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Top Left: Cutting the 30th Anniversary CHARTSEC cake—L to R.
John Harley, Brian Heenan, Graeme Paterson & Laurie Harvie.

Top Right: Beau Johnstone with his balloon kangaroos at the
Charlton College Mothers' Day Fete.

Bottom Left: Charlton Football/Netball/Hockey Social Club
Roving Dinner. Trista Wright with Sadie O'Connor & Georgie
McGrath with Ella Walklate.

Bottom Right: CHARTSEC staff: Hayley Soulsby, Joy Wright,
Stuart James, John Harley, Brian Heenan, Chris McGurk, Amanda
Gibbon (absent Ian Walsh, Rohan Needs)

Editorial

Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to another big newsletter. Congratulations to Ken Jones and Dr Walklate on their Ripon Volunteer Awards. Also, congratulations to CHARTSEC on 30 years of driver education. Member for Ripon, Louis Staley, has certainly had plenty of reasons to visit our town lately as she appears in several photographs throughout this newsletter.

Thanks to the school children who have contributed most of the content in the Charlton College and St. Joseph's School reports. We love seeing and hearing what you've been up to.

There are a number of fundraisers running at the moment for projects in Charlton: Beautify Charlton, the Community Car & the Avoca River Weir. These are all very worthy projects and the committees involved would really appreciate any financial assistance you or a community group you belong to could contribute.

There's not much news from the farm. We have finally finished sowing, and like everyone else, we are looking to the skies for more rain. Justin is sitting his exams at the moment and may venture home shortly for a visit and a game of hockey. Nick played a different position in hockey last week and scored two goals—his first in Men's hockey. He'll be thrilled that I mentioned it here. Ha Ha.

Cheers

Carolyn

Upcoming Events

- Mud & Blood Pompey Elliott Play (@ The Rex)
Mon 2nd July
- Dinosaur Time Machine (@ The Rex)
Wed 11th July
- Powell Brothers (@ The Club)
Fri 13th July
- The Kazoos (@ Shire Hall)
Fri 14th July
- Jazz in July (@ The Rex)
Sat 21st/Sun 22nd July
- Café Culture (@ Golf Club)
Sat 25th August
- Bridal Parade (@ The Rex)
Sun 26th August



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Ken's Service Recognised

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Recognition for service to the Charlton RSL Sub Branch was accorded to member Ken Jones recently with the presentation of a Ripon Volunteer Award from MP Louise Staley.

Initiated in 2015, the award acknowledges individuals who have been instrumental to the success of an organisation in either a leadership capacity or through long-term roles behind the scenes. Around 15-20 awards are made annually by the MP. In front of friends and colleagues Ken's dedication to the expansion and development of the local Sub Branch was acknowledged by Louise who outlined his multi-faceted involvement.

Sixteen years as President, along with a seven year tenure as Secretary, Ken has "led from the front, set a great example to fellow members, made their lives better and has raised the community perception of the RSL." Amongst the many voluntary duties undertaken, Ken has co-ordinated Anzac Day speakers, services and parades, organised the annual Diggers' Day golf, arranged Remembrance Day services, and represented the Charlton Sub Branch at District and State conferences. As the citation revealed "it is largely thanks to Ken's service in so many ways that the Charlton RSL is still

alive and well."

In responding Ken said his involvement with the Charlton RSL began almost twenty years ago when he and his wife Anita moved to town. "Pretty much all that was here in these club rooms then was the Honour Board and not much else," Ken said.

With a membership of around thirty at that stage, Ken said he felt there were opportunities to be fostered which could build the profile of the Branch. Over the intervening years an extensive and comprehensive collection of memorabilia has been gathered just through "asking people what they might have that's suitable for the RSL. And then it came in from everywhere!" said Ken. While scaling back on duties over the past twelve months, Ken said he was still happy to be a member of the Branch, and expressed his gratitude for the award and the invitation to attend the afternoon. In addition to his RSL commitments, Ken also has a fifty-one year membership with the Scouting movement.

In concluding Louise Staley acknowledged that in all the presentations she has made of this award the recipients have always been committed to multiple areas of community service. A shared afternoon tea followed the formalities.



Above: Recipient of the Ripon Volunteer Award, immediate Past President of the Charlton RSL Sub Branch, Ken Jones (l) is pictured receiving his award from MP Louise Staley (r) at last Friday afternoon's presentation. Friends and colleagues joined Ken at the RSL club rooms for the special occasion (l-r back) Bill Freeman, Gordon Risk, Anita Jones, Bill Davis, Jenny McGillivray (partly obscured), Alan McGillivray, Tony Scott, Bill Young, Bruce Gardner, Carissah Cain- Sultana, Val Sultana.

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Calder Convoy Rolls into Charlton

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Trucks of all sizes made their home at Charlton Park on Saturday 19 May as the debut "Calder Convoy" rolled into town. Marking the heritage of the major highway which traverses between Mildura and Melbourne, the event, staged by the Tractor Restoration and Appreciation Club of Sunraysia (TRACS), saw fifty-five trucks camp in Charlton overnight before heading off to complete the remaining trek up the road to Red Cliffs.

Entry for the event was confined to heritage commercial trucks twenty-five years of age or older making the vintage variety on show something of a drawcard. For the models that no longer had the pedal power, a lazy cruise on a flat top or trailer meant that inclusion was also possible.

Robert Mansell, one of the six-member organising committee, was busy ensuring things were flowing smoothly as participants rolled into Charlton Park late on the Saturday afternoon. Clearly happy with the amount of support for this inaugural event, Robert said the idea had evolved from the "Crawlin' the Hume" where participants travel as much of the old highway as possible. A TRACS committee – including members Ken Creighton, Vic Pollesel, Frank Wallace, John Porker, "Moose" ("no one would know me by my real name") and Robert set about co-ordinating the event.

Starting on the Saturday most entrants gathered at the Calder Park outbound site with another ten joining in along the route north. There were also a couple of starters from Red Cliffs who met the convoy in Charlton. Robert, whose father and uncle ran a transport company, cited the quantity of haulage which travelled – and still travels – along the Calder Highway. "Grain, wool, fruit and vegies, live stock, along with general freight – it all goes on the Calder," said Robert. And how many memories from some of those trips

would have been recounted over the past weekend! "We've tried to make this first "Calder Convoy" a relaxed affair," Robert said. "It's really a truck run, rather than a convoy, and we didn't want to have too many constraints or make things too rigid. People could just make their own pace."

With participants joining in from across Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia, it was the perfect truck heaven where discussions flowed about the "good old days", the details of restorations, recounting of tall stories and comparing rigs. Macks, Internationals, Kenworths, Bedfords, Commer, Army Blitz, plus a couple of vintage tractors were amongst the vehicles on show.

A relaxed and convivial atmosphere prevailed with many locals and visitors from other communities dropping in for a look and staying on for the evening meal which was supplied by the Charlton Football Club.

Guest speaker, Alan Cameron, entertained the large crowd with trucking stories, before people reminisced on into the night.

A hearty breakfast set the travellers up on the Sunday morning, as swags and camps were packed and many of the rigs started pulling out about 9:30am.

With favourable comments on the debut of this event, numerous entrants praised the Charlton location, the TRACS organisation and the sumptuous catering provided by the Football Club. While originally conceived as a biennial activity, the success of the weekend may encourage the committee to re-think the timing in order to see the event become established.

As a nod to the history of the old Calder Highway and in recognition of the vital link it provides between the north of the state to Melbourne, the "Calder Convoy" looks set to become a fixture in both the TRACS and Charlton calendars.

Post script: the Calder Highway was named for William Calder, chairman of the Country Roads Board (CRB) from 1913 to 1928. The CRB was later renamed Victorian Road Construction Authority and is today known as VicRoads.



Above Left: With a total of more than 200 years of trucking between them, these "legends" are pictured along with guest speaker, Alan Cameron (l) at Charlton Park on Saturday 19 May – (l-r) are Bill Fitzpatrick, 92 year old Sid Knudsen and Ken Nelson. Both Bill and Ken are inductees on the Wall of Fame at the National Road Transport Hall of Fame in Alice Springs. Talking over past jobs, Sid recounted his experience of transporting a load of POWs in an Army Blitz in 1946.

Above Right: One of the vintage trucks on display at Charlton Park.





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Recognition for Dr Walklate

Charlton Rotary Club sponsored Dr Walklate for a Ripon Volunteer Award in recognition of his 60+ years as a valued member of Charlton Rotary. In front of Rotary Club members and his wife Mary and other family members, the Member for Ripon, Louise Staley, presented Dr Walklate with his Award. The commendation reads:

"In recognition of over sixty years of dedicated membership to the Rotary Club of Charlton. As President of the Club on two occasions and active Club member, your enthusiasm and support in many varied roles has been significant.

Your contribution to community betterment as a volunteer and long-term professional commitment to community health as a GP is highly regarded by all who know and have worked with you over many years."

Congratulations Dr Walklate



Above: l to r—Mary Walklate, Loraine Walklate, MP Louise Staley, Rick Walklate & Dr Brian Walklate.



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Charlton Junior Football Club

Congratulations to Jackson Zagame, Patrick Sait & Patrick Soulsby who were selected as part of the AFLCV team to play at a Gala Day in Bendigo on Sunday 3rd June representing North Central FL and Charlton JFC. The boys have been training as part of the AFL Central Victoria Junior/Youth Academy since the beginning of the year. AFLCV Academy selected young footballers from the region to train in an effort to further assist the development of the talented players across the region. The AFL Central Victoria Academy (Bendigo & North Central Squad) is an elite development program for approximately 300 young footballers from across the region and will include the leading young footballers (male & female) from across the BJFL, LVFL, HDFL & NCFL.

The players in the Academy will receive an elite level training program weekly, and it will involve approx. 40 young footballers.

In the North Central FL (NCFL) approx. 35 players were selected in U14 & U16 and train in the North Central area three sessions a month.

Postscript: the boys won all three of their games on June 3rd at the Gala Day in Bendigo. Well done boys!



Above: L to R: Patrick Soulsby, Patrick Sait & Jackson Zagame

Charlton Hockey Club



Charlton Hockey Club had five juniors participating in the Junior Country Championships. Congratulations to all the Charlton representatives:

Xanthe Fitzpatrick in the Under 17 girls winning the Grandfinal against Albury Wodonga, 4-0. The girls played a big weekend of hockey with no interchange and Xanthe hit 2 Grand final goals!

Angus Jablonka in the Under 15 boys, finishing 4th overall missing out in play offs 3-0.

L Johnstone, Poppy Fitzpatrick and Elise Fitzpatrick in the Under 13 girls, finishing 4th overall, missing out in the bronze medal match in a close 2-1 game.

Left: L to R. Tahlia Casey—U13s assistant, L. Johnstone, Namoi Fitzpatrick—U13s assistant, Poppy Fitzpatrick, Leanne Gretgrix—U15 Girls Coach, Elise Fitzpatrick, Xanthe Fitzpatrick, Angus Jablonka.



Charlton Harness Racing Club

The Charlton Harness Racing Club was happy to again host the Wally Churchill Memorial Day on 17th May. It was a great opportunity to acknowledge the involvement and the support given to the club by Wally over many years and terrific to host the Churchill family on course.

Thanks to Wally's sister, Esme Avery, and his son, Kevin Churchill, who made the presentation to winning driver of Form Analyst, Chris Alford. He echoed the sentiments of the club about the importance of remembering those who have pioneered the way for others to enjoy the harness racing industry we enjoy today.

It is an ongoing commitment of the CHRC to continue to honour the families who have had a big impact in the development of the club over the years and to maintain strong ties with them. It is only through these recognition days that we can continue to build on the strong heritage of our club.



Above: L to R: Kevin Churchill, Esme Avery, Joe Thompson & Chris Alford.



Charlton Netball Club

Numbers at the club are lower this year, however those present are doing their best to enjoy the season and ensure all tasks are undertaken to allow everyone to enjoy the game we love.

The start of the season has been a busy one. Round one we played twilight matches at Boort in, for this season, unusually damp conditions. Club members attended a dinner in Wycheproof about raising awareness of Family Violence during the week prior to round four, where we were all encouraged to “take a stand” and “call it out”. Then on the Saturday we played for the “Mount of Prevention” Cup. On May 12, when we played St Arnaud we hosted Pink Sports day. The club put together an amazing raffle. Through sale of raffle tickets, merchandise and donations we were able to raise \$570 for the Breast Cancer Network Australia. Charlton NetSetGo participants had a game against Wedderburn on May 26th. It is always a highlight to see the enthusiasm of our youngest members.

Our 13 & Under team is being coached by Michelle Jenkyn this year. These players are improving week after week and have two wins along the way.

The 16 & Under A team is under the guidance of Kim Fitzpatrick and Claudia Lee. This group of girls is learning more and more about working as a team player and as this develops so too will their match play. This team also has two wins on the board.

Our senior B Grade team alters on a weekly basis, depending on player availability. Many of these players bring much experience to the court which has been a fantastic asset both at trainings and with juniors playing up. While they are yet to bring home a win, the games have been closely contested on many occasions.

Our senior A Grade team, coached by Kim Fitzpatrick, would have to be one of the youngest the club has had on court for many years, with two 13 year olds and three 16 year olds in the team. Each is holding their own and while the scoreboard isn't showing it they are competitive on court and exciting to watch.

The Charlton Netball Club has been represented at North Central Level by Zara Jenkyn, Maddison Fitzpatrick and Abby Thompson in the 15 & Under team, and Lucy Donegan, Claudia Lee and Lara Thompson in the 17 & Under team that was coached by Kim Fitzpatrick. The girls competed in the Strathdale Tournament on April 29th, where the 15s finished 6th and the 17s finished 3rd. The following week at the Golden City Tournament the 15s team finished 3rd in their division and the 17s finished 2nd and lost the

semi-final 10-7. On May 13 the girls travelled to Echuca. The 15s team finished 2nd in their division and narrowly lost the semi-final. The 17s finished 5th. Northern Zone Association Championships were held on May 20 in Bendigo. Both teams played well throughout the day but unfortunately both missed out on finals by percentage. The girls will undertake final North Central representative duties on Sunday June 3 at the Gala Day at Maiden Gully.



Above: L to R. Back—Maddison Fitzpatrick, Abby Thompson, Zara Jenkyn. Front—Lucy Donegan, Lara Thompson & Claudia Lee.



Above: Mount of Prevention Cup: On right, Charlton A Grade Team L to R. Back—Ellie Rae, Lucy Donegan, Liz Riley, Lara Thompson. Front—Claudia Lee, Abby Thompson, Maddison Fitzpatrick.

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Charlton College News

Primary Winter Sports

Last Thursday (3/05/2018), we drove down to Boort to participate in the Winter Sports. We had four sports to choose from, Netball, AFL9s, Newcomb and Hockey. When we got there, we dropped our bags and went to our sport of choice. It was not long before we were in our groups and playing the sport. We had heaps of practice that stuck with us in our sport of choice. Some students won, some students lost, and some students even winning their Grand Finale! It was a great day all round! We all had a lot of fun, and many had naps on the way home. *By Fletcher Holmes-Brown (Grade 6)*



P/1 Excursion to Pioneer Settlement

On Thursday the 17th of May, the Charlton College Prep/1 class went to the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement. The Prep/1s have been learning about past and present school life and have already had an excellent excursion to the Charlton Golden Grains Museum. At the Pioneer Settlement, students had a lesson from Mrs Mogg in the old school, learnt to make rope and had a ride in a horse and cart and old fashioned car. The students loved the experience! Below are some recounts from some of the students who attended the day.

On Thursday the P/1 class, Miss D and Miss Harrison went to Pioneer Settlement in Swan Hill. We went on a horse and cart. We went in an old fashioned car. We did rope making. We did school the old fashion way and had lunch at Lalbert Park. It was really really, really super super fun. *By Anna Fitzpatrick (Grade 1)*

Yesterday P/1 class, Miss D and Miss Harrison went on the bus with Ross. We went to Swan Hill. We went to Pioneer Settlement. We made some rope with the man called Paul. The best thing was the car and the horse. Miss D locked us in jail. It was fun. *By Tamsyn McGurk (Grade 1)*

The P/1 class went to Swan Hill and played games. We did Horse riding and went in the car. We did rope making. *By Attila Clarke (Prep)*

The P/1 class and Miss D and Miss Harrison went to the Pioneer Settlement. *By Marley McGurk (Prep)*



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Charlton College News

Cross Country 2018

Charlton College had their annual House Cross Country on the 8th of May. We would like to congratulate all the individual winners on their hard efforts, and also to everyone that participated. Avoca came out on top with a win of 55 points to Calder's respectable score of 47. *Year 11, Representative*

Individual Results:

Junior Boys (3km) – Patrick Sait 14:13

Junior Girls (3km) – Alinta Marshall 16:50

Intermediate Boys (5km) – Caileb Good 23:00

Intermediate Girls (3km) – Zara Jenkyn 15:44

Senior Boys (5km) – Nathaniel Holmes-Brown 21:30

Senior Girls (3km) – Xanthe Fitzpatrick 16:56.

Mothers' Day Fete

On Thursday the 10th The Charlton College Mothers' Day Fete was held and it was yet again a successful event. With a few changes this year, the day being changed from it regularly being held on a Friday, to a Thursday as student numbers are higher each Thursday. The cold and wet weather called for a last minute change of venue, inside the stadium, which provided the opportunity for all of the stalls to be close to each other and we were able to make use of the stadium foyer. Well done to all of the students (and staff) for all of their work on the stalls, and thanks to the friends and families who supported them. The stalls allowed the students to interact with the wider school community and were lots of fun for everyone involved. A big thank you to the parents and friends who helped out with setting up and other jobs for the day. We would like to thank everyone who braved the weather to come and enjoy this year's fete. *Year 11, Representative*

Winners of the raffles are as follows:

Major raffle: Abby Thompson (REX VIP membership); Lara Thompson (Salon 13 Gift pack); Rachel Lloyd (Country Savers concrete planter); Anthony Judd (North West Ag Dog pellets)

Mother's Day raffle: Penny Van Boven; Plant/Produce raffle: Rachel Lloyd. Children's raffle: Pauline House, Amanda Harvey, Alena Olive & Bernadette Prestwood.

Year 12 English Excursion

On Tuesday the 1st of May, we headed to Shepparton to watch the play of our first text for the year, Medea. Three hours in the bus driven by Miss Harrison, had nearly everything you want on an excursion; sheep on the road, a little car sickness and of course... road works. As a group, we thought it was a representation of what we had read and it covered all the key themes and ideas. After a quality 90-minute display, we hopped back into the bus, grabbed a cheeky kebab and hit the road again. On the way back we had even more drama, as we were approaching Rochester, Miss Harrison informed the group of our petrol situation, thinking we would get back with less than half a tank. We conducted a vote and the decision was made that we must have a little top up. Good thing we did, otherwise we would have been in Borung, with no fuel and no service and quite a hike ahead of us. Overall the day was a good experience for all parties involved and we would like to thank Miss Harrison for arranging the whole day and for driving us. *Year 12, English representative*

Year 12 Biology Excursion

On the 10th May, the Unit 3/4 Biology students went to Federation University in Ballarat for a biology excursion to learn all about Immunology. With the weather approaching the negatives we headed into the faculty of science and technology lecture room. We were treated to an introduction of the day's



plan and a guest speaker from Monash University. He explained to us that immunology is everywhere and is very helpful in the field of fighting infections, cancers and diseases. Many biology puns later we had finished our first work shop and had a short food break. Following the break was our first practical activity in which we were looking at and comparing the differences between a normal knee and an arthritic knee of a mouse. We could see the clear differences with the space of the synapse etc. Soon after we started our second practical activity, which saw us in a new lab completing an 'ELIZA' which is an Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. This practical activity was the favourite of the two and saw us use professional looking pipettes to find which two patients were infected with streptococcus pneumonia. Followed by a series of complicated questions we had finished the last practical workshop.

We then headed back to the lecture room to hear from a well-known scientist who introduced to us the possible working fields that relates to immunology and shared with us her previous and present working roles, of which she meant several years overseas broadening her knowledge and gaining life-long friends. Completing her speech concluded our day at Federation university and we all believe that we learnt a lot to help support our study of immunology. It was a great day and would recommend it to any aspiring biologist. *Year 12, Biology representative*



St Joseph's School News

New Doors at St Joseph's

Last term, many Ballarat Diocesan Schools were audited by Firewatch Safety Results Group to do a health check on the school's essential services. One of the recommendations from the audit was that all exit doors to the school building had to open outwards. Ours opened inwards! Also a strong directive from the findings into the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to child sex abuse, all of the full panel classroom doors had to be changed or removed to be half glass at the top so the classroom could be viewed from outside. Over the holidays, we put in new classroom doors to be compliant with all these directives.....and they look really good!

The Winter Sports

St Joseph's travelled to Boort to play Netball, Football, Minkey and Newcombe ball. Everyone had a great day. There was good sportsmanship, teamwork and we met different people and made some friends from other towns. To finish off the day a few of St Joseph's pupils won in their grand finals of their chosen sports and then we packed up and headed home. I think everyone had a great day. We look forward to next year. *By Nick and Caleb*



Above: L to R. Poppy Fitzpatrick, Annie Olive & Elise Fitzpatrick.



Above: L to R. Member for Ripon, Louise Staley, Ned Zagame, Ellie Chamberlain, Caleb Whitfield, Frank McGrath.

Louise Staley Visits to present new Australian flag.

On Friday 18th of May Louise Staley, the local member for Ripon, came to our school and talked to us about parliament. Then we went outside and she presented a new Australian flag to our school. We sang the Australian National Anthem together and grade by grade we ran our weekly run. After returning from our run the school captains Ned, Ellie and Caleb thanked Louise for coming in person to present us with the flag and wished her all the best and to have a safe trip home. *By Hugh and Ned.*



St Joseph's School News

Mothers' Day Liturgy

On the 11th of May, St. Joseph's held a Mothers' Day liturgy to celebrate Mothers' Day. It was fantastic to see that so many mothers and grandmothers were able to make it. Charlie Zagame and Xavier Good began the liturgy by lighting the candle, this was followed by Darcy Olive doing the sign of the cross. Next, the school performed, 'Love Is In The Air'. Logan then read out the presentation of the gifts, the gifts were brought up by Rosie Fitzpatrick (the basket), Kiara Gough (cake tin), Aria Whitfield and Hollie Gough (bandaids), Tully Bourke (flowers), Clancy Bourke (a love heart), Lila Schofield (money) and Liam Monaghan (lollies). Ethan Soulsby, Amali Fitzpatrick, Jordan Chamberlain, Henry Lanyon, Sam Olive, Isaac Bourke and Seb Zagame read out the prayers of the faithful, which were about our mums, mothers who have gone up to heaven, mothers-to-be and the mums who have taken in children from foster care and/or adoption. After the prayers of the faithful, Hugh Sait read out a story called, 'Trouble With Mum'. Straight after this, Annie Olive read out a Mothers' Day poem. Emmy Nelson then read, 'Mothers' Day Surprise'. Afterwards, a poem was read by Maya Dowell. To end our Mother's Day liturgy, Xavier and Charlie blew out the candle and Darcy did

the sign of the cross. The school waited 3 seconds before yelling out, "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!" Grade by grade, we took our cards and presented them to our mothers. We also showed our mothers the portraits that we had drawn for them. We hope that all the mothers and grandmothers enjoyed and appreciated our Mother's Day liturgy. *By Dayne Bartlett*

Catholic Education Week

This year, Catholic Education Week was held at St Mary's Donald. St Joseph's Charlton and St Patrick's from St Arnaud also attended. The day began with mass, led by Father Eugene and Father Peter. Readings, prayers and gospels were read.

When the mass was over, we all walked back to the school and had recess as well as a quick play before beginning the tabloid sports, led by Luke and Reece from Kaboom Kids Sports. At first we were put into teams with leaders for each team. I was a leader of team 1 with Ellie. The activities included: circus, giant dart board, mini golf, spinning wheel, roller ran bam, javelin, relays, food frisbee, and the ping pong throw.

When the day was over the schools said their goodbyes and left on the buses. All in all, it was a great day to socialize and meet new people. *By Emily Olive*



ANZAC Service

The ANZAC ceremony was held at the Charlton cenotaph and was held on a beautiful morning on the 25th of April.

First it was time to lay their wreaths. First was the Returned Soldiers followed by the Red Cross. Next St Joseph's captains Ned Zagame and Ellie Chamberlain laid the wreath with Nick Thompson, Angus Soulsby, Dayne Bartlett and Emily Olive following close behind. The Charlton College went next with High School captains Trent Cossar and Nathaniel Holmes-Brown and Primary School captains Elliott Fitzpatrick and Fletcher Holmes-Brown. Any locals who wished to pay their respects did after them. When everyone was finished laying their wreaths we listened to the last post.

Then it was time to go in the march. We marched from the Cenotaph to the Charlton Hall where the RSL building is. Who ever wanted to go inside and listen to the speeches could or otherwise we all went our separate ways. *By Angus Soulsby*



Charlton Community Garden Sowing the Seeds of Satisfaction

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

A fresh pick of vegies from the garden is a desired trend these days. So is a basket full of organic produce from a market or wayside stall, though there's often a hefty price tag attached! The rise of community gardens in cities and towns have given people a way of taking back control of their food - what they grow, how they grow it and how they use it. Though many people in Buloke have their own veggie gardens the growth of community gardening and the host of benefits it offers have seen a number of towns establish their own productive and thriving plots. One of these is the Charlton Community Garden - a venture which commenced following the 2011 flood.

Over the past eighteen months the garden has transitioned from its original location on the St. Joseph's Primary School oval to a plot adjacent to the East Wimmera Health Service Charlton Campus off Learmonth Street. A return visit to the garden recently showed just how much progress has been made by the local team of dedicated green thumbs. An attractive entrance now welcomes the visitor and leads into the planter box site which holds around forty boxes of varying sizes. Flower garden beds have been planted out, and sculptures and knick-knacks are scattered around the grounds bringing focus to different areas. A pair of plaster hands rises surprisingly from a garden bed, suggesting an ascending earth creature is about to burst forth! Over further a dovecote stands sentinel in the veggie patch, and a leafy archway spans one of the woodchip mulched paths. The orchard planting of six fruit trees, including a peach, plum, apple, nectarine and two figs is currently on hold due to the fruit fly invasion.

Over a morning cuppa with the members, a rundown of their seasonal plantings reveals an experimental streak which has been brought into the standard vegetable fare. The addition of peanuts, soybeans, butterfly peas, Santa Clause melon and sweet potato leaf have been introduced thanks to the horticultural knowledge of members Joo Ong, Kim Yap, Rachael Hsu and Chris Chiu. This ability to grow product not easily accessible in the region, or which demands a high price is one of the aims of the gardeners.

Nutritional variety is also important. For example, the sweet potato leaf (different from the tuber growing variety) is high in iron, and soybeans are valuable for their protein. The butterfly pea flower, with its intense bluish-purple hue, provides a boost of antioxidants when made into a tea or tisane.

Despite an impressive list of summer plantings (which included Thai chillies, apple cucumbers, banana capsicums, Jap pumpkin and watermelon) the group's spokesperson, Andrew Krogman said that productivity over the past season was somewhat compromised due to poor soil quality - something the group is now working hard to address.

The installation of four worm farms, a compost system built and

maintained by Ian Finlay and Andrew, plus the addition of manure and green crops are some of the measures being taken to overcome this problem.

During the visit members Elaine Wicks, Jen de Araugo, Sandi McDonald, Penny Van Boven and Rachael Hsu were busy carrying out general maintenance and winter plantings. Other active members who were not in attendance on the day include Sue Walsh and Paul Waide, along with those mentioned earlier in the article. All contribute in many ways - be it the extra watering during the summer heat, propagating plants, bringing fresh ideas, or sharing skills. The planter box construction was undertaken by Andrew, with many hours spent on the tin and wood structures. For others it's the knack of knowing how to grow a special plant.

During an informal exchange of gardening tips and recipe hints, the group also expressed their vision for the future with the aim of increasing membership and expanding the possibilities of the new site. With an almost 40% increase in garden area, the wish list includes the introduction of bird-attracting natives, the construction of a pergola for shade, the inclusion of chooks and improving the surrounds for all abilities access. The group is currently in the process of securing funding for travelling between the planter boxes.

Members are hoping that participation in the 2018 Open Garden Day in October will help increase their profile, as well as attracting more visitors and creating a membership boost. As Jen de Araugo explained "People don't have to come and just do gardening. They can come along and enjoy a chat, or make a cup of tea, share some ideas or just enjoy the surrounds."

For anyone interested in joining the Charlton Community Garden meeting times are Wednesdays 9-11am and Saturdays 9-11am with time flexibility according to the season. Membership is just \$5. For more information contact Sandi McDonald -0448 063 579



Above: Going from strength to strength, the Charlton Community Garden is taking shape as dedicated members give their time and expertise to create a productive town plot - pictured (l-r back) Jen de Araugo, Sandi McDonald and Andrew Krogman, (front l-r) Penny Van Boven and Rachael Hsu. Clients at the EWHS Charlton Campus (pictured in the background) are able to watch the development of the garden site.

A Taste for Tea Time



Contributed by Jenny Pollard

A smorgasbord of tea-time favourites greeted those who supported the Biggest Morning Tea in Charlton Thursday 17 May. The annual Cancer Council fundraiser was expertly hosted and catered by the Cabbaritta CWA Branch with all their culinary skills on show. Luscious sponges jostled for space amongst an array of colourful slices, and cake stands filled with delicate morsels provided an alternative to platters of sandwiches and a selection of scones. There was something to tempt the most discerning of palates. While pretty mugs and urns replaced bone china and teapots, the serve-yourself setting encouraged a relaxed atmosphere and allowed the CWA members to draw breath after providing morning tea for many of the local businesses, along with Council staff at the Charlton Shire office earlier in the day.

A generous contribution by Charlton business, Timeless Treasures and Tearooms, the proprietors Annette Sheriff and Bruce Gardner donate all the scones - a service they have now provided for a number of years. As former hosts of the Biggest Morning Tea, the event's growth reached a point

where it became impractical for their business to accommodate the crowd, and CWA were again approached to take up the reins. With the savoury, plain and fruit scones arriving hot from the oven, the wintry morning was made much less gloomy over a shared nibble and hot drink.

A display of small cups and saucers and a miniature ornamental shoe collection added to the surrounds of the Charlton Lions Lodge venue, and drew many admiring comments from the attendees. Amongst the items on show was a midnight-blue and gold cup and saucer set - an authentic reproduction of the service used by First Class passengers on the Titanic. Owned by Bernice Kenny, the striking artefact is a treasured acquisition from the "Titanic" Exhibition held at the Melbourne Museum in 2010.

Thanks to the community's support Cabbaritta Branch Treasurer, Lynne Southwell, was pleased to report an amount of \$581 had been raised from the morning's effort.

Announcing the winners of the Lucky Door prize (Bill Russell) and raffle (May Chester) concluded the formalities of Charlton's busy morning.



Above: *Toasting the success of the morning are (l-r) Jo and Bill Russell, Bernice Kenny, Bernice Whykes, Norma Lang and Gil Gretgrix.*

Junior CWA

On the 11th May 2018. Junior CWA was held at Charlton College in the SLC building and 17 girls enjoyed a lovely afternoon having afternoon tea and making a colourful glass bead bracelet which was a gift for their mother or someone special in their life, the girls were also giving a Mother's Day card to finish the present. The afternoon was finished off playing some fun games which everyone enjoyed. The next Junior CWA will be held on the 8th of June at 3pm in the SLC building. All are welcome.

Right: *Lucinda & Anika Holmes-Brown with their bracelets*



WWI—The Charlton Story: June 1918

WWI—The Charlton Story is a monthly segment produced by the Charlton Golden Grains Museum. It draws primarily on reports and stories from the *East Charlton Tribune* detailing the impact of the war on the Charlton community each month, exactly 100 years ago.

ON THE HOME FRONT

The farming community were off to good start with nearly 10 inches of rainfall in the first five months of the year.

At a large gathering for the Red Cross Annual General Meeting, Mrs Luth was elected President, replacing Mrs Robertson. Other officers elected were secretary, Mrs Storey and treasurer, Mrs Spain. They had raised just over £436 for the year which in today's currency would amount to over \$38,000.

The Charlton State School and H.E.S held a carnival in aid of the Red Cross. Despite poor weather necessitating the cancellation of some events, the carnival proceeded with a procession beginning at the school, making its way up to Clifton Hill and back along High Street and Armstrong Street to the Showgrounds. Several decorated cars and jinkers formed the procession with various themes relating to the war and its allies. A popular participant in the parade was the 'Court of Injustice'—a court set up on the back of a truck with a presiding judge, clerk of courts and two policemen. They later 'charged' and convicted several local identities with a number of humorous offences. The highlight was the court itself being charged and fined for illegally conducting a court. The afternoon continued with stall holders and activities for the children. The entertainment continued in the

evening with a concert, given by the children, involving more than a dozen musical numbers and a scene from Henry VIII. The carnival raised £250. The concert was so popular that a repeat was held the following week at Victoria Hall, again to a packed house.

Euchre parties were in abundance with the party & dance held at Glenloth raising £19 for the Returned Soldiers' Fund. The first prizes for euchre were won by Mr D. Munro and for the ladies, by Miss L. Thompson. The booby prizes went to Miss McKinnon and Mr G. Jolly. Mr D. Flynn carried out the M.C. duties and the music was provided for free by Miss McKinnon (piano) and Mr Munro & Mr P. Pollard (violins).

OUR SOLDIERS

Farewells

A farewell social was tendered at Yeungroon for Private Ron Turner, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ward Turner of Charlton. Prior to enlisting, Private Turner was employed by Mr James Cossar. He was only 18 years old when he enlisted and his young age was a constant theme in the speeches on the night. Many speakers, whilst congratulating Private Turner on his bravery, also lamented the fact that such a young man had to enlist because other older, able-bodied men would not.

Mr Lindsay Jenkyn, son of Mr Thomas Jenkyn of Barrakee, whilst home on final leave, was given a hearty send-off by the Barrakee residents. He would embark on the 5th June with the 4th General (Vic) Reinforcements. His brother, Private Raymond Jenkyn, had already been serving with the Veterinary Corps since early in the war.

Privates Vin Dew and Clem

Curnow were given their final farewells and would depart aboard the same ship as Private Jenkyn. Private F. Gilmore was also included in the proceedings but was returning back to camp and would not set sail yet for some time. His business was listed in the *Charlton Tribune* for sale due to his enlistment.

Returned

Private Thomas Sloper, after two years at the front, returned home to Charlton. One of four brothers to enlist, his brother, George, died in the war in 1915, Fred had recently been wounded and William had returned the previous year.

Staff Sergeant Major Thompson returned from the front in January 1918. He was welcomed home to Glenloth and presented with a medal. In replying he said the medal "*would be treasured through life, richness or poverty, or in whatever state his life was cast.*"

Private Draper, who had enlisted in July 1915, returned home to Charlton. A suitable homecoming had been arranged but he missed his train at Korong Vale and came home on the goods train the following morning.

Sergeant Charles Clark & Private J. Holden were welcomed home at the train station by a good crowd. They were driven to the Shire Hall where they were officially welcomed back by representatives of the Patriotic League. Recently returned soldiers Sergeant Major Thompson and Private Kennedy were also in attendance.

Letters from the Front

In a letter from Brigadier General H. E. Elliott to Mr A. E. Bilton in reply to a request for war trophies for Charlton, he asked to be remembered to all old friends, and remarked that it seemed a far cry from farming in Charlton to commanding a British army; but the old place is in his memory still, and he would like very much to see it again. He stated that "*things are pretty serious here but we are not in the least down hearted. What about those reinforcements. Isn't it up to Australia to get a move on. We cant hold up our end of the rail forever.*"



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Sharing Victoria's Stories & Making Connections

WWI—The Charlton Story: June 1918

Mrs Alf Blaby, of Brighton, and formerly of Charlton, received a letter from her son, Trooper Eric Blaby, of the 1st Anzac mounted troops. Trooper Blaby is well known in Charlton, and his letter, written on April 17th, says:

"Here we are again, but I know you will understand why I have not written before. We have very little time for writing these days; they are trying times for everyone. I've been doing a lot of night work, but I am feeling very good on it all the same. Try not to be too anxious about me, but I don't think you ought to get depressed; it is no good being miserable and making other people likewise. I had a letter from Billy, he was on his way to Weymouth, and said not to write till I heard from him again. Well I think my Paris leave is all off for some time. I was looking forward to it. I don't think I am improving with age, regarding

letter writing. I never have anything to write about. I have seen some awful sights in France, but two nights ago I witnessed the worst. Fritz was over dropping bombs and one landed right on a house. Of course you know what the results were. All the people were buried alive. After a lot of hard work my mate and I rescued five women, and thank God they were all living, but pretty badly knocked about. Some of the other boys got two Frenchmen and a little girl but the three were dead. One of the women we got was taken from the arms of her dead husband who had only come home on leave that night. The women were the bravest I ever had anything to do with. I can't write it as I saw it. This happened just outside Amiens. We were working till two in the morning. Your letter was the first I heard of poor old Harold Ives' death. He will be missed in Charlton.

I've heard nothing of Fred Serpell for a long time. [Fred had just recently returned home]. Well mother, I wonder what you are all doing now. Do you know I've been lying, making dream pictures of you. Of course I know everything is changed to the old days. I will have to be closing now and, mother, I suppose you are somehow a little more anxious about me now, but I am quite alright, as per usual. Well, cheerio. I will be home someday, and as cheeky as ever. P.S. I'm on duty tonight and am writing this out in the horse lines, but I must stop now, as it is too dark to see any more."

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Above: Charlton Red Cross Members 1914—1918. L to R. Back: Mrs D. Windsor, Edith Curnow, Mrs D. Dew, Gladys Proctor, Mrs K Dew, Mrs N. Foreman, Bertha Thompson, Mrs G. Burton, Noble Robertson, Mrs Aitkin, Mrs Waters. Middle: Mrs W. Williams, Mrs Sutton, Mrs J. Sait, Mrs Broadhurst, Mrs Secombe, Mrs T. Judd, Mrs G. Parish, Mrs A. Giles, Mrs Will Wood, Mrs Klunder. Front: Margaret Williams, Mrs Hedger, Mrs A. Robertson, Mrs Storey, Mrs Luth, Mrs S. Wood, Mrs Frahm, Mrs W. Reed, Mrs Cossar. Taken in the grounds of the Presbyterian Church.

CHARTSEC 30th Anniversary

On Sunday May 20th the Charlton Traffic Safety Education Centre (CHARTSEC) celebrated its 30th birthday. 30 years ago on the 18th of May in 1988, the centre was officially opened by Mr Ian Stevens, the Regional Director of the Loddon-Mallee Education region, along with Peter Whykes.

The centre was established from the vision of Laurie Harvie and mainly as a result of a great deal of voluntary work from the community. The land where CHARTSEC was established had been a paddock cropped by the agriculture department of the North Central Technical Centre and before that it was part of the Charlton Common and before that it was the site of the Charlton airstrip.

CHARTSEC Manager, John Harley, welcomed over 70 people who had come to celebrate the achievement. He pointed out to the crowd that during the middle to late 1990's there was a lot of doubt that the centre would see much beyond the 10th birthday, with intermittent Government funding and pointed out that many of the people present on the day fought to create a future for the centre – politicians like Barry Bishop, Barry Stegall and John Forrest and then in the 2000's Peter Walsh and the educational leaders of the local schools of those times. There was the famous Peter Brock public meeting, then some funding by the Brack's Government in the early 2000's, then the problematic Monash university study, but John indicated that the centre continued on to be where we are today. John pointed out to the crowd that over the 30 years more than 17,000 young people have been taught the basic skills of driving – many of them for the first time.

Prior to the official part of the afternoon the public had the chance to participate in a number of activities; driving around the track in one of the cars with an instructor, taking the L's test in the classroom, and watching the driver safety videos in the classroom that were on continual play, viewing the displays – the history, photos, list of schools who have attended, Driver of the Year winners, the display of plans for the extension of the building and the information about the Bill's Trough.

John Harley welcomed the official guests: the 5 Managers who have held that position since 1988 – Laurie Harvie, Barry McKenzie, Graeme Paterson, Brian Heenan and John Harley, Hon. Louise Staley – our local member for Ripon, Hon. Peter Walsh – leader of the National Party and our former local member, Barry Bishop – a former MLC for our area and wonderful advocate in the 1990's and his wife Brenda, and John Forrest, former member for Mallee. A number of other politicians were invited but apologised: Barry Stegall, Andrew Broad, and Jaala Pulford. John then read out a message from Barry Stegall:

"Thank you for your invitation to attend the 30th anniversary of the opening of the Charlton Safety Education Centre, what an achievement. There were many times I thought it would fail but the determination of the College, the business community and the people of Charlton to develop it and keep it going was the reason for its success.

We had many deputations where all thought it a great concept but because it was in Charlton and not a major city Governments were loath to fully commit to this type of valuable asset.

I have often wondered how many lives have been saved from accidents because Charlton was so determined to provide an introductory driver training program to our country students in Central and Northern Victoria and now I imagine much wider.

Unfortunately Sue and I will be in Queensland on that date so will be unable to attend. I really do thank you for remembering me in your invitation list as yours was one of those ongoing battles that many of us fought for because there was such an obvious need which no one seemed to want to address.

Well done Charlton and the current Committee, your achievements will never be properly measured."

Our other invitees were Buloke Shire Mayor-David Pollard and his wife Jenny, Mr Peter Whykes – who was School Council President 30 years ago, Sgt Nigel MacDonald (who was an

apology) but was represented by Leading Senior Constable Brett Walker, Peter Norman (East Malvern Community Bank Chairman - who was an apology), Cheryl McKinnon - Mayor of Loddon Shire (who was an apology) but was represented by Cr Gavan Holt, Michelle Jenkyn (CBA manager—who was an apology) but was represented by Jayne Burton, Inspector Haydn Downs - Local Area Commander – Swan Hill, Gannawarra and Buloke (a late apology), Presidents of our local service clubs – Liz Whykes – Rotary, Neil Cossar – Lions (who was an apology) but was represented by other Lions members, Neil Wright – OASIS; Jon Whykes – Chair of Charlton & District Community Bank, Alan Nicolson – President of Skeeta Grimshaw Touring Motorcycle Club, Sue Walsh – president of NC Garden Club (who was an apology) but was represented by other Garden Club members, Ian Donaldson- Charlton Tyre and Battery (who was an apology), and Mr Peter Davis – former President of the Aust Driver Trainers Association and our mentor (who was a late apology). Merrilee Reid also represented the Northern Grampians Shire. Charlton College School Council President, Kay Cossar, and other councillors and Principal – Kelvin Baird. And representing the ex-driver education students were Charlton College School Captains – Trent Cossar and Nathaniel Holmes Brown.

There were a number of other apologies: Former staff members – Nola Wright, Graeme Lynas, Mary McLoughlan, Kim Fitzpatrick and Peter Moloney and present staff member Rohan Needs. Principals of cluster Schools – Paul Aikman and Christine McKersie. And apologies from Brett Schofield, Bernice Kenny and Robin and Lynne McRae.

History of the centre – Laurie Harvie

Laurie was the first manager, and the driving force behind the establishment of this centre, and Laurie gave the crowd some memories and reflections on CHARTSEC.

Laurie told of how the traffic lights were sourced. "The traffic lights fell off the back of a truck when they were being moved from an intersection in Melbourne. They came without most of the back boards and hoods, but we solved this problem with a larger than usual order of class material of sheet metal for the plumbing department at the Centre.

I also needed a hill, because it is a bit difficult to teach hill starts on flat ground. I suggested to Graeme Lynas that he needed a dam to water his sheep he had for the Centre's Ag department and he agreed. So Lyn Smith came with his dozer and dug the dam that you now see down the back in between this centre and the trotting track. Then one weekend with the help of the shire workers and their equipment and others we pinched the dirt from the dam and built the hill. And I am pretty sure Lyn Smith never charged for digging the dam."

Laurie marvelled at all the improvements that have taken place since he left in 1992 and concluded his address by stating that "all in all CHARTSEC has become a well-equipped, well maintained, well organized and used complex.

For this I can only thank those who did come after me and to them I am very grateful for not only having made this a well-equipped functioning complex but they have maintained the original philosophy and that is to give our young people the skills and most of all the attitude they require to survive the first seven years of driving."

John then spoke of the massive support the centre has received both in the initial stages but also in the last 10-15 years, during which the centre has received minimal Government support, especially on an ongoing basis.

He talked about the centre being devastated by the 2011 flood and since that time has been holding its own in terms of the number of students who attend, but has been so fortunate in the amount of support it has received from such a wide area: The \$45,000 from the East Malvern Community Bank. The \$103,000 that Peter Walsh was able to get for us from Government to repair our roads after the

flood. The \$45,000 since 2011 from our own Charlton & District Community Bank. The contributions from FRRR for the garage and towards a replacement car. The ongoing sponsorships from Donaldson's Tyre and Battery Service and Bendigo Toyota. The ongoing support in terms of physical labour and/or financial support from OASIS, the North Central Garden Club, Skeeta Grimshaw Touring Motorcycle Club, Boral Quarries and Michael Reeves who, together have donated most of the road base that has been used to create a new entrance to the garage and to the car parking area..

Recent events and future plans - New extension and fundraising campaign

John then indicated that in 2017 CHARTSEC piloted with VicRoads, a new Year 10 program called Road Smart and this is now being taken by many schools who attend our centre, including some new schools. These schools participate in the Road Smart program and then stay on and complete our own program that has run for the past 30 years. The CHARTSEC program runs now for 1, 2 or 3 days depending on the different school's choice.

It has become apparent that we need to upgrade our facilities to cater for groups of increasing sizes – possibly up to 36 at the one time. Hence CHARTSEC is developing plans to redevelop our building and the draft plans are displayed here today. Whether these are the final plans will depend on a number of factors.

John announced that today we unveil the campaign to raise money for the project. We acknowledge today the support already of \$5000 each from the Buloke Shire and the Loddon Shire. We acknowledge the grant of \$10,000 from the Commonwealth Bank which we will put towards this project and \$2000 from the Rotary Club. We know that the Lions Club are working on their plans to support us and we have made an application for a Charlton & District Community Bank grant in the current round. John then introduced OASIS President Neil Wright to come forward and Neil announced to the assembly a donation of \$5000 towards the project. John responded, thanking OASIS for their generous donation, as well as the other organisations who have provided financial support.



Above: The presentation of a cheque for \$5,000 from the Charlton OASIS Club was one of the highlights of celebration – pictured (l) Neil Wright (OASIS representative) with John Harley (Manager of CHARTSEC).

John then told the crowd that he has already spoken to both Hon. Louise Staley and the ALP candidate for Ripon, Sarah De Santis in the lead up to the November election about this project. "I am hopeful that we might get some support from Government (whoever wins) for a project and a driver education centre that brings significant economic benefit to our town." John explained the economic benefit CHARTSEC brings to the community. He provided some examples of that benefit over the last 15 years:

Wages and superannuation – over \$1 million. Motor vehicle expenses – fuel and servicing – over \$100,000. Meals and Accommodation for the visiting schools – over \$225,000.

"So we think that we have a strong case for support and we look forward to this important project coming to fruition in the continuing development of this fabulous facility that serves basically the western half of Victoria.", John added.

John then invited Hon. Louise Staley to address the crowd. In introducing Louise, John acknowledged the strong support Louise has given to our community and the interest she has taken in our town and in particular CHARTSEC over the last 3.5 years.

Louise congratulated CHARTSEC for the birthday celebrations and wished it a great future. She told the crowd that although she wasn't in a position to make any announcements today she committed to work with her party and in conjunction with Shadow cabinet, through Peter Walsh, to seek funding for the centre and this project.

Unveiling of the naming of 2 new roads

John then indicated that most of the roads at our centre were named in the early days in recognition of the groups that gave so much time and effort in establishing the centre. Hence we have Shire Road, Lions St, Apex St, Rotary Drive and Amity Court.

He indicated that today we would like to unveil 2 new road names and he invited Laurie Harvie back to do the honours. Laurie unwrapped the two signs. The first one was OASIS Way to commemorate the work this Service Club has made and continues to do for CHARTSEC. The second one was Harvie Lane – his own street to commemorate all his work in establishing the centre. Laurie was surprised but honoured by this recognition.

The new Bills' trough signs were also unveiled but will be the subject of another article.



Above: Recognition of commitment. The presentation of two new signs acknowledging the support of the OASIS Club and recognising Laurie Harvie's vision in the creation and establishment of the CHARTSEC facility – pictured (l-r) John Harley, Neil Wright and Laurie Harvie.

Cutting of the birthday cake – managers

The final task was to cut the birthday cake. John thanked Susan Harley and Rae Heenan who separately made, then decorated the cake. He invited the other 3 managers present to come forward to jointly cut the cake and blow out the candles, after everyone sang happy birthday.

Finally John thanked: all the CHARTSEC staff for assisting with all the preparations, assisting with the activities in the classroom and on the track and for providing the afternoon tea, under the direction of Joy Wright. The OASIS Club who held 2 working bees recently to tidy up the centre in preparation for today. Jenny Pollard for taking photos of the festivities today so we will have a great record of the day. And finally to everyone for coming today to help us celebrate our 30th birthday. He hoped that everyone will be able to return in 10 years for number 40.

The overall message of the day was the wonderful support CHARTSEC has from the Charlton and much wider community. The CHARTSEC team is delighted by the great support on the day and thanks everyone for coming and for your ongoing commitment to what CHARTSEC does: teaching young people the basic skills of driving and most importantly developing a safe attitude to driving.

Charlton Cemetery Trust Bill Round Retires

The Charlton Cemetery Trust members would like to acknowledge and pay tribute to Bill Round who is retiring as a member of the Trust. Bill has had a very long association with the Charlton Cemetery. After the Buloke Shire relinquished its role as the Trustee for the cemetery, Bill became the first chairman of the Charlton Cemetery Trust on the first of April 1997. Over the intervening years Bill has taken on many roles including that of chairman, treasurer and contact person for anything associated with the cemetery. He has carried out his role with great compassion and sensitivity. His knowledge and care for the community will be greatly missed by us all. We wish Bill well.

The trust members are always happy to receive any feedback from the community in relation to the cemetery and its surrounds. Our members are as follows: Peter Watts - Chairman, Glenda Litton - Secretary, Stuart Giles - Treasurer, Kevin and Pat Mathews, Garry Larmour, Bill Crutch, Peter Rogan, Jeff and Mary McLoughlan. The contact person for the ordering of plaques in the lawn section is Glenda Litton.

The Trust has a new contact phone number for all burials and general inquiries - 0418 885 796



St Joseph's Parish News

Catholic parishes in Wycheproof and Nullawil, Birchip, Donald, Charlton and Wedderburn, Boort, and St Arnaud and Banyena districts, currently clustered under the umbrella of the North Central Ministry District, will combine to create a new parish. Fr Eugene McKinnon, Parish Priest, said it is hoped the proposed name will honour Dr Sr Mary Glowrey,

This is one of three new parishes to be proposed in the Ballarat Diocese; a result of declining populations and numbers attending in rural areas, a reduced cohort of Parish Priests available to minister to rural parishes and time consuming administrative duties. The proposal will release the Parish Priest to concentrate on ministry and pastoral care. A formal proposal was presented to parishioners on Sunday 13 May and was open for comment until Sunday 3 June.

There is support locally for the proposed parish to be named for Dr Sr Mary Glowrey, who was born in Birregurra and who spent most of her childhood in Watchem. She won scholarships to the University of Melbourne where she graduated in medicine in 1910 and worked as a doctor at St Vincent's Hospital and in private practice in Melbourne. She established and was the first president of the Catholic Women's Social Guild (now the Catholic Women's League of

Victoria and Wagga Wagga). In 1920, Mary travelled to India after learning of the dire conditions and health of the poorest women and children. In India she joined the congregation of the Society of Jesus Mary Joseph in Guntur and for many years ministered to thousands of patients who could not otherwise have received care. She founded St Joseph's Hospital, Guntur, and the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI). Mary Glowrey is the second Australian to be considered for official recognition as a saint and she was declared a Servant of God in 2013.

Under the proposal Fr Eugene McKinnon and Fr Peter Jose (Assistant PP) will continue in their current roles and the Mass schedule that has been trialled since February 2018 has been updated and fine-tuned and is now adopted as the current schedule. The new parish will have a 'virtual office' linked in to one administration office located in St Arnaud. It is expected that by combining the parishes there will be substantial financial savings in consumables such as stationery, bulletin sheets, office machines and bank fees. Governance will include establishing a finance committee and local committee or pastoral leadership team in each community.



Charlton Indoor Bowls

The annual North Central Indoor Bias Bowls Association Day was recently held at Charlton with teams from across the district enjoying a competitive and social afternoon of indoor bowling. Congratulations to the winning team comprising of Alan Stringer - Boort, Bill Deanshaw - St Arnaud, Bob Proter - Wedderburn and Brad Chester - Charlton.

Left: District Association Indoor Bowls President, Dot Baldwin, presenting the winning team.

From Charlton to Nepal

Trevor McGurk was guest speaker at the Charlton Action for World Development Group AGM on Monday April 30 at the Senior Citizen Rooms.

Trevor and his brother-in-law Don, Don's daughter and her girlfriend had recently returned from Nepal where they trekked the Manaslu Circuit, one of the highest mountains in the Himalayas at over 15,000 ft. The Manaslu Circuit is not as widely known as the Annapurna Circuit and as a result is not as crowded. There are no vehicles, just donkey trains, and the walking tracks are often very narrow and steep.

Nepal is a land-locked country lying between India and Tibet. It's a very poor country with little manufacturing so everything that they can't grow or make is imported. Nepal is the 12th poorest country in the World with approximately 40% of the population living more than 2 km from a road and having no electricity or running water.

Trevor said they had their last taste of meat at Katmandu before they set off. After that Dahl was their main diet, but there was plenty of vegetables and Trevor said the food was good. The Nepalese, especially in the remote part of the country they trekked through, grew vegetables and grains and pulses.

Trevor said their guide was excellent. His English was very good but their 2 porters spoke very little English so they really weren't able to get to know them.

Trevor had done quite a bit of hill training before the trip and coped well with the challenge of trekking about 26 kilometres a day and that he was lucky, only lost his appetite for a couple of days. However of the larger group of 27 foreigners only about 9 didn't get sick.

The walking varied from easy to the hard slog of walking in deep snow and the scary feeling of walking on the edge of a mountain with steep cliffs above and deep valleys below. Landslides were frequent making the narrow paths even more hazardous. They crossed many suspension bridges and couldn't imagine how the locals could cross these bridges carrying loads, or in the dark.

Trevor said two essentials on a trek like this are compulsory helicopter insurance – usually one person is airlifted out every day, and sunglasses. One young man left

his glasses behind one day and suffered severe sun-blindness. He was air-lifted out to Katmandu.

Trevor's talk was accompanied by spectacular photographs. He captured the colourful culture with scenes that evoked biblical times. Scenes of terraced wheat fields ploughed by hand contrasted with houses built after the devastating earthquake, with their bright blue corrugated roofs. There was no cement so drystone walls were a feature. Colourful prayer flags flew in the wind.

Trevor said they were well looked after. The accommodation was good, mostly two to a room except at the top where it was more dormitory style. The squat toilets took some getting used to! Trevor said he was struck by how contented and happy the people were. They were hard-working and they lived close to the earth.

He captured the colour of this culture and the people, and some dramatic views of the mountains, from a dazzling yellow sunrise to the snow white peaks against a vivid blue sky, and a frozen waterfall. He also captured small moments of children and birds and shrines and women squatting as they napped, or crushed the stones. Trevor gave a colourful account of a country and culture we knew little about.



Above: Crossing Larke Pass (5160 meters). They trekked 25 km that day mainly through fresh snow up to half a meter deep.



Above: Trevor in front of the frozen glacial Lake Birendra.

Beautify Charlton

June Update

In our last update, we had hoped to have street information sessions in May, but this has not been possible. At the time of writing this Release the North Central Garden Club is still to have final meetings with the Shire to agree on the trees and layout we propose.

There are 3 important criteria to meet for **Beautify Charlton** to become a reality.

1. Agreement with the Buloke Shire on the trees the Garden Club has proposed. Aside from our initial meetings there simply hasn't been the chance to continue the process but it will happen later in June. The Garden Club proposal involves multiple varieties so that makes the final agreement a bit more involved.
2. Autumn colour, spring beauty and summer shade remain a core objective of the Club, plus to be able to work that into varying locations, nature strips, power lines etc.
3. Funding for the project to cover Stages 1 & 2. We are very confident in being able to fully fund these two stages. The funding process will be explained in depth when presenting to any groups or in the shopping centre. We are hopeful the timing of funding will meet the timeline goals we have set for Stages 1 and 2.
4. Finally, Charlton itself has to agree with the project and show intended support through working bees. These will not be arduous but they will require a hands on approach for soil preparation, planting, watering etc. The working

bees will be highly planned, coordinated and communicated. Based on the feedback we are receiving we are very confident this will be a highly popular and supported 'Whole of Town' project.

With trees still not decided, rather than delay any further it is important for the town to be as informed as possible now, so the Garden Club will be available to explain the project outside The Rex from 10am to 1pm, and 1.30pm to 5.30pm on Wednesday 13th June. All residences and businesses in High St (up to Learmonth St) and Mildura Way will receive notice of the date & times.

From about mid-August through to the end of October nearly every group and organisation will be visited to outline the project and what is involved. During this time there will be at least one more information session in the shopping precinct.

Beautify Charlton is a comprehensive project, a long time in the planning. At its core is beautification but there is much more to the plan. It is firmly directed at our community and its wellbeing. The plan aims to underline our town's spirit, identity and future. We are certain Charlton will be excited by all that is involved once we are in a position to outline those details in full, but that won't and can't really happen properly until we have agreed on the trees and their layout.

Spokesperson for the North Central Garden Club on the project is Robin McRae 0400 522 700.

***Beautify Charlton
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Charlton Community Car

Soon you will be hearing and reading a lot more about the proposed Charlton Community Car. A small working group has been meeting regularly and investigating the options available for Charlton to have its own car for residents to use to get to non-urgent Medical Appointments. The group is undertaking another Community Survey and are launching a Community Fundraising Appeal to raise funds to buy a car.

The committee will release the survey in early June and it will run for three weeks finishing on the 25th June. Survey forms will be available from the Post Office, the Chemist, the District Nurses, the Doctors and the Hospital. Committee members will also talk to the Senior Citizens Club and the Probus Club to garner support for the project and encourage people to respond to the Survey.

Many residents will remember the service provided by the Buloke Shire Council known as the "HACC Car" which was discontinued after the Government withdrew funding support for the service. At that time, a survey was conducted by Charlton Forum Inc. to establish the level of need in the community for a community car to replace that service. While the survey identified a high level of support for the initiative, most people indicated that they were not ready to use the service at that time, consequently the project was put on hold.

"Since that time, the demographic of Charlton has aged," working group coordinator Garry Larmour said. "It is also inconceivable that the Charlton community would be any different to the other Buloke communities (which have already undertaken community car projects) and consequently, it is absolutely vital that we get as many people as possible to respond to the survey to get an accurate picture of the type of service needed and the demand for the service in our community. Birchip, Sea Lake, Wycheproof, and more

recently, Donald, all have cars now and we believe the survey will clearly demonstrate a need in our community as well."

The working group was also very grateful to receive advice from Kelvin Baird, Principal of Charlton College, that they would be prepared to house the car and do the bookings/administration work associated with the program on the understanding that the car will be available for the College to use in its L2P Program when the car is not being used for medical appointments.

"Demonstrating the need is only half the issue, we also have to raise sufficient funds to purchase a car, develop a charge system which will provide for the running of the car and also provide for its ultimate replacement," Mr Larmour said. "To this extent the working group will be launching a Fundraising Appeal with an estimated target of \$50,000 and will do all it can to encourage Charlton organisations and individuals to contribute."

The working group has established a 'Special Purpose Account' at the Bendigo Bank for people to contribute to the appeal and is in the process of linking with another organisation to get Tax Deductible status associated with the Appeal, it is hoped to have this process finalised in the next week or so. People should also note that if for some reason the Car Project does not happen that all monies donated will be refunded.

Mr Larmour said "The committee is very grateful to the North Central Garden Club Inc. for their commitment of \$2,000 to the appeal and I intend to contribute a similar figure because I believe it is a service that is badly needed in our community. Watch this space for the launch of the Appeal."

CWA Cabbaritta Recipe of the Month **Country-style vegetable soup**

225g (8oz/1 cup) soup mix or pearl barley
2 tsp canola or olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
A green capsicum, chopped
2 zucchini (courgettes), sliced
2 celery stalks, sliced
125g (4 1/2 oz) button mushrooms, sliced
2 carrots, sliced
1 orange sweet potato, peeled and chopped
375g (13 oz) pumpkin, peeled and chopped
2 litres (70f/8cups) vegetable stock

Prep time: 25minutes + overnight soaking
Cooking time: 55minutes
Serves 6

1. Put the soup mix or barley in a large bowl, cover with water and leave to soak for 8 hours or overnight. Drain & rinse well.
2. Lightly Heat the oil in a large saucepan and cook the onion for

5 minutes, or until soft. Add the capsicum, zucchini, celery and mushrooms and cook for 5 minutes, or until starting to become soft. Add carrot, sweet potato, pumpkin and soup mix and stir well..

3. Pour in the stock and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to low, partially cover the pan with a lid and simmer for 45 minutes, or until the vegetables and soup mix are just soft. For thinner soup add a little water.

HINT: The soup will keep for 2 days in the fridge or in the freezer for 1 month. Bring to the boil before serving.



COMING ATTRACTIONS



The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society

(M) 124mins | DRAMA

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

A writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island in the aftermath of World War II, when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war.



Life of the Party

(M) 105 mins | FAMILY
Sat 9 JUNE 8pm
Sun 10 JUNE 2pm
Tue 12 JUNE 8pm

When her husband suddenly dumps her, housewife Deanna (Melissa McCarthy) heads back to college - landing in the same class as her mortified daughter!



Crooked House

(PG) 115 mins | MYSTERY

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

In Agatha Christie's most twisted tale, a spy-turned-private-detective is lured by his former lover to catch her grandfather's murderer before Scotland Yard exposes dark family secrets.



Solo: A Star Wars Story

(M) 135mins | ADVENTURE

Sat 23 JUNE 8pm
Sun 24 JUNE 2pm
Tue 26 JUNE 8pm

During an adventure into a dark criminal underworld, Han Solo meets his future copilot Chewbacca and encounters Lando Calrissian years before joining the Rebellion.

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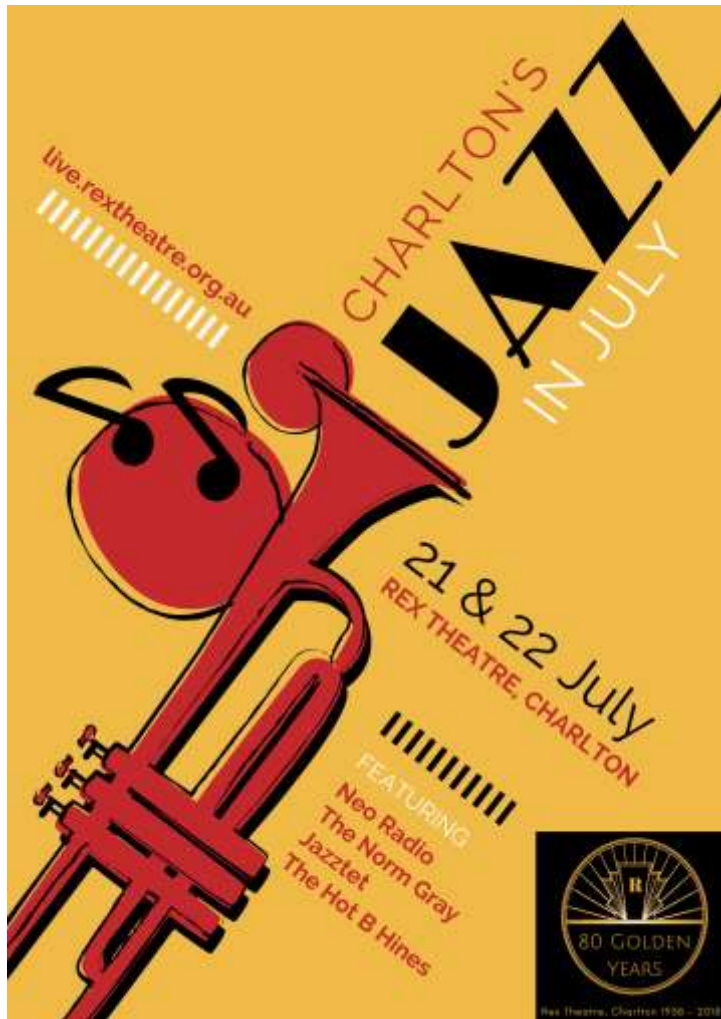
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Charlton Harness Racing Club

Change of date for Cup Day 2019

There has been a major programming change to the Charlton Cup Day next year. We have been allocated the later date of March 17th

– yes **ST. PATRICK'S DAY!** So everyone mark it down now as we are already planning to turn the course green and make the most of this opportunity.

There will also be a big gap in our racing dates for the remainder of the year as planning for the commencement of the 2020 project takes place. Last meeting will be Thursday June 28th and racing will recommence on Wednesday Dec 5th.

Members' Night—Cricket Club Hotel 1st Friday of the Month

A reminder to all members that everyone is invited to attend a casual couple of hours at the Cricket Club Hotel - generous sponsors of the Harness Racing Club, the first Friday of the month.

Happy hour is 5-7pm and nibbles are provided. Kids welcome and the meat tray raffle is drawn at 7. It would be great to see this night continue to grow so please consider popping in as it is occasions such as these that help to build the social aspect of our club.

Social Night Friday July 13th Bus Trip to Ballarat Trots

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Charlton RSL is looking for memorabilia from the Great War, and also from the Boer War, the Second World War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and all other conflicts in which Australian service personnel have been involved, for display in its clubrooms. This could be by way of donation, or permanent loan, or temporary loan for a few weeks before, on and for a few weeks after November 11.

Please check your storage areas and records, and contact us if you have items of interest. These could be: medals, uniforms, letters home from the front, newspaper or magazine articles, photographs, certificates, equipment, models, battleships, tanks, etc. Items connected with local servicemen would be of major interest, but this is not essential.

Please contact Bill Freeman (secretary), Gordon Risk (president), or Bill Young (vice president) with full details.

Thank you all, in anticipation.

Bill Freeman, Secretary, Charlton RSL Sub Branch.

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from 7am Sat – 5.00pm Sunday

Weigh In: 5.00pm SHARP at Clubrooms
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All members to register by placing their names on the registration sheet at the Clubhouse before they go fishing and return for the weigh in at 5.00pm SHARP to pay & measure their fish if any are caught (CARP ONLY FOR JUNIORS)

Prizes for the Longest fish and Longest bag will be given out. (A JUNIOR CARP PRIZE FOR THE BIGGEST AND LONGEST BAG has now been added)

More incentive for the kids will be a prize for participation – just for being there.

More information from
President Danny Blair or
Secretary Kevin Willey

Hope to see you there – good luck
Photos of fish beside a measure will be
accepted, you must be at the weigh in to
qualify.

New Memberships are available, Adult \$10, Junior U18 \$5 and
Family \$15.



Family History Group

Charlton Golden Grains Museum

Invites you to explore your family history with our new monthly family history group. We encourage newbies as well as experienced family historians to join.

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Yes, the Charlton Club is having a fun karaoke evening, and you are invited.

Date: Friday June 15
Time: from 6pm till late

The emphasis will be on having some fun and not too serious, so get a few friends together and come and join us. A good selection of songs from party favourites, country and western and pop will be available to choose from. We hope to see you there.

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Rnd 2. April 21 v Donald FC (H)
Rnd 3. April 28 v Birchip Watchem FC (H)
Rnd 4. May 5 v Wycheproof Narraport FC (A)
Rnd 5. May 12 v St Arnaud FC (H)
May 19 Interleague NCFL v Southern FL
Rnd 6. May 26 v Wedderburn FC (A)
Rnd 7. June 2 v Sea Lake Nandaly FC (H)
Bye June 9
Rnd 8. June 16 v Boort FC (H)
Rnd 9. June 23 v Donald FC (A)
Rnd 10. June 30 v Birchip Watchem FC (A)
Rnd 11. July 7. v Wycheproof Narraport FC (H)
Bye July 14
Rnd 12. July 21. v St Arnaud FC (A)
Rnd 13. July 28. v Wedderburn FC (H)
Rnd 14. August 4. v Sea Lake Nandaly FC (A)
Rnd 15. August 11. v Boort FC (A)
Rnd 16. August 18. v Donald FC (H)
1st Semi Final. August 25.
2nd Semi Final. September 1.
Preliminary Final. September 8.
Grand Final. September 15.

Bereavement Thank you

Kevin and Monica Livingston and family sincerely thank our friends for your kind thoughts, food, cards, visits and phone calls. We acknowledge too, those who were able to attend the funeral mass at Swan Hill of our much loved son and brother Patrick.

*God has him in his keeping—
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The Wimmera Regional Library Mobile Library will cease providing library services in Buloke Shire on the following days.

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St Martin's Messenger

We will remember the Birth of John the Baptist this month on Sunday 24 June. It is interesting that in the southern hemisphere we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist close to the time of the winter solstice, when the sun is at its lowest point in the sky, while Christmas falls at the summer solstice, when the sun is highest. This aligns well with the fact that John's role is as someone who decreases as Christ increases. *John 3:29-30 "He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less".*

Something in our being seeks to be recognised and appreciated. It is nice to be noticed for the good things that we do. But, few people get the credit that they deserve. Many, just like John the Baptist, undertake ministry on a daily basis to others around them, but are seldom recognised for their efforts. Like John's ministry, our ministry is of tremendous importance in preparing for the future of our church, our community and our world. If John the Baptist had not prepared the people around him with a spiritual revival that emphasised repentance from sin, baptism, and forgiveness, Jesus' could not have built on this strong foundation. John knew that it did not matter whether or not people appreciated him. He did not want recognition or fame. He wanted to point people to Jesus who was coming. He wanted everyone to know about Jesus, not about him, to join him in being faithful to the God who calls us to the ministry of preparation so that His work can go forward.

June 2018 Worship Times

June 3	11 am Morning Prayer	Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 10	9 am Morning Prayer	Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 17	11 am Holy Communion	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 24	11 am Visit to Uniting	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 1	11 am Morning Prayer	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Charlton Uniting Church

Church Times

Sunday June 3 rd	11.00 AM	U/C to St. Martin's.
Sunday June 10 th	11.00 AM	Frontier Services.
Sunday June 17 th	11.00 AM	Worship team
Sunday June 24 th	11.00 AM	Rev. Jon Watson H/C
Sunday July 1 st	11.00 AM	U/C to St. Martin's
Sunday July 8 th	11.00 AM	T.B.A.

We were sad to farewell Rev. Veronica and Grace in May and wish them well at their new placement at Wangaratta. Currently the process to obtain a new minister will be under the guidance of Presbytery. The manse has been rented in the meantime.

St. Joseph's Mass Times

Saturday June 9 th	7.00pm	Sunday June 17 th	8.30am
Sunday June 24 th	8.30am	Sunday July 1 st	10.30am

Charlton Red Cross

While our former branch is now a 'Friends of Red Cross group' we continue to meet and support the humanitarian work of Australian Red Cross.

It is a little way off yet, but we will have a Big Bake stall in August so put this in your diaries.

Charlton A & P Society

We are thrilled to have a couple of new ladies interested in assisting with the Pavilion work and encourage any others to contact a member of the committee if you would like to become involved in any aspects of the Show which is on October 20th this year. There is always plenty of jobs for folk! And it is great fellowship and a good way to meet others.

Charlton Croquet Club

The Charlton Golf Croquet players held a Social Day on Thursday May 17th. Although the weather was not very kind, a cold wind but dry day, the twenty eight players who came from Donald, Eaglehawk, Golden Square, Swan Hill and Charlton were very eager. Four games of thirteen hoops were played. The morning play winner was our local, Val Bourke, with 16 hoops. The afternoon winner was Keith Bell (Eaglehawk) with 17 hoops. All day play runner up was Judy Merret (Eaglehawk) with 33 hoops and the overall winner was Joan Loorham (Eaglehawk) with 35 hoops. The secret score winner was Mandy Greiner, a new player for Charlton. Another new player for us, Joy Freeman, had a hole in one. Joy also won the chook competition.

The Murray Valley Croquet Association (MVCA) held its AGM on Tuesday 8th May at Swan Hill. President Julie Notting reported on a rewarding year. Charlton Croquet Club is in office for the next 2 years. The following office bearers were appointed: President – Janet Richardson, Vice President – Barb Dalrymple, Treasurer – Patricia Mathews, Secretary – Anne Kenny. A major event to be organised by the MVCA next year will be the 4 day Victorian Country Regional Association Croquet Championships.

North Central Garden Club

The May meeting of the garden club welcomed Amy Nicolson from North West Ag speak and present the Neutrog products.

The company commenced the manufacturing of the organic products in a small factory in the Adelaide Hills South Australia in 1988.

Neutrog has since grown to become the largest manufacturer of its kind, distributed throughout many retail stores, available at North West Ag in the Industrial Estate Charlton.

Like humans & animals plants require regular feeding throughout the year at least in each season, making the plants more resilient to pests, diseases, frost etc. Among the vast range of products there is Sudden Impact, Bush Tucker, Go Go Juice, Rocket Fuel and many more. Amy was able to answer questions from the members.

The competition best bloom 1st Jeanette Wain, 2nd Bernice Kenny Winter Vegetable 1st Sue Walsh

The June Meeting is Tuesday 26th at 2pm at the Lions Lodge. We will be having a Plant Auction members to bring at least 3 or 4 plants please.

Something to put in your diary for the July meeting—the Club will be travelling on Starts Bus to Bendigo to the Pepper Green Farm. We will depart at 9am from the Travellers Rest on Tuesday the 24th and will return at 2:45 pm. Interested people wanting to join us can contact Bernice 54911334 or Sue 0407 140 336 for further information.

Charlton Bowling Club

Charlton Bowling Club Inc AGM saw a change of Presidency from Patty to Russel [Rusty } Round. Kevin Willey remains as Secretary, Nugget as treasurer, the Committee remains with Richard Porter, Neil Cossar, Ken McGurk, Peter Watts, Patty Saltmarsh.

We wish you all the best for the season 2018-19, a busy season which will lead into our Centenary year season 2019-20.

Season 2019-20 will see us publish a book, have a tournament and a dinner to celebrate turning 100.

Information and photos are still being sort for inclusion in the book. If you can help, or have a tale or two to tell please contact Patty on 0438 025 530. If you would like to be included in any or all events please let me know. {Patty}.

Just a reminder about winter bowls. We travel to Wycheproof every Wednesday meeting under the bridge at 12:20 to share cars. And we play at Boort every second Saturday, again meeting 12:15 under the bridge. The other Saturdays are home games with names in by 1pm at the latest with games commencing at 1:15. A small plate of afternoon tea to share would be appreciated.

New and interested people are always welcome and winter is a good time to learn.

Indoor Bowls is also underway with Tuesday nights at 7 pm and Sundays from 1pm. Go along and have a look and perhaps try your hand.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Upmarket
3	4	5 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	6	7 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	8	9
10	11 Angling Club Meeting 8pm	12 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	13	14 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	15 Karaoke at the Club From 6pm	16 Charlton Angling Comp (see notice inside)
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24	25	26 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm NCGC, Lions Lodge, 2pm Plant Auction	27	28 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	29	30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Mud & Blood 12:30 & 6pm	3 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	4	5 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	6 Lions Changeover at Motel 6:30pm for 7pm	7 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
8	9	10 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	11 Dinosaur Time Machine	12 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	13 Powell Bros at the Club, 7:30pm	14 The Kazoos Shire Hall, 11am