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Charlton Deb Ball



The 2023 Charlton Debutantes and their partners pictured following the formalities of the night with a group photo opportunity, Back row, left to right: Hugh Sait, Ned Zagame, Cole Hendy, Elliott Fitzpatrick, Rory King, Murphy McGeown, Cooper Boyle, Saxon Steel, Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Will Nicholson, Michelle Jenkyn (trainer). Front row, left to right: Wes Jenkyn (trainer), Ebony Start, Dayne Bartlett, Crystal Rose Murray, Emerellida Gray, Bonnie Elliott, L Johnstone, Emily Olive, Malakia Marshall, Sema Headon, Alinta Marshall. Attendants: left, Vincent Roberts and Lila Lanyon; right, Molly Riley and Ned Larmour. — Photograph by Andy Banks Photography.

A GLITTERING NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

An elegantly presented Debutante Set featuring ten stylish couples made for a night to remember as the mid-winter event, coordinated by the Charlton Neighbourhood House, unfolded from a glittering pavilion stage set at the shire hall in Charlton on Friday 23rd June.

The culmination of many weeks and months of preparation and planning was a credit to all involved, and showcased the timelessness of etiquette which often is treated as an anachronism in today's society.

Resplendent in formal attire –the boys in black suits, with navy and silver button holes, and the girls in fitted white, shimmering ball gowns with an accompanying navy and silver bracelet –

the group was complemented by the adorable attendants – Molly Riley and Ned Larmour, along with Lila Lanyon and Vincent Roberts, who opened the evening with a presentation to the official party. This comprised Xanthe Fitzpatrick (Charlton Young Citizen of the Year) and Deb trainers Wes and Michelle Jenkyn (Wes is also Charlton Citizen of the Year).

With host Natasha Saunders welcoming the crowd, the themed setting – “Promenade at the Pavilion” –had been masterminded by creatives Donna McCallum and Bernice Kenny (with assistance from Jenny Pollard and Dale McCallum) as the light-festooned pavilion, draped with silver chiffon, a glowing chandelier, flowers, greenery and a garden seat, was revealed as the stage curtains opened.

The format of the presentation saw each boy walk from the supper room to the stage,

greet their partner, then escort her down the hall where a floral tribute was handed to each couple's parent / significant other. Following the presentation to the official party, the couple then processed back to the assembly point at the foot of the stage, while individual back stories, aspirations and achievements, along with dress commentaries, were shared with the audience. Each of the participants had also selected their own meaningful piece of music for this segment of the night.

Always a highlight of the event, the group reformed to perform the presentation dances which included the St. Bernard Waltz, Dorothea Waltz, Merrilyn Waltz and the Barn Dance Heel and Toe Polka. Trainers, Wes and Michelle Jenkyn, continue to share their time and talents to hone the dancing skills of the young people
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*From the Editor
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the July newsletter. Thankfully there was plenty of content for this edition.

Congratulations to all the debts, their partners, trainers, parents and volunteers involved in this year's Debutante Ball. It looks like everyone had a wonderful time.

Also congratulations to all those involved in the Cenotaph Centenary Commemoration. Whilst the weather was very wintry, the occasion was suitably marked and the booklet well received.

I must thank Jenny Pollard for her contributions and the Buloke Times for allowing them to be reproduced in the newsletter. Much of the content this issue is thanks to Jenny.

As Secretary of the Charlton Forum, which is the official organisation that represents the Charlton community, I encourage people to attend our AGM on Tuesday 18th July and the Charlton Beautification Workshop afterwards. We'd love to see some new faces and hear your ideas.

Cheers,
Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

July:

Jazz in July—Sunday 16th @ Charlton Park
Victorian Concert Orchestra—Sunday 30th @ The Rex
Buckrabanyule Hall Farewell—Sunday 30th

August:

Football/Netball Reunions—Saturday 12th

September:

Crow Kid—Thursday 19th @ The Rex

October:

Damian Callinan—Friday 6th @ The Rex
Lions Swap Meet—Sunday 7th
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- Fans throughout.
- Floating floor.
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- New kitchen.
- New bathroom.
- Under cover outdoor area.
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- Two entries - side access.
- Fully fenced.
- 2m x 3m Garden Shed.
- Dog Yard.
- Outside roller blinds.
- Restumped.
- New plumbing.



Charlton RSL Sub-branch

With this letter, 20 year old Harold Briggs left his job as a farm teamster with E & J Rowe at Charlton and enlisted in the Australian Army on 20 July 1915 as a Private in C Company 29th Battalion. He left Australia aboard HMAT A11 Ascanius on 10 November 1915. The Somme offensive from 01 July to 18 November 1916 was one of the deadliest battles in human history, almost 3 million men took part, of whom one million were either wounded or killed. Sadly, Private Harold Briggs was killed in action on 13 September 1916. He was buried in Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, plot 1, row M, grave No. 4. After the war, his parents Mary Anne and William received his medals, the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Private Harold Briggs, No. 764, is one of the 60 Charlton service personnel who answered the call from King and Country, went to war, made the Supreme Sacrifice, and who are commemorated on the Charlton Cenotaph.

The Charlton Cenotaph was unveiled on 23 June 1923 to honour the 47 men and women from Charlton, including Private

Harold Briggs, who died in the Great War. On 11 November 1951, Remembrance Day, a plaque to honour the 13 men from Charlton who died in the Second World War was added to the Cenotaph.

On Sunday 25 June 2023, we recognised the centenary of the Charlton Cenotaph and remembered Charlton's war dead, the 60 whose names appear on the Cenotaph, and also the two commemorated on the Boer War memorial in Elliott Gardens, Troopers Alfred Bawden and Robert Watson.

*They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn;
at the going down of the sun and in
the morning
we will remember them.*

LEST WE FORGET.

"My dear son, like other parents whose sons have gone to the 'front', we shall miss you more than you can imagine, but we, your mother and myself, feel proud that our son has answered to his Country's call and volunteered. I only wish that I could go with you. We trust that you may be spared to return to us. You have our full consent in this letter & may show this to whom it may concern. ...With best love from us both, we remain your very loving mother and Da." Signed Mary Ann Briggs, William Briggs.

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Charlton Deb Ball

(Continued from Page 1) who undertake this annual event, and it is thanks to their patience and encouragement that the outcome is always an ongoing success.

It is during this portion of the night where the girls' dresses really show to advantage, with the waltzes helping to create a snow-fall of whiteness, as the tulle, chiffon and delicately glittering skirts swirled in time to the music. Many of the gowns featured shoe-string straps, corset style lace-up backs and boned bodices. A mixture of A-line and princess style outfits with delicately fitted lace, some embellished with tiny pearls, crystals and embroidery, was enhanced with understated jewellery - some of which had been a gift, or in one case was a family heirloom.

To complete this segment, Debutants and their partners then invited their parents, or significant person to join them in the

Pride of Erin. Versatile pianist, Gil Gretgrix, provided the musical accompaniment for the dances.

While a long list of acknowledgements was included on the official program, recognition of a core group was carried out by Debutante couple, Emily Olive and Cooper Boyle, who opened by commending the efforts and commitment of the Charlton Neighbourhood House, its staff and volunteers in bringing the ball to fruition. Gifts were presented to Wes and Michelle, along with the four young attendants, host, Natasha Saunders, set designers Donna McCallum and Bernice Kenny, and pianist, Gil Gretgrix.

Following group photos and supper the Debutants, partners, families and extended crowd enjoyed dancing to the music provided by Leo Tellefson and Ross Lane.

Charlton's 2023 Deb set comprised: Ebony Start and Hugh Sait
Ezmerelda Gray and Elliott Fitzpatrick
Emily Olive and Cooper Boyle
Malakia Marshall and Saxon Steel
Crystal Rose Murray and Cole Hendy
L Johnstone and Murphy McGeown
Dayne Bartlett and Ned Zagame
Alinta Marshall and Will Nicholson
Sema Headon and Fletcher Holmes-Brown
Bonnie Elliot and Rory King

Unique to the make-up of this year's group were two sisters Malakia and Alinta Marshall, a brother and sister, Will Nicholson and Bonnie Elliott, and Japanese exchange student, Sema Headon.



The young attendants who opened the proceedings are pictured walking down the hall towards the official party, (l-r) Lila Lanyon, Vincent Roberts, Molly Riley and Ned Larmour.



Molly Riley and Vincent Roberts get in the swing of the Heel / Toe Polka.



Pictured during one of the presentation dances, the set showed their dancing prowess which trainers, Wes and Michelle Jenkyn work with the young people to develop.

Salvos Fired as Gamers Return

The third “Mallee Melee” kicked off on the first weekend of July as war-gamers returned to Charlton to pitch strategies on one of the most defining battles of the American Civil War – the Battle of Shiloh.

Setting up residence at the Charlton Hall, the location offered a more spacious arena for the large-scale games than the previously used RSL Clubroom and allowed participants the extra room to store the multiple containers of battle-ground accessories and models needed for play.

After spending a couple of hours setting up on the Friday, the group shared an evening meal at the Cricket Club Hotel, with battle stations organized to begin at 9am on Saturday.

Cabarritta CWA Branch provided a delicious morning tea on the first day of play to keep gamers energy levels high, and the general public was invited to come along, to watch, or participate if they so desired.

Event coordinator, Markus Phillips said the number of participants was on par with previous years, with many returnees this year, along with one contender who had made the trek from Canberra.

Markus also indicated that this year’s event included fundraising for the Royal Flying Doctor Service with donations encouraged from visitors and a portion of the gamers’ entrance fee contributing towards the cause.

Acknowledging the support of the Buloke Shire for fee-wavier on the use of the hall and the Charlton Neighbourhood House for their support with publicity and photocopying, Markus reiterated the economic benefits which flow on through the town from an event of this nature.

As the action heated up on Sunday, and the final push towards the climax of battle unfolded, the prospect of future Mallee Melees looks set to continue.



Taking a break from the American Civil War Battle of Shiloh, miniature war gamers posed for group photo at the 2023 running of the popular “Mallee Melee” – pictured (l-r back) Tony Chandler, Mitch Dare, Jeff Dare, Markus Phillips, Rick Charlesworth, Adam Copeland, Paul Baker, Rueben Larson, (front l-r) Michael Parker, James Farquharson, Leigh Van Boven and Sean Copeland.



Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to our monthly catch up from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. Despite the cooler weather we are still welcoming visitors to explore our wonderful collection. We are open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by arrangements with one of the members listed below.

Enquiries continue about our archiving service where you can record you and your family's history down for us to scan into our digital reference library. A hard copy of the papers, family images or genealogy charts will also be stored in an A4 size envelope. This is a wonderful opportunity for stories not to be lost, but preserved for researchers at a later stage. Cost is just \$10, which goes towards helping us to maintain our collection.

Another way we raise funds is by our regular trips across to Donald for Bingo on the last Thursday of each month. If you are keen to join in the fun, contact one of the volunteers listed below.

Wedding Memories

Members recently had morning tea with Marion Lane and Joan Cadzow, who kindly donated their wedding dresses to the museum. Marion and Joan were able to view their dresses now on display. Audrey Ennis's (nee Olive) is also on display and Audrey dropped by to view her dress recently.

Grant Success

The museum's plans to photograph and digitise our collection is now full steam ahead with news that we were successful with our Charlton Bendigo Bank funding application. We can now purchase a digital camera, backdrops, light boxes and other essential items to create professional images of our vast collection.

Gold Fever

Our feature story this month relates to something certainly a lot of new residents may not know much about, and that is the discovery and mining of gold in the district. Our close neighbours Wedderburn and St Arnaud had already had much success, when in the mid 1930s Fred and Bert Smith found what appeared to be gold-bearing quartz while building a fence at Yeungroon. Several locals took out mining leases on the surrounding properties, and in late December 1936 the first crushing of 15 tons of quartz produced 8.5kg of gold. In February 1937, the Charlton Development Company was formed and secured the working option over the property with a number of local farmers becoming shareholders. In the following five months 163 tons of ore were treated at the Government Battery in Wedderburn and yielded 32 kilograms of gold. Shortly after this the gold started to diminish and any further exploration would require a considerable expense in mining below the water level. The Directors decided at that stage to close the mine.

Yeungroon wasn't the only area where gold was mined. Firstly in 1912, and then the early 1930s at Dooboobetic, a quartz reef was found when two locals were prospecting. A number of leases were taken up along the reef and many trenches and shallow shafts were dug. One main shaft was sunk 13 metres. A large amount of slate and sandstone inhibited mining, but plans were in place to sink a main shaft 26 metres if the early crushings of quartz proved profitable. This was not the case and with

nothing of promise discovered, mining ceased.

More mining occurred closer to town in 1922, this time not for gold, but for oil. Where the new Monash Tribute Gardens are located at the top of View and Currie Streets, exploration took place with the drilling of a 34 metre bore by The Charlton Oil Company. This was accompanied by 3 other bores in town. The Mines Department report assessed the opinion that, 'under the geological conditions existing in the district, I regard it as useless to bore further.'

Like so many groups and organizations in town, Charlton Golden Grains Museum relies on a dedicated group of volunteers, and we are always on the look out for new members. 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'.

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Marion Lane (nee Torney) & Joan Cadzow (nee Bartlett)



Audrey Ennis (nee Olive)

RSL Commemorates Centenary Milestone

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

It was almost one hundred years to the day that the Charlton community again gathered, this time to mark the centenary of the unveiling of the Cenotaph which commemorates the local residents who gave their lives during the First World War.

Located at the western end of Charlton's High Street, the granite monument, crowned with a figure of an Australian soldier sculpted in white Italian marble, was formally unveiled on 23rd June 1923 by the Acting Premier, Sir William McPherson K.C.M.G.

On Sunday 25th June the Charlton RSL Sub-Branch, guests and community, again joined to reflect and acknowledge the sacrifices made by those whose names are recorded on the monument – now encompassing the fallen from both World Wars.

Artic temperatures in the early afternoon had the crowd huddling to keep warm, however the weather was not as detrimental as on the original unveiling day, which local historian, Carolyn Olive noted in her background to the event:

"Sir William McPherson 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."

Welcoming onlookers gathered in Elliott Gardens for the 2023 commemoration, President of the Charlton RSL Sub Branch, Allan McGillivray recounted the origins of the monument, which following the end of World War 1, was determined to be the most fitting memorial to the fallen.

Approximately 300 enlistees came from the Charlton Shire, with 46 men and 1 woman (Sister Gertrude Evelyn Munroe) perishing in the conflict.

Allan continued, "On 11th November 1951, Remembrance Day, a plaque honouring the 13 men from Charlton, who following their forbears, answered the call for King and Country, went to the Second World War, and they too paid the supreme sacrifice."

"Today we honour the memory of the 60 Charlton service personnel who did not come home from these two world wars, and we honour all who have served in the forces, in war, in conflict, in peace-keeping and in peacetime."

Acknowledgement of attendees at the gathering included: members of the Charlton RSL and representatives from the RSL Branches of St. Arnaud and Wedderburn, Mr. Brian Heenan (OAM) band master, and members of the Charlton / Wycheproof Citizens' Band, historian

Carolyn Olive, creator of the Charlton Cenotaph Centenary booklet, members of the Charlton Golden Grains Museum and Charlton College Captains, Tahli Roberts and Tyler Riley.

Also in attendance was Charlton CFA Group Officer, Phil Ellis and Charlton CFA Brigade Captain, Craig Walsh.

Apologies from both State and Federal MPs, Jade Benham and Dr. Anne Webster were noted, along with RSL Victorian CEO, Sue Cattermole, and Ross McMullin, author of the biography of Charlton-born, Brigadier General, Pompey Elliott.

Wreaths were then laid on behalf of the RSL and the Red Cross.

Charlton College captains, Tyler Riley and Tahli Roberts took to the podium to alternate in reading out the names of the fallen from both wars, while placing a poppy for each in remembrance. The community was also invited to come forward to commemorate family and relatives in a similar manner.

RSL Secretary, Bill Freeman read John McCrae's poignant *"In Flanders Fields"* which was followed by *"The Ode"*, and the playing of the Last Post and Reveille by band member Ron Corbett.

The formalities concluded with the

playing of *"God Save the King"* (the National Anthem under which the service personnel fought and died), followed by the current National Anthem, *"Advance Australia Fair"*.

A complimentary publication marking the centenary was compiled by Carolyn Olive, recounting the impact of the First World War in the local community, the euphoria of the armistice announcement and the subsequent discussions about how best to commemorate those who had lost their lives in service to the country. The booklet lists the full quota of names inscribed on the cenotaph from both world wars, along with snapshot profiles, many with accompanying photographs, of the personal and military backgrounds of those who did not come home.

This comprehensive resource has drawn material from many scattered sources and is a fitting accessory to the 100th anniversary of this significant landmark.

While the Charlton / Wycheproof Citizens' Band played music from the war years, the crowd was invited to share afternoon tea out of the cold wind and follow up with a visit to the Golden Grains Museum.

The weekend commemoration also



Marking the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the Charlton Cenotaph on Sunday 25th June 2023 are official participants (l-r) Charlton RSL President, Allan McGillivray, Charlton College Captains Tyler Riley and Tahli Roberts, and RSL Secretary, Bill Freeman. Tyler and Tahli read the names of the fallen from both World Wars (plus the two Boer War participants) and placed a poppy in the basket in commemoration of each.

RSL Commemorates Centenary Milestone

included a performance by the Pacific Belles singing trio at The Rex Theatre on Saturday afternoon.

The group – dubbed “Australia’s very own Andrews Sisters” – opened the show with an air-raid siren after which “Mabel, Dot and Betty” proclaimed The Rex as the “nicest of air-raid shelters”. Looking snappy in their army uniforms, the girls began with the swinging “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” which led into a story of romance about “Archie and Bert” as popular songs of the era were woven into the narrative. From classics such as “Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive”, “Dream a Little Dream of Me”, “Bei Mir Bistu Shein” and “Don’t Sit Under the Apple Tree”, the trio then remerged after interval in summery civilian attire to present hits such as “Rum and Coca Cola”, “Chattanooga Choo Choo” and “Wonder Wall”.

Much positive feedback was received about the show, and the girls were particularly generous with their time, meeting and talking with audience members following the performance.



Members of the public were also invited to lay tributes to the fallen at the centoph.



The Pacific Belles trio were an added highlight to the commemoration weekend and “Mabel, Betty and Dot” are pictured in civilian attire, performing at the Rex on the Saturday afternoon.



Camping, Gardening and Yoga Finish the Term at St Joseph's.

The final morning of camp presented a frost so thick that snowballs were made by scraping the ice off the tables, seats and railings! Campaspe Downs PGL Outdoor Adventure Camp, near Kyneton, was the perfect setting for Grade 5 & 6 students from St Joseph's Charlton, St Mary's Donald and St Patrick's St Arnaud to gather and explore some outdoor time together creating new friendships, encourage each other to complete the challenges and activities and to very simply - have fun!

Camp Campaspe Downs is set on 160 acres of beautiful countryside, filled with wildlife and wide open spaces to explore. Climbing challenges, sensory trails, initiative and problem solving tasks, rope courses, the possum glider and flying fox were all tried out with enthusiasm - and a

little trepidation here and there!

Mrs Bianca Winslade, teacher at The North Central Trade Training Centre, together with some of the Year 9 students, worked with all students to plant seedlings in the Community Garden. The students enjoyed interacting with the older students and learning what the different vegetable plants look like. There will certainly be a wide range of vegetables available for some hearty soup in Term Three!

To wind down the term, yoga instructor Averyl Loft, visited St Joseph's to spread some relaxation and boost well-being! Both junior and

senior students participated in yoga sessions, many for their very first time! Averyl guided students through some stretching, active participation, paired balance activities and concluded with some mindful breathing. Staff and students all agreed yoga is awesome and we hope Averyl might visit us again one day!



Mia Wright and Sally Armstrong plant out seedlings with their helper



Willow Caine tackles the climbing wall



Team challenge including (L-R) Cooper, Arley, Rosie, Lila, Charlie, Isaac, Willow and Xavier



The senior group participating in the Yoga session

Charlton Probus News

June Meeting: President David Beaty welcomed all Probusians and Guests, Wendy Vandenberg and Greg Wain. Members observed a minute's silence in memory of past member John Cross. David Beaty then gave a two minute talk on his time in Albury working in a textile factory and in Melbourne and then to Charlton. David is also interested in Ham Radio.

Birthdays for June—Bev Mulholland, David Beaty and Neil Cossar, (Marj Bartlett and Joan Mundy were not present). Birthday Wishes from all Charlton Probusians.

Older Drivers

The Guest Speaker was Denise from Vic Roads talking on Older Drivers—Assessing Fitness to Drive. Driving a motor vehicle is a complex task involving perception, judgement, adequate response time and appropriate physical capability. The driver must satisfy the vision sensory, cognitive and musculoskeletal capabilities of safe driving. A range of medical conditions, disabilities and treatments may influence these driving prerequisites. Impairments may adversely affect driving ability, resulting in a crash causing death or injury. All medical assessments conducted for the purpose of determining fitness to drive must be conducted in accordance with the current edition of the national driver medical standards which are updated regularly. Fitness to drive is an important consideration for people with chronic health conditions and/or disabilities. Examples of Conditions That May Affect Safe Driving.

- Vision and Eye Disorders
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- Sleep Disorders.
- Dementia and Cognitive Impairment
- Alcohol/Substance Misuse
- Seizures and Epilepsy

If a driver has any serious (permanent or long term) illness, disability, medical condition or

injury, (or the effects of treatment for any of those things) that may impact their driving ability, you can consider recommending a conditional licence. A suitable conditional licence enables drivers to drive under circumstances that suit their capability optimizing driver and public safety while maintaining driver independence. A conditional licence identifies the needs for medical management, vehicle modifications and, or driving restrictions (e.g. corrective lenses, no night driving, radius restricted driving area, zone BAC) that would enable the person to drive safely. It may also specify a review period, after which the person is required to undergo medical or on road competency reviews to establish their continued fitness to drive.

Ask for Support

Talk to the driver or family to see if they share your concerns. You could rehearse the discussion you plan on having with the driver so you can be better prepared to handle their reaction.

Be Compassionate and Empathetic

You do not want to make the driver feel like everyone is ganging up on them, so be sure to frame the conversation with patience and care, carefully choose the right time to bring up the subject.

Discuss Specifics But Avoid Blame

Explain why you're worried about someone driving in a casual, observational way. Try not to accuse the driver of doing the wrong thing. * I noticed you didn't see that stop sign. * I felt you didn't leave enough time for the car to pass. * You seemed unsure about where the supermarket was.

Be Prepared for Resistance and Anger

Driving represents independence to many people, when they think you might be taking away their ability to get around, they may become defensive or agitated. If this is the case, it might be best to end the conversation and revisit it at a later stage when they've had the opportunity to cool off and digest the information.

Ask for The Driver's Opinion

It's very possible that if you've noticed problems he/she may have too. Make time to ask the driver how they feel about their driving ability and confidence behind the wheel.

Appeal to The Driver's Sense of Responsibility

If the medical professionals and the occupational therapy driving assessor agree that it's time for the person to stop driving, appeal to the driver's sense of responsibility. Remind them that continuing to drive not only poses a risk to their safety, but the safety to others on the roads.

Probus Trip to the Pebble Church

Probus travelled south to Carapooee to visit the Pebble Church on Friday 23rd June. Club members arrived at the Carapooee Fire Shed for a lovely morning tea and to hear about the rich history of the Peter's Diggings area as well as the circumstances which led to the purchase of the Pebble Church in 2020 in a talk, given by PCHAI members, Megan Barham and Deirdre Freeman. Everyone suitably refreshed, it

was then on to the Pebble Church, where members were met by Kaye Medlyn, who provided a tour of the building and grounds and talked about the Church's construction in 1869, as well as its amazing architectural features. Also on display for all to enjoy, was a collection of donated and private artworks and fine needlework depicting the Pebble Church. The Probus group then travelled to St Arnaud for lunch, before a visit to local textile artist Sally Wright's studio.



Kim Wishart (Program Officer) with Guest Speaker, Denise (VicRoads)



Probusians in front of the Carapooee Pebble Church.



Charlton Harness Racing Club

RYAN SANDERSON STARS FOR CHARLTON

Whilst we are in the depths of winter and there are not so many local horses going around at the moment, those of you who follow the locals will be so happy, along with your hip pockets, if you have been following young Ryan Sanderson.

Ryan has been traversing the breadth of Victoria as all young drivers have to do, in search of the next win and has been so richly rewarded for his efforts.

From Mildura to Horsham to Melton Ryan has been on a very hot streak lately, collecting doubles and trebles at will, along with a couple of metro wins which are pretty hard to come by!

Having recently celebrated his 20th birthday Ryan is certainly making a name for himself and putting Charlton up in lights along the way.

The club is very proud of everything he has achieved so far in his short career and we can't wait to see how the coming years unfold for him. With Abby hot on his heels it will no doubt be interesting!

Well done Ryan.

NEXT RAFFLE NIGHT FRIDAY 7TH JULY

CRICKET CLUB HOTEL 6PM

Everyone is invited to come along and have a drink on these raffle nights – first Friday of the month.



Ryan Sanderson



Dale McGrath CFO Ames Australasia.

We are so grateful to Diane Hotham who continues to generously support the club on these nights with the fantastic meat trays as prizes. Come for an hour or three – it is these nights that help to build the social fabric of the club, especially when most of our racing takes place when you are all working!

Hope to see you there!

CHARLTON CELEBRATES JULY 4TH MEETING

A meeting that we all look forward to is the celebration of July 4th. Falling on the 3rd this year for us, we love to turn our great little course red, white and blue.

Whilst the day will have been run and won by the time this newsletter goes to print we again put lots of effort into creating a unique day on the Victorian Harness Racing calendar.

The trainers are the big winners on this day as our generous sponsor, Ames Australasia, provide amazing product for the winners in the form of shovels, hoses, rakes and clotheslines – all useful things that get lots of use around a stable.

We do thank especially Dale McGrath who really goes over and beyond to make sure that this is a memorable day for all participants and visitors to Charlton!



Dale McGrath Joe Thompson and Michael Stanley winner of feature race.



Murphy McGowen & Cooper Boyle attempting to win best dressed in their Deb Ball suits.



James and dad, trainer Shannon Edwards.



Charlton Men's Shed

As part of the Buloke Shire's Flood Recovery Program, a series of art workshops were conducted throughout Buloke at the Charlton, Wycheproof, Sea Lake and Birchip Men's Sheds, (Donald was postponed). With funding from Emergency Recovery Victoria, which covered materials, paint, stencils, artist fees, travel and accommodation, participants made nesting boxes and insect hotels. Kaz from Art'skool conducted the workshops.



Hard at work.



Stan Gretgrix, Kat, Lloyd Paterson & Kevin Willey.



A game of 'corn hole' after the workshop.



Stan Gretgrix with artist, Kat.



Charlton's Biggest Morning Tea

Contributed by Jenny Pollard CUPPAS AND COMPANIONSHIP TACKLE CANCER

With the cold weather relegated to the out-doors, Charlton residents and businesses declared their support for cancer research, raising \$926 at the "Biggest Morning Tea" hosted on 21 June by CWA Branch, Cabbaritta and held in the warm confines of the Charlton Lions Lodge.

In a convivial atmosphere, enhanced by the aroma of heated finger food and with tables awash with home-cooked goodies, the enjoyment factor was set to "high" as the funds mounted for the annual Cancer Council activity.

Cabbaritta has a long history of supporting this event, and over many years Branch members have not only produced remarkable amounts of mouth-watering delicacies and raised considerable sums of money, but have also sadly bid farewell to members and close associates of the group who have succumbed to this disease.

This year, however, an uplifting addition to the morning was the introduction of former local, and now returnee to Charlton, Leanne Fanning, who recounted her remarkable battle with cancer, and the journey which has now brought her to a healthy outcome.

Pragmatic, and with a no-nonsense attitude, Leanne's address was light on self-pity considering the severity of her cancer diagnoses which started in 2018. Two tumors, discovered in her breast, had developed within the short space of just three weeks, and had reached a Grade 3 level. Exhibiting no symptoms, the diagnosis was resulted only due to the investigation of her inverted nipples. The rapid acceleration of the cancer necessitated an almost immediate mastectomy, followed by six months of chemotherapy followed by six months of radiation treatment.

After receiving an "all clear" on the breast cancer, Leanne's world was again thrown into turmoil when on her five-year check-up, a massive reading on her blood test revealed she had high grade ovarian cancer. Once again on the medical round-about, she endured three lots of chemo to reduce the tumors, followed by a total hysterectomy, oophorectomy (removal of ovaries), and peritonectomy (removal of tumors from the abdominal cavity). Another three rounds of chemo, and she is what she proudly describes as "NED" (no evidence of disease).

"The only reason I reached this outcome is because of the fundraisers such as the Biggest Morning Tea, and Pink Lady Day and others", said Leanne, "because both tablets I'm on are the result of the research which these fundraisers make possible."

"The tablet I'm on for ovarian cancer costs \$183,000 a year, and I have three

tablets per day. The only reason I'm on that tablet is because the chemo worked, and this is a trial which has proven to work. I'm one of the lucky ones who doesn't have to pay for it!"

"From events such as this (Biggest Morning Tea) - the funds *do* go to people who need it" Leanne said. "I'm now fine, well, and loving life!"

Following her address Cabbaritta Vice-President, Bernice Kenny presented Leanne with a gift in appreciation of sharing her

story.

Bernice also thanked the many attendees and supporters who champion this annual cause, and was pleased to acknowledge the 36 businesses which had placed orders, along with the Charlton Golf Ladies who also enjoyed a lavish morning tea.

The conversations and camaraderie continued, along with the drawing of the raffles with gifts donated by CWA members.



Sharing a cuppa, Charlton's Biggest Morning Tea guest speaker, Leanne Fanning (centre) is pictured with attendees Margaret-Anne Wright (l) and Jo Russell (r).



The mid-winter weather didn't deter the crowd, as the Lions Lodge filled up with many willing to support this important cause.

Been there done that; a career that spans decades and continents

By Flight Lieutenant Aimee McCartney

On 5 May 2023, Headquarters Air Academy (HQ AirA) personnel gathered at the RAAF East Sale Yarning Circle to celebrate the significant service and diverse career of Wing Commander (WGCDR) Garry McKee.

Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal (AIRMSHL) Robert Chipman AM, CSC had the honour of presenting the sixth clasp of the Defence Long Service Medal to Staff Officer Logistics Engineering, HQ Air Academy, WGCDR McKee who has achieved a milestone of 45 years of service.

“We recognise WGCDR Garry McKee for his length of dedicated service, and we recognise and thank him and his family for their support,” AIRMSHL Chipman said.

At 16 years of age, WGCDR McKee, from Charlton in Victoria, enlisted into the Air Force as an apprentice Radio Technician.

After completing his initial employment training, WGCDR McKee commenced what was to become a long association with the General Dynamics F-111 Bomber, working in all facets of avionics maintenance, maintenance management, logistics and engineering support, both on and off the aircraft.

In 1996, WGCDR McKee commissioned as an Electronics Engineer and in 2001, went on exchange to the Royal Air Force.

Whilst in the United Kingdom, he was sponsored by the Royal Air Force to undertake an Engineering Management Degree at the University of Lincoln.

Returning to Australia in 2004, WGCDR McKee worked within the Aerospace Systems Division and Capability Development Group.

“As the Senior Maintenance Manager at No. 6 Squadron, we had the mission to reconfigure from the F-111 bomber to the F/A-18F Super Hornet - a feat the squadron was able to achieve in only six weeks,” WGCDR McKee said.

WGCDR McKee has also served as Staff Officer Engineering at Headquarters Combat Support Group and Head of Delegation for the Five Eyes Air Forces Interoperability Council, Agile Combat Support Working Group, and served in these roles until transferring to the Reserves in January 2018.

In January 2020, WGCDR McKee returned to full-time service and was posted to the USA to undertake the role of Australian Representative and Chief of Staff to the Air Force Interoperability Council Management Committee.

Having returned from the USA in February 2023, he now works as the Logistics Engineering team leader with Headquarters Air Academy.

WGCDR McKee’s duties have seen him serve in 11 countries and his passion for travel has taken him to a further 22. He is married to Karen and they have three adult children and six grandchildren.



Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Robert Chipman, AM CSC presents Staff Officer Logistics Engineering, Headquarters Air Academy, Wing Commander Garry McKee, with his sixth clasp to his Defence Long Service Medal at RAAF Base East Sale.



Staff Officer Logistics Engineering, Headquarters Air Academy, Wing Commander Garry McKee, with wife Karen.

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

The Charlton Neighbourhood House continues to be very busy with a large variety of activities around our community. Despite the cooler weather our programs have seen good numbers attend. Recently completed was a popular mosaics course under the eye of instructor Bronwyn Fisher. Participants completed a mediterranean style set of placemats and other items of interest brought along.



The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the 2023 Debutantes Ball held on Friday 23rd at the Charlton Shire Hall. A total of ten Debutantes and their partners were presented to their families and the public on a night that will long be remembered. Events like this take a huge commitment of time by a large number of volunteers. The Charlton Neighbourhood House would sincerely like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work; we are certain the young people appreciated it.

The Charlton Carers Group continues to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Charlton Hotel for lunch, friendship, and a guest speaker. This month's special guest speaker will be Anne Cossar talking about organ donation, and everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like more information about this friendly group, call the Charlton Neighbourhood House. Buloke Book Club continues to meet on the third Tuesday of each month, while the ever popular Storytime is at the Library on the fourth Tuesday for the little ones. Heidi Gibson led a fun sing-a-long session last month which the children all loved. Make a diary note today.



June's Table for 12 at the North Central Trade School saw Kim Thompson lead an enthusiastic group preparing Pad Thai. Everyone involved had a wonderful evening that concluded with a sit down shared meal.



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 JULY AND AUGUST



Charlton Neighbourhood House
The Heart of Our Community

JULY

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



AUGUST

WEEKLY

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



**8
MONTHLY**

Carers Group Lunch
Tuesday 8th 12pm
Theme: Dementia
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



**15
MONTHLY**

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



**25
MONTHLY**

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



The \$250 State Government Power Saving Rebate is closing in August. The Charlton Neighbourhood House will happily assist you if you haven't yet claimed. Drop by with a recent bill, I.D. and banking details for fast payment .

Buloke Book Club

MEET AT THE CHARLTON LIBRARY ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10.30AM-12PM

A CASUAL GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS ANYTHING YOU HAVE BEEN READING OR LISTENING TO.

Pick a book, read it then join us at Book Club to discuss it

Story Time

TUESDAY 25TH JULY @ 10.30AM
AT THE CHARLTON LIBRARY (SHIRE HALL)
Help celebrate National Tree Day with a special storytime.



Expressions of Interest for our planned September School Holiday Activities being sought.

- Responsible Service of Alcohol
- First Aid/CPR
- Personal Watercraft Safety
- Food Supervisor/Handling

Charlton Forum

Charlton Forum membership numbers are becoming alarmingly low and without increased membership some of our programs and services we provide may be in danger including the Community Car and the Community Newsletter. As the main body representing the Charlton Community, with regard to municipal issues and community projects, it is imperative that we attract new members to provide a strong and comprehensive representation of our community. You may not be aware of what Charlton Forum actually does so a summary of our activities is provided below.

We are the auspicing body for:

- OASIS
- Travellers Rest Committee
- Charlton Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Charlton Website
- Charlton Community Newsletter
- Charlton Visitor Radio
- Charlton Community Car
- Tourism Committee

Charlton Forum is responsible for updating and maintaining the Charlton Community Plan which is used by Buloke Shire and other organisations to apply for funding. A consultation process in conjunction with the Buloke Shire is to begin shortly to ensure the plan is up-to-date and represents the needs of our community.

Charlton Forum also provide

information, support and advocate on behalf of numerous issues and projects for the Buloke Shire and on behalf of the community.

Below is a list of recent, future and ongoing issues and projects that Charlton Forum has been involved with.

Recent and/or completed

- Auspicing body for the establishment of the Charlton Neighbourhood House (2018)
- Project Control Group—Riverfront project

Current and ongoing

- Project Control Group—Streetscape Project
- Project Control Group—Gordon Park Redevelopment
- Boort Rd Railway Crossing safety
- High Street speed & truck safety
- VNI West Transmission Lines
- Charlton Railway Precinct Development
- Tourism publications—Welcome to Charlton Booklet, Pictorial Map, Historical Walking Tour Guide
- Purchase and installation of Christmas Decorations.
- Promotional signage in High Street
- Annual Australia Day Awards

Charlton Forum meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. Meetings are open to the public and if interested in attending, please contact one of

our members listed below. Meetings follow a strict agenda but in General Business there is an opportunity for individuals and community organisations to raise issues or update us on their activities. A Shire representative is usually present at meetings to update us on issues raised previously, to report on Shire business relevant to Charlton, and to take note of other issues that need addressing.

Forum members attend a council briefing at least once a year to report on our activities. We receive an operating stipend from Buloke Shire of \$1500 per year.

Forum also represents Charlton on the Buloke Tourism Board and Carolyn Olive, our Secretary, is currently the secretary of that organisation as well. We actively contribute to a range of tourism initiatives including the Buloke Tourism website, town brochures, a new Buloke Official Visitors Guide, tourist trails, a radio campaign on FLOWFM and a proposed Buloke Mounted Machinery Trail.

If you are interested in the future wellbeing and prosperity of Charlton, the Charlton Forum is where you can make a real difference.

To attend a meeting or have something raised at a meeting contact a Forum member or email: charltonforum@gmail.com.

Charlton Forum Executive

Chairperson—Wayne Litton
Vice Chairperson—Troy Heenan
Secretary—Carolyn Olive
Treasurer—Garry Larmour

Charlton Forum Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 18th July, 2023, 5:30pm
Lions Lodge, Camp Street

Followed by:

Charlton Beautification Workshop (6pm)

General discussion on public spaces, art projects and anything to further enhance the beauty of our town. All ideas welcome.

Supper provided

Charlton Golf Championships

The Charlton Golf Club Championships were played on a perfectly prepared course. For the men, each Sunday the sun shone, whilst the ladies were challenged by rain most Wednesdays.

Wendy Laffin claimed back to back Ladies' Championships and Janice Boyle won the 'B' grade.

Congratulations to Janice who went on to win the Bronze Division, in the

Kara Kara Championships, played in Charlton last Thursday, 29th June.

Kirk Boyle was the Men's Champion. Congratulations Kirk on your first Championship.

Men's Results:

A grade winner—Kirk Boyle 83-87-85-255,

R/up—Troy Heenan 78-87-93-258

B grade winner—John Headon 90-88-92-270,

R/up—Anthony Hargreaves 91-94-88-273

C grade winner—Jeff McLoughlan 93-100-97-290,

R/up—Roy Postlewaite.

3 best nets—David Watts 237

Luth Cup 2 best nets—John Headon 73-75-148

Ladies' Results

Silver winner—Wendy Laffin 271.

Bronze winner—Janice Boyle 276,

Doreen Heenan winner 69,77-146.

Glad Dew putting winner—Anne Kenny 73.



L to R: Champions—Jeff McLoughlan (C Grade), Kirk Boyle (A Grade) & John Headon (B Grade).



Janice Boyle (Bronze Winner) & Wendy Laffin (Silver Winner).



The men enjoying a post competition drink in round two of the championships.



Ladies' Champion, Wendy Laffin & Men's Champion, Kirk Boyle.

Charlton Croquet Club

The Charlton Croquet Club held its AGM on Tuesday 6 June 2023. President Pat Mathews reported on a successful year despite the flood in October. Our new president is Lindsay Patullo who noted that he is the first male to hold this position. Other appointments are: Vice President –

Barb Dalrymple, Secretary – Val Bourke, Treasurer – Glenda Litton, AC Captain – Anne Kenny, GC Captain – Margaret Bowen and Judy Stephen is new to the committee.

Congratulations to Naomi Patullo who won Section 4 at the Swan Hill

Tournament held on 24th & 25th June. Naomi won all her games and has reduced her handicap to 18.

Lindsay Patullo was runner up in Section 1 at the Goulburn Valley Croquet Association Tournament held at Rich River in May.



Back L to R: Barb Dalrymple, Pat Mathews, Lindsay Patullo, Val Bourke, Anne Kenny. Front: Margaret Bowen, Nita Perry (past Committee member). Absent: Glenda Litton, Judy Stephen.



Heather Dunstone (Swan Hill president) & Naomi Patullo.

Victorian Concert Orchestra at The Rex

Music lovers, this is an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of top-class entertainment when the Victorian Concert Orchestra performs at the Rex on Sunday 30th July at 2pm.

Under the baton of Musical Director / Conductor, Gerald Keuneman OAM, the 40 piece orchestra will be joined by soloists, Veronica Iredale (lyric soprano) and Nicholas Matters (tenor) who will share duets and individual items from well-known musicals and operatic backgrounds.

A regular soloist with the VCO, Veronica's style covers opera, operetta and musical theatre, while Nicholas, (a member of the Opera Scholars Australia program) will showcase his tenor voice in a selection of iconic and well-loved pieces.

The orchestra last performed in Charlton in November of 2011 at the Shire Hall following the trauma and devastation wrought by the January flood. A large and receptive audience was on hand, and the response was immediate and spontaneous.

This concert will take place in vastly improved circumstances, and we encourage you to join us for an afternoon of exhilarating music and song as we welcome the Victorian Concert Orchestra on their return visit.

Tickets: \$20

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/vco>

Charlton Neighbourhood House & at the door

**VICTORIAN
CONCERT
ORCHESTRA**

Sunday 30 July 2pm



Tickets \$20

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/vco>



The Vale has changed its hours.

We are now only open
from 4.30pm on:

- Wednesday - Curry Night (Bookings essential)
- Thursday - Ribs, Ribs, Ribs
- Friday - Full menu & Kids under 12 eat free*
- Saturday Full Menu
- Sunday Pizza Night including our new Dessert Pizza

(Monday & Tuesday – CLOSED)

Evening meals will be served between
6.00pm & 8.00pm (Bookings preferred).

Private functions are still available on any
day/night for minimum of 20 people.

We look forward to seeing you for a drink or a bite
to eat.

*Conditions apply

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 last Thursday). Next trip **Thursday** 27th July. 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.



Please contact
Glenda Litton for
further details.
0417 801 771

CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton—2 Day Competition

When: Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th July 2023

Weigh in: 5.30pm at Clubrooms on Sunday 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 5.30pm 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

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Official Opening – 8.30pm

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SWEET AS

M Mature themes, coarse language and sexual references
88 mins | Drama



Sat 1 July 8pm
Sun 2 July 2pm
Tue 4 July 8pm

In remote Pilbara country in Western Australia, troubled 16-year-old Indigenous girl, Murra, finds herself abandoned after an explosive incident with her addict mother. On the cusp of being lost in the child protection system, an unusual lifeline is thrown her way by her uncle Ian, the local cop, in the form of a unique photo safari. Before Murra knows it, she is careening down a dusty highway with a minibus full of at-risk teens and two charismatic team leaders. Will this be the lifeline Murra needs or the catalyst for her demise? An uplifting coming-of-age road movie about unconventional friendships, first crushes and finding who you are on the road less travelled.

SPIDER MAN-ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE

PG Mild science-fiction themes, animated violence and coarse language
140 mins | Action | Family



Sat 8 July 8pm
Sun 9 July 2pm
Tue 11 July 8pm

After reuniting with Gwen Stacy, Brooklyn's full-time, friendly neighborhood Spider-Man is catapulted across the Multiverse, where he encounters a team of Spider-People charged with protecting its very existence. However, when the heroes clash on how to handle a new threat, Miles finds himself pitted against the other Spiders. He must soon redefine what it means to be a hero so he can save the people he loves most.

TO CATCH A KILLER

MA15+ Strong themes, violence and coarse language
119 mins | Action | Thriller



Sat 15 July 8pm
Sun 16 July 2pm
Tue 18 July 8pm

A troubled police officer is recruited by the FBI's chief investigator to help profile and track down a disturbed individual terrorizing Baltimore, Maryland.



MA15+ Strong, coarse language | 93 mins | Comedy | Drama

Sat 22 July 8pm
Sun 23 July 2pm
Tue 25 July 8pm

A novelist's long-standing marriage is suddenly upended when she overhears her husband give his honest reaction to her latest book.

VICTORIAN CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Sunday 30 July 2pm



Tickets
\$20

Bookings:

<https://events.humanitix.com/vco>

Farewell to Buckrabanyule Memorial Hall

Sunday, 30th July

from
2:00pm to 4:00pm

All Welcome



Freddie Gail Smyth



Born: 8th June 2023
Parents: Tim & Rachael Smyth
Siblings: Archie, Sophie, Harry
Grandparents: Stewart & Gail Smyth
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JAZZ IN JULY

16th July, 2023

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Featuring
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\$20 (inc afternoon tea)

Bar open

Bookings:
Charlton Neighbourhood House
or online

<http://events.humanitix.com/jazz-in-july-2023>



St Martin's Messenger—July

Sunday 2 July	Holy Communion	9am
Sunday 16 July	Holy Communion	9am
Sunday 6 August	Holy Communion	9am

Wishin' and Hopin' and Thinkin' and Prayin'.....

Sound familiar? Yes, it is that song made famous by Dusty Springfield. And it goes on with words that include, "so if you're thinkin' of how great true love is"...

I really like especially, the hopin' and prayin' words but you would expect that from a minister of religion, wouldn't you. So no surprises, when the great true love for me is The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Through this love, I can face all things. For me this offers hope for today and hope forever. I can face my challenges today because I face them in the knowledge and love of God, and His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. They are for me, my eternal hope. My beacon and my strength. This hope enables me to hold fast, to be bold in prayer and find help in a time of need.

I can through this love, see a better way for the future, the sun shines and I find hope, even in the presence of trouble, pain, problems and darkness. I subscribe to God, as the way, the one who brings me hope. This confidence is like a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. Hebrews 6:19

Something to sing about. Hopin' and Prayin' leads me to my God. (PS. God has room in his heart for all of us, so feel free to sing along too!!)

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

Jade Benham MP
The Nationals Member for Mildura

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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Saturday 7am to 2pm

Charlton Uniting Church



Charlton Uniting Church Service times for July 2023

Sunday 9th – 10.00 am – Communion.
 Sunday 16th – 10.00 am. Congregational AGM
 Sunday 23rd – 11.00 am.
 Sunday 30th – 11.00 am. Cluster Service at Powlett Plains

It is easy to grow downhearted when nothing goes your way. It is easy to be discouraged when you have a troublesome day. But trouble is only a challenge to spur you to achieve The BEST that God has to offer if you have the FAITH to BELIEVE.

East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times:

Sun. 9 th July	8.30am
Sat. 17 th July	7pm
Sun. 23 rd July	10.30am
Sun. 30 th July	No Mass at St Joseph's



CHARLTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

Charlton Neighbourhood House

30-34 High Street (in The Rex Theatre),
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9	10 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling Club Meeting, 8pm	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	12	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	14 Probus Meeting Lions Change Over Dinner (East Charlton Hotel)	15 Fishing Comp
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