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CWA On Show

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

It was the high-quality workmanship which caught the judges' eyes at the May CWA East Wimmera Group Creative Arts and Home Industries Exhibition held in Charlton as more than 800 items were on display for public viewing.

A showpiece for the talents of many members, the seven Branches which comprise this region come together every two years to present the best-of-the-best across a wide range of categories.

The 2023 event was co-hosted by the Charlton Cabbaritta and Wedderburn Branches, with the organization of the show carried out by East Wimmera Group Craft Secretary, Cherie Duncan, and her assistant, and incoming Craft Secretary, Barbara Douglass.

Held at the Charlton Hall, the magnitude of skills contained within the membership of Bealiba, Cabbaritta (Charlton), Kara (St. Arnaud), Marnoo, Stuart Mill, Wedderburn and Wirrem (Birchip) Branches appears limitless, as tables of exquisite knitting, sewing, embroidery, floral arts, quilting, cookery, and much more, both inspire and amaze.

President of East Wimmera Group, Sharon Douglas, said that while the event showcases truly exceptional skills, she believes it is also an important vehicle for all exhibitors to have their workmanship available to be shared with others.

"People love seeing craft work," Sharon said, "and often these pieces just sit in people's homes and we never have the opportunity to see it. There are so many beautiful items amongst the ones which don't receive prizes that if it weren't for exhibitions such as this, the appreciation of this work – much of which is so meaningful to the creator - would be limited."

Mrs Douglas also said that while the CWA profile is frequently centered around

creativity and cooking, the exhibition showcases only one aspect of the wider work of the organization. "While the Country Women's Association is a political, it is also an active and respected lobbyist across both Federal and State governments with its work for the welfare of women and children (both rural and urban), and for its social advocacy."

Amongst many highlights at the exhibition a stand-out is always the table displays entered by each Branch which are based on a theme (this year it was "Four Seasons") and feature five different crafts. Mixing the traditional with the innovative, interpretations ranged from collections of separate items, to Wedderburn Branch's reimagining of their local park and

integrating autumnal features within that framework.

Junior members of CWA also compete within their own age group, and it was encouraging to see the diversity of contributions at this year's event.

While a considerable amount of planning and execution is needed to make a show like this happen, it also needs people who are willing to enter. Craft Secretary, Cherie Duncan, said the judges had expressed concern that some Groups may no longer be able to support events like this due to dwindling entries. Hence, the glowing appraisal of East Wimmera's presentation was both a compliment and an endorsement of CWA's strength across this region. **Continued on page 5.**



Pictured at the opening of the recent CWA East Wimmera Group Creative Arts and Home Industries Exhibition held in Charlton are (l-r) Group President, Sharon Douglas, Buloke Councillor, Bronwyn Simpson (who opened the exhibition), Group Craft Secretary, Cherie Duncan and incoming Craft Secretary, Barbara Douglass.

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*From the Editor
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the June edition. The news was a bit light for May, so only a small edition this month.

There's definitely more happening in June with the Deb Ball and the Charlton Cenotaph Anniversary. Both events will be worth attending. I have been working on the booklet for the Cenotaph which has information on all the soldiers for WW1 & WW2 who are commemorated on the memorial. This has been both a sad and rewarding experience.

The winter edition of the Cultural Magazine is also out now. It's well worth a read.

Welcome to our new sponsor—Jade Benham MP. We always welcome new sponsors and really appreciate your support.

On the farm we have finished cropping and the recent rain has been very welcome. Looking forward to a few days off for some R & R.

Cheers,
Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

June:

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

July:

Jazz in July—Sunday 16th @ Charlton Park
Mallee Melee—Friday 30th @ Charlton Shire Hall
Victorian Concert Orchestra—Sunday 30th @ The Rex



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Rex to Launch Strategic Plan

Following on from the community consultations earlier this year, the Rex Theatre, Charlton will launch its Strategic Plan on Tuesday 6 June at 9am at the Rex venue.

Using community feedback, from both the meetings and from an online survey, the community owned and operated facility has been hard at work finalising the document, guided by Leah Sertori from Sertori Consulting. Enablement of the process was made possible thanks to a grant through the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR), funded by ANZ's Seeds of Renewal Program.

Rex Chairperson, Hayden McKinnon, said the Board had spent a considerable amount of time reviewing and refining the content to accurately reflect the directions and priorities needed to take the organization forward.

"Input from both the community and the Rex Board helped us identify five areas of

strategic priority which will guide our direction into the future and which will strengthen both our internal structure and external outreach," Hayden said.

"The community response was very clear about how this facility is perceived and how we need to have an all-embracing scope."

Hayden expressed gratitude to ANZ and FRRR for their support, saying it was an investment which would guide the Rex in its ability to provide a service and to build its community connections. He also acknowledged the work of consultant, Leah Sertori, for the facilitation of the community consultations and her drafting and development of the strategy.

"We are now ready to share this document," Hayden said, "and we extend an invitation to everyone to be a part of the launch."

The event will take place at the Rex Theatre on Tuesday 6th

June at 9 am prior to the *Small Towns Big Difference* Forum which is on the same date in Charlton.

The Strategic Plan will be

available on the Rex website (rextheatre.org.au) and hard copies will also be available at the theatre.

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CWA on Show

Continued from Page 1. The inclusion of demonstrators Sally Wright (wool felting), from St. Arnaud, along with Bealiba creatives, Lyndene Higgins and Amanda Latter (upcycling of vintage fabrics and vintage baskets) was an added attraction.

Sally's fibre processing interest has evolved over the past five years, and utilizes wool from their own sheep which she cleans, dyes and spins. Using both natural and commercial dyes, the wool is stabbed through a canvas or blanket

backing to create the image as colours are intermingled to build tonal transitions.

Amanda's collection of vintage crocheted and card baskets included a 100-year-old heirloom as well as more recent examples. Passionate about the craft, Amanda runs classes in the craft in her home town of Bealiba.

"Waste-not-want-not" could be Lyndene Higgins motto as the talented craft practitioner creates the most exquisite items from old-fashioned rejects. Surrounded by old buttons, beads, lace and fabric, Lyndene was working on a queen-sized wedding quilt for her granddaughter made completely from recycled items. The ivory and oyster coloured squares were embellished with antique lace, ribbons, beads, buttons and doilies, imbuing it with a heritage made up from multiple background stories.

Officially opening the exhibition, Buloke Councillor (and CWA member) Bronwyn Simpson spoke about her own CWA journey and the directions which joining the organization had opened up to her. Acknowledging the exhibitors, and the tireless work of Craft Secretary, Cherie Duncan, Bronwyn then formally announced the exhibition open.

In response, Cherie thanked Group President, Sharon Douglas, and in-coming Craft Secretary, Barbara Douglass, for their incredible support in the lead-up to the event. Also acknowledging the work of the stewards, the hostess Branches of Cabbaritta and Wedderburn, exhibitors, judges ("we were one of the few exhibitions which had lots of judges") and

demonstrators, the prize winners were then announced.

Winners:

- Branch with Highest Number of Points: Cabbaritta
- Branch Table Display – Stuart Mill
- Best Article – Floral Section – Jo Phillips (Cabbaritta)
- Best Article of Handcraft – Diane Robertson (Wedderburn)
- Best Article of Patchwork – *Lois Johnson (Marnoo)
- One Woman's Work – Janet Stafford (Cabbaritta)
- Best Article of Crochet or Knitting – Janet Stafford (Cabbaritta)
- Best Photograph – Barbara Douglass (Bealiba)
- Best Article (Novice) – Bronwyn Fisher (Cabbaritta)
- Best Fruit Cake – Bronwyn Simpson (Cabbaritta)
- Best Cookery Exhibit (excluding fruit cake) – Janice Hendy (Marnoo)
- Outstanding Junior Entry – Morgan-Lea Brightwell (Bealiba)
- Junior Entry Cup Cakes – Morgan-Lea Brightwell (Bealiba)

(*Lois had the honour of being selected as a finalist in the 2023 Australian Quilt Show with her Marilyn Munro tribute quilt, not entered in this exhibition, which is currently now part of a touring exhibition).



The Stuart Mill Branch table display featuring the Four Seasons made for an eye-catching exhibit, which the judges rewarded with a First Prize.



Cabbaritta CWA (Charlton) Branch members (left) Bronwyn Fisher and Janet Stafford are pictured with their respective trophies as winners of the Best Article (Novice) -Bronwyn - and Best Article of Crochet or Knitting, and One Woman's Work – Janet.



With more than 800 entries on display visitors needed time to fully appreciate the variety and skills shown by the contributors.

Charlton Golf Club

Juniors and some ladies have taken advantage of coaching by Wendy, Clinton and Anthony to vest some time in developing their skills in time for the club championships.

Some good scores Wednesday 24th May as the course hardens up from lack of rain and golfers get in a few rounds; Wendy Laffin winner with 39 points, Chris Livingston 2nd with 36 points. Marj Bartlett had a superb 26 points in a 12 hole comp. NTPs 2nd Wendy Laffin, 7th Anne Kenny & 14th Marj Olive.

Mens cahmpionships begin Sunday, 4th June and Ladies' championships begin on Wednesday, 7th June. We will be playing concurrently to coincide with the club dinner.



Junior Golf: L to R—Seb Zagame, Charlie Zagame, Clinton Olive, Ethan Soulsby, Wendy Laffin, Anthony Hargreaves, Flynn Zagame, Isaac Roberts, Mitchel Boyle



NATIONAL SERVICE.

Charlton RSL sub-Branch is compiling a list of all locals who have served Australia in the National Service schemes in the 1950s to 1970s. There were two such schemes:

Charlton RSL Sub-branch

1951 to 1959. All 18 year old males who were fit for service served in the forces for 176 days, 98 days basic training and a further 78 days in Civilian Military Force (CMF) over the next three years; and,

1965 to 1972. A birthday ballot was held for 20 year old males and, if balloted in and fit for service, they served in the army for 2 years full time and a further 3 years part time in the reserves. They could be sent overseas, and many of them served in Vietnam.

We have details of those who went to Vietnam, but not of other national servicemen.

If you, or members of your family or your friends served, we would like to hear from you. Please contact:
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Secretary Bill Freeman, 5491 1000,
lawman1@iinet.net.au,
or drop us a line at 11 Armstrong Street
Charlton 3525.

The information we would like is:

- Full name; contact details, mailing, email, phone;
- Branch (army, navy, air force) and unit;
- Period of service;
- Service number; have you/they received their service medals.

All information received will be used for the purpose of compiling our list of those who served, also with a view to RSL involvement. We look forward to community support for our project.

LEST WE FORGET.



Golden Grains Museum News

Greeting from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. It is hard to believe how quickly this year is passing. Another very busy month for the volunteers at the museum, with regular visits by both locals and visitors. Open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by arrangements with one of the people listed, why not make time to arrange a visit. Admittance is still a very low \$5, and free for children. Perhaps your local group or organization would like to have an interesting outing. Group tours are most welcome, and a cuppa and biscuit could accompany your visit.

Bingo

Our great supporters in the town's Bingo players continue to make the trip to Donald to assist our fund raising efforts and have an enjoyable night out. With mixed fortunes amongst the players, we are very lucky to receive monies whenever we can get a group to visit. Make a note on your calendars and contact one of the museum volunteers to book your spot; everyone is welcome to come along.

Ike Richards

Our feature story this month relates to a popular man about town who you may already know a little about. If you visit the East Charlton Hotel you may notice a faded newspaper article on the back wall concerning Mr Ike Richards. Following a suggestion from a friend, Alf Dabron, about a terrific opportunity to take over a

hairdressing business in Charlton, Ike arrived in town in April 1920. The story suggests that Ike first went to check in at the Cricket Club Hotel but there were no vacancies. He then went to the East where he intended to stay for a few days to get settled. He finished up staying for 65 years, firstly in the old hotel, then eight years later in the newly built one. He first occupied Room 17, then moved into Room 8 which was more convenient being away from the busy and often noisy accommodation trade of those days. Ike commented that even having 14 landlords over all those years, there was never one occasion where a disagreement had occurred.

Ike managed his new business in High Street that comprised 5 hairdressing chairs, first class fittings and accessories, and had 42 regular 'Pot' clients. This was an individual shaving cup that showed men their value as customers and assisted with goodwill. Ike paid seventy pound for the business, walk in, walk out, and had the very good rental price of just 15 shillings per week for the premises. Retiring from hairdressing 25 years later, Ike next established a popular gift shop in High Street that many older residents still remember that he ran until 1978.

Not only a business man, Ike was a tireless worker in the community for many organizations. He was honoured at a special council meeting in 1979, where he jokingly commented on his 'Family

Special' price for haircuts when he first opened; 3 people for 2 shillings. That is why, he said, he had to work until he was 83! His 90th birthday was celebrated in 1986 at the Charlton Senior Citizens Room with a large crowd in attendance. He moved to the Bush Nursing Hospital in 1987.

Volunteers Wanted

Like so many grass roots organizations, the Charlton Golden Grains Museum is always on the lookout for new 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 future generations.

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

Phone enquiries:

President Anne 0408 547 973

Secretary Carolyn 0418 361 971

Treasurer Glenda 0417 901 771

Archivist Markus 0413 129 216



1939 Flood in High Street. George Cox on horse, Ike Richards in white apron, Harold Barber (butcher) in striped apron.

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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Another very busy month of activities and programs has passed at the Charlton Neighbourhood House. Thank you to everyone who has been involved. We trust you have enjoyed yourselves. Remember, we are always keen to hear ideas on what you would like to take part in - particularly hobby courses, cooking, exercise activities perhaps?



The town's children were certainly not left out with a number of fun activities held during May. Our regular Storytime at the Charlton Library was well attended and featured a turtle theme. In addition to the story, the children took part in various fun activities led by Mary McLoughlan. We were proud to also partner with The Australian Library and Information Association to celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime. The featured book chosen was The Speedy Sloth, with books and a cuddly Sloth being donated to both schools and the Charlton Pre-School by the Neighbourhood House. The Rex Theatre was the venue for some of the town's younger children to come together and listen to this wonderful book being read by Lynne McRae. Lucky winners of a Sloth and book were Dulcie and Tom.



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 Winter Wellbeing. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like more information about this friendly group, call the Neighbourhood House. Buloke Book Club continues to meet on the third Tuesday of each month, while Storytime is at the Library on the fourth Tuesday. Make a diary note today.

The 2023 Debutante Ball preparation is well under way and the young people 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 town's young people.

With support from the Victorian Law Foundation, we celebrated Law Week 2023 with a large number of residents taking advantage of collecting a free 'End of life Planner'. Contact us if you missed out and would like a copy.



Watch out for upcoming details of a very special kids activity coming in early July. Winter will be coming to Charlton like never before.

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JUNE

WEEKLY

Yarning2

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



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MONTHLY

Carers Group Lunch

Tuesday 13th 12pm
Speaker: Demi (NCDH) Winter Wellbeing
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



20
MONTHLY

Buloke Book Club

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



23

Debutante Ball

7.30pm
AT: Charlton Shire Hall
COST: \$15 Adult \$10 Students
Come and watch the 2023 Deb Set



27
MONTHLY

StoryTime

Music Theme
10.30am-11.30am
AT: Charlton Library
COST: Free



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Table for 12

Pad Thai with Kim Thompson
6pm-8pm
At: NCTTC
COST: \$20



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Mallee Melee 3

Miniature Wargaming Weekend
Meet & Greet Fri., Gaming Sat/Sun
At: Charlton Shire Hall
COST: \$20. In support RFDS



JULY

WEEKLY

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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 Ann Cossar, Organ donation
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



25
MONTHLY

StoryTime

Tree Day theme
10.30am-11.30am
AT: Charlton Library
COST: Free



26

Table for 12

Vegan Curry with Tess Fitzpatrick
6pm-8pm
At: NCTTC
COST: \$20



School Holidays

Winter Wonderland Escape
Free all age family event presented
by Charlton Youth Group & CNH

Come along to Charlton Park on Wednesday July 5 between 1pm and 3:30pm and experience winter like never before. Snow making machine, winter photo areas, hot chocolate drinks, popcorn, giveaways. Food & drinks available to purchase.



All bookings via

www.charltonnh.org.au

Have you claimed your \$250 State Government Power Saving Rebate yet? If not, the Charlton Neighbourhood House will happily assist you. Drop by with a recent bill, I.D. and banking details for fast payment .



Catholic Education Week at St Joseph's School

Contributed by Mary Hogan

Last week we celebrated Catholic Education Week, recognising our school as part of the Diocese of Ballarat. It has been a fitting time to reflect on the significance of a Catholic Education. I believe there are a number of aspects which make Catholic education special and I feel privileged to be in the position of leadership at St Joseph's School, Charlton.

Catholic education aims to integrate learning with faith, providing an education which encompasses academic knowledge alongside the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. It also aims to instil in students a sense of personal integrity, compassion, social justice, respect and care for our environment. St Joseph's aims to foster a strong sense of belonging and community and works to develop the whole person - academically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Students are encouraged to live their learning by serving

the community and being involved in social justice actions; teaching them responsibility, empathy and the fact that they can make a difference in their world. Finally, students are invited to explore questions of faith, to engage in dialogue and develop their own understanding of the world in which they live and learn!

I am grateful for the staff who teach, guide and nurture our students each day and thank them for their on-going dedication and commitment to Catholic Education. I also, continue to be grateful for the continued support of all families within the St Joseph's school and wider community.

On Wednesday 24th May, we journeyed to St Mary's in Donald to join our cluster group, which also includes St Patrick's, St Arnaud. We celebrated Mass together, enjoyed a performance called "Happiness Habits" and shared a meal. To conclude our week, we had a live puppet show

visiting St Joseph's School on Friday, with a performance based around making and maintaining friendships!

Last week the senior students took the opportunity to reflect on Catholic Education and being at St Joseph's School.

Being at a Catholic school means everyone is kind, caring and loving to one another. The education is great, the resources are good and we get a great education. St Joe's is a great school! **Lila**

I like going to St Joseph's School in Charlton because there are nice teachers and students. At St Joseph's I feel safe because it is small and doesn't have heaps of people. **Harry**

At my Catholic school I learn all about the example Jesus gave us about how we should treat each other. St Joseph's is a great school because the teachers make a great effort showing us how to treat others with respect. **Darcy**

I like being at a Catholic school because people are nice to each other. I like St Joseph's School because the teachers always get to me a lot quicker because we have smaller classes. **Brody**

St Joseph's is a great school because I like learning about God, Jesus, the bible, Mary, sport, literacy, writing and maths. St Joseph's has thirty-two students which means it's not over-crowded. **Isaac**

Being at a Catholic school means I learn about things I wouldn't know otherwise. At St Joseph's School I feel challenged with what I am learning which makes think. St Joseph's School teaches me about creation and what Jesus did during his life. **Cooper**

The things I like about St Joseph's School are that they make me feel safe, you learn more and people are nice. **Aria**





Catholic Education Week at St Joseph's School

St Joseph's School teaches me how to be a better person and all the basics of learning. My principal, Mrs Hogan, gives us great learning opportunities, and opportunities in general. I think I am very privileged to go to a Catholic school in

Charlton with amazing, caring staff. **Rosie** At St Joseph's School we have just celebrated Catholic Education Week. We went to Donald to celebrate Mass and watched a performance called 'Happiness Habits'. It's fun to join up with the other

schools and meet new people. **Liam** At a Catholic School, I learn about God and what he did for us. A good thing about St Joseph's is that we don't have a lot of kids so we get a lot of help. **Charlie**



Charlton Probus News

At the May meeting Michelle Ride, Bendigo Back (Charlton Branch) talked on scams and the best way to protect yourself from scams. Everyone is vulnerable to scams so everyone needs information about how to identify and avoid being scammed. Some people think that only the gullible and greedy fall victim to scams. The truth is scammers are clever and if you don't know what to look out for, anyone can fall victim to a scam. Have you received an offer that seems too good to be

true, perhaps a phone call to help fix your computer or a threat to pay money you do not owe, an alert from your bank or telecommunications provider about a problem with your account or even an invitation to 'befriend' or connect online? Scammers know how to press your buttons to get what they want. They are getting smarter, moving with the times to take advantage of new technology, new products or services and major events to create believable stories that will convince you to part with your money or personal details.

Contact Your Bank Immediately

If you have sent money or personal banking information to a scammer, **contact your Bank Immediately**, they may be able to stop a money transfer or cheque or close your account details, reverse the transaction if your credit card was billed fraudulently.

Some Golden Rules To Protect Yourself

Be alert to the fact that scams exist. When dealing with uninvited contacts from people or businesses, whether it's over the phone, by mail, email, in

person or on social networking . Remember if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Know who you're dealing with. If you have only ever met someone online or are unsure of the legitimacy of a business, take some time to do a bit more research.

Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up or email – delete them. If unsure, verify the identity of the contact through an independent source such as a phone book or online search. **Don't** use the contact details provided in the message sent to you.

Keep your Personal details secure Put a lock on your Mail Box and shred your bills and other important documents before throwing them out. Keep your passwords and pin numbers in a safe place. Be very careful about how much personal information you share on social media.

Beware of unusual payment methods. Scammers often ask for payment by wire transfers.

Kim Wishhart thanked Michelle for her time and talk on a very important subject .



Kim Wishhart & Michelle Ride, Bendigo Bank (Guest Speaker)



May Birthdays—L to R. Noreen Ryan, Lyn Minogue, Joan Cadzow, Margaret Fradd, Margaret Bowen. Absent Robyn Good, May Chester & Mary Walklate.

Order of Australia Medal “Thank you”

To all who have congratulated us, either in person, by phone, via internet or sms messages, with cards and letters, can we say a big warm “thank you” for your support following the announcement of our two OAM awards.

Sport has been our passion. We have enjoyed enormous pleasure by coaching juniors, helping them to reach their potential, and therefore, to enjoy their sport even more.

Our involvement in Charlton organisations is important to us, and, hopefully, will continue for many more years.

We are truly humbled by these awards, but also very honoured, and grateful for all the assistance that we have received over many years.

Rae & Brian Heenan



Thank You

Thank you dear friends for everyone's good wishes for my birthday. I had a lovely time.

Joy Freeman

Thank You

The family of Beryl Lewis would like to thank those who visited, the flowers, cards and food received on Mum's passing.

They were very much appreciated.

*Leonie,
A wonderful Mum, never forgotten.*

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to eat.

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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 22nd June**. We use our own cars and car pool across to Donald.

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Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton

When: Sunday 18th June 2023, 7am to 5.30pm

Weigh in: 5.30pm at Clubrooms followed by BBQ tea.

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet at the Clubhouse before fishing
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching and releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in by 6pm to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation

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Charlton Cenotaph Centenary Anniversary

The Charlton Cenotaph, which stands proudly at the western end of High Street, was unveiled 100 years ago on the 23rd June, 1923.

Topped with an Italian marble Australian soldier, the memorial commemorates the 47 Charlton WWI and 13 WWII soldiers who died during these wars. It also includes Nurse Munro, who died during WWI in Salonika, Greece.

To mark this special milestone, the Charlton RSL Sub-branch has planned a Centenary event for the weekend of the 23rd & 24th June.

The Pacific Belles will be live at the Rex Theatre on Saturday 24th June. This retro trio will be singing all the foot tapping hits of the 1940s. Tickets are \$35 and bookings can be made online at <https://events.humanitix.com/charlton-rsl-pacific-belles>.

On Sunday 25th June at 1:30pm, a commemorative service will take place at the cenotaph. The Charlton-Wycheproof bank will be playing and afternoon tea will be available. A wet weather contingency plan is in place.

A booklet has been produced to accompany the service. It contains the details and stories of those who are listed on the memorial. The Charlton Golden Grains

Museum's, secretary, Carolyn Olive, has been researching the stories of the men & women who served. She says, "It's been a sad but rewarding experience. Particularly as this booklet concentrates only on the men and women who died. However, I'm

pleased their stories are being told."

Everyone is encouraged to attend the event and the Charlton RSL Sub-branch look forward to seeing you there.



Official unveiling of the WW1 memorial on the 23rd June, 1923 by the Acting Premier Sir William McPherson K.C.M.G. He nearly didn't make it to the unveiling as the official party got bogged and missed their train from Wychitella. They caught a railway motor-tricycle which unfortunately broke down near Buckrabanyule so a goods train was commandeered and they eventually arrived in Charlton late and covered in mud.



JUNE Live at The Rex



Aden & Friends



NICK



DRAGO



CAVIE

Friday 16 June 8pm

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Fresh from the International Comedy Festival, Aden Hitchins, along with his three mates, is bringing a night of laugh-out-loud comedy to The Rex.

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M Intense scenes of violence, science fiction themes and coarse language
150 mins | Action | Adventure



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

Still reeling from the loss of Gamora, Peter Quill must rally his team to defend the universe and protect one of their own. If the mission is not completely successful, it could possibly lead to the end of the Guardians as we know them.

JOHN FARNHAM: FINDING THE VOICE

M Coarse language
95 mins | Documentary



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

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M Coarse language and sexual references
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Sat 10 June 8pm
Sun 11 June 2pm
Tue 13 June 8pm

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Sat 24 June 8pm
Sun 25 June 2pm
Tue 27 June 8pm

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St Martin's Messenger—June

Sunday 4 June	Holy Communion	9am (New Time!!!)
Sunday 18 June	Holy Communion	9am
Sunday 2 July	Holy Communion	9am

Dear God, I meant to include but forgot.....

One of the things that can make us feel most guilty is not praying for people for whom we have promised to pray. I have felt bad when someone has come up and thanked me for my prayers, when I have not prayed as much as I should have. Sometimes we feel obliged to promise to pray. Sometimes people ask us at a moment when we cannot jot it down. At other times we can just plain forget.

So, what is to be done? The first thing is to let ourselves off the hook of guilt. Guilt of this kind rarely does any good. Life is full and complex and we simply cannot deliver all we would like. The second thing is to remember the wise advice to send an immediate arrow prayer when we are asked. (Straight away).

But behind that is a deeper and more comforting truth. When we come before God in prayer, we come with everything we are and everything we are carrying. Part of that is the fact that we were asked to pray for "so-and-so" and forgot! God can handle that. God takes the intention of the heart to pray for that person and it is enough. All God wants is our desire to pray. So we can be sure that when we come to him with our forgotten prayers, he will be able to find them, and he will not forget. Good one, God – what a relief!

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I welcome you all to contact me through my office so I can help you with any of your State questions.



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Charlton Uniting Church



Charlton Uniting Church Service times for June 2023

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