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Charlton Deb Ball



The 2024 Charlton Debutant set is pictured following the presentation: (Back L-R) Nick Thompson, Elise Fitzpatrick, Ned Zagame, Emmerson Nelson, Murphy McGeown, Taylah Boyle, Poppy Fitzpatrick, Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Isabel Soulsby, Elliott Fitzpatrick. (Centre on the steps) Zali Heenan, Beau Johnstone, Georgia Wright, (Front) Cooper Boyle, Mercadiez O'Sullivan, Franklin Holmes-Brown, Hugh Sait, Sally Armstrong, Annie Olive, Angus Soulsby. Story pages 6 & 7.

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From the Editor Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the May edition which turned out to be a big one—I like to keep the photos quite large so just keep adding pages.

Congratulations to the debutantes and their partners. I'm sure you had a terrific night, making lifelong memories. A lot of work goes into the deb ball, so well done everyone.

Also congratulations to everyone involved in finally securing a provider for our childcare centre. What a relief for the working parents in our town. We were spoiled for choice when my children were little, so I'm very happy you now have somewhere to send your little ones.

Our son, Nick, marched in the ANZAC parade this year in Melbourne. He is with the Royal Victorian Regiment which has Scottish origins, hence the kilt.

On the farm, we'd love to see a decent rain as would our parched gardens. Let's hope the break comes soon.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mums & Grandmas.
Cheers, *Carolyn*



Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

May:

Dignity to the Fallen—Thursday 9th
Gust Speaker Warren Davies—Wednesday 22nd
Live Music @ The Vale—Saturday 18th

June:

Royal Harmony @ The Rex—Saturday 29th

July:

Jazz in July @ Charlton Park—Sunday 21



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Dear Charlton Community,

We were pleased to open the Long Day Care in the Charlton Early Years Service on Monday, April 15th. This is a milestone in the provision of quality early learning in the local community, and it is a privilege to be involved. It was lovely to observe children playing with their siblings, exploring the glorious garden, testing out their new skills, and making new relationships with their excited educators.

We are thrilled to introduce the Long Day Care, a unique offering for children aged from birth to school, alongside our established funded kindergarten program. Operating from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), our service provides a play-based educational program. This program fosters strong relationships with children, supporting their holistic development in a nurturing environment. We are working towards extending this care model to include before and after kindergarten care from Monday to Wednesday as soon as possible.

We are working closely with the Buloke Shire Council to finalise kitchen modifications that will enable us to offer

fresh, nutritious meals onsite for the long-day care children. We will be sure to keep you updated about our progress.

We know the Charlton community's long-standing commitment to quality early learning and are honoured to participate. We are eager to provide opportunities for training and development for local adult learners interested in a rewarding career in early childhood. Currently, we offer



supported Early Childhood training for adult learners, a meaningful and valuable option in an industry with a high demand for employees dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children and families.



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Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to the May update from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. It has been wonderful to welcome many visitors over the past month to view our collection; many of whom comment on the terrific array of items on show. Have you been to see us recently? Why not drop by for a visit to the museum one Sunday between 11am and 3pm. Our displays are always being updated and many new donated items are being added. Admission is still only \$5 for adults with children being free. EFTPOS is also available with a selection of merchandise also available to purchase. If you are involved in a group or organisation why not consider visiting us for an interesting outing; a cuppa and biscuits can even be arranged. Speaking of outings, the museum is planning several terrific events in the near future. Watch out for details as they become available.

A visit from the Victorian Governor

This month's feature story goes all the way back to October 1972, when Charlton was very excited to welcome Victoria's very popular Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe and his wife Lady Delacombe. It was their first visit since 1963, which had been cut short by the tragic assassination of President Robert Kennedy. Officially greeted at 10am by Shire President, Cr Bartlett, the couple were introduced to councillors and their wives before mingling with a large group of local well wishers. Cr Bartlett asked Sir Rohan to convey to Her Majesty the devoted loyalty of the citizens of Charlton and District. The Governor in his reply recalled that Charlton was one of his first regional visits on taking office and he was very impressed by the prospects of the district and wished the very best for farmers in the area.

The next part of the busy schedule saw Sir Rohan visit the Noske Bros. Flour Mill where he met the executives of the company

who had come up from Melbourne and many of the workers. He was escorted around the various processing areas by Mill Manager, Mr J. Perry, and Head Miller, Mr J. Mackay. Lady Delacombe meanwhile visited the Senior Citizens Club Rooms to meet members. She was welcomed to the club by President Mr J. W. Cadzow, Secretary Mrs K. McLoughnan and Treasurer Mrs J. W. Cadzow. After receiving a gift Lady Delacombe next visited the hospital where she was welcomed by the Ladies' Auxiliary with a bouquet of flowers and a Charlton souvenir. Matron Marj Bartlett then escorted her through the hospital where she met other staff members and patients, including proud mum, Mrs Pat Sutton, and her 10 day old daughter, Sophie.

The regal couple's next duty was a meeting with the combined schools Principles where they mixed freely with young students of all ages and watched various activities. A BBQ lunch was held for dignitaries at the farm of Cr. Sanderson where there was again the opportunity to discuss issues with local councillors which then was followed by their departure back to Melbourne. This was to be the last official visit to Charlton as the couple were to leave their role early the following year.

John O'Brien Exhibition

Plans are underway for a display of wooden creations by the late John O'Brien. If anyone has any toys or other items that they are willing to loan the museum for approx. 6 months, please contact a museum member.

Visit to Nhill

Our members, Diane and Sue, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Western Victorian Association of Historical Societies. Held in Nhill, they spent an enjoyable weekend catching up with other museum and historical society members and were treated to lunch, dinner, visits to the

Noske Silos and Old Holden Dealership, and a bus tour of the area. These get-togethers are very important for our small regional museums and enable us to learn what other museums are busy doing and obtain or share some helpful insights.

Enquiries

For all enquiries about our group check out our Facebook Page or search on your browser 'Golden Grains Museum Charlton'.

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Vice Regal Visit. Lady Delacombe (wife of Governor of Victoria), Sally Ann Watts, Meredith Whykes.



Vice Regal Visit. Senior Citizens Club, Mrs K. McLoughlan, Lady Delacombe, Mrs J. W. Cadzow, Miss Prater, Mr & Mrs Hunter.



Vice Regal Visit. L to R—Cr Len Bartlett, Sir Rohan & Lady Delacombe, Mrs Hazel Bartlett, Glad Sanderson.

A Night of Memories at Charlton Debutante Ball

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

White tulle, classic dresses, debonair partners and two adorable attendants were the highlights of the 2024 Charlton Deb Ball held on Friday 12 April at the Charlton Hall.

Nine stylish couples were presented to families, friends and the wider community in what is a highlight of the Charlton social calendar.

The event is coordinated by the Charlton Neighbourhood House committee, staff and volunteers, who work with the wider community to assist with the presentation of the night.

A large crowd enjoyed the music of local band "Blend It" (featuring Leo Tellefson, Ross Lane and Sandra Loats) as they waited for the formalities to begin. The band also provided the music for dancing following the presentation.

An Art Deco themed stage setting featured black and gold with red focal points centred around a geometric-shaped archway in front of a background of swagged gold fabric with decorative art objects finessing the design. Created and styled by Bernice Kenny, Donna McCallum and Jenny Pollard, the trio were supported by Dale McCallum, who carried out the construction and installation.

A welcome by host, Natasha Saunders, led to the introduction of the official party which comprised trainers, Michelle and Wes Jenkyn and Andrew Peverill, along with Charlton Young Citizen of the Year, Emily Olive. Charlton Citizen of the Year, Anne Kenny, was an apology for the evening.

The young attendants – Sally Armstrong and Franklin Holmes-Brown – were greeted with loud applause as they were introduced to the crowd before embarking on their big moment of making presentations to the official party and the Deb's families. The youngsters handed out flowers and chocolates to the Deb's parents and supporters.



Young attendants, Franklin Holmes-Brown and Sally Armstrong handed out small gifts to the families of the Debs as the official presentation began.

The 2024 Debutant set included: Taylah Boyle & Murphy McGeown Isabel Soulsby & Elliott Fitzpatrick Emmersyn Nelson & Ned Zagame Annie Olive & Angus Soulsby Zali Heenan & Hugh Sait Poppy Fitzpatrick & Fletcher Holmes-Brown Mercadiez O'Sullivan & Cooper Boyle Georgia Wright & Beau Johnstone Elise Fitzpatrick & Nick Thompson

The nine couples were introduced as each processed down the hall to music of their own choosing. Dress descriptions and the young people's future aspirations were related by Natasha Saunders with a number of participants revealing their previous Deb experience as either former partners or flower girls and page boys (Murphy McGeown – pageboy 2013 and Annie Olive and Angus Soulsby – flower girl and pageboy 2014). Poppy Fitzpatrick and Fletcher Holmes-Brown also created something of a record as the 4th deb partnership between the two families with siblings Tessa and Lachlan, Xanthe and Nathaniel, and Lucinda and Darby, all completing their debuts with each other!

The girls' gowns for the 2024 set featured an elegant selection of mainly A-line, full tulle skirts with bodices embellished with lace and adornments such as small crystals and beads. Fitted corset-style backs were also popular, with lace or thin spaghetti straps. Many of the girls complimented their outfits with family heirloom jewellery, or items which had been gifted by friends. Each wore a wrist corsage featuring a maroon flower with silver attachments.

The boys had adopted a sophisticated look wearing black suits, with a red flower buttonhole, finished with black gloves and ties.

The presentation dances included the Tracie-Leigh, Charmaine, and Killarney Waltz's, finishing with the more relaxed Big Mountain Circle. Pianist Gill Gretgrix was

the accompanist for this presentation. All the debs then invited their parent or significant other to accompany them in the Pride of Erin.

Undertaking the presentation of this night has been a credit to the Charlton Neighbourhood House, along with the many others who contribute their time and talents towards ensuring this rite-of-passage is offered for the youth of the community. Debutants Emmerson Nelson and Fletcher Holmes-Brown spoke on behalf of the group, thanking trainers Michelle and Wes Jenkyn and Andrew Peverill for their commitment and patience, as well as recognizing the input from organisations and individuals, and extending special thanks to parents and families.

It was then time for photos, fun and food as a smorgasbord of diverse and delectable nibbles was brought into the hall.

The dancing kicked off later with the band whipping up a storm and the debutants relaxing into the final stages of a memorable evening.



Presenter, Natasha Saunders (r) joined CNH representatives Deb Whykes (l) and Jayne Burton (centre) back-stage.



Behind the scenes – (l-r) Zali Heenan, Isabel Soulsby, Emmersyn Nelson and Annie Olive.

A Night of Memories at Charlton Debutante Ball



The official party comprised (l-r) trainers Wes and Michelle Jenkyn, and Andrew Peverill (r) with Charlton Young Citizen of the Year Emily Olive (second right).



Charlton Neighbourhood House (CNH) staff, committee and volunteers coordinate the evening, with members pictured (l-r) Xanthe Fitzpatrick, (Secretary), Kaylene Cossar (Chairperson), Liz Riley (Treasurer) with pianist, Gill Gretgrix.



Looking dapper in their suits are partners (l-r) Hugh Sait, Murphy McGeown, Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Elliott Fitzpatrick, Angus Soulsby and Nick Thompson.



A delicious and varied array of nibbles was enjoyed by the large crowd attending the ball.



The Debs perform the presentation dances.



Charlton Harness Racing Club

NEW TRAINER IN TOWN! WELCOME TO CHARLTON ZAC STEENHUIS

It is with great excitement that the Charlton Harness Racing Club welcomes Ballarat trainer Zac Steenhuis and family to town, filling one of the vacant complexes at the Training Centre.

Zac brings with him a team of 18 horses significantly boosting the horse numbers in town which is so important for the future of harness racing in Charlton.

As a young trainer Zac will certainly have his hands full establishing himself here but we wish him all the luck in the world and have no doubt he will be a valued member of the community in no time. No doubt Mick Gadsden will welcome a bit of company again too!

So big welcome to Zac, Brittany, boys Wyatt and Charlie, and Lilly who only arrived a week or so ago. Busy times ahead for all.

WELCOME CHARLTON TRAVELLERS REST CARAVN PARK

The club has always been very grateful and appreciative of the support of local businesses and we are happy to add the Charlton Travellers Rest Caravan Park to



our list of sponsors. Welcome Greg and Leanne Fanning who are already very active and involved members since their return to town and have in the short time being in charge created a vibrant place from which travellers can stop and enjoy our town. We look forward to more visitors to Charlton enjoying a day at the trots - thank you Leanne and Greg for spreading the word and supporting the club.

DJAARA CUP DAY

The 10th of April saw the annual running of the Djaara Cup and was well attended by a strong contingent of 60+ Djaara People. Many travelled from Bendigo and Shepparton to take part in the day and it was great to see all getting involved in all aspects of the day - from a punt to a ride in the mobile.

Special hand crafted gifts were again exchanged with winning participants and as usual, CEO Rodney Carter spoke very fondly and respectfully of the relationship that has formed over several years now between us.

The smoking ceremony again provided a poignant moment to reflect on a culture that we are all learning more about and was an opportunity for all on course to partake in a shared experience.

The cup was run and won by Budd Sidewinder a horse formally from the Markham stable but now in the care of Michael Laughler and driven by his son Jack.

John Tormey flew the flag for the locals collecting a winning double with Rockets Mate and Chogi. Well done.

Next raffle night at the Cricket Club Hotel Friday 3rd May.

Next race meeting Thursday 30th May.



Mick Gadsden and Hungry Hogarth recent winners at Terang.



New Charlton trainer Zac Steenhuis.



Smoking ceremony.



Charlton Harness Racing Club



Djaara People CEO Rodney Carter and winning driver Jack Laugher.



John Tormey and Ellen Tormey with Chogi.



Presentation of the Djaara Pacing Cup. Winning driver, Jack Laugher, can be seen holding the Cup after his win of Budd Sidewinder.

“FARMS GROW FOOD - NOT POWERLINES”

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

The message was clear as farmers from around the Charlton district greeted representatives from the Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) with farm machinery bearing signs of dissatisfaction at the 17th April meeting at the Charlton Shire Hall about the Victoria to NSW Interconnector West Transmission Line (VNI West).

Lining both sides of Armstrong Street outside the Hall was an array of agricultural vehicles, many with signage denouncing the proposed VNI West project and highlighting its impact on the farming sector.

A substantial crowd built as the meeting time opening of 2:30pm ticked around when farming families were joined by local landowners and members of the wider community keen show solidarity and eager to press their on-going concerns about the draft transmission line corridor mooted for this area.

With a mass walk-in planned for the opening of the 2:30pm to 7:30pm consultation period, the mood, while restrained, was skeptical. After having heard the proposals before, asked the questions, dealt with the liaison personnel and contributed the information, participants found their concerns had largely been ignored. Little wonder that machinery-muscle, invective signage and plenty of feet walking through the door was in evidence!

Promoted by TCV as a “community drop-in session” aimed at “open dialogue with landholders and listening to communities”, attendees had the opportunity to speak with “experts on agriculture, environment and technical matters related to VNI West (who would) be available to answer questions and

share information in their specialty areas.”

As with previous engagements of this nature, TCV representatives were plentiful, as was the literature. Brochures, leaflets, signage and maps were in abundance. TCV personnel were open and accommodating to the flood of people streaming into the hall. Some of the crowd settled in with the specialists, others poured over maps, conversations buzzed between locals. TCV reps were explaining, conversing and directing people to the appropriate support.

However, none of this alleviates the ongoing uncertainty plaguing the landowners within the project’s draft pathway. Generational livelihoods are at stake, and minimizing agricultural productivity is real. All the farmer’s concerns are the same – it’s just that some may end up bearing a bigger impact than others.

An example is the younger generation of the Burke family from Jeffcott. With 150 years of farming history behind them, they potentially have around 9.6kms of land within the proposed transmission line

corridor on which a possible 19 to 21 towers could be erected. It’s not hard to understand the frustration behind the sign on their header which read: “4 Sale. No longer needed if powerlines come through”.

For Claire Grant, (Glenloth East), who attended the meeting with her 8 month-old daughter, Ella –their newly built home - only moved into before Easter - could now have powerlines right beside it. “It’s not only the house” said Claire “but the impact on the wider farm as well.”

Some attendees said that while they weren’t directly affected by the project they had turned up to offer support to the farmers; others had brought grandchildren whose futures will be changed if this project continues in its current form.

Anxiety remains high. Timelines keep changing. As noted, (in small print), in one of the information booklets - “dates are indicative only”.

The waiting and uncertainty continues.

Other TCV community drop-in sessions were held at Kerang (16 April) and Stawell (18 April).



Signage and farm machinery made a statement.



Farmers, local landowners and community members congregated outside the Charlton Hall before the April 17th drop-in meeting with Transmission Company Victoria representatives.



Jeff McLoughlan (Wooroonook) voiced his protest with signage on his tractor at the meeting.



Members of the crowd note modifications to the proposed transmission line corridor, with TCV staff on hand.



Looking for answers – the local crowd builds before the opening of the session.



A misty but fine autumn day saw a sizeable crowd gather at Charlton Cenotaph for the annual ANZAC Day commemoration. Wreath laying was led by Captain Paul Scott RAN representing the Australian services, the mayor Councillor Alan Getley representing Buloke Shire and

Allan McGillivray president of Charlton RSL sub-Branch, followed by Charlton College captains, St Joseph's School captains, Red Cross and CFA.

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

The highlight of the ceremony at the Shire Hall was an inspirational address by Captain Scott, in which he reminded us that we gather not to glorify war but to remind ourselves that we value who we are and the freedoms we possess. Those of us in uniform today have inherited

the legacy of those before us who served in wars; they epitomise the spirit and values displayed in every battle in which Australians have proven themselves; self-sacrifice, courage and a fair go for others. There are tens of thousands of headstones around the world with the names of fallen Australians on them; nearly 1,900 officers and men of the Royal Australian Navy made the ultimate sacrifice at sea, there are no headstones for them, there was no burial service; their ship sank quickly and became their eternal resting place:

They have no Grave but the cruel sea

No flowers lay at their head
A rusting hulk is their tombstone

Afast on the ocean bed.

After thanks by MC Troy Heenan to Captain Scott, to Padre Rev. Judi Bird, to the band, to the Charlton Choir, to all others who helped the sub-Branch and to the public for their continuing support, the ceremony concluded with refreshments in the sub-Branch clubrooms.

ANZAC badges and other items sold well during the week leading up to ANZAC Day, the money raised going to RSL welfare; our grateful thanks go to all who supported our fundraising.

And so we reflect on the service and sacrifice of our veterans and of those who are still serving and we remember our pledge as a nation;

LEST WE FORGET.

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

Welcome to the May news from the Charlton Neighbourhood House, and what a busy month ahead we have planned for our community.

Have you registered yet for our FREE joint event with the Charlton RSL? We are fortunate to have 2 of Australia's best known speakers on World War One. Lambis Englezos AM and Ross McMullin, who will be taking us on a Journey through History on May 9 at the Charlton Shire Hall. This fantastic event will be accompanied by a free luncheon and the chance to meet the guests after the presentation. Pictured below, Allan McGillivray and Bill Freeman promoting the event at the Flo Cafe 'Coffee with a' morning; a new initiative of the Charlton Neighbourhood House.



We are proud to again be supporting the Victorian Law Foundations 2024 Law Week. We have partnered with Mallee Family Care's Community Legal Centre for a FREE information session on Wednesday May 22 at the East Charlton Hotel. Guest lawyers will be providing general information on Wills and future planning. You are never too young or old to be properly prepared in the event of serious illness or incapacity. All welcome.



As well as all our regular activities such as the Monday Yarners, Carers Lunch, Buloke Book Club and Children's Storytime, May features another couple of calendar events very close to us. Between May 13 to 20 we will be celebrating Neighbourhood House Week. Pop by during the week and check out all our upcoming activities and enjoy a cuppa and biscuit.

Like so many towns Charlton relies heavily on its wonderful volunteers. Whether it is assisting at a sports club, delivering Meals on Wheels, helping at your local service club or more, between May 20 to 26 we would like to recognise your contribution. Watch out for more details of a special event at Charlton Park to celebrate.

The Neighbourhood is very pleased to be again involved by supplying books across the community for National Simultaneous Storytime on May 22. A terrific initiative that encourages reading by young children.



Say hello to our staff; Cathie, Markus & Mia

For more information on any of our upcoming events/courses, visit our website www.charltonnh.org.au or Facebook, check out our window, or pop into the Neighbourhood House Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

WHAT'S ON IN



MAY

EACH
MONDAY

Monday Yarners (Social Group)

10:30am -12pm during school terms

AT: Rex Theatre Foyer

COST: FREE

Knitting supplies provided or BYO



6

Coffee with a Cop

10:30am -12pm

AT: FLO Cafe inside Rex Theatre

COST: Free coffee for first 6 people

Talk directly to members of Victorian Police



8

Charlton Carers Lunch

12:00pm to 1:30 pm

AT: Charlton East Hotel

COST: Lunch at subsidised price

Speaker: Jo Russell Relaxation techniques



9

'Journey through History' with Storytellers

Lambis Englezos & Ross McMullin

11:00am to 2.00pm

AT: Charlton Shire Hall

COST: Free, bookings required for catering



13

Coffee with a Community Advocate

10:30am -12pm

AT: FLO Cafe inside Rex Theatre

COST: Free coffee for first 6 people

Talk directly to a Forum representative.



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Neighbourhood House Week 2024

10am to 4pm daily

AT: Neighbourhood House

COST: Free tea, coffee and biscuits

on **Wednesday 15th**. Come and say hello



20

Coffee with CFA Reps from Swan Hill

10:30am -12pm

AT: FLO Cafe inside Rex Theatre

COST: Free coffee for first 6 people

CFA info on their free smoke alarms offer



21

Buloke Book Club

10:30am -12pm

AT: Charlton Library inside Shire Hall

COST: FREE

Share what you have recently read



22

Paediatric First Aid training

6:00pm to 7:30pm

AT: St Joseph's Primary School

COST: \$5

Essential training for anyone who cares for young children.



MAY

22

National Simultaneous Storytime Day

Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker

AT: 11am Charlton Neighbourhood House

COST: Free

Join in this fun activity across Charlton

22

Law Week- Tommorrow starts today

6:00pm to 7:30pm

AT: East Charlton Hotel

COST: FREE Mallee Family Care Rep's

Wills and future planning.



26

Volunteer Week 2024

10am to 4pm daily

AT: Charlton Park

COST: Free. More details to follow

Celebrate our communities volunteers.



27

Coffee with a Councillor & Beautify Charlton representative.

10:30am -12pm

AT: FLO Cafe inside Rex Theatre

COST: Free coffee for first 6 people



28

Children's Storytime - Indigenous

10:30 -11:30am

AT: Charlton Library, Shire Hall

COST: FREE

Presented by DeB Whykes



Upcoming activities that can be booked online-

- *Journey through History with Master Storytellers Lambis Englezos & Ross McMullin; a combined event with the Charlton RSL.
- *Law Week; Presentation by lawyers from Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre.
- *Paediatric First Aid: essential training for those caring for young children.



Catholic Education Week at St Joseph's School

Catholic Education Week provides the opportunity for us to celebrate the unique characteristics of St Joseph's School with our community. This year, Catholic Education Week has added significance, as it recognises the 150th Anniversary of the beginning of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

On Monday at our weekly assembly, staff and students reflected on what makes St Joseph's a special school. Many

students had similar ideas, but there were a couple of unique responses as well! Many students love St Joseph's School because it is a small community where everyone knows each other, adding that it is a place to make and play with friends. Lila added that she loves St Joseph's because it is very educational! Newcomer, Johan, enjoys doing fun activities like swimming, celebrating, colouring and getting student awards. Marly enjoys learning about new

things that she has never heard of and Macey thinks the best thing about Catholic education is learning in religion. It was pleasing to hear that many students praised the staff as nice, friendly and helpful! Neive summed her feelings up by saying that Catholic education is great and without it there would be no point in coming to school! She added that learning about God and the world is wonderful!



Luke and Xena from Kaboom Sports Inc.



Mary Hogan (St Joseph's Charlton), Catherine Harrington (St Mary's Donald) and Trinity Johns (St Patrick's St Arnaud) planting trees to commemorate 150 years of Catholic Education in the Ballarat Diocese.



Overhead shot of the Kaboom Olympics

Catholic Education Week at St Joseph's School

On Tuesday the Charlton Kinder students came for a visit. Ms Brown prepared some fun activities for the Kinder students and the Junior Class. The story of "The Gruffalo" was the focus for many of the activities. It was great to see and hear the hive of activity in the Junior Classroom as they worked to make and create all things Gruffalo!

On Wednesday, neighbouring Catholic Schools joined us at St Joseph's School to celebrate Catholic Education week. Staff and students from St Mary's Donald and St Patrick's St Arnaud arrived in time to celebrate Mass together, led by Fr Gerry Prunty. After Mass, the principals of each school planted a native each to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese. The students, numbering 170 in total, were then entertained by special visitors, KABOOM SPORTS INC. Students participated in an Olympic Games themed rotation of events. After sharing a BBQ lunch and having a play together, our travellers returned home. A wonderful day of celebration was enjoyed by all.

On Thursday we ventured to Charlton College to enjoy the Mother's Day Fete. The students were happy to meet friends and spend their tickets at the various stalls and activities.

On Friday staff have planned a special afternoon of celebration, based around party games and treats, to round off what has been a very special week at St Joe's!



Maddie Lanyon reading the Gruffalo to Samantha Revell and Sally Armstrong.



Finn Schofield



Megg Fitzpatrick



Samantha Revell and Jon Morkos with some students from St Patrick's and St Mary's.



Lila Lanyon and Ivy Giles making Gruffalo puppets.

Charlton Croquet Club

Association Croquet held its annual Club Championship on Thursday and Saturday, March 21 and 23. Due to illness and withdrawals, only four competed. The winner was Anne Kenny, runner-up Sue Nicholls, and third Barb Dalrymple.

On Thursday, April 4, Closing Day was held for the summer season. Since 2009 it has been tradition for Golf Croquet players to challenge Association Croquet players to win the Courtney Keith trophy. Courtney was the greenkeeper and a Golf Croquet player.

The format played is Golf Croquet. This year the Association team was victorious. The players were Anne Kenny, Barb Dalrymple, Naomi Patullo, Sue Nicholls

and Nita Perry.

This year Goulburn Valley Croquet Association hosted the Victorian Country Regional AC Championships. This prestigious event was celebrating 60 years of competition between the country regions. It was held at Rich River Croquet Club from Monday, April 8, to Wednesday, April 10.

Unfortunately, two regions were unable to field a team of four so seven regions competed. Charlton is in the Murray Valley Association.

As well as being a very competitive event showcasing high quality croquet, it has a strong social context with a welcome barbecue on Sunday and a formal dinner on

Tuesday. The weather was fine, but cool.

Congratulations to Naomi Patullo who won Section 4 in her first appearance at the Championships. Naomi and her opponent were undefeated going into the last round, with Naomi emerging victorious. Naomi also won the special award presented to a Section 4 competitor for the Player With the Most Potential. This award is judged by the referees. Naomi reduced her handicap to 14.

In Section 1 Lindsay Patullo finished 3rd, winning 4 games out of 6. Lindsay only lost to the eventual winner. Lindsay also reduced his handicap.

Anne Kenny competed in Section 2 but had a disappointing tournament. The Section 3 player was Darren Barnes, from Swan Hill, and he won 4 games out of 6.

There is also a shield for the team having the highest aggregate of hoops. Murray Valley finished fourth. Players now look forward to the 2025 Regionals which will be hosted by Geelong District Croquet Association.



Winners—Anne Kenny, Sue Nicholls, Barb Dalrymple, Nita Perry and Naomi Patullo.



2AC Regionals Section 4 winner, Naomi Patullo.



Victorian Country Regional Association Croquet teams—Murray Valley team (3rd group from left): Lindsay Patullo, Darren Barnes, Naomi Patullo & Anne Kenny.

Dancing at the Rex

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Dancing styles were on show when students of Dynamic District Dance studio recently held their "Showcase" performance at The Rex Theatre.

Local students, along with members from surrounding towns brought action, colour and plenty of energy to the stage as the very young, through to the experienced, gave the audience a look at dance in many forms during the one hour program.

Studio principal, Linda Grigg said the event provided an exciting opportunity to kick-start their new term and thanked the audience, parents and all involved with the production for their support and encouragement.

Thanks to the liaison of Charlton local and Dynamic District dance instructor, Jemimah Webb, the show enabled some of the students to experience their first on-stage performance and absorb the excitement which that entails. The presentation was enhanced by the technical lighting support from Lachlan Mason.

Enthusiasm and smiles were an engaging part of the youngest performers items in the Ready Set Dance segments - "I Love to Dance", "Penguins on Parade" and "My First Recital". Teachers and assistants showed their prowess in "Shake Break", while the Senior Jazz team opened the show with "Wicked Games". A highlight of the performance was the aerial arts presentation by intermediate and senior students.

It was great to see Charlton participants, Emmersyn Nelson, Lila Schofield, instructor Jemimah Webb and beginner, Ethena Getley on stage and see their dancing accomplishments.

Dynamic District operates from four outlets – St. Arnaud, Donald, Stawell and Ararat – with a focus on multiple dance styles including tap, hip-hop, ballet, contemporary and acro dance. Students taking part in the Sunday 28th April performance were just a small number of the much larger student body.



Showcasing the skills required for aerial arts was Emmersyn Nelson, with support from Jemimah Webb.



Ethena Getley joined the other young performers in giving a big wave to the audience.



Instructor, Jemimah Webb pictured during the recent Dynamic District "Showcase" performance.

Inheriting the Legacy

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

The Charlton community turned out in force to commemorate the 109th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing at the recent ANZAC Day ceremony.

Despite the cold and foggy conditions as sizable crowd gathered at the High Street Cenotaph as RSL members, guests, emergency services personnel, and school representatives paid their respects to those who had served the country and who had made the ultimate sacrifice across many theatres of war.

Traditional observances at the memorial culminated in a minutes' silence following the laying of floral tributes. Participants then formed up for the march-past, which, as in previous years saw the large crowd applaud as the column, led by Captain Paul Scott RAN (retired), headed towards the Charlton Hall for the formal service. Musical accompaniment for the march was provided by the Charlton/Wycheproof Citizen's Band, who also contributed items for the morning service.

On arrival at the hall, MC, Troy Heenan, extended a warm welcome to the crowd and introduced the official party who included: RSL Sub-Branch President, Allan McGillivray, Secretary, Bill Freeman, Padre, Reverend Judi Bird, Buloke Mayor, Cr. Alan Getley and guest speaker, Captain Paul Scott.

Contributions to the program included Charlton College Captains, Dayne Bartlett and Emily Olive who read the 23rd Psalm

and Reverend Judi Bird who led the religious segments.

Buloke Mayor, Cr. Alan Getley spoke briefly, acknowledging the substantial community support, saying it gives confidence for the future commemoration of the event. Citing the substantial loss of Australian and New Zealand life at Gallipoli, he emphasized that the day is not about glorifying war but about paying respect to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

RSL Secretary, Bill Freeman then introduced the guest speaker Paul Scott.

BACKGROUND

Born and raised in Charlton, Paul joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1986 as a member of the first intake of the Australian Defence Force Academy, graduating with a Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) in 1988. Rising through the ranks, Paul has experienced a long and successful career as a professional mariner, clearance diver and information and welfare officer and communicator.

Paul served operationally in East Timor, Soloman Islands and twice in the Middle East, and has commanded HMAS Diamantina (2002 – 04) and HMAS Tobruk (2010 – 11). His senior staff roles have included strategic workforce reform in the Navy and program management of Defence communications and cyber capabilities.

He is a graduate of the Australian Command and Staff College, and holds Masters in Business Administration,

Management in Defence Studies, Cyber Security, Strategy and Diplomacy, and a Graduate Diploma of Maritime Studies.

Paul retired from full-time service in early 2024. He was accompanied by his wife, Annie to the Charlton ceremony.

ADDRESS

In an address which highlighted the courage and sacrifice of those helped to shape the identity of our nation - along with those who continue to serve - Paul also paid tribute to the locals and to the dwindling generation of World War II service members for their unstinting contributions in retaining the freedoms we enjoy today.

Recalling the memories of the Korean and Vietnam wars, Paul said: "Those of us in uniform today have inherited the legacy of those who served in these wars. They epitomized the spirit and values displayed in every battle in which Australians have proven themselves: self-sacrifice, courage and a fair go for others. Their example offers both inspiration and sets the required standard for us."

Acknowledging the younger Australian Defence Force veterans and reiterating the sacrifices made by the original Australian and New Zealand forces on the shores of Gallipoli in 1915, Paul said: "we pause to reflect on the contribution made by all of our past and present service personnel who have chosen a life of service to their country."

Speaking about the tens of thousands of Australian headstones located in cemeteries



Wreath laying: (l-r) Buloke Mayor, Cr. Alan Getley, RSL Sub Branch President, Allan McGillivray, (background) Captain Paul Scott and his wife, Annie.

Inheriting the Legacy

across the world, Paul highlighted the members of the Royal Australian Navy who perished on the seas who have no headstones and who had no burial service.

“Today, when our ships pass their location, we stop, say a prayer and cast wreaths in the sea where our ships rest and rust on the sea floor – we consider these sailors to be “forever on patrol”.

“Lest we forget.”

Charlton’s official ceremony concluded with thanks being extended to: the Charlton / Wycheproof Citizen’s Band and Bandmaster Brian Heenan OAM, the Charlton Choir under the leadership of Gill Gretgrix, Charlton College and College Captains, Dayne Bartlett and Emily Olive, St. Joseph’s Primary School, the Charlton Police, Buloke Mayor, Cr. Alan Getley, Reverend Judi Bird and guest speaker

Captain Paul Scott RAN.

Following renditions of the New Zealand national anthem (“God Defend New Zealand”) and “Advance Australia Fair” all were invited to the RSL club room for refreshments and to enjoy a social get-together.

Below: Applauded by onlookers, the March-past heads down High Street led by RSL President, Alan McGillivray, and Captain Paul Scott.



Charlton College Captains (l-r) Dayne Bartlett and Emily Olive read the 23rd Psalm during the service.



Guest speaker, Captain Paul Scott RAN (retired) is pictured with school representatives before the Charlton ANZAC Day began at the Cenotaph: (Back l-r) Charlton Collage Captains, Emily Olive and Dayne Bartlett with Captain Scott, (Front) Primary school Captains, Marley McGurk and Sam Cossar, with St. Joseph’s School Captains, Henry Lanyon and Willow Caine.

Dream Machines Feature at Charlton Show & Shine

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Car enthusiasts lived their fantasy dreams as the second Charlton Show & Shine drew Ford and Holden devotees into town over the 13th and 14th April for two days of automobile adulation.

The brain-child event of Greg Towers (former local and now returnee and publican of the East Charlton Hotel) and partner Leanne Gretgrix – the Show & Shine has evolved out of two strongly held desires – 1) to create another opportunity to bring people to Charlton, and 2) to indulge in an appreciation of classic and multi-mix vehicles.

A self-confessed “massive Ford man”, Greg (a former coupe owner) spoke passionately about introducing an event of this nature into the Charlton calendar before saying he now only gets to “look at everyone else’s coupes – and drool!”

Approximately 40 cars and bikes made up the Sunday morning display held at the St. Joseph’s oval this year (a move from the Traveller’s Rest precinct last year) to provide a more spacious location and capture the attention of passing traffic on the Calder Highway.

The support of the Ford Coupe Club of Australia (Melbourne Chapter), plus participants from Ballarat and Bendigo, along with strong contingents from local and surrounding areas, was seen as a very positive response to the event.

Starting around lunchtime on Saturday, the afternoon opened with a screening at The Rex Theatre of a vintage 35mm film of an early Ford production line in the USA – (a treat for the Ford aficionados) – followed by the 1982 Australian movie “Running on Empty”.

The evening session at the East saw visitors indulge in food and the sounds of band “Blend It” (another outing for Leo Tellefson and Ross Lane on a busy weekend!), where according to Greg the

musos “tore it up” and the dancing continued into the wee small hours!

The Show & Shine kicked off at the oval at 8am Sunday, with Charlton College Year 10 students providing a hearty breakfast (assisted by the Lions Club) as a fundraising effort to build the finances for their work experience placements later in the year.

As the number of vehicles on display grew, some of the standouts included a black 1947 Ford Delux, a black and grey 1973 Onyx XA GT Coupe and an impressive package comprising a 1959 green DeSoto Firesweep with a matching caravan.

Owned by Bendigo couple Brian and Lisa Jones, the ensemble also featured an outdoor setting comprising a fold-away picnic table of the era, umbrella, and a ‘50’s style car fridge and picnic box in matching hues. The interior of the van was also decked out in shades of green with a mix of heritage items reflecting the times.

Brian and Lisa have the pleasure of using the Desoto on a regular basis. “We drive it a lot”, said Brian. “We travel around a bit and use the van as an everyday caravan. Travelling through the tunnel in Melbourne we get plenty of waves and honking horns, but we get a lot of enjoyment from people looking at our vehicle.”

As the crowd swelled and participants rolled in the judges (Greg, Ross Lane and Craig Barron) went to work on their selections before the awards were announced at midday.

Acknowledging the support and sponsorship of many Greg highlighted the Bendigo Bank (funding of the film at The Rex), Perry’s Painting Service, Super Cheap Auto, Year 10 students and Charlton Lions, The Rex, St. Joseph’s Primary School for making the oval available, and the Ford Coupe Club of Australia for making an effort of bringing their vehicles from Melbourne to the weekend.

Announcement of the awards included:

- Best Ford: A 1978 pillar-box red Falcon 2 door XC Hardtop – owned by Rohan Smith (Melbourne) -14 years ownership.
- Best Holden: A 1971 HQ 1 tonner ute with a stainless-steel tray – owned by Dickie Lee (Charlton) – 25+ years ownership.
- Best Local Vehicle: A black 1974 Plymouth Road Runner – owned by Mark Windsor (Charlton) – 12 years ownership
- People’s Choice: (scoring 20 votes) A 1959 green DeSoto Firesweep sedan with caravan of a similar era – owner Brian and Lisa Jones (Bendigo). – ownership – intermittent, over many years.

Raffle winners were then drawn by the Year 10 students, with a preliminary acknowledgement of the following local businesses for their support: Charlton Ag Supplies, Charlton Caltex, Donaldson’s Tyer & Battery Service, BP Charlton, Walsh Motors, Charlton Newsagency, North West Ag, Pridgen Automotive, Nutrient Ag, Charlton Hardware, North Central Smash Repairs, Charlton Pharmacy, and Elders Wycheproof.

The formalities concluded with President of the Ford Coupe Club making a \$250 donation to the East Charlton Hotel special cause “*Fighting AT (Ataxia-telangiectasia - a rare and incurable disease) with Grace*”. Grace’s aunt, Julie Bourke, gave a brief overview of the disease, outlining the medical progression and trials which her niece is undertaking.

With interest in classic vehicles rekindling, Charlton is in the process of establishing a car club to be called “Wheels on A79” (the Calder Highway). Pending registration, the group aims to embrace car enthusiasts along the entire Calder Highway route.



Leanne Gretgrix & Greg Towers soak up the atmosphere at Charlton’s 2nd Show & Shine which drew support from Ford and Holden enthusiasts.



Winner of the Best Ford was Rohan Smith of Melbourne with his 1978 red Falcon 2 door XC Hardtop.



Charlton local Dickie Lee is pictured with his prize-winning Best Holden Award for the 1971 HQ 1 tonner ute with a stainless-steel tray.



Mark Windsor (Charlton) took out the Best Local Vehicle with his black 1974 Plymouth Road Runner. Mark also had a bike entered in the show.

Brian and Lisa Jones had a stand-out combination with their 1959 DeSoto Firesweep and matching caravan and picnic setting (see in the background). The DeSoto won the People's Choice Award in a very close contest.



The crowd built for the award announcements.

Charlton Bowling Club

Charlton Bowls Championships Resume

Charlton Bowling Club Championships were at the back of the list with State Events and Club Tournaments happening in January.

March 3rd the Mens 100 UP Handicap started with 14 starters; The eventual Winner was Ken North defeating Dale (Duck) McCallum 100/87. March 23rd the Mens 21 UP Handicap was scheduled with 18 members, the Winner was Dale (Duck) McCallum defeating Wayne Keenan 21/8. Dale gets his name on the Shield and a Gift Sponsored by the Carmody Family.

The Ladies 21 UP and 100 UP were not played as proposed dates did not suit the members to get together at the same time.

Championship Pairs started on April 7th with 8 Pairs put together by the Match Committee from the names still on the list.

The Winners were Bernard (Benno) Catherine and Wayne Keenan defeating Eily Rosewall and Gary Bateson 13/9.

April 13th saw the start of the Championship Triples with 18 names or 6 Triples willing to play, this meant a couple of byes to even up the draw. After playing two hard games, the players were tired and decided to finish on Monday April 15th. The winners being Greg Barnard, Eily Rosewall and Wayne Keenan defeating Zac Irwin, Doug Finlay, and Doug Gretgrix in a close game 12/11.

Charlton Bowls Fours Championship and Closing Day

Charlton Bowling Club Championships continued Saturday April 20th with sixteen members available to play Championship Fours. This event with few numbers was played as a Round Robin and the eventual winners being Steve

Harper, Bernard Catherine, Wayne Southwell, and Michael O'Brien.

Closing Day was held on Sunday April 21st starting with two games of bowls and the two game winners were Brad Chester, Eily Rosewall, Lynne Southwell, Wayne Keenan.

Members moved into the Clubhouse where lovely treats both hot and cold were available for afternoon tea supplied by the members present.

Championship Trophies were presented to the yearly winners by Vice President Eily Rosewall assisted by Secretary Kevin Willey.

In closing Eily congratulated all the winners and thanked members for their contribution to the Club doing little jobs that make our facilities better for our members and visitors.



Championship Fours Winners Wayne Southwell, Michael O'Brien, Bernard (Benno) Catherine, Steve Harper.



Charlton Championship Triples Winners Greg Barnard, Eily Rosewall, Wayne Keenan.



Championship Winners. L -R Bernard Laffin, Dale McCallum, Greg Barnard, Eily Rosewall, Bernard (Benno) Catherine, Wayne Southwell, Wayne Keenan, Lynne Southwell, Michael O'Brien. Absent: Ken North, Steve Harper.



Dale (Duck) McCallum Charlton Men's 100 UP Handicap Winner.



Charlton Pairs Champions Wayne Keenan, Bernard (Benno) Catherine.



Ken North Charlton Men's 100 UP Handicap Winner.



Charlton Probus News

The Charlton Probus Club's April meeting was held at The Charlton Senior Citizens Club. It was pleasing to see 42 members present.

A minute's silence was held in memory of former member Max Dodd.

Happy Birthday was sung to members celebrating a birthday in April – Margaret Byrne, Jill Wright and Pat Mathews.

A two minute talk was given by Bronwyn Fisher on "The Blue Tree Project." This project was founded with a mission to help spark difficult conversations and encourage people to speak up when experiencing mental health concerns. It developed from the tragic loss of a person to suicide. The blue tree is a visual reminder to check in on loved ones.

Ray Aisbett amused us with his "Small bearing, big bearing, all bearing company" joke.

The Footy Tipping leader is Noreen Ryan with 27 winners, with Sandra Patton a close second with 26 winners.

Pat Clifford gave a report on St Arnaud Kara Kara Probus Club's 23rd birthday while Pat Saunders reported on

Maryborough Club's 40th birthday.

The Guest Speakers were Rae and Brian Heenan who spoke about their experience of being nominated and receiving OAMs (Order of Australia) in the Australia Day honours list in 2023. The process takes two to three years to gather information before being nominated.

Rae and Brian were nominated for their outstanding commitment to the Charlton Lawn Tennis Club and the Charlton Badminton Club. Their other voluntary roles have included being committee members for Charlton Little Athletics and Charlton Netball Club. Both Rae and Brian have also been past members of the School Council for Charlton College and St Joseph's Primary School.

Brian was also acknowledged for his commitment to the Charlton – Wycheproof Brass Band and the Charlton Traffic Safety Education Centre. He was also a member of the Wooroonook CFA.

Rae was acknowledged for her commitment as a past leader for the Girl Guides.

In 1999 Rae and Brian both received

Distinguished Services Award, for 25 years' service, from the Victorian Badminton Association. In 2017 they received Tennis Service Awards from Tennis Victoria. Rae and Brian have both received Charlton Citizen of the Year Awards – Rae in 1991 and Brian in 2003.

On 4th April 2023 Rae and Brian went to Government House to receive their medals from the Victorian Governor, Linda Dessau. They encouraged anyone who has not been to Government House to go to an Open Day – it is an amazing experience.

Rae and Brian have not rested on their laurels and continue to contribute to local sporting and community organizations.

On 18th April five committee members joined in the Probus Virtual Information Session held via Zoom. The two hour session covered a lot of topics and I think we all learnt something. I also think we are doing a lot of things right. If anyone would like to learn more about Probus please google PSPL or contact President Anne (0408 547 973) or Secretary David (0422 185 885)



Brian Heenan (OAM) & Rae Heenan (OAM).



April Birthdays—Pat Mathews, Jill Wright & Margaret Byrne.

Charlton Cricket Club Closes Season

CHARLTON
CRICKET CLUB

Charlton Cricket Club gathered for their end of Season Break-up at one of our valued Sponsors establishments. A great turn out of players, families and supporters attending on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, 14th April, in the magnificent beer garden at The Vale of Avoca, hosted by Carmel & Benno Catherine.

Our B Graders had another very successful year on the field, finishing on top, by percentage, above Donald-Jeffcott CC and then playing off against them in the B Grade Grand Final at St Arnaud. However, again it was not to be. We just didn't turn up with our 'mo-jo' !!

The Club was led jointly this season by a couple of our young fellas, Hugh Sait & Pat Soulsby, both boys leading from the front

We also had Barry Findlay coming out regularly from Bendigo on Sundays to provide expertise one on one coaching to our Juniors and teenagers. His tuition and coaching knowledge has been invaluable to the developing of our Juniors and teenagers. We thank Barry for continuing to do this and provide his expertise and knowledge of the techniques and skills of the game.

Donald Junior Cricket Association (DJCA) - Premiers

It was exciting times for our Juniors with Charlton being able to field its own independent U17 Mixed Team in the DJCA—the first time for decades that Charlton has fielded their own Junior Team. For many years now we've had many Juniors playing in the DJCA, keeping this Junior Competition going. And, in the first year of DJCA structuring it's competition like this, our U17 Charlton Team (Hurricanes) was able to win the Premiership. A fantastic result highlighting the development and great coaching from Barry Findlay of our Juniors.



Kirk Boyle Champion Player of the Year Award, Billy Sexton (pictured with Life Member, Kirk Boyle).

Thanks to all the parents and families taking the kids each Friday evening to play in the DJCA

The Formalities

President, Adam Soulsby formally welcomed all in attendance, noting and thanking our Life Members and Sponsors who were in attendance.

Adam also thanked those families and volunteers who keep our Club functioning, without their tireless work we would pretty much not have a Club.

WMCA Junior Country Week

Our Club had great representation at WMCA Country Weeks held in January again, including 5 girls playing in the WMCA Belles Girls & CW team. An indication of the strength and ability of our Juniors, and the development of these kids, thanks to Barry Findlay's one on one coaching.

Woolworths Junior Blast Program

We've enhanced our participation of this Program combining with Tennis Hotshots, having 17 kids participate this year.

The Program was made so much fun this year and co-ordinated so fantastically by Rachel Smyth & Maddi Fitzpatrick.

Our Club was devastated when cancer took our beautiful and so talented Maddi in March

Our Rising Star – Maddi Fitzpatrick

Adam spoke of the devastation of losing our star, Maddi Fitzpatrick. "Our whole Club is thinking of you all, Shane, Kim, Cobi and Elliott and all your families during this tough time". Maddi was such talented young person and player. Her amazing attitude and talent saw her play and progress through Junior cricket in the DJCA and our CCC Senior B Grade Team, playing rep cricket at WMCA Country Weeks, WMCA



Bowling Aggregate - Life Member Brian Wright Shield, Patrick Soulsby.

girls team, Women's A Grade Comp in Echuca (playing along side her Auntie Sharon), which also saw her chosen for Goulburn Murray CW rep Team. Her cricket talent was noticed by talent scouts and she was invited down to play Women's Premier League for Geelong Cricket Club U18's and Second XI.

This year our little boys and girls were so excited when Maddi chose to take on Co-ordinating and Coaching our Junior Blast girls and boys, with Rachel Smyth. The few weeks they had with Maddi will be treasured forever

We were so lucky to have you in our lives. Our Club is shattered. We will miss you. Rest in Peace forever

Maddi Fitzpatrick will always be our Rising Star and our Rising Star Most Improved Cricketer Award will be named in honour of Maddi.

Seb Zagame has won the Award this year – congrats Seb, a special award to win for the first time

Sponsors and Volunteers

Without our Sponsors we just would not survive. They are key to our survival and success. We thank all our financial Sponsors, some new, but most supporting us for a long time. We appreciate all our Sponsors and their support.

And to our few volunteers, who we value so much in our Club, including our scorer, Hayley Soulsby, who goes to every match supporting her boys, but also doing our Scoring and MyCricket duties; Adam & Kirk Boyle for co-ordinating training each week, keeping the boys and girls connected while training.

Thank you to all our families, volunteers, supporters and Sponsors who keep our Club functioning



Captain's Award, Angus Johnstone.

Charlton Cricket Club Closes Season

2023-2024 Awards

- **Batting Aggregate – Donated by The Vale (Life Member Brian Wright Shield)**
Billy Sexton – 517 runs / 43.08 average (H.S. 132)
- **Batting Average (Donated by Charlton IGA)**
Billy Sexton – 43.08 average / 517 runs
- **Bowling Aggregate – Donated by The Vale (Life Member Brian Wright Shield)**
Patrick Soulsby – 21 wickets / 7.14 average
- **Bowling Average (Donated by Boyle Builders)**
Patrick Soulsby – 7.14 average / 21 wickets
- **Maddi Fitzpatrick Rising Star (Donated by Fitzpatrick Family)**
Seb Zagame
- **Captain's Award**
Angus Johnstone

- **Kirk Boyle Champion Player of the Year**
Billy Sexton

Our 16yo Pat Soulsby had a break out season, taking 23 wickets, 10 catches and making 179 runs.

- **KGB Medal – Best in Finals (Name after Life Member Kelvin Baird)**
Elliott Fitzpatrick

- **Exceptional Performances**
Billy Sexton – almost 3 centuries for the Season
132 v Brim (Rnd 4) – 105 v Birchip (Rnd 5) – 96 v Birchip (Rnd 12)
15 catches

The Club was very excited when Billy announced his intention to play for Charlton, after a number of years playing at White Hills CC. Congrats Billy on a fantastic year.

Future

The Club again is excited about the next few years with such a great crop of Junior kids stepping up into the Senior B grade team, along with the key acquisition of Billy Sexton into our B Grade Team

Although, we continue to be challenge by number shortages during harvest and January holidays, we also continued to get team on the park and have one of our most successful season, on field

As mentioned our Club has such great families and few Volunteers that keep our Club functioning.

We thank so much our Sponsors, who provide our crucial funds to pay for Affiliation Fees, equipment, insurances, facility maintenance and power costs, etc.

Thanks to everyone and look forward to next Season. It was so good to be able to have fun, enjoy and participate again.

We wish all WMCA Clubs a safe and enjoyable break during the off season.



KGB Medal - Best in Finals - Life Member Kelvin Baird Award, Elliott Fitzpatrick.



The award winners—Seb Zagame, Angus Johnstone, Billy Sexton, Patrick Soulsby & Elliott Fitzpatrick.



Maddi Fitzpatrick Rising Star Award, Seb Zagame (pictured with Maddi's family, Shane, Elliot and Kim).



CHARLTON 2024 FIXTURE

APRIL 13
ROUND 1 - BYE

APRIL 20
ROUND 2 - @ BOORT

APRIL 27
ROUND 3 - WEDDERBURN

MAY 4
ROUND 4 - @ WYCHE-NARRA

MAY 11
ROUND 5 - BIRCHIP-WATCHEM

MAY 25
ROUND 6 - @ NULLAWIL

JUNE 1
ROUND 7 - DONALD

JUNE 8 - KING'S BIRTHDAY
ROUND 8 - @ ST. ARNAUD

JUNE 15
ROUND 9 - SEA LAKE NANDALY

JUNE 22
ROUND 10 - BYE

JUNE 29
ROUND 11 - BOORT

JULY 6
ROUND 12 - @ WEDDERBURN

JULY 13
ROUND 13 - WYCHE-NARRA

JULY 20
ROUND 14 - @ BIRCHIP-WATCHEM

JULY 27
ROUND 15 - NULLAWIL

AUGUST 3
ROUND 16 - @ DONALD

AUGUST 10
ROUND 17 - ST. ARNAUD

AUGUST 17
ROUND 18 - @ SEA LAKE NANDALY

Charlton Badminton Season 2024

JUNIORS commence Tuesday 30th April after school at 3.30pm
(Must be 9 or turning 9 by December 31st 2024 or Grade 3)

LADIES commence Friday 3rd of May at 9.30pm
(Children are most welcome)

NIGHT commences **WEDNESDAY 1st May** at 7.30pm. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF NIGHT**
(Must be 14 years of age or turning 14 by December 31st 2024)

SUBSCRIPTIONS/FEEES

JUNIORS- \$70 (no court fees)

SENIORS- \$70 (weekly court fee \$5)

OPTIONAL UNFRONT SENIORS- \$120 (saving \$25, 5 free court fees this is optional.)

VISITORS- \$10

FAMILY with 3 or members playing will get a \$5 deduction per membership

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**GODZILLA x KONG
THE NEW EMPIRE**
M. Science fiction themes and violence
135 mins | Action | Adventure

Sat 4 MAY 8pm
Sun 5 MAY 2pm
Tue 7 MAY 8pm

The new installment in the MonsterVerse puts the mighty Kong and the fearsome Godzilla against a colossal deadly threat hidden within our world.

BEFORE DAWN
M. Mature themes, battle violence and coarse language
100 mins | Drama | History

Sat 11 MAY 8pm
Sun 12 MAY 2pm
Tue 14 MAY 8pm

The journey of fictional WA outback kid Jim Collins and his battalion on the Western Front is based on real life war diaries. Before Dawn is an epic retelling of one of Australia's biggest victories during World War I.

BACK TO BLACK
MA15+ Strong coarse language
123 mins | Biography | Music

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

A celebration of the most iconic – and much missed – homegrown star of the 21st century, **BACK TO BLACK** tells the extraordinary tale of Amy Winehouse.

THE FALL GUY
CTC Science fiction themes and violence
126 mins | Action | Comedy

Sat 25 MAY 8pm
Sun 26 MAY 2pm
Tue 28 MAY 8pm

Paul Atreides unites with Chani and the Fremen while seeking revenge against the conspirators who destroyed his family. Facing a choice between the love of his life and the fate of the universe, he must prevent a terrible future only he can foresee.

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Saturday 29 June 2024 at 2pm
Tickets \$30 Bookings: <https://events.bonanza.com.au/rhx-royal-harmony>

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THE UNBREAKABLE FARMER

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22ND MAY**

**6:00PM HEAR FROM WARREN
7:00PM ENJOY A FREE MEAL**

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St Martin's Messenger—May

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Sunday 23 June	Holy Communion 9am

My Father, the Gardener

Bible Reading: John 15:1-11

[Jesus said,] 'I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener'.
(verse 1)

In my earlier years I could not work out what pleasure people got from gardening. But I soon worked it out!! I found great joy in seeing something I have planted grow and flower, or grow and produce food. Yes, I have not looked back!! When God, the Father, looks at us, his people, I imagine that he must have similar kinds of feelings. When he sees the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc) growing in us, it must bring a "gardener's" smile to his face.

Back in my garden, I have certainly discovered that the reason the plant was not growing was that it's roots were stunted due to mould. I learnt quickly that "there can be no fruits if the roots are not sound". It made me think about my spiritual roots. Am I making sure that they are in the right soil? Are they getting a steady diet of the right nutrients? If I am are looking for a good crop of spiritual fruit in our lives, then I know, that I should nourish my spirit with prayer. And I thrive on regular worship and receiving the Lord's Supper regularly.

Different plants need different treatment. Jesus' word and love makes my spiritual growth all the better. So I look for lots of this in my life, I let him shine on me, so I can thrive.

Prayer: Father, help me to flourish and grow into what you have planned for me to become in your garden. Amen.

Reverend Judi Bird 0435 593 359, judithblackbird@outlook.com

North Central Garden Club

Fifteen members attended the recent meeting of the NCGC on April 23. Discussions included new gardens for our Open Garden Day in October, a bus trip to Creswick for their Learning Day featuring Sophie Thomson from Gardening Australia, and a workshop for members with Bronwyn Fisher making and decorating pots.

Robin McRae gave the meeting an update on the progress of the Beautify Charlton program and a Q&A session followed.

If gardening is an interest of yours, we welcome you to join us. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Lions Lodge at 2pm. Please contact:

President: Bernice Kenny ph 5491 1334

Secretary: Lynne McRae ph 0408 113 104

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 30th May**. We use our own cars and car pool across to Donald.

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Sunday 12th – 10.00 am.
Sunday 19th – 10:00am
Sunday 26th – 10:00am

East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

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Sun. 5 th May	10.30am (Livestreamed in)
Sun. 12 th May	8.30am
Sat. 18 th May	7.00pm
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Sundays, 5pm @ Charlton Senior Citizens
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When: Saturday & Sunday 18th & 19th May 2024

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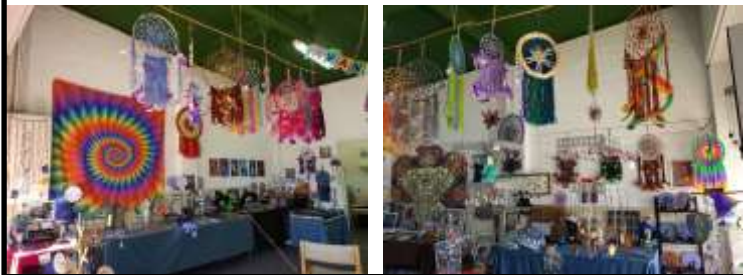
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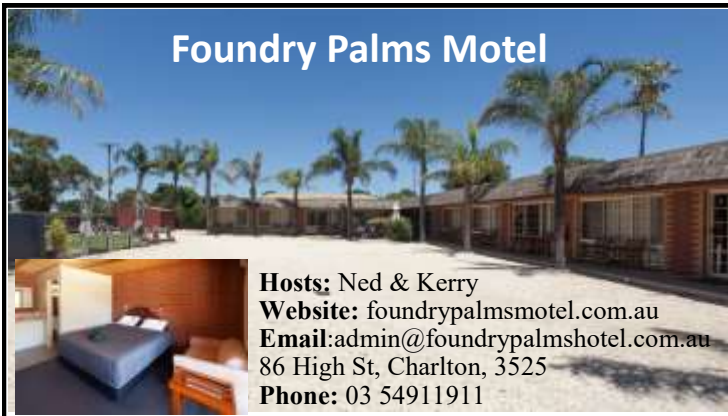
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