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OK MOTELS & CHARLTON ON SHOW

Who would have thought a retro 1970's motel would become a tourist destination? Who would have recognized its potential?

Well, Kate Berry, that's who!

The road tripping dynamo photographer, who created the "OK Motels" concept of re-loving unloved '70's motels, has re-introduced Charlton to one of its under-appreciated assets thanks to a mix of music, fun and friendship. And, the Motel - and Charlton - are firmly on the map following the recent success of the February Festival.

Gone was the disappointment of last October's cancellation (due to the floods) as the town powered up to embrace the influx, savor the music and put itself on show.

Thanks to building strong connections in town and drawing on a range of networks and resources, Kate has worked with a number of locals to develop and build outreach to bring more people into the mix. CWA, local hospitality venues and other groups have also provided a link. Mutual respect from locals towards visitors, and vice versa has deepened, plus the

presentation of top-shelf indie bands is a huge drawcard for those who love that scene.

The metro media gave the event - and the town - unprecedented coverage through print, radio and television outlets, building a positive profile, revealing its strengths and pin-pointing catalysts and drivers of change which expand the town's relevance. (A nice departure from the "doom and gloom" scenarios of our natural disaster coverage!)

Charlton unfurled a variety of supporting activities over the Festival weekend which included the Uniting Church Bazaar, CWA Devonshire Teas, Forgotten Fashions Vintage Market, All-of-Town Garage Sale, Creatives Market, the Bowling Club's "have-a-go-at-bowls" session and a photography exhibition of native birds by local creative, Stuart Giles.

The varying outlets reported strong interest - sell-outs were the norm for accommodation, the Lions Club Sunday BBQ Breakfast, and ice-creams at the pool party - while strong patronage was seen at

the Devo Teas (CWA served 120), Saturday night dinner at the Motel (Yr 10 work experience students served 150) and the Travellers' Rest accommodated 160.

This pictorial coverage adds another dimension to what was a showcase weekend for Charlton! More photos on Page 6 & 7.



Kim Wishart (l) and Lee Parker (r) show off some of the items at the Forgotten Fashions Vintage Market. Interest in era-defining clothes such as flares was strong and these were quickly snapped up, while others where happy to browse to find their hidden gem.



Australia writer, TV presenter and radio personality, Marieke Hardy got into the party mood at the Motel as she embraced the OK Charlton weekend of fun.



Local band, "Blend It", saw former Buloke Mayor, Leo "Weed" Tellefson, (l) joined by fellow artists, Robert "Shorty" Emmett, Ross Lane and Danny Walsh, as they performed during the dinner meal at the Charlton Motel.

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From the Editor Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the March edition.

What a HUGE weekend OK Motels turned out to be. By all accounts the town was buzzing. Charlton received loads of PR from the event and got excellent coverage in the papers and on ABC radio. Well done to everyone involved and thank you Kate for bringing this event to our town.

The film festival is on this weekend, and as the Secretary of Charlton Arts who host the festival, I'm looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and some new ones.

The Charlton Cup is on the 19th March and I hope they are blessed with fine weather.

Clinton & I are back from our break. We went to Tassie and had perfect weather. After two weeks of winding, hilly roads, I was pleased to get back to some lovely straight highways. Perhaps not as interesting but definitely easier on the breaks.

On the ranch we are getting ready for cropping again. A spot of rain would be nice just to give us a little confidence for the season ahead.

Cheers
Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

March

Film Festival—3rd - 4th March

Charlton Cup—19th March

April

Lions Easter Market—10th April

Sass & Secrets—14th April @ The Rex

May:

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Charlton Croquet Club

On a perfect summer's evening the Charlton Croquet Club held a Golf Croquet Social Night on Tuesday 14th February. Two games were played before a BBQ tea and then a final game was played. Players came from Swan Hill, Boort and Charlton.

Overall winners were Lindsay Patullo (Charlton) and Lois Munro (Swan Hill) with 3 wins and 25 hoops. Runner up was Denise Lang (Boort). Early play was won by Val Bourke (Charlton) with 10 hoops and late play was won by Judy Steven (Charlton) with 10 hoops. The secret score was won by Carmel Allinson (Boort) and the raffle by Moira Sheahan (Charlton).

In February the Association Croquet Section Championships

have been played. Section 4 was won by Margaret Bowen who was undefeated. Nita Perry, Naomi Patullo and Sue Nicholls all won 1 game with Nita and Naomi finishing on the same net points so on the countback system Nita finished runner up to Margaret. Sections 1, 2 and 3 were uncontested but Lindsay Patullo (Sect.1), Anne Kenny (Sect. 2) and Barb Dalrymple (Sect.3) are eligible to compete in the Murray Valley Championships to be held in Swan Hill on 25th & 26th March. Section 4 players may also compete.

On 25th & 26th February Lindsay Patullo competed in the Victorian Croquet Association's Silver Shield at Cairnlea and finished a creditable 3rd. Lindsay further reduced his handicap during this tournament. On the same weekend Anne Kenny competed in the Bronze Shield winning 2 games.



L to R: Margaret Bowen, Nita Perry, Sue Nicholls & Naomi Patullo.



Anne Kenny & Lindsay Patullo at the Victorian Croquet Centre.

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Buloke Shire to Withdraw from Home Support Service

Buloke Shire Council has made an in-principle decision to withdraw from its Commonwealth Government funded role for home support service provision for aged care and people with a disability.

This in-principle decision will trigger a process of thorough consultation with impacted stakeholders to inform a final decision.

The provision of these services has been an important part of the Buloke Shire Council's operations for nearly 40 years. However, with the comprehensive changes to be introduced as the Commonwealth Government progressively reforms the national aged care system, Council has reviewed its position and taken an in-principle decision to exit the service.

The reforms focus on the improvement of quality, safety and choice in aged care services. They address the need to simplify the process for clients, improve the standard of care and provide clients and carers alike with more choice and control.

Council has carefully considered the options available as a result of the significant reforms and has taken an in-principle decision to trigger this period of consultation.

This process begins with discussions and feedback regarding the proposed changes with affected staff, and their representatives as well as clients, families, and the broader community to ensure all feedback is received and collated to inform a final decision.

It is proposed that Council will receive a further report on this matter on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. This report will include:

- Feedback and other information received through consultation with affected staff.
- Feedback and a summary of interactions with clients and families.
- Broader communications and feedback with community and stakeholder groups.

- Any updates from the Commonwealth and Victorian governments.

Please note that until a decision is confirmed, and future provider transition arrangements agreed, there is no change to the employment status of affected staff or clients.

Council is committed to genuine consultation with staff and other stakeholders and will invest in processes and structures to enable this to occur over the coming weeks.

The formal consultation period will close on Friday, March 17, 2023, to enable the preparation of a Council report to the

April Council meeting.

Should Council confirm its in-principle decision to exit service provision following stakeholder consultation, an intensive period of transition planning will occur with the newly appointed provider/s to determine a process that does not compromise ongoing services to clients.

The Commonwealth government will be the final decision maker to determine which providers are appointed to the Buloke area.

To learn more about the consultation, please visit <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say-future-of...>

Have your say... on the Future of Home Support Service Provision



Charlton Forum Report

At the February Forum Meeting the following issues and projects were discussed.

- No representation from Council present at meeting.
- Update on Streetscape works—Travellers Rest nearly completed. New street furniture still to be installed.
- New condom vending machine installed in Women's toilets at Travellers Rest & old one relocated to Men's toilets. Project funded by Buloke Shire, Forum & Charlton Youth Group.
- Poor condition of garden beds in Elliott Gardens.
- Proposal to install live webcam with view of the Avoca River.
- Renaming of the back lane alongside the river.
- Greg & Leanne Fanning to be new managers at the Travellers Rest Caravan Park.
- Decision to increase sale price of newsletter to \$2.
- Reports from the Community Car Committee, Charlton Neighbourhood House, Newsletter committee, Travellers Rest Committee, Website committee, Charlton Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Committee & OASIS were received.
- The Gordon Park redevelopment has been delayed due to future flood impacts.
- The Council's decision to withdraw home support services was discussed.
- The promotional images on the rear of Start's buses will be renewed. Forum will pay costs.
- Council has offered a tree to be planted for the Queen's Jubilee. Lions Park was suggested as appropriate. Lions to pick the tree species from list supplied.
- Forum to begin consultation process with Council to update the Charlton Community Plan.

OK Motels & Charlton on Show



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Top Left: Enjoying the mid-morning Devo Tea at the Charlton Bowling Club were visitors (l-r) Kim Manna, Jack Murphy, Ebony Bain, Carissa Karamarko, Mikey Ting and Shabs Gill.

Top Right: Head-line music artist, Australian and international singer / song writer, Julia Jacklin (centre) wowed the crowd with her performance at the Motel on Saturday night. Julie is pictured with some of her friends prior to the Saturday night show.

Middle Left: Having a go at bowls were (l-r) Shan Rogers, Joe Nihill, Tessa Fitzpatrick and Tim Rogers.

Middle Right: Photographing the photographer. ABC reporter Jeremy Story Carter lines up a shot of CWA members Lynne Southwell and Jo Phillips preparing Devonshire Teas at the Charlton Bowling Club. Jeremy's extensive coverage of the Festival and town recently appeared on the ABC website. For CWA members it was a 7:30am start on the day, baking more than 240 scones (including both vegan and gluten-free varieties) and serving a packed club room full of eager visitors.

Bottom Left: Liz Minster checks out the native bird photographs at the exhibition by Stuart Giles in the Charlton Court House.

Bottom Right: Bronte Sommerfeld of Coburg (left) was excited about her original '70s dress purchase from the Forgotten Fashions Vintage Market, the garment which was worn by local Jenny McGrath (right) for her cousin's wedding in the mid 1970s.

This Page:

Above Left: Perfect summer weather made the pool party a "must" as revelers enjoyed the music by DJ Cliffhanger, the icy refreshments by the Charlton Youth Group and the relaxed environment of the Charlton swimming pool.

Above Right: Charlton College Yr 10 work experience students catered for the Saturday night dinner at the Motel to raise funds to help with their placements later in the year. The girls were eager to pose for a photo against the neon OK Motels sign – pictured (l-r back) are Taylah Boyle, Annie Olive, Zali Heenan, Isabel Soulsby, Georgia Wright. (Lying down) Elise Fitzpatrick, (middle front) Poppy Fitzpatrick and (front) Emmersyn Nelson.

Right: The bands had the crowd rocking as the music show kicked off on the Saturday night.



Agnes McIntyre Farewelled

On Wednesday 1st March members of St Joseph's Church gathered at the Cricket Club Hotel to farewell long time parishioner Agnes McIntyre. Agnes' daughter, Sandra, and members of the Senior Citizens also joined in the farewell. Fr Gerry was an apology and other apologies were acknowledged. Agnes went to school at St Joseph's and was married in St Joseph's Church. Sandra Patton (Chairperson) presented Agnes with a gift to remind her of her years in Charlton. Agnes will live with her daughter Sandra and her family.



L to R: Marie Bennett (Agnes's sister), Sandra Patton & Agnes McIntyre.

Charlton College Badge Conferral

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College

Charlton College conducted its Badge Conferral Ceremony on the morning of Monday February 13th.

Principal, Jamie Daff, opened proceedings.

College Council President, Troy Heenan, said he was looking forward to what looks like being a great year after a successful Swimming Carnival Friday, prior to inducting the College Captains, Tyler Riley and Tahli Roberts, Vice-Captains, Lennon Jablonka and Jacob Olive, and Junior School Captains, Anna Fitzpatrick and Oliver M'Phee. Both groups of students indicated in their response that they were extremely excited to be selected as leaders of the College and welcomed students to approach them to discuss school matters.

Parents Club President, Bronwyn Good, inducted the College Sports Captains,

Bailey Hooper-Dixon, Charlotte Stewart, Crystal Rose Murray and Nick Thompson.

House Captains and SLC representatives were also inducted and presented with badges and certificates.

Each Foundation student received a book from the Year 12 students as a welcome to the College.

The Year 12 students each received badges in recognition of their final year of schooling.

The College Captains concluded the ceremony by wishing all those present an enjoyable and successful year.



Senior School Captains Tyler Riley & Tahli Roberts with College Council President, Troy Heenan.



Junior Captains Oliver McPhee and Anna Fitzpatrick with College Council President, Troy Heenan.



Left: Senior SLC Representatives with Junior Leaders: Back: Lennon Jablonka, Jacob Olive, Tyler Riley, Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Emily Olive, Ebony Start. Centre: Tahli Roberts, Ezmerelda Gray, Dayne Bartlett. Front: Oliver McPhee, Anna Fitzpatrick.



House Captains: Back—Calder House Captains: Elliott Fitzpatrick & Ebony Start; Avoca House Captains—Angus Johnstone & Jacob Olive Front—Calder Junior Captain, Xavier Good; Avoca Junior Captains: Rhys Gahan & Tamsyn M'Gurk.

Charlton College Badge Conferral



Left: Year 12 Class:

*Back: Charlotte Stewart, Lochlan Stewart, Bailey Hooper-Dixon, Jacob Olive, Lennon Jablonka, Tyler Riley
Front: Wil Nicholson, Tahli Roberts, Angus Johnstone, Alinta Marshall. Absent: Jack Chalmers.*

Below: Foundation students with their Year 12 buddies.



Charlton RSL Sub-branch

After six years as president of Charlton RSL sub-Branch, Gordon Risk has stood down and our new president is Allan McGillivray. Thanks Gordon for your years of loyal service; Allan, we wish you well in your new role.

April is ANZAC month and Charlton RSL sub-Branch members will again be manning a street stall and selling ANZAC remembrance items, the proceeds from

which go to RSL welfare. We look forward to community support for this worthy cause.

An important centenary will be celebrated in June, the Charlton Cenotaph and Honour Board in High Street were unveiled on 23 June 1923. More news of this centenary will be promulgated in future issues of the Newsletter.

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It is the most important and exciting time for the Charlton Harness Racing Club as our biggest day is almost upon us.

There are many things planned to make this day special for our club, town and wider harness racing industry so we warmly invite all Charlton locals to come along and support this community day which showcases an industry that is a big part of our town.

It is a great opportunity to promote all that is good about Charlton to the many visitors and racing participants who choose to race here.

As the club continues to build, in the hope of securing more meetings here, this day goes a long way to helping to realise this goal, along with the fantastic facility that we now have.

Some highlights of the day include

The Community Bank Charlton and District Pacing Cup

North West Ag Trotting Cup

Fanatics Three Year Old Classic - which this year will be named in honour of founding Fanatics member who is so greatly missed, Terry 'Ripper' Calnin.

Live Music by Wilbur Wilde and the Troublemakers

Ladies Event 11am - St. John of God Bubbles in the Bush - a fundraiser for Ovarian Cancer

This is a great cause that our town has supported for 6 years and has most certainly made a difference to the lives of many women and their families - something our club is so very proud of.

Come along all Charlton girls to support this cause and have some fun - Kerry and Kim have lots in store to entertain and Greg Towers kicking off the day on the lawn.

There will be a huge \$1000 on offer for Racegoer of the Day - so start planning your outfits!

Hero horses will be on course for the kids to get up close with and of course we look forward to welcoming back all of our Punt Off contestants. This event goes live on trots vision all day and is a great avenue for people from afar to tune in to what is happening here in Charlton.

So please consider popping in to Charlton Park to make this a successful day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SANDERSON TEAM

As this edition of the Community Newsletter goes to print Charlton's Sanderson family are preparing to tackle the prestigious Group 1 NSW Derby at Menangle, having qualified two horses Catalpa Rescue and Dangerous. Both performed well in the heats with Dangerous running third and Catalpa Rescue first.

The opportunity to run in the big races is what all owners, breeders, trainers and drivers dream of, so we wish them and the Birchip ownership group all the very best on Saturday 4th March.

It been a long time since the Joe Thompson trained Imprimartar won the very same race - let's hope there is another Charlton horse on the honour roll soon.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR MARCH RAFFLE NIGHT

March raffle night will be held on Saturday March 4th at the Cricket Club Hotel.

This change of day is to be able to gather as a club to watch the Sandersons in the big race at Menangle, so come along to cheer them on.

Thank you to our generous sponsor for accommodating this change and for again supporting us so well.

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Charlton Neighbourhood House
The Heart of Our Community

Welcome to our monthly catch up of news from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. We have had a very busy start to the year with several courses and activities already taking place. This included the return of popular activities such as Book Club, Yarning Group, Carers Group and Table for 12, as well as a First Aid/CPR Certificate training session.

March is a month packed full of events, several of which celebrate Women's Month. Drop in for further details and to book your place, as many will fill fast.



Our Table for 12 on March 22 will be the return of Dumpling making hosted by Kim, Joo and Penny. Held at the North Central Training Centre, book early to secure your place. Cost just \$20! Deadline to complete the current round of the Victorian State Government's Power Saver Bonus is March 23. If you haven't already done so, drop by with a recent power bill and some identification and we will happily submit your application for the \$250 rebate.

If you enjoy knitting why not pop in Monday mornings and catch up with the Yarning Group. Perhaps enjoy a coffee prepared by the FLO students in the Rex.



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

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Tuesday 28th March

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Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome again to news from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. To start, we would like to thank everyone who got involved in the recent OK Motels weekend of events. The amount of state and national media coverage Charlton received was incredible and certainly put our town on the map. From the museum's perspective we are sending a big shout out to people who supported the Vintage Market with donated goods, manning the venue, and purchasing items from the stalls. It was agreed by all attending that it was a terrific event that should be held again in the future. The museum also had many visitors over the weekend which was pleasing after being shut for several months. A special mention to Sue Walsh, Glenda Litton and Joan Mundy for all the time they put into organizing the market. Also to Lauren Riley for the use of the clothes racks and Liz Whykes for her help.

Bikes Galore!

Charlton has a long history of big events in the town. Reunion weekends, sports carnivals, agricultural shows, the very popular tennis weekend, and harness racing to name a few. One big event that drew big crowds occurred 40 years ago in 1983, when the biggest mass start in Australian cycling history saw 153 amateur riders travel 100kms from Bendigo to Charlton. Cycling had been popular since the late 1950s in the district with an amateur club being formed. This group established a race between Bendigo and Charlton that in 1964 attracted over 160 riders starting at handicapped intervals. Local names who had district and state success include Stephen Perry, Wayne and

Phil Rosewall, Graham and Mark Nicolson, Albert Goldsworthy and Garry Hillier. Turning professional in 1968 after winning three State Championships, Lloyd Paterson was one rider who went on to further success, winning (along with three Bendigo riders) the Victorian Professional Team Pursuit Cycling Championship. Lloyd continued his passion in cycling competing in many sprint and road veteran events, winning the South Pacific Veterans Sprint in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2004, and South Pacific Veterans Road Championships in 2000, 2001 and 2004.

Museum Visit

The museum will be hosting our first tour group for the year this month, with 50 visitors from the Casey Grange Retirement Village. They will be popping by for a quick look and a cuppa on their way from Swan Hill to St Arnaud. We open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by arrangement with one of the volunteers listed below. Make some time to drop by and say hello. Admittance is still a very low \$5, and free for children. Perhaps your local group or organization would like to have an interesting outing. As mentioned, group tours are most welcome, and a cuppa and biscuit could accompany your visit.

Bingo

Our keen local Bingo players made the trip to Donald to recommence our (and hopefully their) fund raising efforts for 2023 and had an enjoyable night out. We are very fortunate to receive monies when we can get a group to visit which goes a long way to support the running of the museum. Further regular trips will be advised and everyone is welcome to come

along. Other fund raising ideas are in the pipeline and will be advised as details are finalised.

The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is always on the lookout for members to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public. You could give as much or as little time each month as you wish and don't need any experience; training will be provided. If you have an interest in history and would like to help preserve items for Charlton's future generations, contact the museum; you will be made most welcome. Another simple option is to become a 'Friend of the Museum' for just \$20. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving our town's collection of important historic items for the future.

Would you like to record your family's story for future generations? Our museum has a service where you can record your history 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 family researchers at a later stage. Cost is just \$10, which goes towards helping to maintain our collection.

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

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Bendigo to Charlton bike race.





St Joseph's Students Make a Splash

Everyone was feeling very excited because Friday 24th February 2023 was the day for our school swimming carnival. The whole school participated and was divided into two teams - Nemo, who came dressed in orange costumes and Dory, who arrived wearing blue. We walked excitedly down the street, keen to begin the day. "Ready, set, go!"... and The St Joseph's Swimming Carnival was off to a great start!

"The first event is diving," we heard through the microphone. SPLASH! What a great dive by Finn, who won the Grade 3&4 diving event. Flynn was second and Sophie came third. The diving was fun and entertaining to watch. Clancy came first in the Grade 6 diving with Cooper and Charlie close behind. Rosie felt nervous about diving and hoped she wouldn't do a belly flop and luckily she didn't and she came second in the Grade 5 diving event. Isaac was first and Darcy placed third.

Then it was onto the races! Freestyle was first with some wading races for the younger students, widths, half and full lengths for the older students. This was closely followed by backstroke. It was amazing to see the improvement in all students after completing the two-week Swimming Program the previous fortnight. Well done, everybody!

Next, came the relays. These were a favourite with all students as they got to compete in their teams with their peers. Some comments included;

- The best one was the Hula Hoop Relay where you raced two in a hoop across the pool.
- Harry came up with a great plan and piggy-backed Patrick which decreased resistance!
- In the Dress Up Relay you had to choose two pieces of clothing from the dress up bag before you could race.
- The Noodle Relay was my favourite.
- The Prep-2 kids did an Egg and Spoon Relay which was fun to watch.

Finally, the juniors and the seniors competed in a challenge to see which team could get the most corks in their pot in an old-fashioned Cork Scramble! Nemo won both rounds!

While the final scores were being tallied, the Grade 6 students raced against the staff on inflatable lilos which was very entertaining. The staff were lucky enough to win this event much to their delight!

Mrs Hogan announced the winners in what was a very close contest with the teams separated by just four points. Dory scored 297 points and Nemo were the winners with 301 points. A very special trophy was introduced, thanks to Mrs Olive, which will have the winning team engraved on it each year.

After the presentations we all headed

back to school for lunch and an icy-pole. After lunch prizes were awarded for the best costumes. Mrs Hogan thought everyone was a winner because the costumes were fantastic!

On Monday the students surprised Mrs Smyth with some flowers in appreciation of her organisation and support during the Swimming Program. Congratulations to both the staff and students for their amazing efforts and for enjoying such a fabulous day together. Some final comments on the day included:

- I was so excited to show Mum my ribbons. I felt so happy. (Brody)
- The whole day was so much fun! (Clancy)
- I personally felt proud, happy and excited. (Lila)
- I was feeling awesome and everyone had a good time. (Aria)
- My favourite event was the cork race, even though my team didn't win. (Rosie)
- I was proud to get a first place ribbon. (Henry)
- I came first in the freestyle. It was very close and at the end I was puffed and happy. (Charlie)
- I was amazed and happy with the places I came. (Harry)
- I came fourth in freestyle, not my greatest accomplishment, but I'm not complaining – a ribbon is a ribbon! (Darcy)
- At the end of the day I felt happy that I did my personal best and received three ribbons. (Cooper)
- My team lost the sports but it was fun and that's the most important thing and I was happy at the end of the day. (Isaac)
- At the end of the day I was really happy that Nemo won. (Liam)



Winning Team Captain Lila Schofield (Team Nemo) with Principal Mary Hogan.



School Captains Cooper McGrath and Lila Schofield presenting Rachael Smyth with some flowers to thank her for her time in organising and teaching our swimming programme for 2023.



Team Nemo and Team Dory in their team colours before we began.

Lucky Stars Shine on "Sun Rising"

(Contributed by Jenny Pollard)

Almost derailed by a vehicle drama on the way up to Charlton, rock 'n' roll band "Sun Rising" still managed to pull off a brilliant show at the Rex last Friday night in front of an adoring crowd.

Travelling up the Calder, the band members were confronted with the loss of a wheel off the trailer carrying all their instruments and equipment. Horrified to see the tyre catapulting in front of them, their relief at avoiding a disaster was tempered with finding a replacement trailer, then getting to the venue in time.

Relating the story after the opening songs of "The Sounds that Made Memphis", band leader and narrator, David Cosma, said they thanked their lucky stars that nothing worse had happened. While the contents of their trailer were unscathed, the incident clearly had a strong impact on the band as they shared more of their tale after the show.

Despite their "eventful afternoon" the sublime music which filled the Rex captured the heady beats and innovative in sounds cultivated by American record producer and founder of Sun Records (Memphis), Sam Phillips.

Phillips and his pantheon of stars were a literal who's who of the 1950s music world. Titans such as Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash, who have attained legend status, along with the slightly lesser mortals like Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, BB King, Roy Orbison, Ike Turner and Barbara Pittman – all of whom created era-defining songs – were featured between the background stories and information about the songs' often humble beginnings.

From the get-go the large crowd was ready to soak up the atmosphere as the band – comprising David Cosma (vocals / guitar / harmonica), Damon Smith (keyboard / vocals), Adam Coad (drums), Trent McKenzie (double bass), Travis Winters (electric guitar) and Lisa Marmur (vocals) – set the Rex alight with sound.

One of many show pieces for

Damon Smith on keyboard was the electrifying rendition of "Rocket 88". The driving piano sounds coupled with the blend of jazz, rhythm and blues, and country style had the venue jumping. Each band member had featured spots showcasing exemplary musical skills across a range of songs including Elvis's 'Baby Let's Play House' (Trent McKenzie, double bass), Johnny Cash's 'Orange Blossom Special' (David Cosma, harmonicas), Barbara Pittman's 'I Need A Man' (Lisa Marmur, vocals), along with Adam Coad's cat meowing intro and drums in Rufus Thomas Jr.'s 'Bear Cat', and Trent Winters supporting everything on the electric guitar.

The crowd-pulling nature of "Sun Rising" saw patrons travel long distances to enjoy the show. For Sharon Knight and Mark O'Brien, a special trip from Ballarat meant they could catch the energy of the show and make a weekend of it in Charlton and surrounding towns. They were impressed with both the show and the tenacity of the community taking charge of building value for the town.

For Bernadette and Norm McMillan from Mildura – it

gave them the opportunity to catch up with band leader, David Cosma, who is a friend of a friend. Others travelled from Bendigo, Echuca, and Warracknabeal, as well as strong patronage coming from surrounding towns.

The show came to a close too quickly, and following the final medley of "Whole Lotta Shakin'", "Great Balls of Fire"

and "Mean Woman Blues", the crowd roared for "More!", stamped their feet and cheered when the ensemble returned to the stage. The final number of the Johnny Cash / June Carter hit, "Jackson" brought the house down, before the band mingled with patrons in the foyer following the show.



Band members, pictured in the Rex foyer, mingled with patrons after the performance: (left to right) are Trent McKenzie, David Cosma, Damon Smith, Lisa Marmur, Adam Coad and Travis Winters.



Despite an eventful journey to Charlton, the Sun Rising band lit up the Rex stage last Friday night with their powerpacked homage to the greats of the Sun Records recording studio. The appreciative crowd was reluctant to let them leave at the conclusion of the night.



Buloke Shire—Bounce Back Grant

CWA branch members; Buloke Shire Planned Activities Groups (PAG) and Buloke residents are invited to The Rex Theatre for a screening of 'Then Came You'.

Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023.

Time: 11.00 am for a complimentary packed lunch provided by CWA branches and prepared at the Lions Club rooms from 9.00 am on the day.

Movie starts at midday.

M Rating – 98 minutes.

Genre: Drama, Romantic Comedy set in Scotland.

An opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and enjoy your meal.

Popcorn available free of charge for the first fifty guests; water bottle for the first seventy.

Catering for up to 100 guests. Extra lunch packs may be purchased after the screening. Tea and coffee facilities available after the movie, when the raffles will be drawn. Depart building by 2.30 pm unless you're a CWA helper on the day.

RSVP by notifying Cheryl on 0417601856 by Tuesday 14th March 2023.

If you're not a CWA member, now is a good time to join.

To become a branch CWA member, visit the cwaofvic.org.au and follow the prompts or contact our Group President; Sharon Douglas – Stuart Mill, or your local branch, ASAP..



THEN CAME YOU

She's taken with him. He's taken.



Charlton Courthouse Gallery

Notice is being given of a **PUBLIC MEETING** to be held at the Charlton Courthouse on Tuesday 7th March, commencing at 5:30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Charlton Courthouse for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on March 11th. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted at the meeting. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Carolyn Olive, on 0418 361 971.

The Charlton Courthouse Gallery is a public meeting space and also hosts regular exhibitions. We welcome new members and fresh ideas.

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Todd Field (who directed acclaimed dramas like In the Bedroom and Little Children) writes and directs *TAR*, a period drama with Cate Blanchett as an orchestra conductor of a German orchestra at the heights of her career.



CHARLTON FILM FESTIVAL

Fri 3 & Sat 4 March 2023

<https://www.facebook.com/charltonfilmfestival/>

(No movie screening Sun 5 March)

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT? M Coarse language and sexual references
109 mins Comedy | Romance



Sat 11 MAR 8pm
Sun 12 MAR 2pm
Tue 14 MAR 8pm

For documentary filmmaker Zoe (Lily James), swiping right to find Mr Right has only delivered bad dates and funny anecdotes, much to her opinionated mother Cath's dismay. For her childhood friend and neighbour Kazim, the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an assisted marriage with a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger, chosen by his parents, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn from a different approach to finding love.



THE WHALE M Mature themes, sexual references, coarse language and drug use
117 mins Drama

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

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet via the Executive at the river prior to fishing
- Fishing can be anytime over the two day competition
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching & releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in to qualify
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Washing each other's feet John 13:1-17, 31b – 35

[Jesus said,] 'I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet. I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you.' (verses 14,15)

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North Central Garden Club

The club commenced the year with a good attendance. A visit to Kath & Denis Carlson's was enjoyed by all. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday each month and the next meeting will be 2 pm, 28th March at the Lions Lodge.

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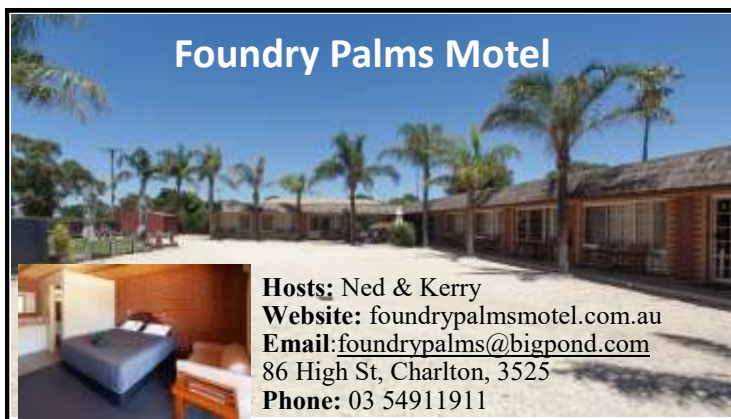


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lions Dinner Meeting	2 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	3 Film Festival	4 Lions Paper Collection from 9am. Film Festival U/C Market
5	6 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	7 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	8	9 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	10 Probus Meeting	11 Fishing Comp
12 Fishing Comp	13 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	14 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm Senior Citz Fun Day 10:30am	15 Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	16 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	17 RSL Meeting 4:30pm	18
19 Harness Racing Cup	20 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting 8:00pm CWA Meeting	21 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	22 Bowls Fours Championship 10am	23 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	24	25 Bowls Pairs Championship 10am
26	27 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	28 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	29	30 Mens Shed 1pm-4pm Bowls Triples Championship 10am		

April 2023

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