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**Above:** The newly renovated weir completed just in time for a big rain. The old timber boards have been replaced with aluminium boards. This will stop leaks and enable easier removal of boards when necessary. Photo by Alan Getley.

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*Editorial  
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Well here we are again. Another month has gone by and not much has changed. Well done to Charlton and also the Buloke Shire. We have remained COVID-19 free. We are delivering the newsletters again to each mailbox. Thank you to Troy, Beck and crew for doing this for us.

Welcome to our new sponsors the Charlton Quality Meats, Stahl Electrical & Park Lane Jewellery.

The rain has been great—what a terrific start to the season. Cropping is well underway and we look forward to a good year.

Justin is still essentially in isolation awaiting Coronavirus test results. It's been over five weeks now and hopefully by the time you read this he gets the all clear.

Nick is continuing to do his studies online interspersed with various farm activities.

The croquet book is coming along nicely—I'm up to the 1950s. Let's hope the club gets to celebrate its anniversary this October. It may be the first time I have a book finished with no party to go to!

Cheers

*Carolyn*



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**Upcoming Events**

**Most May events postponed or cancelled.  
Lets hope we have a full calendar of  
events soon.**



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# Bendigo Bank News

It's fair to say that 2020 has already brought more than what we could imagine, with natural disasters earlier in the year and more recently the COVID-19 that has changed our way of life, (at least for the present). Amidst all of this, it is very pleasing that mother nature has been looking out for us, with some good autumn rainfall events and now a textbook start to the grain growing season.

We can only hope the 2020 growing season is as kind as 2019, strong yields and high prices, it's a catalyst for your business's success and future development. As quick as we can rub our hands together though, no doubt our friends in Canberra will also be rubbing theirs, only harder and faster.

There are several options that we can assist you with to develop your business and keep your hard work 'tucked away for next year' such as Farm Management Deposits. Whilst not only reducing your tax liability, your money will be earning you a return. It will also be contributing towards your community and ensuring we thrive through these challenging times.

The Charlton and District Community Bank has a board of local directors, who live and work in the community, just like you and I. Our shareholders are local and the bank's profits are reinvested back into the wider community through sponsorship to local clubs, to help run their events and tournaments. Our Community Grants program is just around the corner and are for bigger projects, such as tourist attractions or capital development into local buildings or grounds, just to name a few.

Regardless of your business type or if you're one of the many who work and live in this community, it is your everyday banking that ensures the longevity of our community, for our future generations. If you're looking to upgrade your equipment and improve your overall business performance and capitalise on the government's tax offsets, then it is time to get in touch to discuss our products. With great rates available on equipment finance and a simple application process, now is the time to support your local community through your everyday banking.

Glenden Watts—Branch Manager

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# Sign of the times

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Our new world of restriction has brought plenty of change which is visible everywhere throughout our community.

Signage indicating business operation, or otherwise, now permeates Charlton's main street, along with directions for social distancing and management of any respiratory-like symptoms.

Our previously care-free lives have become shuttered and limited as the coronavirus threat hangs over everything.

As more and more restrictions come into place, businesses hardly know from day to day how, or whether, they can operate.

In Charlton, as the pandemic has evolved signs have sprung up everywhere - or in the case of the Rex Theatre - it was the absence of signage that was glaring.

In this transition from openness to closure the signs in Charlton's usually bustling streetscape are a constant reminder of our considerably changed world.



**Above:** Going to the supermarket is not as straight forward now with requirements for social distancing in place. Adhering to the new rules, customers in Tormey's IGA were confronted by a board of signs outlining distancing and movement guidance.



**Above:** Devoid of posters and with the marquee board empty, the Rex Theatre is silent until this crisis is over.



**Above:** Outside Charlton Pharmacy the instructions for handwashing and symptoms for respiratory illness were clearly displayed.

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# Now We're Home Alone

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

(Amid all the coronavirus gloom here's a little light-hearted reflection on our (not-so-brave) new world).

When Elvis crooned "Are You Lonesome Tonight" way back in 1969, he wasn't singing about social isolation.

Yet here we are in April 2020 – suddenly plunged into a strange new world resulting from the spread of the COVID-19 virus - with many facing the bleak prospect of social isolation and job losses. This new "home-alone-ness" is where suddenly your best chance of daily interaction could be a conversation with your cat.

Yes, endless days and weeks of moggie monologues!

And as cancellations fell faster than an alpine avalanche, a whirlwind of change has seen our lives morph into an incomprehensible new reality where things become ever-more restricted.

People were overwhelmed. Supermarkets were overwhelmed. Toilet paper became the new gold. Perhaps Sovereign Hill should consider dedicating a display to the world's most valuable item when they re-open – even giving tourists the incentive to return by handing out a free pack on entry.

While it's hard to make sense of what's happening, especially when things change rapidly, here's a momentary diversion. Let's take a quick look at this descent into the surreal using movie titles to help tell the story.

With the Rex closed, the footy shut down and our minds in a whirl, you might just find a moment of respite by re-watching some of the movies listed below. Hope this lightens the mood!

Coronavirus 2020 or "Stop the World, I Want To Get Off"

"Around the World in 80 Days" does not accurately sum up the spread of coronavirus.

Not only are they "Sleepless in Seattle" – the whole world now has its "Eyes Wide Open".

While the current spread is "Fast and Furious", "It" is not a "Parasite", but an "Alien" virus wreaking global and economic havoc. Even "The Wolf of Wall Street" experienced "Vertigo"!

As "The Space Between Us" takes on a whole new meaning, and the AFL season kicked off (and stopped) to "The Sound of One Hand Clapping", it was very much a case of "Apocalypse Now" when trying to buy toilet paper!

And while we're all going "Psycho", in Italy "The Sound of Music" filled towns as people sang from their balconies. We need more of this, because even Mr. Nice-Guy, Tom Hanks has succumbed - in "Australia", for goodness sake!

Now that we must avoid "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", (well, any kind, really) we're pretty "Les Miserables" and on the verge of toppling into "La La Land".

Even a luxury cruise has turned into "Armageddon" where every room is now a "Panic Room".

With hand washing becoming the new national pastime, let's take a look at Leonardo Dicaprio's technique in the movie "Aviator". Check out the link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPGhlevhMFU> The scene is intense, but I'm sure you will be able to identify.

To help us deal with this time of turmoil and anxiety, who do you want to call? "Ghost Busters"? Or that removalist guy, "The Exorcist"? (Think I'll just phone a friend!)

Well, now we're "Home Alone" with just "Me, Myself and I" for company, and observing "Six Degrees of Separation" while "Staying Alive", what we all really need is some "Love Actually". Stay safe everyone.

## Charlton Bowling Club

Hi bowlers, how are you all coping with these trying times? Do you need a hand anywhere? Can a fellow member help? Please reach out if you need anything, we are all here to help, each other.

As per Bowls Australia and Bowls Victoria rulings we are still unable to use our greens even though they are being maintained in readiness for when we can. The powers that be are looking at guidelines to get us back bowling. However we do not know when this will be so until we get the okay, no bowls at all including solo roll ups. If you want to practise, do it on your back lawn, or in your passage way. There are exercises you can do at home to help you stay bowls ready, lunges, walking, but please talk to your doctor first if you have other health issues.

Our AGM and presentation night have been deferred until

further notice. The administration board will remain the same until we can hold elections. This still leaves you time to consider what you would like to see with our club moving forward. What ideas do you have? How can you help? We understand that not everyone can help in all areas, maybe you have a skill you can use.

The corella watch has now been cancelled due to the little darlings moving onto better pastures, however they will be back. While they are gone, the club is investigating other means of keeping them at bay. If you do happen to see them back please let Kevin or Richard know so we can prevent any further damage. one or two we can handle, just not the mobs.

So until we get back on the green, stay safe, keep busy and stay positive.

## Charlton Men's Shed

Although we have closed because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we were fortunate to have stockpiled bags of kindling which we have sold previously through Charlton Mensland and from the Men's Shed.

This kindling is our major source of income and with our stockpile we can offer sales from Mensland by seeing Peter, or from our Men's Shed which can be delivered by contacting Kevin on 0428 911830.

We have two grades of kindling:

No 1 is split pine approximately 9kg at \$10 per large bag

No 2 is split hardwood larger than the pine approximately 15kg at \$10 per large bag

We are coming up ten years old on May 28<sup>th</sup> since we started, and it seems a celebration is currently on hold.



# Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome everyone to this issue of our happenings at the Charlton Golden Grains Museum. As you will be aware, like so many groups around the town, our volunteers have been practising safe distancing and not attending the building in groups. Limited archiving and other duties have been going on behind closed doors, but we are looking forward to again opening our doors to the public. Remember, if there is family research you need, or local history details, feel free to contact one of the numbers below and we may be able to assist.

How did you go with our mystery location last month? The plaque itself may be a bit hidden in Elliott Gardens at the end of High Street, but the magnificent Oak that towers above it certainly isn't. The mystery item this month may be a bit difficult, but the hint is that it is used in the kitchen. Answer next month.

This issue I have listed a couple of paragraphs about the Charlton Post Office as recorded by town pioneer, John Thomas Procter, from his notes, *'Reminiscences of Early Charlton'*. After attending the Back to Charlton Agricultural Show in 1938, it appears John wanted to record his early life in Charlton, and we today have these first hand details about the town and district. Born around 1857 in Wedderburn, John moved with his family to Charlton in 1870. He was a successful business man and farmer, and his family remained in the district for many years. His writings cover many areas of interest including, Squatters, Aborigines, Free Selection, Farms, Charlton's growth and more. We have several excellently edited copies at the Museum if in the future you would like to view them. So hear is what John told us about the postal service.

*"The Post Office was at first temporarily located at Armstrong's homestead, later removing to Peter Johnson's "Bridge Store". For many years the township carried the name of East Charlton, and speaking from memory only, I believe it was the postal department that shortened the name to Charlton. But for a considerable period after entering my store duties (in Feb. 1875) at Mr Johnson's Charlton Store, the official postal name was "Yowen Hill". Many a time I have assisted making up the mail bags with my employer's wife, who was the post-mistress at the store for several years. Alas and alack: all my mates of the day are gone, with perhaps one, or at the most two exceptions, and only I can tell the tale.*

*The old times are still sweet in my memory, and I can still imagine John Sayers sounding his bugle at 7:30pm along the St Arnaud Road. Half an hour later, we in the store were delivering hundreds of letters, and doing business at the same time. Then, when Mr Arundell- "Little Bob the mailman" - arriving by coach*

*from Wedderburn, we got more mail (Melbourne letters mostly) and a further influx of letter seekers, as no carriers were sent out from the semi-government office. In those days there were no postal notes, and I can't remember if we ever issued P.O. Orders. In time however, the Postal Department opened a Government Office in Camp Street, and the first Post Master was Thomas Holderness, a brother-in-law of Mr Joseph Adamthwaite, farmer of Quambatook. Mr Holderness was a most capable and cautious postal officer, and I hope he is alive to read this tribute to his character. Probably by this time the Department had dropped the name "Yowen Hill" and substituted East Charlton, in the later days dropping the "East" and making the name Charlton only. The new premises mentioned (erected in 1876?) became the home of Mr Ike Dow who, with his family, is still in occupation."*

Maybe in this time of isolation, you may consider doing exactly what John did, and write a record of your recollections. Maybe interview a family member or neighbour when it's possible and preserve those valuable memories. The museum can help with a list of questions for guidance and suggestions about various formats you may consider.

Until next month.

Phone enquiries: President, Anne 0408547973, Secretary, Carolyn 0418361971, Archivist, Markus 0413129216.



Peter Johnson's Bridge Store where the Postal Service was located before a Post Office was built in Camp Street. c. 1877.

# ANZAC Day 2020

The Anzac Day commemoration was a subdued affair this year with no crowds in attendance due to restrictions imposed by the coronavirus outbreak.

The Charlton RSL Sub-Branch held two consecutive observances at 9am – one at the cenotaph in High Street and one outside the clubrooms in Armstrong Street.

Sub-Branch Secretary, Bill Freeman and his wife Joy marked the occasion at the cenotaph with the laying of wreaths, the recitation of the Ode, a minute's silence and the raising of the flag at the Shire Office flag pole.

Outside the Armstrong Street club room, President, Gordon Risk and Vice-President, Bill Young, also carried out the traditional elements of the service, including the raising of the Australian, New Zealand and Victorian flags, before laying wreaths at the foot of the Lone Pine which was surrounded with tiny white crosses.

The absence of community at one of the most revered days in the Australian calendar made a stark contrast to the normally heavily supported event which is attended by school and organizational

representatives, along with a wide cross section of the general public.

At the conclusion of Saturday's short memorial service, instead of the usual gathering over morning tea and a chat, the participants dispersed homewards.

While the public aspects of Anzac Day were curtailed this year, individual reflections were encouraged from the confines of home through the "stand to" and "Light up the Dawn" initiatives for people to gather in their driveway at 6am to mark the time of the dawn service. Holding candles, torches, lights and other meaningful Anzac memorabilia this was a means of showing civic unity when physical gatherings weren't allowed.

According to reports Charlton residents embraced the concept, in this the most unusual of Anzac Days.



**Above:** Instead of a crowd there was only two – Charlton RSL Sub-Branch President, Gordon Risk (l) and Vice President, Bill Young (r) are pictured at the RSL club rooms at the abbreviated Anzac Day memorial service this year.



**Above:** Paying their respects, Sub-Branch Secretary Bill Freeman and his wife Joy carried out an observance at the cenotaph before heading to the Armstrong Street location.



## ANZAC DAY 2020.

As foretold in last month's Community Newsletter, Anzac Day, the One Day of the Year, was very different this year to what we have been used to.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, Anzac Day badges could not be sold in the street, but they were available for purchase at Heenan's Newsagency.

But the day was commemorated, albeit very quietly. At the Cenotaph in High Street, the flag was flown at half mast, wreaths were laid by RSL and by Red Cross, a minute's silence was observed and the Ode was recited. At the Lone Pine, by the clubrooms in Armstrong Street, flags were flown at half mast, wreaths were laid by RSL members, a minute's silence was observed and the Ode was recited.

Many residents greeted the dawn in their driveways with light and reflection and some played recordings of the Last Post and Rouse.

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

**Bill Freeman; Secretary, Charlton RSL Sub-Branch.**

**Right:** The residents of Menzies Street and surrounds held their own ANZAC Service by standing at the front of their driveways at 9am on ANZAC morning. Brian Heenan played "The Last Post" on his Euphonium, followed by one minute's silence. He then recited the "Ode" and played "Reveille". Lots of families came out for what turned out to be a very nice "Anzac Tribute".



# ANZAC Day 2020



Above: the Webb household had a terrific display on their front fence.

## *Honouring the Legacy of Veterans in Charlton*

Just in time for ANZAC Day, Victorian communities are being given more opportunities to remember and honour veterans through various projects to build and repair memorials, preserve stories and ensure their wellbeing.

Minister for Veterans, Robin Scott, this week announced \$700,000 for 63 projects across the state as part of four grant programs: Victoria Remembers, Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour, the ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of World War Two.

It includes \$10,000 for Charlton RSL Sub-Branch to commission a mural on the outside wall of the RSL building commemorating women from the Australia's Women's Land Army who served in rural Australia during WW2.

In addition, more support is being directed to organisations Carry On and Melbourne Legacy to provide on-going welfare support – including emergency food supplies and food vouchers – amid the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic.

The Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, said the Victorian Government has worked to ensure all funded

projects comply with coronavirus restrictions, such as physical distancing.

“This is fantastic news for our local community and Charlton RSL Sub-Branch, which has done such great work supporting its members and keeping our veterans’ legacy in the forefront of peoples’ minds,” she said.

“It will help ensure they aren’t forgotten and also teach future generations about how their sacrifice has led to the freedoms we enjoy today,” Ms Pulford said.

Minister for Veterans, Robin Scott, said veterans fought hard for our shared values and for a diverse and inclusive Victoria and the projects will ensure their memories live on.

“We owe it to our veterans to honour their legacy and preserve their stories for future generations and that’s even more important in these challenging times,” Mr Scott said.

For more information about the successful grants, visit [vic.gov.au/grants-support-and-commemorate-veterans](https://vic.gov.au/grants-support-and-commemorate-veterans).



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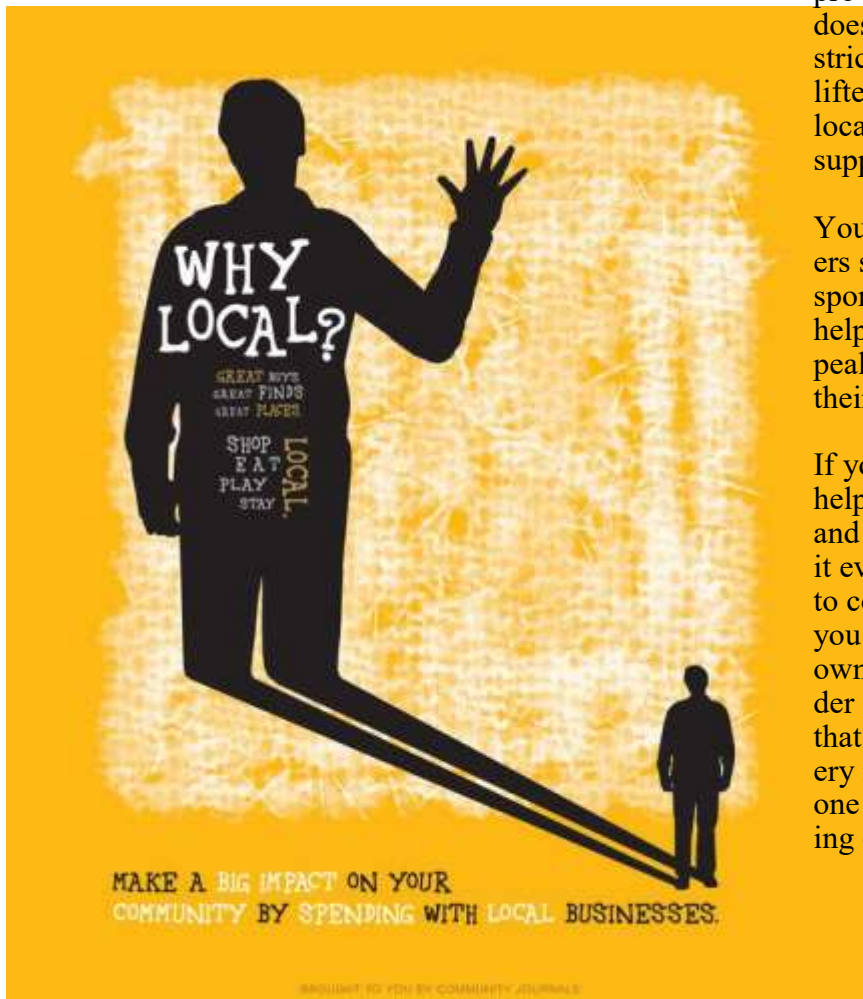
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Now, more than ever, Charlton needs you.

In these challenging times we have started to get a small taste of what it is like to not have access to all of our business providers in town – let's make sure that doesn't remain permanent after the restrictions are modified and eventually lifted. Please continue to support your local business houses to ensure they can support our community.

Your support ensures our business owners support local community groups and sporting organisations, which in turn, helps to continue to make our town appealing to others who want to make it their home.

If you can buy local, please do so – don't help the large corporates grow the gap and increase their buying power, making it even harder for small, local businesses to compete. If you need something that you can't find – ask the respective store owner, more than most are happy to order in for you – they just need to know that it is required. Ask about home delivery if needed. After all, right now everyone in our community needs to be looking out for each other.



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# Beating the Bug - Learning at "Corona College"

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

Upheaval during the final week of Term 1 saw a sudden move to home-schooling due to coronavirus, so the setting up of a new routine so close to holidays was a big ask on children and families, especially with so many other changes currently impacting on our everyday lives.

For the Holmes-Brown family in Charlton, keeping the education wheels turning for the four younger members of the family took on a structured approach, and it has been one which the family has embraced with enthusiasm.

For Lucinda (15), Fletcher (13), and Anika (10) (and there's two-year-old, Franklin), the experience was a positive one under the guidance of their parents, Matt and Jacinta, along with the solid preparation by Charlton College.

"The College was really organized with preparing the current homework," said Jacinta, "making for a very seamless transition, so the children haven't been too concerned about missing school".

Dubbing their new learning centre "Corona College", classes at the kitchen table starts at 9am each day, with Lucinda and Fletcher following their normal school timetable, and then everyone stopping for recess at the normal school recess time of 10:30am. Classes continued until around 1pm, then if the set work was completed extra activities were added to the afternoons.

These included cooking – one day it was the evening meal, another it was rabbit cupcakes from a recipe emailed by the Health and Home Eco teacher, Kim Thompson.

Additional activities have included a family discussion on "When I was your age" to help explain the impacts of major events on each generation, plus planting seeds for future food, and helping out with jobs around the house.

With an eye to the future, thirteen-year-old Fletcher has been keeping a diary to chronicle this extraordinary time and to record his responses to it. Commencing from before the school closure, one extract refers to the abrupt ending of the term, along with missing seeing friends. However, he believes that the "Corona College" experience has offered them all a very unique opportunity.

While recognizing that our rural communities offer many benefits especially at this time (ie. big backyards are a great asset for families) Jacinta said that this crisis had shown the children how technology – especially the internet – could be used for very positive outcomes, and not just as a recreational substitute.

With structured home-schooling continuing during Term 2, "Corona College" will continue to provide this family with a lasting memory of a most extraordinary time.



**Above:** Home schooling at the aptly named "Corona College" was a family affair for the younger Holmes-Brown children, pictured with the very appealing and cute rabbit cupcakes from their baking class. Pictured l-r are Lucinda, Franklin, Fletcher and Anika (back).

## One Door Closes and Another Changes Hands

With an air of sadness we say goodbye to **Timeless Treasures and Tearoom** in High Street. After eight years Annette and Bruce reluctantly closed the doors to their business in early March. Bruce has not been in good health since mid November and it was decided to "retire early" to concentrate on his recovery. This well-known local landmark had a very loyal local following along with a steady stream of regular travellers eager to sample their popular home made dishes. Bruce and Annette have no intention of leaving Charlton and will be seen enjoying retired life with their new found interests. Both would like to thank the many individual and community groups that have been instrumental to the success of their business over the past years and acknowledge that without this support none of the past eight years would have been possible. We wish them good luck with their new stage in life.

Maxine and Mozzie from the **Charlton Bakery Café** announced on the 6th April that the business had been sold. New owner, Paul Phillips, was soon seen wearing his baker's apron. We welcome Paul, Jane and family to Charlton and wish them success in their

business. Also to Maxine, Mozzie & staff, thank you for many years of quality and friendly service. A good bakery is essential to a small country town and we were fortunate to have just that. Maxine can now enjoy a well earned break and Mozzie, who is currently unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery.



New Charlton Bakery owner Paul Phillips

# Charlton Croquet Club News

Tournaments have been an integral part of the Charlton Croquet Club for many years.

The first mention of a tournament is in 1909. The trophy was presented by Mrs Luth and consisted of a mallet. The winner was Mr E. Stowe. Twenty two locals played and the format was a knock out.

In the 1920s a "Slapdash Tournament", a Gymkhana Tournament played on Opening day, weekly tournaments, Doubles Tournaments and Annual President's Tournaments are mentioned. In the 1930s an Autumn Tournament and Monthly Tournaments are recorded. In the 1940s an Electric Light Tournament is played.

An unofficial Open Tournament was held in 1955 on the Australia Day weekend. On the Saturday Mrs Sharp from Sea Lake won the B Grade Singles (Handicap) with Mrs Harrison, Wycheproof, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs Austerberry (Sea Lake) won the C Grade Singles (Handicap) with Mrs Pollard 2<sup>nd</sup>. On the Monday locals had more success with B Grade, 1<sup>st</sup> Section winner being Mrs H. Clark and 2<sup>nd</sup> Section Mrs S. Lynas. In C Grade Mrs Paterson was defeated in a play-off.

The following year (1956) the first official Open Tournament was held and was an outstanding success. Visitors came from Wycheproof, Donald, St Arnaud, Eaglehawk and locally. There were 70 entries received for the tournament which commenced on Tuesday and continued throughout the week, the final of one event being played off on Saturday. Events contested were B Grade Level

Play and Handicap and also C Grade Level Play and Handicap.

Tournaments were also held in 1957, 1958 and 1959. In the 1960s club monthly Tournaments, singles and doubles, were contested.

The 1973 Tournament is remembered for the flood waters taking over. There were forty-seven entries from six different clubs. The lawns were in good order, the weather was kind and all was set for a very successful day. However, after two hours of play the flood waters took over and it seemed the tournament would be ruined, but within a short time players and goods were transported to Donald where play was soon under way on their lovely lawns.

An Association Croquet Tournament was held annually from 1973 until 2015-16 season when unfortunately, due to lack of entries, it had to be cancelled. The last Tournament was held in 2017/18.

As well as competing in the Charlton Tournament members have travelled all over Victoria to compete in Tournaments held by other Croquet Clubs and Regions.

We will be guided by Government arrangements as to when we will be able to celebrate 140 years since Croquet was first played in Charlton.

If your relatives played Croquet in Charlton and you can tell us their story we would greatly appreciate it. We desperately need photos from the 1960s.



Charlton  
Tournament, 1973

## Beautify Charlton - May Update

We are in current discussions with the Shire re works in Mildura Way happening at a suitable time within the coming months. We can't be more specific about that at this point in time because we are unaware of how any restrictions may impact on us but are working on a loose timeframe of both the existing trees being removed and planting taking place before the end of Winter.

By the time you read this, replantings should have taken place in High St to replace damaged trees.

We will get underway again as soon as practicable with

community engagement for both Town Signage and Charlton's Notables. This may take a little while.

We will keep regular updates going in the Newsletter and Facebook and keep you informed as best as possible.

Stay tuned for any updates and stay healthy everyone. 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 HARNESS RACING CLUB NEWS



## HARNESS RACING CONTINUES TO OPERATE

In these strangest of times as we all adjust to a much simpler life, albeit at times difficult and inconvenient, our industry can be very thankful that through good management and planning, racing continues to operate although in a much different format. In a time when all sporting organisations have come to a halt, ours continues to be broadcast world - wide and throughout Australia on a daily basis. With adversity comes opportunity and we are sure there will be many asking the question "Where is Bendigo?" (our regional track), as they watch our horses race from afar possibly for the first time. The racing industry at large is a far reaching one, and it is a testament to our administrators that they have managed to keep so many in jobs, and so many livelihoods afloat.

Whilst we have no racing at Charlton our local trainers are still racing at Bendigo, which offers two meetings a week for our region. Conditions on course are very different, with limited numbers of horses and trainers, separated by empty stalls, and all instructed to leave the course as soon as racing engagements are completed. Interaction between participants is minimised, and all requirements are monitored carefully throughout the meeting by integrity personnel, with temperature checks and social distancing measures carefully maintained.

No public, no TAB, and no food or drink facilities are operating on course.

As we are a wagering industry people's betting habits have also had to change, with no TAB outlets including pubs to put a bet on, now all bets are placed through phone accounts and wagering apps.

Whether actively racing or not, stables continue to operate – daily jobs need completing and horses still need to be fed, cared for and cleaned up after. It is paramount that horse welfare is a priority and that standards of care are adhered to as per normal.

In a nutshell – our industry remains open for business, and is a great example of all working together for each other.

## HARNESS RACING MOURNS THE LOSS OF GAVIN LANG – THE BEST OF THE BEST

After a long battle with a rare type of lymphoma harness racing's most revered figure, Gavin Lang, has passed away.

Gavin was a regular visitor to Charlton and drove many horses trained and owned here over the years.

Known as Group 1 Gav for his performances in big races he drove 6303 winners in the sulky and was unrivalled for his driving ability.

Perhaps he summed up the nature of our industry best when he recently said, "I know only too well the time and effort people put in to preparing their horses. It is always special to win a race for people like that."

Harness racing is an industry, but it is also a lifestyle. There is a lot of sacrifice, but in any industry if you strive to be the best you have to be prepared to do the hard yards."

And he was the best.

RIP Gavin.



## STAYING CONNECTED WITH OUR MEMBERS AND OUR COMMUNITY

The Charlton Harness Racing Club is committed to devising ways that we can stay connected and engaged with our valued members during this period of isolation.

So.....

### RAFFLE NIGHT FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

This will continue videoed and streamed live through Facebook from Bushy Lodge on the first Friday of the month at 7pm, as per usual.

We urge all members to tune in and keep up with the goings on.

Meat tray is still up for grabs and of course we will not be forgetting our non Charlton based group who follow us! Last month's winners were Perc Templeton from Chinkapook and Dooley Thompson from Menzies St!! As well as an update on our tipping comp.

Reminder to also keep an eye on regular updates on Facebook.

We will also be introducing some four legged visitors so that you can all meet the local hopes who are racing at the moment.

SO JOIN IN – it's a bit of fun.

### CHARLTON MEMBERS LUCKY LOCKDOWN TIPPING COMPETITION

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Thank you to the 57 members who have signed up for the first CHRC LUCKY LOCKDOWN COMPETITION!!!

It is a great way for us all to do something together as a club and enjoy the fun of a social punt. From first timers to those that religiously follow the form, we have discovered after one round that that means absolutely nothing!

Check out our leader board and I will be kind and not mention the handful who registered a big fat \$0 return!

**REMINDER - ALL TROTS RACES CAN BE WATCHED LIVE ON SKY 1 OR ON YOUR PHONE FOR FREE.**

**JUST FOLLOW THESE PROMPTS.** It's much more fun to follow your tips along!

**GOOGLE TROTS VISION** (or you can go through the Victorian Harness Racing Website [www.thetrots.com.au](http://www.thetrots.com.au) and hit the arrow that appears)

### LEADERBOARD TOP 10 - ROUND 1

1. HAYLEY SOULSBY – Club Treasurer shows how it is done!!
2. RIPPER CALNIN
3. NAOMI FITZPATRICK
4. GREG KING
5. LISA PERRY
6. JOSEPHINE STEFANAKIS
7. RAY AND SUE WALSH
8. LOUIE FRANK
9. HUGHIE MCGRATH
10. CRAIG CAMERON



Joe Thompson



# Charlton Neighbourhood House

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

Firstly, thank you to everyone across our community for all their efforts and compliance with the isolation orders. As difficult as they are, the result to date has been zero recorded cases of COVID-19 in the Buloke Shire.

As we look towards better times for our community and country, we must remember to stay vigilant to the Stage 3 restrictions still in place by authorities. Remember the four acceptable reasons to leave your Home-

1. Shopping for food and supplies
2. Exercise
3. Medical care and caregiving
4. Work and education if necessary

Staying 1.5 metres apart, coughing into your arm, using a tissue and disposing appropriately and frequent thorough washing of hands are also essential.

## Shop Local

Shop local. It's a message we hear often, but know that it really does make a difference. Call a local business and see what services they are providing or what hours they are open. Our local businesses are committed to our community and have gone through some tough times recently. At this time as we all look out for one another, remember our shop keepers and businesses and do whatever you can to support them. Every little bit helps.

## Neighbourhood House Week May 8 to 15.

This year's Neighbourhood House Week will certainly be different to those of the past. Working behind closed doors we are planning to celebrate the week with a lot of social media and press releases. Check our Neighbourhood House window display as you pass by to see what is happening. Some fantastic news we have received is that **at this stage** it is intended to reopen Neighbourhood Houses in a limited way on May 11. This may be subject to change.

In the meantime start thinking about getting involved again in our activities, or even contacting us via email or phone to discuss any courses or activities you would like to see happen. Our aim is to make our community a great place to get everyone connected and involved.



### Have a computer or mobile device?

**Do you know the following Charlton Clubs and Service Organizations have Facebook pages you can 'like' and 'follow'?**

- Charlton Neighbourhood House
- Charlton RSL sub-branch
- Charlton Golden Grains Museum
- Charlton Hockey Club
- Charlton Travellers Rest Caravan Park
- Charlton Community Newsletter
- Charlton Traders and Businesses Group
- Wooroonook Lakes
- Charlton Neigh. House (CNH) 2nd Tuesday Book Club
- Charlton Buy Swap and Sell
- Charlton Notice Board Victoria
- Charlton Cricket Club
- Charlton Football, Hockey & Netball Club
- Charlton Junior Football Club
- The Charlton Club
- I grew up in Charlton, Victoria
- Charlton Bowling Club
- Charlton Badminton Club
- Charlton Lions & Charlton Rotary Clubs
- Charlton Reconnect
- Three Walls Charlton

Put 'Charlton' in the Search box for more details. If your organization doesn't appear, let us know for the next issue. **#Charlton Connect**

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated in Australia during the week May 27 - June 3. Ironically the theme this year is "In this Together" resonating in ways that were unforeseen when it was announced in 2019. The Charlton Neighbourhood House wishes to share Reconciliation Australia's message of working together to further our journey towards a fully reconciled Australia. We will be recognising National Reconciliation Week through social media posts and our window display.



Keep abreast of our activities through  
Charlton Neighbourhood House  
Or look in our window and community noticeboard

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We just wanted to let you know that you are not alone during this pandemic and if you are in need of assistance, we are here to help.

The Charlton Neighbourhood House has volunteers who may be able to assist with the following:

- Collecting Medicines
- Collecting urgent supplies
- Posting mail
- A friendly phone call

Just call or text 0473-759 456 and they will do their best to help you (for free).

Please remember Coronavirus is very contagious. Our volunteers will take every precaution to ensure they are only spreading kindness. They will avoid physical contact, will remain a minimum of 2 metres distance and will drop goods on the doorstep for you.

If you are leaving items for them to collect, please wash your hands before handling the items.

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**Buloke Shire**– 1300 520 520

[www.buloke.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-health-alert](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-health-alert)

**East Wimmera Health Services**– 03-5477 6800

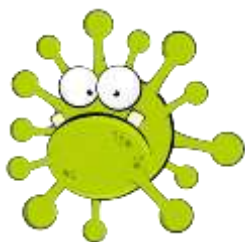
[www.ewhs.org.au](http://www.ewhs.org.au)

**ABC Radio** particularly ABC Wimmera for local updates.

**Lifeline 13 11 14**

**Beyond Blue 1300 224 636**

**Kids Helpline 1800 551 800**



## We Can Help

If you have any concerns for yourself, your friends and neighbours, your business or the Charlton community as a whole, please let us know.

There are organisations that can assist.

Contact either by phone 0473-759 456 or email [coord@charltonnh.org.au](mailto:coord@charltonnh.org.au)

The Charlton Forum Community Car is still available for transporting clients to non-urgent medical appointments as a user pay service, thanks to the volunteer drivers.

Bookings can be made by contacting our Community Car Officer Deb on **0438-549 274**.



The Charlton Neighbourhood House can still provide all your copying and office printing requirements. Posters, flyers, handouts etc, as well as secretarial services can all be arranged. Prices on application.

## #Charlton Connect #Be Kind # Be Safe

We are continuing to create daily Facebook posts to help brighten the day of the Charlton community and provide information and activities to keep us all connected. So make sure you like our FB page.

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



One of these activities is

### 'We are going on a bear hunt'

We are still encouraging people to place a bear, or something to bring joy in your window or yard that can be 'discovered' by those walking or driving by. The response so far has been terrific with great efforts being taken by some families

Please make sure that passers-by can not touch.

Finally, let's acknowledge how wonderful our local government, health services and local retailers and services have been during this terrible time. It has not been easy to plan and prepare when each day brings a new set of challenges. Collectively they have ensured that Charlton is well placed to continue the fight against COVID-19, ensuring success is up to us.

On behalf of the residents of Charlton, we say

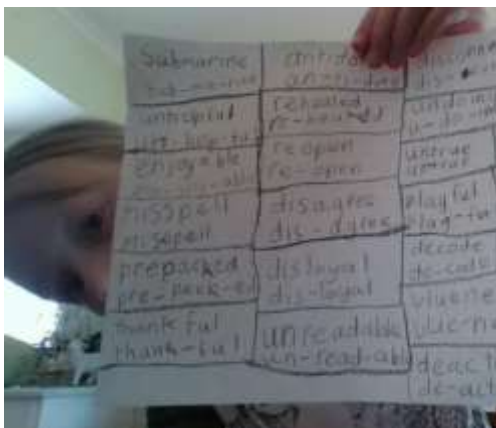
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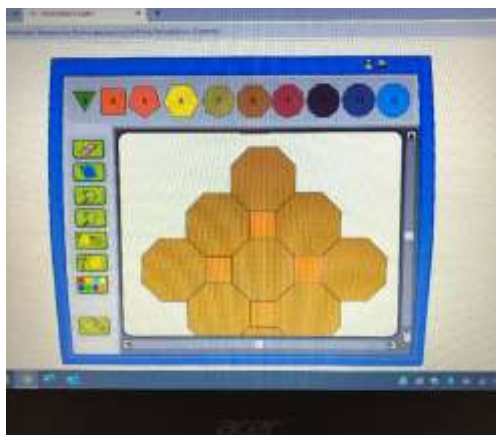
# Charlton P-12 College

School is in but not as we traditionally know it. Covid-19 has forced our staff to post learning online and our students into remote learning and they are embracing it with optimism with support of their parents. Our junior captains Sarah Blair and Maggie Riley sent a message to all students on day one.

We now see our classmates and talk to and ask our teachers for assistance on screen. Staff have busily posted activities and have enjoyed receiving pictures and recordings that students have shared with them. Our classrooms are empty.



**Above:** Anna showing some of her Literacy work.

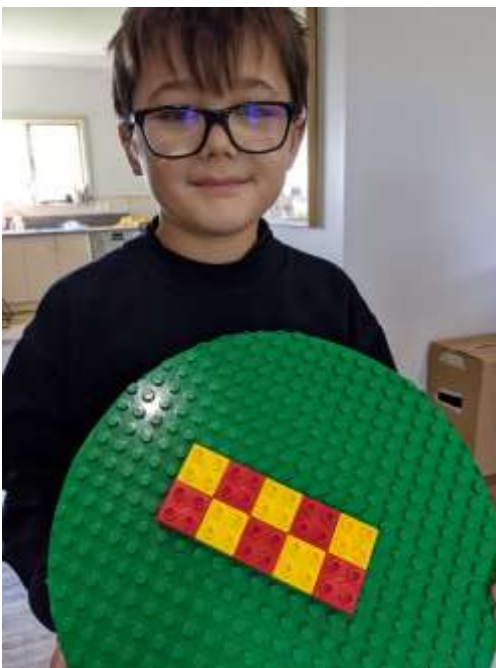
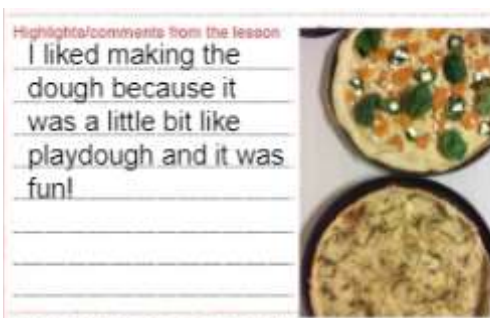


**Above:** A look at the tessellation created by Riley Walker for Numeracy



**Above:** Leigh Van Boven and Anika Holmes Brown working at their desks.

Students have been enjoying their home gardens and kitchens, below is a snippet from Sarah Blair's Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden diary.



**Above:** Brody with his tessellation made from lego

**Remembering our ANZACs**  
ANZAC Day 2020 was very different to the norm, however it didn't pass by without being acknowledged. School captains,

Courtney Sait and Cobi Fitzpatrick, wrote a message for all student to read and our students read about experiences, listened to stories, drew pictures, made wreaths and poppies, and cooked ANZAC biscuits.



**Above:** Lily Lane with her wreath



**Above:** Heidi Start with her poppy



**Above:** Shalmain Drummond's Soldier

Oliver McPhee's message



**Above:** ANZAC biscuits making was a family affair at the McGurk house, with Marley, Ryan and Tamsyn contributing.



For the next four weeks, Emma Finlay will be completing her first pre-service teaching placement at Charlton College. She is currently studying a Masters of Primary Teaching through Swinburne Online. Emma is a past student of Charlton College, having graduated Year 12 in 2007. Due to the unusual circumstances with COVID-19, it is an exciting and challenging experience to complete placement at the moment, but she is very grateful for the College's flexibility and positive attitude towards the situation.

**Left:** Emma Finlay (left) and Laura Rees.

## The Boyz Café. Who's the worker & who's the slacker?

Photos sent in by Sandra  
Patton (with Neville &  
Robert's permission)



## St Martin's Messenger



Are you headed in the right direction?

**Bible Reading:** John 14:1-14

*Thomas said to [Jesus], 'Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?' Jesus answered him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life; no-one goes to the Father except by me.' (Verses 5, 6)*

You are going to visit someone. You have never been to their home. You ask them for

the address, which they promptly give you. Then they begin to give you detailed directions:

**'Go past the first turnoff, then when you reach the T-intersection take a right....'**

It is all getting a bit confusing, a bit overwhelming.

You tell them, 'Thanks, but I have a street directory.'

**'No, it is easy - then you drive over the little bridge...'**

'Yes, thank you. I'll be fine. I have a satellite navigation device. I will be there soon, if not, I will ring.'

Life can be like that - lots of helpful people, giving lots of different directions. All are eager to help, with the best intentions. Perhaps your journey through life gets a bit like that at times. Lots of suggestions, advice and recommendations.

'I can guarantee that this will work for you.' 'I did this and it worked a treat - you should do this too.'

So much information, so much to process, so much to consider. And then we worry about what we should do.

The bible reading above gives us the direction we need.

We can rest in the knowledge, that as we travel through life, no matter how difficult it may get, we have a **destination** - the Father's heavenly home, where our Saviour has prepared a place for us. We have a **'directory'** to guide us: the Bible. We have a **'navigation device'** to lead us: Jesus, our Lord.

***He is 'the way, the truth and the life'.***

So when all surrounded by lots of advice. Consider it, filter it, follow that which is true and right for you. And if any doubt, turn to our street directory (the Bible), our GPS (Jesus) and remember the destination - Heaven. Everything you need for the journey - the way, the truth and the life.

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, may we always find in you all that we need for our journey through life. Lead us, guide us, and walk beside us all the way. Amen.

### Online worship service - every Sunday

May I commend the following online services to you, as we continue to worship at home but still gather together in spirit, love and eternal hope.

An online worship service for each Sunday is available on the diocesan website.

Link below:

<http://www.bendigoanglican.org.au/online-worship/>

then select the service from those listed.

(Note that the services listed here can be viewed anytime).

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### ANZAC DAY: REMEMBERING TIMES OF GREAT ADVERSITY THEN & NOW!

In recent times, Australians have experienced drought, flood, and widespread bushfires. And, with seemingly little or no respite, we have been beset by the challenges of COVID19. Every facet of our society has been impacted upon by the

pandemic: workplaces, public transport, schools, places of worship, our social engagements and even family homes.

But as with other times of crisis in our nation's history, men and women have stepped forward to respond to these challenges. At a time when we honour the bravery of those who defended our nation and the freedom of others around the world, we recognise that we also have contemporary heroes in our midst. Invariably, we have always overcome our difficulties when we have bonded together as a community.

With Mother's Day just a couple of weeks away - and the anticipated adversity of not being able to visit them - let us remember that in times such as these, there is the fundamental message of hope and thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for those who paid the ultimate price of our freedom in all wars. Thanksgiving for the efforts of all associated in alleviating the Coronavirus pandemic; and thanksgiving for the love received by our mothers. The hope we all share is that there is 'light at the end of the tunnel!' That light is the expected unwinding of the current restrictions imposed upon us ... together with the light of Christ who can - and does - lead us out of the darkness of whatever adversity we experience in our lives.

If you need any support or Sacrament of Anointing please contact **Fr Jim 0418 664 083**

## Charlton Uniting Church

Currently, we are unable to hold services in our church but are here to provide support to all members of the community. We are able to shop for you, call you for a chat or do messages as required (while respecting the social isolation rules). A newsletter will be delivered and please be assured our prayers are ongoing during this difficult time.

Joy Freeman 54911000 or Gill Gretgrix 54911308.

## Charlton Friends of the Red Cross

The local Red Cross members are available to assist and support folk in isolation who need help with delivery of, or shopping for groceries, chemist requirements etc.

Please contact Joy Freeman 54911000, 0432656009, Janet Stafford 0419559818, Elaine Wicks 54911686, Liz Minster 0428911597 if there are needs in the community you are aware of.

Thank you, Joy Freeman.

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E R M D L V S D I B I T O M O  
L T P H E X T V L R C M H N X  
I H H P O Y L O T A T O P L F  
C G Z R N C E P T D F F Y F N  
A I P E T I C S I B E L P A U  
N R R T O P R O G R A M M K I  
Y W O T L P P A R A M E T E R  
P Y P Y O I A D E I C J N T W  
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## Sudoku—Medium

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		6		9	5			7
	5			1				
	3	1	4			8	5	
						1	9	
		5			8			
				8				
	7					4		
9				7		6		

## Sudoku—Hard

			9				5	3
2					1		4	
	9			7				1
8	7			6				
4						9		
		3	2					
	1			4				
	5						8	
	4	7			5			

## LOGIC PUZZLE

Four golfers named Mr. Black, Mr. White, Mr. Brown and Mr. Blue were competing in a tournament. The caddy didn't know their names, so he asked them. One of them, Mr. Brown, told a lie.

The 1st golfer said "The 2nd Golfer is Mr. Black."

The 2nd golfer said "I am not Mr. Blue!"

The 3rd golfer said "Mr. White? That's the 4th golfer."

And the 4th golfer remained silent.

Which one of the golfers is Mr. Blue?

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