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# Pretty in Pink for Barbie

### Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Candy coloured or pastel – it really didn't matter! It was the fairy floss shades of pink which patrons donned for The Rex screenings of the mega-hit movie, "Barbie", in August which were the highlight.

Fun was the order of the day as attendees dressed in their pink best before the matinee screening on the Sunday, and thanks to the support of the following businesses a number of prizes were offered for incentive and effort to those who turned up wearing the distinctive colour.

The Rex acknowledges with thanks the support from: Country Savers, Marea's House To Home, Charlton Hardware, Heenan's Authorised Newsagency and Maria Perger (SeneGence cosmetics) for their contributions towards this event.

Winners on the day included: Cheryl Kemp, Helen Chandler (Wedderburn) Mary Mulquiny, Mark Hall, the Davis family (Donald) and Margaret-Anne Wright.

Right: Mary Mulquiny & Aileen Allan. Far Right: Helen Chandler (Wedderburn)



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(L-R) Kirby Richmond-Davis, Victory, Lyric and Glenn Davis (Donald)

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# From the Editor Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the September community newsletter. Another bumper issue.

Well Barbie fever certainly arrived in Charlton as it has all over the world. There has been lots of pink about in town over the last week with the Rex Theatre at the centre. How many of you did the 'Barbieheimer' duo and saw both Barbie and Oppenheimer movies?

Congratulation to all the winners in the football, netball and junior golf. It certainly filled out a few pages. At the time of printing, our hockey U12s & Women's teams are the only teams still in the running in the winter sports finals. The Charlton football U14s lost in their 1st semi-final but put in a valiant effort.

Welcome to our new sponsor, Boral, who are terrific supporters of many local events and groups.

Spring has finally arrived and I hope that the rain keeps falling to finish off our year on the farm and keep our gardens green.

Cheers. Carolyn

# **Upcoming Events**

Please note, events are subject to change.

### September:

Uniting Church Market—Saturday 2nd Crow Kid—Thursday 19th @ The Rex Weep No More—Friday 22nd @ The Rex

### October:

Damian Callinan—Friday 6th @ The Rex Lions Swap Meet—Sunday 8th Sound Tracks—Friday 6th - Saturday 7th Art Show—Friday 13th - Monday 16th PolMusicA—Sunday 15th @ The Rex NCGC Open Gardens—Sunday 15th



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# Lions Swap Meet in October

Members of the Charlton Lions Club have been very active in recent days organizing their 2023 Swap Meet. Last year's event had to be re-located due to the weather and created a good deal of interest in watching the rising river threaten a couple of the lower sites. Fortunately it was a minor flood and did not impact on the Swap Meet. We are not expecting any problems this year and at this stage propose to return to the original site for 2023.

The event will again be held on the second Sunday in October (8<sup>th</sup>) at Charlton Park commencing at 8am. Members anticipate that the format of the Swap Meet will be similar to previous years with a variety of different sites including car parts, tools, plants, preserves and other items amongst the early site bookings.

Event organiser Lion Kevin Willey reported that he has been working on the stall holders list for some time and to date he has been promised great support for this year's meet. He said, "the stall holders are very happy with the 2023 plans. All of the site holders contacted to date have expressed a keen interest in attending this year's event to help us make it bigger and better than ever.'

The committee have agreed to continue to promote the static Car Display and have again greed to provide two prizes of a \$75 Fuel Voucher for the two Best Presented Cars. The event coordinator Garry Larmour said, "That the success of the Static Car display at the 2019 and 2022 Swap Meets, supported by the many compliments the Club received after that, has led the Club to believe the static display has a significant impact on the success of the meet".

If you would like to have a stall in this year's Swap Meet please contact Kevin

Willey, Ross Lane or Garry Larmour who will be very happy to make the necessary arrangements for you.

Garry explained that, "The Lions Swap Meet has continued to grow over recent years since the Covid experience and the Club is keen to rebuild the event into one of Charlton's highly popular social events not to be missed, so put the date in your diary and help us achieve this aim".





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# Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome everyone to the September news from the Golden Grains Museum. It is amazing how quickly the year is passing. Time doesn't stop here at the museum as we continue to catalogue the latest amazing donations from the community that we regularly receive.

Some recent arrivals include an invitation to the AGM from the Bush Nursing Hospital in 1950, a large collection of slides found in a local home, and a significant collection of cycling memorabilia relating to Albert Goldsworthy including medals, sashes and a bicycle. These will form the basis for a new display later in the year.

We are also in the early stages of getting ready to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, sometime in November this year.

It is always great to welcome visitors to the museum from both locally and around Australia. It is always encouraging to receive such positive feedback on our museum and its displays. It is a credit to our small band of members who freely give of their time helping out. When was the last time you came and explored our collection? We are open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by prior arrangements with one of the volunteers listed below. Please give as much notice as possible to arrange your visit if outside of normal opening times. Admittance is still a very low \$5, and free for children. Perhaps your local club or organisation would like to arrange a private tour. Groups are most welcome, and a cuppa and biscuit could easily be

arranged. We now have EFTPOS facilities available for admissions, research and merchandise.

# Golf in Charlton

A recent enquiry was received concerning the old Charlton Golf Course. received We are lucky enough to have a letter from 1982 from ex Charlton resident, Stan Williams, who undertook a lot of research on the matter. As a child he lived near the course and had many memories from those times. Golf itself is first mentioned in 1895 in the East Charlton Tribune with a reference to an inter-town foursome golf match between Charlton and Wycheproof that the later won by 6 strokes. In 1899 a meeting of around 20 locals was held in local solicitor Ben Green's office to form the Charlton Golf Club. Stan recalls the first hole for the course was located at the front of his house near a laneway. The course gained a very good reputation and saw professional golfer Rowley Banks give lessons for around a month each year on a regular basis. Ben Green was known as the best golfer in the district and was also a member of The Royal Melbourne Golf Club. The club went from strength to strength over the years, moving to its present location after the Second World War. If you wish for more information on the history of golf in Charlton search for 'Charlton Golf Club 1895-2016. The story of Golf in Charlton' with research done by Carolyn Olive, Anne Kenny and Chris McGurk. The museum has a copy available.

### **Record Your Family History**

Considered having your family's story recorded for future generations? The Charlton Golden Grains Museum offers a service where we will scan a copy of your documents and photos, and file copies of the originals in an A4 envelope. This is a wonderful opportunity for stories not to be lost, but preserved for researchers of Charlton or even your family at a later stage. Cost is just \$10 which goes towards helping to maintain our collection.

Have you thought about volunteering and have a few hours free each month? The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is always looking for interested residents to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public. No experience is needed and appropriate training will be provided. If you enjoy history and would like to help preserve items for Charlton's future generations, contact the museum; you will be made most welcome. Another way to help 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.

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

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An early photo of golfers on the original Charlton Golf Course.

# Charlton RSL Commemorates Vietnam Veterans' Day

### Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Members of the Charlton RSL Sub-Branch marked Vietnam Veterans' Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August with a dinner and commemoration service to honour and recognize the contribution of those who served and fell in Australia's longest military engagement (1962- 1972/3) of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The 18<sup>th</sup> August date is the day of the Battle of Long Tan – the most significant engagement of Australian troop involvement in the Vietnam War.

"On 18 August 1966, in a rubber plantation a few kilometers from the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Task Force Base in Nui Dat, near the village of Long Tan, Australian soldiers fought one of their fiercest battles of the war.

The 108 men of Delta Company, 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, faced a force of some 2000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops. The battle was fought in wet and muddy conditions during a heavy tropical downpour.

By the end of the day, 17 Australians had been killed in action and 25 were wounded, one of whom died a few days later. This was the largest number of casualties in a single operation since the Australian Task Force had established its base at nearby Nui Dat the previous April." (Department of Veteran's Affairs)

While the Australians consolidated their position, the Viet Cong cleared away many of their dead and wounded. The morning after the battle, with the Australians holding the battle ground, 245 Viet Cong bodies were found, along with signs of many more having been removed. All of this from three hours of intensive combat.

2023 also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year since the withdrawal of Australian troops from Vietnam and the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

Sub-Branch members and guests mixed informally over the dinner gathering at the East Charlton Hotel, sharing of past army experiences with round-the-table introductions before the formalities began.

Opening the commemoration, Branch Secretary, Bill Freeman, gave a brief summary of the Battle of Long Tan before reciting John McCrae's poignant "In Fields". President Flanders Allan McGillivray then invited members and guests to step forward and share condensed backgrounds of the 18 Australians killed in the watershed conflict. The serviceman's details included name, age, place of birth, occupation, details of "killed in action" and place of burial. Participants also added their own acknowledgements for the medical personnel, nurses, wives and families before placing a poppy in a basket commemoration.

Allan McGillivray said, "We remember all who served in the Vietnam War and we acknowledge those who served their time as National Servicemen. We also honour those who died in the Battle of Long Tan."

The list of Charlton Vietnam Veterans includes: B W Cossar, W M Crossley, G R Jackman, A E Jane, B W Jane, I P Jane, F B Noonan, R J Roberts, R J Smyth, J C Wilson, L J White.

Charlton conscripts who served in Australia include: Ian Bennett, Brian Bird, Ian Cossar, Robin Dunlop, Stuart Giles, John Hudgson, Colin John, Allan McGillivray, Robert Nicholls.

Amongst the guests attending were former Charlton locals, Barry and Ian Jane, who along with their brother Albert, all saw action in Vietnam between 1967 to 1969.

"We all volunteered to go," said Barry, "and we thought of it as an adventure – but not after the first experience of conflict!"

Barry landed in Nui Dat on 9 June 1967 as reinforcement with Delta Company 2nd Battalion before moving on to become an infanteer (forward scout). With a transition from D Company into an amalgamated B Company, Barry reflected on dealing with the constant rain and impact of the two hour watches at the machine guns (one hour at the gun and one hour sitting with the soldier at the gun). "It really played havoc with some of the fellas when the bullets started whizzing by so close to you. Those who came from the country seemed to handle things better than those from the city," he said

Younger brother Ian arrived in 1968 (A Company 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion) and was also on forward scouting duty before moving into the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion when the 9<sup>th</sup> finished their tour. His final involvement was with the Transport Division about a month before returning home in 1969.

"I lost my good mate, John, in one of the skirmishes," Ian said. "We were scouting in a defoliated area and everything was going along easily when we stopped for a smoke. John said everything was okay and not to come up the front. Next thing he was shot dead when the enemy came up from the bunker system. When the medivac helicopters came in three were shot down. We got John onto a stretcher, withdrew from the site and then we had to just sit in the rain and wait. When the artillery came in they just opened fire on the bunkers. A couple of weeks later they found a mass burial site of about 250 Viet Cong. That's what they did - they would come in and take the bodies away."

"I still visit John's grave at Springvale cemetery," said Ian.

Younger brother, Albert, was in the same battalion as Ian for a while, before moving on to Saigon as an Embassy Guard.

Reflecting on the magnitude of having three sons involved in the conflict, Barry likened it to the scene in the movie "Saving Private Ryan" where the mother receives the news that her three sons have been killed. 'I don't know how our own mother felt," said Barry. "I really regret not asking her." He also said he wished he had spoken



Charlton RSL Sub-Branch Secretary, Bill Freeman and President, Allan McGillivray are pictured during the Vietnam Veteran's Day ceremony as the recognition of the 18 Australian servicemen who lost their lives during the Battle of Long Tan is acknowledged.

# Charlton RSL Commemorates Vietnam Veterans' Day

to his grandfather about *his* war experiences in France between 1916 and 1919.

For other guests, Stuart Giles and John Hudgson, their involvement was Australian based, but for John especially, this carried significant impact. Serving in Sydney he joined the medical corps where his job was to help unload the wounded from the returning military planes and then transport them to hospital. He shared an emotional account of this work during the evening's introductions.

Fifty years on Australian Vietnam Veterans are now honoured, unlike the indifferent and hostile reception they received on their return home in 1972 / 73, where erroneous perceptions of their wartime behaviour coloured the mood and anti-war protests were in full swing. By 1987 attitudes had begun to change and a signaling of acceptance prevailed. By 1992 a National Memorial for the Vietnam War was unveiled on Canberra's Anzac Parade — a significant gesture of acknowledgement to those who served.

While old memories were stirred at last Friday night's gathering this chapter in Australia's military history is now rightfully acknowledged.

The Charlton RSL Sub-Branch is eager to update their Vietnam War records and create a comprehensive list of local National Servicemen (Nashos). Anyone who can assist with providing information or details is invited to contact either Allan McGillivray (0408 508 550) or Bill Freeman (03 5491 1000).



Former locals, (l-r) Ian and Barry Jane were guests at the commemoration dinner and took time to share some of their experiences and thoughts on their Vietnam involvement. Their younger brother Albert also saw service during the conflict.

# Charlton RSL Sub-branch - Diggers' Day



September is Diggers' Day month, with a giant hamper raffle and **Diggers' Day** golf day. Planning is well under way, details being:

# Hamper Raffle street selling: from Monday 04 to Friday 08 September inclusive, outside Charlton IGA. Please give us your usual generous support. The lucky winner will not have to buy groceries for a week or so; a good return for a small outlay!

# Golf Day: The big day is Sunday 10 September; hit-off from 1000 hours; the format is Ambrose pairs; the cost is \$50.00 all found, well almost: golf, BBQ lunch; drinks (other than spirits, top shelf, wine). And Apres Golf we adjourn to the clubrooms for afternoon tea; spinning wheel, with many fabulous prizes thanks to the generosity of local businesses and other sponsors; drawing of hamper raffle; presentations.

All proceeds from Diggers' Day go to Bendigo Legacy for support of veterans' widows and children.

LEST WE FORGET.

# CFC Presentations - Seniors

With the home and away season complete, the Charlton Football Club held their presentations on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August in the function room of the Charlton Park Community Complex.

President Kris Dixon welcomed all present. In the Reserves Count, Tyler Catherine finished the winner on 47 votes, and was awarded Reserves Best and Fairest. While Angus Johnstone held out a strong finishing Billy Sexton and gained two on the final card to finish Runner Up. The recipient of the Alan Britton Most Determined Award was Dan Whykes, and Jacob Olive was the Coaches choice.

After a short break, it was on with the Senior count. The Senior count was decided in the final game, with Jesse Taylor taking out the Senior Best and Fairest Award and receiving the Barry Cossar Medal. John Cossar presented Jesse with the medal, Rhyen Woods coming in as Runner-up. Bailey Dixon was selected as the club's Rising Star after playing thirteen games of the season in the Seniors. Alan Britton presented his Most Determined player award to Cobi Fitzpatrick. Mason Heenan received the Coaches Award, and Nick Thompson the Goal Kicker Award.

The Club announced Sean O'Connor as the Graham Teasdale Award recipient for 2023. This year was the eleventh year that Sean has travelled from Bendigo to play at Charlton. With injury forcing him to the sidelines for much of the season, Sean continued to be involved undertaking the runner duties, assisting on the bench and umpiring at times. He led the Social

Committee for a couple of years and remains involved still.

The final presentation of the afternoon was to the Best Club person. Doug Finlay was the chosen recipient. Doug has been a committee member for eighteen years, and undertook the President's role in 2009 and 2010. This year Doug has managed the bar and coached the under 17s alongside his son, Tom. A deserving recipient.

The final Blues Bonanza Draw for season 2023 was undertaken. The winner of the \$2000 was Leanne Fanning.

President Kris Dixon rounded up the afternoon by thanking all those who contributed in many ways throughout the season, including the valuable sponsors.



Barry Cossar Medallist (Best & Fairest) Jesse Taylor with John Cossar.



Reserves: Tyler Catherine (Best & Fairest), Angus Johnstone (Best & Fairest Runner-up).



Seniors: Runner-up—Rhyen Woods.



Seniors: Alan Britton Most Determined—Cobi Fitzpatrick with Alan Britton.



Seniors: Coache's Award—Mason Heenan.



Seniors: Goal Kicki.ng Award-Nick Thompson



Reserves: Alan Britton Most Determined Award—Dan Whykes.

Reserves: Coaches Award—Jacob

Best Club Person—Doug Finlay.

Graham Teasdale Award—Sean O'Connor.

# CFC Presentations - Juniors

On Sunday, August 20 the Charlton Junior Football Club held its annual vote count and presentation day to wrap up season 2023

President Luke Zagame welcomed a large crowd to the day and thanked them for their support during the season.

### Under 14s

It was straight into the under 14's count, in with Sebastian Zagame announced back to back "Best & Fairest" for season 2023 with Ethan Soulsby named runner-up after a great season.

Sebastian is a quick midfielder with plenty of pace and a knack for getting to the contest and making good use of the ball. He has good hand and foot skills, and will make a great contribution again next season as he steps up into the under 17's competition.

Ethan also had a fantastic season and continued to build on his skills during the year, getting plenty of the ball, in many positions on the ground, and making good decisions with it. Ethan will also make a great contribution next season in the 17's competition.

Mitchell Boyle was awarded the Most Consistent for his outstanding ability to play in all areas of the ground. He has stepped up and played in many positions and has made a valuable contribution all season.

Newcomer to the club Dusty Hill was awarded the Super Boot for his outstanding season in front of goal, being a focal point up front and leading the forward line.

Golden Fist went to co-captain Sam Olive, for the consistent form shown by him during the entire season. He has been instrumental in many of the team's wins this year.

Murphy Fitzpatrick was awarded the Most Determined for his never say die attitude to his footy. Each week he is determined to improve his footy skills at training and on game day he gives 100% every time he takes the field.

Cooper Phillips was named the Most Improved for season 2023. Cooper has worked hard on his game and has had a great impact on the entire team. We are looking forward to seeing him back for season 2023.

Xavier Good is the Coaches award recipient this season, he has great skills and works tirelessly week in and week out. He is always up for a challenge and has a bright football career ahead.

Cooper McGrath was awarded the Rising Star, he has plenty of potential for a little fella and gets in and has a go up against any opposition each week. His presence around the ground has grown immensely this season.



Under 14s—L to R Back row: Sebastian Zagame (B&F), Ethan Soulsby (R/Up B&F), Sam Olive (Golden Fist), Dusty Hill (Golden Boot). Front row: Murphy Fitzpatrick (Most Determined), Xavier Good (Coaches Award), Mitchell Boyle (Most Consistent). Absent Cooper Phillips (Most Improved) & Cooper McGrath (Rising Star).

# CFC Presentations - Juniors

### Under 17's

Following on from the U14's, the count went straight into the 17's count. Hugh Sait was crowned this year's Josh Finlay Memorial "Best and Fairest" winner on the back of his NCFL Best Team Player award the previous night. Hugh has had an impressive season in the centre of the ground. He has made a valuable

contribution each week and has grown as a complete footballer. He likes to kick a few sneaky goals each week when he gets the opportunity up forward.

On behalf of the Finlay Family, Doug and Tom presented the trophy to Hugh and touched on the outstanding season he has had. In accepting the award, Hugh thanked the Finlay family and was honoured to have received the special trophy.

Elliott Fitzpatrick was awarded the Runner-up B & F. Unfortunately Elliott has had an injury interrupted season. He was in great form from early on this season and was playing in all positions around the ground, showing his adaptability when required.

Most Versatile was awarded to Captain Ned Zagame for an outstanding season. His work ethic all over the ground was appreciated by his teammates and was 100% all the time. He led from the front each week and got the best out of his players through great adversity—due to several injuries for the season.

Jye Roberts was named the Most Determined this season and it was evident to see why. Jye has a never leave any opponent wondering attitude, he takes each one on every time and keeps them under pressure from start to finish. His determination to win the contest is always his focus.

Most Improved was awarded to Joe Monaghan this season off the back of his 2022 Rising Star. Joe has had a great season and again has worked hard on his footy during the year. His footy has stepped up another notch in 2023.

Chaise Markham took out the Rising Star award this season after stepping up from the 14's. He has made the transition with ease and has been an excellent contributor both down back and up forward.

Fletcher Holmes Brown was a popular choice for the Coaches Award this season. Unfortunately, early in the season Fletch suffered a severe concussion which has left him unable to play footy but that never stopped him getting to training when he was well enough and to games on a regular basis and most times take a quarter time address when the players needed it. Doug and Tom thanked Fletch for continuing to be involved; it was a privilege to have him on the bench with them.

Ever reliable Angus Soulsby took out the Most Reliable award for his outstanding season. Angus is the quiet achiever and was a vital cog in the backline. He runs hard and keeps the forwards honest every week.

President Luke wound up the junior count by thanking the parents, players and committee for their efforts.

"As everyone is aware, a club doesn't run without its band of volunteers such as coaches, umpires, timekeepers, cooks, water carriers, local businesses and people willing to donate their time, expertise, advice and funds to support the club, your continued support has been second to none again this season and we appreciate it immensely," said Luke.



L to R—Coach Doug Finlay, Hugh Sait recipient of the Josh Finlay Memorial Best and Fairest and Coach Tom Finlay.



Under 17s—L to R Back row: Doug Finlay (Coach), Ned Zagame (Most Versatile), Hugh Sait (Josh Finlay Memorial B&F), Elliott Fitzpatrick (R/Up B&F), Fletcher Holmes Brown (Coaches Award), Tom Finlay (Coach). Front row: Angus Soulsby (Most Reliable), Jye Roberts (Most Determined), Joe Monaghan (Most Improved) & Chaise Markham (Rising Star).

# CFC Under 14s Compete in 1st Semi-Final

Under 14's compete in first semi final.

On a glorious Saturday morning the Charlton U14's and their loyal followers set off for Sea Lake for the first semi final vs Boort.

During the home and away season Boort held the upper hand during both games, winning quite convincingly. That wasn't the case this time around.

Coaches Kirk and Andrew had prepared their charges for a tough encounter with Boort and they didn't disappoint once the game began.

The first quarter was a low scoring affair, which is a credit to the team. The backs were working overtime to keep the Boort forwards in check, and the forwards were trying everything to get the ball to the goals. Boort went into the first break with a lead of 1.1.

The second term belonged to Charlton out scoring their opponents 2.2 to 1.1 which meant the game was drawn at the half time break.

Boort clearly responded to their coaches address at 1/2 time and came out and scored 3 goals leaving them with a commanding lead going into the last quarter.

In another tight tussle between the forwards and backs for both teams, the pressure was on both teams to break away. Boort managed to score 3 points and

Right: Jack Thompson's Constructions Best on Ground winner Sebastian Zagame sends the ball forward during Saturday's first semi final at Sea Lake against Boort. run our eventual winners by 21 points. Boort 5.6.36 to Charlton 2.3.15.

### **Award Winners:**

Jack Thompson Constructions Best on Ground: Sebastian Zagame Heenan's Charlton Newsagency Football: Ethan Soulsby Charlton Mensland Socks: Sam Olive North West Ag Bag: Murphy Fitzpatrick Snows Shearing Hat: Mitchell Boyle Signwise Drinker: Charlie Zagame Wright Building Drinker: Isaac Roberts Heenan's Charlton Newsagency Ball: James Fitzpatrick



# Full Steam Ahead

Victorian music lovers are on track for a weekend-long treat with the announcement of SOUND TRACKS, a new live music and tourism experience set on a restored steam train.

Backed by the Victorian Government and featuring an incredible line up of local performers, SOUND TRACKS is a train journey with a difference. Running from 6-8 October, between Melbourne and Charlton, music lovers can hop on board for performances by some of Victoria's most exciting acts while enjoying local food and wine

Departing from Southern Cross Station, the trip will include stops in Geelong and Ballarat before the train arrives in Charlton for performances in the local bowling club, dinner in the shire hall, more music in Charlton's iconic art deco Rex Theatre and time to explore all that Charlton has to offer.

The event is presented by OK Motels, a Victorian events company known for staging 'must-do' regional music and arts events, working with Music Victoria and the Charlton community.

SOUND TRACKS aims to support

Charlton's continued recovery from the 2022 summer floods, and builds on the \$1 million announced earlier this year to support tourism-boosting and community strengthening music events in flood impacted communities across the state.

SOUND TRACKS will run from Friday 6 October to Sunday 8 October 2023.

Train tickets are sold out (there is a waiting list), however weekend tickets are available and for locals, a ticket for the show at the Rex.

Visit https://events.humanitix.com/sound-tracks-volume-one?accesscode=CHARLTON



# C Presentations

The Charlton Netball Club concluded its 2023 season celebrating their year and 70 years of the Charlton Netball Club at their 'Cheers to 70 years' vote count and presentation dinner on Saturday August.

Congratulations to everyone for a fantastic year and to all the award winners for the 2023 season.

The award winners were

### 14 & Under B

Most Consistent: Rosie Fitzpatrick Most Improved: Lila Schofield

### 14 & Under A

Most Consistent: Anika Holmes-Brown Most Improved: Erin Blair

### 17 & Under

Best & Fairest: Elise Fitzpatrick Runner-up Best & Fairest: Alinta Marshal

Most Improved: Taylah Boyle Most Improved: Sarah Blair Rising Star: Isobel Soulsby

### C grade

Best & Fairest: Maggie Riley

Runner-up Best & Fairest: Abby Sanderson

Coaches Award: Sarah Blair Players' Choice: Laura Van Boven

### **B** Grade

Best & Fairest: Lucinda Holmes-Brown Runner-up Best & Fairest: Kate Stuchbery

Coaches Award: Rebecca Sexton Players' Choice: Elizabeth Riley

### A Grade

Lucy Fitzpatrick Memorial Recipient Best

& Fairest: Megan Bruns

Equal Runner-up Best & Fairest: Annie Hockey & Anna Meade

Most Consistent: Sabrina Thompson Players' Choice: Anna Meade

This year's Claire McGrath Memorial Trophy Best Club Person went to Michelle Jenkyn.

"Michelle is very deserving of this award as most people will know Michelle has been the Umpire Co-ordinator for many years. This is a role that is not easy to fill, as there is a lot of work involved in coordinating the scoring and umpiring roster, to successfully fill all spots for the season, with a very few umpires in our club it is a big achievement. Most weeks Michelle is working behind the scenes to ensure that all our games have an umpire and to make this happen Michelle is quite often umpiring up to 2-3 games per day. Michelle had planned the season that she wouldn't have to travel to the away games and roster others on these matches but it wasn't unusual though that when umpires became unavailable Michelle wouldn't hesitate to jump in the car and come and help out. Michelle continues to teach and develop our young umpires within our club. This season Michelle has supported and encouraged a number of our younger players to sit their Rules of Netball Theory Exam. Prior to the exam Michelle ran an umpiring information session to support these girls with the beginning of their umpiring journey. Along with assisting our juniors Michelle has also assisted Amy and Emily with providing supportive feedback to help build on their umpiring this season.

Furthermore, Michelle has been part of this year's NCNA Umpiring Mentoring Program. This has meant that Michelle has given up more of her time and offered her wealth of umpiring knowledge to mentor our up-and-coming young umpires across our North Central League.

Along with the work that Michelle puts into Umpiring she has also been a valued and highly respected committee member for many years at the Charlton Netball Club. Typically, our committees are usually made up of current players and parents of players, but Michelle is neither of these. Michelle is one of those rare volunteers that you don't come across often who is purely there for the love of the club and netball. Michelle has continued to stay on our committee and fill important roles years after her daughter

has moved away and continued her netball career elsewhere. People like this, like Michelle, need to be acknowledged as they don't come along very often and when they are at your club you need to make sure you don't let them leave.

Michelle, along with Wes, also maintain the courts and club surrounds throughout the year, it is a job that can go unnoticed because our surrounds always look so well maintained and they have never looked below this standard. We thank you Michelle and Wes as a combined team for your efforts of this. As part of this role Michelle was our club's main contact for the resurfacing of the court which took place earlier on this season, the time and effort that was involved with organising this was fantastic. And we can all agree on how good our main court looks now!

Throughout the year Michelle has also co-ordinated both our Netball Club's Saturday night meals with great success. Michelle has also been our CFC Ladies Auxiliary representative for a number of

We are lucky to have someone who is as invested in the future of the club as Michelle and we hope she still is part of it for years to come. Congratulations Michelle."

The Charlton Netball Club would also like to thank Fran Byrne-Lee for taking on the role as treasurer for the newly appointed North Central Board of Management. Each club is required to provide a representative to sit on the board for the allocated term. We thank Fran for taking on this role and commend her commitment to the North Central Netball Association.

Thank you to all the committee, players, umpires, volunteers, and supporters for the time you put into our club and we look forward to seeing everyone back on the court in 2024.



14 & Under B: Most Consistent—Rosie Fitzpatrick, Most Improved—Lila Schofield.



14 & Under A: Most Improved—Erin Blair, Most Consistent—Anika Holmes-Brown.



Rising Star: Isobel Soulsby.

# charlton netteal club

# CNC Presentations



2023 Net set go participants with coordinator Rachel Smyth.





C Grade: Runner-up Best & Fairest—Abby Sanderson, Best & Fairest—Maggie Riley, Coaches Award—Sarah Blair, Players' Choice—Laura Van Boven (absent).



B Grade: Players Choice—Elizabeth Riley, Runner-up Best & Fairest—Kate Stuchbery, Best & Fairest—Lucinda Holmes-Brown, Coaches Award—Rebecca Sexton.



A Grade: Most Consistent—Sabrina Thompson, Lucy Fitzpatrick Memorial Recipient Best & Fairest—Megan Bruns (pictured with Brian Fitzpatrick), Equal Runner-up Best & Fairest—Annie Hockey & Anna Meade (absent). Players Choice—Anna Meade (absent).



Claire McGrath Memorial Best Club Person Michelle Jenkyn pictured with Jennie McGrath.

# CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

Another busy month for the Charlton
Neighbourhood House as the year quickly passes
us by. We are pleased to advise you that we
assisted nearly 120 residents obtain their \$250
Victorian Government Power Saving Bonus
during the current scheme. That not only helped
the households but has created an investment of
\$1200 into a Charlton community project, which
on this occasion we have decided to put towards
children's activities at the Charlton A & P Show.

The Charlton Community is preparing for a very busy couple of months as we host many terrific activities here in town. We are leading with a number of FREE events for all ages. Highlights include the return of Kites 4 Kids and their magnificent large kites. With the support of Buloke Shire free kite kits will be available for the first 100 to pre- register.

School holidays will be celebrated with two very special activities. Bec Cossar will be giving advice on raising chickens in an urban environment, and Bryan Pederson will be hosting a Coding Club. Ideal for kids 10 to teens and all skill levels. Participants to BYO their own laptop.

To celebrate our town's Seniors and Carers we are hosting a FREE classic movie for everyone in our community and the wider Buloke area.

Calamity Jane, staring Doris Day and Howard Keel will be showing on Wednesday October 11 at the Rex Theatre.

If you are concerned about the safety of your banking and online security, guest speakers will be able to give you hints and tips to secure your accounts, as part of this year's 'Get On-Line Week' activity. Again this is FREE and we have giveaways and prizes.

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.

Many thanks to Margaret-Anne Wright for her assistance hosting August's monthly Storytime at the Charlton Library during Book Week. The children and parents enjoy the time together very much. Make a note in your diary now for the regular get togethers on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

This month we are also very proud to partner with Charlton Playgroup to support an activity on Thursday 14th September, Mini Mallee Music. This will be at the St. Joseph's Multi Purpose Room starting at 10am.



Here at the Charlton Neighbourhood House we are extremely proud to be supporters of RU OK? Day each year. With other Houses across Buloke Shire and the Mallee we help raise awareness of the important issue of suicide in the community. If you would like some information for yourself or your workplace drop in or give us a phone call. Remember it's fine to start a conversation and ask someone, 'RU OK?'

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



# /HAT'S ON SEPTEMBER & OCTOBE



# PTEMBER



# Yarning2

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



### Carers Group Lunch

Tuesday 12th 12pm-1pm Mental Health- keeping your hands busy AT: East Charlton Hotel

COST: Lunch at subsidised cost

Annual RU OK? Day Event



Thursday 14th Theme: A conversation that could save a life. Watch our window display and Facebook for more information.



### Mini Mallee Music

Thursday 14th 10.00am-11.00am.

AT: Charlton Library Shire Hall

COST: Free

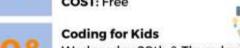


### **Buloke Book Club**

Third Tuesday each Month 10.30am-12.00pm.

AT: Charlton Library Shire Hall

COST: Free





Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st 10.30am-12.00pm.

AT: Rex Theatre Green Room COST: Free



### A very special 'living' Storytime

School Holiday Chicken Day. 10.30am-12:00pm

AT: Charlton Library / Grass



### Yarning2

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



### Calamity Jane special movie event,

Wednesday 11th, doors open 10am, Celebrating our Carers and Seniors AT: Rex Theatre

COST: FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



### Kites over Charlton. Hosted by Kites 4 Kids

Saturday 14th. 10.30am to 1.30pm Pre-register for a free kite kit AT: St Joseph's School Oval

COST: FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



### **Get On-line Week Event -Scams**

Wednesday October 18 10.00am-12pm Speakers, Giveaways and Prizes AT: Rex Theatre 'Green Room' **COST: FREE COMMUNITY EVENT** 



MONTHLY

### **Buloke Book Club**

Third Tuesday each Month 10.30-12.00pm.

AT: Charlton Library Shire Hall

COST: Free



### **Boomerang Throwing**

with Ben Loveland

3pm

AT: Charlton A & P Society Show COST: Free



# StoryTime with Deb Whykes

Diversity - It's everywhere 10.30am-11.30am AT: Charlton Library

COST: Free



Charlton Neighbourhood House notice of Annual General Meeting. Please be advised that the AGM will be held on Wednesday, October 18 in the 'Green Room' at the Rex Theatre, High Street at 7:30pm. All welcome.



# Books for Babies at Playgroup

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of August, Charlton Playgroup hosted a welcome morning tea for new babies and their families to Charlton. These babies were born from August 2022-July 2023—what a little baby boom we are having!! It was a lovely morning held at St Joseph's Primary School multi-purpose room where the usual

playgroup is held each week. To correlate with the National Book Week activities, the morning consisted of an official book presentation where the books were kindly donated by the Buloke Shire and was presented by our amazing playgroup facilitator from the Shire, Kelly McCrohan. After all the new babies received their

books, a morning tea was provided for families whilst mingling and chatting with one another as the children played, slept or fed. We welcome again these families to our beautiful town and centre and we look forward to seeing these gorgeous children grow up together.





Buloke Shire Facilitator, Kelly McCrohan, Rachael Smyth and Freddy.



L to R Back—Tara Round with Reggie, Rhys Thompson with Daisy & Kirsty McKenzie, Sarah & Phil Ellis with Poppy, Cassie Sheahan with Wyatt, Tessa Sexton with Tait, Darren Mills, Riani Donaldson with Ashlee, Jess Giles with Sadie, Charlie Sanderson with Maggie, Laura Van Boven with Thomas. Front—Rachel Smythe with baby Freddy and Harry, Lori Mills with Nixi and Jarah, Maretta Aurisch with Samuel, Kelly McCrohan (Buloke Shire). Absent—Savannah Holmes-Brown, Axl-James McCabe, Lynd Rae Fitzpatrick, Lucas Sexton.

# CWA Juniors

When you mix cotton wool, paint and glitter what do you get?...... A whole lot of fun at CWA on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of August!!!! There were 14 very excited boys and girls who attended CWA straight after school in the stadium foyer at Charlton College. They enjoyed fruit for afternoon tea and then got into their craft for the afternoon. This week's craft was Galaxy Jars. The children had to carefully place layers of cotton wool, glitter and different coloured paints to produce a beautiful collage in the jar. Thank you to all the wonderful ladies who run this amazing program each time, the children absolutely love coming.

\*A reminder to all CWA Junior's parents that the children can place their crafts they have completed over the year into the Charlton Show craft section in October!!

NEXT EVENT: School Holiday fun......come and enjoy Cabbaritta Children's Fun Day on Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 – 2:00pm. See flyer attached.















# St Joseph's School

### Children's Book Week

Children's Book Week 2023 was held from the 19<sup>th</sup> –

25<sup>th</sup> of August under the theme of READ, GROW, INSPIRE!

Week long activities in all classrooms focused on the short-listed children's books. Wednesday saw the school come to life as students arrived looking like they had stepped from the pages of their favourite books. Staff and students paraded their costumes and were given the opportunity to share why they had dressed as their chosen character.

Minions, Barbie, princesses, Hermione Granger, Batman, Dark Vader, Mr Bean, a clown and many other colourful characters, then walked to the Kindergarten to share a special story with the children. School leaders, Clancy and Harry, did a beautiful job of reading the book 'Bev and Kev' together. The story told of a giraffe who was feeling very tall and a bird who was feeling very small! They eventually befriended each other proving differences need not be a barrier to friendship! Students progressed to the Charlton Nursing home

and shared the story with the residents; with an additional rendition by two very special Bananas – B1 & B2! The Senior Class have rewritten the story of 'Bev and Kev' and are illustrating it to share with the Junior Class.

On every other day of the week, students were treated to a special guest reader who shared a story with them before they headed out for recess. Special thanks to Mrs Mary McLoughlan, Master Murphy Fitzpatrick, Mr Joe Durie and Mrs Karina Johnston who were our special guests. Students thoroughly enjoyed these readings and learning about the reading habits of their guests.

### Bendigo Bank Keeping Students Safe

St Joseph's School was thrilled to receive a Bendigo Bank Community Grant towards safety in our playground. We now have the soft-fall beneath our play area well and truly topped up, with a B-double truckload of the bark chip delivered and spread. The grant also covered new padding for the support poles in the main play area. We say a huge THANK-YOU to the Bendigo Bank for making this possible and ensuring the students at St Joseph's are kept safe as they play each day.





Book Week—Joe Durie.



Book Week—Mary McLoughlan.



Book Week—Murphy Fitzpatrick.



L to R: Samantha Revell, Ivy Giles & Sally Armstrong.



L to R: Mia Wright, Madelyn Winslade, Vinny Roberts and Lila Lanyon.

# St Joseph's School

### 'Quest - A New Hero in Fantasyland'

Staff and students are busily preparing for our end of term production. Songs have been learnt, lines are almost memorized and we are practising on stage each day, in preparation for concert night – WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm.

Can you imagine a world without fairy tales, a world with no funny little stories and strange people to brighten our lives? Well, 'once upon a time' the evil Orica decided to rid Fantasyland of all Fairytales ... for her own nasty reasons. So, it was time for the Magic Mirror to place an ad. in the classifieds for a suitable hero to save Fantasyland – enter Brandon T. Mann (and his little mate, Brandon l. Mann). The Brandons' 'Quest' is to collect a coloured object from several fairytales in order to form a rainbow and summon the magic crock of gold which will save Fantasyland. Of course our heroes' appearance in the fairy tales comes as somewhat of a surprise to the Big Bad Wolf, Goldilox and the Three Bears, Jack and Giant Geoff, The Three Blind Mice, Little Red Riding Hood and Snow White. Can the Brandons save Fantasyland? Does Orica manage to abolish all Fairytales forever?



Kids enjoying the new soft fall.



# Charlton Senior Citizens News

The Charlton Seniors have been quite active lately with Bingo, Cards, and special activities on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The most recent Tuesday fun day was a trivia quiz day.

The Seniors have purchased a big screen television, so we can watch the Melbourne Cup on our Cup Day, and actually see the horses properly. We have also moved the billiard table away from the wall, so it is ready for anyone who would like to play. Just let us know if there are a few of you that would like to play and we can arrange a time when the clubrooms are free.

Our next fun Tuesday is September 19<sup>th</sup> which will have a Footy Theme. The activities start at 10.30am. Wear your favourite footy team colours and enjoy the day. At 11am we have a special visit from Nicky and Shona from Bendigo Health who will give us a 30 minute talk on services available for people who are caring for a person in their home. The Footy theme will continue after their talk if you wish to stay. There is an option of staying for a light lunch at the cost of \$5.00. And if you like you can continue to fill in the afternoon and enjoy some games of Euchre.

The fun Tuesday on October 10th we will have an entertainer called 'Kinta'. She sings all those songs that we enjoy listening to. Anyone is welcome to enjoy this day. The cost is \$10 for the entertainment and if you wish to stay for a light luncheon that will cost you a further \$5.00. We would love lots of people to come as Kinta is travelling quite a distance and she is worth listening to. Of course if you like to stay for

the afternoon there is Euchre to play again.

It is Seniors Festival week that week. The Buloke Shire has invited all people in the Shire to attend a Festival day at Wycheproof, where there will entertainment from 11am to 2pm. This includes a luncheon. The whole day is free. If you wish to attend contact Anne Livingston from the shire Ph. 54780108 or ring Val Bourke 0427 074 999. They would like to know numbers by the 15th September for catering purposes.

The Charlton Seniors are going to run a Cup Eve function at the club rooms this year, November 6th. Keep the date free. Details will be posted later.



# Football & Netball Reunions



1973-74 Senior Premiers: Back L to R—Jeff McLoughlan, Stephen Avery, Peter Soulsby, Geoff Thompson, Tony Brown, David Cossar, Ron Field, Brian Bird, Russell Evans, Graeme Paterson, John Giblett, Alan McGurk, Mark Cadzow. Front—Kevin Sait, Ric Walklate, Ian Rapkins, Greg McGurk.



2003 Senior Premiers: L-R—John Thiesz (trainer), Aaron Walklate, Anthony Judd, Justin Warke, Matt Winsall, Danny Wright, Shane Fitzpatrick, Zane Wright, Jamie Mitchell, Ben Walklate, Marc Cox, John Cossar (Coach), Ash Olin, Matt Gretgrix, Ric Walklate (President).

# Football & Netball Reunions



1973 Under 16 Premiers: Wendy Crisp (Noonan), Deb Feeny (McGurk), Helen Carland (Bennett).



2003 Under 16 Premiers: Deirdre McKenzie, Lorraine Walklate, Erin McGurk, Lori Mills (Byrne), Tessa DeMaria (Burton).



2003 A Grade Premiers: Julie Roberts (Sullivan), Hannah Gretgrix (Baird), Kim Fitzpatrick, Kate Burton, Megan Hollis (McGurk), Tessa De Maria (Burton), Carmel Fitzpatrick.



2013 C Grade Premiers: Michelle Jenkyn, Kath Mulquiny, Erin Carroll (Walklate), Amy Nicolson, Carmel Fitzpatrick, Katelyn McIntyre, Tracy Mulquiny, Jennie McGrath, Kim Fitzpatrick, Stella Nicolson.



# Charlton Croquet Club

Charlton Croquet Club held its first Association Croquet Tournament for 6 years on the weekend of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Players came from Brunswick, Castlemaine, Quarry Hill, Rich River, Belmont, Mooroopna, Swan Hill, Deniliquin, Bairnsdale and Charlton. We had four sections with five players in each. Three games were played on Saturday and two games on Sunday. The winners were: Section 1 Greg Hill (Brunswick), Sect. 2

Russell Smyth (Rich River), Sect. 3 Darren Barnes (Swan Hill) and Sect. 4 Irene Murdoch (Quarry Hill). Runners up were Tricia Devlin (Castlemaine), Chris Eiffert (Quarry Hill), Paula Hollier (Belmont) and Sect. 4 Fred Littmann (Deniliquin). Cherie Lessing won the Best Break Trophy (other than a winner) for Section 4. Apart from a light drizzle for the first 2 hours on Saturday the weather was kind. On Sunday we had the added bonus of a steam train passing through. Thank you to the Charlton Bowling Club for allowing us to use their facilities and to the Bendigo Bank for sponsoring our tournament.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August seven players travelled to Boort to participate in the Murray Valley Round Robin. A sociable day was enjoyed by all. Anne Kenny was the winner in Association Croquet.

The 2023/24 season begins on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.



Tournament Winners: Russell Smyth (Section 2), Greg Hill (Section 1), Darren Barnes (Section 3), Irene Murdoch (Section 4).



Tournament Runners-up: Chris Eiffert (Section 2), Paula Hollier (Section 3), Fred Littmann (Section 4), Tricia Devlin (Section 1).



Cherie Lessing (Rich River) Best break Section 4 other than a winner.



Paul Ryan (Quarry Hill) pausing to watch the steam train.

# McGillivray Reunion

On 11th June, 2023, descendants of the local McGillivray families enjoyed a get together to mark the 150th anniversary of Christina McGillivray's selection of land on the 10th June 1873 at Yeungroon.

Christine, a widow, and her son, Charles, both pegged land in 1873, and the McGillivray family still holds land in Yeungroon today.

The first settlers to elect land in Yeungroon were members of the McGillivray family and Malcolm McPherson, a relative. As they all came from the Coleraine district, they probably travelled up as a party. Christine McGillivray pegged her land at 4pm on the 10th June and the next day Charles McGillivray and Malcolm McPherson marked out their selections. They then filed their "Applications for Licenses" at the St Arnaud District Land Office. As Charles McGillivray had already obtained some land in the Western District, he was limited to selecting 211 acres. When, however, the members of the Local Land Board examined his application, they refused to

recommend License as they considered the distance too great for him to service both. Nevertheless, after appeals against the decision and letters to the Minister for Lands, Charles eventually obtained his "License to Occupy".

Apparently the McGillivray's reported favourably on the Yeungroon land as later, other relatives, the McIntyres and John McGregor, moved from Coleraine district and selected nearby. By 1876 almost all of the land in the Parish of Yeungroon had been selected.





'Save the Date'

Charlton Show
Saturday
21st October, 2023
Celebrating 140th Show

# Junior Golf Championships

The Charlton Junior Golf Championships concluded recently. A small but enthusiastic field of junior golfers took to the greens in this year's competition. Building on the Boyle family's terrific golf season (Father, Kirk, won the Charlton A Grade Championship and grandmother, Janice, won the B Grade Women's Championship), Mitchell Boyle won the Junior Championship. Seb Zagame was runner-up.

If any juniors are keen to have a hit next season contact Clinton Olive or Wendy Laffin.



L to R—Ethan Soulsby, Seb Zagame, Mitchell Boyle, Junior Champion—Mitchell Boyle. Charlie Zagame, Flynn Zagame.





Runner-up—Sebastian Zagame.





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Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm are pleased to announce the commencement of the Community Grants Program for 2023.

The grant program is offering financial support to eligible groups to encourage and support projects that benefit residents. Grant funding up to \$25,000 will be allocated to projects that contribute to the social, economic, and environmental sustainability

of the community around the wind farm.

Applications open 1st September and close 30th September 2023.

Please visit www.coonooerbridgewindfarm.com.au for details including the community grant guidelines and application forms.

For further information please contact us via our website or call 1800 940 360.

CHARLTON ARTS INC.

# ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

13th to 15th October 2023

SHIRE HALL CHARLTON

### **MAJOR PRIZES**

\$1000 Best Exhibit (any media) \$500 Best Watercolour \$500 Best Oil/Acrylic Best Drawing/Other media \$500 Best Photographic print (unmanipulated \$250 Best Photographic print (manipulated) \$250 Highly Recommended \$50 ABest Secondary School Student Entry \$100

Opening Times Saturday 10am - 5pm Sunday 10am - 5pr Monday 10am - 1pm

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> RT EXHIBITION COORDINATOR Julie Jenkins 0400 080 925

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Raising the Curtain

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The Rex Theatre

# **CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC** FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Wooroonook Lakes

When: Sunday 17th September 2023

Weigh in: 6.00pm 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 6:00pm 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) \$5.00.

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787 Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

> All new and current "fisherpeople" welcome!









# What's on at The Rex - Sept/Oct

School Holiday Entertainment

**CROW KID** (shadow puppetry) Tuesday 19th September Workshop (making a Shadow Puppet): 10 - 11:30am | Tickets: \$10 Show: 2pm (45 mins) | Tickets: \$15 | Family: (2 children, 1 adult) \$40 (Suitable for ages: 5-12 years)

**Bookings:** https://events.humanitix.com/ crow-kid

The award-winning Lemony S. Puppet

Theatre is bringing the heart-warming live

stories in shadows.

production "Crow Kid" to The Rex on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. A powerful story about resilience, connection and the healing power of friendship, Crow Kid is presented through shadow puppetry 'unplugged'. Projected onto a back screen with all the mechanicians revealed, audience members get to see how the effects and shadows are created, inspiring them to create their own

The narrative sees Crow Kid move to Nanna's farm after a recent loss. It's summer holidays but it sure doesn't feel like a normal summer - they're lonely and super miserable! To ease their misery, they start to feed the crows who visit Nanna's yard, beginning a beautiful friendship between child and bird.

Through its film-like quality the production explores connections animals and how this can lead to building human connections. The medium also allows children to see how the show is performed as well as watching the story unfold.

Booking into the puppet-making workshop enables children to not only create their own puppet, but to get a an inside look at the process used in the show.

This is a unique school holiday activity which is sure to capture the imagination and boost ongoing creative pursuits.

Note: CROW KID is performed in a dark space. Light cannot be increased due to the nature of the shadow work and is therefore not suitable for audiences afraid of the dark.

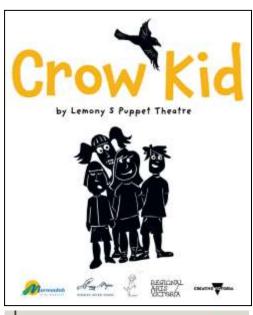
This project is supported by Regional Arts Victoria and Creative Victoria and was commissioned by Maroondah City Council and premiered in ArtSpace at Realm, Ringwood, Victoria.

Weep No More - Musical Concert Friday 22 September 8pm

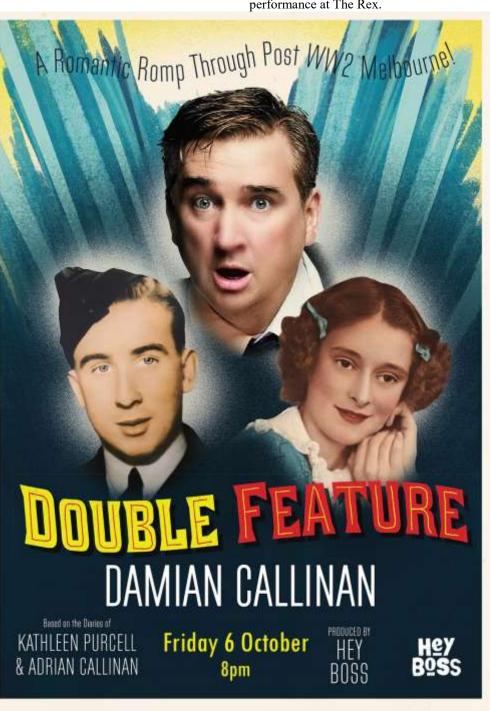
Tickets: \$15

Bookings: https://events.humanitix.com/

An evening of music and song dedicated to love will be the theme of local Charlton pianist, Dana Czarski and Melbourne-based soprano, Madeleine Turewicz's concert performance at The Rex.









# What's on at The Rex - Sept/Oct

Featuring works by French, Spanish, American, Italian and Austrian composers, covering a journey from the Baroque to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the duo will present both vocal and instrumental items covering many aspects of love.

A selection of art songs and arias, "Weep No More" embraces the music of, amongst others, Mozart, Faure, Des'ree through to contemporary American singer/song writer, Nina Simone. Take the opportunity to rekindle love through the sublime musical talents of Madeleine and Dana.

### **Double Feature**

(one-man show featuring actor, Damian Callinan)

Friday 6th October 8pm Tickets: \$35

**Bookings:** <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/double-feature">https://events.humanitix.com/double-feature</a>

The surprise discovery of his mother's 1946 diary leads three-time Barry Award nominee Damian Callinan on a cinematic, romantic romp through post-war Melbourne. However, her diary poses more questions than it does answers.

With suitors lining up for 19-year-old Kathleen Purcell, will Jack Bowlen ever get the Canadian two step right? Will Ron Rogan keep his hands to himself? But most importantly for Damian's very existence, will she notice the dapper fly boy who has just returned from active service?

His mother's charming journal is hilariously contrasted with his father Adrian's retirement diary that bookends his parent's loving relationship and sadly, reveals the tragedy that brought it to an end. The creator and star of the Netflix hit film The Merger uses his powerful gift for storytelling to recast his parents in a funny and poignant double feature of love and loss.

This project is supported by Regional Arts Victoria and Creative Victoria and is a Hey Boss production.

### PolMusicA Sunday 15 October 1pm Tickets: Free

The PolMusicA Competition is open to young musicians living in Australia and was established by the Polish Community Council of Australia in 2004. The Competition comprises three age groups – 11 years and under, 12-14 years and 15-17 years, plus two instrumental categories – piano and strings.

The Rex has the pleasure of hosting a

presentation concert given by the winners (laureates) of this Australia- wide competition on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1pm.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to hear the virtuoso talents of young musicians from across Australia, so mark the date in your diary and be prepared to be blown away by these youngsters' skills.





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# **SEPTEMBER** COMING ATTRACTIONS

Movie Prices: General Admission \$12 Members \$10 VIP Members FREE

### THE MIRACLE CLUB

PG Mild themes and coarse language 90 mins | Comedy



Sat 2 Sept 8pm Sun 3 Sept 2pm Tue 5 Sept 8pm

There's just one dream for the wamen of Ballygar to taste freedom to win a pilgrimage to the socred French town of Lourdes. With a little benevolent interference from their local priest, a group of dose friends get their ticket of a lifetime.

### GRAN TURISMO: Based on a true story

M Coarse language 134 mins | Action | Sport



Sat 16 Sept 8pm Sun 17 Sept 2pm Tue 19 Sept 8pm

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# North Central Garden Club Open Garden Day

The North Central Garden Club will again showcase some wonderful local gardens at our annual Open Garden Day on Sunday October 15. This is a terrific opportunity to enjoy the hard work of our committed gardeners, see how they have overcome the many challenges our climate can throw up and perhaps take away some ideas for your own patch.

Registration at the Senior Citizens Club is from 10:30am and for a cost of just \$15:00 you will receive a map showing the location of the gardens and at the end of your visits you can enjoy afternoon tea back at the registration point. Gardens are open until 4:00pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale with three great prizes on offer and a plant stall available for patrons.

The NCGC hope that locals and visitors alike will enjoy a community day of social inclusion which, in the past, has been an enormous success.

Sunday 15th October From 10:30am

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There will be Social Bowls on Saturdays at 1pm, names by 12.30pm, until we start Pennant. (casual dress)

With a busy year ahead, we will be playing Saturday Pennant commencing on October 14<sup>th</sup> and Midweek on October 10<sup>th</sup>

The Pennant format this season will be 3 X 4 or 12 players per team in Division 1 & 2 and Midweek, currently players are to bring their own lunch/smoko for pennant, biscuits and a cuppa will be available.

# PENNANT PRACTICE WILL BE THURSDAY NIGHTS FROM 4.30pm.

Adult Members subs are \$120 and payable by end of October.

The Pennant Unavailable List will be on the notice board, so if you are to be away, names are to be placed on this list please or you may be selected to play.

For further information contact President: Neil Cossar on 0407 887 941, or Secretary: Kevin Willey on 0428 911 830.



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# St Martin's Messenger—September

Sunday 3 September Holy Communion 9am Sunday 17 September 9am Holy Communion Sunday 8 October Holy Communion 9am

# A God Who Provides - the loaves and the fishes

Matthew 14:13-21

Everyone ate and had enough. Then the disciples took up twelve baskets full of what was left over. (verse 20)

Perhaps you are like us on a Friday night and find that no-one is much inclined to prepare a meal. Either we get takeaway, or, with a little bit of this and a little bit of that and a good dollop of imagination, a satisfying meal is thrown together.

It is a shame we are not so positive about what God can do with small portions. The disciples wanted to fob off the people when dusk was approaching. 'Send the people away', they said. When Jesus challenged them to feed the crowd, they protested, 'All we have here are five loaves and two fish'.

Jesus then fed the five thousand, using the disciples' hands to undertake the distribution - almost as a signal that God can do wonderful things with small portions.

In a similar way, when faced with a challenge, we should not protest straight away; rather we should look expectantly to a God who provides.

Lord, you provide so wonderfully for all our needs. Help us to look to you in faith instead of complaining. Amen.

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

# North Central Garden Club

At the Garden Club's recent August meeting, 12 members spent time finalising plans for our Open Garden day on Sunday October 15 and also establishing a program for replanting and tidying up the concrete pots in the High Street precinct. A working bee to begin this process took place on Monday August 28.

Following our Open Day, on Tuesday October 24, the Club is rewarding itself with a day trip to the Northern Mallee Iris Farm in Chinkapook followed by lunch in Sea Lake. The bus will leave the Travellers Rest at 9am and there will be seats available for nonmembers at \$20:00 per head on a first come basis.

There were some wonderful entries in our monthly competition and Sheila spoke on establishing her garden since relocating to Charlton and the challenges that has thrown up. We look forward to visiting her garden in the near future. Thanks Sheila.

New members are always welcome at the NCGC. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm at the Lion's Lodge in Camp

President: Bernice Kenny ph 54911334 Secretary: Lynne McRae ph 0408113103



# Charlton Uniting Church

### **Charlton Uniting Church Service times** for August 2023

Sunday  $3^{rd} - 9.00$  am at St. Martin's Church of England

Sunday  $10^{th} - 10.00$  am. Communion Sunday  $17^{th} - 10.00$  am.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – 11.00.am

How many of us say Grace before each meal? The guidelines for saying Grace are: Keep it simple. Always say thank you. Match your Grace to the season - occasion. Keep it reverent. A little humour is helpful and always say Amen

Lord, bless the food upon these dishes

As you once blessed the loaves and fishes.

And, like the sugar in the tea.

May we be stirred in our love for Thee.

Thank you Lord. Amen.

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Mass Times:

Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 10.30 Live streamed into St Joseph's

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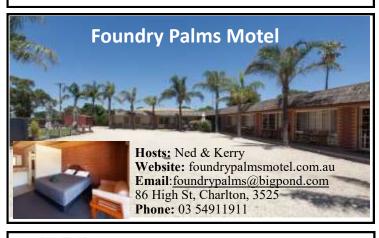


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