Markham to town along with his family - Tamara and four children Ajay, Chaise, Bonnie and Nate.

A big move to come over from the West so we hope they enjoy life here and join the list of winners coming out of the training centre very soon!



New trainer—Ashleigh Markham



L to R—Stella Nicolson, Bonnie Markham, Amy Nicolson, Liz Riley, Maggie Riley & Renee Riley with the North West Ag Trotters Cup.



# Charlton Probus Club News

At the February meeting there were 41 members present, 14 apologies and 2 guests. Richard Bibby spoke about the free Rapid Antigen Tests available to Concession Card holders and encouraged us all to take advantage of this offer.

Our Guest speaker was Maria Russell: In 1992 Maria travelled overseas for the first time. She travelled with a friend and the idea was to end up in Europe to teach and travel. After travelling in India for a while she went to Thailand and Vietnam but was drawn back to India. She volunteered in Calcutta with Mother Theresa's organization for 9 months and was involved with a home for the mentally disabled and a school for street kids. There was a big community of volunteers, mostly European.

Maria began doing yoga and participated in a meditation retreat at a Thai Buddhist Monastery for one month. This has now become an annual pilgrimage. Maria began to travel more slowly, staying in the one place for longer. Maria rented a house for 5 years and lived a simple life. She went with \$8,000 and this lasted for 7 years. She returned to Australia and did fruit picking and worked in the Argyle Diamond Mine to save money so she could return to India.

When Maria first went to India there were more travellers but now very few young travellers. These travellers were vital to India's economy but now there is a much bigger middle class who travel and use 5 star hotels. A Tourist Visa was only for 6 months so Maria would go to Nepal or Pakistan so she could reapply. Now a Tourist Visa is only for 1 month. Although there are 26 separate languages in India English is the unifying language. Maria can speak Hindi. Maria hopes to go back to India.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 22 members enjoyed

an outing to Rupanyup and Murtoa. On arrival at Rupanyup we were given an unexpected town tour and stopped at the Silo Art Trail. We then arrived at Woods' Farming & Heritage Museum to have a cuppa before spending time looking at the incredible display of household

memorabilia as well as the farming items. After lunch we travelled to Murtoa to be amazed at the Stick Shed. Thank you to Sandra Patton for organising another great outing.

Our AGM will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> & will be followed by a sausage sizzle.



*February Birthdays: L to R—Deb Cleary, Anne Kenny, Jenny Barnard, Maureen Holleran, Elaine Donaldson, Matt Donaldson, Elaine Wicks. Absent—Val Bourke, Isabelle Milward, Shirley Crossley.*



*Noreen Ryan, Maria Russell, Sue Walsh.*





# Lions Club Garage Sale A Winner

The last weekend in February saw the Charlton Lions Club record a successful "Whole Town Garage Sale" which capitalized on the influx of travellers attending the OK Motels weekend.

Starting with an 8am breakfast on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Lions based their food outlet at the Travellers' Rest precinct, where interested parties could also purchase a map detailing the locations of the various sale sites.

Lions member, Garry Lamour, said there had been a constant stream of patrons queuing for breakfast, with strong demand for the bacon and egg sandwiches. In close proximity to the camping area, and with plenty of visitors around the main street, this was an ideal hub for both food and information as people began planning their day.

An increase in the number of sale locations - up to 23 around the town - helped generate the demand for maps, with reprints needed during the morning.

Visitors were keen to try their luck in picking up a "treasure" or two, with many outlets saying that interest and sales had been good. In fact, a number of outlets had

had people dropping in the day before to see what was on offer.

Thanks to the Covid lockdowns, decluttering and spring cleans had been high on the agenda, so many people had plenty of items for sale. Everything from plants to household goods, furniture, toys,

clothing, books and tools were on offer.

Coupled with the mild weather, the hunt was on for that elusive item amongst a sea of intrigue.

The Charlton Lions Club will soon be channeling their efforts into the running of the Monday Easter Market in April.



*The Lions breakfast at the Travellers' Rest was well patronized.*



**Above:** Stuart Jones is pictured with some pre-loved items during Sunday's garage sale.

**Above Right:** 8-year-old Lilymae McPhee is pictured at her own stall, with mum, Bree, lending a helping hand. Bree said people were on the look-out for a bargain even while they were setting up the day before the sale.

**Right:** Sue Nelson is pictured with some of her hand-crafted Charlton Coach Factory Ceramics. Since moving to town, Sue has set up an on-site studio, complete with a kiln, where she has developed her brand.





# Stage 2 Nearly Completed at Charlton Park

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 that are part of the grant and several other associated grants.

## **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 if you have been over there recently you will know that this work has commenced and should be completed prior to March 20. There is a stage 2 of this work planned which will provide additional car parking behind the fence near the netball courts.

## **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 and on the eastern side of the building in the harness racing precinct.

## **Gym Equipment**

These is a double station set – chest press and leg press and is located near the netball courts and the existing playground.

## **VET Shed**

The shed has been completed and is being used on race days by the Harness Racing Club. Thanks to Boyles builders for this work.

## **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.

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

The old stalls have been removed and they are currently being rebuilt and due to be completed within the next 2 weeks. They will at the same time be fitted out with the necessary stalls.

## **Parade ring**

At the same time the Club, in association with Wes Jenkyn, is relocating the parade ring adjacent to the new covered stalls and close to the crowd on race days. This will add to the experience on these days. It will be unveiled on March 20<sup>th</sup> – Charlton Pacing Cup Day.

## **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 has set a date to finalise the BBRF project and invite the politicians to officially open the different parts. This will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> - Dja Dja Wurrung Cup meeting at 11 am on the lawn area to the east of the building.

Chairman of Charlton Park 2020, John Harley, said it is great to see this long project nearing completion. 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 and to coordinate the other works.



*The new carpark under construction*



*The new large undercover stalls and the new parade ring under construction*



# St Joseph's Swimming

This year we were lucky enough to have Sheree from Sloan Swim School in Bendigo come to Charlton each day for our two week swimming programme. Sheree was a wonderful teacher and we all learnt lots of new skills and techniques. The first week was a little bit cool but the second week was beautiful pool weather. We really enjoyed our swimming programme.

## Comments by the students in 3/4/5/6

Today is the last day of swimming with Sheree. We did treading water, somersaults and jumping in. **By Ruby Wright**

We have had a good two weeks of swimming. We tread water at the deep end and freestyle. I had to stop a bit but I liked it. Now I can practise those moves in the swimming pool. **By Henry Lanyon**

For swimming we did freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and a lot more. My favourite thing to do for swimming is freestyle and breaststroke. One time for swimming Sheree made us try to skulk for five minutes. It was very hard to stay up. I had a lot of fun at work. **By Rosie Fitzpatrick**

Today at swimming we jumped in the deep end first then we did freestyle, somersault and backstroke. We had a race

in freestyle and I won. Next we treaded water for 2 and a half minutes after that the other people in my group went on the cheeky mat while I did the dolphin kick around. At the end we got to have free time—it was the best. **By Clancy Bourke**

Swimming was so fun. I learnt survival backstroke, freestyle and in the first week it was so so, cold, BUT on the 2nd week the pool was so, so warm and we learnt how to tread water. And Sheree was nice. **By Cooper McGrath**

Swimming was really fun. Our swim teacher Sheree was kind and an energetic person. I learnt a lot of new survival skills such as survival backstroke, how to escape a boat on fire and how to save a drowning person. My favourite was how to escape a boat on fire because we had to make sure everyone was safe and sound once we pin dropped in. **By Murphy Fitzpatrick**

Today at swimming we learned survival backstroke and treading water. Everyone in my group treaded water for 5 minutes. I have loved learning from our swimming teacher Sheree. She is very nice and I have learned a lot of new stuff and new techniques. **By Liam Monaghan**

The last two weeks I loved how Sheree taught us how to do swimming. I liked how you taught us how to leave the boat

and how to do a pin drop. **By Toby Bourke**

Facts I learned at swimming this year: I learned that if you blow bubbles underwater, nothing goes up your nose for a couple of seconds, if you do a pin drop curl your toes over the edge. **By Darcy Daniel Olive**

We turned to enter the water. I had fun diving in. Went through a hoop. **By Isaac Roberts**

The last 2 weeks have been the best of my life. I am better at swimming. **By Patrick Winslade**

The last two weeks I have learned a lot about swimming. I really appreciate the hard work Sheree did for us. I think it would help me down the track. **By Charlie Zagame**

When we had swimming it was really fun but I missed a week because I went to Apollo Bay. **By Brody Giles**

Today at swimming our whole school walked to the pool. We did lots of different techniques of swimming. We were able to tread water for 5 mins. My legs were really tired. At the end we had 5 mins of free time to jump in and swim. It was so fun. **By Lila Schofield**



Charlie Zagame, Cooper McGrath, Murphy Fitzpatrick, Rosie Fitzpatrick, Lila Schofield



Madelyn Winslade, Lila Lanyon, Willow Riley, Maddie Lanyon and Vinny Roberts with Sheree and Lachlan Start our life guard at the back!





*Isaac Roberts, Clancy Bourke, Dash Riley, Toby Bourke, Ruby Wright, Brody Giles*



*Maddie Lanyon and Willow Riley with Sheree.*

## Charlton College Badge Conferral

Charlton College conducted its Badge Conferral Ceremony on the morning of Monday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Principal, Jamie Daff, opened proceedings. School Council President, Shane Fitzpatrick, outlined the importance of the leadership roles and the characteristics of good leaders prior to inducting the College Captains Lucinda Holmes-Brown and Jackson Zagame, Vice-Captains, Mason Heenan and Abby Thompson and Junior School Captains, Stella Nicolson and Ruby Wright. Both groups of students indicated in their response that they hope to be positive role models and welcomed students to approach them to discuss school matters. Parents Club Vice President, Hayley Soulsby, inducted the

College Sports Captains Maddison Fitzpatrick, Macey Hulston and Patrick Soulsby. House Captains and SLC representatives were also inducted and presented with badges. Each Foundation student received a book from the Year 12 students as a welcome to the College. The Year 12 students each received badges in recognition of their final year of schooling. The College Captains concluded the ceremony by wishing all those present an enjoyable and successful year.

**Right:** Foundation students with their Year 12 buddies: Back—Darby Fitzpatrick, Patrick Soulsby, Maddison Fitzpatrick, Amy Campbell  
Front—Nate Lane, Ned Larmour, Molly Riley, Tyson Skuse.



*Senior School Captains: Lucinda Holmes-Brown and Jackson Zagame*



*Junior Captains: Ruby Wright and Stella Nicolson*



# Bendigo Bank Assists Angling Club

Charlton Community Bendigo Bank and the Bendigo Community Enterprise Foundation issued a Challenge Grant of \$3,300 to Charlton Angling Club Inc toward a grant of \$4,740 applied for last June to construct seating at the boat ramp in Charlton Park and to add a defibrillator box to the wall of the Angling Clubhouse in Charlton Park. This Challenge meant we had to raise \$1,440 to receive the Challenge Grant which we did to receive the funding.

With receiving the grant back in June 2021, we had many issues with supply of the seats due to Covid, and when the parcel of the two seats arrived, no bolt holes would line up to bolt the seat and top to the frames. A phone call and photos to the supplier ended up with new frames arriving—excuse was they changed their supplier. This time we got one seat completed and half the next one. Another call and more photos, this time two more pieces arrived, and the job was complete. We did intend to put a seat each side of the boat ramp, but with safety in mind we didn't put one on the right-hand side as the big gum tree has some dead timber in it and looks a bit dangerous to be sitting under.

With our challenge grant now complete there is seating at the boat ramp for the community and passers by who may stop and have lunch within Charlton Park, or where locals may even throw a line in to catch a fish and use the seats.

The defibrillator is now on the wall of the

Angling Club for public use if needed. From sunrise to sunset there is always someone walking through the park around the river who may need this AED.

We are proud that we were allocated this grant for us to assist in making Charlton Park a more user-friendly facility for the community. Thank you Bendigo Bank, we do apologise for the lateness of this acquittal and thank you for the extension and being understanding.

*Right: The defibrillator now installed on the exterior wall of the Angling Clubhouse.*

*Below: The newly installed picnic tables & seats.*



## CFA North West Region Championships

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February saw the running of the 3<sup>rd</sup> North West Region CFA Championships held at the Charlton Park precinct.

With only a slight drop in brigade attendance for 2022, coordinator, Rendelle Wiseman, said that other brigades had actually come on board and that numbers for junior participation had remained stable.

In an already busy weekend for Charlton over the 26 – 27 Feb, the carnival atmosphere of the championships showcased another local asset capable of boosting the town's ability to attract multiple events and activities.

Participating brigades in Sunday's event included: Beazley's Bridge (A & B Teams, Ladies + Juniors), Murrayville & Murrayville Ladies, Mandurang, Ascot (A & B Juniors), Elaine & Elaine Ladies, Sedgwick (A & B Teams), Dunolly, Swan Hill and Huntly.

Competition between the juniors was keen, with the younger age groups giving their all in the pursuit of skill-building and championship success.

The event enables brigades to work on maintaining and building their basic skills, which in turn means better outcomes for all in fire suppression and fire management.

Rendelle Wiseman acknowledged the support of participating brigades for their

contributions towards the raffle, the proceeds of which would assist with covering the running costs of the event. She also acknowledged North West Ag as the major sponsor of the day.

Assisting with official duties was Zoe Wiseman (recorder) and Breny Matthews from Swan Hill as MC.

District 16 Commander, Ian Morley, was also in attendance, along with officials, coaches and families from the participating

brigades.

The Charlton Football Club provided catering from the kiosk throughout the day.

Aggregate winners:

Seniors: Sedgwick A – 58 points

Ladies: Beazley's Bridge – 80 points

11-15 yrs: Beazley's Bridge – 50 points

11-13 yrs: Beazley's Bridge A – 48 points

*Members of the Beazley's Bridge 11 – 15 yrs team are pictured in action during the Priming Pumper and Ladder event.*







*The large crowd at the North West Region CFA Championships at Charlton Park.*

# Bring on the Netball



Following the wonderful success of the Charlton

Netball Club's A & B Grade teams being contenders in an unplayed finals series in 2021, season 2022 is starting with much optimism. 2021 was a season where lockdowns made consistency a hard task to accomplish and all of our players and coaches should be applauded for their determination and performances throughout.

Leading the club in 2022 is Shelley Nelson, who has been re-elected as President and will be well supported throughout the season by her executive and committee members. Fellow executive roles have been appointed as follows, Vice-President Chloe Walsh, Secretary Liz Riley and Treasurer Stacy Dunstan. The committee has a wonderful addition of some players and young members this season and hopes to represent everyone involved throughout the season well.

As we look forward to season 2022, several of our youngest netballers have been selected to participate in the NCNA representative tryouts aiming for selection in the 13 & under, 15 & under and 17 & under representative squads. We congratulate them on representing the Charlton

Netball Club at this level and wish those selected a wonderful experience in their respective teams.

In the last couple of months, we have excitedly announced coaches for most grades that will represent the club this year. Erin McGurk has been appointed A Grade coach after a wonderful year back in the navy colours in the A Grade team in 2021.



*A Grade Coach—Erin McGurk*

A dynamic duo, comprising of both experience and fitness knowledge, Emily Lanyon and Chelsea Deason have been appointed B Grade coaches. The position of C Grade coach is still open and as the season draws closer, we look forward to announcing a wonderful candidate for this role.



*B Grade Coaches—Chelsea Deason and Emily Lanyon*

The junior grades have had a shift in their age brackets at a league level, changing to 17 & under and 14 & under. Our 17 & under A team will be led by Maddison Fitzpatrick and Abby Sanderson who have already shown their commitment to their players with a significant preseason. Following on from an impressive year of development in the 13 & under team in 2021, Amy Nicholson has been appointed coach of the 14 & under team. She will be ably assisted by Lucinda Holmes-Brown and between them our future stars have a wealth of knowledge and experience to learn from.

As each of the grades start to return to the courts for training the club is excited to see many returning and new faces.



*14 & Under coach, Amy Nicholson (right) and assistant coach, Lucinda Holmes-Brown.*



*17 & Under Coaches—Maddison Fitzpatrick and Abby Sanderson*

Despite the season start coming around quickly we are always happy to welcome anyone with a desire to play with us or be part of the club. Please get in contact with someone within the club if you are interested in joining us this year.

With only a few weeks left before round 1 starts on April 2nd, 2022, we want to wish all our coaches, players and supporters a successful and happy season of netball.

**Go Navies!!**



# Charlton RSL Sub-Branch



## ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY WORLD WAR 2 PHOTOS.

Some time ago Charlton RSL was handed a collection of photos taken during World War 2 and we are trying to identify who took them, who figures in them and whose collection they were. Unfortunately most of the photos do not have anything written on the back. Some do, and the inscriptions include:

# Balikpapan 1944;  
# Darwin 1942 and 1943;  
# Man;  
# Maccasar Straits;  
# Morotai;  
# New Britain 1944;  
# Port Moresby;  
# Sepingang.

Four photos of people have some inscriptions which may assist in identification (see below). The inscriptions are:

# Win Phil Ede 16<sup>th</sup> April 1938;  
# Bill in Mr & Mrs Bottle's garden, WA, 1942;

# Bill Ron Wyllie and others, Darwin 1942;  
# DMT Group, No. 2 Squadron, Darwin 1943.

Squadron means the photos are of Air Force personnel and Air Force bases and places, which could narrow down the field. The wedding group and date could also help.

If you are able to assist, please contact Bill Freeman; 5491 1000.  
lawman1@iinet.net.au

*LEST WE FORGET.*





# Charlton Croquet Club

February has been a busy month for Croquet in Charlton. On 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February, in warm conditions, Charlton Croquet Club hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Player Development workshop for Developing Association Croquet players. Once again Kenn Boal (Rich River Club) was our coach and we had players from Portland, Swan Hill and Charlton.

Some comments were:

A very worthwhile time for AC players from an inspirational, thoughtful and talented coach who was very much appreciated by all attending.

I found Kenn easy going and explained everything simply.

Kenn was so easy to understand and showed us lots of different ways of doing things. Fantastic.

We are looking forward to the next workshop in May.

Our next major event was the Association Croquet section Championships on 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

February in perfect conditions. In Section 2 Anne Kenny defeated Janet Richardson, Section 3 Lindsay Patullo defeated Barb Dalrymple while in Section 4 Margaret Bowen had wins over Naomi Patullo and Nita Perry. Anne, Lindsay, Margaret, Naomi and Nita will now compete in the Murray Valley Championships at Boort on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Golf Croquet is still finalising its championships.

Our last major event was the Association Croquet Invitation Doubles on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The weather was perfect and the lawns in good condition after the rain. We had entries from Kalimna Park (Horsham), Swan Hill, Boort and Charlton. Handicaps varied from -1.5 to the maximum of 20. There were some close games but also some not so close games. The winner was Lindsay Patullo, who won both his games and finished with 38 nett points, with Ian Potter from Boort also winning both his games but with 33 nett points.



**Top:** Champions – Anne Kenny, Lindsay Patullo, Margaret Bowen

**Above Left:** Balancing skills - Michael Edwards (Portland), Janet Richardson, Nita Perry, Pat Mathews, Lois Munro (Swan Hill), Kenn Boal (Coach)

**Above Right:** Invitation Doubles – Lindsay Patullo & Ian Potter.

**Left:** Naomi Patullo, Kenn Boal (Coach), Pat Mathews, Anne Kenny, Lindsay Patullo, Barb Dalrymple, Janet Richardson, Margaret Bowen and Nita Perry.



# Golf Opens in April

As the finals for Summer sport are almost upon us, we begin to prepare for our Winter sports. This year the Charlton Golf Club will open on Sunday the 10th of April. On opening day an ambrose 12 hole event will be held, where you can either bring your own partner, or simply turn up. All current and past members, also new to golf men or ladies including new residents to Charlton, will all be very welcome. Just turn up at the golf course at 1.30 pm for golf. A BBQ tea will be available at 6.30 pm, a salad per family would be appreciated.

For more information please ring either Trevor McGurk, (0419335900), or Anthony Hargreaves, (0429911270). Ladies will hold their opening day on Wednesday 13th of April, please ring Chris McGurk (0407691457) or Wendy Laffin (0427115194) for more information. .

Working bees to prepare the course will be held on Sunday March 6th at 9.00 am, Friday 18th March at 4.30 pm, Sunday 27th March at 9.00 am and Sunday 3rd April at 9.00 am. If any members can attend any of those days, it would be much appreciated. Bindii have been sprayed and a new golf cart shed, to house 10 motorised golf carts, has been built. Thanks to President Anthony Hargreaves for his commitment and expertise, also to all other members for their contribution in building the shed. It will be a vital asset to help keep our older members golfing.

We intend to conduct golf coaching again in May, Junior golf will also begin later in April, contact Clint Olive (0409860336), our Junior Co-ordinator, for further information.

Hopefully there will be good autumn rains and we will be playing on green fairways. We look forward to seeing as many as possible on opening day.



Erecting the cart shed. Jamey Soulsby (left), Trevor McGurk (right) & John Headon passing a sheet of iron to Clinton Olive.

## THE REX THEATRE presents "DON'T MESS WITH THE DUMMIES"



Treat the family to some school holiday fun in your own "backyard" with the Rex Theatre presentation of "Don't Mess with the Dummies".

The award-winning live show will run at the Charlton Shire Hall, Armstrong Street, on Thursday 14 April starting at 1pm. A fun workshop will follow at 2:30pm, and all for the minimal cost of just \$10 per ticket.

Winner of the Best Children's Event award at the Adelaide Fringe Festival 2021, the all -female troop of Dummies present an action-packed show guaranteed to have the "wow" factor set to high!

As their promo says:

"Lions and tigers and Dummies, oh my! This school holidays set up camp and stampede into the jungle for an outlandish, circus filled extravaganza that will leave you chuckling like a monkey and roaring for more.

These Dummies are on an expedition and you're invited along for the ride. Pack your bag, tie your shoes and get ready for side-splitting hilarity as the Dummies rumble in the jungle, swing through treetops and bash through the undergrowth. This "rambunctious rollick" (The Age) features a rockin' soundtrack, unbelievable acrobatics, high-flying aerials, "top notch creative clowning" (The Wee Review Edinburgh) and famous Dummies' frivolity.

This all-female group of strong women are masters of their art, crafting a production "done with skill, imagination and a real understanding of what kids love" (Edinburgh 49). Having delighted audiences in thirteen countries and counting, with five-star reviews across the board, this is a crazy adventure sure to "have the children (and adults) in stitches throughout" (One 4 Review Edinburgh).

This is an extraordinary adventure you don't want to miss!

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/don-t-mess-with-the-dummies>

A colorful promotional poster for the show "Don't Mess With The Dummies". It features three women in costumes (one in a blue hat, one in a red shirt, and one in a green shirt) holding props like a pink balloon and a blue bag. The text "The Rex Theatre presents School Holiday Fun! DON'T MESS WITH THE DUMMIES" is prominently displayed. At the bottom, it says "Tickets \$10 THURS 14 April 2022 Charlton Shire Hall, Armstrong Street 1pm Performance | 2:30pm Workshop" and includes a QR code and the website <https://events.humanitix.com/don-t-mess-with-the-dummies>.





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**Friday 4th March 2022**  
**St Joseph's Church @ 10am**  
**Learmonth Street, Charlton**  
*Everyone is welcome to join us*

## CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

**Where:** Belsar Island - 2 Day Competition.

**When:** Saturday & Sunday 12th & 13th March 2022, 7am start Saturday.

**Weigh in:** Anytime throughout the weekend via the Executive.  
Final weigh in and presentations, 6pm Sunday.

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet via the Executive at the river prior to fishing
- Fishing can be anytime over the two day competition
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching & releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp
- Longest fish & longest bag for the weekend will be added to yearly aggregate
- Max & Betty Bartlett Memorial Shield up for grabs; \$10/person, winner takes all.

**Entry fee:** Adults \$5.00. Juniors \$2.00. Yearly Club Memberships available \$10 adults, \$15 family.

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

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



## Ned Trevor Hollis



**Born:** 19th January  
**Weight:** 9lb 9oz  
**Parents:** Megan & Luke Hollis  
**Sibling:** Edie (5)  
**Grandparents:** Trevor & Chris McGurk,  
Trevor & Margie Hollis (Donald)

## Charlton Easter Market

**EASTER MONDAY - APRIL 18th 2022**

**9-00 am – 1-00 PM**

**St Joseph's Oval - High Street**

**STALL HOLDER Entry is off Learmonth Street Church Gate**

**Public Entry is from High or Learmonth Streets**

### ADMISSION FREE

- \$200 Hamper to be won
- BBQ
- Plants
- Arts & Crafts
- Clothes
- Bic-a-brac
- Fruit & Veg
- Jumping Castle
- Live Music



**Sites still available @\$15 (6metres x 8 metres)**

**Contact Kevin Willey 0428 911 830**

**Garry Larmour 0409 023 875**

**DOGS ARE ENCOURAGED BUT MUST BE ON LEADS**

**Promoted by Lions Club of Charlton Inc.**



## St Martin's Messenger—March

### Worship:

5 pm 2 March **Ash Wednesday** 1pm Sunday 6 March  
1pm Sunday 20 March

### The fisher

I had been there for hours, sprawled on the bank, occasionally stirring to re-bait my hook and cast off once more.

No rush, no bustle, seemingly with all the time in the world. Then, suddenly, a nibble, a tug on the line, and I was up, reeling in the catch – another successful day's fishing.

Lord, I am not so good at waiting. I like to see speedy results, instant returns, and when plans are frustrated, rewards delayed, I fret and sulk. I am not good at waiting for you either, I get angry when prayers go unanswered, requests apparently unheeded. Remind me that the best things come to those who wait and teach me to do things not in MY time, but in YOURS. Amen.

Tip: Seriously cool story about fish in abundance – check it out at Luke Chapter 5 Verses 1-11 (the fish were how big!!!)

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

### Charlton Friends of the Red Cross

There is to be a Zonal Red Cross meeting hosted by Charlton at the Uniting Church Fellowship room on Thursday April 7th. at 11.00 AM.

Awards to be presented. Light lunch provided \$5.00. All most welcome.

### East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

#### Mass Times:

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



### Charlton Uniting Church

We have continued with our regular weekly worship services during Covid. Times listed on the church notice board.

1st Sunday—To St. Martin's	1.00PM.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday—U/ C	10.00 AM H/C M/Tea.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday—U/C	10.00 AM M/Tea.
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday—U/C	11.00 AM Shared lunch.
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday—Cluster service ( if allowed )	11.00 AM Shared lunch.

Each congregation takes a turn.

Boort, Charlton, Powlett Plains, Wedderburn.

Currently we are collecting some non-perishable goods to be sent to Bendigo for those in need.

Joy Freeman.

### North Central Garden Club

Members and friends commenced the year with the planning of the syllabus 2022. We will enjoy a variety of activities including garden walks, plant auctions, as well as a mystery trip in April .

Another milestone for the club is celebrating 40 years. Plans will be put in place to mark the occasion.

Open gardens will be on the calendar for October 9th all being well after 2 years of cancellations. Come along and join us for our March meeting Tuesday 22nd at 2 pm at the Lions Lodge. After our meeting we will visit a couple of members gardens. Hope you can make it .

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	<b>2</b> Lions Dinner Meeting	<b>3</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	<b>4</b> World Day of Prayer @ St Joseph's Church	<b>5</b> Lions Paper Collection from 9am Bowls Midweek Pen- nant Final @ Charlton
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	<b>8</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm	<b>11</b> Probus Meeting	<b>12</b> Fishing Comp
<b>13</b> Fishing Comp	<b>14</b> Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	<b>15</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	<b>16</b> Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	<b>17</b> Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	<b>18</b> RSL Meeting 4:30pm	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Cup Day	<b>21</b> Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting, 7:30pm CWA Meeting	<b>22</b> Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm NCCG 2pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	<b>29</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm	<b>30</b> Bowls Amy Roberts Fours Tournament	<b>31</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm		

# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Lions Paper Collection from 9am
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Harness Racing	<b>5</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	<b>6</b> Lions Dinner Meeting	<b>7</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	<b>8</b> Probus Meeting	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm ANZAC Day Service	<b>25</b> Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm Bowls Closing Day 1pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Mens Shed 1 pm - 4pm Harness Racing	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>