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Brian & Rae receive their OAMs

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OAM's presented at Government House Investiture Ceremony.

Charlton's latest recipients of the esteemed Order of Australia Medals, Brian and Rae Heenan, were presented their medals by the Victorian Governor General, Her Excellency, The Honourable Linda Dessau, in a formal investiture ceremony, held at Victorian Government House on April 4th, 2023.

The ceremony was truly befitting of such an honour with wind instruments introducing Excellency Her accompanying party. The large gathering, with each of the one hundred or so recipients allowed four guests, were treated at the beautifully presented, opulent state building and following magnificently maintained gardens.

Brian and Rae received their awards for their dedication over many years to several Tennis and Badminton Clubs.



community groups including the Charlton Rae & Brian pictured with the Victorian Governor General, Her Excellency, The Honorable Linda Dessau. Official photos courtesy of Nico Photography.



Brian receiving his medal.



Rae receiving her medal.



Brian & Rae after the ceremony at

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How the locals like it. (17)





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From the Editor Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the May edition.

What a great turnout for the ANZAC Day service this year. The RSL do a terrific job and it was nice to see a former Charltonian, Wing Commander, Garry McKee, as the guest speaker.

Congratulations to the organisers of the Ford Coupe event on the weekend of the 29th & 30th April. It was a beautiful day for being out and about and the town was really buzzing.

Welcome to our new sponsor—Charlton Bakery. We always welcome new sponsors and really appreciate your support.

On the farm we have over half our crop sown. However, the dry start to the year has us a little on edge—but the show must go on. There was a little relief last night (we had 7mm) but some decent rain would be most welcome.

Happy Mothers' Day to all the mums, grandmas and carers our there. Cheers, Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

Mav:

CWA Exhibition—Friday 5th & Saturday 6th @ **Charlton Shire Hall**

Kevin Bloody Wilson—Tuesday 9th May @ The Rex Mothers' Day Fete—Thursday 4th @ Charlton College

June:

Debutante Ball—Friday 23rd June @Charlton Shire Hall The Pacific Belles—Saturday 24th June @ The Rex Cenotaph Centenary—Sunday 25th June

July:

Jazz in July—Sunday 16th July @ Charlton Park



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This cladded, neat, solid home is in a great location, has a nice serene feel about it. Restumped and freshly painted throughout with high ceilings and etched glass internal doors including the original wood oven. This property has character. The biggest bonus is the vacant paddock at the rear.

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- Water tank.
- Car Port.
- Paddock at rear with rear entry.



ANZAC DAY 2023.

A fine sunny autumn day saw a sizeable crowd gather at Charlton Cenotaph for the annual ANZAC Day commemoration. Wreath laying was led by Wing Commander Garry McKee representing the Australian services, the mayor Councillor Alan Getley representing Buloke Shire and Allan McGillivray president of Charlton RSL sub-Branch, followed by Charlton

Charlton RSL Sub-branch

College captains, St Joseph's School captains and Red Cross.

After the Last Post, Reveille and Rouse were played by bugler Corey Harrison and the Ode recited by Allan McGillivray, the march to the Shire Hall began, accompanied by Charlton Wycheproof Community Brass Band under the baton of bandleader Brian Heenan OAM.

The highlight of the ceremony at the Shire Hall was an inspirational address by Wing Commander Garry McKee, in which he referred to the origins of ANZAC Day, the deaths there of 8,709 Australians and 2,701 New Zealanders; to the ill-fated Operation Rimau raid on Singapore Harbour in October 1944 in which Jayne Burton's uncle, Colin Cameron, and all others involved were killed; to the Pathfinders flying over enemy held Europe in World War 2; "They knew their chances were slim, but they went anyway." Gary concluded, "On 25th April every year we gather as a

nation, perform a ritual rich in tradition and symbolism as tribute to those who have given their lives in defending Australia and what we stand for: Freedom, Opportunity, Courage, Mateship." After thanks by sub-Branch president Allan to Wing Commander McKee, to Padre Rev. Judi Bird, to the band, to the Charlton Choir, to all others who helped the sub-Branch and to the public for their continuing support, the ceremony concluded with refreshments in the sub-Branch clubrooms.

ANZAC badges and other items sold well during the week leading up to ANZAC Day, over \$2,800 being raised for RSL welfare; our grateful thanks go to all who supported our fundraising.

And so we reflect on the service and sacrifice of our veterans and of those who are still serving and we remembered our pledge as a nation; LEST WE FORGET.

Bill Freeman; Secretary, Charlton RSL sub-Branch.



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Janet Farewelled by St Martins

Contributed by Judi Bird Janet Richardson – Farewell and Thanks

At our service at St Martin's Anglican Church, Charlton, on 5th March 2023, the congregation representing the Parish of Charlton-Donald, joined in giving thanks and praise for our long time parishioner and friend, Janet Richardson.

We gave thanks for Janet's untiring work as a Treasurer and a beloved member of the Parish, to whom she provided encouragement, assistance and guidance to the clergy and the congregation with finances, governance, and catering worship services. A special memory for many was Janet at the ticket booth at the Agricultural Show for the St Martin's afternoon tea.

Janet was also a long serving Parish Treasurer and Parish Councillor, presenting financial reports, paying bills, claiming GST, organising invoices and preparation for audits, teaching and encouraging others, banking offertory monies, provided lay ministry and supporting Meals on Wheels.

All gathered, gave thanks for Janet's dedication and extended our best wishes as she enters a new chapter of her life. We expressed our gratitude to Janet, for sharing so much of herself with us. Thank you Janet and all the best.



Reverend Judi Bird (left) with Janet Richardson.

Yeungroon Remembers

Fran Lanyon & Chris McGurk paying their respects at the new Yeungroon War Monument.





The Avoca River in Charlton was a busy place when multiple kayakers were spotted recently. Photos by Carolyn Olive.

ANZAC Day in Charlton

Contributed by Jenny Pollard SHARING THE STORIES, ACKNOWLEDGING SERVICE

An inspired address by former Charlton resident, Wing Commander, Garry McKee, resonated strongly with the large crowd attending the 2023 Charlton ANZAC Day ceremony last Tuesday on a gloriously mild autumn morning.

Representation of age groups from across the community swelled the crowd, which included many students from both the Charlton College and St. Joseph's Primary School who also joined participants in the march to the Charlton Hall.

With the crowd lining both sides of the road near the Cenotaph, spontaneous applause set the procession on its way, lead by RSL Sub Branch President, Allan McGillivray, Buloke Mayor, Alan Getley, and Wing Commander Garry McKee with the CharltonWycheproof Citizens' Band providing the musical accompaniment. It is a stirring sight, even if RSL numbers are declining.

Community support for the local commemoration of the 108th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing was indisputable as the Hall rapidly filled for the formal service and was remarked upon by a number of the official speakers.

Following the welcome by Sub Branch President, Allan McGillivray, Buloke Mayor, Alan Geltey spoke, acknowledging the numbers of young people attending and emphasizing the role they would play in leading ANZAC Day in the future. Referencing the passing of two of the remaining three Victorian World War II veterans, (both Berriwillock residents), Cr. Getley said the future was in the hands of the youth. Thanking the RSL for the

invitation to attend the Charlton service, Cr. Getley commended all participants for their input into the occasion.

Branch Padre, Revered Judi Bird, invited the crowd to join in the singing of the first hymn, before the Charlton College SLC Leaders, Lennon Jablonka and Jacob Olive read the 23 Psalm. The choir then followed with the singing of "Abide with Me".

The highly experienced and decorated guest speaker, Garry McKee, opened his address with the recognition of Charlton being his "hometown" despite a 48-year career in the Royal Australian Air Force which included postings to the US and the UK, along with serving in 11 different countries.

After completing Year 11 at Charlton College Garry joined the Air Force in 1975 as an apprentice radio technician, moving on to become an NCO in 1982 and an electronics engineer in 1996 — later obtaining a first class degree in engineering at Lincoln University in the UK in 2012. Postings to the UK (three years) and the US (two and three years respectively), including working at the Pentagon) Garry was the Australian representative on the Five Eyes Interoperability Council Management Committee as Chief of Staff.

During the course of his service Garry has worked on the F-111 swing wing bomber for 25 years, and more recently on the Heron UAV surveillance drones.

Numerous decorations also make up his CV, including amongst others, the NATO Medal with ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) clasp and Air Commander Australia Commendation.

Returning to Australia in January this year, Garry and his wife, Karen, are now based at East Sale where he is serving as the Head of Logistical Engineering at the Headquarters Air Academy which trains its aviation specialists, including air battle managers, air traffic controllers and pilots.

In an address which began with the origins of ANZAC Day, the statistical details of the Gallipoli campaign never fail to make sobering reading. The deaths of 8,709 Australians and 2701 New Zealanders and a total of 44,000 Allied soldiers on that small peninsula introduced the theme which Garry wove throughout his speech – "They knew their chances were slim, but they went anyway."

Relating local stories: from Charlton's Jayne Burton about her uncle- SGT Colin Cameron – and his role in the daring, but ill fated raid on the Japanese fleet in Singapore in Operation RIMAU – where tragically none of men returned home – "They knew their chances were slim, but they went anyway."

The impact of a visit to the Imperial Air Museum at Duxford UK, also yielded mind-numbing numbers of loss. In the USAF display pavilion on dozens of glass panels are small silhouettes representing US aircraft loss in Europe during World War II. Some 38,400 aircraft in total, plus the loss of crew, paint a grim picture of the improbable odds which combatants faced.

Garry also shared time spent with two former Pathfinder aircraft captains at RAF Wyton Bomber Command Centre, Cambridgeshire who, as young men of just 19 and 24 years of age, were flying, in preradar days, the big, slow Lancaster bombers. As the best of the best, these low flying pilots took great risks to mark locations for the higher altitude bomb drops, with both young men flying in excess of a full tour of 30 missions -one on 47 and the other on 72!

While relating other instances of dedicated service, Garry acknowledged the qualities of "greatness" shown by the Second World War generation including: steadfastness, courage (not once, but repeatedly), generosity of spirit, effort in rebuilding the world after the war, commitment to making life better for the next generation, and the capacity to cope with the volume and breadth of change they not only witnessed, but facilitated.

"On 25th April every year we gather, and as a nation, perform a ritual rich in tradition and symbolism," said Garry. "Our actions are our demonstrated tribute to the men and women who have given their lives defending everything that we want Australia to stand for: Freedom, Opportunity, Courage and Mateship".

Acknowledging the immense support offered by military families and partners, appreciation for the current men and women serving was concluded with "we wish them



Pictured prior to the ANZAC observance at the Cenotaph are (l-r) Buloke Mayor, Cr. Alan Getley, guest speaker, Wing Commander, Garry McKee, and Charlton RSL Sub Branch President, Allan McGillivray.



ANZAC Day in Charlton

success and a safe return home."

"It is my hope that in 108 years' time that Australians and New Zealanders will still be gathering at events like this to remember and honour the courage and sacrifice of current comrades and those that served before them. Lest we forget."

Charlton's official ceremony concluded with thanks being extended to: the Charlton / Wycheproof Band and Bandmaster Brian Heenan OAM, the Charlton Choir under the leadership of Gill Gretgrix, Charlton College and SLC Leaders Lennon Jablonka and Jacob Olive, St. Joseph's School, the Charlton Police, Buloke Mayor, Cr. Alan Getley, Reverend Judi Bird and guest speaker Wing Commander Garry McKee.

Following renditions of the New Zealand national anthem ("God Defend New Zealand") and "Advance Australia Fair" all were invited to the RSL club room for refreshments.



Laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph (l-r) Bill Freeman (RSL Branch Secretary), Jayne Burton and Bill Young (RSL member).



St. Joseph's School Term 2 Leaders, (l-r) Charlie Zagame and Liam Monaghan lay a wreath on behalf of the school.



Junior school leaders from Charlton College are pictured before the outdoor ceremony (l-r) Oliver McPhee and Anna Fitzpatrick.



Over recent years the ANZAC march has been bolstered by the inclusion of family members, and school students, along with members of the Charlton Red Cross. Leading this year's march-past are (l-r) Mayor Alan Getley, Allan McGillivray and Garry McKee as the large crowd offers their applause.

ANZAC Day in Charlton



Former Charlton local, Barry Jane, was resplendent in his ANZAC Day attire, wearing his Vietnam medals as a member of the 2nd Battalion.



Red Cross members (l-r) Janet Stafford, Joy Freeman and Jenny McGillivray are pictured before joining the 2023 March.



Charlton / Wycheproof Citizens' Band member, Corey Harrison is pictured near the Charlton Cenotaph before playing the Last Post during the formal observance of Anzac Day. The Cenotaph will be the focus of centenary celebrations this June, recognizing its history and significance to the Charlton community.



There were three OAM recipients attending Charlton's ANZAC Day ceremony this year, pictured (l-r) are Brian and Rae Heenan and Bruce Hudgson.



Golden Grains Museum News

Hello again from the members of the Charlton Golden Grains Museum. We have had a very busy month, the highlight being a visit by member groups of the Western Victorian Association of Historical Societies which covers and area from Geelong, Warrnambool, Horsham and Swan Hill. Charlton hosted the Annual General Meeting and in addition to viewing the museum, visitors had a tour of the Rex Theatre, a screening of some early 1990s 35mm theatre advertisements, a visit to the Courthouse Gallery, and a bus tour of the town, the Yeungroon History Display and the Coonooer Bridge Windfarm. The Golf Ladies catered for lunch and museum members and friends provided the casserole tea at the Bowling Club. The guest speaker was Marie Noonan, who talked about some of the memorable people and stories from her work as an oral historian. The museum received great feedback about the museum and our town.

The Coronation

With the coronation of King Charles III on May 6, we look back seventy years to June 2 1953, and the coronation of the late Queen Elizabeth II. Tradition dictates that a suitable time of National Mourning is observed before a new monarch is crowned and this was the case in the early 1950's. King George VI passed away unexpectantly on February 2, 1952, and it would be 16 months later that the new Queen was crowned. The Charlton Tribune had a full front page special coronation edition which detailed the many activities accompanied the major event. The Noske Flour Mill was decorated with lights as part

The major highlight was the Coronation procession that passed all of the highly decorated shops and businesses down High Street to Charlton Park. Led by the Charlton Citizens' Band, the first float was the RSL and Auxiliary decorated in red, white and blue and the words on each side, "We serve

our Queen". At the head of the float, Miss Dorothy McDonald was seated on a throne as Queen Elizabeth.

The Charlton Bush Nursing Hospital float was next complete with Sisters, Nurses, Doctor and an unruly patient, which was closely followed by St Joseph's float draped in white with the words, "O God on Her Thy gifts bestow." A throne with Bernadette Fanning sitting as Queen had a guardian angel, figures in white representing Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, Justice and Fortitude, while small girls carrying flowers sat on the floor of the float.

The Methodist Youth Club, Buckrabanyule State School, the CWA, The Agricultural & Pastoral Society, Bowling Club, CWA Younger Set, and Charlton Scouts completed the procession. Children on decorated bicycles and scooters, many in fancy costume, followed at the rear, followed by scores of cars proceeding to the showgrounds. At the Dunstan Memorial gates, Robert Smyth was dressed as a Grenadier Guardsman and stood to attention until the last car had passed through.

Shire President Cr. Stan John noted that

the new Oueen had said, "she would dedicate her life to the service of Her people, and that we in turn should endeavour to be citizens better dedicate our lives to the service of others and our Queen." A display of goal kicking, running races, a wheelbarrow race were among some of the activities, culminated in a large bonfire and fireworks display. The Tribune noted, "All agreed it was one of the best days

Charlton had ever had." The fun didn't stop there; the RSL Ball on Coronation night at the beautifully decorated Victoria Hall was attended by a large crowd, with the Belle of the Ball being awarded to Miss Joan Maher. An excellent supper provided by the RSL Ladies Auxillary was a fitting finale to Coronation day in Charlton.

Bingo in Donald

Our keen local Bingo players continue to make the trip to Donald for our fund raising efforts for 2023 and always have an enjoyable night out. We are very fortunate to receive monies when we can get a group to visit which goes a long way to support the running of the museum. Further regular trips are planned for the 4th Thursday each month and everyone is welcome to come along.

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

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Image: Charlton Tribune, June 5, 1953







Charlton Ford Coupe Rally

Contributed by Jenny Pollard "WHAT A CRACKER!"

That was the response from Leanne Gretgrix mid-morning on Sunday 30th April, as the Charlton Traveller's Rest precinct filled to capacity with gleaming Fords, motor bikes and crowds of people for the inaugural Ford Coupe Rally.

"We were hoping for about 20 vehicles," said Leanne, who along with partner, Greg Towers, runs the East Charlton Hotel which initiated the event, "but we've got at least 40 here now. It's a real cracker!"

It was a chance meeting between Greg (a passionate Coupe man) and the President of the Ford Coupe Club of Australia, Craig Barron, which ignited the idea for the event. On a stop-over in Charlton following a rally in Mildura last year, Craig's stunning coupe parked outside the Charlton Bakery caught Greg's eye and when the two met up, the rest, as they say, was history!

So, over the weekend of 29-30 April this year, some 23 Coupe Club members and 12 vehicles rolled into town, with numbers increasing rapidly by the Sunday morning for the Show and Shine. On the Saturday afternoon the Rex Theatre screened the classic Eric Bana car movie, "Love the Beast"- dedicated to Bana's love of his first car —a 1974 Ford XB Falcon Hardtop which he purchased for \$1,100 as a fifteen-year-old. A crowd of around 50 watched the movie, before a photo opportunity in front of the Rex with cars and drivers was set up.

Saturday night the "party" continued with a meal and music at the East Charlton Hotel, where, by all reports everyone had a F-A-N-tastic night which included dancing to the music of "Blend It" featuring Leo Tellefson, Danny Walsh, Ross Lane and Robert "Shorty" Emmett.

A cool, but brilliant Sunday morning saw participants bringing their pristine vehicles out for the Show & Shine as the Traveller's Rest morphed into a showplace for these much-loved and greatly admired machines.

Amongst those on display were Ford XM (1968), XP (1960), XY (1970), XW (1972), XA, B and C (1972-78) and XF (1982). Around 10 Charlton cars and 8 part of bikes formed motor presentation. **Participants** came from Melbourne, Maryborough, Macclesfield (near Emerald) and a number of surrounding Buloke towns with a mix of vehicles making up the presentation.

Prior to the announcement of prizewinners, Ford Coupe Club President, Craig Barron addressed the large crowd at the Traveller's Rest, opening with "What a

weekend! We would like to pay tribute to the township of Charlton for making us feel so incredibly welcome."

Thanking Greg and Leanne for their wonderful hospitality, Craig also paid tribute to them as representatives of the town, before making a presentation on behalf of the Coupe Club of Australia.

Announcement of winners included the following:

Grace's Choice - 64 Dodge Phoenix - owner Murray Broughton

People's Choice – XM Ford Coupe - owner Dick Tierney

Best of the Rest – 1975 SLR 5000 Torana - owner John "Nipper" Sweatman

Best Ford Coupe – 1973 White Ford Falcon XA GT RPO - owner Phil Thompson

The Ford Coupe Club also made a \$500 donation to a local charity which was the "Fighting AT (Ataxia-Telangiectasia) with Grace". This is a special cause supported by the East Charlton Hotel and the Charlton community for 4-year-old Grace Murray, the daughter of Kerry Bourke and John Murray and granddaughter of Charlton locals, Frank and Val Bourke.

AT has been described as the worst parts of cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis, throw in a dose of cancer and lung disease, and you have a general picture of this relentless condition.

Grace was just one month short of her 3rd birthday when she was diagnosed with this incurable disease. Speaking on behalf of the family, Julie Bourke (aunty), said,

"We are very privileged that you have chosen our fundraiser today, as it's very dear to our hearts." In thanking the Club for the donation, Julie also outlined the scope of Grace's rare disease and her involvement in a new trial of medication which will hopefully slow down the progress of the condition.

In concluding the formalities, Greg Towers thanked the Charlton College Year 10 Work Experience students for providing the food for the Show & Shine, as well as



Julie Bourke speaks about her niece, Grace, and her medical condition following the announcement of a \$500 donation by the Coupe Club of Australia to support ongoing research into Ataxia- Telangiectasia syndrome.



An eye-catching sight in the main street, was the row of Ford Coupes parked in front of the Rex Theatre following the screening of the documentary, "Love the Beast" on Saturday afternoon. It was a show-stopper image for locals, as well as the travelling public.

Charlton Ford Coupe Rally

acknowledged the primary sponsors – Charlton and District Community Bank and Perry's Painting Services. Additional sponsors included: Ampol Roadhouse, North Central Panels, Perrows Paints, Charlton Ag Supplies, Charlton Bakery, East Charlton Hotel, Walsh Motors and Charlton Tyre and Battery. Greg also emphasized the wider economic benefits which flowed across the community from an event of this nature.

Given the strong positive feedback – "We had a ripper time", "I had a ball at the pub" and "I can't wait to come back for the next event" – the Ford Coupe Rally looks set to become a regular addition to Charlton's already burgeoning social calendar!



Members of the Rally's organizing team pictured (l-r) Andrew Wright, Leanne Gretgrix and Greg Towers (East Charlton Hotel) and Craig Barron (President, Ford Coupe Club of Australia). Andrew, Greg, Craig and Andrew "Fatty" Crisp were the judges for the Show and Shine competition.



A view of the Traveller's Rest area filled with people and cars during the Sunday morning Show and Shine.



Winner of the Best Coupe was Phil Thompson from Macclesfield, with his 1973 White Ford Falcon XA GT RPO.



Len Johnson from Maryborough is pictured with his 1973 Onyx Black XA GT Coupe at the Show and Shine.

Charlton Probus News

Trip to Swan Hill

On Friday, March 31st, the Charlton Probus Club embarked on an adventure to Swan Hill, Victoria. The trip was organised by Sandra Patton and Anne Kenny, and with the help of Ross and Start's Coaches, the group arrived at the Swan Hill Hotel, where they met with members of the Castle Donnolly (Swan Hill) Probus Club for lunch.

After lunch, the Charlton group headed to the Swan hill Pioneer Settlement, which is situated on the banks of the Little Murray River. The Pioneer Settlement is a unique destination that lets visitors experience Australian history firsthand. The Settlement boasts a collection of real-life Mallee cottages, schools, shops, and a hotel, as well as an extensive collection of working tractors and machinery.

The PS Pyap, a historic paddle steamer that was built in Mannum, South Australia, in 1896, is an iconic feature of the Pioneer Settlement. Despite her great size, she has a very shallow draft which means she can float in less than a metre of water. In her early days, she was used as a floating general store, travelling the lower Murray River, stopping at small towns and farm stations along the way. Inside, she had a serving counter, a store section, and a separate drapery at the rear of her lower deck. The upper deck was used by the crew.

The Pyap has played an essential role in the history of the Murray River region, travelling 500 kilometres each week, selling goods to settlers at over 60 settlements and landing places along the river. She is an important part of the history of the area, and visitors to the Pioneer Settlement can see her up close and learn about her fascinating history.

The Probus members boarded the PS Pyap for a short trip down and back on the river Murray, an opportunity to see the properties that line the Murray's banks. The PS Pyap

was re-hulled with steel, a diesel engine fitted, and the decking replaced with polished red gum, following the original lines and shape of the vessel. Before departure, the Programs Officer, Kim Wishart, took the wheel of the ship for a quick photo opportunity.

The Captain skilfully pirouetted the large boat from the dock to head along the river. The hour-long trip provided a serene and pleasant vantage point to appreciate the beautiful river and its surroundings.

After the PS Pyap journey, the group took the opportunity to record a short video message to say thank you to Sandra, who could not join them for the day. They then wandered through the main street of the Pioneer Settlement, with many members ending up at the Sweet Shop, which boasts a huge selection of sweets from years gone by.

The main street of the Pioneer Settlement provided a quiet walk back to the bus, with only the heavy plod of the Clydesdale pulling the carriage providing any traffic noise. Brian Patton stopped by the Horse Shoe Bend Fire Brigade to admire the fire engines of the past, with the Dennis N-type fire engine of 1922 prominently on display.

The Pioneer Settlement opened in 1966, after a joint community and government effort to recognise the unique history of the Murray Mallee region. By the 1970s, the Pioneer Settlement was one of the most popular tourism destinations in Victoria, if not Australia, and the concept has been emulated around the country. The Settlement is now introducing more ground-breaking tourism concepts to complement the historical Mallee townships. The Heartbeat of the Murray Experience will include a laser light show that, in a world-first, will combine modern laser technology with the natural river environment. It will tell the story of the Murray region from prehistoric times until today.

In conclusion, the Charlton Probus Swan Hill trip was a memorable experience, filled with history and unique attractions. The Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement and the PS Pyap paddle steamer.

April Meeting

Birthdays—Jill Wright, Pat Mathews and absent Margaret Byrne. All Charlton Probians give them Birthday wishes.

After morning tea the Probus Club visited the Charlton Court House to see an exhibition of Stuart Giles' bird photography. Stuart shared how he would have to sit in the one spot for a good length of time to get a photo. The photos have been taken over many years and the small birds are always the hardest, as they dart around a lot. There were many great photos including that of a black swan just landing on the water

Well done Stuart for your great photos.



April Birthdays—Pat Mathews & Jill Wright.



Stuart addressing the Probians.



Stuart with his camera.

Charlton Golf Club

Opening Day

Eily Rosewall was officially invited to open the Charlton 2023 golf season on Sunday 16th April and as a long-standing member, Eily was only too happy to oblige.

Before striking the first ball to open the season, Eily addressed the assembled golfers, recalling some notable events and characters from her time as a member of the club. The younger generation of golfers, surprised to hear that the original clubhouse was a simple tin shed with lantern lighting. Far different from the facilities of today.

An explosion of fresh green fairways greeted the very good field of 33 golfers competing in the 12 hole Ambrose event. Thanks to the timely Autumn rains, it was a genuine and rare 'green opening' and the softer conditions tested the players club selection and there was little assistance from the 'run'.

Experience shone through over youth and enthusiasm on this occasion and the results showed that the foursome of Bevan and Marj Olive, Anthony and Wendy Hargreaves 39 1/5 net winning narrowly from Darcy McCullum, Nick Olive and Jed Thompson on 40 net. Not far behind was the team of Jeff Cox, Phil Stafford, Benno Catherine, Mark Hamley 41 net, closely followed by Clint Olive, Matt McGurk, Wayne Southwell, Jeff McLoughlan 42 net. Remaining teams were only 2 or 3 shots behind.

A delicious BBQ tea and social evening rounded off a successful opening day.

Charlton Golf course has responded superbly to the autumn rain. A dedicated team of volunteers and greenkeeper prepared the fairways and scrapes with several working bees. Also tidying the wayward plants around the clubhouse, ready for opening week.

A busy week

What a week it was with five events, beginning with the Opening Day Mixed Ambrose (Sunday), hosting Kara Kara Veterans opening event (Tuesday), Ladies opening (Wednesday), 12 hole Wednesday (pm), and Sunday competition.

The scores were good and indicative of early season form. Following Opening Day, Wendy hitched with Janice Boyle to win Ladies' Opening Day. Janice then went on to be equal winners with Wendy Laffin for a 12 hole event on 26th April. The Sunday event was won by Benno who held off John Tormey by 1 point in the stableford competition.

Kara Kara Monday pennant started on May 1st at Wedderburn, Captain Wendy Laffin has gathered the keen team for the first events versus St Arnaud and Wycheproof. With 3 events to follow at Birchip, Donald and Wycheproof.

The Sunday pennant event will be held on May 28th at St Arnaud.

We have initiated a Charlton Golf Facebook page for golfers and observers. Look it up and join if it's to your liking. There's lots of photos, results, and upcoming events.



Eily Rosewall hits the first ball to open the season.





Opening Day winners—Heather Hargreaves, Bevan Olive, Marj Olive & Anthony Hargraves.



Jamey Soulsby, Robyn Soulsby, Trevor & Chris McGurk

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Thank you to all the community for the support of our programs and initiatives during April.

Our Table for 12 program at the North Central Trade School was hosted by popular locals Robbie and Neville where delicious home made pasties were on offer.



Charlton Neighbourhood House was pleased to recently welcome other members of the Mallee Neighbourhood House Network to the Rex meeting room for our bimonthly get together. The Mallee Network is comprised of a total of 14 Houses from Kerang to Mildura, Robinvale and Donald, with a total of 5 in Buloke Shire.



May sees a large range of activities taking place for our community. Regular activities such as Book Club, Storytime, Table for 12, and Yarning are complemented in May with Reconciliation Week-Movie that Matters; Victorian Law Week-End of Life Planners; Volunteer Week-Star Gazing; Neighbourhood House Week-coffee and chat; National Simultaneous Reading; and Mosaics.

Check out our web page or window for these, and even more details of what is planned or to enrol.



Sunday May 28th 11am The Charlton Carers Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Charlton Hotel for lunch, friendship, and a guest speaker. This month the guest speaker will be talking about the Carers Gateway Services. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like more information about this welcoming group, call the Neighborhood House.

Buloke BookClub meets on the third Tuesday of each month and Storytime is at the Library on the fourth Tuesday.

The 2023 Debutante Set commenced training this week and they are excited to be presented to the public on Friday, June 23rd. Tickets are available via our website or in the office. This will be another wonderful evening celebrating our towns young people.



The Victorian Government's \$250 Power Saving Bonus Scheme continues to be well taken up by Charlton residents. If you haven't yet been in with a recent power bill, I.D. and banking details, make time when convenient to pop in and we will happily submit a claim for you. By sending your claim through us you are also assisting the Neighbourhood House with a rebate we receive.

A new service we are offering is assistance with the Government's Sick Pay Guarantee. Call in for info on registering your details.



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 I MAY & JUNE





Yarning2

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

COST: Free



Carers Group Lunch

Tuesday 9th 12pm

Speaker: Carers Gateway & Bendigo Health

AT: East Charlton Hotel

COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



Buloke Book Club

Third Tuesday each Month 10.30-12.00pm.

AT: Charlton Library Shire Hall

COST: Free



Law Week

Call in to pick up an

End of Life Planner, (limited stock)

COST: Free



Star Gazing

6 pm-8 pm

AT: Charlton Park

Bookings essential, date based on

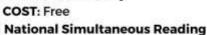
most suitable with the weather.



StoryTime

Reconciliation Week 10.30am-11.30am

AT: Charlton Library



'The Speedy Sloth'. AT: 11 am at the Rex COST: Free



Table for 12

Vegan Curry with Tessa Fitzpatrick

6pm-8pm At: NCTTC

COST: \$20



with Bronwyn Fisher Sunday 10 am-2 pm At: Senior Citizens Rooms COST: \$60 (over 2 weeks)



JUNE



Mosaics- Beginners & Budget Styles

with Bronwyn Fisher Sunday 10 am-2 pm At: Senior Citizens Rooms

COST: \$60 (over 2 weeks)





Yarning2

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COST: Free



Carers Group Lunch

Tuesday 13th 12pm

Guest speaker: Demi (NCDH) Wellbeing

AT: East Charlton Hotel

COST: Lunch at subsidised cost

Refugee Week- Movies That Matter

AT: 11 am at Rex Theatre

Cost-\$10

Special screening-details in CNH

window

Buloke Book Club

Third Tuesday each Month

10.30-12.00pm.

AT: Charlton Library Shire Hall

MONTHLY COST: Free



Debutante Ball

7.30pm

AT: Charlton Shire Hall

COST: \$15 Adult \$10 Students

Come and watch the 2023 Deb Set

StoryTime

Reconciliation Week 10.30am-11.30am AT: Charlton Library

COST: Free





Table for 12

Pad Thai with Kim Thompson 6pm-8pm

At: NCTTC

COST: \$20



Charlton Croquet Club

The 2022/23 Croquet season finished on the weekend of 22^{nd} & 23^{rd} April with the Association Club Championship being played. The weather was perfect for the five players who competed in a round robin. The draw worked well with numbers 3 & 4 seeds and 1 and 2 seeds playing in the final round. At the end of time Barb Dalrymple (No. 3) and Nita Perry (No. 4) were equal so extra turns were needed before Barb triumphed. Lindsay Patullo (No. 1) and Anne Kenny (No.2) went into the last round undefeated and a close tussle ensued with Lindsay winning hoops.

Congratulations to Lindsay on his 2nd Club Championship. Naomi Patullo was unlucky to lose 2 games by only 1 hoop.

The Golf Croquet Champions for 2022/23 are Section 1 Lindsay Patullo, Section 2 Margaret Bowen and Section 3 Peter O'Brien.

On 13th April the annual Courtney Keith Challenge was held on Closing Day between Golf Croquet players and Association players. The game played is Golf Croquet and this year the Golf Croquet players won.

The 2023 Victorian Country Regional Championships for Association Croquet

were held in Swan Hill from $16^{th} - 19^{th}$ April. The Murray Valley team finished 3^{rd} overall with excellent performances by Lindsay Patullo and Lois Munro (Swan Hill). Lindsay was runner- up in Section 1, to 13 time winner Stephen Forster and Lois was runner up in Section 3. Anne Kenny (Section 2) and Darren Barnes (Section 4 - S. Hill) both won 4 out of 8 games.

Golf Croquet is taking a break for a couple of weeks and Association Croquet will play at 1pm on Saturdays during the cooler months.



Club Championship. L to R: Naomi Patullo, Anne Kenny, Lindsay Patullo, Barb Dalrymple, Nita Perry.



Swan Hill Regionals. L to R—Lois Munro (Swan Hill), Darren Barnes (Swan Hill), Naomi Patullo, Lindsay Patullo, Anne Kenny.



Closing Day Courtney Keith Challenge Winners—Golf Croquet. L to R: Dot McKee, Peter O'Brien, Moira Sheahan, Margaret Bowen, Dawn Mulquiny, Judy Stephen, Bill Freeman.



Lindsay Patullo in action.



Busy End to Term One at St Joseph's

Author Visit

Students were treated to a session with Phil Kettle, a well-known children's writer. We have many of Phil's books in our school library and students were eager to meet the creator of these marvellous stories! Phil worked with both junior and senior students, sharing ways to generate ideas for writing and how to develop both characters and plot. Phil stressed the importance of an imagination and of developing the habit of reading.

Hot Shots Tennis Tournament

Students joined with Charlton College to make three teams to participate in the Hot Shots Tennis Tournament which was held in Boort. A very enjoyable and competitive day was had by all students, with success in placing first, second and third! Congratulations to all students involved and to the staff who attended and supervised students on the day.

Swan Hill Excursion

As an end of term treat the entire school journeyed to see "The Alphabet of Amazing Science" at the Swan Hill Town Hall. This amazing show was an explosive and exhilarating display of science in action! An experiment was performed for each letter of the alphabet and we were all on the edge of our seats wondering what might happen next! A delightfully sunny, Autumn day, provided the perfect backdrop for a picnic lunch and a play at the Riverside Playground before returning home to Charlton.

Mini Fete

As part of a leadership day held earlier in the term, the Grade 5 & 6 students decided to hold a mini fete as their social justice action for Term One. The students did an amazing job with a drinks and sweet stall, face painting, car races, pop the balloon, lucky dips, a treasure hunt, guess the lollies in the jar and an Easter raffle. A total of

\$319-00 was raised, which will be contributed to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion mission. A fantastic effort!

Nursing Home Visit

Before breaking for our Term one holidays, students carried out one final important task – visiting the residents of the nursing home to spread some Easter cheer. Students paraded their Easter hats and gave a chocolate egg and Easter greeting card to those who were present.

A busy end completed what has been an enjoyable term of learning and growing at St Joseph's School. We now look forward to all that Term Two has in store for us!

Right: The Alphabet of Amazing Science Below: Aria Whitfield and Megg Fitzpatrick on the swings at Swan Hill.







Lila Lanyon, Isaac Roberts & Henry Lanyon trying to pop the balloon at the mini fete.



Brody Giles with his guess the lollies stall at the mini fete.



Charlie Zagame, Ruby Wright & Patrick Winslade at the car racing stall.



Charlton Harness Racing Club

FAREWELL GREG NORMAN AND THE CORMACK RACING TEAM

The Charlton Harness Racing Club was indeed saddened last weekend to say it's farewells to the Cormack Racing Team who for the past four years have been an integral part of the Training Centre.

With trainer Greg Norman at the helm he in many ways paved the way for others to relocate here – his success proving the viability of training out of a Charlton base. Greg was a great mentor for the younger ones who arrived after him and a constant promoter of all things Charlton in the harness racing world.

Greg, Dixie and the Cormacks have purchased a property at Avenal and will be moving much of their Adelaide based operation there.

We thank Greg, Dixie, Adam, Terry and Ben Cormack for choosing Charlton and for contributing so much to our club. We wish then continued success and know that the many valuable friendships formed will endure beyond the move.

DJAARA CUP DAY

The club was again recently pleased to welcome the Djaara people to Charlton Park for the annual Djaara Cup Race Day.

CEO Rodney Carter spoke warmly of the benefits of our special relationship and how it is valued by the Djaara people, making particular note that Charlton is unique in its celebration of the indigenous community. Plans are afoot with Rodney and this team to grow this day to include other indigenous groups cementing this day as an opportunity to grow in understanding and appreciation.

Whilst the weather was not so welcoming the smoking ceremony went ahead nonetheless and everyone on course was invited to take part in this cleansing ritual.

Aaron Dunne the winning trainer of the Djaara Cup winner in Eyethink was an appreciative recipient of some beautifully crafted gifts and was happily seen having a drink and a laugh with Rodney after the last!

On a local front it was the Boyles turn to shine on the track with Yapper and Ewa Justice combining for a win – well done Mark, Janice, Kirk and Taylah!

We thank the big contingent of Djaara people who made the trip to Charlton this year and look forward to future days with them

CHARLTON GAZETTED MORE MEETINGS!!!

Very positive news for our club in the announcement that we have been allocated two more race meetings for the upcoming season bringing us to 16 for the year. This is great reward from Harness Racing Victoria for all the recent change and growth that has been undertaken at Charlton Park and by the club.

Many other factors go into such a decision including a strong membership base and local presence. We thank all our members and sponsors who continue to support the club and see the value in bringing many people to town via these meetings

For such a tiny town having this many meetings is a real coup and one that we can be proud of!

CONGRATUALTIONS SANDERSON TEAM!!!

There was great excitement at Mildura two weeks ago as the Sanderson team caused a major boilover in the Mildura Cup beating home some much better fancied horses! Good luck to those who managed to snag the 150/1 odds!

It has to be said that Ryan drove a blinder further trumpeting his genuine arrival on the driving scene here in Victoria and credit to Abby who drove him in the heat to qualify. Team effort!

The Mildura Cup is one of the more prestigious country cups and Sahara Tiger now joins another Charlton winner in Milly Perez as its winner.

Congratulations to all the team.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

 MAY RAFFLE NIGHT – CRICKET CLUB HOTEL 6PM – FRIDAY 5TH MAY

UPCOMING CHARLTON MEETINGS

- THURSDAY 25TH MAY
- MONDAY 19TH JUNE



On course trots Vision presenter Nikitta Ross interviewing Ryan after the win.



Djaara Cup Race Day.



Winning trainer, Aaron Dunne, with Rodney Carter, CEO Djaara, and Hannah Dunnolly-Lee, Event Co Ordinator

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Charlton Harness Racing Club





Abby and Ryan Sanderson.



Mildura Cup. Peter Watkinson (Owner and HRV Board Member), Abby Sanderson, Shane Sanderson, Ryan Sanderson, Monteith (Owner and Chairman HRV Board).



Greg Norman and Dixie Horig (strapper).



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Charlton Junior Football Club

Charlton Junior Football Results— Round 1 to Round 3.

Round 1 vs Wedderburn:

14 & Under

Charlton 9.7.61 defeated WFC 6.6.42 Goal kickers: Jackson Nisbet, 3, Seb Zagame, Cooper McGrath, 2, Murphy Fitzpatrick, Charlie Zagame, 1.

17 & Under

Charlton 14.17.101 defeated WFC 3.7.25 GOAL KICKERS: Murphy McGeown, 5, Ajay Markham, 4, Elliott Fitzpatrick, 2, Jye Roberts, Michael Olive, Ned Zagame, 1.

Round 2 vs Boort: 14 & Under

Charlton 2.3.15 defeated by BFC 9.9.63 Goal Kickers: Sebastian Zagame & Dusty Hill.

17 & Under

Charlton 0.2.2 defeated by BFC 14.16.100

Round 3 vs Birchip-Watchem: 14 & Under

Charlton 3.3.21 defeated BWFC 2.6.18 Goal Kickers: Sebastian Zagame 2, Murphy Fitzpatrick 1.

17 & Under

Charlton 1.3.9 defeated by BWFC 13.12.90 Goal kicker: Elliott Fitzpatrick



Round 1. Mitchell Boyle received an award in U14's before stepping up and taking a big grab in the 17's in front of Best on Ground Murphy McGeown.



2023 New Players: L to R Back Row—Toby Bourke, Dusty Hill. Middle Row—Nate Markham, Thomas Judd, Jackson Nisbet, Hudson McGrath. Front—Jimmy Nisbet.



Round 2. Cooper Boyle best on ground for the 17's rucking against his Boort opponent.



U17 debutants vs Wedderburn: Mitchell Boyle, Leigh Van Boven & Ethan Soulsby.

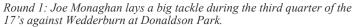


Murphy Fitzpatrick debuted in 17's vs Boort at home on 22nd April.



Charlton Junior Football Club







Round 3: Darcy Olive, Henry Lanyon, Jackson Nisbet high-fiving Tamsyn McGurk, Jimmy Nisbet.



Round 3 U17s. Ajay Markham received the Jack Thompson Constructions best on ground for a fantastic game up forward and in the ruck, but unfortunately sustained a broken collarbone towards the end of the match and will miss a minimum 6-8 weeks. The club wishes Ajay a speedy recovery.



Round 3: U14's team showing great sportsmanship and thanking the opposition and celebrating their hard fought victory.

Charlton Cemetery Map Restoration

The Charlton Cemetery Trust would sincerely like to thank Adrian and Peter Ingleby for their extremely generous donation toward the restoration of the Roman Catholic burial map of the cemetery.

The map dates back to the original internments around the 1880s with each burial recorded in ink on paper with linen support.

Four sections (each with a map) make up our monumental area of the cemetery which is divided into Roman Catholic, Church of England, Methodist and Presbyterian.

A number of years ago Adrian visited Charlton (from Sydney) in search of his descendants, and in particular, a female relative who was proving difficult to find. Bill Round, who was the secretary at the time, along with Grace Cadzow, managed to track her down using the Roman Catholic map. Adrian did not forget his offer to pay for the restoration, contacting the Trust a few years ago. Covid delayed our plans initially, but the restoration was finally completed by Artifact Conservation in Kyneton who did a fantastic job considering the condition of the map.

Right: Peter Watts (Chairman), Mary McLoughlan (Secretary), Glenda Litton (Archivist), Jeff McLoughlan (Trust Member), pictured with the newly restored map.





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The families of Rose Curnow would like to sincerely thank everyone for their flowers, cards, and personal messages we received on the sad passing of Rose.

We'd like to extend our thanks to Anne Kenny who spoke at the church service on behalf of the Museum, and the Croquet Club.

We'd also like to thank the members of the Croquet Club who formed a guard of honour for Rose.

Thank you all. Your thoughts were all greatly appreciated during this sad time.

Max, Lesley, Joy, Graham and Families

Charlton Golden Grains Museum Bingo Fundraiser @ Donald

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 25th May.

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

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

Thursday 25th May

Please contact Glenda Litton for further details. 0417 801 771





Charlton Badminton for Season 2023

At the Annual General Meeting of the Charlton Badminton Club held on Tuesday 25th April, Brian Heenan was elected President, Carla Dixon, Secretary and Naomi Fitzpatrick, Treasurer. Vice-

President is Ethan Needs and general committee members are Bernadette Zagame, Matt Thompson, Rae Heenan and Connor Hooper.

Subscriptions, to be paid by 19th May, are Adults \$60, Students \$50, Juniors (junior sessions only) \$60 and no court fees. Court fees for night and ladies mornings \$3, Visitors \$5 per session for a maximum of 5 weeks. If 3 or more members in one family, then \$5 discount off each sub.

Juniors is on Tuesdays after school at 3:30 pm (Must be 9 by 31 Dec. 2023 or in grade 3)

Ladies on Fridays at 9:30 am.

Night commences ladder competition on Tuesday 2nd May at 7:30 pm. (Juniors must turn 14 by 31 Dec. 2023)

Names to Rae 0437 093 672 or Bernadette 0427 582 805 or Brian 0437 756 672

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7am to 5.30pm

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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.

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St Martin's Messenger—May

Sunday 7 May Holy Communion 9am (New Time) Sunday 21 May Holy Communion 9am

Sunday 4 June Holy Communion 9am

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Each of us will have our own story to tell about a time when perseverance was needed. Maybe you are experiencing a time like this at the moment. We have all heard this word throughout our life. Sometimes it is disguised as practice makes perfect, or no pain, no gain. But ultimately it is the perseverance word wrapped up into modern phrases.

And a lot of times, the pressure that we feel is from ourselves, not from others. We don't want to be seen as a quitter; we want to be able to work it through. But at times it is a difficult journey!!

A Sunday School favourite for me was the story of Noah's Ark. God was unhappy about how things were going on the earth he had created. So, he chose Noah, to build a big boat. It came with lots of specific instructions for him to follow. Living in the desert, I am sure that Noah's neighbours and others who passed by would have ridiculed and teased Noah. But God had made a promise, and the only way to know if God would keep to his word would have been to persevere no matter what, in order to have the ark finished in time for God's plan.

Every generation, like us, faces change and challenges within our time, but do not become weary, keep persevering as we do God's work, with a generosity of spirit and compassion. We will reap a harvest, if we do not give up.

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

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Charlton Uniting Church Service times for May

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Sunday $21^{st} - 10.00$ am. Sunday $28^{th} - 11.00$ am.

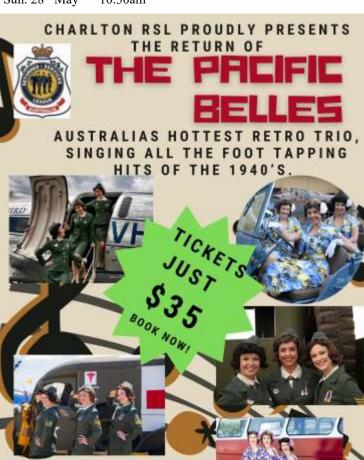
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East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times:

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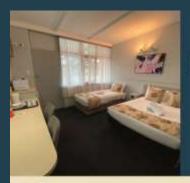
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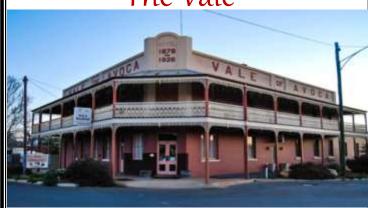
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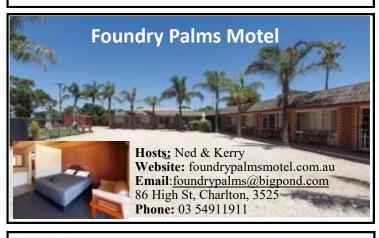


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