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PREPS 2020



Above Left: St Joseph's Prep Students 2020. L to R—Maddison Jovica, Flynn Zagame, Archer Riley, Finn Schofield, Maddie Lanyon.

Left: Charlton College Prep Students 2020. L to R—Alexander Hughes, Connor Caine, Amber Gough & Cody Jenkyn.

Above: Charlton College students commenced the new school year on Thursday 30th January. In 2020 student numbers are similar to 2019 with 130 students enrolled. The College welcomes 4 new staff. Claire Blower (left), English/Health; Bethany Shearwood-Boyd (centre), Psychology, English and Humanities and Fiona Hall (right), who is a member of our FLO, (Flexible Learning Options) program. We also welcome back Ken Round on a Thursday who is teaching Building & Construction.

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*Editorial
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the first edition for 2020.

Congratulations to all of the Charlton Australia Day awardees—John Harley, Angel Grylls & the organisers of Girls Night Out. In particular a big congratulations to Angel who also won Buloke Young Citizen of the Year. A terrific achievement.

On the ranch things are already getting busy. The rainfall received in the last couple of weeks will see a few tractors out and about and a lovely crop of summer weeds. We are hoping for another good year—especially when so much of the country is struggling. We feel very fortunate.

Clinton & I had a few visits to Melbourne with the boys. Justin is now in the UK and will spend the next 5 months back packing through Europe. Nick will start uni at Deakin in Burwood at the end of the month. Our nest will be empty once again.

I have a busy year ahead with another book in the pipeline. (I don't know how to say no!). This time I will be immersed in croquet history and am looking forward to it.

Looking forward to sharing all your news in 2020.

Cheers

Carolyn

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Upcoming Events

- David Helfgott @ the Rex
Sat 8th February
- Charlton Film Festival
Fri 28th & Sat 29th Feb
- Saloon D'Art
Fri 6th March
- Uniting Church Market
Sat 7th March
- Charlton Cup
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Charlton Harness Racing Club

At times it felt as though we would never see our beautiful horses on the Charlton track again – and the heat ensured that we had to wait an extra couple of days, but finally on December 22nd the Charlton Harness Racing Club was so happy to welcome members, guests and racing participants from far and wide to the first meeting in our new complex, track, stabling and landscaped areas.

And we could not have been prouder of our club and our town.

We were thrilled to share the moment with members of the 2020 Committee, in particular John Harley who has invested so much of his recent life into this project. Great also to have Fr. Glasheen on course to help with the official opening of the track. We noticed a liberal sprinkling of the holy water on our Junior Members – not sure what to make of that!!

It was particularly pleasing to see so many guests visiting Charlton and keen to inspect the new complex – all were suitably impressed and generous in their praise of the new facility.

It is our hope that the club can now attract regular visitors to our race days to enjoy a day in comfort and experience the excitement of harness racing.

Thank you to all our local contractors and volunteers who worked so hard within a tight time frame to get the surrounds looking as good as possible ensuring a successful day.

REMINDER DATES

CHARLTON CUP DAY – SUNDAY MARCH 15TH

DJA DJA WURRUNG CUP DAY – MARCH 29TH

RAFFLE NIGHT RETURNS TO THE CRICKET FRIDAY 7TH FEB

Please join us for a social drink and raffle at the Cricket Club Hotel
5.30pm onwards.

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Above: Re-opening meet. L to R—Anthony Judd, Kim Thompson, John Harley, Mayor Carolyn Stewart, Joe Thompson.

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Film Festival Not Far Away

The Charlton Arts group is delighted to announce the 28th Charlton Film Festival on February 28 & 29 at The Rex Cinema Charlton. I'm sure many of you have already marked these dates in your diaries and on your calendars and you'll be counting the sleeps until this feast of film, food and fun!

As well as the five main films this year you'll have the opportunity to view three multiple award-winning short films by director Natalie Van den Dungen after each of the daytime films on Saturday ranging from 4-10 minutes in length.

There's a great selection of films this year starting with **A Boy Called Sailboat (PG)** on Friday at 8 pm. A Hispanic family find hope in their extraordinary son named Sailboat who leads an offbeat cast in this whimsical, slightly magical tale about a young boy and his guitar. You'll find this a joy to watch. It's directed by Australian filmmaker Cameron Nugent who'll participate in a Q&A following the film's screening.

Cameron Nugent's first television appearance was in an advertisement at the age of 12. Soon after he found himself with a lead role in the children's television series, Round the Twist. This led to a string of roles and from television he progressed to films. Later at university he directed his talents towards television and film production and he was soon writing, producing and directing.

On Saturday morning at 11 am we open with **Woman At War (M)** Halla risks all she has to protect the highlands of Iceland against the powerful forces of industry but her life changes when she is finally granted permission to adopt a girl from the Ukraine. The short film is **Bunny New Girl** (6 min)

After lunch at the Charlton Club we have **The Farewell** at 2 pm. Bill's family returns to China under the guise of a fake wedding to say goodbye to their beloved matriarch – the only person who doesn't know she only has a few weeks to live. The warmth and

genuine feeling stays with you. The short is **Sherbert Razencrantz, You're Beautiful** (10 min)

The next film at 4.15 pm is a documentary **Amazing Grace** featuring Aretha Franklin as you've never seen her before – an electrifying performance at the New Bethal Baptist Church in Watts, Los Angeles in 1972. The short is **Let it Out**, a music video featuring Magda Szubanski (4 min)

The closing film of the festival on Saturday night at 8 pm is **The Peanut Butter Factory** an adventure story set in the world of a modern Mark Twain. After running away from a nursing home to pursue his dream of becoming a pro wrestler, Zac, who has Down Syndrome, befriends an outlaw who becomes his coach and ally. The feel-good movie of 2019.

One of the highlights of the festival is the gathering together in the in-between times to stretch your legs, and your minds, as you enjoy gourmet food and chew the fat about the film you've just seen.

You can see all five films and enjoy lunch on Saturday and suppers on Friday and Saturday nights for \$80, the cost of a season ticket. Saturday tickets at \$70 will give you four films plus lunch and supper. Saturday lunch and one film is \$22. Friday and Saturday night tickets for film and supper are \$20 and single film tickets are \$12.

Tickets are available at the Charlton Pharmacy 23-25 High St 54911521 or Jo Russell 54911528.

The Charlton Film festival has become a highlight of the year for locals and for many people who come for the weekend and who come back year after year bringing their friends. They come from all around the district and across the state. So book your tickets and get ready for a fabulous weekend.

Beautify Charlton - February Update

This year will prove to be a busy year for **Beautify Charlton**. There will be a lot happening.

Watering is progressing very well. Valuable community members have come forward and put their hands up to help. I won't embarrass them by naming them just now but you will see them watering in High St. Many, many thanks for helping this important project along the way.

We are also confirming with individual householders those who will continue to water 'their own' trees. This will prove important as Mildura Way happens this year and the watering commitment will be more significant.

Replanting of destroyed and damaged trees will take place whilst the weather is still warm and before dormancy sets in with the aim of keeping them as close as possible to the original plantings.

During the year, probably in the coming months, the other aspects of **Beautify Charlton** will be canvassed throughout the community.

- Town Signage. The community will be asked for their thoughts on signage proposals. It is important all of us feel a part of this.

Aside from Facebook, general promotion will be significant so all have the chance to be involved.

- Charlton's Notables. Feedback and input will be sought on proposals to be put before the community. More updates will follow in 2020.

It is best to concentrate on the positives and this year will be a very positive year for the project. Nevertheless the vandalism which has occurred must be mentioned. Thanks to all the community groups & organisations who so willingly added their names to the recent letter box drop, sorry Charlton 2020 for somehow missing your acceptance. The support of all says so much about our community. Apologies also to Cabbaritta CWA for missing you as financial supporter, missed that important detail in the rush I'm sorry.

More information to come throughout 2020.

Follow us on Facebook @beautifycharlton.

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

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Charlton Probus News

Christmas was celebrated with lunch at the East Charlton Hotel, with Christmas Carols accompanied by Gill, the hat competition was well patronised. December birthdays were Pat Lee, (Kath Bourke & Sue Walsh absent). New members welcomed were Denise Winsall, Di Field and Val Sultana.

Charlton Probus Meeting January 10 2020

Birthdays for January Denise Winsall, Di Field and Isabelle Roberts.

Guest speaker David Hines spoke of his love for his dogs, he had been fortunate to have dogs as company, dogs for sheep, and cattle on the farm, dogs for recreation (sheep dog trials).

His two life long hobbies Music and Working Dogs both started at the same time - While droving, strumming his banjo and hay carting, the dog would jump on his back and ride on along on top of the load of hay.

His first dog trial was at Wycheproof in 1970. Then in 1975 he won his first Open Trial and in 1978 won Pairs at Melbourne Show. They were big events 250 dogs in Open and 120 dogs in Novice, with between 1500 & 2000 sheep involved.

In the early 1980's David had a good team - coming 1st & 2nd at Payne 1983 American Cup.

While the Jazz Band the 'Hot B Hines',

were doing well, he stopped competing in Dog Trials

Then in early 2000 David was asked to do demonstration, it felt good, so he bred a litter of pups and started training.

A defiant high point of his career while representing Australia was doing a trip with John (son) and the baggy green blazer, judging all major sheep dog trials in Victoria and a few in other states.

Low point Bill Marshall (dog) fell down dead on the trial ground, Danny Boy (another dog) left the sheep and ran directly to him.

David always worked dogs he had bred himself, he paid service fees to owners of good male dogs.

David then entertained us with his banjo before enjoying morning tea.

The AGM of Charlton Probus will be held on Friday 13th March at the Charlton Shire Hall Supper Room. All Positions vacant.



Far Left: Eily Rosewall thanking David Hines

Left Top: January birthdays—Isabelle Roberts, Denise Winsall & Di Field

Left Bottom: Joe and Margaret Biffra (guests) enjoy Probud Christmas lunch

Above Top: New Members—Denise Winsall, Di Field and Val Sultana

Above: Pat Lee December Birthday

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St Joseph's Welcomes Fr Jim

St Joseph's Community welcomed Fr Jim to Charlton with a luncheon on Sunday, 2nd February 2020. Please read below to find out more about Fr Jim.

Hi, my name is Fr. Jim McKay. I was born and raised in Colac; the youngest of 11 children, comprising 5 boys and 6 girls. My father's income was derived principally from growing potatoes for a local merchant who imported /exported and wholesaled a range of fruit and vegetables such as garlic, oranges, potatoes and onions to name a few. Personally, I went to St. Mary's Primary school and completed my HSC at Trinity College in Colac receiving the Religious Education and Politics awards in Year 12. I began a course in Commerce at Deakin University but deciding that wasn't for me; ultimately I settled into selling car spare parts at the local Holden Dealership (*Parker Brothers*) which lasted for 13 and a half years.

Before entering into the seminary (where you basically learn 'how to become a priest'), I played football for the CDFL clubs Otway Districts and Alvie where my last game was a reserves grand

final win in 1992. I then took up football umpiring where I have officiated in the Geelong; Hampden; Colac & District; (*now defunct*) Heytesbury; Central Highlands and Sunraysia Football Leagues. I played cricket for around 17 years at the Colac Cricket Club winning 3 flags in the process. I am a strong follower of the Richmond Football Club ("*Go Tigers*")!

I enjoy fishing; walking; following politics – local and abroad – and most things sporting. I have been Ordained a Catholic priest for 10 years serving the parishes and surrounding areas of Mildura (3 half years); Ballarat Cathedral (18 months) and Robinvale for the past 5 years. I am very excited in the opportunity to start my new journey of service throughout the Mid-Murray areas from (*east to west*) Charlton to Birchip; and (*south to north*) St. Arnaud to Quambatook ... and all areas in-between. I've been here only 2 weeks and have really enjoyed the hospitality; joviality and fair dinkum 'down-to-earth Aussie positive attitude of the locals! I look forward to seeing many of you around on my travels!



Father Jim—seated fourth from left.

Charlton Rotary Christmas Lights Comp

Many Charlton residents and businesses brought sparkle and added Christmas cheer to the streets of Charlton during Charlton Rotary Christmas Lights Competition.

Charlton Rotary Club is very pleased with the effort the residents of Charlton put into this competition as there were twinkling and coloured lights, candy canes, Christmas trees, animals and Santas throughout the town.

Everyone who puts up Christmas lights brings much delight to everyone.

Let's keep the magic of Christmas alive once again next year by Lighting Up Charlton.

Congratulations to the winners:

Best Decorated Home – Margaret White, 9 Donald Road, Charlton

Best Shop/Window - Country Savers - 79-83 High St. Charlton

Best Santa – McGurk Family, 27 Davies St. Charlton

Most Elegant - 10 Watson St. Charlton

Right: Janine Oldfield is being congratulated by customer Karel De Jong on winning the best decorated shop window section of the Charlton Rotary Christmas Lights competition. Janine decorated 2 large windows at her business, Country Savers. Janine planned her extensive display around the traditional Christmas theme with a Christmas tree, Christmas wishes, Santa and presents highlighted by draping lights.



Saloon D'Art Summer Edition

The second Saloon D'Art evening reminded us of not only what amazingly talented people lay hidden in our country communities, but also supported the empirical evidence-based view that the arts can make a vital contribution to our wellbeing.

The laughter, the chatter and lively discussion both pre and post the event highlighted the potential that arts have to bridge the worlds of different people, how we can engage our imagination and create wonderful experiences that can be shared by everyone.

The evening commenced with Darren Mills discussing his diverse range of pieces on display. Darren described his art as 'impressionist', where artworks portray overall visual effect instead of details. He had a range of mediums from graphite zebras to pastel pups and amazing oil/acrylic pieces of a baboon and a Namibian Tribeswoman. Darren's work is heavily influenced by his experiences as a game ranger in Africa. For those who missed seeing Darren's work live they can be viewed at Darren Mills Art on Facebook.

Bruce Gardner commenced the live performances reciting some poetry. Bruce explained how his poetry had developed from writing lyrics for his band, many years ago. Bruce had the audience captivated as he delivered pieces inspired by a trip to Tasmania, the audience silently sat in contemplation as Bruce delivered his works.

Natasha Saunders was the guest speaker for the evening. Natasha played a video showcasing photographic work produced by her Charlton College Year 8 class, overlaid with the music that inspired it 'Streets of your town', by the Go-Betweens. She explained the process students undertook, from analysing the lyrics, learning about photography angles and techniques, and peer reviewing to select their final pieces. The students' photographic exhibition is currently on display at the Court House Gallery and all pieces are available for sale with money going directly to the students.

The evening then turned musical with Imogen Stewart commencing the entertainment. Imogen regularly graces the Rex stage for school performances. Completing school weeks earlier Imogen rushed from work to perform her first 'adult gig'. She delighted the audience playing the ukulele and singing sweetly, with 'Hey there Delilah', a crowd favourite.

Heidi Gibbeson, a first-time stage performer, chose a range of countries for inspiration for her song selection. She commenced with a delightful song from the Andes, then skipped to America and Ireland. Her version of Celtic song 'Spirit of the Moon', had the audience enraptured and there is no doubt that this will be the first of

many appearances on stage for Heidi and her guitar.

Father Peter Jose took to the stage next and delighted the audience by playing his organ and singing Bollywood songs. Fr. Peter explained his Indian heritage and his love of music. Although the audience did not understand the lyrics they were clapping to the tune and dancing in their seats. Fr. Peter is moving to Robinvale and this was the final chance to enjoy his entertaining music, which was appreciated by all.

The evening concluded with a big finale. Rex Theatre resident pianist Dana Czarski had kindly rushed home from Melbourne to accompany the final act Kyle Postlethwaite. Kyle is currently studying a Bachelor of Music Performance at Monash and while the Steinway was being manoeuvred into position, he delighted the crowd with two pieces arranged by his lecturer. Then the stage was set for the big finale Jimmy Dorsey's 'Oodles of Noodles'. Written in 1933, for The Dorsey Brothers Orchestra (including Glenn Miller), this piece showcases the saxophone, which Kyle has been playing since 11. The song's length of nearly 4 minutes at an upbeat tempo is incredibly difficult but Kyle made it look so easy and entertaining and everyone in the audience was incredibly impressed.

The evening concluded with everyone partaking in a drink and enjoying a chance to chat about the performances in the lovely Rex Theatre foyer over supper.

Charlton Neighbourhood House, Charlton Arts and Charlton Forum combine to present Saloon D'Art and appreciate all the performers giving their time and talent and everyone in the audience for supporting. Behind the scenes Rex President Hayden McKinnon was working lights and technology and committee members were serving drinks and supper, so thank you to

everyone involved in making the evening come together and be so enjoyable.

Saloon D'Art is held on the first Friday of every new season, with the next performance 6th March at 7.30pm at the Rex. Performers details are listed closer to the event in the NH window. If you would like to be involved pop into the Neighbourhood House for a chat.



Above: Heidi Gibbeson



Above: Artist Darren Mills pictured with one of his artworks and wife Lori, son Shepherd and in-laws Brendan & Marie Bryne.

Charlton Celebrates Australia Day

Contribute by Jenny Pollard

A sizeable crowd was on hand to acknowledge the contributions made by community members and organisations at the recent Australia Day ceremony in Charlton.

The announcement of local awards – Citizen of the Year – John Harley, Young Citizen of the Year – Angel Grylls and Event of the Year – Girls Night Out – received spontaneous applause, along with recognition of Youth community contributions and a welcoming presentation to the Newcomers to the town.

Guest speaker - Christine Crosby (Red Cross – Community Mobilisation Team Manager/Victoria) gave a detailed and insightful account of the work of the Red Cross, with a specific emphasis on the logistics and collaborative input of the organisation's involvement with the ongoing East Gippsland bushfires.

While Australia Day acknowledges the best of our local communities it also provides a fine example of the bonds that unite, with clubs – Cabbaritta CWA, Charlton Forum, Lions and Lions Ladies, RSL, plus many individuals - pulling together to make this event the success it is.

Perfect weather conditions made sharing the outdoor Aussie breakfast an ideal opportunity to catch up on news and sports talk, before the crowd joined together for the singing of the National Anthem and the flag raising which was carried out by RSL members Bill Freeman, Gordon Risk and Bill Young.

Moving into the hall for the formalities, Cabbaritta CWA representative and local Red Cross volunteer, Janet Stafford, opened proceedings, acknowledging Buloke Councillor, Bronwyn

Simpson, guest speaker, Christine Crosby and Charlton Forum representatives, Alan Getley and Garry Larmour.

Musical interludes during the ceremony were provided by the Charlton Choir under the leadership of Gil Gretgrix.

Cr. Simpson announced the Buloke Australia Day awards which appear as follows – Citizen of the Year – John McConville, Young Citizen – Angel Grylls, and Event of the Year – Birchip B & S Ball.

The accompanying pictorial coverage captures the highlights of Charlton's special day.



Above: Charlton Citizen of the Year, John Harley, is pictured with his wife, Suzanne (l) daughter Megan (r) and granddaughter Tessa following the ceremony. John emphasized the exceptional level of volunteerism in Charlton, along with the importance of support from community and family in acknowledging his award.



Above: Charlton Event of the Year was the Girls Night Out run by the Charlton Play Group. Pictured are (l-r) Lauren Riley (Secretary), Abby Mulquiny (President), Bree McPhee (Event Co-ordinator) and Katelyn McIntyre (Treasurer).



Above: Acknowledging youth contributions, recipients of the Youth Recognition Awards are: (l-r) Dora McGeown, Cobi Fitzpatrick, Rose McGeown and Maddy Fitzpatrick.



The crowd takes part in the singing of "I Am Australian" led by the Charlton Choir under the leadership of music co-ordinator Gill Gregtrix.

Charlton Celebrates Australia Day



Above: Angel Grylls was named as both Buloke and Charlton's Young Citizen of the Year, committing to working with and supporting youth initiatives, providing community service as a projectionist at the Rex Theatre and being a pivotal member of CWA Juniors and as an assistant with the adult CWA Branch. Angel is pictured with Charlton Forum Chairperson Alan Getley.



Above: Welcoming newcomers to Charlton – new residents were presented with welcome packs from the Charlton Forum.

Golden Grains Museum News

Hello everyone and welcome to another year of museum news and updates. Even though we were closed for a few weeks over the holiday time, we are all back on duty now receiving visitors and researching Charlton's history.

Looking back at last year, our small group achieved a lot of goals with our archiving and storage plans, but still our work goes on.

A big thank-you to everyone who supported our visits across to Donald for our Bingo nights. As well as being a lot of fun, it is a valuable source of funds that go toward the museum's work. Dates for Bingo in 2020 are Feb 27th, May 14th, Sept 10th & Nov 12th.

Also looking ahead, plans are being made for a few day trips throughout the year. We hope that you can join us when these are announced.

Next month will have the return of our popular mystery and feature items.

Remember that we are open every Sunday between 11am and 3pm or by appointment. Also we always welcome new members to join us in preserving the town and district's history. Contact one of the numbers below for more information or to arrange a visit. Anne (President) 0408547973, Carolyn (Secretary) 0418361971, Markus (Vice President) 0413129216.



Charlton Croquet Club

Exactly when the Charlton Croquet Club was formed has not been recorded but in an article in the East Charlton Tribune on 31st December 1879 about Christmas in East Charlton it reports "the newly-formed croquet club enjoyed their pleasing pastime to their hearts' content on the chosen ground near the State School."

Later in the Year the Charlton Croquet Club will celebrate the many years Croquet has been played in Charlton since 1879. We hope to produce a book outlining the achievements of our club. If you have any photos, stories or memorabilia which we could use could you please contact Secretary Val Bourke or Anne Kenny (0408547973) or charltoncroquet@gmail.com.





Charlton College News

Charlton College Presentation Night

School captains, Xanthe Fitzpatrick and Lara Thompson, compered Charlton College's 25th annual Presentation Night on Monday the 16th of December at the REX Theatre. Those in attendance were led in the National Anthem by departing year 12 student, Imogen Stewart. Both School Council President, Shane Fitzpatrick and Principal, Kelvin Baird, noted the dedication of staff to provide rich and engaging programs for students.

Throughout the night, a variety of entertainment was presented. The primary students gave a repeat performance of two of their lively carols. Clips capturing Chinese cultural activities and digital technology activities from throughout the year were shown, as were some advertisements for local businesses developed by the VCAL students. All encapsulated the rich experiences afforded to Charlton College students.

The literary awards had undertaken a transformation this year to encourage improvement in writing across the college. The Charlton College Literary Awards provided opportunity for developing writers to be acknowledged, Stella Nicolson and Jack Chalmers were the recipients of these awards. Two writers awards were also presented to acknowledge quality writing pieces. Georgia Wright's, emotional piece entitled "Adelaide's Story" was judged the F-6 winner and Dayne Capispisan's persuasive piece entitled, "Are Abortion Bans a Good Idea" was judged the 7 to 12 winning piece.

Charlton Arts Inc once again provided scholarships to acknowledge the artistic talents of our students, with Rose McGeown being the recipient of the Visual Excellence award, having produced creative art works within a range of studio forms including drawing, painting and collage. Charles Patullo was the recipient of the Youthrive Foundation Rural Chances Vocational Scholarship. This scholarship is aimed at overcoming the barriers to learning that students from rural communities face. The scholarship assists students to develop their skills and work opportunities through vocational training and apprenticeships.

Doug Gretgrix, President of the Rotary Club of Charlton, presented Xing Ong with the Tyebally Scholarship for 2019. Xing achieved an ATAR of 87.55. On receiving the scholarship Xing recognised the support he gained from his aunt and uncle who have hosted him and allowed him to study here in Australia.

The evening concluded with the College Captains' report where they acknowledged all the teaching staff for their efforts and thanked their classmates for sharing their schooling lives, making it enjoyable and providing the basis of life-long friendships.

Charlton College F-6 Final Assembly and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

On Tuesday December 17th, the F-6 area of Charlton College ran their final assembly for 2019 in the gallery space of the F-6 building. A large crowd of parents, grandparents and friends was present, and were provided with entertainment throughout the program. The F-2 students sang and danced to 'Gary Galah' and 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly', and Years 3 to 6 performed some very impressive choreographed dance routines. Year 3 danced to 'Happier', Year 4 danced to 'Drag me Down' and Years 5 and 6 did a combined dance to 'Something Big'. A clip of the Foundation class performing the Chinese song, 'Two Tigers' was shown, as was a clip of a Chinese play titled, 'A cat is looking for a house', produced by the years 3 & 4 class.

In her coordinator's report, Kim Fitzpatrick thanked the large contingent of volunteers who assist staff and enrich the program for all the students, and congratulated the Junior School leaders, Taylah Boyle and Georgia Wright for their leadership throughout the year.

Class awards were handed out to acknowledge students for organisation and attendance. Those recognised for being well organised were: Foundation, Joshua Bartlett; Year 1, Attila Clarke; Year 2, Oliver McPhee; Year 3/4, James Fitzpatrick; and Year 5/6, Robert Phillips. Students recognised for best attendance were:



Above: Charlie Patullo— recipient of the Youthrive Foundation Rural Chances Vocational Scholarship.



Above: The Class of 2019. L to R—Charlie Patullo, Angel Grylls, Xanthe Fitzpatrick, Lara Thompson, Caitlin Lang, Todd Sheahan, Imogen Stewart, Arthur Bourke, Natarsha Catherine, Hayley Start, Laura Sweatman, Claudia Lee, Xing Ong.



Above: Imogen Stewart leading the singing of the National Anthem.



Charlton College News

Foundation, Thomas Fitzpatrick; Year 1, Lacey Jenkyn; Year 2, Rhys Gahan; Year 3, Erin Blair; Year 4, Leigh Van Boven; Year 5, Sarah Blair; and Year 6, Beau Johnstone. Year 3 students were issued with their pen licences. Students were also presented with their swimming certificates, with each student's certificate listing great progress. It was evident throughout the presentation that strong connections had been formed throughout the program between the instructors and students.

The ceremony culminated in the Year 6 Class Graduation ceremony, where graduates were presented with their portraits, writing samples and their graduation certificates. Throughout the ceremony there was a display of photos of their time spent at school.



Above: Year 6 Graduation Class. L to R—Zali Heenan, Georgia Wright, Beau Johnstone, Velvet Walsh & Taylah Boyle

Charlton College F-6 in the Swim

After a delayed start the weather has been favourable for the Charlton College F-6 students to hit the pool and gain very valuable water familiarisation skills. Thanks to staff and willing volunteers, students have benefited from targeted instruction in very small groups. Many milestones have been achieved over the fortnight. For some students this meant getting their face wet and submerging, for others it was floating, and for the more capable it involved improving stroke technique, endurance and learning to dive. Much progress has been observed at all levels and plenty of celebrating has taken place. Students were also taught survival skills in and



Above: Isabella, Lily, Joshua, Lilymae and Koko in the rocket position

around the water, and gained the opportunity to experience swimming whilst dressed, performing rescues and wearing PFDs. This should set students in good stead for the summer.



Above: Rose watching over Aria, Willow and Hollie

Charlton College F-6 Festivities

The College Primary area has been a hive of activity with festive activities. There has been plenty of Carol singing and Christmas story reading. Ralph the Elf is away on holiday so he sent his sister Betty. Betty is spreading plenty of magic around the building and seems to be really enjoying herself there. She is a very active Elf!



We found her on the games shelf playing Elf Twister one day



Monday, when it was really hot we found her swimming in the fish tank.

49th Annual Tennis Tournament

The sun has set on the 49th Australia Day Charlton Tennis Tournament. With over 150 participants, in ideal weather conditions, a fun, competitive long weekend of tennis was enjoyed by all. Participants came from far and wide, interstate competitors from Adelaide SA to Queanbeyan NSW, interspersed with players from around regional Victoria - Maffra, Frankston, Pakenham, Shepparton, Mildura, Horsham and Bannockburn, while Melbourne based clubs of Kooyong, Noble Park, Ivanhoe were represented as well as players from closer to home including Bendigo, St. Arnaud, Donald and Charlton.

Charlton's 16 grass courts were in splendid condition, despite the constant threat of Corella damage and are a credit to Greenkeeper Brian Heenan - no doubt the courts are a major attraction of the tournament - a welcome change to the hard courts that most travellers are used to. The large crowd in attendance was kept well entertained across the weekend, with a combination of a strong contingent of Open and A Grade competitors ensuring some great tennis to watch, Yabby racing, Smash for Cash and the traditional Spit Roast at the courts, as well as some casual lawn bowls. Thanks must go to the Atkins and Bath families, who have both been in attendance for over three decades and make considerable contributions to the success of the weekend.

Naomi Patullo prepares to serve with husband Lindsay patrolling the net.



It was again fantastic to be able to welcome back to Charlton many ex-residents and children of current residents, as well as countless numbers of returning players, with large contingents from various clubs now making their annual pilgrimage to North Central Victoria - in particular the group organised by Troy Snow (grandson of Ian & Coral Cameron) from Shepparton who have been returning and growing now for 20 years.

Saturday's play saw 52 mixed doubles pairs take to the courts across five grades of competition. 10 pairs played out two sections in the Open, with Troy Snow and Eliza Long of Shepparton successfully defending their back to back titles of 2018 and 2019, defeating Mitch Allman and Sarah Luke of Maffra in a quality mixed doubles showing. The A Grade competition saw 11 pairs competing, with success and reward for distance travelled going to Paul Page and Heather Richards of Adelaide, who defeated Mick & Jenny Luke of Maffra. In other results: B Grade saw Ben Bath and Briodie Robinson (Avenel) defeat Danny Blackburn and Cara Sacco (Frankston); C Grade winners were Mitch Fromm (Horsham) and Hailey York (Shepparton) defeat Oscar and Michelle Balic (Bendigo) and; D Grade was won by former local Ian Shaw and daughter Reigan (Pakenham) who defeated Jesse Osborne and Brooke Ellerton (Bendigo).

Australia Day Sunday provided the setting for the Singles draw (72 players) as well as Over 35 Doubles (22 players) competitions,

highlighted by the return of Open Ladies Singles for the first time in a few years, it saw Eliza Long successful, backing up from carrying Troy in Saturday's mixed doubles, runner-up Fiona Walker (Geelong). The Men's Open saw Mitch Allman (Maffra) claim his maiden title, defeating defending and 8-time champion Tim James (Shepparton) in a high class, hard fought and entertaining final. In other Ladies Singles results: A grade - Sarah Luke (Maffra) defeated Hailey York (Shepparton); B grade - Nicole Novak (Adelaide) defeating up and coming Charlton local Maddison Fitzpatrick, who had worked hard through the day to make her way into the final; C Grade - Jo Solomon (Adelaide) defeated another young Charltonian Abby Thompson, who despite pushing her



Maddie Fitzpatrick in action

opponent throughout the match was unable to come up with the win. In the Men's Singles Charlton again featured heavily in the finals, unfortunately though all as runners-up: A Grade - Paul Page (Adelaide) defeated Charlton's Troy Heenan; B Grade - Ashley Piasentin (Berwick) defeated ex Charlton lad Roger Heenan (Bannockburn); C Grade - Vince Scacco (Pakenham) defeated another ex-local Ian Shaw (Pakenham). The Over 35s saw wins to Di Arnot of Sale in the ladies, and David Watson of Adelaide in the men, while Jenny Luke and Greenkeeper Brian used a little bit of local knowledge to take home the runners up trophies. The Charlton Lawn Tennis Club passes on its congratulations to current player John Harley on his well deserved recognition at the Charlton Australia Day Ceremony.

Sunday was finished off with a beautiful spit roast at the clubrooms catered superbly by Beno and Carmel from the Vale of Avoca. The annual holding of the 'Smash for Cash' saw 10 players randomly drawn and participate to win prizes ranging from cash to free dinner, to entry into next year's 50th tournament. President Trevor McGurk taking time through the night to thank all of those who make the tournament possible, from the volunteers in the kitchen, the kids running the drinks fridges, tournament secretary Rae Heenan, those in the tournament box across the weekend and of course the 150+ players and support crews!! Sunday night also saw \$280 raised for Bushfire Relief with the auctioning off of 2 nights' accommodation and breakfast kindly donated by the Vale of Avoca.

The weekend finished off on Monday with the holding of the Ladies' and Men's doubles - another 57 pairs of players taking to the courts for a third days play. For the first time in a number of years a Ladies' Open Doubles was held, Julie Wardelle (Bendigo) and Fiona Walker (Geelong) winners from Bronwyn Osborne & Jessica Hartland (Bendigo). A Grade - winners were Jenny Luke (Maffra) & Di Arnot (Sale) with runners up Donna O'Loughlin & Anne Crouch (Adelaide); B Grade was won by sister combination Kim Archdall & Fiona Robinson (Avenel) and runners up Nicole

49th Annual Tennis Tournament

Novak & Ele Davies (Adelaide); C Grade – Lee Gallagher & Brooke Ellerton (Bendigo) defeated Jeanette Leitzke & Shirley Garth (Frankston). In the Men's doubles: Men's Open was played out between Shepparton pairs with Nicholas Gattusso and Sam McHarg overcoming Jarrod Bingham and Matt Carroll; A Grade saw the clash of the Heenan boys, with Roger pairing with Avenel's Peter Bath to defeat older brother Troy and partner Scott Wright of St. Arnaud; B Grade saw more ex-local success with Steve McGurk (now Bendigo) pairing with uncle Marty Smith of Mildura, to defeat Steve Garth & Danny Blackburn (Frankston); C Grade was won by wily veterans and long-time supporters Tony McNamara (Oakleigh) & Barry Atkins (Ivanhoe) combining to defeat Stephen Piasentin & Richard Clements (Berwick); and in D Grade Lachlan Osborne and Travis Ellerton (Bendigo) proved too strong for Macklyn Kelly and Jesse Osborne also of

Bendigo.

A great weekend of tennis was enjoyed by all, with attention now turning to ensuring the 2021 edition, which will celebrate the 50th holding of the tournament over the weekend of January 23rd, 24th and 25th is better than ever. Finally, a huge thanks to all of the 33 sponsors of this year's tournament, who ensure that Charlton can continue to maintain 16 fabulous grass courts and bring a welcome number of willing tourists to town each and every Australia day weekend.

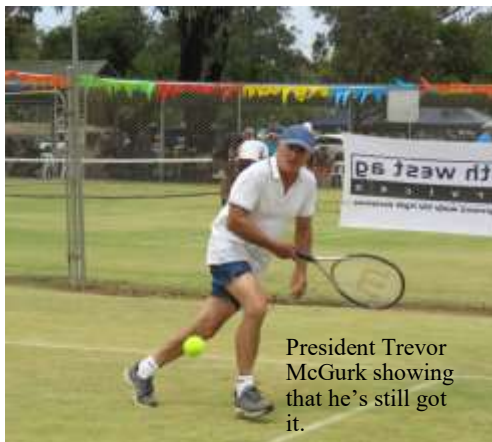
CHARLTON TENNIS COMPETITION

Locally, Charlton is in a battle for a finals' spot in the North Central Tennis Association competition with competition having resumed after the Christmas break. While for Charlton members, rounds of the Club Singles Championships continue before the finals take place on Sunday the 9th of February, followed by Club Mixed Doubles Championships and a family BBQ.

Club Championship Doubles will be played later in February.

FEB FAST FOUR

Also in February will be the return of the February Fast Four competition – a slightly different format will be in play for the four weeks of February this year, with players allocated into sections and playing up to four matches on Thursday evening (7th, 14th, 21st & 28th), play will begin at 6:00pm each Thursday night and a BBQ will be available to grab a bite to eat.



President Trevor McGurk showing that he's still got it.



Sharon McLean & Kim Fitzpatrick



Above: Mens Over 35 Winner David Watson (right) and Runner-up Brian Heenan.





Charlton Neighbourhood House

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

Phone: 54912333 or 0473-759456 Email: coord@charltonnh.org.au

www.charltonnh.org.au Charlton Neighbourhood House



Keep up to date with our activities through

Charlton Neighbourhood House

www.charltonnh.org.au

Or look in our window & community noticeboard



February is a special month for the Charlton Neighbourhood House, as it is twelve months since we officially opened. So much has been achieved during that period and we thank the community for your incredible support.

We also would like to thank our coordinator Kim Laffin, our many volunteers and committee for the tremendous amount of work that has been completed in the first 365 days. If you would like to see what we have achieved please go to our website and view our annual report.

There have been many partnerships formed with organisations and clubs, many courses delivered, many positive outcomes for the Charlton township and many special occasions shared.

We now invite the community to share another, our 1st birthday celebrations on **Tuesday 18th February**. We will be having a morning tea at 10.30, but coffee and cake will be available all day and we invite you to pop in and see the new look House and check out some of the many activities we currently have happening.



You asked and we provided!

Over the festive period a question was asked if there was a boat licence course in the area. Within 2 weeks we were able to source a provider and deliver a fully booked out course.

This is an example of the community asking for something and us delivering. We will always endeavour to assist with the delivery of courses or events if the demand is there, so please tell us what you would like to see happening in Charlton.

Teenagers— Isabel Coutts, Aaron Schofield, Emmy Nelson and Lara Thompson were some who received their boat and personal watercraft licences.

Congratulations to all who attended 100% pass rate, and thanks for asking Tessa Fitzpatrick.



Are any of these on your bucket list? Tick them off this year.



- First Aid & CPR— **2nd Feb**
- Responsible Service of Alcohol— **18th Feb**
- Dumplings— **19th Feb**
- Chemical Users Course— **20th March**
- One on one technology— **ongoing**
- Be Connected with technology— **ongoing**
- Learn to email
- Learn to upload photos
- Photography
- Barista
- Update your resume
- Resin Art
- Mosaic
- Welding
- Learn to crochet and knit

Do you have something different, you tell us and we will try to make it happen.

Table for 12

Monthly cooking classes
3rd Wednesday

Do you have a food bucket list item?

We have a range of offerings to help you learn something different this year.

Our classes are capped at 12 people so fill fast. \$20 per head (except **) and you eat at the course and take home some extras.

Book in today for 2020.

February 19th- Dumplings

March 18th- Stir fry

April 15th- Cocktail Making*(\$25)

May 20th- Healthy Soups

June 17th- Quick and cheap casserole

July 15th- Wine & Cheese tasting*(\$25)

Aug 19th Pastries-sausage rolls, quiches.

September 16th Dumplings

October 21st- Vietnamese Rolls

November 18th- Christmas Baking

Need to tick some health items off your bucket list in 2020?



- ◆ Join the Carer's Group
- ◆ Join the Diabetes Group
- ◆ Gentle Exercise classes
- ◆ Water Aerobics
- ◆ Walking Group
- ◆ Early morning swimming group
- ◆ Tai Chi
- ◆ Gym programs
- ◆ Dance sessions
- ◆ Connect with Intereach (National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Early Childhood Early Intervention) facilitators.

These are all programs, groups and services we offer.

Help us celebrate these National and International Days!

If you have any ideas for celebrating other significant days, please share your ideas with us.

March (all month)- Charlton Women's History
 March 15th- Buloke Women's Day Movie at the Rex
 April 3rd- 10th- Youth week activities
 April 25th- ANZAC Day
 May 10th-15th Neighbourhood House Week activities
 May 18th- National Volunteer Day
 July 6th- 10th NAIDOC week- movie screening and children's activities
 July 27th- Donate Life week
 August 15th-21st Science Week
 September 1st-8th Adult Learner's Week
 September 10th-R U OK Day?
 October 13-29th Carers' Week



Showcasing local talent, this wonderful free event is held on the first Friday of every new season.

A practical Introduction to the Internet of Things

An introductory course with some background theory plus practical exercises with examples from home automation, AgTech and Maker projects. The course will involve some modular electronics but mostly learning introductory coding using the Arduino Microcontroller.

Suitable for anyone with a genuine interest in technology and anyone who might be thinking of further study in this area or maybe has their own project to develop.

Date: Saturday 14th March

Time: 9.00 to 12 noon

Cost \$40

For further information or the enrol please contact the Charlton Neighbourhood House. Spots will be limited for this course so get in early.

Further information is in the CNH window. If you would like to perform please pop into the house and tell us your talent.

- 6th March
- 5th June
- 4th September
- 4th December

Charlton Arts
proudly presents:

CHARLTON FILM FESTIVAL

Feb 28th & 29th, 2020
@ The Rex Theatre

Friday

- A Boy Called Sailboat - 8pm
Followed by Director Q & A

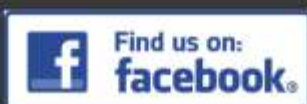
Saturday

- Woman at War - 11:00am
- The Farewell - 2:00pm
- Amazing Grace - 4:15pm
- The Peanut Butter Falcon - 8pm

PLUS short films by Director Natalie
van den dungen

Tickets from \$12 for single film up
to \$80 for full season (5 films, 2
suppers & lunch)

Available from Charlton Pharmacy
(5491 1521), Jo Russell (5491 1528) or
purchase at the door.



facebook.com/charltonfilmfestival



Charlton Arts present Café Culture Series 2020



The Royal High Jinx

Sat. Mar. 21st 8pm Charlton Golf Club

Melbourne's mesmerising contemporary world music band The Royal High Jinx have burst onto Australian festival stages with originality, virtuosity and theatricality. Their songs & tunes are inspired by European traditions, peppered with Gypsy Jazz, Latin, Balkan & Swing grooves with a pinch of Folk.

www.facebook.com/theroyalhighjinxband



Canyon Callers

Sat. May 2nd 8pm Charlton Golf Club

A new and inspiring Melbourne based band who present a program of Western Swing music from the likes of Bob Wills & His Texas Playboys, Faron Young and the wonderful "Asleep at the Wheel". Featuring Ben Franz, Steve Temple, Jacob McGuffie and Brooke Russell on vocals also showcasing a sprinkling of Brooke's original songs.

www.facebook.com/thecanyoncallers



Lady Ha Ha!

Sat. Aug. 22nd 8pm Charlton Golf Club

A new show specifically devised for the Café Culture Series. Powerhouse talent & winner of Performer of the Year 2017 MBAS award, Kelly Auty is joined by her fiendishly proficient musical friends Sarah Caroll, Lisette Payet, Felecia Bassgal & Jen Hawley in a show designed to make you laugh out loud at a fist full of funny songs, & gasp at the divine harmonies.

www.kellyauty.com.au



La Busca Tango

Sat. Oct. 31st 8pm Charlton Golf Club

Be transported from a time of great romance, passion & eloquence to modern day Australia. Piano, guitar, violin, double bass & flute provide backing for Argentinian singer & dancer Juan Vernon. They specialise in traditional tangos from early 20th century Argentina & contemporary Australian composed music.

www.labuscatango.com

Just shows to go

Tickets on sale at Charlton Pharmacy ☎ 5491 1521 or Garry Larmour ☎ 5491 1647

REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

30-34 High St Charlton 3525
T: 03 5491 2333
boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au
www.rextheatre.org.au



COMING ATTRACTIONS February

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

LITTLE WOMEN



LITTLE WOMEN

G 135 mins | Romance

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

With their father fighting in the American Civil War, sisters Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth are at home with their mother, a very outspoken woman for her time. The story tells of how the sisters grow up, find love and find their place in the world.

CREATIVE VICTORIA

Internationally renowned pianist

DAVID
HELFGOTT
LIVE at THE REX

Saturday

8th FEBRUARY 2020 8pm

Tickets \$50

BOOKINGS ONLINE: rextheatre.org.au

KNIVES OUT

M 130 mins | Crime



Sun 9 FEB 2pm
Tue 11 FEB 8pm

When renowned crime novelist Harlan Thrombey dies just after his 85th birthday, the inquisitive and debonair Detective Benoit Blanc arrives at his estate to investigate. From Harlan's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind Thrombey's untimely demise.

1917

MA15+ 119 mins | War



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

During World War I, two British soldiers-Lance Cpl. Schofield and Lance Cpl. Blake-receive seemingly impossible orders. In a race against time, they must cross over into enemy territory to deliver a message that could potentially save 1,600 of their fellow comrades-including Blake's own brother.

DOLITTLE

PG 101 mins | Family



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

Dr. John Dolittle lives in solitude behind the high walls of his lush manor in 19th-century England. His only companionship comes from an array of exotic animals that he speaks to on a daily basis. But when young Queen Victoria becomes gravely ill, the eccentric doctor and his furry friends embark on an epic adventure to a mythical island to find the cure.



Charlton Arts Inc
CHARLTON FILM FESTIVAL

Fri 28 & Sat 29 FEB 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/charltonfilmfestival/>

DAVID HELFGOTT VIRTUOSO NIGHT OF MUSIC

Pianist David Helfgott will be performing centre stage at the Rex on Saturday night—8th February at 8pm—with a musical program guaranteed to showcase his extraordinary talent. One of Australia's most recognizable performers, David's life story inspired the 1996 movie "Shine", propelling actor Geoffrey Rush - who portrayed the pianist- to stardom with an Oscar for Best Actor.

The coming recital will feature a program comprising a range of virtuoso pieces, including, Beethoven's "The Waldstein", Liszt's Mesphisto Waltz No. 1, along with works by Bach and Chopin. Technically challenging pieces demanding skill of the highest level, this performance will encapsulate all the bravura and brio for which David Helfgott is renowned. Even if classical music is not your forte, the live performance of a mix of electrifying and reflective pieces will be an experience unlike any other you're likely to see locally.

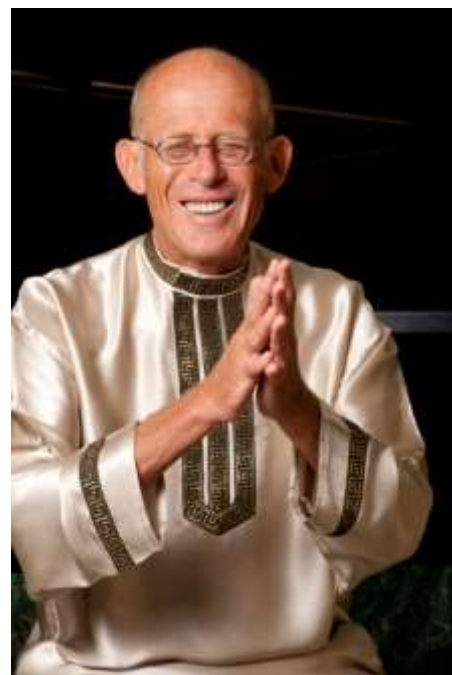
The Rex wishes to especially acknowledge and thank Dana Czarski for the availability of the Steinway D Concert Grand piano—currently on loan to the Rex—for David Helfgott's use in the performance this weekend. Dana, who shares her time between Charlton and Melbourne is the principal of "Allegri" music school and has recently opened a teaching outlet in Charlton.

It is thanks to support from Creative Victoria that this prestigious event has been made possible, and along with generous assistance from radio station Flow FM, the Rex is proud to be presenting what will be an unforgettable night of music.

Residents across our region are urged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear an internationally renowned talent and be inspired by his interpretive genius.

David Helfgott at the Rex—Saturday 8 February 8pm

Tickets \$50. Bookings: www.rextheatre.org.au | Heenan's Charlton Authorised Newsagency 03 5491 1680 | Charlton Neighbourhood House 03 5491 2333.



THE REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

LIVE SHOWS 2020

Internationally renowned pianist

DAVID
HELFGOTT

LIVE at THE REX

Saturday

8th FEBRUARY 2020 8pm

Tickets \$50 BOOKINGS ONLINE: rextheatre.org.au

CREATIVE VICTORIA



SPLASHTEST
DUMMIES

Sat APRIL 11

CREATIVE VICTORIA

REGIONAL
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THE
MERGER

Sun MAY 10

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Bowling Club News

Welcome back everyone, what a busy few months we have had. The men are well underway with their championships with Kevin Willey winning the 21 up, then the Club Singles, pairs with (Duck) Dale McCallum and fours with Duck, Steve (Snake) Perry and John (Pom) Headon. Triples and 100 up to go.

Lynne Southwell has made it back to back club Singles, and skipped Di Roberts and Eily Rosewall in the triples. Pairs and 100 up still to be played. Lynne was also runner up in the NCB State Singles against Pam Rollinson who has been on fire at present.

Saturday pennant has been a struggle, people away or not available making selection a tad hard, Division Two have been midway most of the season but a few games playing with less numbers is telling.

Midweek have been in the top four for most of the season but with three games remaining the challenge is on. Hopefully we can stay up there. We would like to thank the men who help us gals make up the 12 we need to field a side. Without them we would not be playing midweek.

Charlton Bowling Club is an equal gender club with players chosen on merit or where their previous experience most helps the club. We are always looking to add to our talent base and play twice a week over the off season so a good time to learn.

Thanks to Wayne Keenan and Ken North and our members for stepping up now George is out of action. Many hands make light work and if you can help even if it is raking a ditch once a week please let Kevin Willey know.

We wish George all the best and would love to see you at the club occasionally.

See you on the green and please keep checking the board for upcoming events.

Charlton

Autumn UpMarket

Saturday 7th March 2020

Cnr Halliday and High Street

9am to 12 noon

**Preserves,
Cooking
Craft, Plants
Specialty stalls
Books
Produce
Donuts etc.**



**Cnr High and Halliday St
Charlton**

Gill Gretgrix 0427911308

All proceeds go to the work of the Uniting Church in Charlton



Looking for any interested Stall Holders. Contact me by text,
phone call or email on grettdoug@bigpond.com
This will be the March Long weekend. Plenty happening in town.



**P T
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Victorian Eyecare Mobile

A visiting Optometrist and
Optical Dispenser will be
visiting

Charlton Monday 6th April

Donald Tuesday 7th April

Victorian Eyecare Mobile is committed to providing the
highest quality eyecare and eyewear.

Eye Examinations are Bulk Billed to Medicare or Veteran Affairs.

Testing for:

Dry Eyes Sore Eyes Cataracts Glaucoma
Blepharitis Eye Strain Diabetic Retinopathy
Macular Degeneration

To make an appointment please call

0436 005 012 or email

admin@victorianeyecaremobile.com



Preliminary Notice

**Sun 15th March 2020
Lions Club
Town-Wide
Garage & Car Boot Sale**



The **Annual General Meeting** of Charlton
RSL Sub-Branch will be held at the
clubrooms, 11 Armstrong Street Charlton
3525 on **Friday 21 February** at 1630
hours.

Election of office bearers will be held and
the annual report and financial statements presented.
Plans for Anzac Day, which this year falls on a
Saturday, and for badge selling in that week, will be
discussed. Current members and potential members,
service and affiliate, are requested to attend this
important meeting.

Bill Freeman, Secretary/Treasurer.

Ph: 5491 1000 lawman1@iinet.net.au

**All Babies, Toddlers, Pre-Schoolers &
their Parents/Carers are Welcome**

Charlton Playgroup



**Monday's during school term,
9:30-11am**

**At the Charlton Maternal
Health & Playgroup Building,
Armstrong St**

FREE for 2020!

Indoor &
Outdoor
activities

Please bring a piece of fruit to share for Morning Tea.

For further information please Call:

Abby Mulquiny 0438 072 385

Lauren Riley 0409 195 462

2020 Charlton FNHC Draw

Rnd 1 April 18 v Wycheproof Narrarport (H)
Anzac Day Weekend
Rnd 2. May 2 v Sea Lake Nandaly Tigers (A)
Rnd 3. May 9 v Wedderburn (H)
Rnd 4. May 16 v St Arnaud (A)
Rnd 5. May 23 v Boort (H)
Rnd 6. May 30 v Donald (A)
Bye June 6
Rnd 7. June 13 v Birchip-Watchem (H)
Rnd 8. June 20 v Wycheproof Narrarport (A)
Rnd 9. June 27 v St Arnaud (H)
Rnd 10. July 4 v Wedderburn (A)
Rnd 11. July 11 v Sea Lake Nandaly Tigers (H)
Rnd 12. July 18 v Boort (A)
Rnd 13. July 25. v Donald (H)
Rnd 14. August 1 v Birchip Watchem (A)
Rnd 15. August 8 v Wycheproof Narrarport (H)
Rnd 16. August 15. v St Arnaud (A)

1st Semi Final. August 22.
2nd Semi Final. August 29.
Preliminary Final. September 6.
Grand Final. September 12.



DONALD BINGO!!

Charlton Museum Fundraiser

Thursday 27th February

Thursday 14th May

Thursday 10th September

Thursday 12th November

**Other days to be advised*

Leave Charlton at **6:30pm** for eyes down at 7:30pm (Donald Golf Club). Names to Glenda Litton, Sue Walsh, Anne Kenny or Carolyn Olive. Cost is \$5 per person for the bus.

This was a fun and enjoyable fundraiser for the museum in 2019 and we look forward to your company this year.



**Would you like to speak to one of
your local Buloke Shire councillors?**

Cr Bronwyn Simpson will be available
at the Charlton Neighbourhood House
between **11am and 1pm** on
Wednesday 12th February 2020
Wednesday 11th March 2020
and **Wednesday 8th April 2020.**



Cr Bronwyn Simpson

PO Box 1

WYCHEPROOF VIC 3527

www.buloke.vic.gov.au



Phone 1300 520 520

Mobile 0436 914 253

Email crsimpson@buloke.vic.gov.au

CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Unlimited Radius of Charlton

When: Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th February 2020, 7am – 6pm.

Weigh in: 6pm Sunday at Clubrooms followed by Benno's Pizza for 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 at 6pm Sunday to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation.

Entry fee: Adults \$5.00. Juniors \$2.00.

Tea only (not fishing) \$3.00

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

**All new and current
“fisherpeople” welcome!**



St Martin's Messenger

February 2020 Service Times—Come Join Us

Feb. 2	11 am Holy Communion	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Feb. 9	10 am Morning Prayer	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Feb. 16	10 am Holy Communion	Note this Parish service will be at St George's Donald followed by Annual General Meeting
Feb. 23	11 am Visit to U/Church	Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration
Feb. 26	5pm Holy Communion	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 1	11 am Holy Communion	First Sunday in Lent
Charlton Aged Care Church service: 11am Fri. 31 Jan		
Note: No service in February.		

Enquiries: Reverend Judi Bird 0435 593 359

For many, the next few weeks will involve returning to the routines of kindergarten and school and all the excitement that this brings. There will be backpacks and school bags that will be filled with the usual, books, pens, pencils and a lunchbox and drink bottle.

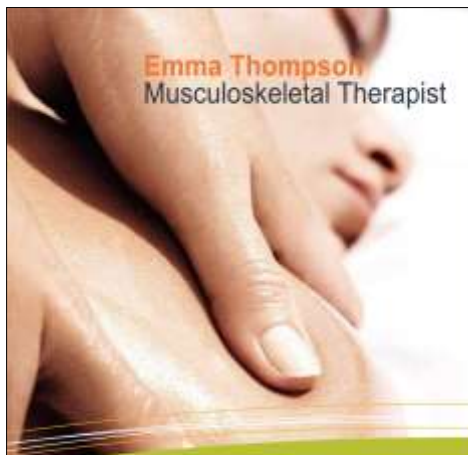
May I extend a blessing to all the backpacks that carry all things needed and to those who have filled the backpacks and those too, who will carry the backpacks with joy and excitement for the new year. Some of these backpacks will be new, especially for those commencing school for the first time. Some of the backpacks will be well worn and familiar, with the comfort that they only get after a few months of use. For all backpacks, large and small, old and new, may they contain the hope and joy of the owner as they make their way in the world. God bless the backpacks and all that is in them, especially the cheese and vegemite sandwich (Yum).

North Central Garden Club

The Garden Club will commence on Tuesday 25th at 2pm at the Lions Lodge, Camp St. The syllabus will be planned and if members have ideas for the coming year we welcome you to come along and share your ideas.

The summer heat has been challenging for the gardens. We all need to be mindful of the Queensland Fruit Fly. Netting and refreshing the bait will assist in the eradication. Keeping your trees at a manageable size will make them easier to net. To collect fallen fruit, freeze, or bag up and seal off and dispose off.

Enquires. Bernice 54911334, Maretia 54912180, Sue 0407 140 336.



Emma Thompson
Musculoskeletal Therapist

Musculoskeletal Therapy treatment is modeled around soft tissue therapy but can incorporate a number of other techniques including: Dry Needling, Cupping, Muscle Stretching, Joint Mobilization, Myofascial Release, MET and Lymphatic Drainage

Contact Emma or follow the online link below to find out more or book your customised Musculoskeletal

Charlton Massage Clinic: 3 High Street Charlton
Emma Mob: 0439 447 798
<https://bookings.nookai.com/bookings/location/>

EVENING APPOINTMENTS
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East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Church

Mass Times:

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Sat. 8 th Feb.	7:00pm	Sun. 16 th Feb.	8:30am
Sun. 23 rd Feb.	8:30am	Sun. 1 st Mar.	10:30am
*Weds. 5 th Feb.	10.30am	Mass at Charlton Aged Care	

Charlton Uniting Church

1 st Sunday	11.00 AM	U/C to St. Martin's Anglican.
2 nd Sunday	10.00 AM	Worship team.
3 rd Sunday	10.00 AM	Worship team.
4 th Sunday	11.00 AM	Minister.

Our church welcomes anyone interested to attend worship services and fellowship over morning tea following.

We visit St. Martin's Anglican church on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00 am. 2nd and 3rd Sundays, 10.00 AM and 11.00 AM on the fourth Sunday followed by a shared lunch and fellowship. We warmly welcome any newcomers to our town. Contacts: Bev Turner 54911377, Gill Gretgrix 54011308, Joy Freeman 54911000.

The Charlton Uniting church will hold the first "Upmarket" day on Saturday March 7th from 8.30 AM till 12 Midday. Both local and outside stallholders will have their goods awaiting your support, so come along and enjoy the morning, the produce on sale as well as a "cuppa" and warm fellowship.

Autumn Market—Sat 7th March

Charlton Friends of the Red Cross

Three members of the Charlton Red Cross were deployed in early January to give personal support to fire affected persons at Bairnsdale and Sale. We worked in the Sale relief centre briefly and at the airport where evacuees were to be met and assessed before being taken in to town to the relief centre. There they were interviewed and assessed for financial support and referrals to other agencies as needed.

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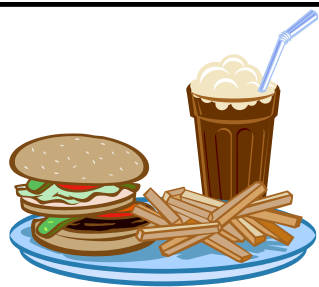
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						11 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
2	3 Senior Citizens Bingo, 2pm Charlton Park Committee Meeting, 8pm at Angling Club	4 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citizens Cards, 1:30pm	5 Lions Mixed Dinner Meeting at Lodge, 6:30pm Bowls Triples Medley, 12pm	6 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	7	8 Bowls Fish & Chips at Club 6:30pm David Helgott at the Rex
9	10 Angling Club Meeting, 8pm Senior Citizens Bingo,	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citizens Cards, 1:30pm	12	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	14 Probus Meeting	15 Fishing Comp (See notice)
16 Fishing Comp (See notice)	17 Senior Citizens Bingo, 2pm Bowling Meeting, 8pm	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citizens Cards, 1:30pm	19 Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	20 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	21	22
23	24 Senior Citizens Bingo, 2pm	25 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citizens Cards, 1:30pm NCCG Meeting, 2pm at Lions Lodge	26	27 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	28 Film Festival	29 Film Festival

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Senior Citizens Bingo, 2pm	3 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citizens Cards, 1:30pm	4 Lions Dinner Meeting	5 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	6 Saloon D'Art	7 Lions Paper Collection from 9am Uniting Church Market
8	9 Senior Citizens Bingo, 2pm	10 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citizens Cards, 1:30pm	11	12 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	13 Probus Meeting	14
15 Lions Town Garage Sale Charlton Cup	16 Senior Citizens Bingo, 2pm	17 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citizens Cards, 1:30pm	18	19 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Rotary Meeting	20	21 Café Culture