

# The Charlton Community Newsletter

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## Red Cross Awards For Charlton

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

Team and individual members of the Red Cross Buloke Emergency Services Team were recognized with exemplary awards at the May 28<sup>th</sup> presentations held at Government House in Melbourne.

The Team, which comprises Charlton locals – Janet Stafford, Joy Freeman, Jenny and Allan McGillivray, Liz Richardson, Bronwyn Fisher and Bruce Stafford – are augmented by Bill Critchley (Moama) and Teresa O'Brien (Lake Boga) who are representatives from the Gannawarra and Swan Hill Local Government Areas, which, along with Buloke, make up the large geographical area of Red Cross Northern Lakes Region.

As the recipients of the Distinguished Team Award, the citation listed the extensive outreach which this small, but determined group has imparted over the years.

Attending incidents across regions covering Shepparton, Dereel, Hepburn, Loddon Mallee and Yarra Ranges, and at Relief and Recovery Centres in Charlton, Mildura, Cobden, Terang, Bunyip and Morwell, members have been available to offer support and comfort to many in a time of need. Their engagements have also covered the 2017 Bourke Street Mall incident, along with responses to Queensland's tropical cyclone Debbie (also 2017). Earlier this year Janet and Liz

carried out deployments to Mossman (north of Cairns) and the Gold Coast respectively following the massive rainfall and flooding events generated by Cyclone Jasper.

Well known for their local outreach, the Buloke Team has also circulated hundreds of Trauma Teddies over the years, undertaken many fundraising activities, attended Red Cross Branch Zone meetings, and are a regular presence at ANZAC Day ceremonies.

During COVID members dedication saw them driving hundreds of kilometers to distribute food parcels to show care and compassion during the periods of isolation and lockdowns.

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Charlton members of the Red Cross Buloke Emergency Services Team are pictured following the presentation of the Distinguished Team Award at Government House: (l-r) Allan McGillivray, Bronwyn Fisher, the Governor of Victoria, the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Joy Freeman, Jenny McGillivray and Liz Richardson. (Absent: Janet Stafford, Bill Critchley and Teresa O'Brien).

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## From the Editor Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the July edition of the Community Newsletter.

Congratulations to Leanne Fanning and crew for a successful Breast Cancer fundraiser. The town looked amazing with its show of pink—especially the East Charlton Hotel.

July is a month in which many of our community AGMs are held. We all enjoy the benefits of many of these groups but they don't run themselves. As the secretary of four groups myself, I know it is sometimes a thankless task. However, if more people stepped up to take on executive positions, we'd only have to do it for a year at a time. And we know how quickly a year goes by!

I attended the event 'Royal Harmony' at the Rex on Saturday. It was a fabulous production and to hear classical music on the Steinway is always a treat. Well done to all involved.

It's nice to see things finally greening up. Better late than never! Here's hoping the forecast rain next week eventuates.

Cheers, Carolyn

## Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

July:

Jazz in July @ Charlton Park—Sunday 21st  
Biggest Morning Tea @ Lions Lodge—Wednesday 24th  
St Vincent de Paul Lunch—Wednesday 31st

August:

Exhibition @ Courthouse Gallery—Saturday 3rd  
Charlton Musical Soiree @ Courthouse—Saturday 31st



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- Lots of cupboard space and electric cooker in kitchen.
- Bathroom with vanity and shower over bath.
- Separate laundry and toilet.

# Painting the Town Pink

Charlton turned pink for the inaugural fundraiser to raise awareness and funds for the Breast Cancer Network Australia. The event was the brainchild of local breast cancer survivor, Leanne Fanning.

The East Charlton Hotel was lit up with pink lighting and many other businesses were also decorated in pink. Bras were hung from the balcony of the pub and the umbrella at Caffeinated Chaos. The bras will be donated by CWA Cabbaritta to

those in need. A Trivia night was held on Saturday 29th June and an auction also took place.

Leanne was thrilled with the support of businesses and the local community. With people travelling from throughout Victoria, the event was a sell out and by all reports—loads of fun. The final fundraising tally is in and \$7500 was raised which is a fantastic effort. (More photos on page 4.)



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# Red Cross Awards For Charlton

Enthusiastic, committed and always ready and willing to help when needed most, the Buloke Team “constantly rise to the occasion to support not only their own local communities, but all Victorian communities impacted by an emergency as well as providing support for interstate emergencies”.

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

Joy Freeman and Janet Stafford were also recipients of Outstanding Service Awards which recognize dedication shown at local, regional, divisional or national levels.

### JOY FREEMAN

An active Branch member since 1980 and an Emergency Services volunteer since 1999, Joy has been the “face” of Red Cross locally - recruiting, supporting and taking on the positions of Team Convener and Team Leader during this time, as well as building liaisons with other agencies and providing feed-back to the state Red Cross organization.

Her involvement has encompassed activations at local, state and national emergency incidents, including the 2011 floods, and the Bourke Street Mall tragedy, along with responses to the aftermaths of fires, storms and cyclones.

Joy has also assisted in the Single Incident Emergency Assistance Program, supporting people in isolated emergency events by providing Psychological First Aid and linking them to other support agencies. She has been a Red Cross representative at Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee meetings and helped to provide food relief to numerous families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On receiving the award, Joy said it was a memorable and humbling occasion, and that her input has never been for the rewards. “It’s something that I feel I have been called to and moved to do,” she said, while acknowledging the very wide outreach of their small group.

### JANET STAFFORD

Janet’s Red Cross story evolved out of the 2011 Charlton flood when she turned up at the Relief Centre and asked, “What can I do to help?” Following an immediate sign-up to the organization, her involvement over the past 13 years has been - in her own words - “The best thing I have ever done.” As both a Team Convener (working with a group) and Team Leader (working with individuals) she said she was so proud of the work the group does, saying how amazing it was “working

with people who entrust you completely.”

Extremely responsive and readily available, Janet has been deployed across Victoria and interstate for multiple, critical emergency responses including the Bourke Street Mall incident which was one of the hardest jobs she has ever done. “Helping people to try and process something like that was so difficult,” she said. “The reflection and questioning - if I’d done this, or only done that - would the outcome have been different?”

Her leadership qualities have also been acknowledged, especially her ability to keep members engaged and connected with each other and with the Red Cross movement. Her behind-the-scenes input in keeping the Northern Lakes Division running smoothly was also applauded.

Janet’s welcoming and supportive approach towards both new volunteers and staff alike was also commended. Her citation concluded with: “Janet displays an exemplary level of commitment, humanity and voluntary service, and her contributions and support of Red Cross are much appreciated.”

Accepting the award on Janet’s behalf was her daughter, Kristy Matheos.

**Australian Red Cross** Distinguished Team Award

**Buloke Emergency Services Team**  
William Critchley, Bronwyn Fisher, Joy Freeman,  
Allan McGillivray, Jennifer McGillivray,  
Teresa O'Brien, Elizabeth Richardson  
Bruce Stafford, Janet Stafford

The Buloke Emergency Services Team is a small and proud team that strives to deliver Red Cross Emergency Service Programs under difficult circumstances.

Faced with a dwindling number of team members, they constantly rise to the occasion to support not only their own local community, but all Victorian communities impacted by an emergency as well as support interstate emergencies.

Some of the activations the team provided support at include Outreach at Shepparton, Gannawarra, Doreel, Hapburn, Loddon Mallee and the Yarra Ranges. They were supporting communities at relief and recovery centres in Charlton, Mildura, Cobden, Terang, Bunyip and Morwell. In 2017, the team was active during the Melbourne Bourke Street incident and during Queensland's Tropical Cyclone Debbie. These are in addition to the support provided at numerous isolated house fires over many years.

The team are well known locally for their Red Cross work. They have distributed hundreds of Trauma Teddies, conducted fundraising events, attended Red Cross Branch Zone meetings, participated in local events including the ANZAC Day ceremony and have driven hundreds of kilometres distributing food parcels with kindness during COVID-19.

The entire team displays incredible commitment, dedication and enthusiasm. They are always ready and willing to serve the community when needed most.

The Red Cross Buloke Emergency Services Team are worthy recipients of this Distinguished Team Award.

*Charles Burkitt*  
Charles Burkitt - President  
Australian Red Cross  
February 2024



*Joy Freeman receives her Outstanding Service Award from the Governor during the ceremony.*



*Kristy Matheos (l) accepted the Outstanding Service Award for her mother, Janet Stafford, at the ceremony. Kristy is pictured with Bill and Joy Freeman.*





# Charlton Probus News

On a lovely wet day the Charlton Probus Club held its June Meeting in the warm Shire Hall Supper Room. President Anne welcomed 35 members and two guests. After the Probus song was sung we remembered Dawn Parish and Russell Round with a minute's silence. Dawn and Russell were both Foundation members. May Chester, who was also a Foundation member and Caring Officer for 8 years, has resigned. We thank May for her contribution to the club.

Happy birthday was sung to Probians celebrating June birthdays.

Kevin Mathews gave us an update on the Footy Tipping and President Anne gave a two minute talk on her travels to New Zealand.

The Guest Speaker was Lee Parker who spoke about her experience of breeding, showing and judging dogs. Lee began showing dogs at the age of 13 and only stopped in 1985 due to ill health. Her first experience of breeding dogs was with

labradors. In the early 70s she began breeding pointers. In 1995 Lee moved to Perth and began breeding Irish Red and White Setters. Lee and her husband, Ray, still show Pointers and also have one Beagle.

Lee is an All Breeds' Judge. She is qualified to judge 207 breeds of dogs and it took her about 25 years to become a fully qualified All Breeds' Judge. Judges are expected to be able to judge 30 dogs an hour. Lee has judged in Australia, New Zealand, the UK and South Africa.

Lee explained how in Australia dogs are classified into seven main breed groups based on their characteristics and original functions. The groups are: Toy, Terrier, Gundog, Hound, Working, Utility and Non-Sporting. There are 25 to 40 breeds in each group. Lee detailed the general appearance and characteristics of the beagle eg. head and skull, eyes, and gait/movement.

Lee explained that the Irish Red and White Setters are the original Irish Setter

and are white with red patches. When the Irish (red) Setter started appearing in litters it became very popular and the Irish Red and White Setter almost died out.

At the end of World War 2 there were only 18 registered IRWS in the world. They were re-established by a group of Irish men, led by a Bishop, who used red setters, that had white on their chests, and mated them with the remaining IRWS. Sadly, they are still a rare breed. Last year they were the most endangered breed in England. Lee and Ray are the only breeders in Australia.

Lee explained that puppies from this litter are going to America, New Zealand, Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

Lee and Ray, under their prefix Tintookie, have bred more than 70 champions made up of Pointers and Irish Red and White Setters.

Lee brought in her beagle, Meaghan, and two IRWS pups 6 weeks old.

At our next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July we will celebrate our 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Kim Wishart, Lee Parker and Trish Johns.



June Birthdays L to R: Marj Bartlett, Bev Mulholland and Neil Cossar.

## Charlton RSL Sub-branch RSL ANZAC SCHOOL PROJECT

Charlton RSL sub-Branch has introduced a new RSL ANZAC School Project which is open to pupils in Year 6 at Charlton College and at St Joseph's Primary School. The object of the Project is to encourage and foster school and community interest in ANZAC Day and in the ideals of service, mateship and love of country.

The Project is for the pupils to prepare and submit written papers on "What ANZAC Day means to me."

Project papers have been prepared, submitted, assessed by a panel, and two winners have been

selected, one from each school. Early next term participants will receive Certificates of Participation and the two winners, who will each receive a \$50.00 voucher redeemable at Charlton Authorised Newsagency, will be announced. More details next Newsletter.

### VALE LYNETTE ELSON (Minogue).

Sadly, our valued RSL affiliate member Lyn passed away on 18 June. A service to celebrate Lyn's life will be held in the Uniting Church Hall, Halliday Street, Charlton on Monday 08 July at 1400 hours.

LEST WE FORGET.







# Term Two Wraps Up at St Joseph's

## Athletic Sports

St Joseph's participated in the Charlton College House Athletics on the final day of Term Two. This was a fitting way to finish the term, with students enjoying the competition and novelty activities. Although depleted in numbers, the students who participated had a great day and we are grateful to the Charlton College staff for inviting us to join for this very valuable practice prior to the Calder Athletic Sports next term.

## International Yoga Day

A huge thank you to Averyll Loft who ran yoga sessions for the students on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – International Yoga Day. St Joseph's staff are very aware of the importance of student well-being and the impact this has on learning outcomes and mental health. Averyll does a beautiful job of providing fun and engaging sessions which encourage the students to 'just be' and leave their worries behind for a little while. Students actively participated in whole group, paired and individual tasks. I agree with what I heard one student exclaiming, 'I wish Averyll could come every week!'

## Sandpit Mania

The recent rain has seen the children keenly playing in our spacious sandpit. The conditions are just right for digging and building! A combined effort has seen massive trenches, nests and castles appear, filling the entire sandpit. To add

to the fun, we have installed a new mud kitchen, which has been heavily utilized by students of all ages.

## Parliament Prize

The Grade 5 & 6 students were challenged to write a member's statement to Parliament petitioning for a cause they believe strongly about. The statement had a 90 second limit so students had to get their arguments in thick and fast. I feel

there may be some future politicians in our ranks! Topics were varied and included the cost of farming for the next generation, the trouble with bindi eye, vaping woes, littering, animal poaching, cyberbullying, the need for bike trails, smoking, and plastic waste endangering animals. Students wrote, rehearsed and then were recorded presenting their statements. A super effort by all.



*Above: Yoga – Rosie Fitzpatrick & Marilly Morkos, Maddie Lanyon and Megg Fitzpatrick, Ruby Wright & Neive Cotton.*

*Left: Yoga – Finn Schofield & Flynn Zagame.*

*Below: Yoga – Whole Class.*





# Term Two Wraps Up at St Joseph's

## Learning Walks

As we wrap up another term I thank you for your on-going commitment and support of St Joseph's School. We were fortunate to have specialist education consultant, Tony Dalton, visit our school last week. Tony, with the help of a group of parents, modelled for me how to conduct Learning Walks at St Joseph's

School. Learning Walks allow visitors to the school to find out the answers to what they are wondering; to interact with the students and then reflect on their discoveries. We will definitely be offering some Learning Walks in the near future. The parents who were present were challenged to complete the following prompt in less than three words:

Learning at St Joseph's is.....

**The responses were: fun and welcoming; calming; inclusive and engaging; effortless!**

Another great term of learning and growing at St Joe's! Happy holidays, everyone!

Mary Hogan - Principal



*Left: Yoga – Ruby Wright & Neive Cotton.*

*Above: Yoga – Sophie Roberts and Macey Revell.*

*Below Left: Mud kitchen - Sally Armstrong, Madelyn Winslade, Darcy Olive, Finn Schofield, Flynn Zagame, Sophie Roberts and Vinny Roberts.*

*Below: Yoga - Henry Lanyon & Darcy Olive, Finn Schofield & Flynn Zagame, Averyll Loft.*





# Table Tennis Honours Bill

*Contributed by Janny Pollard*

A lifetime of table tennis service to the Victorian Table Tennis Country Championships saw Charlton's Bill Freeman recognized with two significant awards at the recent annual event held at Traralgon over the King's Birthday long weekend.

The Championships, which draw the top players from around the state, acknowledged Bill's unwavering contributions to the sport with the conferral of a 50 Year Award and a Country Lifetime Service Award applauding his input as both a player and a long-term administrator.

Showing stellar dedication, Bill has attended every TTVCC event since 1966 – either at the tables as a participant, or in combination with his role as a Committee Member – a position which he has held for 40 years. The only disruption to this extensive run was during COVID when lockdowns were in force, but once they were lifted, he was quickly back on board again. For the past three years he has attended in an administrative capacity only, having moved on from the battle of competition.

Within that time frame Bill also held the position of the Chairman for the Country Championships – a 10 year stint which required him to also spend time travelling across the state for executive meetings. During his tenure he introduced initiatives such as the leading player medallions and winner's shields to the championships, and in 2010 he added a personalized gesture by providing the "Bill Freeman Shield" for the winners of the B3 Grade team.

Providing opportunities for country players, Bill also took teams on tours through country New South Wales and South Australia on at least twelve different occasions. Reverse trips were also organised, with NSW players heading to country Victoria. "These tours encouraged better country players to improve their game," said Bill, "and generated much goodwill - as well as providing me with a week off work to pursue the sport that I love!" he quipped. Unfortunately, touring opportunities ended in 2001.

As a player Bill won the Country D Grade singles in 1999 and has been a member of a Shield-winning team on several occasions.

In conversation, it is clear that this sport resonates deeply with Bill. Having developed an interest during his twenties playing social games at the Vespa Club in Melbourne, he continued to seek out opportunities to play as his work as a lawyer took him around the state. From Donald in 1965, to Leongatha, then

Charlton from 1978 and finally at Coonooer Bridge during the late 1980's Bill could be found with a membership at each of these local clubs which were then part of the flourishing table tennis scene of the times.

Keen to recount details of the local clubs, Bill has compiled a list of player names which many of the "Times" readers will recognize; from Donald – Brian Bayles, David and Tim Doueal, Jack and Lil Kirk, Ian McEwan, Neil McEwan, and even the editor of this paper received a mention! From Charlton – Peter Nener, Vic Arundell, Keith Bish, Ian Bish, Bill Crutch, Peter Noonan. From Coonooer Bridge – Robert Adams, Roy Postlethwaite, the extended Watts family, Graeme Bouchier and Neil Fyffe.

In extolling the virtues of the game, Bill said table tennis was a sport which anyone can play. "You don't have to have extensive skills to take it up". Calling to mind the home game set-ups, where the family could join in and have plenty of fun, is a prime example of the accessibility of the sport. Promoting fitness was another benefit, although Bill suggested that it helped to be in good condition to start with. Considering

he only gave up playing at age 83 – that's a pretty good recommendation!

From a social perspective, the outcome is also manifold. "I have made a lot of friends through table tennis," Bill said. "In fact, it was through table tennis contacts that my wife, Joy, and I became TT volunteers at the Sydney Paralympics in the year 2000, at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006 and also at two or three Pacific Games in Bendigo."

So, what special techniques has this doyen of the sport employed to keep the edge on his own game over the years? Any killer moves, strategic plans or special feints to unsettle the opposition? "Just keep the ball in play, and eventually your opponent will make a mistake!" was the advice imparted.

With the Paris Olympics soon to begin Bill and Joy will no doubt be eager to watch the table tennis action unfold and marvel at the skills showcased by the crème de la crème of world competitors. For now, though, Bill's own enjoyment of playing the game and his contributions towards ensuring others can do likewise has received the acknowledgement it deserves.



*Bill Freeman is pictured with his 50 year certificate and Country Lifetime Service Award recently presented at the 2024 Table Tennis Victoria Country Championships in acknowledgement of his extensive contributions to the organization. Also receiving a 50 year award was Ballarat player, John Bowers, who was a former teacher at Donald.*



# Badminton Back in a Big Way!



Badminton is back in Charlton in a big way!! The Charlton Badminton Club has seen a resurgence in numbers for season 2024. After seeing considerable reductions in numbers in the past few years, it has been fantastic to regularly see over 30 players each night this season.

Whether it is the change in night, now playing on Wednesday nights, or maybe it is the considerable recruiting power of a refreshed committee, Connor Hooper, Matt Thompson and Ethan Needs leading the charge, whatever the new formula is, it is working and great competition has been the result. With players as young as 13, right through to wily veterans in their 80's competing, Charlton badminton certainly is proving to be a game for all comers.

Social competition nights comprise the use of a 'ladder' system, where players positions on the ladders are determined by the previous week's results. The ladder system allows players to play when they can, no requirement to commit every week if your circumstances don't allow, if you miss a week, you simply slide a spot down the ladder, not disadvantaging anyone but yourself. Play commences at 7:30pm each Wednesday night, and newcomers are more than welcome to come along at any stage of the season to give it a go.

The Club Doubles Championships were held recently, 32 players pairing up to play across two grades in both Ladies and Men's to determine this year's Club Doubles Champions. Newly crowned Ladies A Grade Champions are Megan Bruns and Jo Southcombe, defeating Sandra Fanning and

Lisa Bruns, Jo clearly taking her form on the tennis court across to the wooden floor of the stadium to add another Charlton trophy to her cabinet, and Megan proving a year away from badminton was not enough to stop her beating mum for the gong!! The Ladies B Grade winners were Claudia Lee and Brooke Thompson, proudly sponsored by Fine Farm Organics, the carb loading prior to the night obviously helping immensely on their way to defeating Val Bourke and Janette Wain. In the Men's side of competition, Ethan Needs teamed with Troy Heenan to defeat Zane Sullivan and Tristan James in an entertaining final of the

Men's A Grade, while brothers Connor Hooper and Bailey Hooper-Dixon combined to take out the Men's B Grade title, defeating Henry Bourke and Soni Easo.

On the junior courts, 27 juniors are hitting the shuttle each week, with anyone else wanting to join in more than welcome – Tuesdays after school.

Social ladies is also on offer, Friday mornings from 9:30am, little ones amply catered for in the foyer with plenty of 'mums' keeping things in check, all invited to come along and give it a go, even if you have never played before.



*L to R Back: A Grade Men - Troy Heenan & Ethan Needs; B Grade Men - Bailey Hooper-Dixon & Connor Hooper. Front: A Grade Ladies - Jo Southcombe & Megan Bruns; B Grade Ladies - Claudia Lee & Brooke Thompson.*



*Wednesday Night Badminton.*



# CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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



Welcome to the July news update from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. Well another busy month has come and gone with many activities taking place around our community.

Our regular monthly activities; Charlton Carers Lunch, Buloke Book Club, Storytime, Monday Yarners, and Coffee with a Community Representative were well attended as always and much enjoyment was had by those involved. Drop in or call the Neighbourhood House if you would like details on these friendly groups.



We have been pleased to be able to assist the A79 Car Club get established and wish all involved every success going into the future. Their meetings and first official event have all been well attended which bodes well for the future.



The Charlton Youth Group have been busy planning up coming events and were very pleased to recently hold a Junior Disco at the Charlton Hall. Their next event is a Buloke Youth Group Quiz Night at Charlton Park.

We were proud to partner with Buloke Shire, Mallee Family Care and East Wimmera Health to present the powerful Australian movie, 'Just a Farmer'. With funding support from the Federal and State Governments, a crowd of over 200 residents from across the Shire attended the Rex Theatre to view this movie and its important message.



We are so pleased to be presenting another of our popular 'Table for 12' activities at the North Central Trade School on July 24. Hosted by popular presenter Kim Thompson, the evening will feature Chicken and Chorizo Paella. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment. Cost just \$25.

On a sad note, June 30 was the last day for our coordinator Markus Phillips. He has been invaluable to the Charlton Neighbourhood House over the course of the last four years.

Please join with us as we wish him well in his retirement.



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



# WHAT'S ON IN



## JULY

**EACH  
MONDAY**

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



**6&7**

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



**10**

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



**15**

**Coffee with Charlton Forum**  
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



**23**

**Children's Storytime**  
10:30 -11:30am  
**AT:** Charlton Library. Shire Hall  
**COST:** FREE  
Special guest reader- Tree theme.



**22**

**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.



**24**

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



**29**

**Coffee with Council- Trevor Rumbold**  
10:30am -12pm  
**AT:** FLO Cafe inside Rex Theatre  
**COST:** Free coffee for first 6 people  
Playground proposal for Lions Park discussion



## AUGUST

**EACH  
MONDAY**

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



**5**

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



**12**

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



**14**

**Charlton Carers Lunch**  
12:00pm to 1:30 pm  
**AT:** Charlton East Hotel  
**COST:** Lunch at subsidised price  
Speaker: Michelle Jenkyn Banking Security



**19**

**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.



**20**

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



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**World Action Development Group**  
7:00pm  
**AT:** Lions Lodge, Camp Street  
**COST:** FREE  
Friendly group discussing world issues



**26**

**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.



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





# Win's China Experience

*Contributed by Jo Russell*

Win and Ian Scott moved to Charlton about six years ago and have established a Vintage shop in the former National Bank building. It's become a popular stop for both locals and visitors. Win was guest speaker at the Charlton Action for World Development AGM on Monday April 29.

She spoke about her time teaching English at the Dali University in Yunan Province, in the south western corner of China. She said it was an amazing experience.

At the time she was CEO at Sunraysia TAFE, popularly known as SUNITAFE. In her ten years as CEO she visited China five times. Prior to this trip Win had received an honorary doctorate in education, and at Dali Uni she was known as Professor Scott! Hierarchy is very important in China. Titles such as Doctor are very prestigious and VIPs are known as Big Potatoes!

Win said that Dali is in a very interesting part of China, located on the famous Silk Road and popular with tourists. It's very mountainous and the university is built on the side of a mountain so altitude can be a problem for visitors at first. Win said she'd be puffing by the time she'd climbed the many steps to the building and to her classroom, but when she left she was very fit.

## Country of Contrasts

China is a country of contrasts and Win said while buildings can go up overnight, you still see the horse and cart and the street sweepers. Dali's population is the same as Melbourne's. At the Uni, everyone lives on campus, whole families; grandparents,

parents and children. The retiring age is 55 so grandparents are then able to care for the children.

It was a very happy time for Win. She taught conversation English and her students loved to talk with her and take her shopping. She liked an opportunity to have a coffee at Starbucks, but the young ones were shocked at the cost of a cup of coffee! The wages were low but the cost of living was not high. All meals were provided on campus and Win said the food was very good, fresh daily from the markets.

## Sister Cities

It's not just education that links Mildura with Dali. They are sister cities and have strong trade links in wine and produce as well as education and many international students choose to study in Mildura. Win's first trip was in 2006, and her translator from that time has become a good friend and now lives and works in Mildura. While Chinese students are very savvy with technology, teaching was a very different experience for Win, with blackboards and chalk and old fashioned desks. The students called her professor. They were used to learning by rote, while Win was used to a more casual style of teaching and learning, but she said it was a very happy time for her. Win was a most eloquent and entertaining speaker.



*Old Dali Town.*



*Dali University.*



*Win Scott with the head of the English faculty at Dali University.*



# Golf Championships

## Ladies

Charlton ladies golf championship has been played over three weeks in June. There has been some excellent scores with the course transitioning into green grass after a dry start to the season.

Winners were: Silver division Wendy Laffin 89.92.85=266. Bronze division Janice Boyle 94.103.90=287. C Grade Chris Livingston 110.113.110=333. The Gladys Dew Putting Trophy was won by Wendy Laffin. The Doreen Heenan best two netts was shared by Kim Laffin and Anne Kenny 148.

## Kirk is a Back to Back Champion

Kirk Boyle won his second Charlton Golf Club Championship after a thrilling finish on the final hole to record a memorable victory on Sunday, June 30.

Going into the final round 4 shots behind leader Troy Heenan, Kirk steadily closed the gap to be locked together at the last hole. Kirk holed his birdie putt and avoided the necessity for a playoff with Troy.

With rounds of 86.83.82=251, Kirk was awarded the Les Mays Cup and 2024 reigning Champion. Troy was runner-up with rounds of 83.82.87=252. Matt McGurk was 3rd with a total of 261.

Matt was awarded the best 3 netts in A Grade with 228 on a count back from Troy Heenan also on 228.

B Grade winner was overnight sensation Anthony Hargreaves with a 'come from the clouds' victory. Going into the final round 5 shots adrift of Chris Mathews and Brendan Byrne, Anthony fired a blistering 80 off the stick to win by 11 shots. Anthony was awarded the Bob Wescott Cup as B Grade Champion with rounds of 92.90.80=262.

Runner up was Chris Mathews 273 and 3rd Trevor McGurk 274. Trevor had the best 3 netts with 226.

C Grade Champion was Benno Catherine with rounds of 88.93.96=277. Benno led all the way, apart from a mid round challenge from Jamey Soulsby 93.93.95=281.

Nick Olive had the best 3 netts with 224.

The Luth Cup for the best 2 netts was won by Anthony Hargreaves 142.

The Erwin Cup for most improved Handicap for the year was won by John Headon.

A well attended Presentation Dinner followed the day's play and a very sociable evening was enjoyed by all.



L to R. Chris Livingston (C Grade), Wendy Laffin (Silver Division & Gladys Dew Putting Award), Kim Laffin (Doreen Heenan—Best two netts). Absent Anne Kenny.



L to R. Anthony Hargreaves (B Grade Champion and Luth Cup), Kirk Boyle (Club Champion), John Headon (Erwin Cup), Benno Catherine (C Grade Champion).



L to R. Wendy Laffin, Janice Boyle (Bronze Division & Chris Livingston).



# Flowers Never Go Out Of Fashion

*Contributed by Judi Bird*

Celebrating Joan Supple's 45 years (1979 – 2024) as a retailer of ladies and children's fashion, and member of the Charlton retail and wider community.

Someone so very special to the Charlton community, arrived in town 45 years ago, in 1979. Joan commenced trading from the little shop next to the Rex Theatre in High Street. Joan had a number of location changes over her time of trading, moving after many years from the shop next to the Rex, then to 9B High Street, then to the bank building on the corner of High and Armstrong Street, then back to 9B High Street.

Joan was supported over the years at different times by many lovely ladies who worked part time running the fashion shop. Then when Joan introduced floristry to her business, she managed the shop on her own.

Joan's floristry skills were self taught and her floral artistry has given her many years of pleasure. Joan has always loved flowers and was encouraged by people to expand on her hobby and her passion. This has resulted in many friendships through providing flowers for many occasions,

happy and sad.

Joan's floristry flourished with orders going far and wide to Wycheproof, Donald, Birchip, Wedderburn, Inglewood, St Arnaud, Bendigo and Boort.

Joan received a number of awards over the years, including the following:

Vocational Excellence Award 2022 from the Charlton Rotary Club.

Community Service 2023 from the St Arnaud Rotary Club.

Award from the LLEN for assisting with vocational experience for Sasha McKinnon.

Joan also provided financial sponsorship to the Charlton RSL sub branch, St Joseph's Primary School and the Charlton Secondary College.

Highlights as a florist included:

Creating floral arrangements and accessories for the East Wimmera Health Service Debutante Ball in Charlton for many years.

Creating wreaths for ANZAC Day (sometimes up to 25 wreaths) for distribution and placement across the Buloke Shire.

Joan's first Valentine's Day was her first official day as a florist in 2000. Joan had

fifteen customers, one at 7am and the last at 7pm. Each Mother's Day, Rick and Lorraine Walklate (formerly of the East Charlton) would ensure that Joan had a meal to enjoy on this special day, after a long day of retail. Joan has made many friendships in Charlton and district and it is this that she will miss. Joan extends special thanks to her family, friends and colleagues of Charlton who assisted in the final weeks and days. These include Bev, Jenny, Kim, Liz, Rick, Lorraine as well as Brett from Swift Freight, a long time friend and courier, with his trusty mate, Phillip.

Joan will be retailing her flowers through Charlton IGA. Special orders can be made by phoning Joan. Joan will continue this year, as Pavilion Secretary for the St Arnaud Show Committee, having reached a forty year milestone in this position.

Thank you, Joan, for your love and dedication expressed through flowers and floral arrangements—to comfort, to celebrate and express love, and through fashions to keep us looking our best.



Joan pictured with her sister Bev.



Joan is pictured preparing for a Spring fashion parade fundraiser which she organised to aid with the community purchase of The Rex Theatre in 2007. A selfless supporter and contributor to many community projects, Joan was always ready to offer her services and talents for the betterment of many enterprises.





# Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to another update from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. We hope you are managing to keep warm as winter finally arrives with its brisk mornings and cold nights. Firstly, a big thank you as always to our wonderful volunteers who give up their time to assist with the many tasks involved at our amazing museum. We are always on the lookout for new members to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public, giving as much time as you wish and don't need any experience; all necessary training will be provided. 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. 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.

## The Rex

This month's feature story looks at possibly the most iconic building in Charlton, and one that still draws people far and wide to its performances. The Rex Theatre. Most residents will probably know that today it is a community owned theatre run totally by volunteers, but that wasn't always the case. Opened to the public on October 15, 1938, the Rex was originally owned by Keith Pictures Ltd of Wychitella who premiered 'A Star is Born' along with 'Paradise for Two' on the opening night. With a seating capacity of over 600, it was a popular venue for locals, particularly during World War Two when petrol rationing was in effect. In 1953 the cinema was bought by Charles Taylor who owned The Regent Theatre in Dimboola, who then sold it five years later to Nulty's Pictures Pty Ltd of Ouyen, who ran a chain of country theatres.

Renamed 'The Roxy', the cinema saw a decline in attendances with the arrival of television in the late 1950s, and in 1968 was put up for auction, eventually being purchased by Mr and Mrs Mathews from Wedderburn. Their plans to convert the lower space to retail and the upstairs area to offices was derailed by the unexpected death of Mr Mathews. Lying idle for many years, Geoff Edwards and his sister Joan purchased the building in 1973 and set about restoring it in their spare time. Obtaining seats from the closed Dendy Theatre in Brighton and projection equipment from the recently closed Ouyen Theatre, the newly renamed and painted Cinema Charlton was opened. Popular movies shown were 'Mary Queen of Scots', 'Paint Your Wagon', 'Picnic at Hanging Rock', 'Crocodile Dundee', and 'Star Wars'.

As was the case earlier, the arrival this time of colour television saw audiences fall away, and on September 1 1984, the final screening shown was the Australian movie 'Razorback'.

Cinema Charlton reopened in June 1986 with movies every second weekend until August 2000 and the death of Geoff. Joan sold the cinema in 2001 to Dennis Davis and Steven Walsh who set about returning it to its art deco glory, changing its name back to 'The Rex' and installing a period ticket booth. After the sudden death of Steven, the cinema was again on the market in 2005. With no commercial interest in the sale, projectionist for over twenty years, David Pollard, held a meeting to judge the interest in acquiring the venue as a community venture. With a positive response, intensive fundraising and government grants the theatre was purchased by the Charlton Community.

Severe flooding in 2011 saw enormous support for the theatre with donations and flood grants. Replacement seating, rewiring, 3D technology, refurbishment of the projection room, and the establishment of two shopfronts were completed. With more recent additions of a green room, and new toilet facilities, the Rex is now a state of the art premises.

## 'Keeping the Faith'

The 'Keeping the Faith' display in the former Wesleyan Chapel was open again to the public on the June long weekend. Many locals and visitors to Charlton took the opportunity to visit, including, Gordon Johnston, who was able to see the organ he recently donated to the museum. The organ belonged to his grandmother, Nin, and was

given to her when she and her husband, Rev. Fitzgerald left Charlton in 1928. There are plans to have an organ recital later in the year at which a number of the organs will be played. Thank you to Darren Mills who recently installed a new front door just in time. The display will be open again during the Spring market.

## Special Children's Day

Plans are also underway for our special Children's Day (Grand Final Weekend) which will include displays and activities reminiscent of yesteryear. Parents and grandparents will be encouraged to bring along their young family members. If anyone has any old toys they would like to display on the day, please contact a museum member.

## Friend of the Museum

Why not become Friend of the Museum? For just \$20 you can help us with our work. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving our town's collection of important historic items. Our popular regular trips across to Donald for Bingo, as well as being a terrific social occasion, brings much needed funding to our efforts as well.

## Enquiries

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

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An early photo of The Rex Theatre.



# Croquet Club News

The Charlton Croquet Club held its AGM on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. President Lindsay Patullo reported on a busy and successful year, with great Social Days, Tournaments, Club Championships and normal club days. Lindsay was re-elected for his 2<sup>nd</sup> term as President. The

committee is: Vice President – Barb Dalrymple; Secretary – Val Bourke; Treasurer – Pat Mathews; Association Captain – Anne Kenny; Golf Croquet Captain – Margaret Bowen; Ordinary Member – Judy Stephen.

On 15<sup>th</sup> June nine members travelled to Swan Hill for the first Murray Valley Round Robin event for 2024. Anne Kenny won the Association Croquet event. Charlton will host the second Round Robin on 20<sup>th</sup> July.



2024/25 Committee: Back L to R—Lindsay Patullo, Val Bourke, Barb Dalrymple. Front—Margaret Bowen, Pat Mathews, Anne Kenny, Judy Stephen.



Anne Kenny (Club Champion & Peg McGrath Doubles Winner), Sue Nicholls (Peg McGrath Doubles Winner), Naomi Patullo (Sect. 4 Champion).

## CWA Juniors Celebrate 10th Anniversary

The Cabbarrita CWA celebrated a very special occasion recently with the tenth anniversary of the Juniors group taking place at Charlton College. From an idea originally conceived by member Cheryl Kemp, this regular bi-monthly get together of young people from around the town has become a popular activity. Games, craft projects and snacks accompany each after school event, with both boys and girls between the age of five and fifteen able to attend.

Under the current guidance of Bernice Kenny and Donna McCallam, other CWA members assist on the day to ensure that a terrific safe time is enjoyed by all. More recently, combined events with other CWA branches, children have taken place which the participants have all enjoyed very much. It is hoped that friendships formed at these gatherings may stay with the young people for years to come.

If you have a son or daughter between the age group mentioned above, feel free to give Cabbarrita CWA Juniors Secretary Bernice Kenny a call on 0408 509 882 for further details or information. They will be more than welcome to pop along and enjoy the fun afternoon presented.





# Royal Treat

A royal treat was in store for patrons attending the June 29<sup>th</sup> presentation of “Royal Harmony” at The Rex with a journey which explored the musical affiliations between Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and the composer, Felix Mendelssohn.

Presented by the Dunolly Gilbert and Sullivan Society, the show unfolded through the reminiscences of the aging Queen – played with nuance and a hint of witticism by Rachel Buckley, the instigator of the Dunolly musical society. Based around diary entries starting in 1842, marking the first meeting between the composer and the royal couple, the vocal and instrumental works of both Mendelssohn and Prince Albert and Queen Victoria were portrayed by the younger members of the supporting cast.

Soprano, Laura Caire – as the young queen – opened with the song “Italian” – a work by Mendelssohn’s sister, Fanny, an accomplished pianist and composer in her own right, but who was constrained by the gender expectations of the time.

Assuming the role of the queen’s consort, Albert, was tenor Ryan Jacobs, who alternated with Laura throughout the program. Singing works created by the Prince, these were interspersed with a number of quartets which included Rachel and Ian Lowe as her Private Secretary, Arthur Bigge, offering an opportunity to enjoy the balanced harmonies of the whole ensemble. Audience members commented on the clarity of Ian’s diction, which along with the depth and power of his bass-baritone voice, made for impressive listening.

Accompanist, Geoff Urquhart (as Felix Mendelssohn) was also a stand-out, effortlessly showcasing his skills and revealing the warmth and richness of sound from the Steinway. His rendition of the vivacious instrumental piece “Rondo Capriccioso in E Major” (by Mendelssohn) received rousing applause at the end.

The musical program which was predominantly German lieder (solo voice art songs with piano accompaniment) was aided by translations in the comprehensive

program available for patrons. While perhaps not a selection of music with which some were familiar, it nevertheless presented a musical style to be appreciated.

Visually capturing the era through the use of minimal props – armchairs, a small side table, a scattering of Victorian ephemera, and Union Jack bunting – the performers wore authentically styled outfits made by costumier and designer, Sue Hall, whose work has graced many theatre productions over the years.

The large audience, with people travelling from across the state (Bendigo, Ballarat, Melbourne, Mornington, Kyabram, plus surrounding towns), were impressed by the quality of the performance and with the Rex as a venue. A chance to mix with cast members over afternoon tea encouraged the conversations to flow about the performance, the venue, and future ideas for presenting shows in Charlton.

In all, despite the cold, wet day, “Royal Harmony” was enthusiastically and warmly welcomed, with a hope for more classical offerings in the future.



The ensemble of “Royal Harmony” pictured at the conclusion of the well-received program are – (l-r) accompanist, Geoff Urquhart, Ryan Jacobs (Prince Albert), Laura Caire (Young Victoria), Rachel Buckley (older Queen Victoria) and Ian Lowe (Private Secretary Arthur Bigge).



# Charlton Forum

Charlton Forum membership numbers are becoming alarmingly low and without increased membership some of our programs and services we provide may be in danger, including the Community Car and the Community Newsletter. As the main body representing the Charlton Community, with regard to municipal issues and community projects, it is imperative that we attract new members to provide a strong and comprehensive representation of our community. You may not be aware of what Charlton Forum actually does so a summary of our activities is provided below.

We are the auspicing body for:

- OASIS
- Travellers Rest Committee
- Charlton Website
- Charlton Community Newsletter
- Charlton Visitor Radio
- Charlton Community Car
- Tourism Committee

Charlton Forum is responsible for updating and maintaining the Charlton Community Plan which is used by Buloke Shire and other organisations to apply for funding. A consultation process, in conjunction with the Buloke Shire, is underway to ensure the plan is up-to-date and represents the needs of our community.

Charlton Forum also provide information, support and advocate on behalf of numerous issues and projects for the Buloke Shire and on behalf of the community.

Below is a list of recent, future and ongoing issues and projects that Charlton Forum has been involved with.

- Project Control Group—Streetscape Project

- Project Control Group—Gordon Park Development
- High Street speed & truck safety
- Tourism publications
- Annual Australia Day Awards
- Christmas, Mother's Day & Father's Day Signage.
- High Street Planter pots—painting and banner wraps.
- Set-up and pack-up of Christmas Decorations

Charlton Forum meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. Meetings are open to the public and if interested in attending, please contact one of our members listed below. Meetings follow a strict agenda but in General Business there is an opportunity for individuals and community organisations to raise issues or update us on their activities. A Shire representative is usually present at meetings to update us on issues raised previously, to report on Shire business relevant to Charlton, and to take note of other issues that need addressing.

Forum members attend a council briefing at least once a year to report on our activities. We receive an operating stipend from Buloke Shire of \$1500 per year.

Forum also represents Charlton on the Buloke Tourism Board.

If you are interested in the future wellbeing and prosperity of Charlton, the Charlton Forum is where you can make a real difference.

To attend a meeting or have something raised at a meeting contact a Forum member or email: [charltonforum@gmail.com](mailto:charltonforum@gmail.com).

## Annual General Meeting

The Charlton Forum Annual General Meeting is taking place on Tuesday 16th

July at 5:30pm at the Lions Lodge. Our Secretary, Carolyn Olive, is not renominating so we are looking for a new secretary. This position now comes with a generous honorarium, terms to be negotiated. For further information contact Carolyn.

## Charlton Forum Executive

Chairperson—Wayne Litton  
Vice Chairperson—Markus Phillips  
Secretary—Carolyn Olive  
Treasurer—Garry Larmour

## Charlton Forum Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 16th  
July, 2024,  
5:30pm

Lions Lodge, Camp Street

Secretary Wanted  
(Generous honorarium)

Supper provided

All Welcome

## Blank Canvas Gathering

Join **Charlton Arts** at a gathering to discuss your ideas for the arts in Charlton:

- Live Shows
- Workshops
- Cultural Activities
- All ideas welcome

Monday 5th August, 7pm  
@ The Charlton Club  
Supper provided

## Save the Date

**Charlton Art Show**  
Fri 11th—Mon 14th October, 2024

**Charlton Film Festival**  
Fri 21st & Sat 22nd March, 2025





# Jazz in July

It's that time of year again when Charlton gets all jazzed up for the annual Charlton Arts 'Jazz in July'. The featured band this year is The Martini Set who, with 'vintage styling, smooth vocals, boogie woogie rhythms and a strong back beat', will certainly get toes tapping with music ranging from Swing to Jazz to early Rock &

Roll, and everything in-between. We look forward to welcoming Steven Howard on vocals and guitar, Denis Toner on double bass, Terry Carrick on drums and Tim Nelson on piano to Charlton for the first time.

The fun kicks off at 2pm, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at the Charlton Park Community

Complex. Tickets are \$25 and include afternoon tea. And because having fun is thirsty work, the bar will be open too. Buy tickets online at <https://events.humanitix.com/jazz-in-july-2024> or pop into the Charlton Neighbourhood House. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.



The Martini Set: featuring L to R - Steve Howard (vocals & guitar), Terry Carrick (drums), Tim Nelson (piano) and Denis Toner (double bass).

## Driven

The Charlton Courthouse Gallery has a new exhibition opening soon—'Driven', featuring the work of five local artists.

Genevieve Navarre, a ceramicist whose work was recently featured in the winter edition of the Charlton Cultural Magazine, specialises in a Japanese form of ceramics—Wabi-Sabi. This will be the first time we have displayed ceramics at the gallery.

Kate Giakimis' wonderful weavings will be adorning the walls. Many of us are aware of Kate's talent and her work has featured previously at the Charlton Art Show and also in the Cultural Magazine.

Joe Durie and Joel Thiesz will have several of their metal sculptures on display. Joe is a welder by trade and some may be familiar with his large sculpture that sits atop Mount Wycheproof. Joel, one of our youngest exhibitors for some time, has developed considerable amateur welding skills and his pieces are dotted about in many of our gardens. Joe and Joel have been working on an exciting public project that will be unveiled later this year.

Chris Wyatt, who recently had an exhibition of his paintings at the Gallery, will also have several paintings on display 'to fill the gaps'.

*Driven* will open on Saturday 3rd August, from 3pm. Join us for afternoon tea and a wine, meet the artists and enjoy the ambience of the wonderful old building. The exhibition will be open on weekends till Sunday 25th August.

The Committee is also busy planning a Musical Soiree for Saturday 31st August, featuring Dana Czarki on a piano now located in the Courthouse, and joined by Jeremy Gray, Chris Wyatt, Leo Giakimis and other musicians to be announced. Numbers will be strictly limited for this event and further details will be forthcoming.

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Charlton Courthouse Gallery

8 Camp Street, Charlton

Genevieve Navarre Joe Durie

Joel Thiesz Kate Giakimis Chris Wyatt

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Official Opening:

Saturday August 3, 2024 @ 3pm

Exhibition Times:

Sat/Sun 4th - 25th August, 11am - 3pm

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Painting Sculpture Ceramics Textiles



REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

30-34 High St Charlton 3525  
boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au  
www.rextheatre.org.au



## REX THEATRE JULY COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Movie Prices:** General Admission \$12 | Members \$10 | VIP Members FREE | Children under 3 - FREE



**DESPICABLE ME 4** PG Mild themes and animated violence, some scenes may scare young children

94 mins | Adventure | Comedy Family

Sat 6 JULY 8pm

Sun 7 JULY 2pm

Tue 9 JULY 8pm

Gru welcomes a new member to the family, Gru Jr., who's intent on tormenting his dad. However, their peaceful existence soon comes crashing down when criminal mastermind Maxime Le Mal escapes from prison and vows revenge against Gru.



**THE MOUNTAIN**

PG Mild themes and coarse language

90 mins | Adventure

Sat 13 JULY 8pm

Sun 14 JULY 2pm

Tue 16 JULY 8pm

The Mountain is a heartfelt drama about three children on a mission to find healing under the watchful eye of Taranaki Maunga, and discover friendship in the spirit.



**HORIZON: AN AMERICAN SAGA  
CHAPTER 1** M Violence 181 mins | Western

Sat 20 JULY 8pm

Sun 21 JULY 2pm

Tue 23 JULY 8 pm

Academy Award®-winning visionary filmmaker Kevin Costner returns to direct and star in a multi-faceted chronicle, spanning 15 years of pre-and post-Civil War expansion.



**THE BIKERIDERS**

M Violence, mature themes, coarse language and drug use  
116 mins | Crime | Drama

Sat 27 JULY 8pm

Sun 28 JULY 2pm

Tue 30 JULY 8pm

Over the course of a decade, a Midwestern motorcycle club evolves from a gathering place for local outsiders to a sinister gang, threatening the original group's way of life.

*Sunday Coffee@The Rex* | each Sunday | 10am -12 pm

**FLO Students Cafe** - each Monday of school term | 10:30am - 12pm



## Charlton Community Biggest Morning Tea.

WEDNESDAY  
JULY 24  
From 10.30am



LIONS LODGE  
Camp Street.  
Cost Just \$12



Come along and  
support our towns  
annual  
Cancer Council  
Fundraiser.

Enq: Liz 0433 332 595



## LUNCH INVITATION

Join us for a complimentary  
Community Social Lunch.

WEDNESDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2024, 12 NOON  
CHARLTON SENIOR CITIZENS ROOM

Please RSVP by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July to the  
Charlton Neighbourhood House or leave a  
message on the Vinnies phone (0499 302 517)  
if you wish to attend. Transport can be  
arranged if needed.



CHARLTON  
Arts

## JAZZ IN JULY

Sun 21st July, 2024

2PM @ Charlton Park  
Community Complex,  
Calder Hwy, Charlton

Featuring  
The Martini Set

\$25 (inc afternoon tea)

Bar open

Bookings:  
Charlton Neighbourhood House  
or online at <http://events.humanitix.com/jazz-in-july-2024>



## CHARLTON 2024 FIXTURE



APRIL 13 ROUND 1 - BYE	JUNE 22 ROUND 10 - BYE
APRIL 20 ROUND 2 - @ BOORT	JUNE 29 ROUND 11 - BOORT
APRIL 27 ROUND 3 - WEDDERBURN	JULY 6 ROUND 12 - @ WEDDERBURN
MAY 4 ROUND 4 - @ WYCHE-NARRA	JULY 13 ROUND 13 - WYCHE-NARRA
MAY 11 ROUND 5 - BIRCHIP-WATCHEM	JULY 20 ROUND 14 - @ BIRCHIP-WATCHEM
MAY 25 ROUND 6 - @ NULLAWIL	JULY 27 ROUND 15 - NULLAWIL
JUNE 1 ROUND 7 - DONALD	AUGUST 3 ROUND 16 - @ DONALD
JUNE 8 - KING'S BIRTHDAY	AUGUST 10 ROUND 17 - ST. ARNAUD
JUNE 15 ROUND 8 - @ ST. ARNAUD	AUGUST 17 ROUND 18 - @ SEA LAKE NANDALY

# Thank You

*To all the many kind hearted people who expressed their thoughts and condolences to my family and myself, with the passing of my sister, Jen de Araugo (Paterson), please accept this as our thank you.*

*Your words of comfort were very much appreciated.  
Sue Walsh & Family*



**St Martin's Messenger—June/July**

Sunday 7 July 9am  
 Sunday 21 July No service - instead the Bishop of Bendigo will be presiding at St George's Donald @ 11am  
 Sunday 4 August 9am  
 Sunday 18 August 9am

Mark 6: 30-46— Jesus' Catering

Everyone ate and had enough. Then the disciples took up twelve baskets full of what was left of the bread and the fish. The number of people who were fed was five thousand. (verses 42-44)

I have always loved this Bible story. I remember as a Sunday School child seeing those wonderful pictures of Jesus surrounded by the disciples, with the young boy whose lunch Jesus used to feed the people. What puzzled me then, and still does now, is Jesus' apparent inability to get his catering correct. Surely, as the Son of God it would be easy for him to work out the correct portions for each person. So why did he get it so wrong and over-cater to the tune of twelve baskets full?

Our God is a God of generosity, that is why. God gave us his best in his son Jesus at Christmas, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Paul says, 'He gave us his Son - will he not also freely give us all things? God has never held back as far as we are concerned, and he has promised to always be there for us and will always listen to our prayers. When we pray, we know that the God of generosity is listening and he will answer.

**Prayer:** Holy Father, thank you that you provided for humanity in your Son Jesus. Help me to trust you more and more, knowing that you have abundantly more than I can ask for or imagine at work within me. **Amen.**

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

**North Central Garden Club**

At the June meeting of the North Central Garden Club we held our annual plant auction. Members had potted an array of plants which were then sold to the highest bidder. It proves to be a very economical way of picking up new plants in a fun atmosphere. On Saturday the 29th, 13 members and friends took a bus to Creswick for their annual learning day. The guest speaker for the day was Sophie Thompson from Gardening Australia and she spoke over 3 sessions on all things gardening. Sophie's vast knowledge and experience was delivered with humour to the delight of her audience and included many personal anecdotes. The Creswick Garden Club is to be congratulated on the success of the day.

The NCGC meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Lions Lodge in Camp Street and welcomes new members.

President: Bernice Kenny 5491 1334

Secretary: Lynne McRae. 0408 113 104



Lynne Southwell (l) & Bernice Kenny ® pictured with Sophie Thompson.

**Charlton Uniting Church**

Halliday Street, Charlton.



**Service times for July:**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am (St Martin's)  
 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am.  
 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:00am  
 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am

**East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community**

**Mass Times**

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am (Livestreamed in)  
 Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> July 8.30am  
 Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm  
 Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am



**Charlton Connect Church**



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 Sundays, 5pm @ Charlton Senior Citizens  
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Collective Society Youth  
 Fridays, 6:30pm @  
 Charlton Uniting Church Hall  
 Halliday Street, Charlton

**The Charlton Club**

The Charlton Club recently held its AGM with the current President, Markus Phillips and Committee returning for another year. Rodney Heritage was voted in as Vice President, Ian Jenkins as Treasurer and John Headon as Secretary. An exciting program of activities is planned to continue to grow the strong attendance that has been enjoyed this year. Keep your eye open for an exciting live music event coming soon and a beer sampling night in September. Footy Finals, Octoberfest, Melbourne Cup and Christmas events are also planned, so if you are not a member, now is the time to join.

Improvements such as new blinds, sound system, EFTPOS availability, beer garden and reduced prices on draught beer and wines, along with the popular members draws and meat raffles, will also be added to shortly with the interior of the club and outside facade being painted. In July we will again be asking members and visitors to participate in our annual 'Kick in a can month' where tinned goods are collected to be donated to charity.

Visitors and locals are most welcome to attend Friday nights from 5:30pm till late and the venue is available for hire for your next function. Do you know that the Charlton Club has operated since 1900 and still has a 24 hour, 7 day a week licence: one of only a very few still existing. If you haven't visited the venue for a while make sure you come by and say hello. You will be made most welcome. All enquiries 0413129216

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7	8 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm Angling Club Meeting 8pm	9 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	10	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	12 Probuss Meeting Lions Changeover Dinner RSL Meat Raffle	13
14	15 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm 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 RSL Social	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	19 RSL Meeting	20
21 <b>Fishing Comp Jazz in July</b>	22 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm	23 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm NCGC Meeting	24 <b>Biggest Morning Tea</b>	25 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	26	27
28	29 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm	30 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	31 <b>St Vinnies Lunch</b>			

## August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	2	3 Lions Paper Collection from 9am DRIVEN Exhibition
4	5 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm	6 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	7 Lions Dinner Meeting RSL Social	8 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	9 Probuss Meeting RSL Meat Raffle	10
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