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CWA Cabbaritta Birthday Celebration - 70's Style!

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

"I'm livin' in the '70's", sang Skyhooks way back in 1974, and Charlton CWA Branch, Cabbaritta were catching the vibe as they celebrated their 49th birthday in May with an evening dedicated to food, fun and fashions of the times.

The Branch inauguration took place in May of 1975, and the ladies of Cabbaritta viewed this year's special occasion as a trial run for their "Big One" next year - their Golden Anniversary.

Branch Secretary, Liz Richardson, said this year's anniversary was a fun way for the group to make a return to its roots, as well as reflect and prepare for the bigger celebration in 2025.

So, to commemorate the end of their fourth decade, what better way than to re-engage with the era of "make love, not war!", the introduction of the iconic TV show, "Countdown", and the period which brought strong social and cultural change to the shaping of modern Australia.

Members were encouraged to frock/rock -up in outfits of the times, and style-wise, it was a melding of most of the iconic garb from the era. A jumpsuit, an orange crocheted two-piece mini skirt and jacket, maxi dresses, to authentic protest gear (worn at a moratorium march in Melbourne) - this was a wardrobe raid guaranteed to draw out the as the stories behind the clothes which reflected the rebellion and social changes of the times. (No hot pants - a staple outfit of the era - were in evidence on the night)! *(Continued p. 6)*



Getting ready to celebrate their 49th birthday, Charlton CWA members were geared up for a '70's night to celebrate the inauguration of their club in 1975. Pictured (l-r back clockwise) Donna McCallum, Bronwyn Simpson, Moira Olive, Liz Richardson, Pam Rosewall, Aileen Allan and Bronwyn Fisher & Bernice Kenny.

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*From the Editor
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the June edition. I can't believe we're nearly half way through the year! Winter is here and the cold mornings have definitely set in.

Congratulations to the instigators of Charlton's newest club, 'Wheels on A79'. It looks like there are plenty of enthusiastic car, tractor and truck owners keen to join.

I'd like to thank Joan from Charlton Florist & Fashion for her many years of support of the newsletter. She has a thank you message in her advertisement and advises she will still be available for special flower orders. Joan did my wedding flowers over 30 years ago. I had them dried and they still hang on my wall.

Thank goodness it finally rained—although not as much as we'd hoped. Looking forward to more rain and everything greening up.

On the home front, our son Justin has made the move to London. Just when you think you've finally offloaded most of their belongings, they move overseas and most of it comes back. Fortunately we have a barn!

Cheers, *Carolyn*

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

June:

Royal Harmony @ The Rex—Saturday 29th

July:

Jazz in July @ Charlton Park—Sunday 21th

August:

Exhibition @ Courthouse Gallery—Saturday 3rd



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- Fernery
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Charlton RSL Sub-branch



support from Bendigo Bank and Buloke Shire Council, Charlton RSL hosted Journey Through History with renowned speakers Lambis Englezos AM and Ross McMullin.

Lambis was the prime mover behind the location of the Pheasant Wood mass grave at Fromelles, France, the reinterment of the diggers buried there after the disastrous attack on 19 July 1916 and the DNA identification of many of them. These included our own Private Maurice James Claxton from Coonooer Bridge.

Ross is the author of two biographies of our own Charlton born General Harold "Pompey" Elliott, Australia's greatest fighting general in the Great War, and other biographies of forgotten Australian dead from the Great War.

A most interesting and informative day, with luncheon provided by the Uniting Church catering group; thanks, girls.

An interesting comment made after the Journey Through History was, "We didn't know it was on". The Journey was widely publicised, including: local newspapers; ABC radio; Charlton website; Facebook;

circulars to neighbouring RSLs, circulars to organisations, circulars around town, not to mention Word of Mouth.

LEST WE FORGET.



The street façade of Charlton RSL sub-Branch clubrooms has changed; thanks to support from Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm, we now have three bench seats there and metal silhouettes of service personnel, air force, army and navy standing guard and a nurse ready for her call of duty.

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Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to another update from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. We are very excited about our upcoming planned activities and the opportunity to showcase our collection. The next event on the calendar is a special open day with a childhood theme. Watch out for further details on this event which will include plenty of displays and fun activities for the kids.

It is only thanks to a small number of dedicated volunteers that donate their time that we are able to present such a wonderful experience to both local and out of town visitors. Don't forget that we are open every Sunday from 11am to 3pm or by contacting one of the numbers below for all museum related enquiries.

Volunteers Wanted

The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is continuing looking for more members to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public. You could give as much or as little time each month as you wish and don't need any experience; all necessary training will be provided. If you're happy to help from home, we are looking for home typists to help upload our catalogue information into an online database. A computer and internet is all you need. If you have an interest in history and would like to help preserve items for Charlton's future generations, contact the museum; you will be made most welcome.

Window Display Updated

We recently updated our High Street window display. Next time you are walking past, stop and check out some of the new items on display. We are fortunate to be able to take our museum to the people utilising what would be an empty shop window.

Become a Friend of the Museum

You can also become a 'Friend of the Museum' for just \$20. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving our town's collection of important historic items for future generations.

3CV Lane

Have you ever noticed the street sign on the Calder Highway between Charlton and Boral Quarry called '3CV Lane' and wondered 'what is that about'? If you search the dials of old radios with station listings you will find 3CV; CV being Central Victoria. The radio station selected Charlton as the site for a broadcasting studio in 1938 where it occupied a building in High Street, later taken over by 'The Charlton Tribune'. Broadcasting on the 1071 AM frequency between 7am and 11pm, programs included daily news, pre-recorded features, and live broadcasts of events such as the popular A. & P. Society Ball in 1940. Live performances from local entertainers were

also a feature of the station's programming. 3CV's control centre and radio mast was located four kilometres out of Charlton on what is now 3CV Lane. In 1942, after only four years, the studio equipment was relocated to Maryborough where it continued to operate until the 1950s when radio station 3AW purchased the licence. Local content continued until 6pm when 3AW programming took over, eventually being bought out by larger media concerns.

Enquiries

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

Phone enquiries:
President Diane 0417 511 218
Vice President David 0422 185 885
Secretary Carolyn 0418 361 971
Archivist Markus 0413 129 216
Anne 0408 547 973
Glenda 0417 801 771.



Volunteer, Marg McGrath, cleaning the window on the High Street museum display.



Frank Kruger, a radio sales and service technician, dabbled with radio broadcasts and became the engineer for 3CV. He was also the manager for the Rex Theatre. Frank left Charlton in 1942 when he joined the RAAF during WW2.

CWA Cabbaritta Birthday Celebration - 70's Style

Speaking further, Liz Richardson said, "Creating a themed evening like this helps to spark conversations" and that certainly played out during the '70's quiz where brains were tested on multiple topics covering politics, music, television, sport and fashion. Brain-teasing facts were hard to bring to light at times, but much hilarity ensued as names and events brought even more stories and laughs to the fore. Surprisingly the quiz ended in a draw between the two competing teams!

And what retro evening would be complete without a meal comprising THE dishes of the day! And so it was that the evening repast opened with porcupine nibbles (cheese, pickled onions, kabana, gherkins, stuffed olives), drinks and vol-au-vonts, followed by a prawn cocktail, before the mains of tuna mornay, chow mein and apricot chicken. A quick breather for the quiz, and then a dessert of chocolate fondue with strawberries, marshmallows and mini pavlovas, then fruit to refresh the palate, completed the meal. Stories of youthful indiscretions, fashion fixations and general family life of the times made for plenty of nostalgia and lots of shared laughs.

With background music (vinyl, of course) the stars of yester-year – Engelbert Humperdinck, Johnny Young and the Seekers—played out on the small portable record player to set the mood, while disco lights flashed across the wall.

A display of clothing – including a tiny pair of children's black lace-up boots - along with everyday items, books, magazines, and kitchen paraphernalia – complemented the setting.

With twelve months to go before

Cabbaritta's 50th anniversary, members will be working hard to build an event reflective of, not only of their mid-1970's beginnings, but of the massive outreach and achievements they have created over that time.



Aileen Allan gets into the '70's mood with records of the era and everyday items which made up part of the 1970's general display.



Anyone for fondue? The shared hot pot was a big feature of '70's parties and while Cabbaritta went with a sweet variety, cheesy fondues were definitely a "thing" for any serious party-goer. Pictured are (l-r) Aileen Allan, Bronwyn Fisher, Pam Rosewall and Moira Olive.



Liz Richardson re-lives the days of protests as she poses in her original moratorium march outfit.



Charlton Probans News

Thirty five members attended the May Probans Meeting. Garry Larmour spoke about his recent visit to the Olive Farm at Boort. Happy birthday was sung to Greg Wain, Robyn Good, May Chester, Lyn Minogue, Margaret Fradd, Mary Walklate, Joan Cadzow, Margaret Bowen and Noreen Ryan.

Kevin Mathews read the results of the Footy Tipping. Richard and Margaret Bibby, and Sandra and Brian Patton deserve special mention for picking 9 winners in Round 7. Richard was the winner for the month with 25 correct picks and also leads the overall total with 50.

The Guest Speaker was Bill Freeman who spoke of his experience of drink driving. After 3 standard drinks, consumed over a 1 ½ hour period, he confidently blew into the breathalyser on his way home. The result was .052. He was given a fine of \$450, lost his licence for 3 months but did not lose any demerit points. Bill then resumed his love of bike riding! He explained the consequences of drink driving. He was required to pay for and complete an Alcohol Awareness Course in Bendigo over 2 mornings. He had to pay to have an Alcohol Interlock Device fitted for 6 months and had to travel to Bendigo monthly and pay to have the device read. When he turned on the ignition he had to blow into the device, which had to register zero. Once driving, every so often the device would beep and he would have to

stop and blow into the device. Sometimes this would happen after only a few kilometres, other times it would be after quite a few kilometres. After the 6 months he had to register zero for the next 3 years. He estimated the total cost for this experience would have been between \$2,000 to \$3,000.

On Wednesday, 15th May, a beautiful autumn day, 26 members were joined by 9 Probans from Donald and 6 from Wycheproof for a local outing. First stop was at the Yeungroon Windfarm with Peter Watts giving us a brief history and explanation of the workings. We were fortunate that maintenance was being done and we were able to see workers as tiny specks high up on the blade.

We then travelled a short distance to the Yeungroon Hall. Carolyn Olive gave a brief history of Yeungroon and we were able to look inside the hall, built in 1892, and then browsed the Storyboards of Yeungroon's past and admired the War Memorial which was unveiled in 2022.

Another short drive to the Charlton Feedlot. Terri Wolfe was our excellent guide. The Feedlot was established in 1971. It

currently has 40 employees. There are 4 single person units on site for accommodation. Currently there are 19,000 cattle, with 22,000 the maximum. 98% of the yards are shaded. There is a hospital on site (for the animals). The cattle are sent to processing plants at Wagga Wagga and Naracoorte. The meat is sold at Coles, Woolworths and Aldi under various brands. We then drove to Wedderburn for lunch which was most enjoyable. Time for a quick walk down the street before getting back on the bus for the 25 minute journey back to Charlton. Thank you to Outings Coordinator Sandra for a great day out in our local area.



L to R: Greg Wain, Noreen Ryan, Joan Cadzow, Margaret Fradd, Robyn Good, Margaret Bowen



Group at Yeungroon.



Charlton Harness Racing Club

INDUSTRY CHANGES

The harness racing industry in Victoria has been forced to face some stark financial realities recently, due to many factors some within our control and some not. Harness Racing Victoria management has just announced a restructured 'look' moving forward to try and secure the future of our sport.

Without hammering out all the details the end result for Charlton looks like the following.

Amid many race meeting cuts for a great number of country clubs, including our closest neighbours, and some much much larger towns than ours, Charlton has maintained our allotment of 16 race meetings for the next 12 months, and will be racing almost exclusively on Wednesdays, apart from on Cup Day Sunday March 16th and a few Friday meetings in the early part of the year.

We see this as a tremendous show of faith from HRV in us and an acknowledgment of all the progress made here recently.

A few major facts worked in our favour but the main one was the establishment of the Training Centre and the high numbers of horses based here. It remains an ongoing challenge to maintain this but we owe a great thanks to our resident trainers Zac, Mick and Emily and indeed those who came before them. We also thank our big band of 700 members both locally based and from all corners of Australia. This support has not gone unnoticed.

As a club we are energised and grateful for the opportunity to continue to grow our 'little' club and to be a positive influence in hopefully the resurgence and sustainability of harness racing – a sport that is deeply embedded in our town and a sport that is worth saving.

ZAC STEENHUIS GETS ON THE WINNER'S LIST AS CHARLTON TRAINER

Zac Steenhuis has certainly settled in quickly here in Charlton and we were so happy to see him get his first win as a Charlton trainer with Victory George at Mildura. Welcome to the winners' list Zac!

The Tormey and Gadsden stables show no sign of abating with a solid month of May winners – keep them coming please!

WELCOME HOME FOR HARVEY GIRLS

It was a busy day at the May 30 meeting with the club hosting the Harvey girls Lisa and Kerryn, who proudly sponsored a race in honour of their mother Josie – someone who many Charltonians will remember as past publican of the East Charlton Hotel. It is always great to have ex pats return to the club in any capacity and especially nice to be able to remember loved ones with a race name. The day was made even more special for them when the race was won by the John Tormey trained Dona Amalia, who had the race won a long way out.

We also welcomed some of the Bubbles girls who did such a great job on Cup Day, and also Greg and Leanne Fanning joined us for the first time in their capacity of sponsors the Charlton Caravan Park. We all know what a terrific job they are doing promoting Charlton so we will be looking to involve them in our club whenever possible.

A big thanks also to Graeme Hayes Real Estate who sponsored a race on the day and to the Sait Family who continue to provide a lovely trophy for the winner of the Victor Sait Memorial, this year won by Double Dot – driven a treat by a 'dot' of a driver Lauren White.

As we kicked on after the last and the rain tumbled down all was good in Charlton Town!

MARKHAM FAMILY UPDATE

Although now on the other side of the country it was so nice to get an update on the Markham children who we all grew to love here in Charlton.

All doing well – Ajay about to get his driver's license so we can expect to see him on the track soon competing alongside dad Ash. Chaise is a track curator at Pinjarra, and Bonnie and Nate are still keeping everyone on their toes.

We do miss those kids!!

Raffle Night FRIDAY 7th June
CRICKET CLUB HOTEL – All welcome!



Bonnie Markham- next Clerk of Course.



Sponsor Graeme Hayes, driver Jack Laughter and Swan Hill HRC Manager, Georgie Shean, with Winner Steel Ruler.



Lisa Harvey, Ellen Tormey, Tony Ward, Kerryn Harvey & John Tormey.



Charlton Harness Racing Club



Bill White, Lauren White, Sue White with Double Dot.



Ajay Markham - first trial drive.



Chaise Markham, preparing the track as Pinjarra Stable Foreman.



Nate Markham.

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



Charlton Neighbourhood House
The Heart of Our Community

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

Welcome to the June news update from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. We have just finished one of our busiest months of the year with a whole range of activities across our community. Thank you to all the people involved delivering the programs and to those who participated.

Our regular monthly activities; Charlton Carers Lunch, Buloke Book Club, Storytime, Monday Yarners, and Coffee with a Community Representative were supplemented by Neighbourhood House Week, Law Week and Volunteer Week. All these events don't just happen. They rely largely on the generosity of people giving up their time to support others in our community. Thank you again.



We were extremely grateful to Charlton Campdraft Club for their generous donation towards programs and activities in our community. As part of this donation we were able to present an essential paediatric first aid training session, with paediatric nurse and trainer Sarah Duncanson. Many important lessons were taught on the night that could possibly save a child's or adult's life.

One of the highlights for the month was our joint project with the Charlton RSL Sub Branch and the visit by two amazing speakers; Lambis Englezos OAM and Ross McMullin. Lambis detailed his amazing story of determination in discovering the lost graves of Australian servicemen from the Battle of Fromelles in 1916. Ross then gave an interesting talk of the life our local war hero Harold 'Pompey' Elliott. Everyone who attended the day commented on the importance of the subjects and were appreciative of everyone involved efforts.

June continues many regular programs as well as a very special free 'Movie that Matters'-Just a Farmer'. This is being delivered along with our partners Buloke Shire Council, Australian and Victoria Government, Mallee Family Care and East Wimmera Health Services.



The Charlton NH was again proud to support across the community National Simultaneous Storytime. Books, stickers and bookmarks were presented to our local schools, playgroup, pre-school and child minding centre for the children to take part in this Australia wide initiative.

We are very happy to serve our community and look forward to continuing to do so.

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

WHAT'S ON IN



JUNE

JULY

**EACH
MONDAY**

Monday Yarners (Social Group)
10:30am -12pm during school terms
AT: Rex Theatre Foyer
COST: FREE
Knitting supplies provided or BYO



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Coffee with a Cop
10:30am -12pm
AT: FLO Cafe inside Rex Theatre
COST: Free coffee for first 6 people
Talk directly to a Police representative.



6&7

Mallee Melee. D Day minatures gaming
9:00am to 5pm daily
AT: Charlton Shire Hall
COST: \$20 Inc. refreshments.
Replay the invasion of Normandy in 1944



12

Charlton Carers Lunch
12:00pm to 1:30 pm
AT: Charlton East Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised price
Speaker: Harry Brindley. FAA Eye Health



10

Charlton Carers Lunch
12:00pm to 1:30 pm
AT: Charlton East Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised price
Speaker: Deb Hobbs - Pain Management



17

Coffee with a Community Advocate
10:30am -12pm
AT: FLO Cafe inside Rex Theatre
COST: Free coffee for first 6 people
Talk to a community representative.



16

Buloke Book Club
10:30am -12pm
AT: Charlton Library inside Shire Hall
COST: FREE
Share what you have recently read



18

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COST: FREE
Share what you have recently read



15

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AT: FLO Cafe inside Rex Theatre
COST: Free coffee for first 6 people
Talk to a community representative.



23

Movies that Matter-Just a Farmer
7:30pm. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
AT: Charltons Rex Theatre
COST: FREE
A very special evening.



24

Table for 12 - Chicken & Chorizo Paello
7:30pm - 9:30pm
AT: North Central Trade School
COST: \$25
With special presenter Kim Thompson



24

World Action Development Group
From 7:00pm
AT: Lions Lodge, Charlton
COST: Free
Afriendly group discussing world issues.



27

Children's Storytime
10:30 -11:30am
AT: Charlton Library. Shire Hall
COST: FREE
With a special guest presenter



24

Coffee with a Councillor
10:30am -12pm
AT: FLO Cafe inside Rex Theatre
COST: Free coffee for first 6 people
Talk to your community councillor.



29

Coffee with a Councillor
10:30am -12pm
AT: FLO Cafe inside Rex Theatre
COST: Free coffee for first 6 people
Talk to your community representative.



25

Children's Storytime - Make Believe
10:30 -11:30am
AT: Charlton Library. Shire Hall
COST: FREE
With guest reader Mary McLoughlan





May Highlights at St Joseph's

After an enthusiastic start to the month of May, with the celebration of Catholic Education Week, Term Two is quickly flying by!

Winter Sports

Students from Grades 3-6 combined with students from Charlton, Wycheproof, Wedderburn, Boort and Pyramid Hill on what was a glorious day at Boort Park. Students participated in AFL, Minkey, T-Ball, Netball, Soccer and Newcomb. St Joseph's was very proud to have three students achieve sportsmanship awards on the day. Well done Rosie Fitzpatrick, Toby Bourke and Megg Fitzpatrick.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day was keenly celebrated with our special visitors on the Friday preceding the special occasion. Students presented a liturgy of thanks for all the special mothers, grandmothers and other notable females in our students' lives. The Junior Class performed a heart-warming rendition of "Thank You God For My Mum" and the Grade 3-6 students presented a comedy skit. After receiving a symbolic flower, our visitors enjoyed a well-deserved morning tea!

National Walk to School Day

St Joseph's is keen to promote physical activity and time outdoors. On National Walk to School Day, we took advantage of yet another perfect Autumn day, with a walk around the township of Charlton. Students enjoyed a stopover at the playground at Travellers' Rest before returning to school. This was an

opportunity for all students, including bus travellers to take part in the promotion.

National Simultaneous Story Time

National Simultaneous Story Time is celebrated each year, with a special book chosen to be read at noon on a given date. We are grateful to the Charlton Neighbourhood House for promoting this event and donating the story book to our school library. This year's story was 'Bowerbird Blues' by Aura Parker. The

students enjoyed the story and were fascinated with the rituals involved in finding a mate! Students were challenged to think about the treasure they would bring to their 'nest' and wrote these on blue hearts. These hearts were added to our very own, specially made, Bowerbird nests!

Sacramental Program

Six students from our Charlton schools completed their initiation into the Catholic



Mother's Day: Mia Wright, Kelly Wright, Deb Hobbs & Ruby Wright



Mother's Day: Isaac Roberts, Sophie Roberts, Vinny Roberts and Tash Roberts



Mother's Day: Maivol Morkos, Marilly Morkos & Jon Morkos

May Highlights at St Joseph's

Church on Sunday, receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The students were capably prepared by Mrs Bernadette Zagame and enjoyed celebratory cupcakes afterwards, prepared by Naomi Fitzpatrick. Thank you to all those who helped to make the day a special occasion for the six young candidates; Eadie, Megg, Maddie, Macey, Harrison & Flynn.

Hockey Bendigo

On Friday 31st, concluding the month of May, thirteen Grade 3-6 students are venturing to Bendigo to participate in the Division Hockey Tournament. They are very keen and are looking forward to playing against the four other teams in their pool. Stay tuned for the outcome!



Confirmation: Harrison Stahl, Flynn Zagame, Macey Revell, Megg Fitzpatrick, Maddie Lanyon & Eadie Ash.



National Simultaneous Story Time: Whole School



Hockey Sandhurst Division – School Sports Victoria – Isaac Roberts



Winter Sports: Rosie Fitzpatrick



Winter Sports: Finn Schofield, Maddie Lanyon, Megg Fitzpatrick & Macey Revell

'Wheels on A79' Motor Club Launch

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Like-minded motoring enthusiasts showed their support as Charlton "Wheels on A79 Car, Truck and Tractor Club" was launched at the Traveller's Rest on Sunday 26th May.

The multi-vehicle and highway-defined title has been an attempt to include as wide a range of participants as possible – not just from the local areas - but to involve locations from along the Calder Highway route with Charlton providing the nucleus of the operation. The expansive title also reaches out to the passionate owners of both commercial and agricultural vehicles, encouraging them to bring their machines into the mix and share the rich tapestry of detail so beloved to enthusiasts of the motoring world.

Sleek car bodies, an agricultural gem and an authentic Charlton icon were amongst the collection of cars, trucks and tractors set up to provide a backdrop for the club launch. From Yeungroon farmer, Andrew Wright's Allis Chalmers 1938 WF tractor, to doyen of the trucking trade, Bill Fitzpatrick, with his 1952 Chevrolet truck, there was a vehicle to whet the appetite of any dedicated motor-lover with an appreciation for the chrome, the styling and the under-the-bonnet power.

Eye-popping appeal came from Wedderburn visitor, Jamie Martin's stunning Corvettes – a yellow 1976 Stingray (left-hand drive) and an equally impressive red number – along with locals, Mark Windsor's Roadrunner and John "Nipper" Sweatman's 1976 Torana XL SL/R 5000. There was plenty to capture the attention of a would-be member to get the club off to a roaring start.

A welcome by President, Dick Lee, set out the origins of the Club's formation, along with outlining the mode of operation for the here and now. Future aspirations were also touched on – along with more distant visions of growth.

A meeting of a group of passionate people in Charlton was enough to set the idea in motion with a gathering called for 28th February at the East Charlton Hotel.

And "Wow, what a turn-out it was!" said Dick. "Twenty-two people turned up, and this gave us an indication that the club would be a "goer".

A committee was voted in – President, Dick Lee, Vice-President, Daniel Mulquiny, Secretary, Andrew Wright and Treasurer, Ian Walsh – and the idea "became a reality".

Establishing a constitution, the ethos is



Known and respected throughout the trucking world, Bill Fitzpatrick was eager to include his 1952 Maple Leaf Chevrolet in the display last Sunday. The vehicle is a replica of the original truck which started the trucking business which began with transporting stock from Glenloth East to St. Arnaud for a sheep sale.



Wheels on A79 Executive—Daniel Mulquiny, Andrew Wright, Dick Lee & Ian Walsh.

'Wheels on A79' Motor Club Launch

"to form a club that can provide members with an opportunity to share information about all things mechanical including tradespeople, parts, internet sites and also to meet up and engage socially with trips, shows, signs, member displays at the Charlton Show and the like," said Dick.

Embracing all types of vehicles is a "must" for the club – the only exclusion being motorcycles, so as not to encroach on the realm of the Skeeter Grimshaw Club.

In continuing, Dick said the aim of the club was to welcome all like-minded people to join and share their knowledge and interests. With activities ranging from a "Show & Shine", day trips, visiting places of interest, and member displays, etc. the club has set up an Event Committee which will be working to plan a calendar for the first year. All members are being encouraged to contribute ideas, while activities such as a 4WD and a car trial are currently being considered.

With a \$50 annual membership fee (per person, unless a family), Dick then invited attendees to sign up. Club registrations may be considered down the track, but for the time being growing the club is the main focus.

A digital profile has also been established with a Facebook Page - "Wheels on A79" - which members were encouraged to "like" and "share".

Acknowledging the supporters who have enabled the club to become a reality, Dick ran through a list of thanks which included; the East Charlton Hotel (first meeting) the Charlton Lawn Tennis Club facility (for subsequent meetings), Charlton

Neighbourhood House (assisting with the Club incorporation, setting up the website, email address and providing auspice for insurance), Billy and Kylie Fitzpatrick (loan of the marquee for the launch), Sally Glover (graphic design for club logo, for online and merchandise use), Travellers' Rest (BBQ and use of facilities for the launch), Buloke Shire Council and Fine Farm Organics (BBQ and refreshments for launch).

With a sign up of twenty members on Sunday – from Charlton, Donald, Boort, Wedderburn and St. Arnaud - plenty of interest is being generated in the Club's

first outing which is scheduled for Saturday 22 June. There will be a 9:30am start from the Travellers' Rest for a drive to Wedderburn, Bridgewater, Melville Caves, Kingower, and Inglewood, before making the return trip home.

Further information or membership for "Wheels on A79" can be found at the Facebook page of the same name or by contacting 0467 916 229 | email: wheelsona79@gmail.com

The next club meeting will be held on 18th June at the Charlton Lawn Tennis Club at 8pm.



Jamie Martin from Wedderburn is pictured with his 1976 Stingray Corvette and nephews, Charlie and Ashton Steele.

Charlton Bowling Club News

Charlton Bowling Club has a New President. At our AGM on May 20th, Michael O'Brien was elected President for the next two years.

His committee consists of Vice President, Eily Rosewall, Secretary, Kevin Willey, Treasurer, Lynne Southwell, Committee of Wayne Keenan, Peter Watts, Jeff Cox, Doug Finlay, Bernie Laffin and Wayne Southwell.

It has been 20 years since Charlton Bowling Club Saturday Pennant were in the Finals. On Saturday February 17th the below team travelled to St Arnaud Country Club to play Donald Golf with Manager Kevin Willey. Games were very close all day with the Charlton team losing by the smallest of shots overall being just three. Well done to our team finishing in the top four to play in the finals.

Pennant Teams:

Lead: David Beaty, Brad Chester, Greg Barnard.

Second: Bernie Laffin, Steve Simpson, Steve Harper

Third: John Headon, Doug Finlay, Gary Bateson

Skip: Doug Gretgrix, Michael Preston, Eily Rosewall.



Back: Zac Irwin, David Beaty, Bernard Catherine, (obscured), Gary Bateson, Bernie Laffin, Brad Chester, Doug Finlay, Greg Barnard. Front: Greg Wain, Steve Harper, John Headon, Eily Rosewall, President Neil Cossar, Wayne Keenan. Absent: Manager Kevin Willey, (photographer), Michael Preston, Doug Gretgrix, Steve Simpson.

Croquet Club News

May has been a quiet time for the Croquet Club. Thanks to members who volunteered to take a turn to do Meals on Wheels. Thanks also to those who sold tickets for our raffle. The winner was from out of town.

On 29th April the Victorian Croquet Association held a Handicapping Workshop. Six Charlton members, two from Swan Hill and one from Boort participated. The workshop was conducted by Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt. All participants gained a better understanding of the handicapping process.

On Tuesday 4th June we have our AGM followed by our annual lunch.



Handicapping Workshop at Charlton Croquet Club. Attendees from Charlton, Swan Hill and Boort Croquet Clubs.



WHAT'S ON AT THE REX ROYAL HARMONY

Saturday 29th June 2pm

Tickets: \$30

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/royal-harmony>

The Rex Theatre invites you to a unique afternoon of music and majesty, as performer, Rachel Buckley (as Her Majesty, Queen Victoria) introduces a reflective presentation of composer, Felix Mendelssohn's works as presented to the court during the early years of her reign.

A favourite of the Queen and her consort, Prince Albert, Mendelssohn and his sister, Fanny, delighted the royal couple with their style of musicianship, especially Prince Albert who was a skilled organist and pianist in his own right.

Supported by an ensemble of performers from Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Victoria, including soprano, Laura Caire (Young Queen Victoria), tenor, Ryan Jacobs (Prince Albert), baritone Ian Lowe (Private Secretary Bigge) and accompanist, Geoffrey Urquhart (Felix Mendelssohn) Rachel, as the older Queen, assumes a narrator's role, holding the story together in this tribute to - in the queen's words - 'the greatest musical genius since Mozart'.

Classified as an exponent of the Romantic era, and most famously known for the majestic orchestral "Wedding March" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "Royal Harmony" covers some of Mendelssohn's piano works much admired by the young royal couple.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy musical diversity through the talented artists taking part in this Charlton program.

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Further information about Buckley's of Dunolly can be found at:

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APRIL 27
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MAY 4
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MAY 11
ROUND 5 - BIRCHIP-WATCHEM

MAY 25
ROUND 6 - @ NULLAWIL

JUNE 1
ROUND 7 - DONALD

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

JUNE 15
ROUND 9 - SEA LAKE NANDALY

JUNE 22
ROUND 10 - BYE

JUNE 29
ROUND 11 - BOORT

JULY 6
ROUND 12 - @ WEDDERBURN

JULY 13
ROUND 13 - WYCHE-NARRA

JULY 20
ROUND 14 - @ BIRCHIP-WATCHEM

JULY 27
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PG Mild nudity
135 mins | Drama | Romance
Language: French, with subtitles

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Sun 2 JUNE 2pm
Tue 4 JUNE 8pm



KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES
M Science fiction themes and violence
145 mins | Action | Sci-Fi

Director Wes Ball breathes new life into the global, epic franchise set several generations in the future following Caesar's reign.

Sat 8 JUNE 8pm
Sun 9 JUNE 2pm
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MA15+ Strong violence and injury detail
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Tue 18 JUNE 8pm



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PG Mild themes, some scenes may upset young children
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M Coarse language | 104 mins | Musical

Featuring the hit songs of British pop icons Take That, "Greatest Days" is an epic movie musical that marries the heartfelt story of a group of women who grew up loving a boyband.

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Tue 2 JULY 8pm

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Thank You

On Sunday I visited the Charlton Cemetery to place flowers on my late husband's grave. I was so pleased to see how beautiful the grounds were, with a seating area, beautiful roses and manicured lawns. Thank you to the Charlton Cemetery Trust and all those involved in the cemetery's maintenance. Lorraine Foster

St Martin's Messenger—June/July

Sunday 9 June	Holy Communion 9am
Sunday 23 June	Holy Communion 9am
Sunday 7 July	Holy Communion 9am
Sunday 21 July	Holy Communion 9am

Check your torch ready for winter

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, ' says the Lord God; 'I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.' Esekiel 36:26; 37:14

We celebrated the Day of Pentecost recently, and we talked about the Holy Spirit. We talk a lot about God and Jesus, but sometimes not as much about the Holy Spirit and its place in the Trinity and in our faith.

As I thought about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit, and the Three in One, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, I was checking my torch ready for the winter months and when it did not fire up, I replaced the batteries but still no light. (and, yes, I had the positives and negatives pointing in the right way). I checked the batteries on another appliance and found that the batteries were not flat, so it must be something else that was preventing the torch from operating. I was stumped -the bulb seemed to be in good order. I did some research to find out what other parts of the torch could be the issue. I found out to my surprise that a metal strip connects the battery (the power source) to the bulb (the light) and when you have the "on" switch on, the power is transferred to create the light. I was thinking that if the battery (everready and everlasting) was God, and the light was the Son, Jesus, who was our shining example of how to be kind here on earth, then the connection must be the Holy Spirit. If we have our "on" switch on, then we can deepen our faith by being powered by the Trinity, the three in one (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). How about you check your torch and make sure that your "faith" switch is in the on position to be ready when the Holy Spirit comes to you.

Prayer: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

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

North Central Garden Club

Our monthly meeting in May was attended by 12 members with many bringing flowers for our competition table. There were some beautiful examples of late season roses, camellias and chrysanthemums to name a few. Discussions about all things garden followed and plans finalised for our trip to Creswick for their annual Learning Day on the 29th of June.



Sophie Thompson from Gardening Australia is this year's guest presenter and we are looking forward to a great day. Our next meeting will be our annual plant auction which is always fun.

Anyone interested in coming along to Garden Club, we meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Lions Lodge in Camp Street, Charlton at 2pm.

President: Bernice Kenny 5491 1334
Secretary: Lynne McRae. 0408 113 104

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Sunday 16th – 10.00am.
Sunday 23rd –10:00am
Sunday 30th –10:00am

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Mass Times

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Sun. 9 th June	8.30am
Sat. 15 th June	7.00pm
Sun. 23 rd June	10.30am
Sun. 30 th June	5 th Sunday - No Mass

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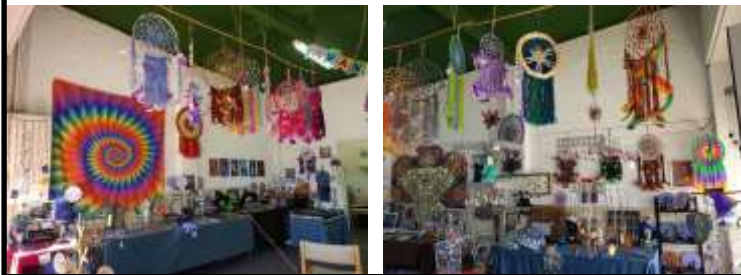
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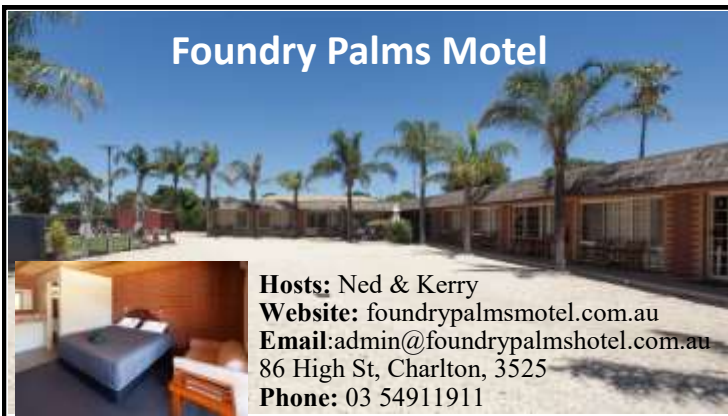
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						1 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
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9	10 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling Club Meeting 8pm	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	12	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	14 Probus Meeting	15
16	17 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting 7:30pm	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Fun Day 10:30am Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	19 Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	20 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	21 RSL Meeting	22 Fishing Comp
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14	15 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting 7:30pm CWA Meeting	16 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Fun Day 10:30am Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	17 Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	19 RSL Meeting	20 Fishing Comp
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