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Charlton's Only Dedicated News Resource

2012 Kinder Kids All Grown Up

Contributed by Liz Riley

Since it's opening in 1962, Charlton & District Preschool has had time capsules. The first time capsule having a duration of 40 years and being opened in 2002. In 2002 another was buried and opened in 2012 on the Kinder's 50th anniversary. In 2012, again a time capsule was buried and on the 15th November 2022, six of the 2012 kinder group and their teachers opened the time capsule together.

The 2012 kinder group was a large group of girls including; Dakota House,

Heidi Byrne, Emmersyn Nelson, Isabel Soulsby, Annie Olive, Velvet Walsh, Georgia Walsh, Taylah Boyle, Poppy Fitzpatrick and Elise Fitzpatrick. They were lucky enough to be taught by Sharon McLean and Deb Whykes.

Since their time at kinder there have been some big changes; namely a new building to replace the facility they spent their kinder year in. The girls in attendance, Annie, Elise, Isabel, Poppy, Taylah and Georgia, were thrilled to see some things hadn't changed. The

beautiful rock creek bed in the outdoor play area was still there, the slide, metal framed truck and fairy garden were all still there. For some reason they seemed a lot smaller to these teenagers than they did when they were four and five year olds.

In 2012, the kinder group had included in the time capsule, a birthday card for the kinder from each of the kids, a local paper, a community newsletter and a kinder photo.

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Charlton & District Preschool Staff & Former Kinder Kids of 2012.

Teacher—Sharon McLean, Georgia Wright, Taylah Boyle, Poppy Fitzpatrick, Isabel Soulsby, Elise Fitzpatrick, Annie Olive, Assistant—Deb Whykes.

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From the Editor Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the last edition for 2022 (NOTE there will be no January edition).

Well what a year of mixed fortunes. It's been another difficult year for our community but there have been many highlights as well. Well done everyone for continuing to support our community in the many ways you have.

Thank you to our sponsors this year and also thank you to the many contributors. I know our readers love to know what's going on in our community.

Make sure you grab a copy of the latest Cultural Magazine. It has loads of wonderful stories and features many of our very creative youth.

Harvest is finally underway for many of our farmers after a disastrous hay season. I hope it all goes well and the rains stays away.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Cheers
Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

December

Xmas Fest—Sunday 11th December

Carols at The Rex—Wednesday 21st December

January

Tennis Tournament—26th - 28th January

February

OK Motels—17th - 19th February

Vintage Market—18th February

Courthouse Exhibition—18th February

Creatives Market—18th - 19th February

March

Film Festival—3rd - 4th March

Charlton Cup—19th March



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North Central Garden Club

The Annual General Meeting of the North Central Garden Club was held at the Cricket Club Hotel on Tuesday, November 22 and was attended by 17 members and 2 guests.

The election of office bearers for 2023 was held and Bernice Kenny will again lead the club as President supported by Aileen Allan as her deputy. Maretia Doughty is continuing in the role of Treasurer and Lynne McRae has accepted the position of Secretary.

Ideas for next year's syllabus were discussed and some interesting ideas put forward. Following our meal Kris Kringle gifts were exchanged.

The club will now have our annual hiatus over Christmas and the New Year and look forward to meeting again on the fourth Tuesday in February and new members would be warmly welcomed.

Happy Christmas to all from the NCGC.

*L to R: Maretia Doughty (Treasurer),
Lynne McRae (Secretary) & Bernice
Kenny (President)*



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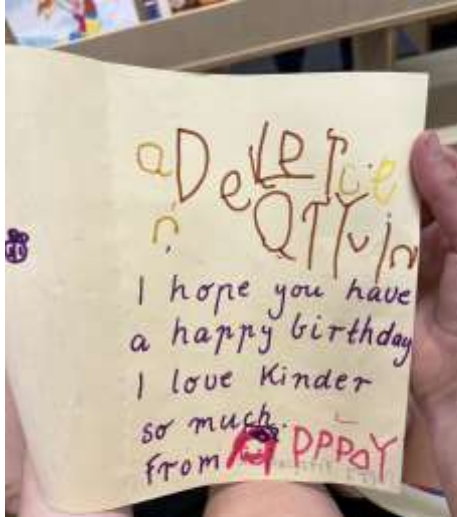


2012 Kinder Kids All Grown Up Cont...

There was much delight and some embarrassment at their drawings, wishes, writing and for some their spelling when looking back at these items. Georgia had wished for the kinder a new roof, Taylah had written 'Happy Birthday', Annie, Isabel and Elise had written 'I love kinder so much' and Poppy had signed her name 'PPPOY'.

In the time they spent at the kinder opening the time capsule, the girls played in the back yard, marvelled at the things they remember and squished onto a couch to read a book together. It is so evident that no matter how old they get, our kinder holds a special place for all students past and present.

It will be wonderful in 2032, to see the same delight from the 2022 kinder group when the time comes to open their time capsule.



Charlton & District Preschool 2012

Top Row: Dakota House, Taylah Boyle, Velvet Walsh, Heidi Byrne, Poppy Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Isabel Soulsby, Emmersyn Nelson, Annie Olive, Georgia Wright, Elise Fitzpatrick, Teacher: Sharon McLean. Assistant: Deb Whykes.



Back to Front: Taylah Boyle, Isabel Soulsby, Georgia Wright, Poppy Fitzpatrick, Elise Fitzpatrick, Annie Olive.



Opening the Time Capsule





Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to the wrap up of news from your local Golden Grains Museum. It is hard to believe the end of the year is almost upon us, and what a year it has been—the death of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, severe floods across Australia, the invasion of Ukraine, the Winter Olympics, a Federal and State election, and much, much, more. We can all only hope that 2023 brings prosperity and good news for our Charlton community.

From our museum's point of view we can be very proud of the huge amount of work that has continued to be done by our wonderful volunteers, who continue to freely give up their time—from helping archive items, selling raffle tickets, opening the rooms for visitors, and attending meetings. If you have an interest in history, would like to help preserve items for Charlton's future generations, and enjoy spending time with friendly like-minded people, contact the museum; you will be made most welcome.

Among many highlights was the recent visit to Charlton by Kylie Biltris from AMaGA (Australian Museums and Galleries Association), who was impressed by our displays and assisted training volunteers in the process of correctly photographing and digitising items from our collection for future inclusion on Victorian Collections Online Database. A terrific few days was enjoyed by those participating. Also planned is the renaming of our main exhibition room, the 'Grace Cadzow Room' in recognition of the influence and tireless work Grace gave to establishing the Museum. More details will follow on this worthy event with a special opening planned.

Museum members were also fortunate to be given a tour of the St Joseph's Presbytery and School Hall which have recently

reached their 100th anniversary.

With assistance from a Government grant, new display cabinets have been ordered for our future expansion for a display area in the old Wesley Chapel. With some flooring work being undertaken and a few other points requiring attention, this space will become a great addition to the future plans of the museum.

Fundraising has been very limited during the year for various reasons. We are lucky enough to receive monies on occasions when we run Bingo trips to the Donald Golf Club. Our last trip across saw 20 Charlton residents enjoy a sprinkling of success bringing home a few dollars, but most of all enjoying a great social night out. Please support our upcoming annual raffle initiative with the prize of a wonderful block print of High Street as well as our popular calendars. Tickets and calendars will be on sale outside IGA and at the Uniting Church upmarket. Look out early in the New Year for details on our Vintage Market and other activities.

Other exciting news is the project being undertaken by one of our newer members, David Beatty. As well as doing a mountain of work digitising old photographs, David has commenced working on a booklet featuring some of the more prominent people buried at the Charlton cemetery, and the stories surrounding their lives. Keep an eye out in the future for this publication that will be popular with many locals and visitors alike.

The museum will be closed for the Christmas holiday period, and will reopen to the public every Sunday, 11:00am to 3:00pm from February. For all enquiries, check out our Facebook Page or search on your browser 'Golden Grains Museum Charlton'. Phone enquiries: President Anne 0408 547 973, Secretary Carolyn 0418 361

971 Archivist Markus 0413 129 216

On behalf of everybody here at the museum, have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2023.



Kylie using a photo light box.



Photographing Audrey Ennis (nee Olive's) wedding dress.



Probus Club News

October Meeting

The October meeting was very short as we had the flood community meeting earlier the same morning. Birthdays for October—Sandra Patton, Eily Rosewall, Beth Curnow and Nick Saunders.

The 1st of October was **Probus Day**. There are over 1,400 Probus Clubs across the country where retirees participate in a variety of regular activities, join in trips, outings and listen to interesting Guest Speakers. For over 46 years, Probus has been providing fun and friendship to retirees and those members who discovered Probus in retirement have never looked back. We also encourage people who are retired or semi-retired to reach out to their local Probus Club to find out more about how Probus can enrich their retirement.

November Meeting

The November Meeting was on Remembrance Day and the Probus Club Members attended the Service held by the RSL. Bill Freeman spoke on the early days and the things his father told him of the War Days.

Birthdays for November—Mary Nener, Moira Sheahan, Barbara Dalrymple. Absent Mareta Doughty & Kevin Mathews.

The Probus Club of Charlton also had a trip to the Spanner Man near Boort. It was a great day out—thanks to Sandra.

On Wednesday 20th November a group of Probus members and friends left Charlton at 8.30 for a trip to Castlemaine and Maldon. After morning tea at Ravenswood we arrived at the Castlemaine

Railway Station to board the steam train to Maldon. We had a brief stop at Muckleford & then after 45 minutes arrived in Maldon. After a delicious lunch we had time to walk

the streets of historic Maldon and look in the Christmas Shop. We then travelled home after a very enjoyable outing.



Deb Cleary, Ray Aisbet, Margaret Bowen & Brian Patton



L to R President Sandra Patton, Bill Freeman (Guest Speaker) & May Chester.



Marg Byrne at the Spanner Man



Charlton Croquet Club

The annual Peg McGrath Doubles, normally played over two days, took over two weeks to finalise due to inclement weather. A double Round Robin was played with Nita Perry and Lindsay Patullo the decisive winners, going through undefeated. Nita last won this event in 2017/18 while it is Lindsay's first time as a winner. Pat Mathews and Anne Kenny were runners up.

Charlton Croquet Club members gathered on Wednesday 30th November to farewell Janet Richardson.

Janet Richardson moved permanently to Charlton (Buckrabanyule) in 1994 and quickly became involved in the Croquet Club. She travelled around the state to many tournaments – from Red Cliffs in the north

to Sale in the south, from Cobram in the east to Geelong in the west and many points in between.

Janet had many successes on the croquet lawn. She was Division 3 Champion once and Division 2 Champion on six occasions. Janet won the Club Championship in 2009-10. She won the Peg McGrath Doubles six times. Janet was Murray Valley Champion six times and represented Murray Valley at the Victorian Association Croquet Regionals at Horsham, Bendigo, Wodonga, Ballarat, Boort and Warnambool.

Janet played in the Victorian Croquet Association's Bronze Medal and was in the State Development Squad. In 2007 Janet

became a referee and was Tournament Manager many times.

Janet was very prominent on the committee: President 10 times, Captain 4 times and Treasurer for four years. She was Murray Valley President for 2 terms. In 2018 Janet received her 25 year badge. In 2005-06 Janet became the Regional Director for Murray Valley and in 2018 she received the Victorian Croquet Association President's Service award in recognition of her 16 years' service as the Murray Valley director on the Victorian Croquet Council.

We wish Janet all the best and Charlton Croquet Club members will miss her greatly.



L to R: Barb Dalrymple, Pat Mathews, Margaret Bowen, Nita Perry, Moira Sheahan, Janet Richardson, Dot McKee, Dawn Mulquiny, Val Bourke, Anne Kenny.



Peg McGrath Winners Nita Perry & Lindsay Patullo.

Charlton Forum Report

Forum held its monthly meeting on Tuesday 15th November. First item on the agenda was awarding of the Citizen of the Year Awards. There were many worthwhile nominations this year and the committee, along with several community representatives, had a difficult time selecting the recipients. Well done to the community for taking the time to nominate.

Other items discussed were:

- The streetscape upgrade. New paving at Travellers Rest, upgrade of several footpath entrances, new garden beds, and new bins have already been completed. New seating, picnic tables, bike racks and a new roof for the Travellers Rest dining area are soon to be installed.
- A working bee was organised to put out

the street Christmas Decorations. A fibre optic tree and wreaths were to be purchased to decorate the rotunda.

- Tourism—the Charlton brochures are being updated and a new Buloke Official Visitors Guide is currently being reprinted.
- The Travellers Rest Committee reported on the last few months. It received flood damage to the camp kitchen.
- Flood recovery issues were highlighted including sandbag removal, damaged roads, flood mitigation measures, and Avoca River flood level warnings.
- Road safety issues—advocating for the extension of the 50k/h speed limit from High Street to just over the railway crossing and the installation of double lines on the

eastern section of High Street to stop U-turns and crossing to park.

- A Buloke Shire Grant was received to install a second condom dispensing machine in the Travellers Rest Men's toilets and relocation of the existing one to the Ladies' toilets.
- A Minute of Appreciation was moved for the late Gary Wood, a Charlton Forum member and former manager of the Travellers Rest.
- Reports were received for the Newsletter, Website, Community Car, Charlton Neighbourhood House and from Council.
- Next Meeting—Tuesday 20th December, 5:30pm at the East Charlton Hotel.

RALLY and RIDE at Charlton Pony Club

Pony Club members and their horses from clubs around Central Victoria converged on Charlton Pony Club Grounds on the weekend of October 1 and 2 for a "Rally and Ride" event.

The picturesque Charlton grounds were a fabulous setting as riders took part in a range of diverse activities which included Dressage, Show-Jumping, Cross Country, Camp-drafting, Mounted Games, Long-reining, and an Activity Course, which challenged riders and their mounts in various skills, and, to help with flexibility and relaxation, Yoga.

The weekend was organised by a Bendigo Pony Club member, 15 year old Emily Monro, who is undertaking the Pony Club Australia Leadership Certificate. This certificate provides members with the opportunity to work with a mentor to develop and practise leadership skills and attain an accreditation that can assist with applications for work and tertiary study.

To secure this fantastic program and coaches, Emily obtained sponsorship from Central Victorian Mobile Cranes, Horse and Country Floats, Get Fenced Bendigo, Neumann Mechanical Services, Momo

Earthmoving, Lenny Building and Construction, Joyrayla Equine Lodge, Hilltop Horsemanship PTY LTD., Garrards Horse and Country, HRV Hero, Kela to Animal Health, Off the Track, GWM Water, Ranvet, Horseland Bendigo, Foundry Palms Motel Charlton and Momo Roofing.

The canteen, raffle and merchandise sales also contributed funds to the event, which made a profit that will be distributed to participating clubs.

What an amazing achievement this event was for Emily, who has just turned 15 years old. Very well done indeed!



Piper Evans—Loddon Pony Club & Maya Dowell—Charlton Pony Club



Maya Dowell—Charlton Pony Club



Emily Monro, Event Organiser—Bendigo Pony Club



Jasmine Wilkinson on Leggo—Loddon Pony Club



Emily Kirk riding Buttons—St Arnaud Pony Club.



Frank McGrath Retiring After 40 Years

Francis Joseph McGrath was born at the Charlton Bush Nursing Hospital in 1954, to Frank and Mary of Lake Marmal. Frank's educational journey began at Boort Primary School then he headed to the big smoke to complete his secondary education at Xavier College. After finishing his secondary education Frank undertook a number of different jobs before attending teachers' college and then returning to Boort. In 1983, he began his teaching career at St Joseph's in Charlton, where he has now been for 40 years. The first 9 years of his career was spent teaching most year levels between Prep and Grade 6, then in July 1991 he accepted the role of Acting Principal. The following year he was made Principal and has remained in that position ever since.

In the early years as Principal, Frank taught 4 days a week and attended to administrative requirements the remaining day. The teaching time lessened over the years but Frank continued to be actively involved with the students, whether it be for spelling and dictation, listening to children read, or making sure the baton changes during relay practice were timed to perfection, no matter the amount of

practices needed.

Frank always greeted the children each day with a pleasant 'good morning' expecting a 'good morning Mr McGrath' in return. He has always instilled the importance of looking someone in the eye when you speak to them and using their name as a sign of respect.

The students were always expected to attend school in correct uniform at all times. He believed that if one person was out of uniform, there was no uniform. Until recently, the expectation was to tuck your shirt in, (even sports uniform), so you looked your best and represented your school well.

Over the past 40 years at St Joseph's, Frank has taught 100s of students and is very proud of all of their achievements. He always enjoys catching up with them, seeing where they are now and the successes they have reached. Respect, hard work and discipline are 3 words that come to mind when talking about Frank's teaching methods and he always endeavoured to instill these qualities in his charges over the past 40 years, along with many other important life qualities.

Frank has had a remarkable career in



Catholic Education. St Joseph's School and the wider community have been very lucky to have had him at the helm for so long. All good things must come to an end and though Frank's time guiding the school is over, we know he will remain interested in the school and the students beyond 2022

We wish Frank all the very best in his retirement and thank him for the service he has provided St Joseph's over the past 40 years. We wish him and Marg all the best for the future and hope they can spend some well-deserved quality time together with their growing family.

Charlton Observes Remembrance Day

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

While the ceremony may have been brief, the support was substantial as Charlton gathered to commemorate the 104th anniversary of Remembrance Day on 11th November.

In front of the Lone Pine on the Charlton Hall forecourt, RSL ranks were greatly increased with the attendance of Probus members whose meeting day coincided with the annual observance and whose meeting

location is adjacent to the RSL Club room.

Commencing with the lowering of the flag, RSL Secretary Bill Freeman welcomed all to the gathering saying, "We commemorate those who have given their lives and those who have served."

Bill then read John McCrae's evocative poem, "In Flanders Fields", before asking representatives to come forward and lay wreaths amongst the small crosses at the base of the Lone Pine. Those laying wreaths

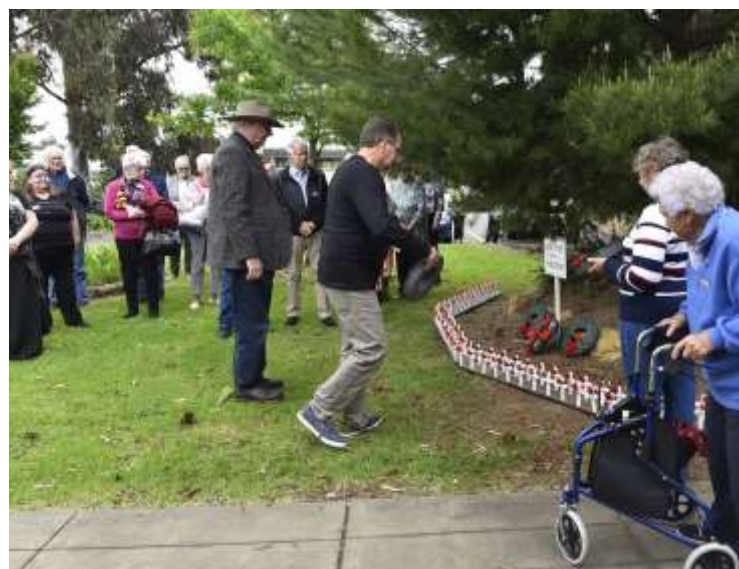
included Bill Young (Vice-President of the Charlton Sub Branch), RSL members Alan McGillivray and Jeff Cox, Sandra Patton (on behalf of Probus) and Ray Aisbett (Probus member).

Bill also recited the poignant lines of "The Ode".

The playing of the Last Post, followed by a minute's silence, and then the Reveille brought the gathering to a close.



Pictured during the formalities are (l-r) Jeff Cox, Alan McGillivray, John Stiley, Bill Young (Sub Branch Vice-President) and Bill Freeman (Sub Branch Secretary).



Supported by a large crowd, Alan McGillivray (l) and Ray Aisbett (r) were amongst those laying wreaths of commemoration at the Charlton service.



Charlton Harness Racing

XMAS PARTY FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

– following the twilight race meeting. Everyone is welcome to join in this night. We hope to see many members, locals and harness racing followers at Charlton Park to cheer on the locals and enjoy the festive season together.

We may have to consider Xmas in July next year so that all of our farmers can be there!

2022 DRAWS TO A CLOSE

The club has enjoyed a very successful year and is so proud of the amazing achievements of all our local participants.

All stables have had their moment in the sun with John Tormey leading the way - a career best year totalling 31 wins to date. Congratulations John.

We were thrilled to welcome the Markham family from WA and even happier to see how easily and happily they have slotted in to life here in Charlton.

Our young drivers have kept Charlton in the news with the Sanderson siblings hitting their straps and showing us that they have a very bright future in the industry. Ryan is on the cusp of achieving 100 wins for the season – with only a few weeks to go in the season this hopefully happens.

Denbeigh Wade has enjoyed a real purple patch recently interspersed with a rather nasty fall on St. Arnaud Cup Day. Despite spending the night in Bendigo Base she bounced back and was driving a winner within days. There is no doubt about the bravery and mental strength exhibited by all drivers, as an accident such as Denbeigh's can raise its ugly head at any time.

We applaud all of our local participants' achievements this year and thank them for the pleasure they have given us all as we follow along from week to week. There can only be more exciting times ahead!

There has been a flurry of development at the track this year with the main improvements being the repositioning of the parade ring and the erection of the two new stabling barns and vet shed. With Wes continuing to oversee the grounds we feel there is no better place to race and watch racing than here at Charlton. The Training Centre has also experienced change with the Sanderson complex being completed and more yards being built. This great asset will continue to evolve in the years ahead.

Joe Thompson has to be acknowledged for the way he has managed all of these developments – a huge job that has often

taken precedence over his own farm and business. Thank you Joe.

Another highlight of the year was the Club being awarded Best Country Cup for the third consecutive year. We are so very proud of this as so much effort goes in to presenting such a big day. We thank all of the Charlton people who continually get behind this day by helping out or attending and having fun.

We hope to have all of you there next year on:

SUNDAY MARCH 19TH

for the Community Bank Charlton and District Charlton Cup Day. Marquee and dining bookings are now open so we urge you all to consider getting together a group and helping to build this day into something very big for our town.

The success of the club is greatly bolstered by the support of local sponsors, and we sincerely thank the following who have stuck with us or come on board this year.

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Thank you all!!!

Finally we would like to thank all of our loyal members who have participated throughout the year by catching a few races at the track, encouraging our local participants, sharing a beer at the bar,



Ryan Sanderson winning at Ballarat ID22 night aboard Radius.

attending raffle nights at the Cricket Club Hotel or supported Cup Day. Without you we have no club.

We wish everyone a really great Christmas and a happy and safe 2023. Go Charlton Trots!



Bonnie Markham, Denbeigh Wade and Markleigh Caz winners at Charlton.



Shaun McNulty, trainer of Travel Bug St, Arnaud Trotting Cup winner (Mum Kerrie in the background).

Charlton & District Community Bank
Cup Day
Sunday 19th March, 2023



CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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Greetings from the Charlton Neighbourhood Houses' final edition for 2022. What an amazing year it has been here at the House. With the assistance of so many wonderful volunteers and partners, we are proud to have delivered what we believe to be a broad range of courses, activities and services to a wide spectrum of our community.

Whether it has been activities for preschoolers and school age children, or assisting older residents with enquiries across a range of issues, the Neighbourhood House has been there to happily assist.

We were pleased recently to have a commitment from the State Government for permanent ongoing funding for our, and several other Houses into the future. This recognizes the fantastic ongoing delivery of services to our community by the committee, staff and volunteers. This was no more evident than during the recent flood emergency, where the Charlton Neighbourhood House became the go-to point for enquiries about assistance and relief.

When you have the opportunity take a look at our Christmas window, decorated by Deb Finlay and Deb Whykes. You will see dozens and dozens of Christmas wishes for our community for 2023 and the years ahead. Feel free to drop in and add your 'Charlton Wish Star' to all the others..

2023 promises to be another huge year, and already planning is well under way for a great selection of activities for everyone to get involved in.

Have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you back at the Charlton Neighbourhood House in 2023.

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SIFXFA002 - Participate in safe food handling practices
SIFHAB002 - Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)



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RETURNING IN 2023

The monthly get-together of the Charlton Carers Group will continue on the second Tuesday of the month starting February. Coordinated by Carol Bennett, this group enjoys the fellowship of other Carers, a subsidized lunch and an interesting guest speaker. Enquire today at the Charlton Neighbourhood House if you would like further information. Other popular activities returning include our Yarners2 knitting group on Monday mornings in the foyer of the Rex Theatre, Buloke Book Club and Childrens Storytime. Our popular Table for 12 will be kicking off with a very special event on February 22, BBQ and Boules at the Travellers Rest. Other interesting cooking events will be coming up throughout the year, and are always a fun social evening.

CHARLTON POOL ACTIVITIES

With the recent flood event the Charlton pool suffered severe damage to its pump and is awaiting repair. We have been advised by the Buloke Shire that the Charlton Pool possibly will not be opening until after Christmas at this stage. Sadly, many of our popular pool activities are currently on hold, including the early morning swim group, the gentle water exercise group, and possibly impacted, the water acclimatisation sessions for preschoolers. We will keep the community up to date as more details come to hand.

Our thanks go again to Buloke Shire for waiving life guard fees for our planned activities season 2022/23

FLOOD RELIEF PAYMENTS

The Charlton Neighbourhood House thanks all the volunteers and Shire staff who responded so well to the recent flood emergency. The community spirit shown by locals offering accommodation to those who had been asked to vacate their homes was heart warming, and luckily, apart from a few isolated incidents, our town was spared from the damage suffered by so many others.

We were extremely proud of the work our President and staff did on behalf of the community in accessing flood relief payments for those who were issued with an Evacuation Order. We were able to coordinate visits by staff from the DFFH (Dept. of Families, Fairness and Housing) to come to Charlton and deal directly with those eligible to make a claim. The Departments staff were very obliging, contacting people by phone who had enquiries who couldn't be answered on the spot, or locals who couldn't come to the designated sessions.

If you evacuated during that time and were in the flood prone area, you may be eligible to make a claim. Visit www.emergency.vic.gov.au/relief or arrange a time to visit the Neighbourhood House for more details.

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 DECEMBER & JANUARY

AT THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



DECEMBER

WEEKLY

Yarning 2

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



UNTIL
WED. 20.

Santa Mailbox

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



4

Marine and Personal Watercraft Safety Certificate training.

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



6

Santa Photos and Christmas Fest

Tuesday 6th December from 3:00pm
AT: Elliott Gardens Band Rotunda
Cost: \$10 one 6x4 digital photo & \$5 for
Christmas themed activities.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



13

Carers Group Christmas Lunch

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



23

Charlton Neighbourhood House -
Please note we will be closed for a
short period over the Christmas
Break.

JANUARY

TBC BY
BULOKE
SHIRE.

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)



TBC BY
BULOKE
SHIRE.

Gentle water exercises

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



TBC BY
BULOKE
SHIRE.

Coming in January

Preschoolers Water Acclimatization
Limited places. 1:30 -2pm
Dates to be confirmed when pool reopens.
Cost: \$40 for 4 sessions with Nicola Kirk



Calling all creative persons, with arts,
crafts, and handmade goods for sale.

Book a space for the inaugural



Saturday February 18th 2023
10 am- 3 pm

Enquiries to Charlton Neighbourhood House
0473-759 456 or info@charltonnh.org.au

Australia Day Jan. 26, 2023

'Carnavalesque Charlton'

Venue: Charlton Park Precinct

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 Charlton

On Sunday 27th November St Joseph's Community held its annual Memorial Mass. This Mass was celebrated to remember parishioners and friends who have died in the last 12 months. Family members were welcome to light a candle to remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have died. A sprig of rosemary for remembrance, and lavender for peace, was given to family members as a symbol of love and hope. After this special celebration many of those gathered had lunch together to continue to show support to one another.



Jo Russell, Julie Anne Russell, Kath Laffin. (Absent Mary O'Sullivan).



Will Donaldson, Kath Armstrong, Margaret Fradd, Noreen Ryan, Beth Dillon, Riani Donaldson.



Frank Bourke, Val Bourke, Julie McGrath, Anne Calnin, Fran Lanyon, Sandra Patton, Brian Patton.



Basil Avery, Esme Avery, Marg Byrne, Moira Sheahan, Mary McLoughlan, Kath Bourke, Dawn & Brian Mulquiny, Eily Rosewell.



Charlton RSL Sub-Branch

November is Remembrance month. Charlton RSL Sub-branch members sold poppies and other remembrance items and, despite a mix-up as to dates and venues, raised \$1,724.25, which goes to RSL welfare. Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause.

On 15 November Charlton RSL held their annual Community Thanks night, at which it was announced that \$4,000.00 was being presented to Bendigo Legacy Club. This sum represents the profit from Diggers' Day golf day and brought the total moneys raised from Diggers' Day over the years to \$104,000.00. These moneys are used by Bendigo Legacy Club for their welfare work supporting widows and children of deceased service personnel.

LEST WE FORGET.

Charlton Neighbourhood House

**30-34 High Street (in The Rex
Theatre), Charlton Vic, 3525**

**Phone: 0473 759 456
Email: coord@charltonnh.org.au**



Charlton Tennis Club readies for 2023 Tournament

The Charlton Lawn Tennis Club is ramping up preparations for this year's Annual Australia Day Weekend tournament. The courts are looking like they will be as good as ever and anticipation is high of another great three day event, attracting over 150 players from across Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.

This year's tournament will kick off on Australia Day – Thursday the 26th of January, with the Mixed Doubles day, culminating in the Finals of each of the five grades being played under lights from 8pm. Food stalls will be in operation from 6pm along with live music and plenty of festivities. The Charlton community is invited to come on over and enjoy some great entertainment both on and off the court, you don't need to be a tennis player to attend.

The tournament will then move into Singles play on Friday and finish with Men's and Ladies' Doubles on Saturday the 28th. The town will be abuzz with accommodation houses full and plenty of visitors enjoying their time in our little town, let's make them welcome.

Events like these don't just happen, and the tennis club thanks its major sponsors, Charlton Community Bank and BQS Group, as well as a host of other local businesses that contribute to ensure some of the best grass courts in Victoria at Regional Australia's oldest tennis club are presented for play.

Working Bees

In addition, the club is asking for the help of community members in set up preparation for this year's tournament, working bees will be held on Sunday the 22nd and Wednesday the 25th of January from 10am. If you are able to

give a hand to put up some marquees, move some seats, and assist in the general tidy up the club would be extremely grateful.

WATCH THIS SPACE

Breaking news – plans are underway, subject to funding finalisation to beef up Australia Day Celebrations at

the club on the THURSDAY – can't wait to share news once available.

Community Bank
Charlton & District

 Bendigo Bank



Australia's Oldest Regional Tennis Club welcomes you to our

January Long Weekend Tennis Tournament 2023

Thurs 26th Jan – MIXED DOUBLES (Aust. Day)

Late 10:30am Start - finals under lights from 8pm!

Fri 27th Jan – SINGLES & Rotating Partner Doubles

Sat 28th Jan – MENS & LADIES DOUBLES

Round Robin Format all grades
(excludes Men's Open Singles)

Contacts:

Mrs Rae Heenan (T'ment Sec)

Ph: 03 54911 672 Mob: 0437 093 672

Troy Heenan (Pres.)

0431 813 344

*** ALL MONEY MUST BE PAID
WITH ENTRY FORM**

Bendigo Bank - BSB: 633000
A/C No.: 1614 25996

*Please list names

Entries Close:
Mon 23rd Jan 2023



charltonltc@hotmail.com

Charlton Lawn Tennis Club Inc (ABN: 36 843 310 233) P.O. Box 124, Charlton, Vic, 3525

Follow us on Facebook: Charlton Lawn Tennis Club Town info visit: www.charlton.vic.au

Monster Weed-a-thon at Lions Park

On Sunday, 6th Nov, 12 Lions and Lions Ladies plus 2 friends of Lions set about pulling, cutting and disposing weeds from around the native shrubs trees etc at the Lions Park where some of the weeds were bigger than the shrubs themselves. The working bee went from 9 am to 12 noon when we stopped for a barbeque lunch (meat donated by a Lions Park fanatic) at John Headon's house after which about two thirds of the troops stayed on to get the job finished, a total of 83 volunteer man hours in all.

Lions Working Bee coordinator Garry Larmour said, "I thought the job would be too big for us to do in one working bee but there is nothing like the camaraderie that is generated from a good working bee and of course it helped enormously to have the Lions Ladies and the two friends of Lions, Ian Finlay and Paul Richardson, come to our aid. It was one of those days where hard constant work was just so very rewarding," he said.

The Lions Club is indebted to Wes Jenkyn for the loan of his tipping trailer and to Lion John Headon for also providing his trailer and we thank the Shire for their green waste Free Tipping policy, a total 6 loads made their way to the tip which was pretty much a shuttle service all morning with one trailer at the tip and the other being filled.

For those of you who are wondering where Lions Park is, it is on the corner of View and Currie Streets (the old Water

Tower site), the Park is also known as the Sir John Monash Tribute Park. The Lions Club has been steadily working to make the Park a place to visit over the past 5 or so years—they have built a Viewing Platform, purchased a couple of seats for the viewing platform, put in new Table and Chair sets, planted over 200 native shrubs and trees and recently, with the help of a grant from the

Community Bank, put in concrete edging around the garden beds. We hope to install an irrigation system and plant the area down to lawn grass in the next month or so. If you haven't been past the Park for a while take a little time to have a look, it's worth the effort particularly when the natives are in flower.

Below: Marion Watts, Brian Patton, Greg Wain (behind the bush) and Sandra Patton.



Proudly hosted
by Charlton
CWA Cabbaritta

Charlton Australia Day Ceremony

Thursday 26th January 2023

8am

Charlton Shire Hall

Charlton Citizen of the Year

Young Citizen of the Year

Community Event of the Year

BBQ Breakfast provided by
Charlton Lions Club \$5



Vale Gary Edward Wood 17th May 1955 - 26th October 2022

Sadly, as most community members will know, Gary suddenly & unexpectedly passed away at the end of October.

The Wood family has a long history in the Charlton area having settled here in 1873 & farmed up until Ted & Margaret sold the farm in 1989.

Ted & Margaret married in 1953 and moved into a new house Ted had built on the farm at Wooroonook for his future family. Two years later Gary was born.

For Gary it was a childhood filled with happy memories and adventures.

As was the Wood tradition, Gary followed his grandfather, uncle, dad & cousins to boarding school at Wesley College in year nine for four years. Gary returned to Charlton College to repeat year twelve in 1973. He was happy to be back home and proud to be voted school captain that year. He was also Dux of the school that year.

One of Gary's lifetime loves was swimming and his swimming record set that year on his return to Charlton in 1973, at the age of eighteen, was only broken 43 years later in 2016 by local young man Lachlan Start.

Gary always wanted to stay on the farm but sadly that was not to be so in 1974 he went off to Forestry School in Creswick and from there to Melbourne University to finish his Forestry degree. He went on from there to work for the Forestry and subsequent name change Sustainability and Environment Department for many years.

In the early 1980s, following the establishment of a superannuation scheme for the Victoria Police Department in the late 1970s, Gary took on the role of investigating the possibility of a similar scheme for the Forestry Department. He worked on it for nearly two years putting forward submissions and negotiating with then treasurer Rob Jolly and other senior cabinet ministers. The negotiations were successful, and a superannuation scheme for the Department was established.

Gary's other love was aeroplanes and flying. This began with the air show held on the family farm at Wooroonook in 1960, when Gary was 5 years old, and he went up in a plane for the first time.

In 1985 Gary's grandfather Bill passed away and left a substantial amount of money to each of the grandchildren; this enabled Gary to gain his recreational flying licence. He then went on to gain his commercial licence and flew for a regional airline from Albury to Canberra & Melbourne for a number of years. During that time, he also became a flying instructor and updated and rewrote a number of the flying instruction manuals.

In the late 1990s Gary returned to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment as radio communications and fire officer. His responsibility was to maintain the Department's 1000 radios in Eastern Victoria. In the major fires in Eastern Victoria in 2003 and 2006 his responsibilities also included setting up



temporary towers for mobile phone communications and organising and directing firebombing planes and helicopters, a contribution that saved many properties and lives.

In recent years Gary and his wife Diane returned to Charlton to manage the Travellers Rest Caravan Park and then in December 2021 Gary fulfilled a lifelong dream to travel to Canada.

Gary and Diane spent eight months staying with Diane's daughter and family and travelling around Canada including as far north as the North Pole, returning home in September this year.

Gary was a loving, compassionate man who lived a life of community service.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Charlton Rotary Club Christmas Lights Competition

Charlton residents, bedazzle your neighbours by once again putting up your Christmas lights and decorating your house. Whether it be a small or large light display it will bring enjoyment and Christmas cheer to everyone.

There was a jump in the number of homes displaying Christmas lights in 2021 so, once again let's turn Charlton into the sparkling and bright town for locals and travelling public to admire. There's the added bonus of winning cash prizes along the way.

There are 3 categories:
2 x Most Impressive Decorated House, Most Impressive Shop/Window, Most Impressive Santa.
All 4 winners will receive \$50 each.

There are no entry forms. If you choose to opt out of this competition ring 54911640.

Winners will be announced at the Charlton Christmas Fest.

So please, help create Christmas memories by "Lighting Up Charlton".

CHRISTMAS FEST IS ON AGAIN

Come and join us on Wednesday 21st December for lots of fun and prizes to be won.

Held in Rotary Park, starting at 5.30 pm we have:-
Band music playing,
Barbeque
Spinning Wheel to win Turkey, Hams and Christmas cakes
For the young and young at heart, we have
Mr Mike's Magic Show,
Face Painting by Charlton College students.
Jumping Castle

And the drawing of the Monster raffle of over \$1,750 worth of prizes.

Finally that special visit from Santa with lots of treats for all.

Come along and join in the fun of our Christmas Fest at Rotary Park next to the Fire Station.

See you there.
Charlton Combined Service Clubs Christmas Fest Committee

**Christmas & New Year
Charlton Business
Trading Hours**

Charlton Op-Shop

Christmas Day to Tuesday 3rd January—Closed

Chompys

Christmas Day—Closed
Mondays & Tuesdays—Closed

Charlton IGA

Friday 23rd—8:30 to 7pm
Saturday 24th—8:30am to 6pm
Christmas Day CLOSED
Boxing Day—10am to 2pm
Tuesday 27th—10am to 2pm
Wednesday 28th—8:30 to 6pm
Thursday 29th—8:30 to 6pm
Friday 30th—8:30 to 7pm
Saturday 31st—8:30pm to 4pm
New Years Day—10am to 2pm
Monday 2nd—10am to 2pm

Charlton Post Office

Christmas Day—Closed
Boxing Day—Closed
Tuesday 27th—Closed
New Years Day—Closed
Monday 2nd—Closed

Charlton Bakery Café

Christmas Day—Closed
Boxing Day—Closed
New Years Day—Closed

Charlton Hair Salon

Closed from 24th December
January—limited availability by appointment.

Charlton Newsagency

Christmas Day—Closed
Boxing Day—Closed
Tuesday 27th—Closed
Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th Dec – 8am to 4pm
Saturday 31st Dec – 8am to 12pm
Monday 2nd Jan – Closed
Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th Jan – 8am to 4pm
Saturday 7th Jan – 8am to 12pm
Monday 9th Jan – normal trading hours resume

Charlton Pharmacy

Christmas Day—Closed
Boxing Day—Closed
December 27th—Closed
New Years Day & January 2nd—Closed
All other days open as normal

The staff at the pharmacy would like to remind people not to leave their script till the last tablet.

Bendigo Bank

Friday 24th—11am to 5pm
Reopening Tuesday 3rd January 11am to 4pm

Commonwealth Bank

Tuesday 27th Closed
Monday 2nd - Closed

The Broadbill Cafe

Christmas Day—Closed
Boxing Day—Closed
New Years Day—Closed
Closed Mondays
Other Days TBC

East Charlton Hotel

Saturday 24th Dec—Open
Christmas Day—Open 4pm (no meals)
Boxing Day—Open at 10am (BBQ Available)
Tuesday 27th Dec—Open (no lunch, dinner 6—8)
28th –31st Dec Open
New Years Day—Open 4pm (no meals)
Monday 2nd Jan—Open (no lunch, dinner 6—8)
Monday 3rd Jan—Open

Salon 13

Closed for January
Reopening February TBC

**Charlton Neighbourhood
House**

Closed from 24th December.
Limited hours thereafter until further notice.
Car bookings—0473 759 456

The Vale

Closed from Saturday December 24th 2022 to
Monday January 2nd 2023.

Charlton Florist & Fashion

25th—27th December—Closed
New Years Day—Closed
Monday 2nd—Closed
Other days—TBC

**PLEASE ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
EARLY SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!**

Golden Grains Museum

Closed in December & January
Open by appointment only

Charlton Timber & Hardware

Closed from Saturday 24th December
Reopen in January (Date TBC)

The Rex Theatre

Closed 21st Dec.—6th Jan.

Cricket Club Hotel

Closed Christmas Day
Open all other days

Steeles Butchers

Closed from Sat. 24th December until
Tuesday 10th January 2023

Reminder to all, could all meat for Christmas and during our closure
period please be ordered by 15th December so you don't miss out.

Charlton Foodworks

Closed Christmas Day Only

House to Home

Friday 23rd—9am to 7pm
Saturday 24th—9am to 3:30pm
Sunday 25th to Wednesday 28th—Closed
Thursday 29th—10am to 5pm
Friday 30th—10am—5pm
Saturday 31st—9am to 1pm
New Years Day & Monday 2nd January—Closed



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS 2022—2023

Charlton Medical will be closed for the Christmas-New Year period
beginning Monday 21st December 2022 through until Monday 2nd January
2023. Normal Surgery hours will resume at 9:00am on Tuesday 3rd January
2023.

**Please check that you have enough prescriptions to get through this
period; if not, see the doctor for new scripts before the holidays.**

If you require medical assistance during the holidays please call the Charlton
Hospital on 5477 6800 or go to the Hospital Urgent Care Centre to see a Nurse
who will give you advice, or if required, arrange for you to be seen by the on-
call Doctor.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 000 FOR THE AMBULANCE

The staff at Charlton Medical wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and a safe and Happy New Year

REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

30-34 High St Charlton 3525

T: 03 5491 2333

boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au

www.rextheatre.org.au



REX THEATRE DECEMBER COMING ATTRACTIONS

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



MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS PG 115 mins | Comedy / Drama

Sat 3 DEC 8pm
Sun 4 DEC 2pm
Tue 6 DEC 8pm

In partnership with the House of Dior, MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior.



ARMAGEDDON TIME M 114 mins | Drama

Sat 10 DEC 8pm
Sun 11 DEC 2pm
Tue 13 DEC 8pm

From acclaimed filmmaker James Gray, ARMAGEDDON TIME is a deeply personal story on the strength of family, the complexity of friendship and the generational pursuit of the American Dream. The film features an all-star cast including Anthony Hopkins, Anne Hathaway and Jeremy Strong



MILLIE LIES LOW MA15+ 100 mins | Comedy

Sat 17 DEC 8pm
Sun 18 DEC 2pm
Tue 20 DEC 8pm

When a broke and anxiety-ridden architecture grad misses her flight to New York for a prestigious internship, she decides to fake having made it to New York, while lying low in her home town, scrounging for another ticket.

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR PATRONS

The Rex will be closed from 21 December to 7 January 2023
Screenings will resume on Sat 7 January with
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever



Christmas Fest

ROTARY PARK
WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER
FROM 5:30PM

MAJOR RAFFLE WITH
PRIZES TOTALLING
OVER \$1750

MR MAGIC MIKE
JUMPING CASTLE
FACE PAINTING
SPINNING WHEEL
BBQ TEA

CHARLTON/WYCHEPROOF BAND

Special visit from Santa

Brought to you by the Charlton Combined Service Clubs

Charlton Rotary

Christmas Lights Competition

3 CATEGORIES:
* 2 x Most Impressive
Decorated House

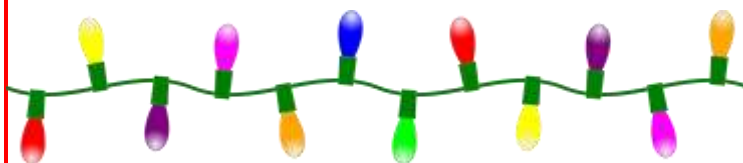
* Most Impressive
Decorated Shop/Window

* Most Impressive Santa

All 4 winners to receive
\$50 each

No entry form needed
Winners announced at
Charlton Fest

“LET’S LIGHT UP CHARLTON”



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LIONS TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDING



AVAILABLE HERE

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1.5kg Cakes \$19, 1kg Cakes \$15, 900g Puddings \$15

GET IN QUICK TO GET SOME AS THEY ARE SELLING FAST

CHARLTON ROTARY CLUB

Carols at the Rex

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH
7PM FOR 7:30 START

ADMISSION:
ADULTS GOLD COIN DONATION
KIDS FREE

GLOW STICKS \$1

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 & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton

When: Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th December 2022, 7am to 6pm.

Weigh in: Sunday 6.30pm at Clubrooms followed by end of year presentations, BBQ tea & a visit Santa.

- 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 to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation.

Entry fee: Adults \$5. Juniors \$2. Tea only (not fishing) \$3.

Please join us to celebrate the festive season.
Santa will visit with lollies for the kids.

Families please bring a salad or sweet to share.

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

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



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SUMMER 2022**

Available from:
Charlton Neighbourhood
House
Charlton Newsagency

YOUNG CREATIVES

Series One featuring:-

Demi Guy
Erica Sait
Joe Tormey
Justin Olive
Wally Townsend
Will Stanley

JEMIMAH WEBB

The 'Dancing Queen' of Charlton

OK MOTELS IS BACK

And so much more in February

ESCAPE TO WOOROONOOK

Discover the natural beauty

CHARLTON
the Calder's cultural centre

\$5 per edition



CHARLTON NETBALL CLUB



2023 COACHING POSITIONS

JOIN US FOR THE 2023 SEASON

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE
FOLLOWING POSITIONS**

A GRADE (2022 GRAND FINALISTS)

B GRADE (2022 PRELIM FINAL)

C GRADE

17 & UNDER

14 & UNDER

Please apply in writing to

PO BOX 48 CHARLTON VIC 3525

email charltonnetballclub@gmail.com

Applications close DEC 16th 2023

Contact Shelley 0427552460 for further information





Charlton Arts Presents

CHARLTON FILM FESTIVAL

Great films, great food &
great company in the fabulous
Art Deco Rex Theatre.

5 films
2 suppers
lunch
& wine

March 3-4 2023

For film schedule,
visit us on Facebook:
Charlton Film Festival

CHARLTON COURTHOUSE GALLERY &
CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

*THEME:
SUMMER DAYZ*



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 March edition of
the Charlton Cultural Magazine.
The winner will be chosen by a
public poll. Photographs may be
used for promotional purposes.

Photo: OK Motels - Feb 2022

1st Prize: \$100
2nd Prize: \$50

**CLOSES 31
JANUARY 2023**

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

18 & 19 February, 2023

Birds of Mt Dooboobetic

A photographic exhibition by
Stuart Giles capturing the
beautiful birdlife on his
property and the Mt
Dooboobetic Reserve.

Exhibition Launch with Stuart
11am Saturday 18th February.



Charlton Courthouse
8 Camp Street, Charlton
Saturday: 10am to 5pm
Sunday: 10am to 5pm
Entry: Gold Coin Donation
(Limited disabled access)



CHARLTON
GOLDEN GRAINS MUSEUM

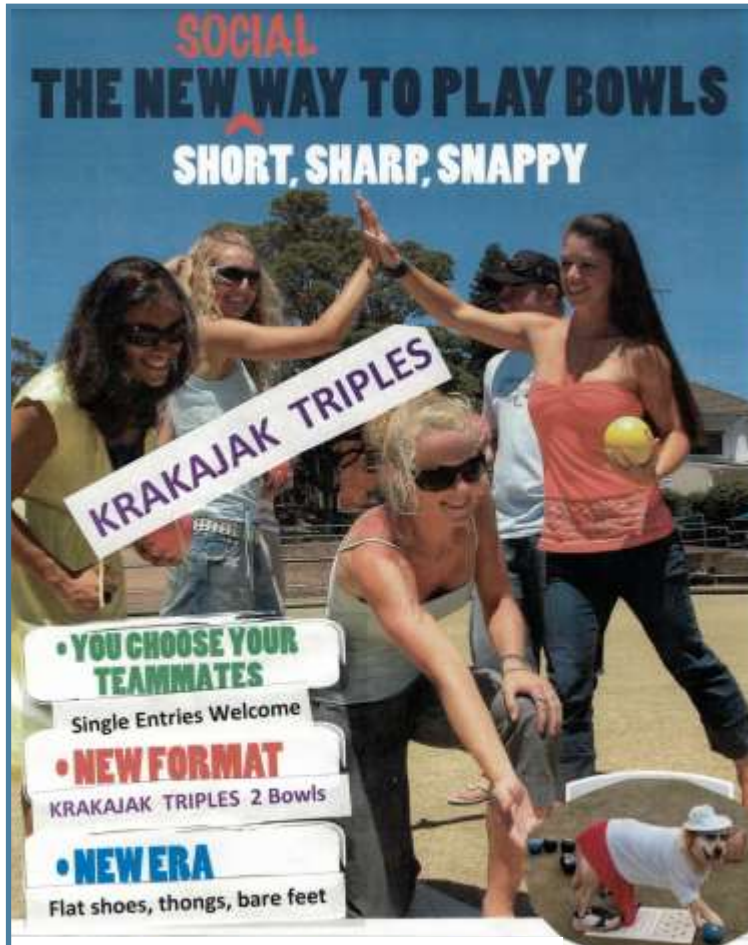
Forgotten Fashions Vintage Market

CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES,
SHOES AND JEWELLERY

**SATURDAY
18TH
FEBRUARY
10AM
TO 3PM**

CHARLTON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUBHOUSE
1 HIGH STREET
(NEAR THE ROUNDABOUT)
STALL BOOKINGS (SUE 0407 140 33, JOAN 0437 953 288)

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THE NEW WAY TO PLAY BOWLS
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Single Entries Welcome
- NEW FORMAT
KRAKAJAK TRIPLES 2 Bowls
- NEW ERA
Flat shoes, thongs, bare feet

Venue: **CHARLTON BOWLING CLUB**

Day/Time: **Tuesdays, 7:30pm starting January 10th 2023**
Register by **Jan. 3rd**, contact Kevin Willey 0428 911 830



CHARLTON BOWLING CLUB INC
LAWN BOWLS COME N TRY DAY

TUESDAY JANUARY 3rd, 2023

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT 6.30pm

IF INTERESTED CONTACT:
Kevin Willey 0428 911 830
Neil Cossar 0407 887 941
RSVP BY DECEMBER 30th PLEASE
KRAKAJAK NIGHT BOWLS STARTS
JANUARY 10th AT 7.30PM



The Charlton Rotary Club is
finishing up on
31st December 2022.

Our last meeting will be our
Christmas Dinner meeting on
The 15th December 2022.

If you have ever been a member of the Charlton
Rotary Club you are welcome to attend this last
meeting to be held at:

East Charlton Hotel, 6.30pm – 7pm.
Cost \$35 per head.

If you are attending, please email Dale Watts on
dalewatts@activ8.net.au by 10th December.

Charlton Golden Grains Museum
Bingo Fundraiser
Thursday 15th December

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



Please contact
Glenda Litton for
further details.
0417 801 771

Calling all creative persons, with arts,
crafts, and handmade goods for sale.

Book a space for the inaugural:-



Saturday February 18th 2023
10 am - 3 pm

Enquiries to Charlton Neighbourhood House
0473-759 456 or info@charltonnh.org.au

St Martin's Messenger—December

Worship:

1 pm Sunday 4 December 1pm Sunday 18 December
4pm Friday 23 December Christmas Service
1 pm Sunday 8 January

Love to share

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

What words come to mind when you think of Christmas? Family, friends, food, gifts, fun... all these are indeed good. When we dig down a little deeper, they are tied together with the most important aspect of Christmas – love. The love we share with our family and friends, the love we express in generosity to others, the love of children's delight and laughter. Yet, this love is seen in its greatest clarity in God's love for the whole of creation in coming amongst us as a vulnerable, helpless baby.

It is hugely important that we continue to treat each other respectfully and focus on what is good for others and our society and to do that with graciousness, acceptance, and generosity. Our love mirroring God's love will bring hope and healing to this broken and divided world. The simple story of a baby in a manger continues to be a light of hope that shines eternal as it is the birth of God in human form, coming to us in love. This is the sign that God has love and hope for the world. As such the message of Christmas, the message of God's love, offers us comfort and reassurance.

As we come again to this Christmas time, consider the love of God seen most clearly in the coming of Jesus to bring hope to the poor, release for the captive, sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and to proclaim to all the Lord's favour (Luke 4:18-19). And be ready to respond to this love by sharing it, along with peace and goodwill to all.

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

East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times:

Sun. 4th Dec. 10.30am Mass Livestreamed In
Sun. 11th Dec. 8.30am
Sat. 17th Dec. 7.00pm
Sun. 24th Dec. Christmas Eve: Boort 5pm,
 Birchip & St Arnaud 7pm,
 Charlton & Donald 9pm
Sun. 25th Dec. Christmas Day: Wycheproof & Banyena 10am

Charlton Friends of the Red Cross



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Charlton Uniting Church Service times for December/January

December

Sunday 4th – 1.00 pm at St. Martins
Sunday 11th – 10.00 am – Communion
Sunday 18th – 10.00 am.
Saturday 24th – 7.00 pm Carol Service

January

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Sunday 15th – 10.00 am
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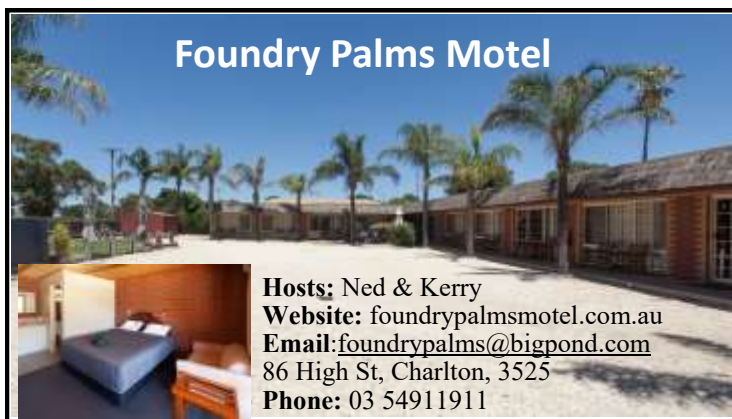


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4 100UP Handicap Bowls Championship	5 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	6 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	7 Lions Christmas Dinner at the Cricket Club Hotel	8 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	9 Probus Meeting	10
11 Carols at the Rex	12 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling Club Meeting, 8pm	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Fun Day 10:30am Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	14 Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	15 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	16 RSL Meeting 4:30pm	17 Fishing Comp
18 Fishing Comp & Angling Club Xmas Men's Shed Xmas Party from 5pm	19 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting 8:00pm CWA Meeting	20 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	21 Charlton XMas Fest at Rotary Park	22 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	23	24
25 Merry Christmas	26 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	27 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	28	29 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	30	31

Jan. 2023

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