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Charlton Show - Back on Track

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Community support for a long-held and much-loved tradition was back on track as the 140th Charlton A. & P. Society Show returned in October after a three year absence.

Big crowds, renewed interest and vibrant attractions welcomed the return of the event to its new home at the Charlton Park Complex—its first outing since the Complex was opened in 2019.

Qudos for the hardworking Show Committee – bouncing back from 2022's heart-breaking decision to cancel just 24 hours before Show Day due to floods – as their steady organization and volunteer commitment presented a highly praised event for 2023.

"Best Show for many years", "Highest number of entries" (in some of the Pavilion

categories) – these comments reflected the eagerness of community interest and the desire of the community to get back together again for one big celebration.

Agricultural features such as the Sheep Dog trials, fleece displays, small engines, sheaf toss and wood chop, mixed well with the outstanding exhibits on show in the Pavilion, and the add-ons such as the boomerang throwing, roving stilt walkers, children's entertainment, face-painting, and a large collection of stall holders with their wares in the main room of the Park Complex.

The ability to do online entries for exhibits was a huge bonus Pavilion Secretary, Aileen Allan said, and along with valuable feed-back from the judges, the continued improvement of one of the Show's feature attractions looks set to grow

into the future.

The Show was formally opened by Peter Whykes, with Buloke Mayor, Alan Getley, also commending the Show Committee and community for retaining this important day in the calendar year.

Rides, jumping castles, climbing wall, showbags, and plenty of food vans were on hand, and music during the afternoon and then on into the evening brought the day to a close.

A day like this doesn't happen without considerable support and Show President, Billy Fitzpatrick and Secretary, Wendy Laffin expressed their thanks to the Committee members, stewards, judges, volunteers and the community for the extensive input.

The Show raffle was won by Robyn George of Charlton. More photos inside.



Popular with entrants and the crowd alike is the Miss Show Girl and Tiny Tots competition. Winners are pictured following the judging (l-r back) Tate Johnson (Tiny Tot Boy 0-2 years) with mum, Tessa Sexton, Dulcie Mulquiny (Tiny Tot Girl 0-2 years) with mum, Abby, (Miss Teen Showgirl) Maggie Riley, Judge Maureen Paterson, (Miss Pre-Teen Show Girl 9 – 12 years) Isabelle Stahl, Judge Diane Wood. (Front l-r) Miss Junior Show Girl (6 -8 years) Renee Riley, Miss Midi (3 – 5years) Bonnie Markham, and Master Midi (3 -5years) Sonny Nisbet.



Winners of the Vin Sait Memorial Wood Chop (sponsored by the Charlton and District Community Bendigo Bank) are (l-r) Frazer Carns (4th), John Coffey (3rd), Matthew Coffey (2nd), Kirra Sait, Lloyd Paterson, Blake Meyer (1st) and Amidel Sait. Kirra and Amidel are Vin Sait's granddaughters. Vin was a passionate Show Committee member and a driving force behind the introduction of the Wood Chop event.

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*From the Editor
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the November community newsletter. What a bumper issue!! It's reflective of a very busy October. Wasn't it great to see all of our regular October events back again? I think we had eight events over three weekends!

Congratulations to Denis Hannigan on his CFA service recognition. Our CFA volunteers do a wonderful job and it's great to see members' many years of service acknowledged

As Secretary of the Golden Grains Museum I'm really looking forward to our 50th Anniversary celebration on the 19th November. Opening our new display which has been many, many years in the making will be a highlight.

It's great to see plenty of hay bales about after last year's disastrously wet hay season. Although there hasn't been much rain about lately, the cooler days have certainly spared our crops and we can expect better yields than we were anticipating at the beginning of the season.

Cheers,
Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

November:

Charlton Campdraft—Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th
Museum Anniversary—Sunday 19th
Car Club Visit—Sunday 11th

December:

Carols by Candlelight—Sunday 10th
Christmas Fest—Wednesday 20th (TBC)



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Charlton RSL Sub-branch



November is Poppy month. Charlton RSL sub-Branch will be street-selling poppies, pens and other items as part of RSL's annual Remembrance Appeal on Monday 06, Wednesday 08, Thursday 09 and Friday 10 November outside 26 High Street Charlton. Please give us your usual generous support. All moneys raised from the Poppy Appeal go to RSL welfare.

On Saturday 11 November our Remembrance Ceremony will be held at the Lone Pine outside RSL Clubrooms, 11 Armstrong Street Charlton. Assemble at 1045 hours. All are most welcome to join in our short but moving commemoration. Whilst we remember all who served and those who died, we will make special mention of two Charltonians who gave their lives for our country; Private Maurice James Claxton who died on 20 July 1916 and Private Bernard Francis Carlson who died on 31 August 1942.

After the ceremony refreshments will be available in the Clubrooms.

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Golden Grains Museum News

The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. To mark this important occasion we are holding a special event on Sunday 19th November.

Dedication to Grace Cadzow

In recognition of her many years of service we are dedicating our main display room to the late Grace Cadzow. She was a founding member of the museum and would become the backbone of the organisation for over 40 years. Her wealth of knowledge on Charlton's history was invaluable and her many publications are still used today. Some of Grace's family will be in attendance for this special tribute.

Keeping the Faith

We are also using this occasion to unveil our new display, 'Keeping the Faith', located in the Wesleyan Chapel. This lovely old building is now one of the oldest surviving buildings in Charlton (1876) and the opportunity to bring it back into public use is exciting. The Charlton Uniting Church has generously allowed us to use this building and have also provided funds towards its renovation. The display explores the history of Charlton's many churches since the town's establishment in 1863 and includes several organs from local churches, new display cases containing a selection of church items and several interpretive panels.

Afternoon Tea

Afternoon tea will be provided afterwards in the Uniting Church Supper Room. We encourage everyone to stay for a cuppa and a bite to eat.

Ecumenical Service

An Ecumenical service led by Rev. Judi Bird will take place in the morning at the Uniting Church at 10am. Judi was born and raised in Charlton and has been involved with St Martin's Anglican Church all her life. We are thrilled that Judi is taking part in our celebrations.

Everyone Welcome

We invite all interested persons to come along and help us celebrate 50 years. This is your museum and it only exists due to the generosity of hundreds of donations of items from local families and our dedicated volunteers. We are recognised as a leading community museum and provide inspiration for other museums like us.

Bingo!!

Thank you to everyone who travels regularly to Donald for Bingo. This is our main fundraising source and makes a huge difference in helping us to preserve and display our collection.

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CHARLTON GOLDEN GRAINS MUSEUM

50TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
1:30PM

Includes

The Grand Opening of
'Keeping the Faith'
@ the old Wesleyan Chapel
(Uniting Church)
plus Afternoon Tea



Sound Tracks Steams into Charlton

By Alyssa Walker (Buloke Times)

On the first weekend of October, in Charlton, it was all aboard for the Sound Tracks festival, Volume 1, for a fun-filled weekend of music, arts, and small town hospitality on a whole other platform.

Though the community of Charlton is no stranger to welcoming the out-of-town “blow-ins”, due to the ever-increasing popularity of the OK Motels festival, the train was certainly a first.

All Aboard

Starting at Melbourne and picking up fellow city-folk from Geelong and Ballarat on the Friday evening, the fully restored steam train featured thirteen carriages, cocktails and canapes, a well-stocked martini bar, the Click Clack club disco carriage, complete with a jazz band in a faux-leather lounge, and sleeping quarters – individual or pairs – for up to 200 people. The limited train space certainly didn’t stop other folk from travelling to the festival under their own steam, though!

Chug! Chug! Chug!

While the train was chugging along, people were chugging drinks, and came to a halt outside the Charlton station on the outskirts of town on Friday night. For those early risers, the sunrise would have been a sight to behold, heralding the beginning of a brilliant day of music, friendships, and country hospitality.

Welcome to Charlton

Said country hospitality came in strong, with the Charlton Lions Club providing a tantalising barbecue breakfast on Saturday – and if there weren’t many train-folk awake, then that just meant all the more meat for the locals!

With a break in the music for the visiting train travellers to refresh their ears in preparation for the evening’s festivities, Charlton was open for exploration. Op-

shops and cafes had their fill, the river walk was worn down with the amount of people wishing to be absorbed in the scenery, and the streets were flooded with “blow-ins” and locals alike.

There were other activities to entertain, too. A walk through the Charlton Museum was fascinating and enlightening – locals were more than willing to share the stories behind the exhibits and the history of the town. One particularly fascinating exhibit showcased a bouquet of dyed paper flowers, made by a girl who died at only 25 years old over 100 years ago, it could be of national significance, and the loss of such an important piece of history would be devastating. As it is, about 30% of everything in the museum was lost; after the floods devastated Charlton in 2011, and last year threw everyone into fear that it would happen again. Everybody is just really excited that everything is back to normal,” said local, Cheryl Kemp.

This festival meant a lot to the locals, as well as the “blow-ins”. It’s evident that Kate Berry, organiser of the event as well as OK Motels, loves Charlton and wants to see the community thrive, but it’s also a brilliant way of making friends.

New Friendships

“With the hallways between the carriages only being this big,” train-traveller Karl said, holding his arms barely a metre apart, “you kind of had to make friends with other passengers – there was no choice!”

The excitement was certainly palpable. If this was to be a celebration of Charlton and its community, then said community was going to go all-out.

As such, in this highly arts-centric event, it’s hardly surprising to note one of the activities on offer was helping create a new mural wall for Charlton. Bronwyn Fisher, the woman in charge, had set up a stall out

the back of the Charlton Club near the river, and had a spread of tables full of tin cans, old bottle tops, wooden planks and nails, CDs, old jewellery, steel wire, and many more kitschy knick-knacks – the place looked like a crow’s nest, and the analogy could not have been more apt, as Bronwyn’s mural idea was getting people to craft knick-knack birds.

With the Men’s Shed having donated hammers, saws, and drills to the cause, with the bottle caps donated by the pub, with Win from the vintage shop donating the old jewellery, and with locals and visitors alike creating the tchotchke birds, it really was a community art project. For those even more artistically inclined, there was spray paint on offer as well, if the finished bird was just missing a little pizzazz before it could truly be called “complete”.

“Everyone is so creative with everything,” said Bronwyn, beaming as she looked down at the created collection. “We have 45 absolutely beautiful birds in total so far – the wall beside the Globe is going to be filled in no time!”

Lunchtime!

But the wall wasn’t the only thing that needed to be filled. When people started growing peckish as the day flew by, the bowls club opened its doors. Once again, the CWA ladies were back behind the scenes in the kitchen, serving up an always-delectable series of homemade scones alongside some tea or coffee. The bowling green made the perfect place for a lunchtime picnic (or breakfast, for those train-goers who were having their first meal of the day).

And, of course, there was music to set the scene. Folk Bitch Trio travelled all the way from Melbourne to serenade the picnickers with their beautiful (and, at times, haunting) melodies, with Maple Glider following as a solo act, singing whilst playing the guitar.

There was no point in being at the bowls club without getting a bit of a game on, though! Whether the competition was serious or silly, people partnered up for a good time, locals and visitors intermingling. For those who had never played, there were plenty of local professionals around to impart their extensive bowls and croquet knowledge. And though the competition may not have been fierce, the sun certainly was.

Stolen

It might have been a gorgeous day, but by the afternoon, people were grateful for a chance to escape the rays and flock indoors for the opening of Chris Wyatt’s art exhibition, “Stolen”, at the Charlton Courthouse Gallery. Don’t worry for those who are thinking they missed it, for the exhibition will be open until February 25, next year.

“This is the biggest show I’ve done so



Bronwyn Fisher posing with all of the different birds everyone created.

Sound Tracks Steams into Charlton

far,” said Chris, “and I have another half-dozen in the works ready for a larger gallery.”

This particular series of paintings is heavily inspired by the conversation in the year 2000 about whether the Stolen Generation really happened. Chris, though, had met survivors from said Stolen Generation, and couldn't believe the concept was still an ongoing argument. He was moved to create the paintings, depicting loss and longing in all its raw honesty, in order to help forge a connection and continue the discourse.

“Most of my figures are archetypal, the personification of grieving men and women. They're not meant to be specific, they're meant to be universal, the capture of the feeling.”

Chris's son, Kenneth, was also present for the opening of his father's exhibition, and described how some artworks would take his dad years to complete. “I grew up with some of these paintings,” he said, gesturing around the room.

If there was one word that could be used to describe Chris's paintings, it would be “powerful”; a word that is neither good nor bad in and of itself, but the ramifications of it can have wildly differing consequences.

“I may have only been in Charlton 5 years, but I love having shows here more than I ever did in the city,” said Chris. “It's more personal. If you go to a show at the Australian Gallery in Fitzroy, for example, you may only get 8 people showing up – here, you get hundreds, simply because of the community support. It's a wonderful thing, to be able to share it.”

Dinner is Served

And after the perusal of the fine arts, it was time, once again, to delve into the culinary arts. A beautiful lamb and turkey roast was served for dinner, with music by local legend Leo Tellefson's band, Blend It. The meal must have reenergised a lot of people, because there was a dance floor created in the hall by the end of dinner, folks twirling and twisting to Blend It's swinging tunes.

The music was only just beginning for the night, too. After food, folks braved the onset of night to trek to the local Rex Theatre, ready for a music show they would never forget. With the lights dimmed, people full of food and wine, the stage was set for song, and the night didn't disappoint.

Glass Beams certainly got the crowd not only beaming, but also dancing and cheering, and some of them didn't sit back down again for the rest of the night. With glitter and guitars, basically becoming their own disco ball, it was no wonder the crowd was on its feet.

Harvey Sutherland and his band were up next, and you could feel the bass in your bones and the synth in your soul. It was

uncertain who was feeling the music more, at times – Harvey might have had better dance moves than the crowd!

And, finally, to close off the Rex concert, DJ Rona took centre stage to thunderous applause. Like Harvey, she, too, rivalled the crowd in her dance moves.

Farewell

With the night old but the morning still young (very young), those who wanted the party to continue flocked to the nearby East Charlton Hotel for further drinks, those meaningful late night conversations, and pool games of dubious skill. It was, perhaps, with a bittersweet note that the train began its long trek from Charlton early in the morning, but it was a weekend of more than just the sound of music – it was light and laughter and friendships forged without pressure.

What drew people to this event? Honestly, it is the community. It was personally my second time attending an OK Charlton adjacent event, and both times have been phenomenal. Visitors say they are drawn to this town and keep coming back because of the community and just how

welcoming and open everyone is, and it must be contagious as they are just as welcoming and open. Everywhere I went, people were more than happy to talk, help, laugh, pose for photos when I asked them to, give life advice, genuinely answer my questions, everything and anything – locals and out-of-towners alike.

There was a book club on the train ride home – a quieter close to the event. Though it may have been a stark contrast from the disco carriages, cocktails and jazz bands, and the old style lounge on the ride up, it was not an unwelcome contrast, and the perfect way to end an amazing weekend out.

The Charlton community, the musicians, OK Motels, and everyone else involved should all be extremely proud of their efforts. The festival, like the steam train itself, was the perfect blend of old and new. Modern bands in the historic Rex Theatre, creating a brand new mural out of repurposing old “rubbish”, and forging new friendships or reigniting old ones, the final tune of the Sound Tracks' festival was certainly not a swan song, for there is always room for a Volume 2 next year!



Chris Wyatt with just a sample of some of his artworks displayed in his exhibition. Chris is fascinated by the “archetypal moments in people's lives”, those moments that transcend the mundane and irrevocably transmute their lives into something else. It can, often-times, be a heavy subject matter, as the moments depicted are full of grief and loss – but it is important to get people talking and thinking about the impact such moments have on people's lives, and thus why it is so important for Chris to continue the conversation about the Stolen Generation.

NCGC Open Gardens Day

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Building on an already strong reputation, visitors embraced the 2023 North Central Garden Club's (NCGC) Open Gardens Day in Charlton - held in early October - with a customary passion, and as opening time ticked over a steady stream of cars arrived at the registration hub. This year it was located at the Uniting Church buildings in Halliday Street as the Senior Citizens' Rooms had been commandeered for The Voice to Parliament referendum. The lure of outdoor plant stalls provided an instant attraction, setting the scene for all-things-garden to come.

As one of the few events not cancelled in 2022, the gardens meander seemed to generate a sense of eagerness this year, even though last year's event had continued as normal. The purchase of a ticket, the picking up of the brochure and planning out the garden visitation route was quickly undertaken as the traffic headed off from the main hub in all directions.

People opening their private land up to the general public is a generous gesture, and as in previous years there were six locales which welcomed visitors into their much-loved domains.

While finding inspiration, or just observing somebody else's patch is part of the Open Gardens appeal, it's the conversations which are generated which gives as much value as anything else.

At least four of the properties had flood stories woven into their regeneration, re-establishment or re-creation. For one at least, this had provided a sense of solace and purpose in dealing with the aftermath of the flood disaster. For another, a change in life circumstances had meant creating a considerably down-sized garden – a case of “how to have a garden without having a yard.” Even those whose allotment had been breached by the overflowing Avoca River still commented that their “river view with the majestic river gums, was spectacular.”

The genesis story of a number of gardens had seen an evolution from bare or neglected blocks to verdant, productive spaces – some geared around water-wise plantings, and others now sporting established and prolific surrounds. Edible gardens and climate-sensitive items were showcased as much as ornamentals, natives and the more traditional floral inclusions.

A real eye-opener for many was access to a number of the St. Andrews Village allotments off High Street. All were smallish spaces, but each participating resident expressed their own individual tastes and passion – be it the attraction of birds, enjoyment of the vibrant colours, access to the community garden, or the benefits which pottering in an outdoor space can bring.

One of the re-occurring comments from visitors was how gardening builds a sense

of community. How conversations begin between owners, strangers and fellow gardeners, with the sharing of ideas and tips and how continuity becomes an integral part of the ongoing plan. For newcomers to Charlton, Joan and John Sexton, it was talking about the appreciation of hard work which goes into making a garden and the associations which come from growing cuttings given by friends. For Wendy Laffin, it is in part the connection to a

previous home owner whose plantings still continue to grow and thrive. For Sheila and John Grenfell, it was the reinvigoration of a neglected space which now harmoniously mixes cottage garden in the front with more hardy plantings in the back.

By far the largest property was spacious surrounds of Wes and Michelle Jenkyn's View Street residence. A participant in the 2015 Open Gardens Day, the family was pleased to showcase the changes which



Julie McGurk is pictured in her charming indoor/ outdoor room which has roll-down blinds to assist with climate control. It's the garden you have when you don't have a garden, Julie says, and she believes you don't have to have a large space to enjoy every aspect of the gardening process.



Wendy Laffin (second right) explains the post-flood re-establishment of her Learmonth Street back garden to Charlton newcomers, Justin (l) and Joan Sexton (r), and the enjoyment she gains from sitting outside in this space.

NCGC Open Gardens Day

have occurred over the intervening years as plants have matured and the two acre area around the house has evolved.

While rain clouds threatened the event a couple of times, the heaviest downpour held off until later in the day, and the cooler weather made for more pleasant conditions for sight-seeing. This year was probably the first time the event was conducted in overcast conditions.

Appeal is always in the eye of the beholder, so preferences will vary, but what remains unshakable is the appreciation of endeavour which goes into creating these much-loved garden spaces. The North Central Garden Club – including President, Bernice Kenny, Secretary, Lynne McRae, Treasurer, Marieta Doughty and all the members - are to be commended for facilitating this opportunity for people to

enjoy and share their gardening passions, and given the interest generated, may the event continue on for many years to come!

Participating gardens included the following residents: Elias and Katherine Giakimis, Sandra Runagall, Michelle and Wes Jenkyn, Bernie and Wendy Laffin, John and Sheila Grenfell, Bev Mullholland, Julie McGurk and Moria Sheanhan.



Elias and Katherine Giakimis' property, which backs onto the Avoca River, was created from an empty, barren block of land which endured 8 years of drought followed in quick succession by major flooding. The tenacious couple have repeatedly brought their pride and joy back from the brink to the thriving, productive surrounds which were on show last weekend. Their house name "Alonia" is a Greek word with associations to wheat and to harvesting techniques.



Sheila Grenfell is pictured in her back garden which she and her husband John have turned into a low maintenance space with hardy plantings of yuccas, cordylines and succulents, along with boosting water-security with the installation of three water tanks. Recycling of materials has seen the addition of a tropical and native orchid house, shade house and a fish pond converted from the base of an old water tank.

Award for Charlton Bakery

For the second year running, Charlton Bakery principal, Paul Phillips, has won third prize in the Great Australian Pie competition for his sausage rolls.

Entering for the first time last year at the encouragement of his staff, Paul reluctantly entered, and was more than pleased with his third placing.

This year, with the drive from shop manageress, Kerry Slide, Paul, found himself feverishly finding the magic combination to again tempt the judging panel. Alas, owing to an increase in entries this year, the bakery withstood the onslaught of more competition to again come third in Victoria.

With a bit more "tweaking" of the very tasty, but humble "snag roll" perhaps next year could see a rise up the ladder for this savoury delicacy.

A certificate and sticker of the placing is on view at the bakery. Make sure you call in and try one, along with his various flavoured pies, cakes and slices. Naturally, all made in house!!



Charlton Arts 'Art & Photography Exhibition'

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

A STRONG FUTURE UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

A creative mainstay of the Charlton community made a welcome return on 13th October with the Charlton Arts 'Art & Photography Exhibition' back on board under new leadership and following a number of years' absence.

A long-time fixture in the cultural calendar, the event was formerly run by the Rotary Club of Charlton. Last year's show, which was to be one of the Club's final engagements prior to its disbandment, suffered a late cancellation as floods inundated communities across the region.

With Rotary's demise, a call for community interest to take on the event saw Charlton Arts assume the mantle, and 2023 has seen the inaugural outing continue the well-established traditions which have ensured the event's long and respected history.

Event co-ordinator, Julie Jenkins said that while this year had been a learning experience, her previous involvement in smaller scale activities had been valuable, and that the support of Charlton Arts members had made all the difference.

"If we want something done, people just say we're here to help", Julie said. "It's about getting it done and everyone is prepared to lend a hand."

A veritable trove of creativity was on display as the gala opening night unfolded last Friday, and as anticipation built prior to

the announcement of winners, the crowd migrated between the rows of displays appraising and analyzing the varied works. As in the past there was a broad mix of art mediums, encompassing the traditional – watercolour, oils, acrylic, pastels - along with mixed media, prints, pencil, gouache and inks. Topics were diverse ranging from landscapes to still lifes, Australian flora and fauna, portraits, abstracts and interpretive works. Contributing artists came from a wide geographic area, including Swan Hill, Ballarat, Kerang, Bendigo, and Nhill as well as locals from the surrounding region.

Part of the more than 230 works was the extensive photographic section, which included both large-scale and small images, and featured predominantly colour shots, with just a smattering of monochrome prints.

Welcoming the opening night crowd, MC Bill Freeman gave a brief introduction to the Art Show, its history and acknowledgement of the Rotary Club's outstanding 28 years' commitment to the running of the event. For anyone knowing Bill, the introduction was peppered with his unique brand of humor as he explained that over the duration of the next couple of days Charltonians become "instant experts on art related topics, as well as becoming instant connoisseurs and members of the arty-farty set!"

Buloke Mayor, Cr. Alan Getley, then spoke, thanking Charlton Arts for the opportunity to attend the opening, and

commending them for their desire to take on the event. He also acknowledged the support of the former Rotarians whose experience would be of assistance in the transition to the new leadership, before congratulating Charlton Arts and inviting the crowd to enjoy the evening.

Given the honour of officially opening the 2023 exhibition, Lloyd Paterson, (as the last President of Rotary and its longest serving member), gave a brief overview of the service club's extensive and far-reaching contributions to the community throughout the organization's 65 year history.

From its beginnings in 1957, Rotary's outreach has included amongst many others, the establishment of both public spaces (Rotary Park), community infrastructure (erection of the Charlton Senior Citizens building), helping save the Charlton Show, educational support (Tybally Scholarship / Student exchange program) and the over-seeing of more than \$500,000 of distributions following the 2011 flooding disaster.

With the rescinding of their charter, Rotary has now established a lasting footprint of their service with the recent erection of the train mural at the Travellers' Rest precinct. The work, by artist Noel Kilner, is a re-imagining the rail styles from the late 1950's which coincided with the Club's inauguration.

And in further gesture, Rotary provided a \$4,000 boost to Charlton Arts to assist with



Taking a closer look. Following the announcement of winners, patrons spent time reviewing the winning entries after the conclusion of the opening night formalities.

Charlton Arts 'Art & Photography Exhibition'

the continuation of the Art Show into the future.

Thanking former Rotarians, Jenny and Dale Watts for their support, Lloyd then congratulated exhibition co-ordinator Julie Jenkins, Bill Freeman and all members of Charlton Arts, before formally opening the exhibition.

As this year's judge, Bendigo artist, Geoff Paynter, was unable to stay for the official opening, (due to family illness) Bill Freeman took over the announcement of the prize winners which appear below.

Adjuncts to the exhibition included two working demonstrators – local creative, Cheryl Kemp with her fabulous and eye-catching felted berets, and Brian Boyton with his exciting 3D printer and intricate models. Both practitioners drew many interested spectators on opening night, eager to hear more about the respective techniques involved in both disciplines.

In concluding, Bill Freeman extended thanks to the following for their contributions, assistance and support: the artists and photographers, the two

demonstrators, students from St. Joseph's Primary School and Charlton College, the depots for their availability as collection points, the wider community for its support and Charlton Arts members for the enormous amount of work in making the event happen.

Winners:

Best Exhibit (Any Media) – Colin Brown – “Hurry Up” (acrylic painting) - (sponsored by Charlton Arts)

Best Oil/Acrylic — Jennifer Sutterby – “True Blue” (oil) - (sponsored Boral Quarries)

Best Watercolour — Terry Jarvis – “Barradown Glow” - (sponsored Charlton Local Businesses)

Best Drawing- (Other media) – Carolyn Marrone – “At the Bar” (ink) (sponsored by Charlton Arts)

Best other Media – Michele Winsor – “Winter 3/5”

Best Photograph – Julie Jenkins – “Giraffe”- (sponsored by TEYS Charlton Feedlot)

Best Photograph (Manipulated)–Stuart Giles - “White Fronted Tern”– (sponsored by Charlton Arts)

Secondary School:

Best Art Exhibit – Ebony Start – “Trapped”

Best Photography Exhibit – Bailey Hooper-Dixon – “Birds of A Feather Flock Together”. - (sponsored by Charlton Medical)

Highly Commended: - (sponsored by TEYS Charlton Feedlot)

Jan Lawler – “Approaching Storm” (oil)

Rhonda E Willoughby – “Our Beautiful Sunburnt Country” (oil) Judy Wild – “Fairy Fungi & Leaves” (acrylic)



Demonstrator Cheryl Kemp (l) is pictured with some of her exquisite felt berets and felting items as she and (l-r) Brigitta Beaty, Carolyn Cook and Kim Wishart toast the success of the Art Show.



Sisters Ruby(l) and Georgia Wright (r) take a look at the student photography and art display. Both girls had entries in this section.



Exhibition co-ordinator, Julie Jenkins and former Rotary President, Lloyd Paterson are pictured with the Best Exhibit (Any media) – Colin Brown's quirky Australian-themed “Hurry Up”.

Showtime - Back on track in 2023



Alan McGurk and his dog "Bert" are pictured during the sheep dog trials. There were plenty of good entries with strong competition from the locals and visitors alike. The judge was Luke Twig from Bears Lagoon.



Current Show President, Billy Fitzpatrick (r) is pictured with former President, Murray McLean (l) just prior to the drawing of the Show's raffle.



Some of the mouth-watering cookery on display.



Arli Fitzpatrick's fruit and vegetable creature was a stand-out creation in the Pavilion.



Camel owner, Peter Hodge has a quiet moment with 11 year-old "Flynn" during a break in the camel ride attraction. Peter's other camel - "Pretty Boy" - originally came from the Simpson Desert.



Members of Cabbaritta CWA had another very busy day serving their much-loved scones and slices at the Show. Pictured (left to right) Bronwyn Simpson, Lynne Southwell, Moria Olive, Bernice Kenny and Bronwyn Fisher.

Showtime - Back on track in 2023



Four-year old Lachlan Phillips was just one of many children entranced by the Water Drops / Bubbles roving stilt walkers.



Stocking up on show bags were (l-r) Wendy Sullivan, Lexie Wignall and Sandra Fanning.



Marcus McGurk (l) and Trevor McGurk (r) were in charge of the fleeces section, with more than 30 entries in this year's competition. Judge, Nicole Davies, was happy with the good quality and well presented entries at this year's Show.



Three-year old Harry Cossar was excited about his First prize card and ribbon for his plasticine Christmas decorations. Harry is pictured with his dad, Viv.



Part of the colourful and eye-catching floral section in the Pavilion.

1.6 Million Reasons to Celebrate Bank's 20th Birthday.

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

It's hard to believe twenty years have passed since the Charlton and District Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank celebrated its grand opening. With iconic Charlton identity, Dr. Brian Walklate, supported by foundation Chairman, Peter Whykes, formally cutting the ribbon and declaring the birth of a new bank, that day on 17th October 2003 marked a communal declaration to ensure local banking continuity with the added benefit of surpluses being reinvested back into the community. Fast forward to 2023 and it's clear to see the goods have been delivered.

Celebrating the two-decade milestone on 17 October 2023 the public was invited to a midday barbeque at the Travellers' Rest precinct to acknowledge the anniversary. Locals, along with bank staff, Buloke Mayor, Cr. Alan Getley, a number of former bank board members and students from Charlton College and St. Joseph's Primary School joined in the revelry. Bendigo Bank's mascot, "Piggy" also joined in the party, creating plenty of fun and interest for the young attendees.

The Charlton Lions Club provided the barbeque luncheon, whilst the centre of attention was the magnificent cup-cake 20th birthday cake, created by Julie Bourke as a fundraising effort for the Charlton College Year 10 work experience students.

Keeping the formalities to a minimum, the Chairperson of the Community Bank Board of Directors, Jon Whykes, welcomed the crowd and announced that over the 20 year period of the bank's operation in excess of \$1.6 million had been shared back into local communities. Given the impacts of drought and then floods during the Bank's formative years, then Covid, this is an especially impressive outcome.

While \$500,000 for the Charlton Park Complex development has been the bank's largest commitment, Jon said the Bank also supports – in equal measure - all the North



Bendigo Bank Area Manager, Shaun Leech (second right) announces St. Joseph's Primary School as the winner of the \$500 birthday competition. Also pictured are (left) Kerrie Mulholland, Liz Riley and Jon Whykes.



Peter Whykes (centre) was surrounded by students as he cuts the 20th birthday cake.



A group photo, organized as part of a documentary film, conveyed a strong "community" image.

1.6 Million Reasons to Celebrate Bank's 20th Birthday.

Central League Junior codes of football, netball and hockey, along with the senior football teams for Birchip, Wycheproof, and Boort where the bank has agencies, as well as the local Charlton team. Acknowledging the importance of grass-roots support, Jon invited the crowd to give themselves some applause, saying that "if the community doesn't support us, we can't support you."

As part of the birthday celebrations, the

Bank also ran a competition for clubs or organizations which had previously received either a grant or sponsorship, inviting them to enter in the running for a \$500 prize. It was with great pleasure that the Bendigo Bank Area Manager, Shaun Leech then drew the winner from the entries – announcing the lucky recipient to be St. Joseph's Primary School.

With the cake cutting next on the list, the foundation Chairman, Peter Whykes was

then invited to step forward and do the honours. Surrounded by a large circle of students, Peter's decisive slice was accompanied by resounding cheers and applause.

A group photo of all attendees then recorded the special gathering.

The celebrations continued on into Tuesday evening with a well-attended cocktail party at Charlton Park Complex. Speeches were presented by Chairperson, Jon Whykes, the Bank's inaugural Chairman, Peter Whykes, and former Secretary, John Harley, while the cake-cutting honours were undertaken by Tracy Dalrymple and Simon Peck, both of whom have contributed 20 years of service to the organization.



Pictured with the magnificent cake are (l-r) – Board of Directors member, Liz Riley, Customer Service Officer, Tyler Catherine, and Directors, Dale Watts and Kerrie Mulholland.



Amongst the guests attending the evening celebrations are four of the bank's former Chairpersons (l-r) Peter Whykes, Robin McRae, Jon Whykes and Peter Rogan.

Senior Citizens' News

The Charlton Senior Citizens have had a busy month in October. It was Senior's Festival month. Members had a visit from a singer "Vanessa" all the way from Tamworth to delight us with her singing. She had a great range of songs from Slim Dusty to a bit of Rock 'n Roll. On that same week some of our members went to the Rex Theatre to enjoy the movie 'Calamity Jane'. To finish off that week we went to Wycheproof to the Buloke Shire activity for Seniors. At Wycheproof we were entertained by the 'Hot B Hines', had a light luncheon and also had the opportunity to find out information about EWHS services, Library services and services to help with technology. It was a very enjoyable day.

Coming up in the future the Senior Citizens are holding a Cup Eve night on November 6th at the clubrooms. This will be run on the same lines as the

Buckrabanyule Cup Eve night. The Buckrabanyule community have closed their hall and are not going to run such a function and have kindly donated their indoor bowls mats and bowling balls to us. Everyone is welcome to come and have a fun night of indoor bowls, cards and other games as well as being in the draw for a horse in the sweep for the Melbourne Cup.

On Tuesday 7th November, Cup Day the Seniors will be having a meal and watch the Cup on their big screen TV. There will be a major sweep for the Cup, names to be in by Friday 3rd, and minor sweeps held during the day. You may like to dress up for the day. That is optional.

On December 8th, we will be holding our Christmas Dinner at the clubrooms. We have the Hoffman Duo to entertain us again on that night. Keep the date free and put your name down for this event. We need to know numbers for catering.

Melbourne Cup Eve

Fun night at Seniors

Clubrooms

not at Buckrabanyule this year

Monday Night 6th November

At 7.30pm

Entry fee \$10

Includes playing indoor bowls, cards, games, supper as well as a chance to score a horse in the Cup Sweep.



Charlton Harness Racing Club

FAREWELL TO MARKHAM FAMILY

With the imminently sad departure of the Markham family back to WA the club extends a warm invitation to a farewell BBQ at Charlton Park

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
(MELBOURNE CUP EVE) 6PM
FOOD PROVIDED
DRINKS BAR PRICES

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Please RSVP for catering to 0499701322

CHARLTON TAKES ON SOUTH AUSTRALIA!!

Charlton participants crossed the border to take on the SA Cup Carnival recently.

The Sanderson Team managed to qualify three horses through the heats for the final of the SA Pacing Cup where Ryan ultimately drove Platinum Stride into third place.

And whilst Cormack Racing no longer resides in Charlton they surely still have many followers here, and the club was thrilled to see Ryan maintain his composure during the Trotters Cup when things went a little pear shaped! Settling the ever popular grey Blue Coman for a well timed run at them down the straight it was a great result for Ryan and Greg Norman. Congratulations!

ELLEN TORMEY BRINGS UP 1000TH CAREER DRIVING WIN

Huge congratulations to Ellen Tormey who achieved quite a milestone in the past weeks notching up her 1000th driving win on Paris Abby at Melton.



There is no doubting Ellen's talent and work ethic and these attributes have served her well in the most competitive world of harness racing.

Ellen is now based in Bendigo, training her own team, and her level of commitment has certainly been rewarded reaching this impressive amount of wins.

Ellen also recently represented Victoria in the Australian Drivers Championship in Tasmania finishing third behind Queenslanders Nathan Dawson and WA's Gary Hall Jnr.

Well done Ellen on this most significant occasion for you.

STALL NAMES

With the reconfiguration of our stabling area there are a few stalls which have become available for naming. It is a great way to support the club, honour a loved one or just put your name up in lights!

COST \$25 A YEAR

If you would like to sponsor a stall for the 2024 season please call Andrea on 0499701322.

Renewals will be forthcoming for those who already have one.

XMAS PARTY REMINDER

The club will be having a Xmas BBQ to celebrate what has been a very successful year for the club.

Members please pencil in the date.

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

CHARLTON PARK – following on from our twilight race meeting.

Once again please RSVP to 0499701322

GO CHARLTON TROTS

It is apt to mention the incredible success of our own racing participants over the last month or so. Barely a few days goes by without someone from Charlton winning somewhere around the state. It is this consistency from our locals that is helping to develop our club and cement our place in regional harness racing.

Special mention to the Mick Gadsden and Tormey Stables who are enjoying very nice strike rates which don't look like abating any time soon

With the country cups season heating up we hope that someone can bring home a cup!

Swan Hill Cup Friday 3rd November
St. Arnaud Cup Sunday 5th November



Ryan Sanderson & Joe Thompson with Joe Got Rolled.



Nate and Bonnie Markham.



Mick Gadsden and Sosomaori.



Gary Hall Jnr, Nathan Dawson, Ellen Tormey.



St Joseph's School

Movie Stars!

Early this term staff and students were excited to take part in a film

shoot at St Joseph's School! Kevin Cummins, employee of the Ballarat Education Office, spent a couple of days collecting footage of life at St Joseph's and of the Charlton township. If you saw a drone flying overhead – that was probably Kevin's! He was thrilled, during his own time, to get a magnificent shot of the sun setting behind the local silos! We recently received the final take of the video and will look forward to releasing it very shortly to launch St Joseph's School Facebook page.

Kanga 8s Cricket

Grades 4-6 enjoyed the Kanga 8s Cricket Tournament in Boort. Two mixed teams were entered and capably coached by Mrs Wright and Mrs Fitzpatrick. The weather was glorious, with abundant sunshine! Both teams competed keenly all day long and were commended for their behaviour and effort on the day. One team was successful finishing in first place and the other team played in the minor championship, finishing in fourth place.

World Teacher's Day

Friday 27th of October celebrated World Teacher's Day, and with the challenges facing all schools, with the current teacher shortage, it was important to pause and give thanks for the dedicated and professional staff we are gifted with at St Joseph's School. Many teaching positions are unfilled state-wide and I am grateful each

day that our small, rural school is blessed with a caring and passionate staff team. Each staff member plays a vital part in the daily lives of our students. Staff were treated to a special morning tea to mark the occasion!

Mission Month

October is globally recognised as Catholic Mission Month. During October we have focused on the work of missionaries worldwide, and particularly in the focus country of Timor-Leste. Students have learnt of the important role they play

in helping communities to live independently and overcome different challenges. As a school community we celebrated a special Mass on Wednesday 23rd October which focused on the theme of mission. Students are finishing up the month of October with a fundraiser to support the work of Catholic Mission. Each classroom is running activities with a Halloween theme for everyone to enjoy! There will be everything from games, milkshakes, monster jelly and even a ghost tunnel!



Free Book Library

The free book library at Travellers Rest, Charlton was built and is serviced by Charlton Men's Shed members.

This library has proven most popular with locals and tourists alike.

About 30 books a week are taken from this library. Although we have been well supported by locals we are running low on books.

Unless we can get a supply of books the library will have to be removed.

If you have any spare books that you would like to donate these are the options:

- Place them in the library yourself
- Leave the books at Charlton Men's Shed
- Phone Men's Shed on 0418562144 and they will collect them.

Thank you.



CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

Anyone who lives close to Charlton will have no doubt about how very busy our community has been the past month.

What a terrific showcase of country hospitality our town turned on for the recent 'Sound Tracks' train visitors. With numerous activities and opportunities to participate in, we are sure that many weary passengers were returning to Melbourne on Sunday morning. Without exception, every person who was in contact with a member of the Neighbourhood House team had nothing but positive comments about their visit. The Neighbourhood House was proud to support the initiative by providing free morning tea to those taking part in the community 'Bird Art' project hosted by Bronwyn Fisher and loaning a POS terminal to the Charlton Club for those visitors using card payments.



Our popular Storytime at the Charlton Library was hosted last month by Val Bourke who entertained the children with some wonderful books and songs. Make a note of the special Christmas themed reading with Deb Whykes on November 28.



We were very fortunate to have Kites for Kids return to put on another magnificent display of large kites at St Joseph's School oval. Free kite kits were also given to the children attending to decorate and fly. Thanks to Buloke Shire for their support of this family initiative.

The Charlton Neighbourhood House was very pleased to help celebrate both our towns carers and seniors with a very special free screening at the Rex Theatre of the popular classic, 'Calamity Jane'. Featuring Doris Day and Howard Keel there was lots of foot tapping and singing along to many of the fantastic songs featured in the movie.



With support from The Good Things Foundation, we again were involved with 'Get On-line Week' hosting a very special workshop focused on scam awareness. Thanks to Michelle from the Bendigo Bank, Michelle and Jayne from CommBank and Tim Burnham from NBN for all their valuable insights.



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

WHAT'S ON IN



NOVEMBER

WEEKLY

Yarning2
Join us for catch up & knit
Monday mornings 10.30am-12pm
AT: Charlton Rex Theatre Foyer
COST: Free



14
MONTHLY

Carers Group Lunch
Tuesday 12th 12pm-1pm
Guest Speaker - Prue Reyne, Diabetes
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



21
MONTHLY

Buloke Book Club
Third Tuesday each Month
10.30-12.00pm.
AT: Charlton Library Shire Hall
COST: Free



28
MONTHLY

StoryTime with Deb Whykes
Christmas Stories
10.30am-11.30am
AT: Charlton Library
COST: Free



EARLY MORNING SWIMMING

STARTING TUESDAY 5TH DEC
30 SESSIONS RUNNING BETWEEN 5TH DEC TO 15TH MAR
AT THE CHARLTON POOL

7AM-8AM

EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY

COST \$20*
FOR 30 SESSIONS



SECURE YOUR SPOT VIA OUR WEBSITE OR POP INTO THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE TODAY!

DECEMBER

WEEKLY

Yarning2
Join us for catch up & knit
Monday mornings 10.30am-12pm
AT: Charlton Rex Theatre Foyer
COST: Free



5
TWICE
WEEKLY

Early Morning Swimming
7:00-8:00am Tuesday & Fridays
AT: Charlton Pool
COST: \$20 (Season)



6

Santa's Selfies & Mailbox drop off
Wednesday Dec 6th 3.30 pm-4.30 pm
Come and take a selfie with Santa as he
drops off his mailbox ready for your letters.
AT: Charlton Neighbourhood House



10

Boat & Personal Watercraft Safety
training hosted by Seaton Training
1:00pm -5.00pm Sunday
AT: Charlton Senior Citizens Room
COST: \$120 Ages 12+



12

Carers Group Lunch
Tuesday 12th 12pm-1pm
End of year celebration.
AT: East Charlton Hotel
COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



JANUARY

10

Gentle Water Exercise session
Hosted by Nicola Kirk
2:00-3:00pm Wednesdays
AT: Charlton Pool
COST: \$55 (8 Sessions)



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Charlton Probus News

Probus Month Celebrations - A Month of Friendship, Fun, and Fantastic Adventures!

October was an absolute whirlwind for our cherished members of the Charlton Probus Club as we wholeheartedly embraced the essence of Probus Month. We're thrilled to share all the exciting events and memories created during this lively celebration.

Probus Month Unveiled:

In 2023, we proudly celebrated our Probus Month, expanding our festivities throughout the entire month of October. The theme "Good Friends, Great Times, New Adventures" beautifully encapsulates the heart and soul of Probus. This month was all about fostering and celebrating the incredible friendships we've built and the exhilarating adventures we've undertaken together.

October Probus Meeting:

On the auspicious Friday, the 13th of October, our club met at the Senior Citizens hall. The atmosphere was brimming with warmth as the president welcomed both members and guests.

Reports and Celebrations:

Our treasurer's report brought great news, showing a healthy financial balance. With 43 members in attendance and six apologies, it was a well-attended gathering. October birthdays were celebrated in style, with warm wishes extended to Sandra Patton, Beth Curnow, Nick Saunders,

Laurie Harvie, and Eily Rosewall.

Our outings officer, Sandra Patton, presented an enticing list of outings. These included a visit to Heather Hargreaves' garden, a real treat for nature lovers. Heather's garden consisted of a wonderful lawned area around the house with shady cool vistas leading to large open areas in the extended garden. Probus members from Wycheproof, Charlton and Boort were inspired by the beauty and work that Heather had put into the gardens.

Our adventures extended beyond local gatherings. Members attended the Minyip Probus meeting, where we enjoyed a scrumptious lunch and learned about the making of the Royal Flying Doctor series from Shirley and Sandra, the Vice President and Secretary of the Minyip Probus Club.

The trip to the Bendigo Capitol Theatre for a performance by David Scheel was the icing on the cake. David's wit and playing provided a wonderful afternoon for all who attended.

Neighborhood House Presentation:

We had the privilege of hearing from Markus Phillips, the coordinator from Charlton Neighbourhood House, who shared their remarkable achievements and services for this year. The over 6,000 hours that volunteers have given to the community is truly commendable.

In General Business:

President David discussed the recent

management committee meeting, where elections and Christmas party plans were on the agenda. Proposed changes to the standard Probus club constitution were also noted and the members were encouraged to obtain a copy.

A Twist on Cinderella:

The meeting took a delightful twist with a retelling of Cinderella, aptly named "Rinderella." Directed by Anne Kenny, the cast included Lee Parker as Rinderella, Bev Mullholland as Mugly Other, Kim Wishart as First Sad Blister, Marj Bartlett as Second Sad Blister, Sandra Patton as Pransom Hince, and Pat Mathews as the Mary God-Futher. A spectacular and entertaining performance!

The Probus Lawn Bowls team

Consisting of Greg Barnard, Eily Rosewall, Brian Patton and David Beaty the team attended their first bowls day at Warracknabeal. The competition was friendly and fun. The next bowls competition will be at Nhill where Nick Saunders will be joining the team.

In Conclusion:

October was an extraordinary month of adventure, friendship, and fun for the Charlton Probus Club. As we transition from spring to summer, we eagerly anticipate more experiences and good times. Remember to stay safe, stay well, and cherish the moments with good friends.



Group photo at Heather's Garden.



Lawn Bowls Team—Greg Barnard, Brian Patton, Eily Rosewall and David Beaty.



Sandra Patton as Pransom Hince, Lee Parker as Rindercella, Bev Mulholland as Mugly Other, Kim Wishart as First Sad Blister, and Marj Bartlett as Second Sad Blister. Anne Kenny as Torysteller.



Birthdays—Eily Rosewall, Nick Saunders, Laurie Harvie, and Sandra Patton.



Shirley (Vice President) and Sandra (Secretary) of Minyip Probus.



Ambulance Victoria Charlton Branch Open Day Sunday 26th November 11am—2pm

- Demonstrations of:
 - newly acquired Corpuls CPR (thorax compression device). Assists ambulance officers with CPR. Funded by the local community.
 - vacuum mattresses (for spinal patients)
 - suction units (for airways)
 - AEDs
 - Community Ambulance will be in attendance

**Lions Club
Sausage Sizzle
(Gold Coin Donation)**

Denis's Service Recognised

On Thursday 26th of October past and present members of the Buckrabanyule Fire Brigade gathered to acknowledge the efforts of retiring captain Denis Hannigan. Along with being a member for over 50 years Denis has just stepped down from his role of Captain, a position he has held for the last 25 years. Such a commitment could not pass by without recognition from the local brigade, the CFA and other members of the community. CFA representatives, Gavin Wright and Tanya Decker, were present to present Denis with a 50 year service medal as well as presenting the National Medal that is awarded to volunteers in various police, protective and emergency services throughout Australia. The Buckrabanyule Fire Brigade also presented Denis with a plaque acknowledging the 25 years he served as Captain. Denis still remains an active member of the brigade and his knowledge and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated by all involved.



Gavin Wright, Denis Hannigan & Tanya Decker.

Charlton Primed for Campdrafting

Coming to Charlton is an exciting new horse sport called Campdrafting.

Campdrafting is a sport which involves cutting a cow out of a herd and then manoeuvring it around a course in under 40 seconds, showcasing your cattle and horsemanship skills.

With entries already closed the Charlton Campdraft Club is expecting approximately 170 competitors to participate, travelling from VIC, SA and NSW.

The Club is proud to bring this new sport to the town of Charlton and invite the locals to come and check it out.

Events will be running all day Saturday and most of Sunday, with plenty of seating, food, drinks and even some shopping to be available.

Saturday night the horses and cattle will be put to bed and Whitey's Ferret racing will be out to provide some entertainment for kids and adults alike.

The Campdraft will be held on **November 4 and 5** at Back St. Arnaud Road. The club also thanks all the generous sponsors and the Charlton community for making this happen.



Ash Sheahan riding Kneipps Stella (Jo Thieme Photography).

Kites Across Charlton

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Families gathered at the St. Joseph's oval in Charlton in early October as the "Kites Across Charlton" activity unfolded on a weekend already jammed full of events.

The outdoor activity, thanks to Buloke Shire funding and the Charlton Neighbourhood House (CNH), saw participants designing, decorating and making their own kites before taking them for a test fly across the oval's open space.

And despite what was a mainly overcast day, the wind provided just enough of a helping hand for a successful launch and a chance to try some fancy aerial manoeuvres.

Adults and children alike revelled in the conditions, with parents offering encouragement during the design phase, and providing support as the youngsters gained confidence with their craft's handling.

With the assistance of Kites 4 Kids – an organization which runs kite-making activities for schools, community events and has an international profile – the youngsters made a traditional diamond kite, then customized it with embellishments of their own choosing. Lending a helping hand was Buloke Shire Youth Project Officer, Torri Tillig and CNH assistants, Deb Whykes and Jayne Burton.

Kites 4 Kids also had an array of large, inflatable balloons floating above the oval, which like aerial confetti tethered in space,

made for an eye-catching backdrop as more participants added their creations to the mix.

With little ones hand-in-hand with dad, or looking to an adult for re-assurance when their kite took off, this activity not only offered creativity of a different order, but

was an opportunity to share some fun family time together in our increasingly busy world.

Here's hoping there's another chance to experience this captivating activity sometime soon!



William Donaldson is pictured with his kite before giving it a test run on St. Joseph's oval.



Daniel Mulquiny and Dulcie share some kite-flying time at the "Kites Over Charlton" event recently.

What's on at The Rex - November

The Rex Theatre AGM Thursday 9 November 7pm

The Rex will be holding its Annual General Meeting in the Green Room (backstage) on Thursday 9 November. Entry via the laneway.
All welcome to attend the AGM.
Ordinary Meeting to follow – closed to the public.

Ballarat and District Early Holden Car Club Visit

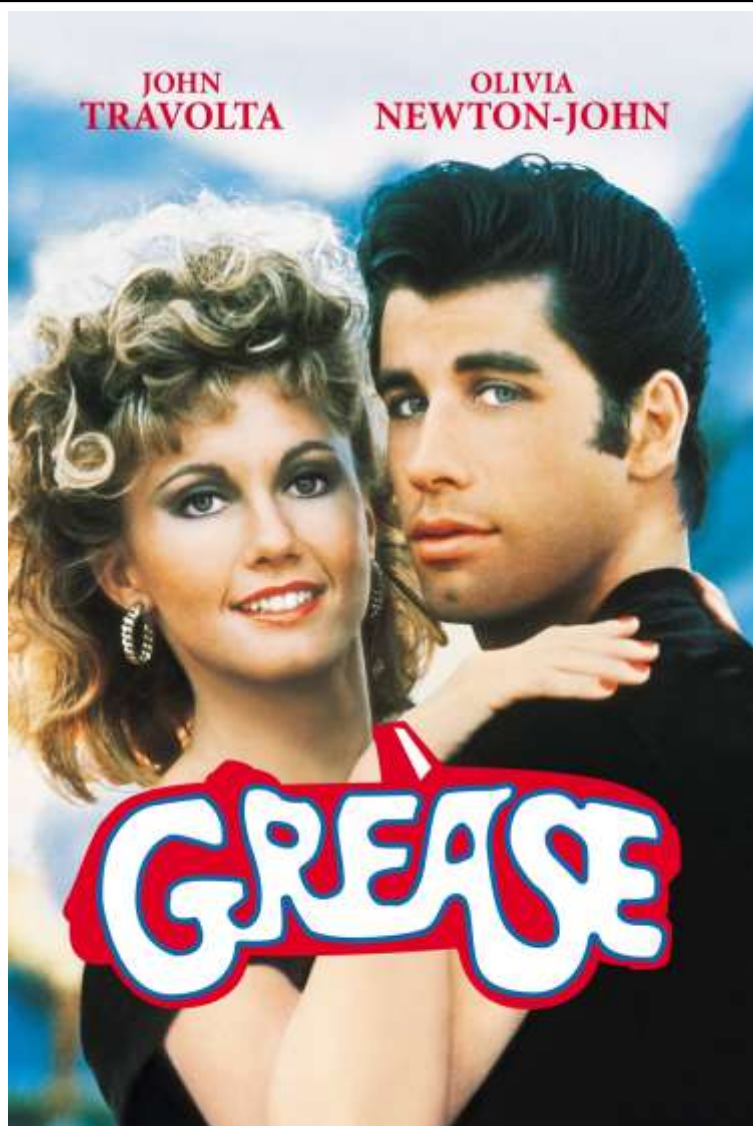
Movie: Grease
Saturday 11 November 2:30pm
Tickets: \$10

Taking a trip up the road with their immaculate vehicles and spending time talking cars, the Ballarat and District Early Holden Car Club is making Charlton their destination on 11-12 November, and The Rex is adding to the party with a screening of the ultimate fifties' pic – "Grease". Join the influx of passionate visitors and their gleaming vehicles for what promises to be an afternoon of retro fun!

COMING IN DECEMBER

Carols By Candlelight
Sunday 10 December

Celebrate the festive season with music and song as Carols by Candlelight - presented by the combined churches, the Charlton / Wycheproof Citizen's Band and The Rex - unite to host this seasonal event. Keep an eye open for more details.



Charlton Croquet Club

Lindsay Patullo competed in the Australian Croquet Association President's Eights at Cairnlea (Victorian Croquet Association's headquarters) from 6-9 October. This is an annual competition. The event for 2023 consisted of three open Eights of 8 players in each event. All Eights were a double round robin of singles games. This year Lindsay Patullo was eligible for the Third Eight. Unfortunately, 2 players withdrew so Lindsay competed against six players who came from Traralgon, Quarry Hill, Southport (Qld), Stephens (Qld) and Cooks River (NSW). Lindsay won 6 games out of 10 to finish Runner up. He lost 3 games by only 1 hoop, including the games against the winner. Congratulations Lindsay.

On 14th Oct. Lindsay and Naomi Patullo

played at Quarry Hill in the Alternate Stroke Doubles Hi-Low event. Lindsay played with Fred Littmann from Deniliquin and Naomi played with Margaret Bird from Maryborough. Both pairings won some games. On the 15th Oct. a Singles Round Robin was played. Lindsay pegged out in all 3 games and was the winner. Unfortunately there was a withdrawal in Naomi's section which affected the result. Naomi came 2nd.

Golf Croquet Pennant continues in the Murray Valley with Charlton winning 2 games so far. In the Association Inter Club competition Charlton Green and Charlton Gold have both won 2 out of 4 games.

The croquet members mourn the loss of respected pass member Isobell Milward.



Charlton Bowling Club

KRAKAJAK TRIPLES NIGHT BOWLS COMMENCES IN JANUARY.

AP Earthmoving Sponsored Krakajak Triples Night Bowls (short, sharp, and snappy) commences in Charlton on Tuesday January 9th with teams of Three playing each other over 10 weeks including Finals.

Play is on Tuesday Nights commencing at 7.30pm. Players all play from the same end and the kitty is placed 2.5m from the T. Competition is competitive and the team with the highest score over two games of eight ends wins the prizes for the night.

We would love New Teams to join us (make sure you have a spare if someone is away) it was great to see some younger members of the community joining in for some fun last year.

SOCIAL
THE NEW WAY TO PLAY BOWLS
SHORT, SHARP, SNAPPY

KRAKAJAK TRIPLES

- YOU CHOOSE YOUR TEAMMATES
- Single Entries Welcome
- NEW FORMAT
- KRAKAJAK TRIPLES - 2 Bowls
- NEW ERA
- Flat shoes, thongs, bare feet

Venue: **CHARLTON BOWLING CLUB**

Day/Time: **Tuesdays, 7:30pm starting January 9th 2024**
Register by **Jan. 3rd**, contact Kevin Willey 0428 911 830

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Playing bowls contributes to positive aging.

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On or off the greens, bowls is extremely social. You can turn up for a laidback game of barefoot bowls with friends or family or enjoy a meal and a drink at the clubhouse. And if you don't know anyone at the local bowls club? No problem, head down there anyway and you'll make new friends in no time.

KEEPS YOU FIT AND HEALTHY

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ENHANCES MENTAL WELLBEING

Bowls is a positive influence on mental health and wellbeing in so many ways, especially among older generations. Whether you join a bowling club as a member or play socially, bowls helps you get out of the house, soak up the sun and fresh air, be more active, meet likeminded people, reduce your stress levels, and possibly even alleviate feelings of loneliness and depression.

Lawn Bowls is enjoyed by more than 600,000 Victorians from all walks of life. Many Victorians enjoy the social bowls scene and shorter formats of the game Lawn Bowls is a sport for life and there are so many playing options available. You can play alone, with a team, a long time, a short time, socially, against your friends or play with the whole family!



CONTACT: Charlton Bowling Club Inc Kevin Willey 0428911830. Lynne Southwell 0419525570



Charlton Conference **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Wednesday, 15th November 2023

Charlton Senior Citizens' Room at 12.00 noon.

Community members are invited to share lunch together – there is no cost. Many people in our community live alone and are not always able to socialise – this is a great opportunity to do so. Please RSVP by Monday, 13th November to the Charlton Neighbourhood House or leave a message on the Vinnies phone (0499 302 517) if you wish to attend.

Charlton Neighbourhood House

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2:30pm

Tickets: \$10

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SHAYDA M Mature themes

118 mins | Drama

Sat 11 NOV 8pm
Sun 12 NOV 2pm
Tue 14 NOV 8pm

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KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON

M Mature themes, violence, coarse language and suicide references

206 mins | Drama

Sat 18 NOV 8pm
Sun 19 NOV 2pm
Tue 21 NOV 8pm

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For more information please call Daryl Rowley, Community
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Charlton Citizen of the Year
Young Citizen of the Year
Community Event of the Year
Youth Volunteer Recognition Award

Nominations close **Friday 17th November, 5pm**
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Tuesday 14th November 9-10am
Charlton Hospital

Light breakfast provided.

Charlton A & P Society

On behalf of President Billy Fitzpatrick and Secretary Wendy Laffin, We would like to thank everyone in our community who helped in any way to make our 2023 show very successful.

A big thank you goes to our Great Committee for the setting up and packing up, this would not happen without them.

To our Pavilion secretaries and stewards without these people it would not happen THANKS.

To our Wool, Sheep Dog Trials, Animal Nursery, Crop, organisers Thank you.

To our Displays of Motorbikes, 4 Wheel-drive, Feedlot, Campdraft, Trucks, Small Engines and Stall holders inside and around the building. This is what makes a small show successful.

To Lions and Oasis for doing the gate and Emergency Services for their displays.

THANK YOU
Billy and Wendy

BULOKE LODDON TAC **L2P** PROGRAM

Need help getting your P's?

The TAC L2P program helps young learner drivers (16-21) with limited access to supervising driver or vehicle to get on the road with trained mentors available to help them obtain the 120 hours necessary to get their licence.



For more information about this FREE program contact the North Central LLEN on 03 5491 1144 or email l2p@ncllen.org.au

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Sunday 18 February 2024
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If you are interested, please email l2p@ncllen.org.au or contact the North Central LLEN on 5491 1144.

 **Charlton Netball Club**

The Charlton Netball Club are seeking applications for Junior Coaches

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- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching and releasing
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Please contact
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further details.
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Thank You

*The Winsall Family would like to thank everyone
for their love and support on the passing of
Geoff (Plugger). It was truly overwhelming.*

St Martin's Messenger—September

Sunday 5 Nov. Holy Communion 9am
 Sunday 19 Oct. Ecumenical Service @ Uniting Church 10am
 Sunday 3 Dec. Holy Communion 9am

A Reflective Poem

The strong should look after the weak, The young look after the not so young, The fit look after the sick.

We need to seek a more tolerant world. We should defend our human and civil rights, wherever they are violated.

Oppose violence at a personal, national and international level.

Oppose war as the solution to our international problems.

Protect, enhance and rehabilitate our environment. If we destroy it, we are destroying a part of ourselves.

Recognise that we are interrelated. Australians should recognise we are part of our planet.

Why is it in a time of crisis – we need each other?

Why, in normal times, why can't we be more collective?

We should build friendship and understanding between people and nations.

Tom Uren, AO

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

Charlton Uniting Church



Charlton Uniting Church Service times for November 2023

Halliday Street, Charlton.

Sunday 5th – 9.00 am at *St. Martin's Church of England*

Sunday 12th – 10.00 am. Communion

Sunday 19th – 10.00 am. Ecumenical Service, Rev. Judi Bird

2.00pm Opening of Wesley Chapel as part of the Museum Anniversary.

Sunday 26th – 10.00.am

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 Then He made the Earth round...and laughed and laughed and
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East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Sun. 5th Nov. 10.30 am (Livestreamed in to St Joseph's)

Sun. 12th Nov. 8.30am

Sat. 18th Nov. 7pm

Sun. 19th Nov. 10am Ecumenical Service at Uniting Church

Sun. 26th Nov. 10.30am Memorial Mass

Charlton RSL

RSL MEETING TIMES.

Monthly meetings will be at the Clubrooms, 11 Armstrong Street Charlton 3525 at 1630 on the third Friday of each month.

Bill Freeman, Secretary/Treasurer.

North Central Garden Club

The North Central Garden Club held their Open Garden Day on Sunday October 15 and catered for almost 100 visitors. We were fortunate that the worst of the day's weather held off while guests were viewing the gardens. Thanks go to all those who helped on the day and especially to the eight people whose gardens we visited - without you the day would not happen.

The Club members took a bus to the Northern Mallee Iris Farm where Reggie Steff spoke about propagating and caring for bearded iris and we saw some of the beautiful results of his hard work.

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5	6 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	7 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	8	9 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	10 Probus Meeting	11 Car Club Visit & Grease at the Rex
12	13 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling Club Meeting, 8pm	14 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	15 Lions Business Meeting 8pm	16 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	17 RSL Meeting 4:30pm	18 Fishing Comp
19 Fishing Comp Museum Anniversary	20 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting 8pm CWA Meeting	21 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Fun Day 10:30am Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	22	23 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	24	25
26	27 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	28 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm NCGC 2pm	29	30 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm		

Dec. 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Bowls Singles Championships	4 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm	5 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	6 Lions Dinner Meeting	7 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	8 Probus Meeting	9 Bowls Social Night
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31	1 Happy New Year					