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## CHARLTON ANZAC DAY

### *Contributed by Jenny Pollard* **PERSONAL MEMORIES INSPIRE ANZAC ADDRESSES**

Reflections on past acts of service formed the core messages of ANZAC Day addresses at the 2025 Charlton commemoration which took place between the High Street cenotaph and the Charlton Hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The 110<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Gallipoli landings saw community support for the day of remembrance continue to grow with a large crowd and school attendances increasing the generational acknowledgement of defence service by, and for, our country.

From RSL members to emergency services personnel, Red Cross members to

the town's youngest citizens - a wide cross-section of the community lined the street and later filled the Charlton Hall as the sacrifices and deeds of the original Australian and New Zealand Army Corps continue to inspire, guide and stir the imaginations of succeeding generations.

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Participants in the Charlton 2025 ANZAC Day are pictured near the cenotaph prior to formalities at the Hall: (l-r) Bill Freeman (RSL Secretary), Allan McGillivray (RSL President), Michael Lowe (guest speaker) and his wife Tara, Councillor Bruce Stafford (Buloke Shire representative), Padre Reverend Judi Bird and MC Troy Heenan.

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## *From the Editor*

*Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the May edition.

Well what a busy time these holidays have been. The Calder Highway was certainly bumper to bumper at times. I hope everyone had a good Easter break.

Things will quieten down now with the cooler weather approaching, except for those of you involved in winter sports! It's been a warm start but I'm sure those wintry days on the sidelines watching children and grandchildren are fast approaching!

It was pleasing to see all the ANZAC Day commemorations well supported including at Charlton College. I believe the RSL has received funding to give our cenotaph a bit of a spruce up which is terrific news.

On the farm, we've started cropping. Lots of dust in the beginning but a little rain has helped. We are really looking forward to a nice big rain to give us confidence for the season ahead.

Cheers,  
*Carolyn*

## Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

### **May:**

Museum Glenloth Bus Tour—Sun 4th

### **June:**

Pieced Together Patchwork Exhibition—Sat 7th - Mon 9th @ Courthouse Gallery

### **July:**

Childhood Treasures & Collectibles—Thurs 10th  
Mallee Melee—Fri 11th - Sun 13th



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# Charlton Golf Opening

Marj Olive was invited to officially open the Charlton Golf season on Sunday, April 13th by striking the first ball in front of a good turnout of 28 golfers.

Marj has a long association with the golf club and continues to be an active participant as a player and volunteer.

Club President, Jamey Soulsby, welcomed all players and announced that this year Charlton will be hosting the

Victorian Sandscrape Championships, to be held in August.

The opening event was a 4 person Ambrose and as often happens, the scoring was a closely contested affair.

The winning group consisted of T. & C. McGurk, J. Cossar, and J. Soulsby with a net score of 37 1/2. Very close behind on 37 3/4 was P., K. & C Mathews, and A. Kenny.

Following in 3rd place with 38, M. McGurk, T. Heenan, W. Southwell, P. Sexton. Matt McGurk contributed an eagle on the par 5 10th hole. Well done. Next best on 38 1/4 was C. Fitzpatrick, C. Livingston, Benno and J. Tormey.

Nearest the pin on the 7th John Cossar.

A BBQ tea was enjoyed by members at the close of play.



Marj Olive hits the first ball to open the Charlton golf season.



Club Captain Clinton Olive (centre) with golfing parents Bevan and Marj.

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# CHARLTON ANZAC DAY

Under grey skies the formalities began at the cenotaph, commemorating the fallen with wreaths laid by RSL members, school captains from Charlton College and St Joseph's Primary School, Red Cross personnel, and Charlton Fire Brigade representatives. Bugler, Corey Harrison, played the Last Post before the call to order brought participants together for the march to the Hall. As traffic on the highway was brought to a standstill the march progressed down High Street to the accompaniment of the Charlton/Wycheproof Community Band and the applause of the crowd.

MC Troy Heenan welcomed a packed Hall to the 2025 commemoration service, briefly touching on the significance of both the historical and contemporary contributions by defence force personnel and the values which the ANZAC spirit continues to embody.

Official guests were introduced, including: Charlton RSL President, Allan McGillivray and Secretary Bill Freeman, Padre Reverend Judi Bird, Buloke Shire Councillor, Bruce Stafford, and guest speaker, Squadron Leader Michael Lowe, along with his wife, Tara. Recognition was also accorded to OAM attendees Bruce Hudgson and Brian and Rae Heenan.

A new component of this year's service saw students from Charlton College and St. Joseph's come forward to place a poppy on

rows of miniature white crosses placed in front of the stage. This gesture of respect and remembrance continues the connection between the generations as the ANZAC legacy is perpetuated.

Buloke Shire Councillor, Bruce Stafford then presented a reflective address in which he acknowledged the service of two family members at Gallipoli, the loss of another family member during a World War II RAAF training exercise and of his wife's grandfather who perished at Borneo's notorious Sandakan Prisoner of War Camp. Reflections on their duty, the sacrifices and the hardships for those both at home and abroad, along with acknowledgement of the support organisations such as Legacy and Red Cross, rounded out his presentation.

The Reverend Judi Bird (RSL Padre) then led the proceedings with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, an introduction to the Choir singing "Abide with Me" and the reading of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm by Charlton College School Captains, Emmersyn Nelson and Fletcher Holmes-Brown.

## GUEST SPEAKER BACKGROUND AND ADDRESS

The guest speaker, Squadron Leader Michael Lowe was then introduced by RSL Secretary, Bill Freeman.

A resident of St. Arnaud since 2010, with a busy legal practice, Michael's distinguished Australian Defence Force

career began with the Air Force from 2001 where he was commissioned as a legal officer. Following numerous Australian postings, he was deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Catalyst in 2006, and after discharge from the permanent Air Force in 2007 he was re-engaged on contract to deploy to Kandahar Airfield (Afghanistan) in 2008/09 in support of Operation Slipper. Michael and his wife, Tara met whilst she was a serving Air Force member: she commissioned as an officer and served until 2010.

Joining the Air Force as part of a scholarship program while studying law at university, Michael said the decision was an easy one as, "being paid to study, travel and meet new people" held great appeal. Outlining *why* the choice was the Air Force and not other sections of the services, the reasoning was that while the Army sleeps under the stars, the navy navigates by the stars, the Air Force chose their accommodation by the number of stars, "and that was all the convincing I needed", he said!

As a legal adviser to commanders, many opportunities arose including deployment to the Middle East in 2006 for the rehabilitation and stabilisation of Iraq, and Afghanistan in 2008 – 2009 as part of the international campaign in the so-called war on terror. Expanding on his experiences in



Bugler, Corey Harrison, plays the Last Post following the wreath-laying ceremony.



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Afghanistan, the accommodation attraction so desired earlier was in sharp contrast to the cosy ideal –the reality was rudimentary living conditions, targeted rocket attacks and 24/7 noise from the close-at-hand airstrip.

Sharing two incidents, both of which left an indelible mark, but which exemplified the highest ideals of the ANZAC spirit, Michael related these stories from his Afghanistan deployment.

Reading from the Victoria Cross citation for SASR Corporal Mark Donaldson, whose courage, gallantry and disregard for his own welfare in an ambush situation saved lives in the face of sustained enemy fire, Michael said, "If there's a better story that epitomizes the ANZAC spirit, I've yet to hear it." By repeatedly acting as a decoy, returning fire, and administering medical care to the wounded, Mark's exceptional gallantry saved lives and ensured the safety of other members of the Afghan, US and Australian force.

The second story involved 21-year-old Corporal Mathew Hopkins, who was on an eight-month deployment to Afghanistan. Returning home for a two week break, he married and became a father to his first child. On his return to Afghanistan he was shot dead four weeks later when he and his team were engaged by a group of Taliban. The statement posted by his wife, Victoria read in part: "Mat had the most important job – he was father to our son Alex, my husband and my best friend. He only got to spend four days with our son before he had to go back overseas. I'm so glad he got to meet his son and experience fatherhood."

In concluding Michael said, "My

decision to share these two stories is not to diminish the many other stories that could be told. I share these two stories because they remind me of the reason we stop and pay our respects on this day."

Musical contributions are always an important part of the Charlton service and the inclusion of the Charlton Choir (under the leadership of Gill Gretgrix) and the Charlton / Wycheproof Community Band (under the leadership of Brian Heenan) once

again brought a valuable dimension to the morning's ceremony. With the band supplemented by a number of young participants this year, and the addition of members who travel some distance to be involved, it is a commitment which is much appreciated.

Another new initiative at this year's service were static displays of ADF related objects and oral histories revealing the involvement of those who served and those



*Representing the Charlton Red Cross, Joy Freeman, Jenny McGillivray and Janet Stafford prepare to lay a wreath at the Charlton cenotaph.*



*Under grey skies the ANZAC parade heads off down High Street to the applause of onlookers and with the accompaniment of the Charlton / Wycheproof Community Band.*



# CHARLTON ANZAC DAY

on the home front during periods of conflict in the nation's history. RSL member Judi Bird explained that the displays were a way for young people to connect with the commemoration process, to ask questions and build their knowledge about these

periods of time in the nation's history. Next year student art work will also be added to the Hall display.

Concluding the morning the crowd was invited to stand for the National anthems of New Zealand and Australia before the

Grace was pronounced and thanks were expressed to all involved in presentation of the day.

Morning tea and refreshments were then available in the RSL clubroom for guests, visitors and the local community to share.



*Judi Bird showcases the new initiative of the Memory Box containing objects related to the involvement of those who served and prompting conversations about the times of conflict in Australia's history.*



*Pictured looking through the oral history display are (l-r) Tara Lowe, Leonie McGillivray and the Smyth family, Archie, Harry, Sophie and Freddie with parents Rachael and Tim.*



*Leading the commemoration of ANZAC Day the official party is pictured during the service at the Charlton Hall.*





# Charlton College News

## What's been happening in April at Charlton College

### End of Term Activities

Charlton College Raised over \$1,200 for FoodBank Australia. We finished off the term with a 'Food Fight'. Lots of fun was had from both staff and students! Our Year 10s also hosted their Work Experience Easter Egg Hunt!

### Welcome Back Assembly

Ms. Le Gassick warmly welcomed students, families, and friends to her first Assembly at Charlton College. This term we are aiming to get 1,500 positive behaviour tokens, when students display positive behaviours of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, if we hit our target students will be rewarded with a free dress day and sausage sizzle lunch.

### Morrisby Survey.

Charlton College is working with North

Central LLEN to help our students strive for success!

On Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, our Year 9s completed the Morrisby Survey.

Students use Morrisby to complete questionnaires and quizzes to understand their strengths and preferences, it then provides personalised recommendations for careers and subjects based on individual results, in coming weeks they will have career consultant interviews. Once students have completed their Morrisby profile, students can continue to access their Morrisby profile throughout their schooling and beyond. As they grow, discover new strengths, develop fresh interests, and set new goals, they can update their profile to receive up-to-date and relevant study and career suggestions—making it a valuable, lifelong planning tool.

## Charlton College Anzac Day Memorial

On Thursday, 24th April, our students had the privilege of welcoming Allan and Jennifer McGillivray, Bill and Joy Freeman, along with our School Council President, Troy Heenan, for our ANZAC Day Memorial service. The ceremony was a meaningful occasion, providing an opportunity for our school community to come together and reflect on the courage, sacrifice, and enduring spirit of those who served.

The service was thoughtfully led by our students, who demonstrated deep respect and understanding of the significance of ANZAC Day. We are grateful for the presence of our distinguished guests and the support of our community in making this ANZAC Day Memorial a truly memorable and respectful occasion.



School Council President, Troy Heenan.



Emily Olive & Elise Fitzpatrick.



Fletcher Holmes-Brown & Emmersyn Nelson, School Captains.



Bill Freeman, Charlton RSL Sub-branch Secretary.



Zali Heenan & Emily Olive.





# St Joseph's School News

Staff commenced Term Two with a continuation of professional learning in Structured Literacy. We are well underway with teachers implementing the evidence-based strategies of explicit and diagnostic instruction; reduction of cognitive load; gradual release to independence and multi-tiered levels of support.

Students commenced the term with an Easter Liturgy celebrating the most joyous time in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar! This was followed by the traditional Easter egg hunt, many of which were a bit melted by the time they were discovered! Staff and students have also joined together in prayer and service to acknowledge the passing of Pope Francis, who people know for being

kind, caring about the poor, protecting the environment, and trying to make the Church a more welcoming and inclusive place.

Leading up to ANZAC Day, all students participated in learning and activities, recognising the importance of this day in our country's history and the significance it still holds today. More than half of the students attended the town service, joining in the march to the hall. Term leaders, Daniel and Toby laid a wreath on the school's behalf.

This week, we are very excited to start our journey with Auslan – Teachers as Co-Learners. This week our students meet our teacher assistant, Renee. Renee lost her hearing at nineteen after contracting

meningococcal disease and now hears via cochlear implants. Students will begin by learning etiquette and basic greetings.

## Coming Up this Term

- May 1 – Gr 6 Leadership Day in Bendigo
- May 6 – School Cross Country
- May 6 & 7 – Country & Belonging sessions at Charlton Park
- May 8 – Winter Sports
- May 9 – Mothers' Day liturgy & morning tea
- May 12 – 16 – STOMP Dancing
- May 25-30 – Catholic Education Week



Toby & Daniel with the wreath.



ANZAC Day art



Mia Wright adding to the egg collection



Toby and Daniel at the cenotaph on ANZAC Day.



Sam Revell, Jon Morkos, Jovakkim Niju, Ethan and Edwin Jince with the Easter Bunny





# Charlton Harness Racing

## DJARRA CUP DAY

The sun shone brightly on the most perfect of days as we celebrated the 18<sup>th</sup> running of the Djaara Cup and the valued relationship that the club has with the Dja Dja Wurrung People. It was a pleasure to again hear CEO Rodney Carter speak of the importance of community and the contribution that such collaborations can have for the well being of Charlton and the Djaara People.

He specifically noted the good will that exists with the Charlton Harness Racing Club and the pride they share in the

Charlton Training Centre that is proving such a success for those stationed there.

It was particularly moving as a race was named after the recently passed Aunty Fay Carter, a revered Dja Dja Wurrung Elder, who was a regular visitor to Charlton, and a person who was so positive, accepting, and so loved to celebrate her time at Charlton.

The day was made even better with Kerryn Manning winning the Djaara Cup with Surfe La Mer, and Luke Dunne driving a winning double for local trainers Mick Gadsden and Zac Steenhuis.



Djarra CEO, Rodney Carter.



Kerryn Manning with Haannah Dunnolly-Lee.



Luke Duune, Mick Gadsden & No Emotion.



Luke Dunne with Lombok.



Djarra Group.



Smoking Ceremony.





# Charlton Harness Racing

## HARNESS RACING IN MOURNING

The whole harness racing industry, local, national and international, is in shock and mourning with the sudden tragic passing of acclaimed and much respected leading trainer/driver Greg Sugars.

A true superstar, Greg epitomised all that is great about our sport. A gifted horseman, an elite talented driver, and more importantly, a great bloke who always put his horses and the wider harness racing industry first.

Despite his many Group 1 successes Greg remained grounded and humble and was always willing to help when asked. A regular visitor to Charlton Greg proudly wore 'Go Charlton Trots' on his driving pants when the club sponsored him for Prostate Cancer month and was a most popular participant wherever he raced.

He reached great heights with his champion trotter, Just Believe, racing in the Elitloppet – the world's most prestigious trotting race in Sweden. Not only did he represent Australia with aplomb but cemented himself as a true great of our industry.

At only 40 years of age the harness racing industry is much poorer for his passing, and he will long be remembered not only for his natural talent and outstanding achievements, but for the way he always conducted himself so professionally, and for the manner in which he treated everyone.

A legacy to be proud of.

## NEXT RACE MEETING

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

## NEXT RAFFLE NIGHT

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May Cricket Club Hotel



Greg Sugars & Luke Zagame.

## Charlton Croquet Club News

Charlton Croquet concluded its summer season on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April. The closing day event is the Courtney Keith Challenge between Golf Croquet players and Association players. Thirteen players competed and the event

was won by the Association team comprising Naomi & Lindsay Patullo and Anne Kenny.

Croquet is a year round all weather sport so come along for some fun and social activity.



Hayley Patullo, Anne Kenny & Lindsay Patullo.

## Senior Citizens Club News

Yes we are back playing Bingo—1:30pm Mondays; Cards Tuesday 1:30pm, and also every third Tuesday 10:30 our Fun Mornings.

February was Triva—some good brains, some average.

Numbers were down for March so we learnt how to play six-handed euchre. Also being St Patrick's Day, Greg Barnard donned his green hat and tie—very stunning.

If you have 2 hours to spare on Tuesdays come and join us for companionship and lots of fun and laughter. It costs you nothing



Greg Barnard.



# CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

## Welcome to May!

This month offers plenty of opportunities to learn, explore, and connect. From creative classes to engaging tours and activities, May is packed with exciting experiences for everyone in the Charlton community.

## Regular Weekly and Monthly Activities

- Coffee with a...: Mondays during school term, 10:30 AM–12 PM at the FLO Cafe. Meet local guests and share in meaningful conversations over a cuppa. Come along for a very special FLO morning on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> as we say goodbye to retiring local police officer Nigel McDonald.
- Yarning<sup>2</sup>: Mondays, 10:30 AM–12 PM. A relaxing time for knitting, crochet, macramé, and other yarn crafts with friendly chatter
- Conversation Hour with Chris: Friday, 1 PM–2 PM. This month's topic:
  - May 23rd: World War 1; causes and outcomes, and World War 2; causes and outcomes. A fascinating discussion delving into the events that shaped the world.
- Storytime: Fourth Tuesday of every month, 10:30 AM–12 PM at the Charlton Library inside the Shire Hall. Ideal for children under 5 and their caregivers.
- Book Club: Third Tuesday of every month, 10.30AM–12 PM. Share what you're reading or listening to—no set book required.
- Tech Tips. Web tracking and Data breaches. May 14 - Bookings essential.
- Our regular subsidised Carers Lunch at the East Charlton Hotel on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

## May Highlights

### First Aid & CPR

Thursday May 8 is your opportunity to gain your certificate or renew your qualifications. With popular instructor Dawn Ferrier this is not to be missed. Online and face to face components. Bookings essential.

### Neighbourhood House Week (12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>)

Flashback Flicks featuring 'Dirty Dancing' at the Rex Theatre. Free event to celebrate Neighbourhood House week 2025.

### One for the children (25<sup>th</sup> May)

Enjoy the magical Dr Hubble's Bubble Show for families at the Rex Theatre at 10.30am. Free event with bookings required. Made possible with thanks to Regional Arts Victoria, Creative Victoria and the CNH.

## Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for June's exciting workshops and activities, including day-to-day management skills and more Conversation Hour discussions.

Things not to miss are Fizz and Flowers at the Courthouse Gallery, Dry Needle Felting with Cheryl Kemp, and our essential Chemical Handling certified course.

The fun doesn't stop there. Enquire today about beginners guitar lessons and pencil drawing. If there is an activity you would like to see take place, or are keen to perhaps run a course feel free to pop by to discuss it.

Let's make May a month to remember! Join us in celebrating the creativity, history, and camaraderie that make Charlton such a special place to live.



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# WHAT'S ON FOR



## MAY

Each  
Monday  
of School  
Term

### Yarning<sup>2</sup> Social Group

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, bring your own yarn project



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### Photography with Chloe Smith

Where: Courthouse Gallery

Time: 2pm - 5pm

COST: \$25, Students \$10



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### Coffee with a Cop - Farewell to

Nigel McDonald

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



6+7

### Country + Belonging Workshops

Who: Both Schools

Thank you to Charlton Arts for helping to fund this program



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### First Aid + CPR

Where: Senior Citizens

Time: 9:00am

Full course: \$180 Refresher: \$90



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### Coffee with a CFA member

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



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### Tech Tips - Web Tracking & Data Breach

Where: CNH

Time: 3pm - 3:30pm

FREE, bookings essential.



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### Flashback Flicks - Dirty Dancing

Where: Rex Theatre

FREE as a part of NH week celebrations



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### Coffee with a Forum member

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



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### National Simultaneous Storytime

Where: Schools + Kinder



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### e-Prepared Paperwork Sessions

Where: CNH

Time: Appointments only

FREE, bookings essential.



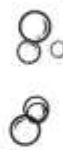
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### Dr Hubble's Bubbles

Where: Rex Theatre

Time: 10:30am

FREE, bookings essential.



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### RSA Course

Where: Charlton Park

Time: 10:30am

Cost: \$70



## COMING UP IN JUNE

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### Felting with Cheryl Kemp

Where: Courthouse Gallery

Time: 10:30am

Cost: \$50



12+  
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### Chemical Users Course

Where: Senior Citizens

Time: 8:15am - 4:30pm

Full Course: \$170 Re-accreditation: \$110



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### Fizz + Flowers

Where: Courthouse Gallery

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: \$30







# Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to the May update from your Charlton Golden Grains Museum. What a busy time we have coming up. We are looking towards our Glenloth & District bus tour on the 4th May. We'll report on this in the next newsletter.

Opening every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or at other times by request, we have been pleased to have welcomed many visitors from a wide variety of places. With admittance is still a very low \$5, and free for children, with EFTPOS being available, our museum could be an ideal venue for your group or organization wishing to have an interesting outing. Group tours of all sizes are most welcome, and a cuppa and biscuits could accompany your visit. Consider for something different having your meeting then a wander around the venue.

Thank you to the locals who continue to support our regular trips to Bingo in Donald. We receive funding from the organisers for our attendance which greatly helps with our programs. The next Bingo trip is Thursday 29th May.

## Childhood Treasures & Collectibles

We are very excited about a project that has been in development for some time now. On Thursday July 10 we are hosting 'Childhood Treasures & Collectibles', where a large display of vintage toys and collectibles will be on display and in some cases able to be used. There will also be a range of models on display—ships, boats, cars and more. Falling during the school holidays, and with involvement of the Charlton Youth Group, it is hoped that a good turnout of families will pop along and join in the fun and the memories. Event to start at 10am and finish at 3pm, with a sausage sizzle on the go between 12.30 to 1.30. Make a note in your diary now so as not to miss out.

## Oral Histories

Other things we have been undertaking are oral histories, where local residents are being recorded to tell the story of their lives and memories of businesses and times long past. Do you have a family member or even yourself who may want to tell their story? Contact one of the volunteers below for details.

## Vic Collections

We have also been continuing digitising our photographs and collection and adding them to the Victoria Collection website. We have a couple of at-home typists who are helping us with this.

To view our collection online go to <https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/charlton-golden-grains-museum-inc>.

## Accessibility Improvements

In our efforts to improve accessibility for our visitors and volunteers, we have had our door locks and handles replaced. We

now have easy to open handles and locks and one key to fit all. The museum funded this ourselves. Thank you to Bendigo Locksmiths for undertaking the work.

## Early Medical Services

With work continuing on our new medical display, our feature this month looks briefly at Charlton's early medical history. Prior to 1874 the town was serviced by visiting doctors and nurses, with local residents often relying on family and friends for first aid, home remedies or help with midwifery. The town obtained its first resident doctor (and district hospital in St Arnaud) in 1874 when Dr Hudson arrived. Dr Dean followed setting up his practice in 1877 near Kirks Coach Factory on the corner of Kaye Street. Also around this time Dr Joseph Ogburn arrived offering his services that included pharmacy, surgical and medical dentistry, and he was also a veterinary surgeon. Early in the 1900s Charlton had its first private hospital offering the services of a midwife, Mrs Hayes. Other private hospitals would follow including Nurse Scott's Private Hospital in Mildura Way.

Our museum has a popular service where you can record you or your family's history for us to scan into our digital reference library, and store a copy of the papers, family images or genealogy charts in an A4 size envelope. This is a wonderful opportunity for stories not to be lost, but preserved for researchers at a later stage. Cost is a very low \$10, which goes towards helping to maintain our collection.

Do you have a few free hours available each month? The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is always looking for new volunteers to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public. If you have an interest in history and would like to help preserve Charlton's story contact one of the names listed below; you will be made most

welcome by our friendly team. You could give as much time as you wish and don't need any experience; training will be provided. You could also become a 'Friend of the Museum' for just \$20 that assists in us continuing our work preserving local history.

## Enquiries

For all enquiries about our group check out our Facebook Page, search on your browser 'Golden Grains Museum Charlton', or email [goldengrains@bigpond.com](mailto:goldengrains@bigpond.com).

Phone enquiries:

President Diane 0417 511 218

Vice President David 0422 185 885

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Archivist Markus 0413 129 216

Anne 0408 547 973

Glenda 0417 801 771

Sue 0407 140 336



*We love our new locks.*



*Nurse Scott in front of her private hospital in Mildura Way, c. 1913.*





# Charlton Probud News

On a beautiful autumn morning 43 members attended the Charlton Probud Club's April meeting. We began the meeting with a Minute's Silence for former member Shirley Crossley. Shirley was a member from 2007 to 2022.

Congratulations to Margaret Byrne who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Anne Kenny gave a 2 minute talk on the "e-Prepared" session available at Neighbourhood House and encouraged members to take advantage of this service which is offered to all.

Footy Tipping has started and we are grateful to Greg Barnard, and his assistant Jenny, for taking on this task. The leaders after 4 rounds with 24 wins are Noreen Ryan, Robyn Good and Pat Mathews.

Charlton entered a team in the Hopetoun Probud Lawn Bowls competition. The first touch of the jack was won by Eily Rosewall (as Lead), Greg Barnard (as Second) and

Greg Wain (as Third). David Beaty was also a member of the team.

Graham Curnow entertained us with his rendition of the Banjo Paterson poem "The Geebung Polo Club". Nick Huinck was the lucky number winner.

Our Guest Speaker was Bronwyn Simpson, a former Buloke Shire Councillor. Bronwyn grew up in the Upper Yarra Valley and her mother instilled in her that if you want a community to thrive you have to participate. Bronwyn began her volunteering as a member of the Yarra Junction Girl Guides.

After moving to Charlton she joined the local CWA Cabbaritta Branch and rose to the CWA position of State Vice President. She learnt a lot about governance as a member of the Boort Hospital Board. She was encouraged by friends to "throw her hat into the ring" in 2016 when local government elections were held. Although

unsuccessful, the resignation of a councillor saw a vote countback of the Avoca Ward candidates and Bronwyn was successful. So began Bronwyn's journey as a Councillor. Some things of note for a Councillor are: Codes of Conduct, project updates, changes to government legislation, budget preparation, Finance and Risk, being a delegate on committees, attending Forum meetings, attending events eg. Australia Day, Anzac Day, Festivals. Some challenges were: the major changes to the Aged care packages by the Federal Government, changes to the Maternal and Child Health Service delivery, VNI West and the ongoing concerns of renewable energy and mining. Bronwyn finished her term on Council as Deputy Mayor. Bronwyn will not miss the hours spent reading the prepared information prior to each Council Briefing and Council Meeting.



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



Hopetoun Bowls - Greg Barnard (on right).



Guest Speaker, Bronwyn Simpson, pictured (centre) with Kim Wishart & Sue Walsh.



Margaret Byrne's 90th Birthday. L to R - Kim Wishart, Margaret Byrne & Eily Rosewall.



# Charlton Campdraft News

## Successful Competitions

Club members have continued to compete successfully at events across Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales throughout April. They proudly represented the club at Lucindale, Wilby, Wannon River, and Conargo.

A special shoutout to club member and cattle donor Ash for an outstanding performance at Lucindale—taking 1st place in the Novice event, and earning both 2nd and 3rd places in two of the Open categories.

Congratulations also to Sam and Tahljia for their consistent efforts and ongoing dedication in competitions.

## Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Tully, who has qualified to compete at the 2025 Cinch World Championship Junior Finals in Oklahoma this July! Tully earned his spot by taking out 1st place in the Junior Breakaway section at the M5 Rodeo Promotions—an incredible achievement! We look forward to providing our support as Tully embarks on his journey to Oklahoma.

## Thank You

A big thank you to the team at Teys Charlton Feedlot for holding a sausage sizzle/hot dog day for staff, with funds raised going back to support the club.

## Upcoming clinic

We're thrilled to announce that we'll be hosting a David Murphy Improvement Clinic at the end of May. This clinic is a unique opportunity for riders and competitors of all levels to refine their horsemanship, elevate their campdrafting techniques, and gain valuable insights from one of the best in the field.

With a strong focus on building confidence, developing practical skills, and fostering a deeper connection between horse and rider, this clinic promises to be both educational and inspiring. All of this will take place in a supportive and encouraging environment, where participants can challenge themselves, learn from one another, and take their abilities to the next level.

## 2025 Annual Charlton Campdraft

Planning is officially underway for our much-anticipated annual event!

This year, we're excited to host the Campdraft over the weekend of **October 11th and 12th**.

While we're still in the early stages of preparation, we're aiming to bring even more to the event—with additional activities, stalls, and family-friendly fun in the works.

Mark your calendars—it's shaping up to be a weekend the whole family can enjoy!



Campdraft mascot, George.



Ash and Goose (4th from left), 2nd Place in Maiden at Conargo.



# Charlton Campdraft News



*Tahlijia and Breeze at Wannon River.*



*Ash and Bravos Playgirl at Wannon River.*



*Ash and Sheahan's Legacy at Wannon River.*



*Sam at Lucindale.*



*Ash and The Suspect at Conargo.*



# Charlton Cricket Season Closes

Charlton Cricket Club gathered for their end of Season Break up on a very pleasant Sunday evening, 30<sup>th</sup> March, to celebrate Season 2024/2025. It was a great evening with around 40 attending, including Life Members, Greg McGurk & Kirk Boyle.

It was another ok year for the B Graders, reaching finals, but not quite getting over the line, with eventual Premiers, Watchem playing much better in the Semi Final, to advance to the 'Big Dance', and win the WMCA B Grade Premiership – well done to the Watchem lads.

Hugh Sait & Pat Soulsby again lead our B Grade, with 'veteran' Billy Sexton providing great mentoring, to assist these young leaders.

We were again very fortunate to have Barry Findlay coming out regularly, from Bendigo on Sundays, to provide expertise one on one coaching to our Juniors & teenagers. His tuition & coaching knowledge has been invaluable to the developing of our Juniors & teenagers. We thank Barry for continuing to do this and provide his incredible knowledge of the techniques and skills of the game.

## The Formalities

President, Adam Soulsby, formally welcomed all in attendance, acknowledging & thanking our Life Members who were in attendance.

Adam also thanked all those families & volunteers who keep our Club ticking, in particular the time, effort & hard work of Shane & Kim, Kirk, and Hayley for dedication to keep our Club functioning.

## WMCA Junior Country Week

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

## Woolworths Junior Blast Program

Our Junior Blast was our best yet, with around 25 boys & girls participating in our Charlton Program, combining our Junior Blast & Tennis Hotshots Programs.

The Program was again lots of fun & co-ordinated so fantastically by Rachel Smyth & Jess McGurk, incorporating & providing all the skills needed for the kids to enjoy and develop their skills.

## Maddison 'Maddi' Fitzpatrick – Rising Star Award

Maddi Fitzpatrick will always be our Rising Star and our Rising Star Most Improved Cricketer Award has been donated by the Fitzpatrick Family named in honour of 'Maddi'

This year's recipient of the Award is Ethan Soulsby, who really has had a break out Season in the B Grade Team. He has played all 14 games, showing great all round ability, making some good scores batting, and taking wickets throughout the Season. Ethan also represented WMCA U15s at Horsham Country Week, being award the WMCA U15 Player of the Week

## 2023-2024 Awards

- **Batting Aggregate – (Shield Donated by Life Member Brian Wright)**  
Billy Sexton – 326 runs / 54.33 average (H.S. 79)
- **Batting Average (Donated by Charlton IGA)**  
Billy Sexton – 54.33 average / 326 runs
- **Bowling Aggregate – (Shield Donated by Life Member Brian Wright)**  
Elliott Fitzpatrick – 21 wickets / 9.43 average
- **Bowling Average (Donated by The Vale B&B & Dining)**  
Patrick Soulsby – 8.95 average / 20 wickets
- **Maddison 'Maddi' Fitzpatrick Rising Star (Donated by Fitzpatrick Family)**  
Ethan Soulsby
- **Captain's Award**  
Ethan Needs
- **Kirk Boyle Perpetual Trophy - Champion Player of the Year**  
Billy Sexton
- **KGB Medal – Best in Finals (Named after & Donated by Life Member Kelvin Baird)**  
Ethan Soulsby
- **Exceptional Performances**  
Elliott Fitzpatrick – HATRICK – 1<sup>st</sup> 3 balls of innings v St Mary's
- Elliott Fitzpatrick – 6/10 (5 overs) v Watchem
- Hugh Sait – 5/3 (3 overs) v Birchip.



Award recipients, L to R, Ethan Soulsby, Hugh Sait, Billy Sexton, Elliott Fitzpatrick, Pat Soulsby, Ethan Needs.



## Future

The Club is in a sound state, going forward with good junior numbers coming through over the next few years. Our B Grade is still yet to claim the major goal, but we have been so consistent, with our crop of boys & girls & young adults playing cricket.

As mentioned, our Club has such great families and a few volunteers that keep our Club functioning.

We thank so much our Sponsors, who provide such important financial support, to allow us to pay for Affiliation Fees, equipment, insurances, facility maintenance & power costs, etc.

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

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

## Sponsors & Volunteers

We wish to thank all our valued Sponsors for their continued support during the 2024/2025 Season:-

Thank you to all our families, volunteers, and supporters who keep our Club going.

### MAJOR SUPPORTERS

Teys Australia

Charlton IGA

The Vale of Avoca – B&B – Licensed Café

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Signwise Solutions

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S & K Fitzpatrick

Life Member – Brian Wright

Life Member – Greg McGurk

Life Member – Kelvin Baird



*KGB Medal Best in Finals - Ethan Soulsby receiving Award from Life Member, Greg McGurk.*



*Captain's Award - Ethan Needs.*



*Bowling Average - Pat Soulsby.*



*The Kirk Boyle Champion Player of the Year, Billy Sexton, presented by Life Member, Kirk Boyle.*



*L to R, Bowling Aggregate Award, Elliott Fitzpatrick with President, Adam Soulsby & Batting Aggregate & Average Award, Bill Sexton.*



*'Maddi Fitzpatrick' Rising Star Award recipient, Ethan Soulsby, pictured with Shane, Kim & Elliott Fitzpatrick.*



# Charlton Bowling News

## CHARLTON BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS – CONTINUE

On Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> Wayne Southwell won his Third championship defeating Kevin Willey in the 100UP Final 102 to 85 in gusty conditions making it difficult to do two bowls the same.

Following on from this game we completed our Pairs Championship with Cher Brien and Kevin Willey defeating Zac Irwin and Michael O'Brien 18 shots to 5.

The Triples Final, with Steve Harper,

Jeff Cox and Ken North playing Greg Barnard, Dale McCallum and Michael O'Brien was held on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> with the winners being Steve, Jeff and Ken 20 shots to 5.

Closing Day Bowls and Presentations was cancelled on Anzac Day with the forecast of rain, and it did rain at the time we would have started at 12.30pm.

Our Closing Day will now be on Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm, Members a plate please.

As we are a GOLD MEMBER OF

GOOD SPORTS, WE ARE PROMOTING, "GAME READY ROUND" on Friday with 100 other GOOD SPORTS CLUBS, this is a stand against Drink Driving and providing Safe Transport. We have been supplied a Merchandise pack including hats.

Charlton Bowling Club is also proud to be supporting Jemimah Webb in her fundraising campaign, "Dance for Sick Kids" which is part of National Families Week from May 12<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>.



Runner Up Kevin Willey congratulates Wayne Southwell on his 100UP Handicap Championship win.



Championship Triples Winners Ken North, Jeff Cox, Steve Harper.



ANZAC Day 2025, the one hundred and tenth anniversary of the landing at Ari Barnu, now known as ANZAC Cove, has been commemorated in many ways.

RSL members have been street-selling ANZAC badges, pens and other items and, whilst the total sum raised is not known at this stage, the public has, as always, been most generous in their support, for which we thank you. All moneys raised from the ANZAC Appeal go to RSL welfare for retired service personnel and their dependents; they served, we support them.

RSL members, veterans, Red Cross, Fire Brigade, school students and the general public joined in at the Cenotaph, then marched to the beat of Charlton Wycheproof Community Brass Band, under the baton of Bandmaster Brian Heenan OAM, to Charlton Shire Hall, where the formal ANZAC service was held.

## Charlton RSL Sub-branch

MC Troy Heenan welcomed all, introduced the official party and Councillor Bruce Stafford spoke on behalf of the Shire. The religious side of the ceremony was capably led by Charlton RSL's Padre, Rev. Judi Bird, as were two new segments in the program, the Laying of the Poppies and the ANZAC display of service artefacts. Two rows of small white crosses were in front of the stage, and pupils from Charlton College and St Joseph's Primary School came forward and attached red poppies to the crosses.

Guest speaker was Squadron Leader Michael Lowe (retired) from St Arnaud. Michael was recruited through the Australian Defence Force's undergraduate scholarship scheme, graduated in law and science at Adelaide University, undertook officer training at Point Cook, and was commissioned as a legal officer in the Royal Australian Air Force in 2002. His service included Canberra and Newcastle and he was deployed to the Middle East Area of Operations and later to Kandahar

Airfield in Afghanistan. He retired from RAAF service in 2009.

Michael spoke of his service, his deployments, the service personnel with whom he came in contact and the need for Australia to have a strong defence force. He read the citation for Corporal Mark Donaldson's VC to show what combat personnel may have to go through. Thank you Michael for a most interesting and informative address.

At the end of the service, school children had the opportunity of viewing and handling Rev. Judi Bird's display of service artefacts and then morning tea and refreshments were enjoyed at the RSL clubrooms.

At the ANZAC night football, RSL president Allan McGillivray tossed the coin for the senior's match, using a Turkish 5,000 lira coin.

**LEST WE FORGET.**



# Dancing For Kids

## Jemimah is Dancing for Sick Kids – 5 Years of Making a Difference

This year, I'm proud to once again be participating in **Dance for Sick Kids** — my **fifth year** supporting this incredible cause!

**Dance for Sick Kids** is a week-long fundraising event held from the 12th to the 18th of May where dancers from all across Australia pledge to dance every day to raise vital funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities. The money helps support seriously ill children and their families, giving them a place to stay close to the hospital, meals, and crucial emotional support during some of the most challenging times in their lives.

Over the past four years, thanks to the incredible generosity of the Charlton community, I've personally raised **over \$8,000**. Even more exciting, as the leader of **Dynamic District Dance Studio's** team, I've helped raise **over \$30,000** for this important cause.

Earlier this year, in February, I had the privilege of visiting Ronald McDonald House in Fitzroy as one of the top fundraisers in Victoria, to see firsthand the impact that my fundraising has made. It was moving to see the amazing work the RMHC

is doing, and the difference it's making to precious children from local rural communities like ours. It reminded me exactly why I'm so passionate about being involved year after year.

This year, I'm aiming to raise even more — but I can't do it without your support! Every donation, big or small, goes directly to making life a little easier for these families when they need it most.

If you'd like to sponsor me in Dance for Sick Kids this year, I would be so grateful. Together, we can keep making a real difference, one dance step at a time! You can also see me dancing every day for the event week on my instagram page [@koaladave22](https://www.instagram.com/koaladave22)

\$35 – Helps keep cupboards stocked with cooking essentials for sick kids and their families.

\$57 – Provides a nutritious meal for a sick child and their family during their stay at RMHC.

\$110 – Supplies educational resources in the learning centre for students and siblings studying away from home.

\$160 – Covers one night of accommodation for a sick child and their family at RMHC.

You can sponsor me directly through this link, <https://tinyurl.com/JemimahDFSK25> or by scanning the QR code, or feel free to email me for more details or to arrange a direct deposit. [Puddleduck2202@gmail.com](mailto:Puddleduck2202@gmail.com).



## CHARLTON GOLDEN GRAINS MUSEUM

# CHILDHOOD TREASURES & COLLECTIBLES

THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Open 10am - 3pm

Charlton Uniting Church Hall

Children's Activities 10:30am - 12:30pm

Sausage Sizzle 12:30pm - 1.30pm

Tea & Coffee Available

- Memorabilia
- Collectibles
- Model planes, trains & ships
- Dolls & Teddies
- Lego
- Thomas the Tank Engine



## CHARLTON Arts

# JAZZ IN JULY

27th July, 2025

2PM @ The Rex

Featuring

**The Hot B'Hines**

\$25 (inc afternoon tea)

Enquiries:  
Sue Walsh 0407 140 336





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## REX THEATRE MAY COMING ATTRACTIONS

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### SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE

M Mature themes  
98 mins | Drama | History

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

In 1985 devoted father Bill Furlong discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent and uncovers shocking truths of his own. Starring Cillian Murphy and Emily Watson.



### BAD GENIUS

M Coarse language  
97 mins | Thriller

Sat 10 MAY 8pm  
Sun 11 MAY 2pm  
Tue 13 MAY 8pm

Bad Genius is a high-stakes, high-octane thriller heist about a group of entrepreneurial high school seniors who team up to take down the rigged college admissions system.



### THE PENGUIN LESSONS

M Coarse language  
122 mins | Drama

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

The Penguin Lessons follows an Englishman's personal and political awakening after he adopts a penguin during a cataclysmic period in Argentine history.



### LIES WE TELL

MA15+ Strong suicide scenes and sexual violence  
88 mins | Drama

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

An orphaned heiress is forced to embrace her family's dark legacy. Lies We Tell is a chilling and atmospheric gothic tour de force, featuring a star making turn from Agnes O'Casey.



### THUNDERBOLTS

CTC 126mins | Action

Sat 31 MAY 8pm  
Sun 1 JUNE 2pm  
Tue 3 JUNE 8pm

After finding themselves ensnared in a death trap, an unconventional team of antiheroes must embark on a dangerous mission that will force them to confront their pasts.



## Charlton Courthouse Gallery

# PIECED together

A collaboration of  
Charlton & District quilters.

Sat 7th - Mon 9th June, 2025

10am - 4pm

8 Camp Street, Charlton

Entry by donation



### 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 29th May**. We take our own cars and car pool across to Donald.

Please contact Anne Kenny 0408 547 973 or  
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## Charlton Neighbourhood House



30-34 High Street (in The Rex Theatre),  
Charlton Vic, 3525

Phone: 0473 759 456

Email: [coord@charltonnh.org.au](mailto:coord@charltonnh.org.au)

## Charlton Craft Group

Meets at the Lions Lodge (Camp Street) every Tuesday morning (10am—12pm). The Charlton Craft Group welcomes anyone who shares their passion for crafts of all sorts. Whether it's knitting, crocheting, card making, needlework or other textile related activities, you will be made most welcome.

A small charge of just \$3 covers the venue hire and insurance, and is payable on the morning.

If you have unfinished projects you may want to finish or just want to enjoy a social morning chatting while enjoying your hobby, make a diary date for Tuesday mornings. No bookings required, just pop along.

Hope to see you there.

## CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

**Where:** Unlimited radius of Charlton

**When:** Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May 2025

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

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

**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!





## St Martin's Messenger—April/May

Sunday 4 May	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 May	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 1 June	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 June	9am	Holy Communion

**Love one another** *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples". John 13:34-35*

I missed "Clean up Australia Day" last month, so to do my bit, I was out collecting rubbish last weekend and as I wandered along with my two plastic bags, I thought about how similar I probably looked to a lady that my grandmother told me about. My grandmother lived with her mother and sisters in North Queensland. The lady my grandmother told me about was known around the district as Annie Bags. Her real name was Annie Ferdinand and she lived from 1852 to 1910. My grandmother told me, many of the locals looked out for Annie, giving her food and shelter and a kind word. But there were others, who judged Annie by her appearance only, and considered her to be a nuisance and an eyesore. My grandmother told me that this attitude was not following what Our Father in Heaven, God, tells us to do. "To love one another as I have loved you. (The First Commandment). As my grandmother said, "it is not a suggestion, but a commandment, so is to be followed". Instead the unkind people applied a "label" to Annie, and justified their judgement and lack of compassion amongst themselves. They could not look past the label to value and know Annie as God did. As I continued collecting rubbish, I felt close to Annie and loved even more our God who welcomes us all. I also thanked God for my Grandmother and her wise counsel.

If you would like to know more about Annie, here is a link, telling her story and how the kind people of the district organised a memorial headstone for her in 2019. <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/people/community/display/114009-annie-ferdinand>

**A Prayer for you:** Loving Father, fill me with Your Spirit and empower me to love one another as you love me. May I be known for my love for others, so others will want to be part of your loving family. In Jesus name. **Amen.**

Reverend Judi Bird 0435 593 359  
judi.bird@bendigoanglican.org.au

## Charlton Connect Church

Services

Sundays, 10am @ Charlton Senior Citizens  
1 High Street, Charlton



Collective Society Youth  
Fridays, 6:30pm @  
Charlton Uniting Church Hall  
Halliday Street, Charlton

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## Charlton Uniting Church

Halliday Street, Charlton.

**Service times for May:**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Uniting Church. 10.00 am

*"Life doesn't come with a manual.*

*It comes with a Mother.*

*Happy Mother's Day to all the Mums out there.*

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Uniting Church. 10.00 am

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Uniting Church. 10.00 am

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June. St. Martins @ 9.00 am

Contact – Gill Gretgrix 0427 911 308



## East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

**Mass Times**

Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am
	Livestream in
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am



## North Central Garden Club

The North Central Garden Club held its April monthly meeting in Wycheproof on Tuesday the 22nd. 13 ladies met for lunch followed by a visit to Amy's nursery which was very popular. A short meeting followed where the Club voted on supporting a contribution to the Charlton Courthouse Committee of Management to assist the redesign of the rear garden at the Courthouse. Afternoon tea concluded what was a most successful day.

Our club numbers have been bolstered by our Wycheproof members and as a result we will be holding two of our monthly meetings there this year.

We always welcome new members, so if gardens and/or gardening are your thing, please join us. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Lions Lodge in Camp Street, Charlton at 2pm. Contact details are below

President Aileen Allen Ph 0438911495

Secretary Lynne McRae Ph 0408113104

### Are you from Charlton?

As a bearer of the surname Cossar, I've lost count of the number of times I've been introduced to someone and then been asked "Are you from Charlton?" or "Do you have family in Charlton?". Recently I was introduced to someone in Bendigo with the phrase "Geoff was born in Charlton" which was met with "Cossar. Of course".

As well, I sometimes come across members of the ever-widening "Charlton diaspora" – people born in Charlton or who've worked in Charlton and moved on - who recognise my surname and link it with Charlton.

That link now extends back more than 150 years. In 18

74, John Cossar arrived from the Ballarat goldfields and, on 18 August that year, selected 320 acres of land at Yeungroon. With his wife, Mary, they settled on the land with their five small children and over succeeding years, another eight were born to the couple (sadly not all survived to adulthood).

Family records indicate John Cossar was grateful for the opportunities farming at Yeungroon provided for his family. He was an active member of his community and was a Councillor on the first Charlton Shire Council.

John and Mary would no doubt be proud to reflect that their descendants (which now include sixth generation Charlton Cossars) have made civic, cultural and sporting contributions to the Charlton district over the years.

And they'd no doubt be proud, as we all are, that our relatively rare surname is so widely and closely linked to Charlton.

Geoff Cossar





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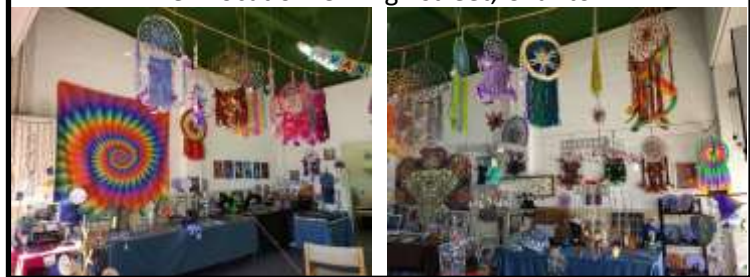
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## Vanessa's Zen Den

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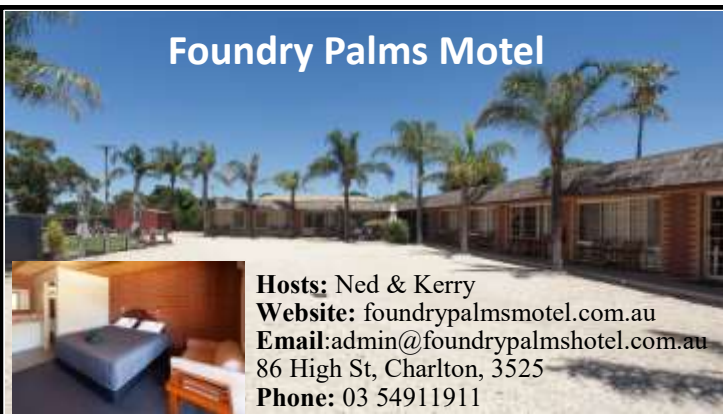
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