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Charlton Neighbourhood House 2022 Debutante Ball

On Friday April 22nd nine couples made their debut at the 2022 Charlton Neighbourhood House Debutante Ball. The theme of the Ball was 'A Rose Ball', as a tribute to Rosemary Hackett who had been a driving force of the Deb Ball for the last decade. The stage and foyer

were beautifully adorned as a rose garden, thanks to the creatives, Bernice Kenny and Dale & Donna McCallum. The Debs all chose their own individual music to be presented to and as they walked, compere for the evening, Natasha Saunders, delighted the audience

with not only descriptions of their outfits and ambitions, but where each Deb could be found around town. The Debs were presented to trainers, Wes & Michelle Jenkyn, Rosemary's partner, Laurie Harvey, and Buloke Young Citizen of the Year, Tessa Fitzpatrick.



Left to Right: Back— Mason Heenan, Jackson Zagame, Jacob Olive, Bailey Hooper-Dixon, Patrick Soulsby, Oscar Bourke, Patrick Sait, Darby Fitzpatrick.

Front—Michelle Jenkyn (trainer), Abby Sanderson, Abby Thompson, Charlotte Stewart, Tahli Roberts, Maddison Fitzpatrick, Macey Hulston, Amy Campbell, Lucinda Holmes-Brown, Wes Jenkyn (trainer)

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From the Editor Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the May edition for 2022. There was quite a bit to squeeze in this month.

Congratulations to the organisers of this year's Deb Ball—it was a huge success. Well done to all the Debs & their partners who managed to dodge Covid or recover in time to take part—it was a close call for some.

I attended the Dja Dja Wurrung Cup for the first time this year. What a terrific event. I was there in my role as a member of the Project Control Group for the First People's Art Trail which was launched on the day. There are some fantastic artworks to admire which are now on temporary display at Charlton Park. You can read more about this exciting project on Page 7.

Life has gotten rather hectic of late! We managed a trip to Melbourne to visit family—it's certainly been a long time between visits. We were able to cram in a lot including the Van Gough exhibition which is well worth a look.

Cropping is well underway. We've had a fantastic start to the season and let's hope it continues.

To all the Mums—have a lovely Mothers' Day.

Cheers
Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

- Harness Racing
Wed 25th May
- Winter UpMarket
Sat 1st June
- Jazz in July
Sun 24th July
- Yeungroon Reunion
Sun 2nd October
- Art Show
Fri 7th—Mon 10th October
- Open Garden Day/Lions Swap Meet
Sun 9th October
- Charlton Show
Sat 15th October



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North Central Garden Club Visit Newstead

Members and friends travelled with Starts bus to visit a couple of gardens at Newstead. Barry & Jennifer Lacey's (Hidden Garden) was a credit to them. What started as a gift of a Bonsai some 20 years ago, has become a passion for Barry. He now has a collection of 120. We were fortunate to have Barry demonstrate the art of growing and repotting a bonsai. As well as bonsais, the garden had many quirky features plus succulents, orchids, hundred of bulbs plus 400 pot plants. Barry does Bonsai workshops on the 1st

Saturday of the month. Details can be found by contacting any of the garden club members.

The Dig Cafe prepared take away lunches for us which was enjoyed by all.

Cherie & Michael Titman have created a very interesting garden with lots of mosaics and many interesting plants, set on 4 acres on a sloping granite block, with built up garden beds and good composted soil giving the plants a good start. The dam is home to the many birds that visit. The day was enjoyed

by all.

The next club meeting is Tuesday May 24th, 2 pm at the Lions Lodge. We will be holding our annual plant auction. members to bring along potted plants, garden art, cuttings etc for a fun day.

Members have been invited to attend the Seniors event at Charlton Park—10th May, 10am. To register call 1300 520 520.

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Barry Lacey demonstrating working with bonsais.

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Charlton Community Bank Chairperson Jon Whykes at the opening of the Charlton Golf Club Cart Shed. Another wonderful community project completed through our Community Grants Program. Apply now for the 2022 Community Grants Program.

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Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome again to news from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. As another step towards life getting back to some form of normality, we were very pleased to recently welcome back our first organised bus tour of visitors to view our collection. The travellers were impressed by our amazing, well presented displays, and left pleased they had made the visit. When was the last time you dropped into the museum? We open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by arrangement with one of the people listed below. Admittance is a very low \$5, and free for children. Perhaps your local group or organisation would like to have an outing. Group tours are most welcome, and a cuppa could accompany your visit.

Keen Bingo players made the trip to Donald to recommence our fundraising efforts and have an enjoyable night out. We are very fortunate to receive monies when we can get a group to visit which goes a long way to support the running of the museum. Our next trip across will be **Thursday 26th May** and everyone is welcome to come along. Contact Glenda Litton for details. Other fund raising ideas are in the pipeline and will be advised as details are finalised.

The museum recently took possession of a new display case thanks to a grant from the Australian Museum and Galleries Association. This will enable us to expand our WW1 display. Another new temporary exhibition just completed features the story of F. J. Edwards. A farmer, Freemason, Champion Bowler and Shire Councillor, Mr Edwards was instrumental in the community tree plantings that took place in the late 1940s & early 1950s. The collection includes items related to his time as a Freemason and success as a bowler.

This month we revisit a publication

produced in 1976 by the Donald History and Natural History Group called 'Knocking About'. It covers a period from January 1874 to November 1876 and features numerous stories from the St Arnaud Mercury's 'Travelling Correspondent'. The booklet records the day-to-day tragedies and triumphs of settlers in the district, with many stories coming from Charlton. It tells the history of the birth of towns and industries, follows the clamour and progress of the railways, the mass clearing of the land by Selectors, the importance of education and religion, and the popularity of sporting events like horse racing, cricket, and pig hunting. Other features include the ravages of storms and bushfires, and the loss of a small child in the bush.

So many familiar family names today appear regularly throughout the publication, and issues of the times were well covered: a petition to prevent Peter Johnson acquiring 111 acres of land reserved for Charlton's future expansion on the hill area north of the Avoca River; Mr Luth making great improvements to his property such as a large brick extension to the hotel, new stables, a landscaped garden and water reservoir; Four pairs of large grinding stones arriving for Mr Foreman's new Flourmill by the Avoca River, where 30,000 bricks had already been laid; Dissatisfied and grumbling Charlton residents complaining about lack of footpaths, the inconvenience of having to travel to St Arnaud to pay rates and taxes, and lack of all weather roads and representation to the Colonial Government; Mr Mile's cordial factory was reported to be doing very good business providing the town's six hotels with supplies for their very thirsty patrons.

The identity of the 'Travelling Correspondent' remained unknown, but

later research suggests it may have been a gentleman named George Sinclair Fraser. This book is available for sale at the museum for \$15. The Charlton Golden Grains Museum holds a multitude of publications in our reading room, research files and family histories. Make time to come in and view those that may be of interest to you.

Would you like your families story recorded for future generations? Late last year we introduced a service where you can record your history down 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.

The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is looking for 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'.

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L to R: Fred Edwards, Tom Murphy, Jim Egan & Jim O'Brien



New display case ready to be unpacked and set up.

Beautify Charlton

Stage 1 of **Beautify Charlton**, the complete replacement of the thoroughfare street trees, is nearing completion. In mid 2019 the first replacement trees were planted in High St and in mid 2020 and beyond the completion of planting took place in Mildura Way. The trees selected were two varieties of Ornamental Pears, Crepe Myrtles and a Prunus variety. They will provide a spectacular look in the coming years.

Aside from a setback here or there and a few problem spots which continue to be worked on, the end result is that Charlton will have a completely new look in the coming years.

It has not been a small task, and in many ways it has been a big ask to complete the replanting in this timeframe. The end result will justify the approach. It has been the collaborative nature of the venture and the effort of hard-working volunteers which has enabled this stage of the project to be completed as planned.

Many thanks must go to:

The Buloke Shire who gave vital support and without which the project would never have got off the ground. Without making an example of too many people the early support of Ken Rowe, Darren Gould and Ken North has been greatly appreciated and the positivity of Darren Mills will have a marked effect on our town in the coming years.

GWMWater who had no hesitation in providing water free of charge from the discharge point in Halliday St. The generosity of spirit of GWMWater to support this community project has meant a lot to the volunteer committee.

The residents themselves who have taken it upon themselves to water "their own trees" as an assistance to the watering volunteers. Seeing beyond our own fence or shopfront is so important to how we present as a town.

Finally, the watering volunteers themselves, who deserve so much commendation for all their grunt work and

keeping it all going. Summer can be hard for young trees in our part of the world and the work of all has been significant but two parties in particular have been immense. Neither party ever seeks any thanks but Peter and Kathy Rogan contributed an enormous amount of time (and water) to the project as did Sue and the late Ray Walsh. It makes it easy when you have a group of volunteers where nothing is a problem.

The Committee will be making public

plans for Stage 3 of the project in the coming months. Progress has been limited due to Covid but the outlook is positive. Once Stage 3 is complete the **Beautify Charlton** project itself will be complete, although a small working group will continue indefinitely on town projects in conjunction with the Buloke Shire. All funding partners will be acknowledged once more in the appropriate manner as the project comes to its completion.



With the shuttle and trailer at Halliday St discharge, left to right: Robin McRae, Beautify Charlton – North Central Garden Club, Greg Wain – volunteer, Darren Mills, Buloke Shire – Acting Superintendent Urban and Parks, Bernice Kenny, President BC-NCGC, Sue Walsh, Secretary BC-NCGC, GWMWater – Rod McKee, Team Leader Grampians North rep. Absent – volunteers Stuart James, Peter & Kathy Rogan.

Elise Represents Victoria in Hockey

Elsie Fitzpatrick, daughter of Paul & Naomi Fitzpatrick, recently represented Victoria in the Girls Under 15s at the National Hockey Championships held in Newcastle.

Elise spent three months preparing for the national tournament. The process for team selection started back in January when Elsie attended trials for the Victorian Academy, training three times a week during the school holidays and then on Wednesday evenings and early Sunday mornings when school returned. Elsie was then invited to try out. Elise's Under 15 team narrowly missed a place in the semi-finals, with three wins and two losses in their pool matches. The team won its final match against NSW, securing fifth place out of 12 teams in the tournament.

In other news, siblings Elise, Sheena & Murphy Fitzpatrick, along with cousin Amali Fitzpatrick, have been selected to represent North West Lightening in the Junior State Championships.



'Nyernila' Art Trail Launched

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

The launch of "Nyernila" – the First People's Art Trail in Charlton – was announced at the Charlton Park complex recently as part of a day of celebrations entwined with the running of the Dja Dja Wurrung Cup.

A Wergaia/Wotjobaluk word, "Nyernila" – which means "deep listening/to listen continuously" – will represent an open-air gallery of Djaara cultural items and art works, commencing at the Traveller's Rest precinct, and meandering along the Avoca River to Charlton Park.

The collection of works will relate a range of stories connected to the Charlton area, and will reveal the heritage of the Dja Dja Wurrung clan to this locality.

Announcing the initiative, President of the Charlton Neighbourhood House, and Project Lead of the First People's Art Trail, Kaylene Cossar, opened with a brief background to the project which evolved from the repatriation of the Jaara Baby from the Melbourne Museum back to country south of Charlton in 2003. Addressing the gap in the local story of Baby Jaara's ancestors, and their connection to country, was raised

in active discussion at the time, however it took until the establishment of the Charlton Neighbourhood House in 2018 for a plan of action to materialize. Drawing together many ideas, a concept was compiled and presented to Djandak (the commercial arm of Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation) with the aim of forming a collaborative working partnership to develop a project plan.

The plan has three stages, of which Stage 1 is almost complete. This includes collaboration with Dja Dja Wurrung via Dumawul Creative Enterprises, and the connection with Djaara artists. This initial stage will also see the installation of featured artworks at each end of the trail, plus accompanying signage and promotional materials for visitors. A bush tucker garden will also be established at Charlton Park over the coming weeks. Stages 2 and 3 work towards expanding and enhancing the project, with a view to ultimately touring an exhibition of curated artworks to other Buloke localities.

Acknowledging the input of Djandak members – Jim Brooks, Rodney Carter, Steve Jackson –

Kaylene also recognized the input of Dumawul Manager, Leanne Rose Munro and Cultural Consultant, Pauline Ugle for their help bringing the project to fruition.

The funding partners for Stage 1 were also acknowledged and include: the Buloke Shire (CEO Anthony Judd and Wayne O'Toole, Trevor Rumbold, Project Manager of "Our Rivers, Our Region" Funding, and the Federal Government for that funding), Charlton Community Bank (Chair Jon Whykes and the Board, for the provision of seed funding which enabled leverage for further funding for the project), FRRR and Future Drought Funding (Kristy Shay, representative) for enabling the planting of the indigenous garden, and Charlton Park and the 2020 Committee for helping with the planning and their assistance with provision for the audio component at the Park.

Promoted as an open-air gallery, the trail commences at the back of the Traveller's Rest, showcasing a yet-to-be-revealed sculpture and an original work by young Yorta-Yorta artist, Troy Fibrace. The route will continue along the Avoca River with six pieces of art to be reproduced from a variety of items on display at the launch. An additional piece will be acquired from the Torch – an organization which supports indigenous men and women both in prisons and post-release in Victoria, helping them to explore their Indigenous culture and

identity through practising art. The trail concludes at the entrance to the Charlton Park complex. Audio components at the beginning and end will provide visitors with the opportunity to better understand the Djaara culture and provide reflection points on the route.

A short address by Leanne Rose Munro, Manager of Dumawul, briefly outlined the meaning of "Dumawul" as a "thank you between two people, which respects the good spirit." She also thanked the artists for their partnership and the production of such a wonderful outcome.

Handing over to the Pauline Ugle (Cultural Consultant of Dumawul), the context of the project title – "Nyernila" – was explained as "an act of being present in the space where you are – an individual's connection to country". Pauline also acknowledged the work of Reece Hendy (Artist and Creative Lead of the Bendigo based Nacho Station) in bringing together 12 Dja Dja Wurrung artists in a first time on-country exhibition reflecting a deep connection to the waterway of the Avoca River.

Introducing three of the participating artists – Auntie Millie (Cecelia Taylor), Stephanie Taylor and Levi Jessem Femmell – guests were then invited to meet and talk with the artists and view their works, before a light luncheon was shared by all.



Three of the Djaara artists showcasing some of their work from the exhibition are (l-r) Cecelia Taylor, Stephanie Taylor and Levi Jessem Femmell.



Representatives of funding organisations supporting Stage 1 of the Nyernila First People's Art Trail pictured at last week's launch (l-r) Kristy Shay (FRRR), Jon Whykes (Chair Charlton Community Bank), Pauline Ugle (Dumawul Cultural Consultant), Dr. Anne Webster (Member for Mallee) and Cr. Daryl Warren (Buloke Mayor) (both representing the "Our Rivers, Our Regions" funding).

Stage 2 Official Opening & New Beginnings

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

It was a day of highlights at the Charlton Park complex on 28th April with the official opening of the Stage 2 redevelopment and the announcement of the First People's Art Trail; an occasion which was unfurled against the backdrop of the Charlton Harness Racing Club (CHRC) indigenous day featuring the running of the Dja Dja Wurrung Cup (Djaara Baliki Wuka)

The growing partnership between CHRC and the Dja Dja Wurrung People continues to foster strong bonds with the traditional owners of this area. Along with the launch of the "Nyernila" Open Air Gallery (an initiative of the Charlton Neighbourhood House), the day saw the drawing together of many visions which have already, and will continue to, establish a progressive and visionary future for the Charlton township.

In a prelude to the official Charlton Park Stage 2 opening - the additions of which include the car park, solar paneling, covered stabling, landscaping, safety fencing, veterinary room, machinery shed and outdoor active equipment - the Chairman of the Charlton Park 2020 committee, John Harley, welcomed guests and supporters

to the occasion.

Invitees included: Dr. Anne Webster (Federal Member for Mallee), Louise Staley (Member for Ripon), Cr. Daryl Warren (Buloke Shire Mayor) Buloke Crs. Alan Getley and Carolyn Stewart, Mr Rob Pongho (Harness Racing Victoria Development and Infrastructure Manager), Mr. Stephen Bell (General Manager, Harness Racing Victoria), representatives from the Dja Dja Wurrung people and representatives from Charlton Community Bank. Apologies were received from Buloke Shire CEO, Wayne O'Toole, and Cr. David Pollard.

Outlining a brief history of the venue's development, Mr. Harley paid recognition to the following organisations and individuals for their assistance in the realization of the second phase of the facility's development.

Those acknowledged included: Federal Government (\$325,942 from the Building Better Regions Fund) - a primary source of funding which enabled the auspicing of additional monies for additional works; the Victorian Government and Harness Racing Victoria (Victoria Racing Infrastructure Fund), plus HRV - \$141,000 -

covered stalls and associated works; Buloke Shire (\$10,000 Community Sustainability Grant) - solar panels; Sustainability Victoria (\$106,000) - car park; Victorian Government - Department of Sport and Recreation (\$695,000) for the lighting project at Charlton Park (while not a project of the 2020 Committee, the lights have added an important further development to the facility).

Mr. Harley also acknowledged the input of the Dja Dja Wurrung people for the forthcoming additions to the outdoor area, the Landscaping sub-committee of Charlton Park 2020, which included Greg McGurk, Shane Fitzpatrick, Amy Nicholson, Luke Zagame, Matt McGurk and Kirk Boyle, the Buloke Shire for the design and co-ordination of the car-park, along with the numerous contractors who carried out the various works.

Commending the significant work and liaisons by CHRC President, Joe Thompson, Mr. Harley also acknowledged the substantial work carried out by Kaylene Cossar, who also liaised with multiple organisations to secure the additional grants to complement the "Building Better Regions" funding. "I know personally,

just how hard these two individuals worked", Mr. Harley added.

"All told, this amounts to \$1.278 million on top of the \$4.2 million for Stage 1", John said.

Member for Mallee, Dr. Anne Webster, then spoke saying, "These projects only happen when you have passionate locals who go into bat and fight, and when you have collaboration." Honouring John Harley for his vision, Dr. Webster said "he was dogged enough to see this project through, and while he would be the first to say he didn't do it all himself, it takes individuals, and that's what excites me . . . to hear the heartbeat of every small community."

The General Manager of HRV, Mr. Stephen Bell, then addressed the crowd, commending the progress of the project, and saying it was "unbelievable to see Charlton and the Harness Racing Club being so proactive in gaining Federal and State grants to make this possible". Expressing his congratulations, he said the ability to leverage funding, and the resulting benefits to harness racing and the community through things like the establishment of the training centre, and now the increased



With the new facilities providing the backdrop, Charlton Park 2020 Committee Chairman, John Harley (centre), opens proceedings at the official launch.

Stage 2 Official Opening & New Beginnings

undercover stabling complex, plus the additional upgrades, was “sensational”. Calling it a “state-of-the-art facility”, Mr. Bell congratulated CHRC President, Joe Thompson, and his committee, commenting that the ability to draw and relocate trainers to Charlton also benefits harness racing in surrounding regional areas such as Bendigo and Swan Hill. He concluded by thanking his associate Rob Pongho (“he’s lived and breathed this project”), the levels of Government for the funding, and the trainers who have relocated to the area as a result of improved infrastructure. He said “It gives me great pleasure being here, and I thank everyone involved.”

The formal cutting of the ribbon to open the facility was undertaken by Dr. Webster, accompanied by John Harley and Joe Thompson.

With the project now completed, John Harley said that after 16 years it was likely that the Charlton Park 2020 Committee would cease to exist, and with his recent relocation to Ballarat, this

would be his final function as Chairman. Thanking all the members of the Charlton community who had “stepped forward . . . who had provided their ideas and many hours of voluntary work, as well as their support for me to bring to fruition the wonderful facilities that we see here today” he concluded the official opening.

Member for Ripon, Louise Staley then acknowledged John Harley’s work, saying, “The commitment and dedication you have shown to this project, and other projects throughout Charlton . . . has been truly extraordinary. No one has been more persistent – and more irritating – and it’s the squeaking wheel that gets the oil! This is your life’s work, amongst other things, and you should be so proud of this, because it is a great facility which will do this community proud for many years.” This was endorsed with spontaneous applause from the crowd.

Guests were then invited to move to the upper concourse to take part in the Dja Dja Wurrung smoking ceremony.

Opening with an indigenous

welcome by Pauline Ugle (Cultural Consultant for Dumawul Creative Enterprise) Djaara man, Jason Kerr played the didgeridoo, accompanied by Jackson Dunolly-Lee on the clap sticks. Following the lead by Djaara CEO, Rodney Carter

and Aunty Linda Ford, the crowd was encouraged to move forward into the cleansing and healing smoke from the fire before heading indoors for the launch of the Nyernila Art Trail initiative.



Pictured following the official opening of Stage 2 of the Charlton Park complex, are (l-r) Mr. Stephen Bell (General Manager, Harness Racing Victoria), Mr. John Harley (Chairman, Charlton Park 2020 Committee), Dr. Anne Webster (MHR Member for Mallee) and Charlton Harness Racing Club President, Mr. Joe Thompson.



As part of the Djaara Cup Day, hosted by the CHRC, guests and attendees were invited to take part in the traditional smoking ceremony which offers a means of cleansing and healing. Pictured (l-r) are Jason Kerr (with didgeridoo), Pauline Ugle, Djaara CEO, Rodney Carter, and Cecelia and Stephanie Taylor, contributing artists to the “Nyernila” Art Trail.

Dynamic "Dummies" Hit the Mark

An energy packed performance by the all-girl "Don't Mess with the Dummies" troupe was an immediate hit for the audience attending the school holiday live show in Charlton on the Thursday before Easter.

The touring production, presented by the Rex Theatre, was a fun-filled story of a jungle camping escapade revealed in segments which showcased both the individual and collective circus skills of the three incredibly agile and creative performers.

Not only was the show fast-paced and entertaining, but each section segued easily into ever-more laughable antics, finishing with a crescendo of non-stop dancing and acrobatics which received rousing applause for the finale. All this, at the end of a very physically demanding performance from the get go!

As much a part of the action as the prat-falls, juggling, hula hooping, acrobatics and visual gags, the girls' facial expressions were extremely mobile—relaying as much of the story as the actions - but absolutely perfect for grabbing the attention of the young audience. There were also enough "gross-out" moments to make the kids laugh, without laboring the point. From smelly socks to undies, baked beans to catching flies, and an hilarious vomiting scene, were just some of the snippets to trigger the best reactions from the crowd. The singing sleeping bags were also a hit, with some parents contemplating the use of them in their own camping trips!

A background soundtrack (think, buzzing flies, growling lions / rumbling stomach), and hit music added to the scene-setting and provided a rhythmic beat for many of the set pieces. What dialogue there was, took the form of a Mr. Bean-type narrative, combining mumbling with grunts and just an occasional word, but which was very funny within the fast-paced context.

Utilizing their extensive backgrounds in circus performance, the girls—Sarah McDougall, Shona Conacher and Ellen Henry—brought a wealth of skill to the show which was created three years

ago. Sarah and Ellen are graduates of the National Institute of Circus Arts, with 15 and 4 years of circus experience respectively, and Shona, who has worked with Circus Aotearoa (New Zealand), also studied the craft in China. Sarah has also worked with the Queensland based CASUS Creations—a world class company celebrating diversity through contemporary circus & other artworks. The show's lighting tech and designer, Sarah Platts, adds her own skills to the production having worked for Circus Oz, CASUS Creations and the Adelaide Fringe Festival amongst other groups.

The sold-out attendance for the circus workshop after the show created much excitement, with participants learning basic skills in plate spinning, juggling and the manipulation of a hula

hoop. Concentration was palpable as techniques were mastered and the newly learned skills were shared with others. Under the guidance of the three performers, the steps for each activity were clearly explained and then help was given to refine the process.

The Rex acknowledges the support from the Buloke Shire in assisting with the presentation of this show, which provided a "gold-standard" introduction to the theatrical experience for many of our younger community members.



Lilymae McPhee shows her hula-hooping skills during the workshop.



Four-year-old Jack Scoble had a helping hand with his hula hoop from his mum, Jessica, while four-month-old River looks on.



They were silly, funny and the audience loved it – "Don't Mess with the Dummies" brought squeals of laughter from attendees at the recent show in Charlton. Pictured onstage (l-r) are performers Ellen Henry, Sarah McDougall and Shona Conacher.

Give That They May Grow

The wonderful phrase, 'give that they may grow', is the echo of thousands of families who are eternally grateful for every donation, no matter the size. Each of us has the hope that we or our family doesn't become one of the thousands of families that desperately need the Royal Children's Hospital. Yet we all know that if we are lucky enough to not be in need of such care, then our good fortune could be passed on to help those who do.

Charlton's generosity was on show for the Good Friday Appeal, an outstanding \$4941 was raised this year. Charlton's Good Friday Appeal Coordinator Bree McPhee should be congratulated for her role in helping these funds be raised for the Royal Children's Hospital. Over the course of the year leading up to Good Friday, Bree collects any donations through the donation tins allocated around town and organises the Uptown and Downtown Collections nights as well as any other fundraising for the appeal.

Bree has been supported by the Charlton

CFA, who every year support the Uptown and Downtown collections, thanks to Craig Walsh and Chris Thompson for this commitment. The enthusiastic runners on each of these nights included; Kelly Wright, Brooke Thompson, Tessa Fitzpatrick, Amali Fitzpatrick, Oliver McPhee, Tamsyn McGurk, Abby Thompson, Maggie Riley, Erin Blair, Tash Roberts, Jake Lanyon, Seb Zagame, Rhys Gahan, Bodhi Jakubik, Sarah Blair and Chloe Walsh.

Charlton Neighbourhood House was also proud to partner into this wonderful cause with Jayne Burton, Tessa Fitzpatrick and Liz Riley from Charlton Neighbourhood House helping collect and count the donations. .

A delicious Cadbury chocolate hamper was also raffled off to complete the fundraising for the Good Friday Appeal. Heenan's Newsagency and East Charlton Hotel did an amazing job, selling \$714.00 in raffle tickets in two days. Congratulations to Marisa Byrne on winning the Good Friday

Appeal Chocolate Hamper Raffle which was drawn on Good Friday at the East Charlton Hotel by Renee Riley and Leanne Gretgrix.



Leanne Gretgrix (left) & Renee Riley drawing the raffle winning ticket.



St Joseph's Community

On Sunday 24th April St Joseph's Parishioners were invited to St Joseph's School for the blessing ceremony, by Fr Gerry, of plaques recognising the magnificent contribution of the Sisters of Our Lady of The Missions 1924 to 1968 and a plaque for the Sisters of Mercy, 1969 to 1995 to our school community. There is also a plaque recognising the student boarders of St Joseph's Parish Convent 1930 to 1968. Our communities have been sincerely enriched by the presence of the two orders and the fruits of their work is still very much alive in our school today.



Charlton Croquet Club

Lindsay Patullo has excelled in both Association Croquet and Golf Croquet during April. From 3rd to 6th April Lindsay represented the Murray Valley Association at Traralgon in the Victorian Country Regional Association Croquet Championships. Lindsay competed in Section 3 and won all 8 games. He scored the maximum hoops in 6 games. Lindsay, again representing Murray Valley, competed in the Victorian Golf Croquet Regionals at Cairnlea on 23rd & 24th April. Lindsay, again in Section 3, won 10 games out of 12. Lindsay is the first Charlton or

Murray Valley player to win Section 3. Murray Valley also won the overall winning shield (Lefel Shield) for the highest number of aggregate hoops. This is the first time Murray Valley has won the Lefel Shield. Congratulations Lindsay.

Other news: Anne Kenny and Margaret Bowen also competed at the Victorian Country Regional Association Croquet Championships. Margaret was 3rd in Section 4 winning 5 games while Anne finished 5th in Section 2 also winning 5 games. Murray Valley came 3rd in the team shield.

Nita Perry qualified to compete in the

Victorian Golf Croquet Regionals at Cairnlea in Section 2 but was unable to attend.

The annual Courtney Keith Challenge between Golf Croquet and Association Croquet players on Closing Day was held on 14th April. It was a close contest with Golf Croquet the winners.

Although we have had closing day croquet continues during the winter season so please come along if you want to socialise, have some gentle exercise and enjoy the outdoors.



Golf Croquet Murray Valley Champions: Nita Perry & Lindsay Patullo



Gold Croquet Regionals - : Lindsay Patullo, Darryl Henderson (Boort Winner Sect. 1) Lois Munro (Swan Hill holding Lefel Shield) and Katrina Petersen (Tournament Director)



Association Croquet Regionals: Janet Richardson (referee), Anne Kenny, Lindsay Patullo, Margaret Bowen & Ian Potter (Boort)



Closing Day—Courtney Keith Challenge: Golf Croquet winners—Val Bourke, Sue & Grant Nicholls, Margaret Bowen, Ena Green & Dot McKee

Charlton Arts Presents Jazz in July
Sunday 24th July, 1:30pm
Charlton Park Community Complex
Featuring the Hot B'Hines

Tickets \$15 (Incl afternoon tea)
On Sale Soon



Charlton Golden Grains Museum
Bingo Fundraiser
Thursday 25th May

Travelling to
Donald via car.
Leaving at 6:30
for 7:30pm eyes
down.



Please contact
Glenda Litton
for further
details.



Charlton Harness Racing

RAFFLE NIGHT – CRICKET CLUB HOTEL FRIDAY MAY 6TH

We encourage all members to come along for a drink and to support this night. The club thanks Di from the Cricket Club Hotel for sponsoring this night. It is a great chance to get together and build the social fabric of the club. Kick off is 6pm – raffle drawn at 7pm.

CONGRATULATIONS MARKHAM FAMILY

The Charlton Harness Racing Club could not be more pleased to report that Ashleigh Markham, after many close calls, has broken his duck here in Victoria with a great win at Bendigo this week. Codename Marcus did the honours in style with Ash in the sulky – we hope this is the beginning of a successful run for the Markhams who have quickly become an active part of life here in Charlton. So well done!



Ashleigh Markham winning on Codename Marcus

Djaara Cup Day

The Dja Dja Wurrung (Djaara) Cup Day again took place on the 28th April – the day combining with the official opening of Stage 2 of the development at Charlton Park and the Nyernila Art Gallery/Trail. The club was happy to welcome many guests to mark this important occasion including Anne Webster MP who aptly commended the drive by both individuals and groups to see major projects like these through to fruition.

In his final act as Chairman of the 2020 Committee it was fitting that John Harley was acknowledged for his tenacity in getting this huge project to near completion. Whilst there will be further improvements made in the future, from the Charlton Harness Racing Club's perspective, we are so proud to have a facility that stands tall in our industry. It is a major reason why trainers are choosing to relocate here and membership continues to grow.

We were happy to see Harness Racing Victoria representatives here to see the changes first hand – Rob Pongho (Development and Infrastructure Manager) and Stephen Bell (Racing Manager).

The collection of artworks that were unveiled on the day will be stationed in the Function Room for a while for everyone to access and enjoy – thank you to Kaylene

Cossar for her collaborative work with this project, we look to forward to relationships growing further through the shared experience of art.

As always the smoking ceremony conducted by Jason Kerr was embraced warmly by all on course and served as a reminder of the connection between us all.

There was also racing on this day!!!

Congratulations to the winners of the Djaara Cup 2022 – Lochinvar Jag, trained by Rod Lahey and driven by Ellen Tormey.



Cutting the ribbon—John Harley, Dr Anne Webster, Joe Thompson



Jason Kerr conducting the Welcome Ceremony

MEMBERS WINTER PUNTING COMP IS BACK!!

Back by popular demand! During Covid lockdowns the club ran some fun punting competitions to keep us all entertained and connected – as they proved so popular we are again inviting everyone to take part.

This will mostly be run via Facebook but for those not on it arrangements can be made through Heenan's Newsagency.

You don't have to know anything about horses to take part – in fact some would say you might even have an advantage!

Competition will launch at the Friday 6th Mildura meeting – this will also be our raffle night so come along and register then if you like! \$10 entry.

Charlton Winners for April – Well done!!

Codename Marcus – Bendigo - trained and driven by Ashleigh Markham
Lookout – Mildura – trainer John Tormey driver Ellen Tormey
Yapper – Bendigo – trainer Mark Boyle
Shaq – Hamilton – trainer John Tormey driver Ellen Tormey
Radius – Melton – driver Ryan Sanderson
Bezzaboma – Mildura – driver Ryan Sanderson
Platinum Stride – trainer Shane Sanderson driver Ryan Sanderson
Imperials Reason - Bendigo – driver Ryan Sanderson
Captain Confetti – Melton – driver Ryan Sanderson
Chissy – Melton – driver Ryan Sanderson
Ferocious Son – trainer John Tormey driver Ellen Tormey
Have A Crack – Mildura – driver Ryan Sanderson
Rocking Wroxtton – Mildura – driver Ryan Sanderson
Platinum Stride – Melton – trainer Shane Sanderson driver Ryan Sanderson



Taylah Boyle with Yapper

Ryan in Top Form !!

As you can see from the results whilst the spoils are being shared around all stables at the moment we give a special shout out to Ryan Sanderson who drove 4 metro winners at Melton for the month, including his first double. Pretty sure he would have been happy with one! Super competitive racing at headquarters so this is just another step in his fast developing career in the sulky. We are very lucky to have him as part of our club. Congratulations Ryan.



Charlton Neighbourhood House

30-34 High Street (in The Rex Theatre), Charlton Vic, 3525 Phone: 0473 759 456
Email: coord@charltonnh.org.au

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE

ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET YOUR GUN LICENSE? WELL LOOK NO FURTHER, WE ARE RUNNING THE COURSE ON:

WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY
7PM-9PM
@ CHARLTON EAST HOTEL
COST: FREE

WE ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THIS COURSE FOR FREE, SO DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY

SPOTS ARE LIMITED!
TO SECURE YOUR SPOT VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://WWW.CHARLTONNH.ORG.AU/](https://www.charltonnh.org.au/)
PHONE US: 0473759456 OR POP INTO THE HOUSE

Firearm Safety & Training

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27TH APRIL - 3RD MAY

Story Time

WITH MARGARET-ANNE WRIGHT

TUESDAY 31ST MAY @ 10.30AM
AT THE CHARLTON LIBRARY (SHIRE HALL)

COME ALONG AND LISTEN TO MARGARET-ANNE READ SOME GREAT INDIGENOUS PICTURE BOOKS AND ENJOY SOME COLOURING SHEETS WHILE THE ADULTS HAVE A CUPPA TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK.

BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE.
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

'GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD' BUS TRIP

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE WEEK 9TH-15TH MAY

WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY
BUS DEPARTS FROM TRAVELLERS REST
10.30AM - 12.00PM BUS TRIP
12.00PM - 1.00PM LIGHT LUNCH
TOUR OF CHARLTON GUIDED BY CAROLYN OLIVE
(A MIX OF HISTORY, LANDMARKS AND UPCOMING DEVELOPMENTS)
FINISHING WITH A LIGHT LUNCH AT THE CRICKET CLUB HOTEL

COST: \$15

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON THURSDAY 5TH MAY
TO SECURE YOUR SPOT CONTACT US ON 0473759456 OR VISIT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Charlton Neighbourhood House celebrates

VOLUNTEER & LAW WEEK

16 MAY - 22ND MAY

16 Monday 10.30am-12.00pm
At Flo Cafe
Guest: 'Make a Change' Buloke Team member
'Buloke, celebrating great people doing great things'

17 Tuesday 10.00am-2.00pm
At Charlton Neighbourhood House & Charlton Library
Guest: 'Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre' Team
'Provides confidential legal advice, info, referral and case work.'

18 Wednesday 10.30am-12.00pm
At Charlton Neighbourhood House
Guest: 'Buloke Shire' Team
'Buloke, celebrating great people doing great things'

19 Thursday 10.30am-12.00pm
At Charlton Neighbourhood House
Guest: Bill Freeman
Everything you need to know about Wills & Power of attorneys

20 Friday 12.00pm-2.00pm
At Charlton Neighbourhood House
Guest: Wellways team
Leading not-for-profit mental health and disability support organisation

DROP INTO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE DURING THE WEEK AND HAVE A CHAT TO SOME OF OUR VERY QUALIFIED GUESTS.

WHAT'S ON IN MAY & JUNE

AT THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
The heart of our community.

MAY

WEEKS

Neighbourhood House Week (9- 15th)
Volunteers Week (16th-22nd)
Law Week (16th-22nd)
Reconciliation Week (27th-3rd)

2

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



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



11

'Get to know your Neighbourhood'
Bus Trip Wed 10:30am-1pm Guided
by Carolyn Olive to finish with lunch
AT: Around Charlton
COST: \$15



11

Firearms Safety Training Course
Tuesday 11th 7-9pm
Accreditation to get your gun license
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: FREE



16-
20

Volunteer & Law Week
Monday 16th - Friday 20th
A range of guests and activities
AT: Charlton Neighbourhood House
COST: FREE



17

Carers Group Lunch
Tuesday 17th 12pm
Guest speaker Marg Pollington.
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



25

Table for 12
Singapore Noodles
Wednesday 25th 7-9pm
AT: Charlton Trade Training Centre
COST: \$20



31

Story Time with Margaret-Anne
Tuesday 31st 10:30am
Celebrating Reconciliation week
AT: Charlton Library (Shire Hall)
COST: FREE



JUNE

6

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

6

Gentle indoor exercise sessions
hosted by Nicola Kirk
Monday mornings 9-10am
AT: Charlton Senior Citizens Room
COST: \$60 12 x 1 hour sessions

14

Carers Group Lunch
Tuesday 17th 12pm
Guest speaker Julie McGrath.
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised cost

22

Table for 12 - Italian Night
Smorgasbord of Italian food
Wednesday 22nd 7-9pm
AT: Charlton Trade Training Centre
COST: \$20



More to come for June, keep an eye out!

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



St Joseph's School

Prize Winners

Positive play is a Platform & Co sport development and Delta Agribusiness initiative. It is a registered multi-sport program that is designed for primary school children in regional areas to enhance and develop their skills in various sports. This program encourages rural and remote schools to come together and promote positive play.

To celebrate the launch of the Positive Play program, North West Ag Services (a Delta Agribusiness company) and Corteva Agriscience Australia gave primary schools or junior sports clubs across NSW and Victoria the opportunity to win one of ten complete event packs.

Each event pack consisted of:

- a custom printed 3mx6m high quality marquee
 - extra-large icebox
 - two extra-large gear bags
- \$250 Visa gift card to get your first event underway

Total prize value of \$3,000ea

St. Joseph's Catholic School in Charlton was one of the lucky winners! North West Ag Services Charlton Branch Manager, Luke Zagame, was pleased to present Principal of St Joseph's, Frank McGrath, and other staff and students their prize.

Frank thanked Luke and the companies involved in the program for the fantastic prize; commenting on the high quality and practicality of the pack.

In their entry video, the students of St. Joseph's listed the following benefits the prize pack would bring to their school and why their school was great:

- at sports events the marquee would provide shelter
- the gift card would help pay for buses to transport us to events
- the esky would keep food and drinks cold at sports events and camps
- the bags could store sports equipment or act as a first aid kit
- the marquee emblazed with their school logo would help students find "home" and establish their presence at sporting events.
- Our school is really great as we are a very small school, always caring for each other.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

On the 25th of April my Mum and I went to the ANZAC Day Ceremony in Charlton. As the School Captain I was representing St. Joseph's School. I was very proud and honoured to carry a wreath up to the Cenotaph and march around it with everybody to the hall.

I stayed after to hear all the band play and the choir sing and all the very interesting speeches. It was a great experience. Lest We Forget. **By Murphy Fitzpatrick.**



Murphy Fitzpatrick laying the wreath at the Cenotaph.



Luke Zagame from North West Ag Services (third from right) pictured with staff & students from St Joseph's.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

CHARLTON SOLAR & BATTERY INFO MEETING

Find out about the council-supported solar and battery storage bulk-buy

Charlton Solar and Battery Info Meeting

- Thursday, 9 June 2022, 6-7:30pm
- East Charlton Hotel, 53 High St, Charlton VIC 3525

Register Now

visit mash.org.au or call 1300 466 274

Charlton RSL Sub-Branch



A fine autumn day saw a sizeable crowd gather for the annual ANZAC Day ceremony at Charlton Cenotaph. Wreath laying was led by Lieutenant Ammar Sukhera representing the Australian services, RSL members and

Buloke Shire Councillor David Pollard, followed by Charlton College captains Lucinda Holmes-Brown and Jackson Zagame, St Joseph's School captain Murphy Fitzpatrick and Red Cross representatives. After the Last Post and Rouse were played by bugler Corey Harrison, the march to the Shire Hall began,

to the music of the Charlton/Wycheproof Community Band.

The highlight of the commemoration ceremony at the Shire Hall was an inspirational address by Lt Ammar Sukhera, in which he referred to Charlton born military titan Harold "Pompey" Elliott, his care and concern at all times for the men who served under him; to the courage and dash of the first ANZACS who landed at Gallipoli in the early hours of 25 April 1915 and those who later served in the Great War, all of whom were volunteers; to reflecting on all who have served Australia in uniform in later wars and conflicts and as peacekeepers; to the values of loyalty, selflessness and courage which the original ANZACS displayed. We live in difficult

and uncertain times, let us draw inspiration and confidence for the days that come from the service and sacrifice of others in days past.

After thanks from Sub-branch president Gordon Risk to Lt Ammar Sukhera, to Padre Reverend Judi Bird, to the band, to the Charlton Choir, to all others who had helped the Sub-branch and to the public for their continuing support, the ceremony concluded with refreshments in the Sub-branch clubrooms.

ANZAC badges and other items sold well during the week prior to ANZAC Day, our thanks go to all who supported our annual fundraising for RSL welfare.

LEST WE FORGET.

Charlton Golf Season Opening

Charlton Golf Club officially opened its golf season on Sunday 10th April, with 33 players taking to the fairways. Prior to the first ball being hit, everyone assembled in front of the new, 10 bay, golf cart shed for its official opening. Club Presidents, Anthony Hargreaves and Chris McGurk welcomed the assembled gathering, including our Community Bank Chairman, Jon Whykes, and acknowledged that their \$10,000 sponsorship gave us the ability to make this new shed a reality. The Golf Club is also very grateful to the Buloke Shire for its grant of \$2,000, which enabled the power to be connected to the shed. Bank Chairman, Jon Whykes, wished the club a successful season and hoped that the cart shed would help keep our senior golfers in the game for many years. Life Member, and Charlton golfer for over 55 years, Kevin Mathews, then cut the ribbon and declared

the shed was officially open for use.

Golfers then regrouped in front of the Clubhouse, where President Anthony, introduced our guests Keith and Glenda Bird. Keith, a Kara Kara Life Member and well known local identity, has been a loyal supporter of Charlton's tournaments for virtually 60 years. Keith, with a swing that reminded us all of Jack Nicklaus at his best, proceeded to hit the first ball of the day. He declared the season open and went on to wish all a happy and successful golfing year.

The event for the day was a 12 hole ambrose event. Just to add some variety and prove that golf isn't a boring game, the last 6 holes were played backwards. This presented several new challenges with trees guarding the entrance to many sands. However the trio of Clint Riley, Brendan Byrne and Troy Heenan overcame all

challenges to have the winning score for the day, with a 4 under par of 44-6-38. Runners up were Anne Kenny, Carmel Fitzpatrick, Jeff Cox and Wayne Southwell, with a one under par 47-9-39. Three groups tied for third, all with a 40 nett. Winning on a countback was Elias Giakamis, Malcolm Macbride, Bernie Laffin and Mark Hamley. The unlucky groups, also with netts of 40, were Eily Rosewall, Ian Jenkins, Pat and Kevin Mathews, also Anthony and Wendy Hargreaves with Chris and Trevor McGurk. Nearest to the pins on the two par threes were Anthony Hargreaves and Troy Heenan.

To conclude an enjoyable day, a BBQ tea and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

New members are always welcome and please contact either Wendy Laffin 0427 115 194 or Trevor McGurk 0419 335 900.



Keith Bird with the first hit of the season.



Golfers in front of the new golf cart shed. Jon Whykes, Anthony Hargreaves & Chris McGurk standing at front.

ANZAC Day Commemeration

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

A broad cross section of the Charlton community supported the 107th Anzac Day commemoration, gathering at the High Street cenotaph, before joining the march participants at the Shire Hall for the formal ceremony.

With wreath-laying and the observance of a minute's silence in remembrance for the fallen at the cenotaph, police stopped traffic on the highway to ensure safety, and to minimize intrusion into the

Post and Reveille during the stand-to. (They also provided musical contributions throughout the official service at the Hall, with Bandmaster, Brian Heenan joining the choir for its featured item).

As guest speaker, Lieutenant Ammar Sukhera, called the marchers to order, onlookers applauded as the participants led off on their trek to the Hall.

The official in-door ceremony opened with a welcome by President, Gordon Risk, who acknowledged the

(A resume of the guest speaker's address appears on Page 19).

The input by the Band (under the leadership of Brian Heenan) and the Charlton Choir (under the leadership of Gil Gretgrix)

is always greatly appreciated, with members volunteering their time for both rehearsals and participation in order to enhance the scope of the ceremony.

The formal service



After laying wreaths at the cenotaph, RSL members (l-r) Bill Freeman, Geoff Bulleid and Alan McGillivray pause to reflect, watched by Lieutenant Ammar Sukhera and Councillor David Pollard.

solemn occasion.

The brief observance, led by RSL Sub-Branch President, Gordon Risk, saw officials and members of the public lay wreaths, along with school captains, Lucinda Holmes-Brown and Jackson Zagame (representing Charlton College) and Murphy Fitzpatrick (representing St. Joseph's Primary School).

The Charlton/Wycheproof Citizens' Band, again contributed their many talents, providing music for the march to the Hall, along with bugler, Corey Harrison playing the Last

range of age groups and the sizable attendance in evidence in support of this special day.

The introduction of guest speaker, Lt. Ammar Sukhera, Buloke Shire Councillor, David Pollard, and Padre, Reverend Judi Bird preceeded the hymn singing, and the homily presented by Cr. Pollard, which featured the ode to the fallen by Turkish President, Kemal Ataturk.

Charlton College School Captains shared the reading of the 23rd Psalm, before the Charlton Choir sang the Anzac hymn, "Abide with Me".



Charlton College School Captains, Jackson Zagame and Lucinda Holmes-Brown read the 23rd Psalm during the service.



St. Joseph's Primary School Captain, Murphy Fitzpatrick (centre) joined Wooroonook resident, John Stiley (l) and Bruce Hudgson (r) as the crowd gathered on Anzac Day. A former Charltonian, Bruce regularly makes the trip from Melbourne to return to his home town for this special day.



concluded with the singing of the New Zealand and Australian national anthems with Padre, Judi Bird then pronouncing the final Grace.

The reinstatement of sharing refreshments and fellowship with the RSL members in the Club room afterwards marked a welcome return to pre-Covid times.

ANZAC Day Address

SHAPING OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER

An inspiring address by Charlton's ANZAC Day guest speaker, Lieutenant Ammar Sukhera, drew multiple threads of historical content together using the town's connection as the birthplace of World War 1 military titan, Harold "Pompey" Elliott, as his theme.

Lieutenant Sukhera recounted the high esteem with which "Pompey" was held by those he led in battle, saying "that he was a man who truly cared for, and had love for his diggers".

Often a voice against unnecessary risk where his men were concerned, "Pompey's" on-the-ground knowledge and "profound grasp of tactical possibilities" meant his judgements were well based, and coupled with his own actions, earned the respect of those who served with, or under his command. "He understood that it is our brave soldiers who are our biggest assets and source of inspiration," said Lt. Sukhera.

That bravery was viewed as the linchpin of the Gallipoli landing. Reading an extract from a letter written by Second Lieutenant, David Martin Gillies (15th Australian Infantry Battalion) who landed at

Gallipoli on 25th April 1915, the content of the quote marvels that, "I don't know how ever our boys got ashore at all".

Heading directly into attack, and amid the confusion of landing, what must have been going through the minds of those first soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corp as they charged onto the beach of the Gallipoli peninsula postulated Lt. Sukhera.

With 2000 Australians killed or wounded on that day, and a total of 8,700 Australians and 2,700 New Zealanders killed by the time of evacuation in December of that year, it is little wonder that the qualities of courage, service and sacrifice have become the defining characteristics of what it means to be "Australian".

From honouring the original Anzacs on that first Anzac Day in 1916, through to the present times, the 25th April "has become an occasion to honour all who have worn our country's uniform in service," said Lt. Sukhera.

Reflecting on all who have served – whether in conflict or as peace-keepers, from Anzac Cove to Afghanistan – the "values of loyalty, selflessness and courage, invested in the original Anzacs" have been a

measure by which succeeding generations have viewed their own achievements against those who fought on Gallipoli, said Lt. Sukhera.

"At the start of my address, I said that history is important, it is an inspiration. As a nation we face difficult and uncertain times ahead. Let's honour the service and sacrifice of others in days past, so that we may draw inspiration and confidence for the days to come."

(Lieutenant Sukhera is currently Platoon Commander of Bravo Company 8th/7th

Battalion, Royal Victoria Regiment. He joined the Australian Army Reserve in 2016 as an officer cadet and was commissioned in 2020. He is a systems engineer with the Department of Defence in the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group. He migrated from Pakistan to Australia as a ten-year-old, and completed his education at RMIT, graduating with a Bachelor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Hons)).



Lieutenant Ammar Sukhera – presenting his address at the 2022 Charlton Anzac Day commemoration ceremony.

CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton—2 day competition

When: Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd May, 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!**



**Charlton's Winter
UpMarket Day**

Saturday 4th June 2022

9am – 12 Noon

**Collectables,
Specialty stalls,
Conserves,
Crafts
Books
Doughnuts
Cooking**



All From Local Stallholders

Come and give them your support.

**Cnr. High and Halliday St
Charlton**

Contact Gill Gretgrix 0427911308

Charlton Football, Hockey, Netball Social Club

The Charlton Football, Hockey, Netball Social Club are excited for the 2022 season.

With new electives: President: Matt Thompson; Vice President: Bailey Kemp; Secretary: Xanthe Fitzpatrick; Treasurer: Kelly Wright

We have some awesome events coming up this season and hope to see as many there as possible.

We had our first event in Round 3—Op Shop and iPod shuffle night with a great turnout.

We congratulate the 3 winners—Chloe Walsh, Kelly Wright and Kim Thompson on their winning songs.

We have our biggest event coming up at the end of May, 'Navy Blues Ball'. Tickets are on sale now!

Looking forward to seeing some new faces around the club!



CHARLTON FHN SOCIAL CLUB

Navy Blues

RED CARPET BALL

MAY 28 | 7:30PM
@ The Charlton Complex

Early Bird \$30 pp At the Door \$40 pp

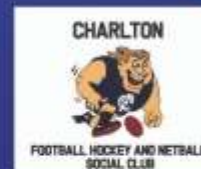
Dress code: Formal Red Carpet attire

Featuring
Live Band 'The Drowning Sorrows'

Cocktail style food

See one of the following for a ticket:- Xanthe F, Kell W, Bailey K, Tessa F, Brooke T, Chloe W, Chelsea D, Dorey M, Jacko Z, Claudia L, Mason H, Darby F or Matt T

CHARLTON FOOTBALL, HOCKEY & NETBALL SOCIAL CLUB NAVY BLUE'S SOCIAL CALENDAR 2022



ROUND 3

23RD APRIL
VS BOORT (H)

**OP SHOP +
IPOD SHUFFLE
NIGHT**

ROUND 7

28TH MAY
VS WYCHEPROOF (A)

**NAVY BLUES
BALL**

ROUND 9

18TH JUNE
VS SEALAKE (H)

**COMEDY NIGHT
& KIDS MOVIE
NIGHT**

ROUND 13

23RD JULY
VS ST ARNAUD (A)

**PROGRESSIVE
DINNER**

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St Martin's Messenger—May

Worship:

1pm Sunday 15 May—Blessing of the Plough

1pm Sunday 5 June—Pentecost

1pm Sunday 19 June—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Our annual Blessing of the Plough service this month!!

Farming practices have changed but the need to support our rural communities is ongoing. By celebrating and Blessing the Plough at our service on Sunday 15 May at 1pm, we hope all those who work on the land and support those who do, will sense God's blessing and our support. We bless a symbolic plough and seed in this service and thank God for all his gifts to us. It is a service that

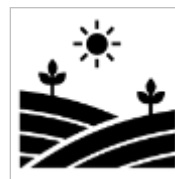
has been held at Holy Trinity for many years. This service has a long tradition in the Parish, also being undertaken in previous years at Christ Church, Fenton's Creek, before the church was closed. All are very welcome to join with us.

*By itself the earth produces:
first the stalk, then the ear, then
the full grain shall appear.*

Reverend Judi Bird

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Charlton Uniting Church



Charlton Uniting Church Service times for May

Sunday 8th—10.00 am Communion—Mothers' Day

Sunday 15th—10.00 am

Sunday 22nd—11.00 am

Sunday 29th—11 am Cluster Service

On the 24th of April there was a service of release for Rev. Jon Watson who has been our supply minister for several months and our sincere thanks go to him for his worship services and his support and encouragement to our congregation and the community.

Also, the Powlett Plains congregation, (part of our Nardoo Loddon Cluster) celebrated their 150th. Anniversary—our congratulations to them.

We will be holding our next UpMarket on Saturday 4th June. Looking forward to stallholders and customers to come along on the day.

Charlton Friends of the Red Cross



Since Covid restrictions, as with everyone, the Red Cross members have not met regularly but hope to have a social get together quite soon.

We were able to have a Zone meeting, hosted by Charlton, and this was a good day of information and fellowship.

Some goods have been delivered to several isolated families and these are always on hand and available when requested.

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Charlton Feedlot is celebrating 50 years and we need your help. We are looking for photos, newspaper articles, stories and any other items relating to the operation of the feedlot over the last 50 years.

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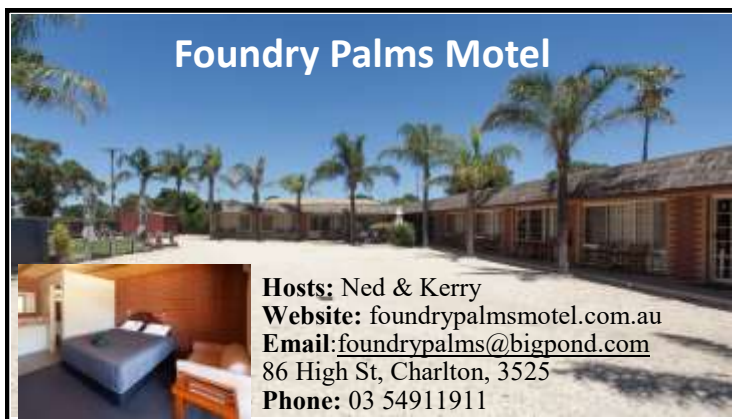


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8 Happy Mothers' Day	9 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling Club Meeting,	10 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	11	12 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	13 Probus Meeting	14
15	16 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls, 7:30pm CWA Meeting	17 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	18 Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	19 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	20 RSL Meeting 4:30pm	21 Fishing Comp (see notice)
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June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lions Dinner Meeting	2 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	3	4 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
5	6 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling club Meeting,	7 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	8	9 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	10 Probus Meeting	11
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