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TEAL IS TOPS FOR CHARLTON TROTS

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Decorating the town blue and white set the Charlton Harness Racing Clubs' day-of-days on the road to success as the 2023 Pacing Cup and Team Teal fundraiser, "Bubbles in the Bush" wowed the crowd at Charlton Park on Sunday 19 March.

From the main street emblazoned with fluttering streamers, to the car-park signage proclaiming Charlton as "The Heart of Country Trots", the Blue Sunday theme was visible across the entire Charlton Park venue – from bunting to bean bags, table linen to umbrellas, balloons, napery, as well as a feature wall for the those all-important "selfies".

The featured social opener of the day,

"Bubbles in the Bush" is the CHRC initiative which raises funds to support Team Teal which bolsters research into ovarian cancer. Now in its 6th year, "Bubbles" continues its strong partnership with inaugural sponsor, St. John of God Hospital, Bendigo – the facility to which many local residents head for medical treatment.

Welcoming the large crowd, CHRC Marketing Manager, Andrea O'Gorman emphasized the Club's strong commitment to the Team Teal initiative, and thanked attendees for their support for this cause. Recognition of St. John of God's role in backing this event was also highlighted, as was the input of Claire Pysing, Nurse Unit

Manager (Day Oncology Unit) who is usually a regular face at the gathering, but was an apology for this year's event.

Praising the work of Club members Kerrie Soulsby and Kim Thompson for their support in the planning stages and execution of "Bubbles", Andrea also acknowledged the wonderful team of Club members who helped to share the load.

A short interview was then conducted with local driver / trainer Denbeigh Wade, who recounted her background in harness racing ("almost no horse background"), through to her and her partner, Michael Gadsden's relocation to the Training Facility in Charlton. Citing the wonderful community support ("through the good and the bad"), Denbeigh also highlighted the value of the Training Centre which eased the financial risk for them in setting up their training business. **Continued page 6.**



Winners of the Fashions on the Field are pictured (l-r) Local Lady of the Day: Lauren Campbell, Racegoer of the Day: Rebecca Maddocks (Dress: Zimmerman | Hat: Shar Millinery) and Hat of the Day: Kathryn Jones (Hat purchased online from Allport Millinery Qld).



Looking stylish for Cup Day are Chelsea McCallum with 4 year-old Bonnie Markham.

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*From the Editor
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the April edition. This is the biggest edition for quite a while—a sign that life is getting back to normal.

Congratulations to the committees that run the Film Festival and the Charlton Pacing Cup, by all reports they were well attended events.

Thank you to all our sponsors who have committed to another year of support. Welcome to our new sponsors, Mills Property Maintenance & Charlton Pharmacy. Thank you also to IGA, the Charlton Pharmacy and Charlton Newsagents for providing a sales location for our newsletters.

Good luck to the Lions Club who have their Easter market soon. After the disappointment of the late cancellation of the market last year, I hope it all goes well.

Our sons will be home for Easter replenishing our wood pile ready for winter. Despite the enormous stack we start with, it always disappears at an alarming rate. However, some cold rainy weather would almost be welcome at the moment. A good autumn break soon would be most timely.

Safe travels this Easter and school holidays.
Cheers, *Carolyn*

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

April

Lions Easter Market—Monday 10th April
Sass & Secrets—Friday 14th April @ The Rex
ANZAC Day March—Tuesday 25th April
Show 'n' Shine—Sunday 30th April

May:

CWA Exhibition—Mon 1st May
Kevin Bloody Wilson—Tuesday 9th May @ The Rex
Mothers' Day Fete—Thursday 11th @ Charlton College



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Charlton RSL Sub-branch

Island massacre in 1942; a great Australian. The street stall will be selling on Tue 18, Wed 19, Thu 20, Fri 21 and Mon 24 April. Badges and ANZAC items will also be available for purchase at the Newsagents and the Hospital. We look forward to full community support for this worthy cause.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day commemorations on 25 April will be:

- 0840—assemble at Cenotaph in High Street;
- 0850—Parade, Fall In;
- 0855—Wreath laying in order RSL and Shire, schools and organisations, public;
- 0900—Last Post, Reveille and rouse;
- 0905—March to Shire Hall in Armstrong Street;
- 0915—Parade, Dismiss;

0930—Ceremony in Shire Hall;
1030—Refreshments in RSL Clubrooms.

We are fortunate to have Wing Commander Garry McKee as our guest speaker. Garry is a Charlton boy, having been educated at Charlton College, joining the Royal Air Force as an apprentice and working his way through the ranks to his present level of Wing Commander. He has just returned to Australia from a three year posting to the USA and is presently serving at Sale Air Force Base.

ANZAC Day, the One Day of the Year.

LEST WE FORGET.

April is ANZAC month and Charlton RSL sub-Branch members will again be manning a street stall next to Charlton IGA and selling ANZAC badges and remembrance items, the proceeds from which go to RSL welfare. Amongst new items is a badge commemorating the dedicated and selfless service of Sister Vivian Bullwinkel, the sole survivor of the infamous Banka

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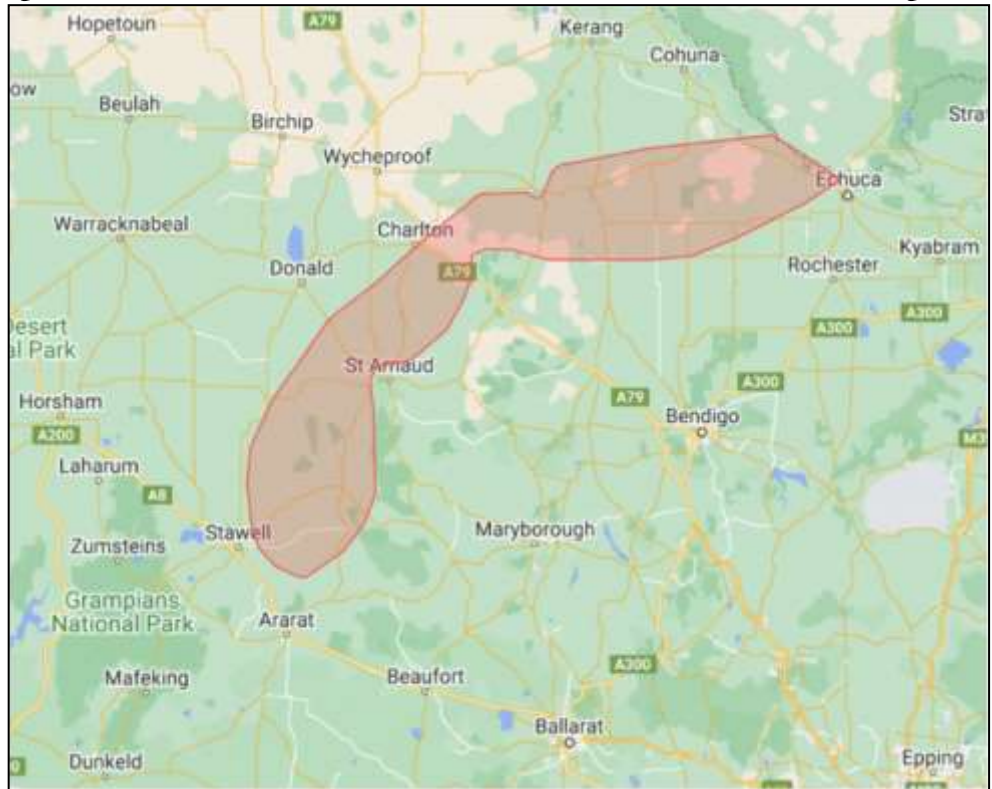
Contributed by Glenda Watts

Victoria to New South Wales Interconnector West Project - (VNI West) is a proposed new high capacity 500 Kilovolt (kV) double circuit overhead transmission line connecting Western Renewables Link (WRL) in Victoria to Energy Connect in New South Wales. Connecting the VNI West from near Kerang directly to a new terminal station near Bulgana which is situated between Ararat, Stawell and Moonambel, this project is now referred to as Option 5.

The first preference, the most direct route starting northwest of Ballarat and then going Bendigo, Kerang, and then further north to tap into Energy Connect in New South Wales, would allow renewable excess energy to flow between the two states. This first option met with opposition from the local residents and subsequently Option 5 has now become the proposed alternative route.

Eighty (80) metre tall steel towers, at a spacing of 450 metres apart, with a compulsory acquired easement up to 100 metres wide, are the specifications proposed for local farm land. No one can say where these are going exactly. Australian Energy Marketing Operator (AEMO) have informed our community via Social Media, namely Facebook, of a Drop In Session for information at the Charlton Shire Hall which was held on March 16. The VFF held a meeting in St Arnaud at which the CEO of Vic Grid attended but he lacked the simple answers the farmers were asking in relation to 'where' the Proposed Option 5 was going.

Written submissions regarding the project need to be emailed by April 19 to VNIWestRITT@aemo.com.au.



Proposed corridor for Option 5 (VFF).

Letter to the Editor

No Regrets?

I want to encourage people to have their say, to write their submissions, they don't have to be long and laborious (is that a word?) but they just need to be written and submitted before April 19. It is a numbers game so we need to have our say and be counted, whether it is for or against, we need to use the preferred medium which is email. Not many farmers are comfortable with this but they

must put it on their 'to-do' list and do it - somewhere between burning stubbles and preparing for the sowing period ahead - and be counted. These submissions are not restricted to land owners, any one who is interested can write one. It probably unfortunately is a numbers game but we don't want to have regrets in the future by wondering if we had written our submissions, could we have changed something.

Glenda Watts

Charlton Forum Report

Charlton Forum held its monthly meeting on Tuesday 21 March. In addition to Forum members, Cr David Pollard, Travis Fitzgibbon (Buloke Director of Community Development, and our new Council representative, Nathan Cutting (Buloke Manager Financial Strategy) were in attendance.

Items addressed included:

- Council has sent a letter to Regional Director of Road about proposed changes to road speed limits in High Street and Armstrong Street. Forum has been advocating for these changes.
- Improvements to the Elliott Gardens (new plantings) in time for the Centenary celebration of the Charlton Cenotaph in June.
- Adding the cleaning of the new rubbish

bin surrounds to the Council roster.

- An update on the TAC Accessibility Planning and Curb-side & Footpath Upgrades projects. These have both been postponed due to flood recovery projects.
- Charlton Community Plan. Carolyn (Secretary) & Wayne (Chairperson) met with Gaynor Atkin who has been commissioned to help Charlton developed an updated community plan. Information will be collected through several avenues including a survey, community consultations and one on one conversations with relevant community groups etc.
- The funds remaining from the streetscape upgrade will be used to paint the Travellers Rest.

- The Gordon Park playground project has been postponed until a new flood overlay has been developed.
- The Travellers Rest Committee met with representatives to discuss items related to the installation of two cabins to the caravan park.
- The state of the Mildura/St Arnaud road sign was raised. Council will pursue its replacement.
- Forum agreed to replace the Charlton promotional signage on Start's buses.
- The proposed AEMO high voltage powerline route which will now pass through our community was discussed. General agreement that the community consultation process was insufficient as was the lack of details on the project route and its impact on our community.

Teal is Tops for Charlton Trots

Throughout the morning's program the spinning wheel, run by Chris Livingston and Wendy Laffin, continued to add to the fundraising tally, along with a surprise mid-morning announcement of a \$500 donation from Inghams.

Leanne Fanning was the first guest speaker to share her cancer journey – a story which has ultimately yielded a positive outcome thanks to the funding and research which makes possible improvements in medical outcomes. Emphasizing that she experienced no symptoms from her ovarian cancer, Leanne said her diagnosis was only discovered thanks to a check up for breast cancer. She urged all women undertaking yearly checks to ask for a blood test which will identify ovarian cancer rather than just relying on a pap smear which does not.

The short address by Professor John Mattick (SHARP Professor of RNA Biology at UNSW Sydney, previously Executive of Genomics England (2018-2019), and Director of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney (2012-2018) related a story about how the funds raised through initiatives such as "Bubbles" makes a direct difference to peoples' lives. Following support offered by the Echuca Lions Club, Professor Mattick related how that funding enabled their team to identify gene mutations in two young, seriously ill children, target their treatment and ultimately see both children declared disease-free. Professor Mattick also said

that research is very close to being able to use genetic testing to predict - with accuracy - who is at high risk for ovarian cancer and other cancers, and who should go into regular screening.

In concluding he said: "On behalf of all the people who do the research, I thank you for your generosity – now and into the future – and I'd like you to know that it does make a difference. Thank you".

As the morning session came to a close, attendees were invited to take part in the silent auction, before CHRC President, Joe Thompson, and Joe McGrath kicked off the live auction. Bidding was fast and furious, as an array of donated items came under the hammer. The Club acknowledged the generosity of donors and contributors for their support with prizes.

Excitement built during the afternoon when entrants for Fashions on the Field were called to the presentation area. A large crowd was on hand to see the stylish outfits which added glamour to an already classy day. With a prize of \$1,000 for the Racegoer of the Day, fully coordinated fashions in a variety of spring-inspired colours were on show. Choosing the winners proved to be a difficult task for judges, Vicki Morrow and Tori Glenister from Harness Racing Victoria, but there was much excitement when the prizes were announced.

Winners were:

Racegoer of the Day: Rebecca Maddocks (Ararat) \$1,000

Local Lady of the Day: Lauren Campbell \$200

Hat of the Day: Kathryn Jones (Creswick) \$100

The crowd then continued to enjoy the day with Wilbur Wilde and the Troublemakers leading the entertainment on into the evening.



Greg Towers from the East Charlton Hotel provided background music during the "Bubbles in the Bush" program.



Blue and teal were the dominant colours as patrons flocked to support the Charlton Harness Racing Club's "Bubbles in the Bush" fundraiser for ovarian cancer research.

Teal is Tops for Charlton Trots



Above: Dressed in their Cup Day finery locals, Kate and Elias Giakimis, made the most of their first time at the Pacing Cup. Elias later cut a dashing figure as an entrant in the Racegoer of the Day fashions on the field.

Right: CHRC Marketing Manager, Andrea O’Gorman (l) interviewed local trainer, Denbeigh Wade (r) about her move to Charlton and her career as a harness racing driver.



The Charlton Park function room was heavily patronized on the day and looked stunning thanks to the efforts of the CHRC members who supported the Cup Day organizing team.

Teal is Tops for Charlton Trots



The best "Touch of Teal" outfit was awarded to Kristy O'Gorman (l), pictured with CHRC member, Kim Thompson. (Flowers by local florist, Joan Supple).



Guest speakers, Leanne Fanning and Professor John Mattick were presented with locally made gifts following their respective addresses about the impact of cancer and the advances in treatment resulting from fundraising support.



One of the youngest attendees was 5 month-old Nixi Mills, stepping out in style with her mum, Lori.



Deb Whykes, Jane Burton Elizabeth Whykes.



Greg Judd, Jamey Soulsby & Geoff Thompson



Charlton Harness Racing Club

FROM THE CHARLTON HARNESS RACING CLUB THANK YOU CHARLTON!

The Charlton Harness Racing Club extends its sincere thanks to everyone who turned up to support the recent Community Bank Charlton and District Charlton Cup Day.

The day's success can be attributed to the willingness of many helpers to give of their time and expertise –again the club says thank you to each and every one of you.

Along with strong support from the harness racing participants, who floated 104 horses to the track to compete in 10 races, and our local clubs – Angling, Football and Golf who all stepped up to run their various bars and bbqs throughout the day.

Special thanks to Kim and Kerrie who started the day off hosting the 6th St. John of God 'Bubbles In The Bush' Team Teal Fundraiser. Much preparation went into the detailed presentation of this event requiring many hours of their time – thanks girls. And along with their band of helpers led by Livvy, Wendy, Michelle, Julie, Donna, Tanya, Zali and Emmy and of course our barmen Juddy, Dooley and Jamey, the fundraiser was indeed a success. With the catch phrase 'Togetherwearestronger' Charlton's ladies frocked up in teal and turned out in great numbers to support ovarian cancer research with an amazing \$6500 being raised, bringing our overall total to well over \$30000 - something our club is extremely proud of.

Many thanks to all those who cooked or donated goods to auction and to President Joe Thompson and Joe McGrath who conducted the live auction and to our guest speakers Leanne Fanning, Denbeigh Wade and Prof. John Mattick AO.

Thank you to St. John of God Bendigo Hospital who continue to support this event through generous sponsorship.

Congratulations to the winners of all races on the day but in particular the feature race winners
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Winning driver Mark Pitt with Bendigo Bank Chairman Jon Whykes.

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'Cant Top This'—Trainer Emma Stewart,
Driver Mark Pitt

NORTH WEST AG SERVICES TROTTERS CUP

'One Over All' Trainer Jess Tubbs, Driver
Greg Sugars

TERRY 'RIPPER' CALNIN FANATICS THREE YEAR OLD CLASSIC

This race was named this year after
founding member of the Fanatics group
Terry "Ripper" Calnin who is so very

missed by everyone here in Charlton, but especially on this day which he enjoyed so much.

The club was thrilled to welcome Ripper's family Francie, Bernadette and Des on course to make the presentation in Terry's memory.

'Compete' Trainer Emma Stewart, Driver Mark Pitt

Charlton's only collect for the day was in the first with Ryan Sanderson flying the flag with Petreos. Well done Ryan!



HRV Chairman Dale Monteith, Greg Sugars and Nth West Ag's Luke Zagame.



Francie Lanyon, Des Calnin, Mark Pitt, Trevor Loveland (Fanatics) and Bernadette Zagame.

Charlton Harness Racing Club

SUE MURRAY WINS PUNT OFF!

A very excited Sue Murray was crowned the new punting champ of Charlton Cup Day collecting the pool along with her winnings for a very profitable day. Great effort by Joe McGrath and Paddy Monaghan who again came in second and will no doubt be back for another tilt at the title in 2024.



Sue Murray (left).

FASHIONS WINNERS

Fashions on the Field was again a very hotly contested event with the ladies rolling out in their finery. With a big \$1000 to the winner it certainly created lots of interest on course. Thank you to Vicki Moro and Tori Glenister who had a tough job of judging in front of many onlookers!

Congratulations to all the girls who made the effort to dress up – it really adds to the day.

Winner Racegoer of the Day – Rebecca Maddocks

Local Lady of the Day – Lauren Campbell

Hat of the Day – Kathryn Jones

Thank you to Kathryn who kindly donated her winnings back to the Team Teal Fundraiser.

The club was so pleased to have the newly formed Charlton Campdrafting Club agree to be a part of cup day in the form of leading in the Cup's Parade. This tradition was started last year with many junior members walking down the straight carrying the cup horses' names.

We give a big thanks to Zac and his team of horses and riders who created quite a spectacle and did the cup hand over to drivers Denbeigh Wade and Ryan Sanderson, who then handed on to Molly Riley and Nate Markham (looking the part in his 'Joey' hat), who brought the cup inside.

As the horses are the real stars of our day we were so happy to have another horse loving group join in the fun and we look forward to building a stronger relationship with the Charlton Campdrafting Club in the future.

A big thank you to all our Cup Day sponsors who play such a vital role in the continued growth of the club. It was great to have so many representatives on course presenting rugs and trophies to participants and enjoying a day at the trots. Their support underpins many exciting plans moving forward and their partnerships are so valuable to building a stronger race club and community club for Charlton. Thank you all.

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As the racing day wound down we had a pleasure of welcoming Wilbur Wilde and the Troublemakers to town to keep everyone entertained. Wilbur was great fun and most accommodating fitting into all the goings on in the function room, as well as beforehand helping us to promote the day.

Thanks Wilbur for transporting many of us back a few decades!

Finally a big thank you to all the helpers who in some big or small way contributed to the day being such a success—cooks, waitresses, bar people, kiosk staff, just everyone who put their hand up.

But a special and well deserved mention however to our three amazing caterers – Josephine O'Gorman, Felicity Boyle and Marg McGrath who managed to feed over 150 people throughout the day. It is such a big part of the day but a massive job. They have now after three years earned the title of 'Best Country Cup Day Food'. Thank you girls – Simply amazing. Until next year.



Emmy Nelson and Zali Heenan.



Molly Riley, Denbeigh Wade, Nate Markham and Ryan Sanderson with the Charlton Campdrafters bringing in the cups.



Wilbur Wilde and CHRC President Joe Thompson.

Charlton Success at 'Show n' Shine'

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Motor enthusiasts from Charlton and Coonooer Bridge made their mark at the March Labor Day long weekend at "Show N' Shine" run by Lions Club of Wycheproof, taking out three of the fifteen awards on offer.

The highly prized vehicles, lovingly tended and polished to the nth degree, were part of a cavalcade of motoring muscle which had found a new home at the Mt. Wycheproof and District Racing Club track for the 2023 event.

Mark Windsor, Aileen Wolfe and John Cross, and Craig and Michelle Watts all caught the judge's eye with their immaculately presented vehicles which ranged across multiple eras of motoring history.

Winner of the GF Customs Choice was Mark Windsor with his black 1974 Plymouth Road Runner. Originally a "barn find" from Kansas, Mark acquired the restored car about 11 years ago. The vehicle has been in demand as a wedding car, with a nuptials' outing just recently being booked. For display purposes, Mark also has a "Road Runner" soft toy as part of the interior décor.

Aileen Wolfe was pleased to collect the award for the Best Ladies' Car with her aqua coloured 2 door Morris Minor 1000.

And for Craig and Michelle Watts of Coonooer Bridge, their 1934 Chevrolet Master Roadster picked up the Best Pre

1940's award, having completed its longest trip to attend the Wycheproof rally. Only a fairly recent acquisition, it is (currently) the only vintage vehicle which the pair own and which they tend to use for "Sunday drives". Clocking a top speed on 40-45mph (80kms), they were heading to another event at Nullawil the following

weekend.

There were many Charlton faces seen attending the event, which has continued to grow in stature over its seven-year history. With such a strong showing in 2023, there's plenty of opportunity for Charltonians to achieve even greater success in 2024!



Mark Windsor is pictured with his impressive 1974 Plymouth Road Runner, winner of the GF Customs Choice.



Aileen Wolf, and her partner John Cross, are pictured with the Morris Minor 1000, winner of the Best Ladies Car.



Michelle Watts holds the trophy for the Best Pre 1940's vehicle for the 1934 Chevrolet Master Roadster.

Festival Legacy More Than Just Films

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

While it was upbeat and thought-provoking, the 2023 Charlton Arts Film Festival revealed more than just interesting film selections as the town welcomed back this staple calendar entry following the enforced Covid lockdowns of the past two years.

Another week and another festival for Charlton, the attendees for this event were a different cohort again, and their reasons for coming are not solely linked to the movies.

While some have family connections, many were returnees. Some have been supporting the festival for up to 15 years. Pretty much everyone was glad to be back, and over a luncheon break hosted at the Charlton Club on the Saturday it was an opportunity to discuss more than the big-screen features and to nut out what it is that keeps drawing people back.

And a common name kept coming up – that of Jo Russell. Jo was one of the early instigators of the event when it first started in 1992. Connections and friendships have grown over the years, and blossomed following a small group trip to India which Jo undertook in 2006. Talking about the Film Festival to the travellers, Jo said that the following year three people from the tour came along, then they brought their friends, and so it has kept on growing.

For Laura Pender and Grace Natoli, their connection with Jo has seen them heading up the highway from Melbourne for about eight years. They love the drive and the

atmosphere of the town, then there's the "good movies" and they feel the event is far more inclusive than the bigger film festivals in Melbourne. Said Grace, "In Melbourne the popular movies at the festivals are often sold out, so you can't get in. Here it's more intimate, the people attending are friendly, and we think the Rex is just lovely." A surprising bonus is that they meet a friend who lives in their home-town suburb, but only when they come to Charlton. "That's the only time we see her," they both

laughed. Their up-beat mood was amplified after seeing the opening night movie about a Dolly Parton impersonator. "We skipped back along the street singing "9 to 5!" said Laura.

Other patrons such as Jan and Bryan Park from Ararat have also been long-time supporters, returning to the Festival for over 15 years. Jo Russell's daughter, Julie-Anne also added that while some of the older generation are no longer able to attend, the legacy has passed on, and in at least one



Visitors from Melbourne Laura Pender (l) and Grace Natoli (r) loved the Friday night movie "Seriously Red" about a Dolly Parton impersonator, and channeled their inner songstress with a rendition of her signature tune "9 to 5" on the way home after the film.



Tini and Murray Cook have a strong connection to the Rex having made a sizable donation towards the purchase of the theatre for the community during a public meeting held back in 2005. On a random stop-over in Charlton, the pair unexpectedly dropped in at the meeting, and having a close link to the town (Murray's father, Ern Cook was the co-owner of the quarry), decided to "put something back" in to the local community. They have regularly attended the film festival since then.



Lining up for the final film on Saturday night were visitors from across the state (l-r) Darren Carnie (Lockington), Barrie Bales (Swan Hill), Steve Pentreath (Swan Hill), Lois Carnie (Swan Hill) and Rosemary and David Langmore (Traralgon).

Festival Legacy More Than Just Films

instance, the daughter of a devotee now comes in her place.

While friendships were a strong link to the event, other out-of-town patrons commented on the affordability, saying that a season's ticket was value for money, covering not just the films, but suppers, lunch, afternoon teas and with wine thrown in. "With movie tickets in Melbourne costing \$24, this is great value," said one visitor. Of course, good country baking is always appreciated, (one person expressed a preference for jelly slices!), and opportunities to avail are plentiful. While some headed to local hospitality outlets for lunch, most chose to sample the packed meal prepared by the Charlton Youth Group. For the Saturday evening dinner, one long-time patron had nothing but praise for the East Charlton Hotel, adding that as a connoisseur of country pubs, he knew what he was talking about!

Of course, discussion about the films is an integral part of the experience, and most were impressed with the Saturday morning opener, "The Lake of Scars". Centred around Lake Boort and local Paul Haw's quest to save and preserve the indigenous cultural heritage of the Yung Balug and Dja Dja Wurrung clans, this impactful and emotive documentary drew strong reactions from the crowd, with a number of attendees considering a trip to Boort to find out more.

For members of Charlton Arts, the busy weekend not only renewed friendships, but initiated new members into the outreach of the organization. Fresh input and the injection of new ideas is creating a renaissance for the stalwarts who have sustained the group over its 30 plus years.

Committing to the running of the annual art show following Rotary's closure, it's the injection of this new energy which is credited as the major factor in taking on this next big challenge.

The production of a quarterly (seasonal) magazine profiling arts and life-style topics, is also a recent addition to the club's activities profiling local creatives and former residents in a forum through which their talents are shared. Secretary of Charlton Arts, Carolyn Olive said, "It's amazing how many people in Charlton have

hidden skills which can be showcased and used to enrich the community. Their talents cover such a wide range of media – whether it's music or writing, painting, photography, sculpture, design – the depth is quite incredible. We will also be gauging interest in the possibility of creating a community artists hub."

For now, with the Film Festival over and other projects being considered, Charlton Arts is sure to continue in its role as a champion of the local creative world.



One of the early instigators of the Film Festival, Jo Russell (centre) shares a laugh over lunch with long-time attendees Jan (l) and Bryan Park (r) from Ararat.

Vale Rose Curnow

The members of the Charlton Croquet Club were saddened by the death of past member Rosealie (Rose) Curnow on March 14, 2023.

Rose was only in her twenties when she joined the Charlton CC and was immediately intrigued with the complexities of the game. Rose quickly progressed through the ranks. Rose was club champion 9 times. She represented Murray Valley Croquet Association in the Victorian Country Regionals 9 times being runner up in Division 2 in Bendigo in 1988. Also in 1988 Rose was runner up in the Bronze Medal at Brighton Croquet Club (VCA headquarters) where she delighted those present with her fine play.

Rose took on many responsibilities at

our club, both official duties and unofficial ones. She was Secretary of Charlton CC for 5 years and President for 2 years but her favourite was coach.

In 2005 Rose compiled the history of Charlton CC when it held a 125 Years Plus celebration. In 2015 Rose moved to Spring Gully but still maintained her interest in our club.

In her reminiscences, written in 2021, Rose remembered, 'So many happy memories of playing Croquet at Charlton. So many lifelong friends made. A game I came to love, on or off the court it didn't matter, the enthusiasm, the hospitality, the comradeship of the game really came to the fore.'

Vale Rose.



Charlton Croquet Club

March was a busy month for the Charlton Croquet Club with special events being participated in.

The first event held was the Association Croquet Annual Invitation Doubles on 4th March. Players came from Boort, Swan Hill, Kalimna Park (Horsham) and of course Charlton. Two games were played with players having a different partner in the second game. The winner was John Hill from Kalimna Park with Ken Bald, also Kalimna Park, finishing runner up.

The next event was the Murray Valley Golf Croquet Championships held at Swan Hill on 11th and 12th March. Charlton had 5 representatives. Lindsay Patullo won Section 1 and Margaret Bowen was runner up in Section 2. Lindsay and Margaret will

now compete in the Victorian Regional Championships at Cairnlea from 31st March – 2nd April.

On Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March local member, Naomi Patullo, played in the Jean Rentoul Memorial Tournament at Cairnlea, the Victorian Croquet headquarters. Jean was a Queenscliff stalwart, who passed away at 105 years of age, following many long years of a love for croquet and a desire to assist in the development of women in Sections 3 and 4. On her passing Jean left a bequest to VCA which has created a generous prize purse. The inaugural tournament was held in 2021. This year the competitors were from Ballarat Alexandra, Brunswick, MCC (Melbourne) and

Charlton. The players were all in Section 4. This was the first time Naomi had competed at Cairnlea. Naomi and Sue Chandler (Ballarat Alexandra) both won 3 games but Naomi was the winner as she had the better net hoops. Congratulations Naomi.

The last event was Murray Valley Association Championships held at Swan Hill on 25th and 26th March. Lindsay Patullo was successful in Section 1 and Anne Kenny in Section 2. Unfortunately, Barb Dalrymple had to withdraw from Section 3. We had 4 players in Section 4 and Naomi Patullo was runner up. Lindsay and Anne will now compete in the Victorian Country Regionals at Swan Hill from 16th – 19th April.



Invitation Doubles L to R Back: Lindsay Patullo, Colleen Coutts & Gaye Sim (Boort), Barb Dalrymple, Ken Bald & John Hill (Kalimna Park). Front: Margaret Bowen, Lois Munro (S. Hill), Naomi Patullo, Fay Pearson (K. Park), Nita Perry and Sue Nicholls. Absent: Anne Kenny.



Association Croquet Murray Valley Section 1 Winner, Lindsay Patullo & Section 2 Winner, Anne Kenny.



Jean Rentoul Memorial Winner, Naomi Patullo (left).



Golf Croquet Murray Valley Section 1 Winner, Lindsay Patullo.

Charlton Crowns New Tennis Champ

The 2022/23 tennis season has come to an end for the Charlton Lawn Tennis Club, culminating in the holding of the Club Championships. Unfortunately, the Saturday team did not make it through to the last day in March, a commendable season finished at the semi-final stage with a 14 game loss to eventual runners-up and regular season top-of-the-table St Arnaud. Michelle Jenkyn and Carmel Fitzpatrick holding their heads high as the team's only three set winners on the day.

The club proudly crowned a new Ladies' Singles Club Champion this year, new Charltonite – Jo Southcombe, a very welcome addition to the town and club, defeating last year's Champion Michelle Jenkyn 8-2, before defeating Abby Thompson 8-4 to deservedly take the women's crown.

The Ladies' doubles was played in a round robin revolving partner format, Jo Southcombe adding a further trophy to the cabinet, with herself and Wendy Laffin both winning three out of four sets to be deemed Ladies' Doubles Champions for 2022/23. Amy Nicolson and Michelle

Jenkyn winning two sets each to finish runners up.

Reigning Men's Club Champion Troy Heenan made it an even ten club singles titles when he accounted for Matt McGurk in last week's final of the Men's Singles—Troy defeating Wayne Southwell and Matt getting past Mason Heenan in the semi-final matches.

Men's B Grade Singles was also held, Henry Bourke capping a fine debut season, defeating Andrew Wright, before outlasting the ever-green Trevor McGurk in a grueling match, a tie-breaker required to separate the pair and decide the 2022/23 B Grade Champion.

The Men's doubles was also played in the same format as the ladies. Troy Heenan winning all four matches, and Wayne Southwell (2) named Men's Doubles Champions. Trevor McGurk (2) and Brian Heenan (1) doing enough to claim the runners up trophies.

At the recently held Presentation night, having already relocated back to sunny Melbourne, Sharon McLean hosted her last 'Henry's' – the club's look back at the

season that was, recognizing the achievements, but more importantly remembering the not so serious side of tennis, enjoying the company and comradery of Thursday night and Saturday competition. Winners of this year's Gold Henry's – aggregate winners from Saturday competition were Jo Southcombe and Troy Heenan. A massive thank-you to Sharon for her many years of dedicated service to the Charlton Lawn Tennis Club, we wish her all the very best as she begins to enjoy her retirement. Special thanks also went to: Wendy Laffin – Saturday team captain; Carmel Fitzpatrick – Henry's statistician; and Mason Heenan – Charlton's designated 'slider' at the MND Ice Slide in Donald back in November.

The club thanks all club and community members who chipped in to help ensure another very successful tennis season, and to the wonderful sponsors, who allow the maintenance of the 16 sensational grass courts and surrounds and the hosting of the Annual Tournament, that provides much needed and appreciated visitors to the area.

*Men's A Singles –
Winner Troy
Heenan*



*Men's B Singles – R/Up Trevor McGurk,
Winner Henry Bourke*



*Ladies' A Singles – R/Up
Michelle Jenkyn, Winner Jo
Southcombe*



*Ladies' Doubles
– Winners –
Wendy Laffin &
Jo Southcombe*



CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

Welcome again to our monthly catch-up of news from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. Thank you to everyone who participated in our range of various activities during March, what a busy month. We hosted people for two Movies that Matter sessions as part of our International Women's Day celebrations, a Sip'N'Paint session, cooked dumplings at Table for 12, and our usual Yarning 2, Carers Group, Book Club, and StoryTime. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

April sees the programs continue with our regular programs and another popular Table for 12 activity- Pasties and Sausage Rolls, with special chef Rob from the Boyz Cafe. This session will sell out quickly as we all loved eating his pastries.

The Power Saving Bonus continues and we would love to assist you, as we receive \$10 for each application that helps us deliver activities. It only takes 5 minutes to complete, just bring in

- A Recent Power Bill
- Your banking details (for EFT deposit option)
- Photo ID if available

Sadly Xanthe is leaving us for her next adventure, we wish her all the very best. I thought it a good time to reassess also so I will be transitioning to the CNH Program Officer Role, which provides an exciting opportunity for a new coordinator to join our team.

Goodbye Message

It's with a heavy heart that I announce my departure from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. My time here has been incredible, and it's been a privilege to help and interact with so many people around the community.

I will dearly miss my second Tuesday lunches with the Carers Group, our monthly Book Club gatherings, interviewing some extremely talented locals, hanging out with the Youth Group, and the casual chats at the Neighbourhood House.

I look forward to the next chapter in my life, but excited to continue my time around the Neighbourhood House in a volunteer aspect as I join the committee.

Thank you again and I will be sure to see you all around town 😊

Xanthe Fitzpatrick



POSITIONS VACANT

Charlton Neighbourhood House seeks an energised Neighbourhood House Coordinator who will be instrumental in planning, developing, and executing community programs and building relationships in the community.

Work Type/s: Part-time (25 hours per week, job share will be considered)

We are also seeking a Relief Administration Officer who has a flexible approach to work and working hours, is caring and compassionate, well organised, outgoing, inclusive, and sensitive to the needs of all involved in the Charlton Neighbourhood House.

Work Type/s: Casual

Both applications close: 5 pm 14th April 2023

How to apply: Applicants should address the key selection criteria contained within the Position Descriptions. This can be obtained by calling 0427-177688 or email president@charltonnh.org.au

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

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL & MAY



AT THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

APRIL

WEEKLY

Yarning2
Join us for catch up & knit
Monday mornings 10.30-12pm
AT: Charlton Rex Theatre Foyer
COST: Free



11
MONTHLY

Carers Group Lunch
Tuesday 11th 12pm
Guest Speaker: Julie McGrath
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



18
MONTHLY

Buloke Book Club
Third Tuesday each Month
10.30-12.00pm.
AT: Charlton Library Shire Hall
COST: Free



26
MONTHLY

Table for 12
Pasties with Rob from the Boyz
6pm-8pm
At: NCTTC
COST: \$20



MAY

WEEKLY

Yarning2
Join us for catch up & knit
Monday mornings 10.30-12pm
AT: Charlton Rex Theatre Foyer
COST: Free



9
MONTHLY

Carers Group Lunch
Tuesday 9th 12pm
Guest speaker: Carers Gateway & BH
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



16
MONTHLY

Buloke Book Club
Third Tuesday each Month
10.30-12.00pm.
AT: Charlton Library Shire Hall
COST: Free



23
MONTHLY

StoryTime
Reconciliation Week
10.30am-11.30am
AT: Charlton Library
COST: Free



24

National Simultaneous Reading
'The Speedy Sloth', written by Rebecca Young.
AT: 11am Reading in the Rex
COST: Free

TBC

Star Gazing
A crowd pleaser coming back this May!
Keep your eyes peeled for more information

WEEKS

Neighbourhood House Week 8th-14th
Law Week 16th- 22nd
Reconciliation Week 27th May -3rd June

Expressions of Interest
MOSAIC'S
Make your own set of 2
Mediterranean Placemats



**DATE TO BE CONFIRMED
BASED ON SUFFICIENT
INTEREST**

Estimated Cost \$70
based on numbers

DROP IN OR CALL THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE-
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Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome again to news from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. Already three months have passed us by and Easter is on everyone's mind. The behind the scenes work continues at our museum to ensure that future generations of residents have available a well catalogued and arranged display of interesting historic items to enjoy.

Bus Tour

We were very pleased to recently welcome back our first organised bus tour of visitors from Casey Grange Retirement Village to view our collection. The travellers were very impressed by our amazing, well presented displays, and left pleased they had made the visit.

We open to the general public every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by arrangements with one of the volunteers listed below. Make some time to drop by and say hello, with 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 light refreshments could accompany your visit.

Bingo

Bingo trips are still being made to Donald with every group visit assisting our fund raising efforts. We are very fortunate to receive monies from the organizers which support the running of the museum, with a great (and sometime profitable)

evening out a bonus. Further regular trips will be advised (next trip 24th April) and everyone is welcome to come along. Keep an eye open for further fund raising ideas that will be advised as details are finalised.

Elliott Gardens

As we approach ANZAC Day 2023, we thought this month we may focus on the military themed precinct in Elliott Gardens located at the end of High Street near our premises and the Shire Office. There you will find a variety of memorials and tributes to the service given by the district's men and women in times of conflict. Directly opposite the gardens is the Charlton Cenotaph, which itself celebrates its centenary later this year. The Boer War Memorial was unveiled in 1907 as a tribute to the memory of two locals, Troopers Watson and Bawden, killed in South Africa. The original lamp attachment was removed at a later date and the current concrete topper added. Also found in the gardens is the World War One Memorial Board, the magnificent Peace Tree, planted in 1920, the Vietnam War Monument, and the amazing General Harold 'Pompey' Elliott bronze bust. Other items of interest include the Ben Green Band Rotunda and Pioneer Women's Memorial. Next time you are down that end of the street drop by and have a wander around. It is well worth the effort.

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 simply search on your browser 'Charlton Golden Grains Museum'.

Phone enquiries:

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Secretary Carolyn 0418 361 971

Treasurer Glenda 0417 901 771

Archivist Markus 0413 129 216

The Elliott Gardens, previously referred to as the Shire Triangle, c. 1905. Note the gas lamp on the Boer War Memorial.





Leading, Learning and Celebrating at St Joseph's

Students in Grade 5 & 6 are often referred to as the leaders of the school and told that they are role models for the younger students. With this in mind, Mrs Hogan ran a Leader's Morning for the Senior Class. During the sessions the main concepts covered were:

- What is a leader? (Characteristics and Traits)
- What is the difference between being a leader and being a boss?
- What leadership qualities do I have?
- What traits are my strengths?
- Teamwork
- Leading at school and for social justice

With social justice in mind students have decided to run an activities afternoon at the end of term as a Lenten fundraiser to contribute to Project Compassion.

The group also explored the concept of being a 'fence sitter' and how they might 'speak up' or 'stand up' for what they think is right. Students realise that it is not always easy to go against a friend, or a group, but all agreed that just following the crowd is not always cool!

The St Joseph's School community of Charlton, enjoyed a very special day on Monday 20th March, celebrating the feast day of St Joseph. Mr Whatnall prepared a Mass of celebration allowing staff, students, families and parishioners to gather together. During the day students learnt many facts about St Joseph – enjoying a quiz, crafting paper lilies, playing card games featuring different images of Joseph and making a mini shrine to St Joseph.

After lunch the fun really escalated, and I wouldn't be surprised if you heard the banging and clanging from afar! In tribute to Joseph's occupation as a carpenter, students hammered, nailed and sawed the afternoon away, to create some string art and funny faces.

This week we have also focused our attention on the very important celebration of Harmony Week. As Brody reminded us in the Senior Room – *It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from, everyone belongs together in our world!* Hopefully, our aim can be to remember this each week and every day as we learn and grow together.

Finally, it was special to have Lila and Cooper celebrate St Joseph's School in their leadership speeches this week. Lila stated – *We are a small school and students are close to everyone, and even have connections with their teachers. We are kind, welcoming, respectful and St Joseph's provides a good education.* Cooper felt – *St Joseph's isn't a big school but it has a big heart and great kids. I feel I'm getting a great education because I'm getting challenged every day.*



Charlton Bowling Club

Contributed by Kevin Willey Charlton Bowls Championships Resume

A decision has been made that All Members be on the list to play Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships and if not available cross off your name. This decision was made to be fair so that everyone can get a game including a good number of new bowlers we have gained.

Fours

The First of our Championships was on Wednesday March 22nd at 10am, with Fours, and sixteen available names on the list which turned out great as we had four teams, so we played Round Robin. Well, this day turned out to be fairly windy and somewhat difficult at times trying to draw the shot.

The Winners were Diane Hotham, Wayne Southwell, Michael O'Brien and Wayne Keenan being the only team to win their three games.

Pairs

Saturday March 25th Championship Pairs were contested with eighteen available players and again the decision was made to play round robin in two sections and Three Bowl Pairs.

This day turned out to be the best day for bowls we had for the season with very little wind and great temperature at around 25 degrees.

Section one winners were Greg Wain and Michael O'Brien with three wins and a draw and Section Two winners were Wayne Southwell and Kevin Willey with only two wins losing the third game to Doug Finlay and Jeff Cox nine shots to twelve.

Wayne Southwell is also our "B" Grade Champion defeating Brad Chester in the final earlier in the season.

Well we are here and the weather is great, let's get this finished, the Winners

being Wayne Southwell and Kevin Willey who after the fifth end were one shot down and then scoring a three and winning four ends out of the next six to eventually win sixteen shots to eight.

As in a lot of games of bowls there is a lot of great shots that are not indicated by the eventual score and this game had a number of shots where the shot bowl changed.

Congratulations to Lynne Southwell (Our Ladies Singles Champion) winning the North Central and Wimmera State Singles Championships and best of luck in the future events.

Triples

MICHAEL WINS FOUR, WAYNE WINS THREE AT CHARLTON BOWLS

With Charlton Bowling Club Triples to be played Thursday March 30th, we did the draw of available players Wednesday evening. I was thinking that the team of Joo Ong, Wayne Southwell and Michael O'Brien was the best side and the heading above would have read Michael Five and Wayne Four, but it didn't happen.

Five teams of three played 2 bowl Triples over twelve ends in a Round Robin with Greg Barnard, Jeff Cox and Kevin Willey being the only team to win four games.

The day was overcast and breezy from East to West and the sun shone through gaps in the clouds with members having coats on and off several times as the sun was warm when we had it in the open skies, and the breeze was cool most of the day.

This is the last of our Championships, as with the heading, Michael O'Brien is our Club Champion, 100UP & 21UP Champion as well as third in the Fours

Championship.

Wayne Southwell is our 'B' Grade Champion, Pairs Champion and played second in the Fours Championship. Well done to you both on your achievements this season.

Both Michael and Wayne have bowls bloodlines as Michael's father was Vince O'Brien who is a Past President of our club but never a Club Champion. Betty O'Brien his mother was also a bowler with Championships listed on our boards.

Wayne on the other hand, is the son of Nuggett and Lynne Southwell who have won many Club and State Championships, with more to come from Lynne as Nuggett has retired from bowls as a Life Member.

Our Night Bowls Krakajak Triples was well patronised with 14 teams this season and we hope that we see all the teams again next year.



Pairs Winners—Kevin Willey and Wayne Southwell (also 'B' Grade Champion).



Fours Winners— Wayne Southwell, Wayne Keenan, Diane Hotham and Michael O'Brien.



Triples Winners—Kevin Willey, Jeff Cox, Greg Barnard.

Charlton Bowling Club

Ambulance Day is at Boort on Sunday April 16th at 1pm. There is a list up for interested players on our board, by April 14th please and casual dress.

Our Closing Day and presentations will be Anzac Day commencing 1pm with bowls and a BBQ Tea, a list is also up for interested members.

RANGERS WIN A P EARTHMOVING KRAKAJAK TRIPLES BOWLS

The Rangers, so named as they drive Rangers, has a new recruit as a previous Ranger Driver joined the club and the teams must have at least one nonregistered bowler.

There is something amiss as the recruit drives a Mitsubishi, might be a trade up soon.

Charlton Bowling Club's Night Krakajak Triples Bowls, sponsored by A P

Earthmoving, has concluded and the Winners for 2023 are the Rangers team of Stuart James, Jeff Cox and Michael O'Brien defeating the Lions team of Andrew Peverill, Brian Patton, and John Headon 6 shots to 5.

The Rangers team finished on top of the ladder again and were successful this year by the smallest of margins.

Section two was won by the Townies team of Carolyn Heritage, John Gretgrix and Dale (Duck) McCallum defeating the All-Stars team of Greg Barnard, Rodney Heritage, and Wayne Southwell 12 shots to 3.

Section Three saw the Hill Boys team of Scott Coffey, Zac Irwin, and Gary Bateson defeated the TNT team of Jimmy Dean, Tracy Dalrymple, and Diane Roberts 11

shots to 2.

Section Four only had the remaining two teams who played each other twice to decide the winners and the Winners were the Flintstones team of Judy O'Neil, David Livingstone and Greg Wain defeating C T & D team of Julie Jenkins, Darren Good and Tyson Watton 2 games to nil.

The Glasses for the night were won by the Narrewillock team of Mark Jenkins, Bernie Laffin, and Doug Finlay with 11 shots in the glasses game.

A Sausage in Bread BBQ was held with the Croquet Club prior to both clubs commencing play for the evening.

Thank you to our Sponsors A P Earthmoving for assisting us since 2015 and the offer to continue into the future. Peter Watts was present on the evening.



Section 1 Winners—Ranger, Michael O'Brien, Stuart James, Jeff Cox.



Section 3 Winners—Hill Boys, Scott Coffey, Zac Irwin, Gary Bateson.



Section 2 Winners—Townies, John Gretgrix, Carolyn Heritage, Dale (Duck) McCallum.



Section 4 Winners—Flintstones, Greg Wain, Dave Livingstone. Absent Judy O'Neil.

Probus News

January 2023 Meeting. President Sandra Patton welcomed Members & Guests. A minute's silence was observed on the passing of member Denis Best.

The Birthdays for January were Di Field & Denise Winsall—Birthday Wishes from all Charlton Probians.

The program for the day was a visit to the Charlton Boral Quarry's Information Day.

Charlton Quarry Community Day Overview.

History: Boral Resources acquired the Extractive Industry Lease from BMG Resources on the 28th July 1989. This lease has since been extended to what is now known as Work Authority 75. This has allowed extraction up until today and up to a further 20 years in the future. Once the mining boundary of Work Authority has been reached, a new Work Authority will have to be obtained to ensure future expansion. This will most likely see the Quarry extend south, utilizing the full length of the rocky spur that the Quarry has been developed on. Work Authority 75 allows the expansion of the pit to develop slightly further outwards at the North Eastern and North Western Corners of the pit and to deepen the current pit floor an extra 20 metres.

Geology: The geology of the rock is a well jointed Hornfels, otherwise known as Schist. It is well known for its consistent rich 'blue' colour and hardness. This makes it ideal for all

construction applications ranging from low grade road bases, to premium products such as concrete aggregates, sealing aggregates and railway ballast.

Products/Markets/

Customers: Of late the Charlton Quarry has played a major role in supplying products into the Murry Basin Rail upgrades where large quantities of rail ballast have been delivered to numerous locations between Avoca and Merbein. Upon completion of this the quarry will continue to work closely with V/Line in supplying many more rail maintenance and upgrade projects. Surprising to most, it supplies the majority of sealing aggregates into the Mildura and Sunraysia area annually as well as supplying its own Concrete plants in Mildura, Swan Hill, St Arnaud and Charlton with concrete specified aggregates. The Charlton Quarry also plays a major role in supplying road works, road maintenance and road upgrades within the northern corridor of the quarry utilizing specified road base such as 20mm Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 crushed rocks. Most recently the Charlton Quarry supplied all the material in to the recently remade access road to the Lake Tyrrell viewing platform and currently supplying to road upgrades on the Birchip Berriwillock Road and Sunraysia Highway. Despite this, there is still plenty of work needed to be done. Last, but certainly not least, the

local community has the opportunity to buy whatever quarry products that suit their needs providing it can be collected in a truck or by using our delivery service, of note our 20mm Non Descriptive Crushed Rock (NDCR) (B-Grade) is especially popular with farming community and civil contractors.

A Snap Shot of the Quarrying Process: Firstly an area in the pit is decided upon for blasting following the quarry's pit plan. It is then marked and drilled using 30 tonne drilling machines. Once the 'shot' is drilled it is then filled with explosives and blasted by a shot firing technician. Depending on the size of the area being blasted this usually occurs once every 6 weeks. After the blast, the once solid rock is fragmented into size 600mm and less where it can be easily handled by excavators. Up to 35% of this is 20mm or less which is where our 20mm NDCR is derived from. This product is better known as scalping's in quarrying terms. The process of excavating the blasted rock onto the dump trucks and then the blasted rock to the crushing plant is called load and haul. Once the rock is hauled to the crushing plant it is tipped into a large hopper where it begins the process of crushing and screening. There are 3 crushers in this sequence. Each crusher breaks the rock down approximately 1/3 in size as it passes through. There are 4

active double decked screens in this sequence. Firstly a scalping screen which helps clean the rocks which reveals a cleaner assortment of rocks that is sent to the tertiary crushing plant where all our specialty products are screened, separated and graded. The final products are then collected from the overhead bins in the crushing and screening plant and delivered to many different stockpiles that we can all see today. We also have a pug mill—its like a giant cake mixer that has the ability to blend certain quarry products to produce graded or bituminous coated aggregates which are better known as pre coated aggregates. These are the black stone you often see stockpiled on the side of roads during warmer months of the year. From the stockpiles the quarry products are loaded onto trucks using wheeled loaders where they are finally taken to the customer or final destination.

February 2023 Meeting. President Sandra Patton welcomed members. Birthday wishes from all Charlton Probians to, Val Bourke, Jenny Barnard, Elaine Wicks, Anne Kenny, Deb Cleary and Maureen Holleran (80).

Guest Speaker—Cyclone Tracy's Story as told by Richard Porter.

Boxing Day 26/12 /1974 – Police knocked on my door at 9am and demanded I report to 8th Floor Commonwealth Gov't Centre, Cnr Spring & Latrobe Sts, Melbourne. People



Ray Aisbett Thanking Guest Speaker Richard Porte.



New Members L to R Laurie Harvie, Sheila Grenfell & John Grenfell.



Perfect Attendance Back L to R Noreen Ryan, Greg Barnard, Sue Walsh, Anne Kenny, Pat Mathews, Front L to R Margaret Fradd, Jenny Barnard & Nita Perry.

Probus News

everywhere were installing phone line & handsets (20 or 30). Details of Cyclone Tracy were given and requirement to contact all Social Workers/Welfare Officers and bring them in for briefing. Many were on annual leave. In 1974 there were no mobile phones or personal computers only main frame (Huge). I was advised there was a plane load of evacuees coming to Tullamarine, ETA unknown. Number & condition unknown but they were assessed as most urgent for evacuation. I assumed 400 – 500 on either QANTAS or RAAF. I was then sent to Tullamarine to set up a Registration System – Capture full name, sex, date of birth, marital status, children, address in Darwin. Contact details of family members in Darwin who were on the flight or who were not. Employer details and details of family/friends they may be able to stay with in Melbourne, if any medical history prior to Tracy, medications, available or not. Details of any injuries sustained in cyclone and urgency in treatment. Every person was given \$100, only a signature was required. I assisted in setting up arrangements made by the army for a team of medical & nursing staff, social worker, Red Cross, Salvos etc to be available and for a staging area to be set up within the airport (Bedding, Cots, Tables & Chairs, Food, Tea & Coffee etc.). The first plane arrived 4pm with 400 people in various states of health, shock and calmness. One young chap from Melbourne went to Darwin to work with his uncle on a fishing boat as part of a rehab program after he lost his right arm in an accident. He was out on the boat when Tracy hit and lost several fingers of his left hand. I stayed the night at Tullamarine and a second plane load of 400 arrived about 9–30pm. The next day I was called back into Command Centre to assist in setting up the Springvale Migrant and Wiltona Hotel—both of which had recently closed. I do not know the actual number but it would have been between 5,000 and 9,000 People. Being closer to Darwin,

Adelaide & Sydney had higher numbers.

Information About Cyclone Tracy

- Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin in the early hours of 15/12/1974 (2-05am)
- It was classified as a category 4 Cyclone before the anemometer at Darwin airport broke at the wind speed of 217 kph. It is estimated that wind speeds reached 272kph which would make it a category 5.
- 70% of all buildings and 80% of all homes in Darwin were destroyed or seriously damaged, with 40,000 or 85% of the total population of 47,000 left homeless.
- All but 500 of Darwin's 12,000 buildings were damaged and all Power, Water, Sanitation and Communication infrastructure was knocked out.
- 71 people died, and 22 people were lost at sea
- Darwin's population was 47,000 some 35,362 (almost 75%) of these were evacuated mainly to Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne. Most of these people have never returned to Darwin.
- 25,628 (almost 73%) were evacuated by air, 15,950 by civilian aircraft and 9,678 by military aircraft.
- 4,925 people were evacuated in the first three days with 25,000 evacuated in the first week.
- The estimated cost of restoring and repairing was around 7.2 billion dollars in 2023 dollars.

Also in the February 2023 Meeting—A two minute talk was given by Heather Hargreaves. Heather is a daughter of the late Jim and Freda (Judd) Moresi. In 1850 Fransesco Moresi and his Italian born wife Susette (Turin), Heather's great grandparents, came from Switzerland to Australia, settled near Lake Marmal and grew grapes and crops. There are still grape vines growing on the property where they first settled. Suzette reported in letters she left, that their first accommodation was a

bark hut which was not rain proof and they spent many rainy nights sleeping under umbrellas. Fransesco travelled to Inglewood to get supplies and this was a trip of days by horse and dray. Heather's grandparents built the present homestead at Lake Marmal in 1892. Here they raised 8 daughters and 5 sons (2 sets of twins - Heather's father Jim was a twin). The house was built of mud pisse bricks and grandfather also built a lot of furniture as well as setting his sons up on a farm each. Jim and Freda lived in the homestead after they married, in 1935, until they retired to Charlton. Heather and husband Ray then purchased the property. Along the way Heather and Ray have made many renovations to the farm and house. Past relatives, who loved to have family reunions there, would be most impressed with the farm as it is today. After Ray passed away, son Anthony took over the reins and he and Heather now run things together.

In 2001 Heather and her daughter had a trip to Monaco. The trip was extended as they were keen to visit where Fransesco Moresi originated from. During a visit to a restaurant he once owned and the old home, they were made most welcome and given refreshments. It was a very full on trip which included Monaco, Milan, a European tour, London and a week in Paris.

On 17th February 2023 the Probus Club of Charlton visited the New Extensions to the Rex Theatre. It was great to see. Thanks to David & Hayden.

March 10th 2023 Annual General Meeting

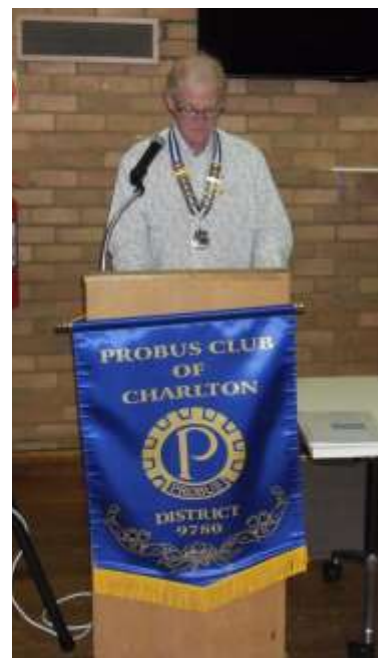
Birthdays for March—Russell Round, Garry Larmour, Rose Stafford, Helen Hooper Heath, Lee Parker, Pat Sutton, Sue Livingstone & Gill Gretgrix. Birthday Wishes from all Charlton Probusians. Congratulations to Sandra Patton as President for the last year. Sandra said, "along with the four 'F' words, Friendship, Fellowship, Fun, and Food we all had a Great Year". Thanks Sandra.

Also Congratulations to members for perfect attendance—Greg & Jenny Barnard, Margaret Fradd, Anne Kenny, Pat Mathews, Noreen Ryan & Sue Walsh.

Troy Heenan as Returning Officer, officiated on the election of the Management Committee of the Probus Club of Charlton for the 2023/24 Year. We wish David and all Committee the best for the coming year.

President—David Beaty
Outings—Sandra Patton
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Membership—Garry Larmour
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Program—Kim Wishart
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Newsletter—Pat Mathews
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Assistant Treasurer—Margaret Bibby
Hospitality—Patricia Clifford
Past President—Sandra Patton
Publicity/Hist—Neil Cossar

At the conclusion of the AGM Probusians enjoyed a Sausage Sizzle with Salad & Apple Crumble Lunch. Thanks to Pat Clifford and crew. Also at our March 2023 Meeting we inducted Sheila & John Grenfell and Laurie Harvie into the Probus Club of Charlton and hope they enjoy their time with us.



New President David Beaty

Charlton Golf Club

Charlton Golf Club will open its 2023 season on Sunday 16th April. Players are asked to assemble at 1.30pm for a 2pm hit off. An Ambrose event, any combination, will be held – you can bring your own partner or simply turn up and a partner will be organised for you. All current and past members and any new players to Charlton will be most welcome. A BBQ tea will be held at 6.30pm – please bring a salad.

Mid week play will commence on Wednesday 19th April. Those playing 18 holes are asked to have their names in by 9.45 am for a 10am hit off while those playing 12 holes will hit off at 1.30pm.

Working bees have been held and the course is looking in good shape. Hopefully there will be good autumn rains and we will be playing on green fairways. A Junior Golf Clinic will be held – dates are yet to be confirmed. Beginners are also welcome.

For more information please contact Jamey Soulsby (0417 582 829), Trevor McGurk (0419 335 900), Pat Mathews (0438 911 571) or Wendy Laffin (0427 115 194).

Mark Hamley & Brendan Byrne removing the yuccas.



Stuart Smyth & Ian Jenkins preparing the sand.



Clinton Olive & Trevor McGurks oiling the sand.



Benno Catherine raking the sand.



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AFTERSUN M Mature themes, coarse language and sexual references
101 mins Drama
Sat 1 APRIL 8pm Sophie reflects on the shared joy and private melancholy of a holiday she took with her father twenty years earlier.
Sun 2 APRIL 2pm Aftersun stars Best Actor Academy Award Nominee Paul Mescal.
Tue 4 APRIL 8pm

FROZEN SING-A-LONG PG Some scenes may scare younger children
102 mins Family Musical
Sat 8 APRIL 8pm Get your singing voices ready to join Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven as they leave Arendelle to travel to an ancient, autumn-bound forest of an enchanted land. They set out to find the origin of Elsa's powers in order to save their kingdom. *Come dressed as your favourite Frozen character*
Sun 9 APRIL 2pm
*Tue 11 APRIL 2pm
No night screening Tues 11 April

Sass & Secrets Friday 14 April Tickets \$30
<https://www.humanitix.com/sass-secrets>

KIDS MAGIC WORKSHOP Saturday 19th April 12pm Tickets \$10

COCAINE BEAR MA15+ Strong blood and gore, animal attacks, violence and drug use
95mins Thriller
Sat 15 APRIL 8pm An oddball group of cops, criminals, tourists and teens converge in a Georgia forest where a 500-pound apex predator has ingested a staggering amount of cocaine...
Sun 16 APRIL 2pm
Tue 18 APRIL 8pm

LIVING PG Mild themes, sexualised imagery, and frequent coarse language
102 mins Drama
Sat 22 APRIL 8pm The story of an ordinary man, reduced by years of oppressive office routine to a shadow existence, who at the eleventh hour makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life around.
Sun 23 APRIL 2pm
Tue 25 APRIL 8pm

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Charlton Junior Football Club 2023

With the 2023 season just around the corner the CJFC wishes all players and coaches a successful, enjoyable and injury free season.

The U14s will again be coached by Kirk Boyle in his 3rd season at the helm, he will be assisted by Andrew McGurk. With an influx of numbers this season of young and enthusiastic players the 14's will have 27 players to chose from, which is 7 up from last season. The U17s won't have the same numbers to select from but with the help of some top age 14's will field a strong and competitive side under the guidance of new coaches Tom and Doug Finlay. The combination of youth and experience should serve their charges well throughout the season.

The CJFC wishes all other grades and codes a successful 2023.

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Charlton Easter Market EASTER MONDAY - APRIL 10th 2023

9-00 am – 1-00 PM

St Joseph's Oval - High Street

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Public Entry is from High or Learmonth Streets

ADMISSION FREE

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Charlton Golden Grains Museum Bingo Fundraiser @ Donald Thursday 27th April

Donald Bingo generously allow the Museum to visit them as a fundraiser for our museum. Not only do we receive a generous donation on the night, we also receive a bonus at the end of the year.

We aim to go monthly (on the 4th Thursday). Next trip Thursday 27th April.

We use our own cars and car pool across to Donald.

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Leaving at 6:30 for
7:30pm eyes down.

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0417 801 771



Be Spellbound by "Sass + Secrets"

A night of wickedly funny cabaret featuring awe inspiring magic, mentalism, fabulous singing, and physical comedy mayhem is guaranteed when "Sass + Secrets" hits the Rex Theatre stage on Friday 14 April 8pm.

Featuring Australia's multi-award-winning illusionist and mentalist Cath Jamison and comedy cabaret star Aurora Kurth, this duo will capture your imagination, (and possibly reveal your hidden desires), in their highly entertaining and

engaging performance piece.

Internationally renowned for her captivating brand of magic and mind-reading, Cath Jamison has been a celebratory guest on numerous television shows, and has appeared at The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala. Cath is also in demand as a magic consultant, and has been the recipient of the prestigious Professional Stage Magic award at the Melbourne International Convention of Magicians.

Aurora Kurth brings a long

career in the performing arts to her role as one of the flamboyant characters in "Sass + Secrets", mixing her sharp wit and cheeky comedy with sublime vocals. Equal parts vixen and comedienne, this critically acclaimed artist has wowed audiences across the globe.

A Saturday morning *Kids Magic Workshop* will also open the world of illusion to the next generation as Cath Jamison offers behind-the-scenes tricks and tips for setting up your own magic show. Just the thing for school holiday activities! Sass + Secrets is

supported by Regional Arts Victoria and Creative Victoria.

Sass + Secrets Friday 14 April 8pm | Rex Theatre, Charlton | Tickets: \$30
Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/sass-secrets> or at Charlton Neighbourhood House 03 5491 2333

Kids Magic Workshop Saturday 15 April 10am | Rex Theatre Charlton | Tickets: \$10 | Duration: 1 hour
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SAT 29 April 2pm

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In association with the Ford Coupe Car Rally weekend 29-30 April, the Rex will be screening the Eric Bana movie "Love the Beast" on Sat 29 April 2pm.

For more details see article printed elsewhere in the Newsletter.



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- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching and releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in by 6pm to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation

Entry fee: Adults \$5.00. Juniors \$2.00.
Tea only (not fishing) \$3.00.

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

All new and current
"fisherpeople" welcome!



St Martin's Messenger—April

Maundy Thursday	3 pm Thursday 6 April
Sunday of the Resurrection	1pm Sunday 9 April
Third Sunday of Easter	1 pm Sunday 23 April

For Christians, Easter is the most important celebration of our faith. It marks the resurrection of Jesus and his triumph over sin and death. Easter eggs have become a popular symbol associated with the holiday. But what is the significance of Easter eggs for Christians?

Early on in the history of the church, the egg became a powerful symbol for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just as a chick hatches from its egg and emerges into new life, Christians believe that Jesus emerged from his tomb on Easter Sunday, having conquered death and bringing new life to all who believe in him.

In many Christian traditions, eggs are also associated with Lent, the 40-day period of fasting and reflection leading up to Easter. During Lent, Christians give up certain foods, including meat and dairy products. Eggs were traditionally included in this group of foods to avoid since they were seen as a rich and luxurious food that should be set aside in favor of more modest fare.

However, while eggs were not being consumed during Lent, chickens were still laying eggs. To keep from wasting the eggs, people would hard boil them and keep them until Easter Day. On Easter Day, they would bring their eggs, along with all of the other foods that would be used for their Easter feast to be blessed by the priest. They would bring all of their food in a basket which is where we get the tradition of the Easter basket.

Having your Easter foods blessed was a way of expressing gratitude for the abundance of God's blessings and also served as a way to sanctify and consecrate the foods that were to be eaten on Easter Sunday. There was even a special prayer prayed over the eggs:

Lord, let the grace of your blessing come upon these eggs, that they be healthful food for your faithful who eat them in thanksgiving for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

Reverend Judi Bird Ph: 0435 593 359
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Charlton Uniting Church



Charlton Uniting Church Service times
for March

Sunday 9th – 10.00 am – Communion. Easter Sunday
Sunday 16th – 10.00 am.
Sunday 23rd – 11.00 am.
Sunday 30th – 11.00 am. Cluster Service at Charlton.

Followed by a shared luncheon with members of our other Churches in our Cluster. Everyone is welcome.

Blessed are those who come together in the name of our Lord.

East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times:

Thurs 6 th April	HOLY THURSDAY: 7.00pm Live streamed out from St Mary's Catholic Church, Donald Will be live streamed into St Joseph's Church, Charlton https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-7KMG-nnvfsjpGqN39qKnw
Fri. 7 th April	GOOD FRIDAY: 10.30am Lay Led Assembly Charlton; 3.00pm Donald with Fr Gerry; 3.00pm Lay Led Assemblies at St Arnaud, Birchip, Wycheproof, Boort
Sat. 8 th April	EASTER VIGIL 5.00pm Wycheproof; 7.00pm Birchip; 9.00pm Donald
Sun. 9 th Apr.	EASTER SUNDAY: 8.30am Charlton; 5.00pm Boort 10.30am Livestreamed out from Immaculate Conception Church, St Arnaud https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNu048D7CPRut1yUzRsAPGA
Sat. 15 th Apr.	7.00pm
Sun. 23 rd Apr.	10.30am
Sun. 30 th Apr.	5 th Sunday – no Mass

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2	3 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	4 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	5 Lions Dinner Meeting	6 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	7	8
9	10 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling Club Meeting, 8pm	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	12 Harness Racing	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	14 Probus Meeting Sass & Secrets	15
16 Fishing Comp Golf Opening	17 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting 8:00pm CWA Meeting	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Fun Day 10:30am Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm NCGC 2pm	19 Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	20 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	21 RSL Meeting 4:30pm	22
23	24 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	25 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm Bowls Closing/BBO Tea ANZAC DAY	26	27 Mens Shed 1pm-4pm	28	29
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