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Bubbles in the Bush

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

A stylish event which raises funds for ovarian cancer support and research, "Bubbles in the Bush" was the featured prelude to the Charlton Harness Racing Club's "Blue Sunday" Cup Day held recently at Charlton Park.

Boosting funds for Team Teal – the initiative run in tandem with Harness Racing Australia and Harness Racing New Zealand – the fundraiser result was a combination of donations, the auction and raffles, in this, the fifth year of the event,

proudly sponsored by St. John of God (SJOG) Bendigo Hospital.

Under umbrella-shaded tables, and with the teal colour replicated across linen, bunting and decorations, supporters arrived in their Cup Day finery to lend their support for this important cause. Over the years it has also been an incentive to bring more women to Cup Day, and the matching of fundraiser, fun and fashion has certainly achieved this goal for the Club.

Opening proceedings, CHRC Marketing Manager, Andrea O'Gorman, welcomed

guests, visitors and locals on behalf of Club President, Joe Thompson, outlining the wide contributions of Harness Racing Clubs towards this worthy cause, which has collectively raised many millions of dollars since its inception.

For the local Club, the funds raised on the day were a welcome addition to the \$20,000 already generated from previous year's events. These funds have been earmarked for ovarian cancer research, education and prevention programs.

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A view of the crowd during "Bubbles in the Bush".

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From the Editor Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the April edition for 2022. A slightly smaller edition this month but still plenty to read.

Welcome to our new sponsors—Vanessa's Zen Den, Nearly New, and Round Productions. Your support is greatly appreciated. We now have over 55 sponsors which is terrific. Thank you also to Tormey's IGA, the Charlton Pharmacy & Heenan's Newsagency for selling the newsletters on our behalf.

Well done to the Charlton Harness Racing Club for hosting a very successful Cup Day. By all accounts it was a fantastic day.

Good luck to all our football, netball and hockey teams for a winning season. Let's hope all the disruptions are behind us and those of you who love catching up with friends and family at the footy can do so.

Good luck also to our debutantes and their partners in the Deb Ball on 22nd April. Hope you all have a great night.

I hope everyone has a great Easter break. Stay safe.

Cheers
Carolyn

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Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

- Don't Mess With the Dummies @ the Shire Hall
Thursday 14th April
- Lions Easter Market
Monday 18th April
- Deb Ball
Friday 22nd April
- Harness Racing
Thursday 28th April
- College Mothers' Day Fete
Thursday 5th May (TBC)
- Harness Racing
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Charlton Probus Club News

The Charlton Probus Club held its AGM on Friday 11th March. President, Eily Rosewall, reported on a successful year despite Covid-19. Nine members had 100% attendance at meetings. Garry Larmour (Membership) presented certificates to Greg and Jenny Barnard (pro rata), Maretia Doughty, Brian and Sandra Patton, Nita Perry, Eily Rosewall and Noreen Ryan. Margaret Bowen was absent. Wayne Litton, President of the Charlton Rotary Club, was the Returning Officer and inducted Sandra Patton as the President for the 2022-23 year. Sandra thanked members for giving her the honour of leading the club and hoped her term would be one of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

The 2022/23 Committee is President & Outings – Sandra Patton, Secretary – Anne Kenny, Treasurer – Maretia Doughty, Caring – Noreen Ryan, Hospitality – Pat Clifford, Membership – Garry Larmour, Publicity/Historian – Neil Cossar, Newsletter & Ass. Sec. – Pat Mathews, Program – Sue Walsh, Ass. Treas. – Margaret Bibby.

After the formalities members enjoyed a Sausage Sizzle lunch provided by the Hospitality Officer, Pat Clifford, and her band of helpers.



L to R: Nita Perry, Noreen Ryan, Eily Rosewall, Maretia Doughty, Greg & Jenny Barnard, Sandra & Brian Patton.

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Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to our monthly catch up from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. With life getting back to some normality we have had the opportunity for more local and out of town visitors to come and view our wonderful collection. We are back to opening every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by arrangements with one of the members listed below. Perhaps your group would enjoy a private tour: that can be arranged for a convenient time that suits. Planning is underway to host 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.

We have been receiving interest in our new archiving 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.

Our feature story this month relates to possibly one of Charlton's most prominent landmarks; The Noske Bros Mill. Possibly unknown to most people, Mr T.J. Noske was not a miller by profession, but a successful farmer in the Dimboola district. By chance on a visit to Horsham in 1900, he was casually offered the purchase of the local flour mill, whose trustees were having difficulty finding a buyer. Recognising a great opportunity he negotiated the purchase

thinking he could run the mill in conjunction with his farm. It quickly became apparent that the mill required all of his attention, and the sale of his farm followed shortly after. After suffering initial setbacks with quality and supply issues, the Horsham Mill soon acquired a good reputation. By 1904 Mr Noske was in a position to start expanding the business, purchasing mills in Warracknabeal, Nhill and Natimuk, and modernising where needed. With the requirement of additional capital Mr Noske formed a partnership with three of his brothers, Head Miller, Mr W.A. Gunn, and Head Accountant, Mr W.H. Nichterlein.

Further expansion continued with a Melbourne office in charge of exports, and new state of the art mechanical mills being constructed in Nhill, Horsham, Charlton and Murray-Bridge with a combined milling capacity of ten tons per hour, or the equivalent of a full train of milled product each day per mill. Being located in the best wheat growing areas in the state, the mills enjoyed the advantage of providing first class flour, and numerous contracts to the United Kingdom, Africa and the Orient were obtained. The Charlton Mill was regarded as the most up to date with known mill practices. Visitors were amazed that even with the huge amount of milling going on, there was little or no evidence of mill dust visible often associated with production. Twenty six wheat buying stations were situated at various railway stations, and Noske Bros enjoyed a good reputation for fair pricing to farmers and good conditions

and pay for their employees.

A major setback hit the Charlton Mill on January 15, 1949 when a devastating fire occurred destroying a large storage shed filled with 500 tons of bagged flour ready for export, and a huge supply of flour bags. The estimated cost was over sixty thousand pounds. Sadly due to the decline in export flour and local sales, the mill closed in October 1973, being taken over in 1977 by the Grain Elevators Board. Since 2000, the site has been operated by GrainCorp as one of their primary receival sites.

Like so many groups and organisations in town, Charlton Golden Grains Museum relies on a dedicated group of volunteers, and we are always on the look out for new members. 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'.

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Mill under construction in 1926.



Mill fire—1949



Harvest time—1930s

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Charlton Shines Brightly on Cup Day

Charlton Park was at its best on a beautiful autumn day to celebrate the Charlton Harness Racing Club's biggest day – the Charlton and District Community Bank Charlton Cup Day.

It seemed that miraculously everything fell in to place following a mad dash to the finishing line – the new barns and parade ring being completed in the dark the night before. But finished they were and the club could not have been prouder of the commitment and effort from all of our contractors and volunteers who jumped in to get it done.

We thank them all for enabling us to throw open the gates and welcome our members, locals, visitors and racing participants to our new look complex.

All areas were strongly utilised from the marquee precinct now fronting on to the parade ring, to the lawn area and the ever popular dining and bar zone. The club was thrilled to see so many happy faces on course enjoying all aspects of the day.

Congratulations to the women of Charlton and to our visiting ladies who supported the St. John of God Bendigo Hospital Bubbles In The Bush to the tune of \$5500—an unbelievable final total towards ovarian cancer research, teaching and nursing support programs. We again welcomed the lovely Claire Pysing from SJOG who has become such a pivotal figure in this event, keeping us all up to date with the new developments at SJOG.

Special mention to Inghams Farm Charlton who generously donated \$1700.00 towards the fundraising effort – fantastic to

see local businesses getting behind such a worthwhile initiative.

If anyone doubted the important role that they were playing by being there the presentation by Leanne Fanning most certainly dispelled that. We thank her for bravely and candidly telling her own story of survival and putting into perspective the reason we were all there. We thank her for her most positive contribution to the event and wish her well in continuing her recovery.

Pleasing also to see that our resident auctioneers John Tormey and Joe Thompson had not lost their touch – again entertaining and effective in bolstering the amount raised.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Fashions on the Field Winners - Janine Moulton, Liz Riley and Rachel Smyth. Charlton Punt Off – Well done Sooty Hunt who drove from NSW to be a part of it and promptly took the pool back to NSW! Great effort. Most improved from last year – Joe McGrath and Paddy Monaghan coming in second.

Our gorgeous Charlton children were definitely the stars of the show with their parade down the straight delivering the cups – led with pomp and ceremony by our club mascot Agent T. Thank you to Naomi and Abby Sanderson for allowing him to be part of the club!

Our new blue horse looked amazing against the ever so pretty photo wall designed by Anna and Caryn – so clever girls. How are you going to top that????

Charlton winners – John and Ellen

Tormey with Bentleigh and Ryan Sanderson with Imperials Reason—always great to have the locals salute on this day!

Congratulations to the connections of the Cup Winners –

Charlton and District Community Bank Pacing Cup Winner – Demon Delight

North West Ag Services Trotting Cup Winner – The Penny Drops

THANK YOU ALL

Whilst there are so many people that help to put on such a big day – too many to mention here – we would like to thank all of our other major sponsors—The Vale of Avoca, The Cricket Club Hotel, Ames Australasia, Josephine O'Gorman@theagency Victoria, Elders, Ace Radio, GMG Financial Group and the Fanatics.

Along with all the dining room staff, bar staff and local club representatives from the footy, golf and angling clubs the day could not be run without you. Thank you.

Go Charlton Cup Day!

IT'S RAINING CUPS!!

It has been a very busy period for our trainers and drivers as the Country Cups circuit has been in full swing. Pleased to report that the Sandersons have proudly flown the flag for Charlton taking out the Birchip and Ouyen cups – Ouyen for the second year running. Congratulations to all the team – so well deserved.

Birchip Cup—Platinum Stride

Ouyen Cup—Equity Stride



Joe Thompson (Charlton Harness Racing Club), Kerrie Mulholland, Jon Whykes & Liz Riley (Bendigo Bank), Jackie Barker (driver), Russell and Pam Hockham (owners), Dale Monteith (Chairman Harness Racing Victoria).



Bubbles host, Kerrie Mulholland, with Tracey Mulquiny.

Charlton Shines Brightly on Cup Day



Taylah Boyle and Chaise Markham bringing in the cup.



Abby Sanderson and the Charlton kids.



Abby & Naomi Sanderson and club mascot Agent T leading in the cup parade.



Ryan Sanderson winning aboard Imperials Reason.



The new Parade Ring—Photo by Jenny Pollard.



Shane Sanderson and the Ouyen Cup - with Paul Cambell.

Bubbles in the Bush cont...

Acknowledging the support of SJOG, Andrea welcomed Nurse Unit Manager (Day Oncology Unit), Claire Pysing, who has been a regular spokesperson, and enthusiastic attendee since the inception of the Charlton event. Also in attendance was former SJOG Unit Manager (Maternity Ward), Shirley Lechmere, who was one of the original liaisons during the establishment of the "Bubbles" concept.

Recognition of donations for the fundraising auction were also acknowledged, and included: AMES Australasia (Dale McGrath), Bernard and Carol Fanning, the Vale of Avoca (Benno & Carmel Catherine), the East Charlton Hotel, Heenan's Charlton Newsagency (Troy & Bec), Inghams Chicken Farm—\$1,700, and CHRC member, Rob Glen—\$500. A

number of spinning wheel raffles conducted by Chris Livingston also added to the fundraising effort.

SJOG (Bendigo) representative, Claire Pysing, addressed the crowd about current and ongoing developments and initiatives which the hospital is implementing. These included a range of new specialist recruitments covering, amongst others: general, renal, oral, plastic and neurosurgeons, along with the inclusion of a younger generation of orthopedic surgeons; the success of the Private Patient Liaison Nurse in Bendigo Health Emergency, facilitating the transfer of patients to SJOG Bendigo; and the promotion of SJOG as "World Class Healthcare Closer to Home".

"Our specialists have as much experience as Melbourne doctors" Claire said, "and it is

so much easier to access treatment locally".

Former Charltonian, and now Bendigo resident, Leanne Fanning, then recounted her story as an ovarian cancer survivor, bringing a meaningful and heartfelt account of her journey in tackling this difficult-to-diagnose disease.

The microphone was then handed over to CHRC President, Joe Thompson, and member, John Tormey, who conducted a fast-paced auction of the array of goods.

Hot on the tail of the conclusion of "Bubbles", the first contenders in the ten-race program took to the track as the crowd built during the early afternoon.

Patrons found the new configuration of the grounds - which now includes a fenced parade ring near the lawn area - a major improvement, enabling easier and safer viewing of horses and drivers, pre-race, and which is in close proximity to the marquees on Cup Day.

The afternoon's feature of "Fashions on the Field" showcased a variety of styles, with entrants' outfits ranging from the casual to relaxed formal. Sponsored by the Victorian Harness Racing Club, the judges deliberated long and hard to select what they believed was representative styling appropriate for a country racing meet.

Winners were:

Racegoer of the Day: Janine Moulton (Melbourne)

Hat of the Day: Rachel Smyth (Charlton)

Local Lady of the Day: Liz Riley (Charlton)

Racegoers continued to enjoy the day which carried on into the early evening.



Left: Always a crowd-pleaser, Fashions on the Field winners are pictured (l-r) Liz Riley (Local Lady of the Day), Janine Moulton (Racegoer of the Day) and Rachel Smyth (Hat of the Day).



Claire Pysing (SJOG) Nurse Unit Manager (Day Oncology Unit) (l) addresses the crowd about initiatives the hospital is undertaking. Also pictured is Kerrie Mulholland who assisted as MC for the "Bubbles" fundraiser.



Deb Hetherington (l) from Mooloolaba Qld, is pictured with guest speaker, and former Charlton resident, Leanne Fanning (r) who courageously shared her cancer journey with the crowd.

Tennis Season Wraps Up

The Charlton Lawn Tennis Club has drawn the curtains on another wonderful season of tennis, culminating in the holding of the annual Henry's Celebration dinner.

While the Saturday team ultimately finished a week earlier than hoped, falling to Nullawil in this year's semi-final, the year could only be deemed one of the most successful on record. The club now has state of the art competition level lights on the front row of grass courts, complimented by new fencing. The Australia Day weekend tournament had the greatest participation numbers in recent history, and the mixed doubles finals were played under those magnificent lights for the first time.

Club Championships

Across February and March, the lights were again in full effect as the club held their Club Championships, and while numbers were down on previous years, the standard was still very good and some great matches were played across the three Thursday nights of play.

Singles

The Ladies have crowned a new champion – Michelle Jenkyn, winning her first championship in style, relegating Emily Lanyon to a second consecutive runners-up finish. Michelle was presented with a perpetual trophy donated by Bill Crutch.

Troy Heenan has won his fourth straight Men's Club Championship, defeating Matt McGurk. Troy claims the perpetual trophy kindly donated by Brian Heenan. This year's title was Troy's ninth overall, surpassing the previous club men's record of eight, held by club legend and life member, Bill Crutch. Only women, mother Rae with 15 and Michelle Dillon with 11 hold more club singles titles.

Doubles

On an extraordinary night of women's doubles, the Ladies A Grade was a very tight affair, with Abby Thompson and

Michelle Jenkyn victorious, Sharon McLean and Emily Lanyon runners-up. In the Ladies B Grade, Amy Nicolson and Naomi Fitzpatrick proved too strong for Rae Heenan and Zara Jenkyn.

The Men's doubles matches were just as close; in A grade, Troy Heenan and Wayne Southwell finally deemed winners, Matt McGurk and Mason Heenan finishing runners up. B Grade was taken out by Brian Heenan and Cameron White, with Trevor McGurk and Jackson Zagame runners-up.

Mixed Doubles

A club first was achieved in the A Grade Mixed Doubles, with a Grandmother/Grandson combination winning for the first time – Rae Heenan along with grandson Mason, winning all four matches to be crowned 2022 champions. Matt McGurk and Amy Nicolson finishing runners-up.

Henry's Celebration Dinner

Named in honour of the inaugural men's Singles Champion, this year's Henry's Celebration Dinner was held at the Charlton Park Bendigo Bank Community Centre and was well attended. It was great to see life members Rae Heenan, Bill Crutch, Brian Heenan, Trevor McGurk, Sharon McLean and Ian Addlem also in attendance and their support of the tennis club over many years has been greatly appreciated. Convenor of The Henry's, Sharon McLean, then took the stage, highlighting many of the seemingly insignificant, but important goings on of the year – not many were missed in Sharon's musings. Winners of this year's Gold Henry's, presented in recognition of performance in the North Central Tennis Association Saturday competition were Wendy Laffin and Troy Heenan.

The club has already begun preparations for the 2022/23 season and will look to hold a twilight competition in October to get the season off and firing. For some, that will be time enough to find a racquet and dust off the cobwebs, for others, it may even be time

for some sneaky practice – hoping to see a few new faces next season.



Ladies' Doubles Champions—Michelle Jenkyn & Abby Thompson.



Men's Doubles Champions—Wayne Southwell & Troy Heenan.



Bill Crutch presenting the trophy to Michelle Jenkyn, Ladies' Single's Champion, and Brian Heenan presenting the trophy to Troy Heenan, Men's Single's Champion.



Mixed Double's Champions—Mason Heenan & Rae Heenan.

Bowling Club News

Wyche Quartet Blitz Charlton's Medley Tournament

Wednesday March 2nd proved to be a great day for bowls with the sun shining and a swirling breeze that proved somewhat difficult at times. Six rinks of teams from Charlton, Donald, Donald Golf, Kerang Golf, Korong Vale, St Arnaud, Wedderburn and Wycheproof took part. After four games, two of fours and two of pairs, there seemed to be only one standout team winning their four games. This team consisted of a family affair with the Grylls Family of Robert, Jeannie (the birthday girl), Johnno, and a ring-in Dale Groves.

Two teams were tied on points winning three games. On a countback Donald Golf team of Sue Donnellan, Geoff Stopps, Pam Rollinson, Corazon Stopps, were victorious over Donald's team of Marion McEwan, Luke Kelly, Evelyn Adams, Ian (Tiger) McEwan, winning three games for the day. We gave consolation prize to the Donald team.

A big thank you to Glenys, Joy and Sandra for looking after the kitchen and keeping the hungry mouths fed and to our green keeper, Wayne, the greens were great, we appreciate the tireless hours you spend maintaining our greens, thank you. No event is run without help and to the members who assisted a big thank you as well.

AP Earthmoving Krakajak Bowls Concludes

After being washed out last week after four ends in the first game, the forecast all week for the Finals Night was anything from 0.1mm to 2.4mm off and on every day.

The skies opened with light rain at 6.30pm. We were all there and ready to go at 7.30pm and the decision was made to get this over and done with. In the next hour we got 1.2mm of light rain during the first games and all clear for the second

finals games.

Charlton Bowling Club's Night Krakajak Triples Bowls Sponsored by A P Earthmoving has concluded and the Winners for 2022 are the Townies team of Carolyn Heritage, John Gretgrix and Dale (Duck) McCallum for the second year in succession.

The Rangers team of Bernard Laffin, Michael O'Brien and Jeff Cox finished

on top of the ladder but were not a match of the precision bowling by the Townies Team in the final.

Section two was won by ATG (Against The Grain) team of Carmel Catherine, Phil Ellis and Bernard (Benno) Catherine defeating the All-Stars team of Rod Heritage, Darren Good and Wayne Southwell 17/6.

Section Three saw the YYY Men team of Julie & Mark

Jenkins and David Cossar overpowering the Legends team of Jenny Walsh, Deb Finlay, and Brad Chester 20/8 over two games. The YYY Men had won two games for the season and were chuffed to come out victorious.

The Glasses for the night were won by the Hill Boys, Rhys Gahen, Scott Coffey, and Gary Bateson

Benno and Carmel from the Vale of Avoca again put on a sausage sizzle prior to starting back in January. The Gold Coin Donation money raised was donated to Creswick Bowling Club after they were flooded and their synthetic green lifted, with no bowls happening at the club and loss of all income, we saw fit to help them out.

Thank you "The Vale" for your continued support, it is appreciated.

Championships Underway

Charlton is now finding time to complete championships that started some time ago. Kevin



Krakajak section 1 winning team Townies—John Gretgrix, Carolyn Heritage, Dale (Duck) McCallum, Peter Watts representing sponsors A P Earthmoving.



Krakajak section 2 winning team ATG—Phil Ellis, Carmel Catherine, Bernard (Benno) Catherine, Peter Watts sponsor A P Earthmoving.



Krakajak section 3 winning team YYY Men—Julie Jenkins, Mark Jenkins, David Cossar, Peter Watts sponsor A P Earthmoving.



Lynne Southwell—Ladies' & 21UP Champion.



Kevin Willey & Dale (Duck) McCallum—Double's Champions. Dale also Men's Single's Champion.

Bowling Club News

Wiley and Dale McCallum won the Pairs Championship, and Dale also having success winning the Single's Championship. Lynne Southwell won the Ladies' Single's Champions and also the 21UP Championship.

The Men's Triples and Men's Fours will begin in the near future— lists will soon be on the board.

Perpetual Amy Roberts Fours

The Perpetual Amy Roberts Fours were held in Charlton on Wednesday March 30th with teams from all clubs in the North Central Playing Area. Winning three games was the Charlton Team—Greg Wain, Jeff Cox, Doug Gretgrix and Lynne Southwell.

Right: Greg Wain, Jeff Cox, Doug Gretgrix & Lynne Southwell.



Croquet Club News

March was a busy month for the Charlton Croquet Club. During the first week of March the Association Croquet players held their Club Championship. Lindsay Patullo was undefeated and won his first Club Championship. He pegged out in every game – our records are incomplete but this may be the first time this has occurred in a Club Championship.

The second event was the Golf Croquet Social evening on 8th March. There were 24 players who came from Golden Square, Swan Hill, Wycheproof and Charlton.

The third event was the Murray Valley Association Croquet Championships on 13th March at Boort. Margaret Bowen won Section 4, Lindsay Patullo won Section 3

and Anne Kenny won Section 2. These players will now compete at the Victorian Country Regional Championships in Gippsland in April.

On the 19th & 20th March Naomi & Lindsay Patullo competed in the Boort Golf Croquet Tournament. Lindsay continued his good form and won Section 2. He will now compete in the Golf Croquet Regional Championships at Cairnlea in April.

On 21st March 5 players travelled to Eaglehawk for a Golf Croquet Social Day.

On 24th & 25th March three players went to Boort for the second Golf Croquet Workshop which was more practicable than the first workshop.



Club Champion—Lindsay Patullo.



Golf Croquet Social Evening.



Murray Valley Champions—Margraet Bowen (Sect. 4); Anne Kenny (Sect. 2), Lindsay Patullo (Sect. 3).



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12**

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RSVP by Friday 8th April
Guest Speaker: Bill Freeman
Topic: Power of Attorney and Wills

**May
10**

Lunch at East Charlton Hotel
12.00pm to 1.00pm
Lunch at subsidised cost
RSVP by Friday 6th May
Speaker: Marg Pollington
Topic: Home and Community Care (HACC) Services

**June
14**

Lunch at East Charlton Hotel
12.00pm to 1.00pm
Lunch at subsidised cost
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Speaker: Julie McGrath
Topic: Planned Activities Group (PAG)

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WHAT'S ON IN APRIL & MAY

AT THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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APRIL

4

Flo Café

Every Monday 10:30am- 12pm
Except school & public holidays

AT: Rex Theatre Candy Bar

COST: Hot drinks for sale



5

Tech Tuesday - device assistance

Every Tuesday by appointment

AT: Charlton Neighbourhood House

COST: \$15 per half hour



12

Carers Group Lunch

Tuesday 12th (2nd Tuesday) 12pm

Guest speaker Bill Freeman

AT: East Charlton Hotel

COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



14

School Holiday Activity - Magic 1

Thursday 14th 10am-12pm

AT: Travellers Rest River Gazebo

COST: \$7. Parent or Guardian present



21

School Holiday Activity - Magic 2

Thursday morning 21st 10-12pm

AT: Travellers Rest River Gazebo

COST: \$7 Parent or Guardian present



22

Debutante Ball

Friday 22nd Doors open 7:30pm

Debutantes presented at 8:15pm

AT: Shire Hall

COST: \$15 ticket + \$10 student



27

Table for 12 - Roast Vege Baked

Frittata GF&Veg

Wednesday 27th 7-9pm

AT: Charlton Trade Training Centre

COST:\$20



Easter colouring in pages.

Drop in to collect your Easter colouring in template; return it and receive a chocolate Easter egg.

COST: Free

MAY

2

Gentle indoor exercise sessions hosted by Nicola Kirk

Monday mornings 9-10am

AT: Charlton Senior Citizens Room

COST: \$60 12 x 1 hour sessions



9

Start of Neighbourhood House Week May 9 to 15

Various activities during the week.

COST: Free



10

Carers Group Lunch

Tuesday 10th 12pm

Guest speaker Marg Pollington.

AT: East Charlton Hotel

COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



16

Start Volunteers Week

May 16-22

Various activities recognising Charlton's amazing volunteers.



16

Start of Law Week

May 16-22

Opportunities to get free general advice on a range of legal matters



25

Table for 12

Singapore Noodles

Wednesday 25th 7-9pm

AT: Charlton Trade Training Centre

COST:\$20



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



Nick Thompson Gains Selection with the Bendigo Pioneers U16s.

Charlton junior footballer, Nick Thompson, gained selection into the U16 Bendigo Pioneers Squad for 2022. Nick began training twice a week in Bendigo at the start of February. Saturday 26th March was the first hit out for the U16 Bendigo Pioneers against Geelong Falcons at Deakin Uni in Warrnambool. Nick played Full Forward and Ruck. The boys lost by 10 points 9.1.55 to Falcons 10.5.65.

Last Saturday (2/4) Bendigo played the Ballarat Rebels at the QEO and unfortunately went down by 24 points—Rebels 10.13.73 to Pioneers 7.7.49. Nick rotated off the bench into the ruck and backline. Saturday 9th April is the final game back in Geelong against the Falcons.

The Charlton Football Club congratulates Nick on his achievement.



Five unique areas to play and enjoy are coming to Buloke and NOW is the time to help shape the fun in Charlton

The Playspaces Trail will connect locations throughout Buloke, beckoning families to explore their beautiful towns

The Trail: Berriwillock - Birchip - Charlton - Donald - Wycheproof

Comprehensive plans for all locations on the trail can be downloaded at Council's website.

CHARLTON - Gordon Park will retain popular features and proposed new features include:

- double flying fox with harness for children with mobility challenges
- play unit with a rope tunnel, slides, climbing nets, fireman's pole, climbing wall, and flexible ladder
- water pump and play creek with shade sails
- three in-ground trampoline jumping circuit
- shade sail and improved BBQ area for supervision

Comment and feedback is highly valued. To view detailed plans and have your say, visit:

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Playspaces Trail



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Charlton RSL Sub-Branch



Thanks to astute readers of Charlton Newsletter and the Charlton Facebook page, the photos in the March newsletter have been identified; they are Bill Hudson's photos from his days serving in the RAAF in Australia and overseas during the Second World War.

ANZAC Day is rapidly approaching and busy times are coming for RSL members. ANZAC Day badges, key rings,

pens and wrist bands will be available for purchase outside IGA on Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, Thursday 21, Friday 22 and Saturday 23, also at Charlton Newsagency, East Wimmera Health Service and Charlton College. Please support our annual ANZAC Appeal.

On ANZAC Day, commemorations will start at the Cenotaph, followed by a march to the Shire Hall, then ceremony in the hall, and concluding with refreshments at the RSL Clubrooms.

Timetable will be:

0840, assemble at Cenotaph;
0850, parade fall in;
0855, wreath laying, RSL and Shire, schools and organisations, relatives of service personnel, general public;
0900, Last Post, Rouse and Reveille;
0905, march to the Shire Hall;
0920, ceremony in Hall;
1130, refreshments at RSL Clubrooms.

Please join us on the One Day of the Year when we remember those who served and, in particular, those who did not return.

LEST WE FORGET.

Former School Friends Reminisce

The fellowship that followed the recent World Day of Prayer service, this year held in St Joseph's Church, was a chance for four former grade six St Joseph students, back in 1953, to relive some of the happenings and remembering other students during their time at school. Anne Cossar, a former local Yeungroon girl, was guest speaker. Some memories were also shared by other ladies, through their time attending school in Charlton and district during the 40's and 50's. "They were Good Times".

Right: Moira Sheahan (Boyle), Anne Cossar, Eily Rosewall (O'Brien), Beth Dillon (Jenkins)



Jack Arthur McGurk



Born: 1st April 2022

Weight: 9lb 3oz

Parents: Matt & Jess McGurk

Siblings: Tom & Olive

Grandparents: Trevor & Chris McGurk,
Chris & Lou Condon (Wodonga)



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
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St Martin's Messenger—April

Worship:

1pm Sunday 3 April 5 pm **Maundy Thursday** 14 April
1pm **Easter Day** Sunday 17 April 1pm Sunday 1 May

It was my honour to preside at a Memorial Service at a Nursing Home recently for the residents who had been called home in the past year. Gathered were friends, family, residents and nursing staff. On the table at the front of the room, there was a line of candles with a red cardboard heart in front of each candle. In the middle of the heart each name had been written. I was chatting with a resident after the service, and she told me how her grandfather had been in a wheelchair for much of his life. Whenever she hugged him, it was easier to encircle him in her arms from behind him. We both decided that the shape of a hug she had given her grandfather was exactly the shape of a heart. The two shoulder blades at the top and the two arms encircling and then joining back together in the middle. What an outpouring of love for

one another when they came together for the grandfather and granddaughter.

"While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him." Luke 15:21

"receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you"

We are all aware of how much a hug or an embrace can do for ourselves but more importantly, for each other. But we also know that even if it is not possible to physically hug, it is possible to embrace one another with what we say and what we do. Each of us can know the radiance and warmth of God's love wrapped around us and it is this love that we are called upon to share with one another. So let us continue to greet one another with the attitude shown by the father of the Lost Son, arms outstretched, full of compassion and joy, ready to welcome, ready to accept, ready to include and ready to embrace one and all.

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

Charlton Uniting Church



Charlton Uniting Church Service times for April

Sunday 10 th – 10.00 am	Communion
Sunday 17 th – 10.00 am	Easter Sunday.
Sunday 24 th – 11.00 am	Farewell to Rev jon Watson

Followed by light Luncheon to share. Rev. jon Watson has been our Supply minister for some years and we wish him and his wife, Gwenda, an enjoyable and happy retirement. We thank you jon for your leadership and friendship.

North Central Garden Club

Members visited Julie Sweatman's garden after our March meeting. What a beautiful garden with a lovely mix of shady trees, manicured lawns, very organised paved areas for relaxing on and lots of very healthy pot plants. It's always good to visit other gardens it gets you motivated. We appreciate Julie's hospitality in having us wander through her garden.

For our April meeting we are going on a mystery trip in Starts Bus. It is to a very interesting garden—you will not be disappointed. We will leave the Travellers Rest on Tuesday 26th April at 9.15. You will need to contact Sue, Bernice or Maretia to indicate you are coming by Tuesday 19th April.

Bernice 5491 1334, Maretia 0457 336 052, Sue 0407 140 336

Charlton Friends of the Red Cross



Three of our local members, Janet Stafford, Jenny McGillivray and Joy Freeman, have just been to Queensland to provide some flood recovery and personal support in several areas affected north of Ipswich. Some of us worked out of "Hubs" where folk inundated by the floods were able to come in and avail themselves of Community outreach services, Centrelink for financial grants, and

Salvation Army for food vouchers—all of which were most gratefully received. In addition, Australian Red Cross, in recovery work, offers Psychological First Aid, (Social support) and referrals to the other providers with workers able to provide "outreach" where members visit folk in their homes and assist them to seek help and support as well. Generally, folk are mostly very stoic, just getting on with it! But, such a daunting task to face! In many cases, the comment is, "But there are people worse off than us!" The work we do is very rewarding and satisfying and we are proud to be able to help.

Training is provided by Australian Red Cross and we would welcome any interested folk to contact us.

East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times:

Sun. 10 th April	8.30am (Palm Sunday)
Thurs 14th April	7.00pm (Holy Thursday)
	Live streamed from St Joseph's
Fri. 15 th April	10.30am (Good Friday)
Sat. 16 th April	7.00pm (Easter Vigil)
Sun. 24 th April	10.30am (Live streamed from St Joseph's)



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Thank you, *Jan Bish*



Badminton in Charlton for 2022.

There will be a social hit on Tuesday night 19th April at 7:30 pm. Even if you have not played before, come along and meet people and have some fun while exercising. The club has racquets that you can borrow for the start of the season.

It is all played at the Charlton Indoor Stadium, Davies Street on 5 courts. (Charlton College grounds)

Junior Badminton: Juniors will start on Tuesday 26th April, straight after school (3:15 pm). Juniors minimum age is 9 years old by 31st December 2022, or in Grade 3.

Ladies Badminton: will start on Friday 29th April at 9 am, playing on a ladder system. All ladies and little ones most welcome

Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting for all players, including junior parents, and Friday morning players will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 26th April, to be followed by a social hit.

Night Badminton: There will be a social hit on 19th April at 7:30pm. The AGM as listed above on 26th April, and the Ladder Competition to commence on 3rd May. All these nights start at 7:30 pm and are usually finished before 10 pm. To be eligible for night competition, the minimum age is 14 by 31st December 2022.

Any questions please phone Brian Heenan on 0437756672 or Rae Heenan 0437093672 or Bernadette Zagame 0427582805

CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton

When: Easter Sunday 17th April 2022, 7am to 5.30pm

Weigh in: 5.30pm at Clubrooms followed by BBQ tea.

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

Entry fee: Adults \$5.00. Juniors \$2.00. 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 "fisherpeople" welcome!

This school holidays there's an exciting adventure coming to Charlton

The Rex Theatre presents:

DON'T MESS WITH THE DUMMIES

Venue: Charlton Shire Hall - Armstrong Street

Thurs 14 April

Show 1pm \$10 | Circus Workshop 2:30pm \$5

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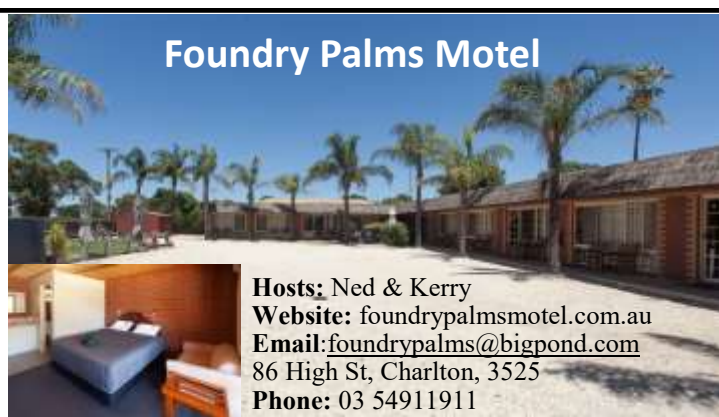
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10	11 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling Club Meeting,	12 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	13	14 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Don't mess with the Dummies @ Rex	15 RSL Meeting 4:30pm	16
17 Fishing Comp (see notice)	18 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting, 7:30pm Lions Market 9am	19 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	20 Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	21 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	22 Deb Ball	23
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May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	3 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	4 Lions Dinner Meeting	5 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting Mother's Day Fete (TBC)	6	7 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
8	9 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling club Meeting,	10 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	11	12 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	13 Probus Meeting	14
15	16 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls AGM, 7:30pm	17 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	18 Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	19 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	20 RSL Meeting 4:30pm	21
22 Fishing Comp (see notice)	23 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	24 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	25	26 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	27	28
29	30 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	31 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm				