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Mixed Fortunes For Charlton

October has been a month of mixed fortunes for Charlton. The Lions Club Swap Meet and the North Central Garden Club Open Gardens Day were both successful. However, due to the impending flooding of the town, the Charlton Show was cancelled. Following the flood, other events planned later in October were also cancelled due to continuing poor weather, closed and damaged roads. See pages 10-12 for a report and photos of the flood.



Lions members, Neville Sinapius, Peter Watts and helper, Chelsea Deason, were hard at work at the BBQ during the Swap Meet.



NCGC President, Bernice Kenny, (l) shows St. Arnaud visitors, Lyn Freeman and Nola Lloyd her magnificent wisteria grove, after having served afternoon tea in her garden conservatory.



The Charlton Hall was packed at the Friday Public Meeting. Speaker, Acting Senior Sergeant, Roberta Barry (l), addresses the crowd, while ABC reporter, Alex Darling, and rural reporter, Angus Verley, record the event. Both were based in Charlton throughout the event.

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From the Editor Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the November newsletter for 2022.

Well what a month! I anticipated this edition to be full of coverage of our October events. Instead it has flood photos! Well done to the Lions Club and the North Central Garden Club on hosting their Swap Meet and Garden Day. It's nice to see them back after a Covid hiatus. Commiserations to all the other groups who had to cancel their events—so very disappointing after so much hard work.

It was a mighty effort by the town, Shire, SES and others to protect our properties and the town as a whole. Well done everyone.

I hope this is the last of the wet weather and cold days for the moment. Although rain is normally very welcome at this time of year to finish off our crops, and freshen up our gardens, I think things are more than wet enough.

Stay safe and dry.

Cheers
Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

December

Xmas Fest
Carols at The Rex

January

Tennis Tournament

February

OK Motels
Vintage Market
Courthouse Exhibition

March

Film Festival



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- Two entries - Windsor Avenue and Currie Street.

Charlton Bakery On A Roll

Charlton Bakery owner and pastrycook, Paul Phillips, has been awarded a bronze medal for third place in the 33rd Great Aussie Pie Competition, for 2022, for his mince sausage roll.

A proud baker for over 40 years, Paul came to Charlton in 2020, and set about making his mark in providing the town and surrounding areas with a selection of gourmet pies, pasties and of course his "award winning" sausage rolls.

Having had bakeries in Hastings, Kyneton and Bendigo in the past, Paul decided to "slow down" when he made the decision to "retire" to Charlton. A simple thought, but his selection of breads, rolls cakes and slices have kept him more than busy, and retirement is just that little bit further away now, he says.

The Aussie Pie Council has been running the Great Aussie Pie Competition for 33 years, and Paul said it was a great honor to be recognised for his contribution to the industry.

Without disclosing his "secret", Paul said the quality of ingredients is paramount, together with the right pastry thickness and providing the finished product that he would be pleased to serve up to himself.

Paul credits his staff with having the confidence to encourage customers to try his wide range of fine foods, and believes that with this encouragement, customers will delve into a new range of tastes as his recipe book opens up further.

Charlton Bakery is open 6 days a week, Monday-Friday 6am to 3pm and Saturday 7am-2pm.

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Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to our monthly catch up from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. It is hard to believe that 2022 is quickly coming to a close and our community will shortly be celebrating Christmas. Firstly, a big shout out to all the Shire, emergency service workers and volunteers who rallied to protect our town, especially all those involved protecting the important history held at our museum. We were fortunate not to have any water enter the premises on this occasion.

It has been a very busy year here at the museum for the small team of volunteers, and this month is no different. With a visit planned by members of AMaGA (Australian Museum and Galleries Association) to commence our online digitisation program, this project will give people across Australia and the world the chance to view items of our collection via the internet.

Like so many groups and organizations in town, Charlton Golden Grains Museum relies on a dedicated group of volunteers, and we are always on the lookout 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.

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.

Charlton Aero Club

Our feature story this month relates to the Charlton Aero Club, and its fundraising local dances named 'Big Beat'. Charlton's first airfield was established shortly after World War One on the south side of Watson Street, where occasional planes would visit offering joy flights to locals. A major upgrade occurred in 1938 with the runway being levelled, trees removed, and a large white brick sign saying 'Charlton' laid down. This was later removed when Japan entered the war in 1941. In May 1982 the new Charlton airfield was opened on the Charlton-St Arnaud Road and the airfield has not seen anything like it since. Eighty

aircraft were on static display and performing aerobatic displays and joy flights to a large crowd of locals and visitors.

In 1960 a local branch of the Bendigo Flying Club was set up in Charlton, and set to the task of fundraising for their group. Their first event was a Saturday night ball featuring popular Cohuna band, 'The Mighty Satellites', scheduled for July 23, 1960. The dance was extensively advertised, and with the band's large local following, a huge crowd of 580 (an attendance record) was at Victoria Hall to be entertained. Dress code on the night was casual – and casual it was. Many attendees wore oversize jumpers, coloured tights, sunglasses, and for some of the district's footballers, oat sacks made into tarzan style outfits. There were some complaints that the hall lighting wasn't suitable and that many girls were 'half naked' and 'indecently' dressed. Mr Kirkbride for the Aero Club, said he was concerned about the completely unfounded and reckless rumours that have accompanied the 'Big Beat,' and the Club was very pleased with the behaviour of the dancers.

The next Big Beat was two months later and featured the Graeme Steale quintette from Melbourne. With a mix up in communication by the booking agent, the musicians understood the night to be a formal ball and had set their music accordingly. Fortunately the band was such a high standard they were able to perform rock and roll dance numbers for the crowd, which this time numbered only 260.

September 21 saw hard working Geelong rock'n'roll combo, 'The Electones' visit Charlton. This group featured two vocalists, Johnny Guitar and Max Hope, regulars on the teen tv shows, 'Six o'clock Rock' and 'HiFi Club' and gave a faultless performance. With a dance bracket every 12 minutes, the group performed over 80 songs and wrapped up just after 1:00am. Apart from the music, a young man in the crowd gave an impressive rock'n'roll swing dance routine with two female partners that was well received by the crowd, this time of around 250 patrons. Not many records remain for the Charlton Aero Club. Another planned Big Beat for October doesn't seem to have gone ahead. Some of its members were Ian and Jeff Richardson, Steve Thalys, Ian Pederson, Dick Arthur, John White, Ian Carter, Keith Kirkbride, Bill Parrow and Stafford White.

Do you know the Charlton Golden Grains Museum has an extensive range of books and reference material relating to not only Charlton, but also the surrounding districts and across Victoria? If you are researching another area or family we may be able to assist you. Drop in during opening hours on a Sunday for more information.

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

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Charlton Aero Club Members with a tiger moth biplane at the old Charlton Airfield, 1960. Back L to R—Ian Richardson, Steve Thalys, Ian Pedersen (pilot), Dick Arthur (owner—Bendigo), John White, Jeff Richardson. Front—Ian Carter, Keith Kirkbride (president), Bill Parrow (instructor), Stafford White.

Open Gardens Inspire

It was back with a burst of blossom!

The North Central Garden Club (NCGC) celebrated the return of the Open Gardens Day in Charlton on Sunday 9th October in perfect weather conditions and in anticipation of an inspiring day to be shared by many.

Despite predictions of rising flood water, many visitors still made the trip, and while the crowd was down on previous years, those who attended were amply rewarded by the variety presented by the six gardens on show.

And inspired they were!

Comments across the board unanimously praised the scope, the ideas and diversity of the gardeners' creativity in their little patches of paradise.

For Bendigo Garden Club members,

David and Lynette Gallagher, who along with a group of six others had headed north for the day, they were effusive with their comments about the gardens and the comprehensive organization of the event. "Amazing" and "inspired, with plenty of ideas to take home" were just some of the accolades the couple used as they spoke with NCGC Secretary, Sue Walsh, over the sumptuous afternoon tea.

The same level of enthusiasm was expressed by Wedderburn visitors, Coralie Lockhart and Julie Ritchie during their visit to the Nicolson family garden. "The Open Garden days are so inspirational," said Julie. "They give you the chance to get out and share the love of the garden."

For the host gardeners it was a chance to share their story and express the passion which led each to their own unique creation. From the two very established gardens of Denis and Kath Carlson, and NCGC President, Bernice Kenny, to the post 2011 flood development of Ross and Amanda Lane's "easy-care" plot, it was also a case of revealing new additions (Wayne Keenan and Sue Nelson with their two teak life-size horse sculptures, and a nine-hole mini golf course) or emphasizing the "do, or die" ultimatum for the planting of a hardy plot by Geoff, Amy and Stella Nicolson.

Sentimental connections through both plants and ornamentation were heavily featured, especially for Aileen Allan whose garden holds cherished memories of her mother. Following a re-location back to Charlton in 2018, Aileen said that while her garden is still a work in progress, some of the most meaningful features included a small sculpture of three girls representing her daughters, along with a similar ornament for her oldest grandchildren. A collection of beautiful hellebores was also a favorite. Generational connection to the property is of high importance, Aileen said and she believes that her family will always regard this as "home".

In a similar vein, the Nicolson family have retained ancestral links through the succulent plantings in their rock garden, while young Stella has made her own lasting contribution with a quirky pot person decoration, along with pot babies.

As the glue that brings people together, the local gardeners listed a variety of attributes which build pleasure from their outdoor surrounds. From sharing of produce



The addition of two life-size teak horse sculptures at the home of Wayne Keenan and Sue Nelson in High Street have become quite a tourist attraction over the past few years.



Garden owner Amy Nicolson (l) is pictured with visitors Coralie Lockhart and Julie Ritchie as they admire the mix of plants and rustic and recycled items which feature in the garden. A focal point was also the 6-foot high Southern Cross windmill and a water feature consisting of a rock crushing "bell" recycled from a quarry.



The delightful Terracotta Pot Person in the Nicolson family garden

Open Gardens Inspire

with others, to being a space for picnics, a place where children's laughter echoes, along with providing peace and serenity, and enjoying the beauty of flora and fauna; it is little wonder that health experts extoll the many physical and mental benefits which gardening supplies.

NCGC Secretary, Sue Walsh, praised Club members for their support in helping bring the event back on board following the COVID hiatus and for their input on the day.

"We are also extremely grateful to the following for their support, as well," Sue said. These included: The Charlton Early Years Centre Committee (catering for the afternoon tea), Buloke Shire (use of the Senior Citizens Club), the numerous people who potted up plants and donated them for sale, and of course, the garden owners who made their homes available for the event.

From meandering under a wisteria bower, to appreciating the plantings designed to

survive the heat of summer; from beautiful roses, to finding solutions for hard-to-fill areas, the surprises and innovations which are so generously shared through the Open Garden Day is something which the NCGC is looking forward towards facilitating for many years to come.

Raffle Competition Winners: 1st: Luke Morgan, 2nd: Jenni McGrath, 3rd: Paula Atherton.



Aileen Allan is pictured with "Louie", her three-year-old maltese shih tzu, near her favourite hellebore plants and Weigela Rosea bush.



Charlton locals (l-r) Loretta Calnin, Moria Olive and Fran Lanyon enjoy a garden stroll.

Charlton's Flood Baby

Courtesy of the Buloke Times (edited)

Rebecca Litton and partner, Sam Whykes, had been preparing for the imminent arrival of their second child for months, but the speed of his arrival caught them completely off guard and occurred during very trying circumstances.

A few days before Baby Whykes', birth, Rebecca had been for her regular check up in Bendigo, and everything seemed to be progressing according to plan, with the birth to take place at St. John of God Hospital in Bendigo, in a week or so. All their planning went out the window on Thursday, October 13th, when Baby Whykes decided it was his time to enter the world. It was in the middle of the severe weather event which dumped approximately 70 millimetres (almost 3 inches) of rain on Charlton, and much more in other areas of the Avoca River catchment. With the Calder Highway closed, Sam and Rebecca headed off to Bendigo, via Boort, but didn't expect to encounter so much water over the road. And they didn't get very far before being turned back, the road impassable due to floodwater.

Marooned in Charlton, the town's own hospital closed due to the threat of flooding, the couple made an emergency phone call to St. John of God Hospital, to alert staff

that Baby Whykes was keen to make his grand entrance.

Time was of the essence, and in turn, the St. John of God contacted the Horsham Hospital, which in turn, contacted Sheryl Williams, the East Wimmera Health Service's Donald Campus manager, seeking immediate and urgent assistance.

Sheryl, accompanied by Eliot Walton, Ambulance Victoria Paramedic Community Support Co-ordinator (PCSC) in Donald, were on the road in no time, making a quick dash to Charlton.

They met with Rebecca at her parents' home, and following a consultation with her obstetrician in Bendigo, took her back to the Donald hospital, with the assistance of Charlton Ambulance crew members, Apryl Start and Jarryd French.

Edward Avoca Whykes was delivered at 11.26 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, weighing in at 3,720 grams. His middle name is reference to the Avoca River.

Rebecca and Edward were transferred to Horsham following the birth.

Speaking to the "Times" on Tuesday, Rebecca could not speak highly enough of Sheryl Williams, who called on her nursing training and midwifery skills to perform a text book delivery. "Sheryl was amazing," said Rebecca. "She did such a great job of delivering our baby (the first baby born at

Donald since 2016), and we cannot thank her enough. It was a great outcome."

Flooding will leave an indelible mark on Charlton and many other communities impacted by the recent severe weather event. However, the Whykes and Litton families, including proud grand parents, Liz and Jon Whykes, and Glenda and Wayne Litton, will, however, have good reasons to recall the events of October 13 with very happy memories.



Rebecca, William, and Sam with their new arrival, baby Edward.

Lions Swap Meet A Success

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Against a backdrop of the fast-flowing and rising Avoca River, the Charlton Lions Club Swap-Meet held on Sunday 9th October was hailed a resounding success.

In excess of 50 sites made up the market-style setting which had been re-located from the Charlton Park Calder Highway entrance to the bitumen area near the netball courts and main building to avoid the grassy, water-logged ground.

Perfect weather conditions (sunny and fine, if somewhat cool), helped to bring the crowds out in search of an elusive item of two, or to just enjoy a stroll, do some browsing, or catch up with friends.

Everything from plant stalls to automobile parts, vintage tools, signs, bric-a-brac, and a few clothing stands made for a morning of fossicking for those in attendance.

Swap-Meet co-ordinator, Lion Kevin Willey, had had a more than busy few days in the lead-up to the re-instated event.

Apart from the last-minute relocation, Kevin had also been flat out answering phone calls as to whether the event was still taking place, given the rain and threat of flooding.

"I had ABC Wimmera radio ring this morning (Sunday) wanting to know if the Swap-

Meet was still on, and since Thursday the phone was running hot with calls about the weather and what was happening."

Going above and beyond the call of duty, Kevin had been at the site until 1 am a day or so prior – "just to make sure that everything was right" – and up until 4:30am completely re-vamping the stall holder site map.

Lions Club President, Ross Lane, was full of praise for the whole Lions Club team, saying he was so happy with the way they had worked together to make the event happen. No slouch himself, Ross had played at a FREEZA event the night before – getting to bed around 2am – before fronting up at the Swap-Meet early Sunday morning.

With stall holders coming from far and wide, the Charlton meet is attracting traders from across the state –from areas including Phillip Island, Laverton North, Carrum Downs, Mildura, Dunolly, as well as closer-to-home locations such as Bendigo, Junortoun, Lethbridge, and surrounding Buloke communities.

Lions Treasurer, Garry Larmour, said interest from buyers had seen a number of people camp on-site overnight in the hope of securing an early bargain. "Buyers were active early," Garry said, following the

event opening at 7am.

Lions members working the breakfast BBQ said business

had been "steady" during the morning.

The Static Car display is also



Everything from plants to pre-loved treasures made for plenty of choices as the crowd built during the morning.



There were plenty of four-legged companions accompanying their owners to the Swap-Meet. Pictured are Mark and Tanya Windsor with their 11year-old miniature fox terrier, "Sasha-Kate".



Roy Bullock (l) from Bendigo and Peter Healy (r) from Swan Hill are pictured with the rapidly rising Avoca River in the background as they show some of their car and collectables items. While Roy has attended previous Meets, this was Peter's first time at the event.



Event Co-ordinator Kevin Willey (l) and Lions President, Ross Lane (r) savour a break in their busy schedule at the October Swap Meet in Charlton.

Lions Swap Meet A Success

creating more interest, with 15 vehicles on show this year covering the era from the late 1920s/30s to the early 2000s. Spreading the word through car clubs and local car enthusiasts, Kevin Willey said that the Club was offering two \$50 fuel vouchers to the Best Static Car, as well as to the runner-up. The winners were Denis Aitken with his 1970 HT Holden Ute

and Craig and Michelle Watts with their 1934 Chevrolet Master Roadster, both a credit to their owners. Ross said, "We are very grateful to Arnold Bond (also a car enthusiast) for judging the exhibits this year".

With the resumption of most local activities now, Lions are looking forward to increased support and patronage for next year's event.



Craig and Michelle Watts (above) in front of their 1934 Chevrolet Master Roadster, Denis Aitken (right) in front of his 1970 Blue HT Holden Ute. Both entrants received a \$50 fuel voucher for their efforts.



Charlton Croquet Club

The inclement weather has forced alterations to be made to the Murray Valley Pennant Competition. Both Association Croquet and Golf Croquet will now play only 2 rounds. Golf Croquet will resume on 14th Nov. and Association Croquet on 17th Nov.

On Thurs 10th & Sat. 12th Nov. Association Croquet will play its annual Peg McGrath Doubles event.

We were fortunate water did not get into our clubhouse and although one lawn was completely flooded the water drained away quickly.



Flooding Hits Charlton

Charlton revisited the flood scenario of 2010 as the Avoca River slowly inundated the township starting on 14 October.

Continuous rain across local catchments on the previous Wednesday and Thursday saw residents anxiously watching the river level rise and spread across the landscape.

The large rain system, which brought the record-breaking deluge and created major flooding across many areas of Victoria, had also resulted in multiple road closures across the state - with access to the local centres of Charlton, Birchip and Donald experiencing detours as flood waters rose and roads were cut.

While Saturday 15th October should have been a day of community celebration, with the return of the A. & P. Society Show after the pandemic, the community was instead united in support against the impending threat delivered by Mother Nature.

A community meeting held at the Charlton Hall at 10am Friday 14th saw in excess of two hundred anxious residents in attendance seeking details about the unfolding situation. Information from the North Central Catchment Management Authority (North Central CMA) anticipated an event somewhere between the 2010 and 2011 floods, with a river level of 7.9 to 8 metres expected. Major flooding was forecast for Friday night, with the peak arriving on Saturday. With CMA representatives unable to get to the meeting, Acting Senior Sergeant, Roberta Barry from Victoria Police relayed the CMA information, which, based on the above numbers, would see 70% of the township

impacted. Police had been door knocking vulnerable residents since early on Friday morning, while the Buloke Shire had been preparing sandbags at the Charlton Depot in Watson Street since around 7:30 am.

Also in attendance at the Public Meeting were Buloke Mayor, Daryl Warren, Deputy Mayor, Alan Getley, East Wimmera Health Service CEO, Trevor Adem, along with Buloke Shire Manager of Assets, Dan McLoughlan and police officer, Nigel McDonald (attending in an unofficial capacity).

Nigel, who was on long service leave and had been recalled, opened by saying, "Once again we are back in that same scenario, we were in in 2011. We've been here before, and those who lived through that know what to expect." Using his knowledge of the 2011 event he answered questions, outlined potential road closures, and emphasized a leave-early plan.

Buloke Shire Manager of Assets, Dan McLoughlan, then ran through the details of flood preparedness, with print-outs being handed to residents as they left the meeting.

Questions were then invited from the floor - one of which asked about the height of the levee surrounding the Charlton Sub-Station. Nigel replied that a crew from Bendigo had been on site Thursday night pumping water out and were keeping a close eye on the situation.

Charlton local, Lloyd Paterson, then put out a call for helpers to assist with the removal of washing machines from the Travellers' Rest Precinct.

Residents were then encouraged to head

home and enact their flood plans.

A steady stream of vehicles, many with trailers loaded with items, were seen traversing the bridge to move valuables to higher ground up on the hill side of town.

At the Charlton Shire Depot, outdoor staff were hard at work preparing sandbags and assisting residents with collection, as cars and vehicles with trailers pulled in for supplies.

Charlton College and St Joseph's School were also closed on the Friday.

By around 3pm on Saturday afternoon the Avoca River had reached the 7.6 metre mark and was a raging, fast-flowing expanse swirling under the James Paterson Bridge. Surrounding the Charlton Swimming Pool and submerging the adjacent Gordon Park under its murky waters, the life-size wooden Swagman sculpture near the pool was more than chest height under water.

Numerous vehicles had been parked on higher ground near the Vale of Avoca and across the road near local business, Signwise Solutions.

Groups of people, many with their dogs, were watching the river and taking photos from the bridge, before heading down the main street to the Travellers Rest where water had already covered the viewing platform and the promenade near the rotunda. Wycheproof SES personnel, Controller David Mills and Sue Tunstall, were checking the water level as the people gravitated in and out of the popular location. Within the space of around 40 minutes the water seepage into the car park



Buloke Shire outdoor staff were hard at work filling sandbags on the Friday.

Flooding Hits Charlton

had visibly increased as the river continued spilling along Davies Street behind the Charlton Massage Clinic.

Rising water levels in the gutters at the corners of High and Armstrong Streets, and in front of the Charlton Pharmacy in High Street, were also becoming more prominent.

As a precaution, the Rex Theatre had removed the first 5 rows of seating in the auditorium to reduce any losses and enhance the cleaning process if the water breached the building. During the 2010 flood water had risen under the first couple

of rows, but unlike 2011, the seats themselves weren't submerged.

By around 4:30pm personnel from Parks Victoria, Wycheproof SES and local volunteers were busy sandbagging businesses across the road from Elliott Gardens.

Behind the scenes major earthworks were taking place to redirect the floodwater away from the town and to the east. Local landowners, private contractors, the Buloke Shire and others, worked through the night in this massive effort.

The Avoca River eventually peaked on Monday morning (17th October) at around 1:30am at 7.87 metres.

Several businesses at the west end of High Street were impacted to varying degrees, one private home was inundated, the caravan park at Gordon Park was inundated as was the Rex Theatre.

The district's farmers were also impacted with loss of crops, particularly hay crops due to the continuing wet weather, and major damage to many roads.



A drone shot by Ned Zagame showing the earthworks on the Back St Arnaud Rd.



The view from the James Paterson Bridge (5pm Saturday) as the Avoca River continued to grow in size.



High Street on Monday morning.

Flooding Hits Charlton



The Yeungroon Creek road crossing at Yeungroon.



Sunday night in High Street.



Charlton Park car park.



Vehicles parked up on higher ground.



Cnr of High and Halliday Streets.



An example of some of the road damage in the district—Yeungroon Rd.



Charlton Harness Racing

2022 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE TROTS! Dec 2nd

The Charlton Harness Racing Club Christmas this year is to be held at and after our Friday December 2nd race meeting.

The club requested a twilight meeting so that as many members as possible could come along in the late afternoon to watch a few races before staying on for dinner. We warmly invite all members and locals to come along and be a part of the club for this occasion. These events are very important for building club cohesion and a strong social fabric so please consider being an active participant on Dec 2nd!

Nibbles will begin on the lawn at 4pm followed by lucky draws and maybe even a visit from Santa.

Members – free

Non Members - \$10 dinner

RSVP call or text name to 0499701322 for catering by Nov 28th

We thank Agent T, our club mascot, for helping to promote this night and we hope to see lots of our members attend for a great night together.



Club mascot—Agent T.

CONGRATULATIONS MARKHAM STABLE

How exciting it was recently to have Charlton represented in the big Group 1 Victorian Derby Final at Melton with Codename Marcus for the Markham Stable. Whilst he did not manage to run a place in a very hot field, to get into these races is in itself a huge achievement and bodes well for the future of this horse.

So well done to trainer Ashleigh and we look forward to what Codename Marcus can do in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS BELLADONNA GIRL

Ex Charlton racehorse Belladonna Girl, from the Greg Norman stable, has been on quite the adventure! Relocating to the United States she had her first start at



Owner Larry Nelligan, Chaise and Ashleigh Markham with Codename Marcus.

Yonkers Track New York recently, and after zipping to the lead the result was never really in doubt.

There are many Aussies and New Zealanders making good in the world of American harness racing and we can add 'our' Belladonna Girl to the list. Congratulations to owners Cormack Racing who were understandably thrilled with the result.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates on her next engagement.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday November 4th Raffle Night, Cricket Club Hotel 6pm
- Sunday March 19th 2023 Charlton and District Community Bank Cup Day

FLOOD UPDATE

As a result of the floods the club had to transfer its October meeting to Maryborough given the damage done, particularly around the stabling area and float park. Many horses were relocated to

higher ground or to farms out of town and we thank all those who offered their properties and help in this regard.

The race track was unaffected but repair work will be taking place on the straight track which runs alongside the Back St. Arnaud Rd – a casualty of the emergency levee bank construction.

Big acknowledgement to Joe and Brett Thompson, Gav Sait, Reeves Earthmoving and all other willing helpers who orchestrated this bank to divert water away from town.

We are so lucky to have proactive guys like this in town who always step up for the good of all. Thank you.



CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

30-34 HIGH STREET (IN THE REX THEATRE), CHARLTON VIC, 3525 PHONE: 0473 759 456



CHILDREN'S WEEK 2022



This year's Children's Week Theme was 'All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their well-being and healthy development.' In conjunction with Charlton Playgroup, Charlton & District Pre-School, St. Joseph's School, and Charlton College, the Neighbourhood House presented all children in the 0 to Grade 2 age groups with a book, written by an Australian author.

With financial support from the Victorian Government Department of Education, the Charlton Neighbourhood House could purchase all books locally at the Charlton Newsagency and arrange various activities to accompany the presentations.



The NH has been working with the Charlton Playgroup to provide Storytime once a month with various guest readers. As part of Children's Week, Mary McLoughlan was the storyteller and she delighted the young children. The children enjoyed some healthy snacks and then they all participated in some cut-n-paste activities.



CHARLTON CARERS GROUP

The monthly get-together of the Charlton Carers Group enjoyed a very special day at their October meeting, to celebrate Carers Week.

Prior to lunch, the group met at the Charlton Pre-school where activities were enjoyed with the children, including the children showing the Carers their favourite outdoor games. The Carers shared photos of them at kinder age and the highlight was a large artwork of a tree with painted handprints on it. The tree offered some very wise words of wisdom for all ages, stand tall and proud, go out on a limb remember your roots, drink plenty of water, know when to let go, and enjoy the view. The artwork is currently on display in the NH window.

Over lunch, more photos were shared amongst the carers, and a lively conversation about what they were all able to do when they were younger that you can't do now and reminiscing of their favourite memories of the local shows.

Next month's meeting at 12 pm on November 8th at the East Charlton Hotel will have David Turnbull from the Royal Flying Doctors as the guest speaker. Anyone who cares for a family member or friend is welcome to attend.

For more information on any of our upcoming activities, visit our website or Facebook; look in our window; or pop into the Neighbourhood House open hours Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



AT THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

NOVEMBER

WEEKLY

Yarning 2

Join us for catch up & knit
Monday mornings 10.30-12pm
AT: Charlton Rex Theatre Foyer
COST: Free



8

Carers Group Lunch

Tuesday 8th 12pm
Guest speaker- David Turnbull
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidized cost



15

Buloke Book Club

Third Tuesday each Month
10.30-12.00pm.
AT: Charlton Library Shire Hall
Cost: Free



22

Early morning Swimming

Commence your day in the pool.
Tues & Thurs mornings 6.30-7.30am
AT: Charlton Swimming pool
COST: \$20 (to cover insurance)



23

Table for 12 Children's Event

With the Charlton Youth Group
Cookie decorating
AT: Charlton Senior Citizens
COST: \$5 Bookings essential
Capped at 25 kids



23

Gentle water exercises

Wednesday afternoons
Facilitator Nicola Kirk
AT: Charlton Swimming Pool
COST: \$55 for 8 sessions



The Charlton Neighbourhood House can assist you to submit claims for flood displacement and State Government Power Saving Bonus. Ring to make an appointment.

DECEMBER

1

Santa Mailbox

1st December- 20th December
Drop your letter off for a reply from Santa
AT: Charlton Neighbourhood House

1

Older Driver Road Safety Day

Facilitator Roadsaf Central Murray
AT: Charlton Senior Citizens
COST: Free. Includes Light lunch and giveaways.



4

Marine and Personal Watercraft Safety Certificate training.

AT: Charlton Senior Citizens Room
COST: \$120 Limited spots.



6

Santa Photos

Tuesday 6th December 3:00pm to 5:15pm
AT: Elliott Gardens Band Rotunda
Cost: \$10 including one 6x4 photo.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



13

Carers Group Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 8th 12pm
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised cost

16

Charlton Youth Group event

End of School celebrations
AT: Charlton Pool
Further details to follow

20

Buloke Book Club

Third Tuesday each Month
10.30-12:00pm
AT: Charlton Library Shire Hall



Coming in January

Preschoolers Water Acclimatisation Limited places.
Charlton Art Group - hosted by Kate Giakimis

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

The Bourke Boys Beard Up For Grace

A fundraiser was held on Thursday 8th September 2022 for Grace Murray. Grace is the daughter of Kerry Bourke and John Murray and granddaughter of Frank and Val Bourke. Grace has recently been diagnosed with Ataxia Telangiectasia (A.T.)

What is A-T?

A-T is a rare and incurable disease often described as the worst parts of cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis. Throw in a dose of cancer and lung disease and you have a general picture of this relentless condition.

Children are born apparently healthy but from around two years old their balance and coordination deteriorate and they are often described as 'wobbly' or 'clumsy'. Most children with A-T require the regular use of a wheelchair before their teenage years and as time progresses, need full-time care.

Grace's uncles Brendan and Steve, and cousins Riley, Henry, Arthur and Fergus, proudly grew out their very uncomfortable beards for three

months over winter. On the night of the big shave, the 'Beard Up Boys' were joined by almost 200 members of the Charlton community who came along to show their support. Each beard was outrageously decorated by six teams who competed for the 'best decorated beard'. Arthur Bourke's beard was victorious with thanks to the Cossar Team and a lot of glitter.

With their newly styled beards, the 'beard up boys' conducted a very entertaining show raising \$4035 in all. A fantastic night by all accounts for a very important cause.

Auction results:

Lot 1: Purple Tupperware \$240 purchased by Natalie Bourke

Lot 2: Macrame holder and wine; kindly donated by Kylie Fitzpatrick. \$130 Purchased by Jackson Zagame

Lot 3: Pool Set; \$315 purchased by Xanthe Fitzpatrick

Lot 4: Tupperware drink bottles; \$180 purchased by Emily Lanyon

Lot 5: Tupperware Ventsmart set; \$180 purchased by Leanne Gretgrix

Lot 6: Macrame holder with wine; kindly donated by Kylie Fitzpatrick \$160 purchased by Mason Heenan

Lot 7: Wine cooler set; kindly donated by Kylie Fitzpatrick \$150 purchased by Annie Olive

Lot 8: Ride on Tractor; kindly donated by Ag Tech Machinery \$510 purchased by David Cossar

Lot 9: Toy Fendt Tractor, kindly donated by Ag Tech Machinery \$210 purchased by Trevor McGurk

Lot 10: Bag, wallet and accessories set; kindly donated by Lauren Riley Charlton Mensland \$170 purchased by Tasha Lee Roberts

Lot 11: Massage Pack kindly donated by NRG Broken Hill \$150 purchased by Carmel Fitzpatrick

Lot 12: The Rural Eco set, kindly donated by Shelley Nelson The Rural Eco store \$170 purchased by Rebecca Cossar

Lot 13: Cosmetics kindly Donated by Anne Draper \$180 purchased by Naomi Paul Fitzpatrick

Lot 14: Bendigo Voucher kindly donated by Kev and Trish Bourke \$150 purchased by Kylie Fitzpatrick

Lot 15: Bendigo Voucher kindly donated by Kev and Trish Bourke \$150 purchased by Danny Wright

Lot 16: Cosmetics kindly Donated by Anne Draper \$160 purchased by Trish Bourke

Lot 17: A dressed Lamb kindly donated by Jim and Kelly -Anne Sheahan and Bourke's Butchers \$390 purchased by Chris Cook

Lot 18: A dressed Lamb kindly donated by Jim and Kelly -Anne Sheahan and Bourke's Butchers \$400 purchased by Anthony Bourke

Thanks to all those who helped out in the kitchen raising \$2440 from meals, your hard work was enjoyed by all.

Our Raffle raised \$634.35
Congratulations to the winners:

1st: Stella Nicolson
2nd: Rebecca Sexton (kindly donated by Maddie Lucin)

3rd: John Murray Snr (kindly donated by Maddie Lucin)

4th: Hannah Cook
Stubby holders were a hit, selling out very fast—donated by Anne Draper raising \$200.

Our overall General Donation Tin which has been on the function room bar for a few weeks raised \$153.50 and a Saturday night meat raffle raised \$578.05.

A huge congratulations to Leanne Gretgrix and Greg Towers from the East Charlton Hotel who got on board early with the cause setting up a healthy competition, with 4 clear donation tins proudly displayed at the pub; Leanne presented the tins and totals were tallied; Fergus \$342.10, Brendan \$373.40, Arthur \$380.10, and Henry \$619.90 (perhaps with an unfair advantage as Henry is a much loved employee of the East Charlton Hotel) that's a whopping \$1715.50!! Outstanding effort!

General donations of support have been overwhelming, best wishes and envelopes of donations totalled \$650

The Overall fundraising effort \$10406.50

We are overwhelmed by your support and on behalf of the Bourke and Murray families we sincerely thank everyone for your efforts in making this a very entertaining and successful fundraiser in our fight to find a cure; fighting A-T with Grace!!

Donations can be made via the Brash-AT website: https://brashat.org.au/donate.php?fundraiser_id=grace. Or by scanning this link.



Donate

brashat.org.au



Brendan, Riley, Henry, Arthur, Steve & Fergus.



Arthur, Fergus, Henry, Grace, Riley, Steve & Brendan after the big beard-off.



Navies on the Build

After enduring a long 2022 season of North Central Football, the Charlton Football Club players and supporters can start to look forward to 2023. Enthusiasm is starting to build with a new President at the helm in Kris Dixon and Vice-President Joe Durie bringing a burst of energy, joining returning Secretary Kim Fitzpatrick and Treasurer Simon Peck. Kris takes the reins from Shane Fitzpatrick, Shane having served a four year term in his second stint as Club President.

With the bulk of 2022's list recommitting to next year, they will be joined by at least seven new recruits. When a call from Daniel Thiesz had cousin Tyler Bruns interested, the net was thrown a little wider, add a couple of mates of Tyler's and a couple of their mates, and all of a sudden one was six. Further adding to excitement, Jaydon Cowling, partner of current A Grade netballer Lauren Campbell has also jumped on board. With these boys all being just on or above 6 feet tall, coupled with the development of local talent that has happened over the last couple of years, there is plenty to look forward to in following the Navies in 2023 as they look to

climb the NCFL ladder and restore some Navy pride.

A quick introduction of each of the new players:

Tyler Bruns – let's hope this 'Brunsy' is as good as the last!! Tyler is a flanker who can also run through the midfield if required, most recently playing at Brunswick in the VAFA.

Chris 'Gav' Gavaghan – a marking forward also from Brunswick, can go back as an intercept marking defender and into the midfield when required.

Rhyen 'Woodsy' Woods – the third player to join from Brunswick, a midfielder who will be looking to use his run to his advantage.

Sam 'Boogie' Woods – also known as 'Woodsy' and brother to Rhyen, but as Rhyen committed first he gets Woodsy at Charlton!! Sam is also a mid who can go back if need be and joins us from St Bernard's Old Collegians.

Harrison 'Haz' Taylor – most recently playing with the Lancefield Football Club, Haz is a midfielder who should have some pedigree for a goal when going forward.

Jed Carey – extremely versatile, tall,

former league representative Full Back to B&F winner playing on a Wing and at Full Forward, has been playing most recently at Lorne.

Jaydon Cowling – potential son-in-law of Charlton's own Mark Campbell is introduction enough, has been playing at Huntly as a forward with the occasional run on the ball.

Fantastic to have these boys on board for season 2023, no better time to get behind the Navies.

Jaydon Cowling



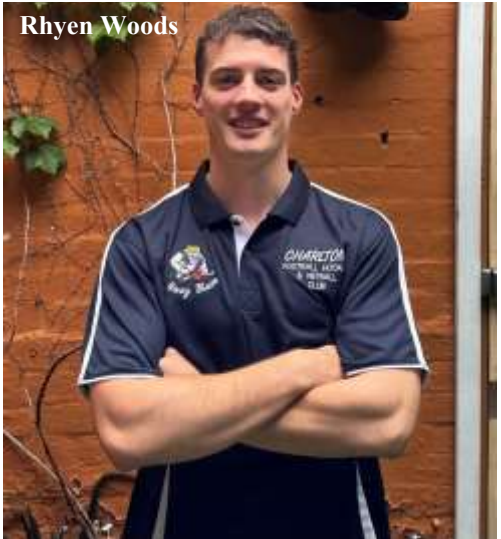
Tyler Bruns



Chris Gavaghan



Rhyen Woods



Sam Woods



Jed Carey



Harrison Taylor



St Joseph's Celebrates Anniversary

Memories were recalled and reminiscences shared when St Joseph's Community gathered on Sunday, 23rd October to celebrate the laying of the foundation stones of the Presbytery and School/Hall on 8th October 1922.

The day began with the celebration of Mass. A tour of the presbytery followed, with a booklet available giving details of the building and the priests who have served in Charlton. The parishioners then went to the school/hall where memorabilia items were on display. Church objects, such as chalices and monstrances were admired. Photos were displayed and old records, eg. ledgers from the 1880s, were available to view. A slideshow of school activities from 1907

proved of great interest.

Fr Gerry said grace before a delicious lunch was served by St Joseph's Parents and Friends. After the main course Kath Armstrong, the oldest parishioner present, had the honour of cutting the cake, made and beautifully decorated by Julie Bourke. During the afternoon those present continued to share stories and enjoy each other's company.

Thank you to Joan Supple for donating flowers which were used in the church and then in the hall. Thank you to Carolyn Olive for "tweaking" the booklet. Thank you to all who helped in many ways - grounds, flowers, preparing the venue, polishing the silver ware, etc.



Standing L to R—Julie McGrath, Fran Byrne-Lee, Sandra & Brian Patton, Maree Hooper, Bill Russell (partly hidden), Jo Russell, Fran Lanyon, Chris Binney, Frank Bourke, Bernadette Zagame, Brian Fitzpatrick, Moira Olive, John Powell, Sonny Nisbet, Francie & John Stahl, Margaret Byrne, Mary & Jeff McLoughlan, Aurelia & Brian Monaghan, Des Lanyon, Joe Monaghan, Anthony Zudetich, Margaret Arnel, Moira Sheahan, Val Bourke, Anne Kenny. Sitting—Margaret Fradd, Fr Gerry Prunty, Val O'Connor, Beth Dillon, Kath Armstrong, Eily Rosewall. Front: Mia Wright, Megg Fitzpatrick, Tessa Wright, Rosie Fitzpatrick, Ruby Wright.

Charlton Tennis off to a Winning Start

After a wash-out was confirmed for Round 1 action, Round 2 of the North Central Tennis Association saw Charlton host Birchip, while also providing the courts for Nullawil to play Wirrim after both Nullawil and Birchip's courts were too damp for safe play to take place.

It was an almost perfect start to Charlton's 2022/23 season at the expense of an under strength Birchip outfit. Birchip's top ladies pairing of Kelly Haslam and Jo Lee being the only Birchip pair to walk off court as winners, in doing so, keeping the gap after the ladies to just 12 games. Charlton's newest resident Jo Southcombe, showing she will be a very handy inclusion to the club winning her doubles 8/1 and 8/2 to settle on to Charlton's grass courts

comfortably. Wendy Laffin back playing tennis after a knee replacement showed no ill effects. Charlton winning the section 35 to 23.

The men's section was dominated by Charlton, although Robbie Lee and Sassia Coffey pushed Mason Heenan and Trevor McGurk all the way, falling agonisingly short, just failing to win a set for Birchip. Charlton winning all five sets to win the section 40 to 19 and claim the 2 points on offer.

The mixed was also almost all one-way traffic, Jon & Kelly Haslam doing what they could to stem the tide, eventually falling 6/8 against Troy Heenan and Abby Thompson. Charlton's other pairings: Matt McGurk & Michelle Jenkyn; Mason & Jo; Wayne

Southwell & Wendy; and Trevor and Carmel Fitzpatrick all powering to comfortable victories, giving Charlton a 40 game to 13 section win.

Charlton taking all 10 points on offer for the day, final scores 115 to 55. Three set winners for Charlton: Jo Southcombe, Wendy Laffin, Carmel Fitzpatrick, Troy Heenan, Mason Heenan, Matt McGurk, Wayne Southwell and Trevor McGurk.

Thursday Night Tennis

Kicks off on Thursday the 3rd of November from 6:30pm. Each Thursday from now until Christmas will be a social hit, come and enjoy the great grass courts and exceptional lighting while tucking in to a BBQ, what better way to spend a Thursday night??

Tyebally Award Ends

In 1969 Abid Tyebally came to Charlton, and attended what was then Charlton High School. He was the first Charlton Rotary exchange student. Abid enjoyed his experience and continued his contact with the Charlton community. He wanted to contribute something back, and donated \$40 000 to be placed in trust with the Rotary Club to provide a scholarship to the highest

achieving student of the school, to provide \$1 000 for a period of 3 years toward University costs. This scholarship has been made available for the last 15 years. Sadly, with the Rotary Club not continuing beyond 2022, the Tyebally scholarship will no longer be made available.

The College is very grateful for Abid's generous donation and

thanks the Charlton Rotary Club who have administered this scholarship during this time. The funds have gone a long way to assisting the students further their education.

The College is now seeking a new donor for this award. If you or your business is interested, please contact Jamie Daff at the College.

Abid Tyebally 1969.



Charlton Rotary Winding Up



The Charlton Rotary Club, which was chartered in 1957, will wind up at the end of 2022.

As the club has not been able to attract new Rotarians, it has

been left with few members.

Art Show:

Unfortunately, the 2022 Charlton Art Show had to be cancelled due to the October flood.

There will be a public meeting at the East

Charlton Hotel at 8pm on Tuesday 22nd November 2022. The purpose of this meeting is to see if another group of people or club is interested in continuing running this event.

Detailed information will be given at this meeting regarding the time and effort required to run an art show.

Candles by Candlelight:

Charlton Rotary Club will once again hold Carols by Candlelight at the Rex Theatre on Sunday 11th December 2022.

School Awards:

Charlton College and St Joseph's Schools

will as usual receive \$200 each to be awarded to a deserving student.

Abid Tyebally Scholarship:

Charlton Rotary Club's 1st exchange student was Abid Tyebally. In later life and in appreciation of his experience in Charlton Abid contributed \$40,000 to the club to provide \$1,000 x 3 years to the top student to assist with university expenses.

Rotary has now returned the \$40,000 to Abid as he intends building a school in Bangladesh. Charlton Rotary Club has also given a donation to Abid's new project.



Charlton RSL Sub-Branch

November is Remembrance month. Charlton RSL Sub-branch members will be selling poppies and other Remembrance items

outside IGA on Friday 04 November, outside the Travellers Rest on Monday 07,

Tuesday 08 and Wednesday 09 November and outside IGA on Thursday 10 November. Note the two different sale points. Please support this worthy cause, all proceeds from which go to RSL welfare.

Remembrance Day will be commemorated at Charlton RSL Clubrooms, 11 Armstrong Street, on Friday 11 November at

1045 hours. All are welcome to attend.

Later in November members will be in the street selling raffle tickets, the prize being a beautiful hand made quilt; when you see it, you will want to win it! Again, please support our raffle.

LEST WE FORGET.

CHARLTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW SOCIETY

The Show Committee had to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 Show due to the large amount of rain and rising river waters which could possibly flood the town.

On behalf of our hard working committee, we would like to thank all our SPONSORS. Without them the show would not happen. Also our hard working volunteers and committee.

This year we still had our raffle and the winners were:

1st Val Sultana
2nd Basil Avery

Thanks again to everyone who nearly made the 2022 show happen.

The show in 2023 will be our 140th held on October 21st

THANKS
WENDY LAFFIN
SECRETARY

Public Meeting

Charlton Rotary Art Show

Information ni ght for any group/club that may be interested in running future Art Shows.

8pm
Tuesday 22nd November 2022
East Charlton Hotel

REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

30-34 High St Charlton 3525

T: 03 5491 2333

boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au

www.rextheatre.org.au



REX THEATRE NOVEMBER COMING ATTRACTIONS

Movie Prices: General Admission \$12 Members \$10 VIP Members FREE



THE QUIET GIRL M 95 mins | Drama

Sat 5 NOV 8pm
Sun 6 NOV 2pm
Tue 8 NOV 8pm

RURAL IRELAND. 1981. A quiet, neglected girl is sent away from her dysfunctional family to live with foster parents for the summer. She blossoms in their care, but in this house where there are meant to be no secrets, she discovers one.



TICKET TO PARADISE M 104 mins | Romance

Sat 12 NOV 8pm
Sun 13 NOV 2pm
Tue 15 NOV 8pm

Academy Award® winners George Clooney and Julia Roberts reunite on the big screen as exes who find themselves on a shared mission to stop their lovestruck daughter from making the same mistake they once made.



ONLY IN CINEMAS NOW

DON'T WORRY DARLING M 123 mins | Thriller

Sat 19 NOV 8pm
Sun 20 NOV 2pm
Tue 22 NOV 8pm

A 1950's housewife living with her husband in a utopian experimental community begins to worry that his glamorous company may be hiding disturbing secrets.



WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING M 125 mins | Drama / Mystery

Sat 26 NOV 8pm
Sun 27 NOV 2pm
Tue 29 NOV 8pm

Based on the best selling novel by Delia Owens, "Where the Crawdads Sing" tells the story of Kya, an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina.



Drop in for
SUNDAY COFFEE @ THE REX
10am - 12 midday





Charlton Citizen of the Year
Young Citizen of the Year
Community Event of the Year
Youth Volunteer Recognition Award

Nominations close **Monday 14th November, 5pm**
Forms available from the Neighbourhood House
or online at:
<https://www.charlton.vic.au/resource/charlton-forum/>

Charlton Rotary

Christmas Lights Competition

3 CATEGORIES:

* 2 x Most Impressive
Decorated House

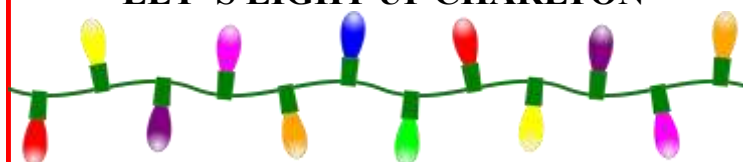
* Most Impressive
Decorated Shop/Window

* Most Impressive Santa

All 4 winners to receive
\$50 each

No entry form needed
Winners announced at
Charlton Fest

“ LET”S LIGHT UP CHARLTON”



Heenan's
**CHARLTON
AUTHORISED
NEWSAGENCY**

**Lay-By
Welcome**

TOY FAIR

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

12PM - 4PM

Catalogue out now



69 High St, Charlton

5491 1680

Charlton 2022

Christmas UpMarket

Saturday 3rd December

9am – 12 noon

*Cakes, Crafts,
Jams & Preserves.
Plants,
Collectables
Fresh Fruits,
Jewellery
And Much More*



All From Local Stallholders

Come and give them your support.

**Cnr. High and Halliday St
Charlton**

Contact Gill Gretgrix 0427911308
Proceeds go to Charlton Projects.

CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton

When: Sunday 20th November, 7am to 5pm

Final Weigh in: Sunday 6.00pm 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
the Calder's cultural centre

VOL. 2
SPRING 2022

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Charlton

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CHRIS WYATT
How Charlton became home for this talented artist.

GREG TOWERS
The gift of a guitar influenced a young boy's life.

IT'S SHOWTIME
Meet the people behind the scenes of the A & P Show.

**CHARLTON COURTHOUSE GALLERY &
CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

THEME: BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

**First Prize: \$100
2nd Prize: \$50**

**SEND YOUR PHOTOS &
DETAILS TO:**
info@charltonnh.org.au

2Mb minimum resolution,
portrait or landscape, colour
or black & white.

Shortlisted entries will be
published in the December
edition of the Charlton Cultural
Magazine. The winner will be
chosen by a public poll.
Photographs may be used for
promotional purposes.

**CLOSES 11
NOVEMBER 2022**





Australia's Oldest Regional Tennis Club welcomes you to our

51st

January Long Weekend Tennis Tournament 2023

Advance notice:
we're changing things up AGAIN!
So...



Thursday 26th Jan – MIXED DOUBLES (Aust. Day)
Late (10:30am) Start (finals under lights 8pm!)

Following last year's success, a Food Festival evening with a variety of foods to purchase & events to participate in, followed by the Mixed finals under lights. Yes, you can nibble, indulge, catch-up, share a laugh, sit back and enjoy, and listen to the music, ...unless of course you're playing in the Mixed Finals!

Fri. 27th Jan – SINGLES & Rotating Partner Doubles
Sat. 28th Jan – MENS & LADIES DOUBLES



Please note: we are starting late
Thursday and not playing on
Sunday, so you can travel home
on Sunday, if you wish..

Charlton Golden Grains Museum Bingo Fundraiser Thursday 17th November

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



Please contact
Glenda Litton for
further details.
0417 801 771

Nixi Nance Mills



Born: 18th October 2022

Parents: Darren & Lori Mills

Siblings: Shepherd (4) & Jarrah (2)

Grandparents: Brendan & Marie Byrne

Brian & Cynthia Mills

Great Grandparents: Frank & Nance Sait



Millie Jean Ellis



Born: 25 August 2022

Weight: 6lb 1oz

Parents: Abby Walklate & Gardean Ellis

Grandparents: Ric & Lorraine Walklate
Tracey & Ron Ellis.



Edward Avoca Whykes



Born: 13th October, 2022

Parents: Sam Whykes & Rebecca Litton

Sibling: William

Grandparents: Glenda & Wayne Litton
Jon & Liz Whykes



Thursday Night SOCIAL TENNIS is back for 2022/23

**Looking to get active before
indulging this Christmas???**

**Come down and enjoy the
splendid grass courts and social
atmosphere of
Thursday night Tennis**



CRICKET IS BACK

TRAINING

Each Wednesday

Starting - 12th October 2022

At Charlton Park

Boys & Girls Junior Training from 4.30pm

Senior Men & Women from 5.45pm

(Junior Blast dates still to be confirmed)

BBQ Tea

outside Clubrooms to follow Training



Thank You

We deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge your kind expressions of sympathy, we have been overwhelmed by your kindness in receiving visitors, phone calls, cards, food and gifts on the passing of our beautiful son and brother

Oscar Kingsley Bourke.

Your well wishes and acts of kindness have been of great comfort to us in this sad time. We are forever grateful to all those who attended his funeral, those who helped with the funeral preparations, setting up and catering. We are so proud of you all for helping make the funeral a beautiful celebration of his life.

A life well lived, but a life sadly cut far too short.
We would like to thank everyone who was part of Oscar's life.
'To Know him was to Love him'

From His Loving Family.

Brendan, Julie, Henry, Arthur, Fergus, Isaac, Clancy and Reggie.
And the extended Bourke and Fitzpatrick families
Treasured memories; forever in our hearts.

St Martin's Messenger—November

Worship:

1 pm Sunday 6 November 1 pm Sunday 20 November
1 pm Sunday 4 December 1pm Sunday 18 December

Calling them by name

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. ¹⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Genesis 2:18-19

God bringing the animals to Adam to be named was an act of relationship, not dominance. We name our children; we name our friends; we name those with whom we develop an emotional bond. We name what is near and dear to us. We name the animals we take into our lives; the animals we commit ourselves to care for, and the ones we take responsibility for. Naming gives our relationships character and recognition and respect. And by acknowledging a particular bond between humans and animals, it shows us the interdependence we have with the animals in our world. We are here to care for the world. If animals disappeared tomorrow, we could not possibly live without them. It is our role to look after ALL of creation, including animals. God bless all animals, great and small.

Reverend Judi Bird Ph: 0435 593 359
judithblackbird@outlook.com

North Central Garden Club

As there has been so much uncertainty in the last few months, our garden club has been extremely fortunate to successfully celebrate our 40 years in August, then to be able to present 6 beautiful gardens in October, which was another successful sociable event for our town.

Our November meeting will be on Tuesday the 22nd. This will start off at Kath & Denis Carlson's garden at 5 pm. We will then proceed to the other 5 gardens.

After our garden walk we will be having a dinner meeting at the Cricket Club Hotel (pizzas).

If you are intending to have dinner you will need to indicate that to Sue on 0407 140 336 by Tuesday 15th November.

Just a reminder we will be having Kris Kringle.

Hope you can join us .

This will be our final meeting for 2022. The club will resume on Tuesday 28th February 2023.

Gary Edward Wood Born 17/05/1955



Only son of Ted & Margaret Wood
Unexpectedly passed away at home
on 26/10/2022.

Charlton Uniting Church



Charlton Uniting Church Service times for November

Sunday 6th – 1.00 pm at St. Martins
Sunday 13th – 10.00 am – Communion
Sunday 20th – 10.00 am.
Sunday 27th – 11.00 am.

With the floods earlier in October causing the cancellation of many planned events, we must give thanks for those who helped us over this stressful time. We give thanks to the SES, Police, our Shire and all the volunteers who spent tireless hours working to make our town safe. To our friends up the hill who opened their homes to those who had to evacuate. To all the parking of vehicles, caravans etc., who had the streets up there parked full on both sides. This time we knew what we had to do, we learnt our lesson the hard way in 2011.

To you all we give grateful thanks and blessings.

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