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## *New School Year Begins*

The new school year has begun at Charlton College and St Joseph's School.

Charlton College welcomes three new members to the teaching staff this year. Erin Dohrmann has joined the team and will be teaching Science and Maths, Zoe Carney will be teaching Psychology and Health, and Kim Sparake will teach English and Art. Angus Johnstone, will also join the staff. Angus is undertaking a cadetship with the Physical Education department.

Charlton College also welcomes three eager students at Foundation level. Austin Riley, Daniella Smith and Ruby Skuse.

A number of events are occurring early in the term at the College. Year 7s are on camp this week in Boort, the House Swimming Sports will

take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February during normal school hours and Badge Conferral will take place in the morning of February the 16<sup>th</sup>.

St Joseph's welcomes two new staff: Claudia Lee (Learning Support Officer) and



*Charlton College Cadetship:  
Angus Johnstone*

Katie Brown (Foundation, Grades 1 & 2), and several new students.

We trust that all new

students and staff at both schools will enjoy their experience and have a successful year.



*St Joseph's: Miss Claudia Lee, Julian Siju, Johan Siju, Shepherd Mills, Oliver Power-Hall and Miss Katie Brown*



*Charlton College new teaching staff: Erin Dohrmann, Zoe Carney, and Kim Sparake.*



*Charlton College Foundation students: Austin Riley, Daniella Smith and Ruby Skuse.*

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*From the Editor  
Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the first edition for 2024. I'm looking forward to receiving all your news during the year.

February is a busy month with plenty of activities to attend. The Film Festival & OK Motels will see an influx of visitors to our town. I'm looking forward to seeing 'The Clams' perform their synchronized swimming routine at the pool on the 24th.

Welcome to our new sponsors—Charlton Hardware, the Cricket Club Hotel & ACG Financial Planning. Thank you to all returning sponsors for 2024.

Thank you also to Charlton IGA and Charlton Newsagency for providing a spot for newsletters to be sold & Charlton Neighbourhood House for printing and distribution.

Good luck to our students this year, particularly the Year 12s. It's a busy time and many of you also play sport, work and contribute to the community.

After another good season on the farm, let's hope we can manage another one. Also hoping that our empty shops find some new tenants soon.

Cheers, *Carolyn*

**Upcoming Events**

Please note, events are subject to change.

**February:**

Redback Rally—Friday 9th - Saturday 10th  
Film Festival—Friday 16th - Saturday 17th  
OK Motels—Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th  
Uniting Church Up-Market—Saturday 24th  
Lions Town Garage Sale—Sunday 25th

**March:**

Charlton Cup—Sunday 17



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# Graduating Class of 2023

Charlton College held its awards ceremony at the Rex Theatre on Monday 18th December. In front of a large crowd

students were presented with a range of awards. School Captains, Tahli Roberts & Tyler Riley compered the event. Lennon

Jablonka was awarded the Charlton Neighbourhood House Dux Scholarship for 2023. He achieved an ATAR of 84.5.



Year 12 Class of 2023. L to R—Tyler Riley, Lochlan Sullivan, Lennon Jablonka, Bailey Hooper-Dixon, Angus Johnstone, Jacob Olive, Tahli Roberts, Alinta Marshall & Will Nicholson.

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# Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to the very first update from your Charlton Golden Grains Museum. We hope that all our supporters and local residents enjoyed a happy and safe Christmas and have kicked 2024 off in a great manner. Our volunteers have enjoyed a well earned break, but will soon be back into full swing welcoming visitors, cataloguing items and doing research.

If you have an interest in history, would you like to help preserve items for Charlton's future generations? If the answer is yes, why not consider becoming a volunteer at the museum. You can volunteer as little or as much as you like and no experience is required. You will be joining a group of friendly, likeminded people happy to share their knowledge with you. You can also become a 'Friend of the Museum' for just \$20. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving

our town's collection of important historic items for future generations. If you are involved in a group or organization why not consider visiting us for an interesting outing; a cuppa and biscuits can even be arranged.

Thank you to Charlton residents who continue to support our regular trips to Donald Bingo where we receive monies for our groups attendance. Also to the drivers of the vehicles; we hope you have a little luck with the calls, but most of all enjoy a great social night out. Contact one of the volunteers listed below to be included in the next visit. Fundraising is essential to the museum to purchase archiving supplies, pay regular monthly expenses, and for larger projects. We receive our funds through membership fees, admission charges, research requests, grants and donations.

## Wooroonook

Our feature story this month takes a look at the area around Lake Wooroonook. While popular today with campers, fishermen and women and recreational boating, many people may not know much about its early history. Originally named Watson's Lake after the squatting family, the first Selectors to take up tracks of land in the area were John Robertson, an ex-miner and his family. He was joined shortly afterwards by members of the Charleson family. By 1879, Sacred Heart Church was built, with a new church replacing that in 1913 to accommodate the many Catholic families. In 1895 the area joined with others to form The Shire of Charlton. In 1924 a Parliamentary Standing Committee visited the district and was presented a petition to extend a branch rail track from Wooroonook to Corack. It was argued (sadly unsuccessfully) the west side of Charlton was poorly serviced and farmers were disadvantaged in transporting their crops. It was anticipated a boom in tourism would follow a branch extension with easier access to the Lake.

The 1920s and 30s saw a huge growth in popularity for the lake with picnics, tennis, swimming and games regularly happening. This continued through to the 1950's, and in 1960 The Charlton and District Power Boat and Ski Club was formed. Duck shooting remained popular across these times. A Foreshore Committee was formed in 1977 with an amenities block being built in 1990 and recently replaced. In 2010 the Lake was guaranteed to never be dry with the arrival of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline, and its regular allocation of water.

Cricket and football were popular pastimes with Wooroonook fielding competitive teams over the years and in 1952 the school bus run commenced servicing the area's large numbers of families. Sadly the Post Office in the delicensed Hotel burnt down in 1958, while fire destroyed the historic Catholic Church (which had been a private residence since 1974) in 2006.

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

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Wooroonook Hotel , c. 1946.



Apex Carnival—Ken Blair driving.

# Recognition on Australia Day

## Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Enriching community and helping build a productive, forward-looking vision was a recurrent theme as individuals and groups from the Charlton community were acknowledged for their input at the recent Australia Day gathering.

Supported by family and friends and fellow Charltonians, the annual event which is co-partnered by Charlton CWA Branch, "Cabbaritta" and the Charlton Forum, highlighted the movers and shakers, the behind-the-scenes workers and the innovators, as a wide demographic was recognized for their contributions towards enhancing the town's appeal.

A cool, and at times very overcast morning, greeted those who came along for the outdoor breakfast, however a convivial mood prevailed before the crowd moved into the Hall for the formal ceremony

following the raising of the Australian flag and the singing of the national anthem.

Assisting Charlton RSL Secretary, Bill Freeman with flag-raising this year were CWA Junior members, Anna Fitzpatrick and Marley McGurk.

Welcoming all to the morning's event, CWA representative, Maria Perger acknowledged the support of the following for their assistance with the running of the ceremony: Charlton RSL Sub-Branch, Cabbaritta CWA, Charlton Forum, Charlton Neighbourhood House, Charlton Lions Club, Charlton Choir, CWA Juniors, the Buloke Shire and David Pollard.

The 2024 Award Recipients were then announced by Charlton Forum President, Wayne Litton.

## Charlton Event of the Year:

Charlton Campdraft Club for the inaugural Campdraft 4th & 5th November 2023

A young and innovative group, the Charlton Campdraft Club successfully ran its inaugural Campdraft on 4th and 5th November 2023 after floods the previous year prevented the event from taking place. From securing a site to sourcing infrastructure, along with raising a considerable amount of sponsorship, the event attracted 160 competitors from NSW, VIC and SA, with approximately 150 spectators in attendance over the weekend. The event also raised funds for Breast Cancer Awareness and Fighting A-T with Grace.

The Club was commended for its initiative, vision, hard work and perseverance in achieving its' goals, and creating the potential to bring people together and attracting visitors to the town.

Responding on behalf of the Club, Vice-President, Tahljia Sheahan expressed a "massive" thank you to all – acknowledging the community for rallying behind the event, the sponsors, local businesses, along with Frank and Val Bourke for giving the event a "home". Saying the support had been "refreshing and humbling to see", she also thanked the Charlton Forum for running the awards, before thanking Club members for their support.

## Charlton Young Citizen of the Year:

### Emily Olive

The leadership qualities which Emily has positively demonstrated as President of the Charlton Youth Group, have been replicated in her service on the School Leadership Council, and will continue in 2024 when she takes on the role of School



Charlton Lions Club is a regular supporter of the Australia Day event with members supplying the BBQ breakfast. Pictured, cooking over a hot barbeque are members, (l-r) Helen Hooper-Heath, John Headon and Harry Brindley.



A sizable crowd gathered for the outdoor breakfast which took place in both sunny and overcast conditions, with rain, fortunately holding off.



Involving the younger generations, Junior CWA members (front l & r) Anna Fitzpatrick and Marley McGurk prepare to assist RSL Secretary, Bill Freeman with the flag raising.

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Captain. Commitment, dedication, thoughtfulness, consideration and compassion are just some of the qualities which have been regularly highlighted with her involvement in sporting groups, the Meals on Wheels program facilitated through the school, and in her wider community pursuits.

Her ability to inspire and motivate, along with showing empathy and building inclusivity, has seen Emily create environments where everyone feels valued and heard.

Responding to her award, Emily said she was so fortunate to live in such a great community which has such a good support network. Listing her family, the Netball Club, Youth Group, Neighbourhood House as strong support systems, she credited her success to their input.

## Charlton Citizen of the Year:

### Anne Kenny

An active community member, Anne's involvement has most notably been with the Charlton Croquet and Golf Clubs, along with the Charlton Golden Grains Museum. A quiet achiever, who is ever-ready to take on roles of responsibility, Anne also encourages and works actively with new members and volunteers across the many groups she is involved with.

Having a long association with the Golf Club, Anne rekindled her connection following her return to Charlton in 2002, taking on numerous roles including Ladies' Press Correspondent, Ladies' Handicapper, Secretary of the Committee of Management. A seven-times Club Champion, Anne has also represented the Club successfully in winning Pennant and Shield teams and at Country Week in Melbourne.

A stalwart of the Charlton Croquet Club, Anne's dedication has not just been confined to committee positions (Captain, Greens Coordinator, delegate to the Murray Valley Association), but also on the greens where she has been Club Champion nine times. Representing Charlton many times in the Murray Valley Divisional play-offs, Anne has also represented that area in Regional games. Her croquet skills are such that the tutelage of one of her local pupils has led to his selection in the Victorian State team!

Anne's commitment to the Golden Grains Museum reflects the same dedication which she applies to all her pursuits. A long-term President, and invaluable to the cataloguing process, Anne has been a wonderful mentor to new volunteers, supporting and encouraging them at every opportunity. Her research and administration skills have also enriched many aspects of the Museum's wider outreach, aided in the successful accreditation with the Australian and



Charlton's Young Citizen of the Year, Emily Olive (centre) is pictured with her family (l-r) sister Annie, mother, Alena, father, Matt and brothers Darcy and Sam.



Charlton Citizen of the Year – Anne Kenny – is pictured with her family following the Australia Day ceremony: (l-r) Bernice Kenny, Nola and Walter Kenny, Anne, Mary King and Sarita and Rob Watson. Absent, Peter & Bernadette Kenny.



Representatives of the Charlton Campdraft Club celebrated their Event of the Year award for the successful 2023 inaugural Campdraft after the event had had to be postponed due to floods the previous year. (Pictured l-r) Frank and Val Bourke (supporters), Terri Wolfe, Tahljia Sheahan, Zak Johnson, Melissa Sheahan, Tessa Sexton holding Tate Johnson.

# Recognition on Australia Day

Museum Galleries Association and supplemented the behind-the-scenes preparation for the Museum's recent 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

Anne has deep associations with St. Joseph's Church and Parish, the Charlton Probus Club, along with being a member of the Charlton Cemetery Trust, a former member of the Charlton Carers' Group and a regular on the Meals on Wheels roster. She also proof-reads the monthly Charlton Newsletter and Charlton Cultural Magazine.

In responding, Anne thanked the organisers of the Australia Day event, emphasizing that her community contributions were not carried out for the receipt of accolades. She thanked the Charlton Golf Club for their nomination, along with acknowledging the support of all those from the many organisations she is involved with.

## KEY TO COMMUNITY AWARDS:

A new award recognizing the ongoing contributions by former "Charlton Citizens of the Year" - the inaugural recipients were Joy Freeman (Citizen 1983) and Garry Larmour (Citizen 2005).

**Joy Freeman** was awarded 'Citizen of the Year' 40 years ago in 1983 for her volunteer work in the community offering assistance to those in need. Since then, Joy has continued her tireless endeavours within our town as a District Nurse for many years, as a marriage celebrant and conductor of funeral services, and as an invaluable member of numerous community groups.

In particular, Joy's involvement with the Red Cross has seen her provide support both here in Charlton and throughout Victoria and to Airley Beach, Bundaberg and Lismore during times of flood and fire

and other confronting situations such as the Bourke Street Mall incident in 2017.

Joy is an active member of Charlton Arts and the Charlton Croquet Club. She is a volunteer driver for the Community Car, is a Friend of the EWS Charlton Campus, and dedicated member of the Charlton Uniting Church where she is an elder and lay preacher.

Joy also provides immeasurable support in our community to those in need, conducting welfare checks, providing pastoral care, small gifts, food parcels and companionship. It's the hundreds of small things she does for us that makes her so special to us, from offering kind words when needed, to popping into the library each week with a coffee for the librarian. Never one to sit still for long, Joy is often the first one to grab a tea towel and start cleaning up and she is also the first to send a congratulations card to community members for everything from being Dux of the School, reaching a special milestone or having a baby. Everyone who knows Joy, is aware of how much she does in our small community.

**Garry Larmour** was awarded 'Citizen of the Year' in 2005 for his involvement with various community groups. Since then, Garry has continued his association with most of them holding positions on the executive and actively participating in numerous projects and events. He has been on the executive of the Charlton Forum since its inception in 1996, being either Secretary or Treasurer for much of that time. He has been Secretary of the Travellers Rest Committee for 30 years, Secretary of the Shire Hall Committee for 30 years, and a dedicated member of the

Charlton Lions Club for about 37 years. He is Secretary of the Charlton & District Ambulance Service Auxiliary and is a Justice of the Peace. Garry was treasurer, until recently, of Charlton Arts and actively contributed to the Annual Film Festival and other events for over 30 years. He was the driving force in the establishment of the Charlton Community Car and is a volunteer driver. Garry also sits on many sub-committees such as the community newsletter and community radio and volunteers his time to help many clubs with their annual auditing.

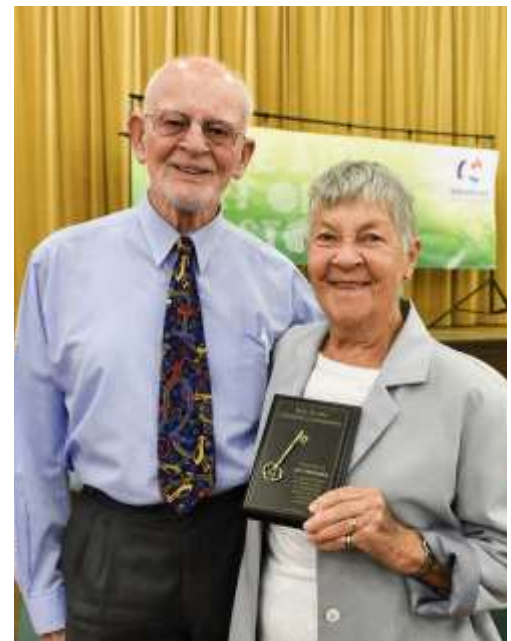
In addition to holding numerous executive positions, Garry has been instrumental in the success of many recent projects initiated by various clubs including the Lions Park upgrade and the Sir John Monash Tribute Garden, Travellers Rest improvements including the manager's residence and the John Curtin Drive walkway and mural. Many of these projects have only been possible due to funds Garry has secured totalling many thousands of dollars.

Garry is an active member of all the above clubs and by active we mean hands-on - he doesn't miss many working bees. Many of the town's improvements that we and visitors to our town enjoy, (including our great public toilets), are due to Garry's invaluable input. His continuing commitment to Charlton's prosperity is inspirational.

Both Joy and Garry gave heart-felt responses - saying that they did not seek recognition or reward for their actions. Both also emphasized the enjoyment they receive from their wide-reaching community involvement.



Key to Community Award recipient, Garry Larmour is pictured with his son, Andrew and daughter, Nicole.



Key to Community Award recipient, Joy Freeman is pictured with her husband, Bill.



# Recognition on Australia Day

## YOUTH VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION

### Charlton Youth Group

A dynamic cohort of young people, the members of the Charlton Youth group have showcased their volunteering efforts through an array of activities and community interaction over the past twelve months, along with undertaking significant fundraising to integrate variety into their marquee activity - the Open-Air Freeza event which included a Melbourne DJ, flame throwers and other artists.

Their other activities have included: partnering with Birchip and Wycheproof Youth Groups to deliver the successful Buloke Ball, catering for the Charlton Arts Film Festival, working a shift at the regional Esoteric Festival, selling ice-creams at the OK Motels Music and Arts Festival (Charlton), assisting at the Charlton Winter Wonderland, coordinating RUOK Day activities at Charlton College and placing painted Easter egg rocks around Charlton.

The following members were acknowledged: Emily Olive, Dayne Bartlett, Ezzie Gray, Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Annie Olive, Emmy Nelson, Elise Fitzpatrick, Poppy Fitzpatrick, Amali Fitzpatrick, Sheena Fitzpatrick, Maggie Riley, Isabel Soulsby, Elliott Fitzpatrick, Isaac Bourke, Angus Johnstone, Bailey Hooper-Dixon, Jye Roberts, Michael Olive, Hugh Sait, Nick Thompson.

### GUEST SPEAKER:

#### President Lions Club of Charlton – Ross Lane

Speaking on the theme of volunteering, Ross highlighted the outreach covered by both the CWA organization and the Lions International, emphasizing the fellowship, the grass-roots impact, the ability to present issues to multiple levels of government and the value-adding to community which involvement in each outlet can achieve.

While speaking passionately about Lions, Ross highlighted the many qualities which involvement in the local Club can yield, before also praising Kate Berry (instigator of the OK Motels Music and Arts weekend) for her ability to bring local clubs and organisations together in support of this event.

With the ceremony drawing to a close, Welcome Packs from the Charlton Neighbourhood House were presented to a number of newcomers, before the Charlton Choir, coordinated by Gil Gretgrix, concluded the formalities with a rousing contribution.



Some of the Charlton Youth Group recipients were on hand for the presentation of certificates recognizing their initiatives and input into community activities: (l-r) Emily Olive, Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Annie Olive, Poppy Fitzpatrick and Maggie Riley.



Guest speaker, Charlton Lions Club President, Ross Lane (l) is pictured with CWA representative, Maria Perger and Charlton Forum President, Wayne Litton.



Newcomers to town were presented with Welcome Packs which were distributed by the Charlton Neighbourhood House.

# Tennis Tournament

The 2024 edition of the Charlton Lawn Tennis Club's Annual Australia Day Tournament was the biggest in recent memory with over 210 players enjoying the hospitality, fun and magnificent 16 grass courts Victoria's oldest regional club has to offer. The Charlton Club certainly put on a show for their guests and locals alike, helped by funding through the National Australia Day Council. Australia Day Friday saw live music and fireworks complement some fabulous mixed doubles tennis played under lights on the Charlton Park complex. Fantastic to see a swathe of locals join in the festivities, enjoying dinner served from food trucks and by local community groups to cater for the 500 strong crowd in attendance. The paella served from first time visitor Little Sangria—a massive hit, highly distractive for the players on court as the distinctive aroma drifted onto court as the staff demonstrated the art of paella preparation and cooking. A huge effort by the Charlton Lions Club members, backing up from feeding the crowd at Charlton's Australia Day breakfast ceremony to again 'man' the BBQ to ensure the large tennis crowd did not go hungry.

The Charlton & District Community Bank Tournament has continued to strengthen in recent years, this year's 213 players a remarkable 55 player increase on 2023, which at the time was seen as strong numbers. Players in attendance coming from as far afield as Merimbula, Adelaide, Colac, Sale, Euroa/Avenel, Shepparton,

Geelong and wider Melbourne as well as a good sprinkling of local talent, including from Horsham, Bendigo and within the North Central Region. The weather gods showing mercy on the players for the weekend's event, a day of rain preceding the tournament, with perfect tennis weather for the following three days.

Kicking off the weekend in style, and now almost the centre piece of the weekend's event, the mixed doubles day saw over 150 matches played on the day across five very competitive grades of tennis. Thirteen pairs graced the court in the Charlton & District Community Bank Open event, split into two sections, a battle of the fittest ensued over six and five matches in the two sections. With the crowd building following the dinner break, first time entrants Nyall and Laura Langmead outpointed Alex Bakogianis and Ash Andrews in an enthralling encounter, wrapping up the match 11-9 just in time to catch their breath and watch the amazing fireworks show put on for the large crowd – those in attendance in awe of the dynamic pyrotechnic performance. Other winners were – East Charlton Hotel A Grade: John & Rose Nihill defeating Ben Bath & Gen Gordon; Bakery Lane Apartments B Grade saw Sale's Mick & Jenny Luke defeat mother and son, Charlton's Rae & Roger Heenan; Atkins Family C Grade: Daniel & Heidi Addlem enjoying their first foray to Charlton defeating Dean Fergie & Ali Snow; and Charlton Caravan Park D Grade: David Patrick & Penny Coulson outlasting

Keith Chittleborough & Elise Turner.

Highlighting the strengthening of number, the BQS Group Men's Open Singles saw 26 men enter the main draw – a number that hasn't been reached anytime since the 1990's, thankfully still in an elimination style format, players battled across the day through the round of 32 through to the final – fought between two of Shepparton's best, Nick Gattuso and up and coming Zach Ranson. The crowd that stayed and watched were treated to a high calibre exhibition, the raw hitting power of Ranson going toe to toe with the control and touch of 2022 title holder Gattuso. In the end it was a single break to Gattuso that decided the match, Nick holding onto the advantage to win the tussle and trophy 11-9. The ladies unfortunately could not match the numbers, Open and A Grades combining to play a round robin event between the five entrants. Charlton's own English import Jo Southcombe demonstrating her rapidly improving competence on the Charlton grass courts to win the 2024 Charlton Authorised Newsagency title, winning on a countback from long time supporter of the event Rhian Shepherd from Melbourne. Charlton players featured heavily in the winners' circle, ex local and club singles Champion Sarah Crutch winning the Fergie Family Ladies B Grade Singles, defeating doubles partner Luci Tanashevic to do so; Tessa Fitzpatrick winning the North West Ag Services D Grade Ladies defeating Layla Fitzpatrick, grand-daughter of Brian,



# Tennis Tournament

playing in her first Charlton event. The Charlton Hardware C Grade Ladies saw Victoria Peake defeat Amanda Briody. In the men's graded events, Ryan Sweeney took out the Hannaford Seed Cleaning A Grade, defeating Kyle Johnston; James Sutton winning the Vale of Avoca B Grade event, defeating Harrison Condliffe; while in the Signwise Solutions/Wrights Digging C Grade event Donald's Samuel Mortlock couldn't quite get his hands on the prize, going down to Lachlan Peake; and in the Foley's Hill Farming Men's D Grade Thomas Peake proved too strong for Justin Dungey.

For those not wanting to run the court by themselves on Singles Day, the rotating partner doubles format was on offer, 10 men and nine ladies playing four sets to determine winners in each event. Winning the Heenan Family Ladies' event was Judy Jungling, runner up Norma George; and taking out the Steel's Butchers Men's was John Nihill, James Coulson finishing runner up.

Providing the exclamation point on the superb weekend, Sunday's doubles events continued to display great tennis across all grades, strong local entries from Donald, Wycheproof and St. Arnaud along with Charlton club players boosting numbers to record levels since moving to round robin competition way back in 2006. Despite the increase in total numbers, ladies Open and A were combined to give the five pairs entered a great day's tennis in the Charlton IGA Ladies/Priority 1 Property Open event; Michelle Balic & Deb Bish proving too strong for Jessica Millar & Bronwyn

Osborne; The Foundry Palms Motel B Grade event saw Sarah Crutch & Luci Tanashevic combine to outpoint Deb & Rhian Shepherd; Rae Heenan using her grass court experience to pair with daughter Bronwyn Pokorzynski to win the Boral Charlton C Grade Doubles, defeating Amanda Briody & Leah Burns; while Wycheproof's Priya Coatsworth & Lana Fawcett were too strong in the Perry Contractors D Grade, winning over Issy Gordon & former Australian Opal Gabe Richards.

In the men's side of the table: The Walsh Motors Men's Open Doubles final showcased the tournament's most endearing qualities, played in great spirit Zach Ranson carried his Saturday form into Sunday, combining with Alex Bakogianis to defeat Ned Nihill & Dom Tobin 11-9. A total of 15 pairs competed in the Teys Australia A Grade, St. Arnaud's Stephen Rodger pairing with Grant Woodbridge to defeat the power game of Ben Bath & Tom Garner; The Charlton Massage Clinic Men's B Grade final saw brothers Jack & Harrison Thompson defeat Tyson McCoomb and Paul Robinson; the Fine Farm Organics Men's C Grade Doubles was won by Dave Beer & Brett Stephens, defeating a weary Adam Clohesy and Sam Payne; while in the MCG Airconditioning Men's D Grade, Donald locals Miles Hollis & Jack Reilly held their nerve to defeat Josh & Oscar Bath.

The Charlton Tennis Club would like to sincerely thank all of those people who contributed in any way to make this one of, if not, the most successful tournament

weekends ever held by the club. Once again it has been fantastic to see the swell in visitors to the town, not just over the weekend, but in the week leading up; a number of entrants taking the opportunity to make the most of the Friendly River Town's hospitality and providing a welcomed boost to the local economy while they are in town. The event would not happen without the amazing efforts of all of our volunteers, or without our advertisers and financial supporters who allow the event to happen, special thanks to the Charlton Lions Club for your ongoing support of the weekend.

Looking forward to seeing what the 2025 instalment has to offer over Saturday, Sunday and Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of January. See you all there...



# CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024. We hope that everyone in our community had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a terrific year ahead. It is hard to believe the first month has passed by already.

We haven't had much time to rest at the Charlton Neighbourhood House as we have been busy planning another fantastic year of courses and programs for our community. As well as many of the regular services we provide every year, look forward again to plenty of activities for residents of all ages.

We finished the year off with a well-attended Marine Safety Course that prepared participants with the necessary tools to obtain their Marine Licenses, allowing them to operate a boat or personal watercraft safely on our waterways. This is essential with Water Police being more visible around our communities this summer.

Thank you to all those involved (including members of the Charlton Youth Group) with our Santa photos and Santa's mailbox, as well as delivery of our Carers' Christmas Hampers around town.



With the terrific support of Buloke Shire Council we have been able to make maximum use of the Charlton Swimming Pool for our many popular activities. Our early morning swimmers have had a great run so far with the weather enjoying some pleasant mornings of lap swimming between 6:30am and 8:00am Tuesday and Fridays. It's not too late to enrol as we still have a number of weeks to go before the end of the season. Cost is just \$20 (which covers administration and insurance).



We have been fortunate to again have popular instructor Nicola Kirk assisting us this year with 2 activities; Gentle Water Exercise and pre-schoolers Water Acclimation sessions.

Participants have all reported having a wonderful time at the classes, and again, we have been lucky with the weather so far.



February sees our ongoing support of OK Motels initiative, with a large number of visitors again expected across the weekend of the 23rd to 25th. Remember, if you are up the street and bump into a couple of strangers, say hello. These weekends are a great opportunity to showcase our town and its wonderful people and features.



All our regular activities are returning again in 2024 including Carers Lunches, Monday Yarners, Buloke Book Club, and a new format Storytime. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and window display for more information. We have also had several requests for Responsible Service of Alcohol and First Aid and CPR training. Please call the Neighbourhood House to register your interest for a possible March course.

Just a reminder that the Charlton Neighbourhood House is the booking point for the Charlton Forum Community Car. This volunteer run fee-based service is available to take you to non-urgent medical appointments. Please give as much notice as possible to arrange a driver. Finally, we are pleased to announce that the Neighbourhood House has a new face in the office. Mia will be joining us in early February and working Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays, while Markus moves to Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Pop in and say hello.

**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



## FEBRUARY

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TWICE  
WEEKLY

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6:30-8:00am Tuesday & Fridays  
AT: Charlton Pool  
COST: \$20 (Season)  
Thank you to Buloke Shire



EACH  
MONDAY

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



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**Charlton Carers Lunch**  
12:00 to 1:30 pm  
AT: Charlton East Hotel  
COST: Lunch at subsidised price  
Special guest- Advanced Care Planning



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



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**Children's Storytime - Fairytales**  
10:30 -11:30am  
AT: Charlton Library. Shire Hall  
COST: FREE  
Led by Kelly McCrohan



Seeking Expressions  
of interest.

**RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF  
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Provided by Access Skills Training



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MINIMUM ATTENDANCE REQUIRED

**MARCH 2024**

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<https://www.charltonnh.org.au> or pop into the Neighbourhood House

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COST: FREE  
Led by Kelly McCrohan



# Story Time



**Goldilocks and the 3 Bears**

WITH READER KELLY MCCROHAN

**TUESDAY FEB 27TH @ 10.30AM  
AT THE CHARLTON LIBRARY (SHIRE HALL)**





# Charlton Probud Club News

## Probud December Celebrations

December was a time to celebrate fun, friendship and fellowship. Charlton Probudians embraced the Christmas spirit. The president welcomed everybody and thanked all of the members for contributing to the warmth and camaraderie that has made the gatherings so special this year.

### December Probud Meeting:

On Friday, the 8th of December, our club had a wonderful breakup lunch at the Charlton Golf Club. The lunch was a sea of Christmas hats and smiling faces as Charlton Probudians gathered to celebrate the end of the year and holiday cheer. A big thank you to the members of the Golf Club for providing a delicious Christmas lunch and dinks, followed by a wonderful dessert.

Members sang the Probud Song with special gusto, keen to get the vocal cords warmed up for the Christmas Carols to follow.

### Reports and Celebrations

Our treasurer reported that we are in good standing and hopefully the funds can be used to provide more outings for our members in the New Year.

With 42 members, 1 guest in attendance and 16 apologies, the Christmas lunch was a well-attended gathering.

December birthdays were celebrated, with warm wishes extended to Patricia Saunders, Sue Walsh and Kim Wishart.

Our outings officer, Sandra Patton, reminded us that as the end of the year approaches and a new year begins the outings will be kept low key, not travelling far from Charlton.

### Carol Singing

Gill Gretgrix accompanied the Combined Charlton Probud carollers (everybody) as they belted out a number of traditional tunes

both before and after lunch. Everybody enjoyed the traditional favourites such as Jingle Bells.

### Christmas Hat Competition

It was great to see everybody participate in the Christmas Hats Competition with the winners being Graham Curnow and Lee Parker, congratulations.

After the fun and get together of December Meeting and the parting to celebrate the New Year members returned to the first meeting for the year. The President welcomed all our members and wished them a happy New Year.

### January Probud Meeting

On Friday, the 12th of January, our club returned to the Shire Hall room.

A minute's silence was held for Beth Curnow. Beth was a Foundation member of the Charlton Probud Club, entertaining us with her stories and jokes at the meetings.

Graham Curnow responded and thanked members for making Beth welcome at meetings. Beth enjoyed telling jokes, stories and seeing the smiles on members' faces.

### Reports and Celebrations

Being the first meeting in the new year, due to a number still being on holidays and visiting family and friends, our member numbers were down. With 29 members and 15 apologies for the meeting, Kevin Mathews stood in while Garry Larmour was away.

January birthdays were celebrated, with warm wishes extended to Denise Winsall and Di Field. Denise Winsall, Sue Walsh and Kim Wishart were also hosted by Anne Kenny and David Beaty for the combined December and January Birthday coffee morning at the East Charlton Hotel Cafe.

Our outings officer, Sandra Patton, reminded us of the Pleasant Sunday

Afternoon celebration on the 21st January at the Lions Club. This by all reports was a wonderful event and enjoyed by all. With an enticing hint of more activities in the coming year as everybody gets back in 2024.

### Two minute talk by member Laurie Harvie

Laurie and Rose (now deceased), spent the winter in Isisford for 16 years. Isisford is 680km west from Rockhampton. The name Isisford is derived from the fact that is where you ford the Barcoo River at Isis Downs Station.

The population is about 100, which swells to about 300 with the grey nomads. In its heyday the population was over 1,000 people. There were four hotels, a butcher, baker and grocery store. Now there is one hotel, an Interpretation Centre, café, small grocery shop and a Medical Centre.



Marj Bartlett reading Grace for lunch.



Probud Members enjoying their Christmas Lunch.



Graham Curnow and Lee Parker winners of the Christmas Hat Competition



# Charlton Probus Club News

The Medical Centre has a nurse on call 24 hrs, 7 days a week. Other amenities in the town include a Golf Club, Tennis Club, Swimming Pool and Skate Park. The last weekend in July there is a Fishing Comp. with 600 -700 entries.

Laurie continues to enjoy the wonderful weather there which enables him to only have to dress in a pair of shorts and a T shirt and he is ready for the day!

#### Jokes

Wendy Vandanelst entertained the members with a well told joke.

#### Lucky Number draw

Congratulations to Lynne Minogue on winning the lucky prize draw.

*Presentation by BAREC (Bendigo Amateur Radio and Electronics Club)*

Don VK3PDB and Vic VK3TTY provided a wonderful presentation at the January Probus meeting. Don serves as the Secretary of the Bendigo Amateur Radio and Electronics Club (BAREC) Inc.

#### Club Overview

BAREC, based in East Bendigo Community Hall, has experienced significant growth in membership, indicative of the thriving interest in amateur radio. Their responsibilities extend beyond radio activities to include managing the community hall, showcasing their integral role in the local community.

Don and Vic's presentation encompassed BAREC's mission and history of Amateur Radio.

BAREC is committed to fostering technological literacy, upholding amateur radio traditions, and providing training and support for all.

They also talked about the contribution that Amateur Radio Operators have provided in times of emergency and went on to list a number of events where disaster communication was provided by HAM radio operators:

A tropical cyclone in Cairns in February 1927 cut all communications and Andy Cooper VK4BW in north Queensland and

Leighton Gibson VK4BN in Brisbane handled press traffic, then were allowed to send, and receive private messages for five days during the disaster.

Amateur Radio notably handled emergency communication during the 1939 Black Friday bushfires, Cyclone Tracey, in 1974, the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983, the Newcastle earthquake in 1989, which saw the death of 13 persons and over 15,000 people homeless, the Black Saturday disaster in February 2009, and in more recent times the Lismore floods, and Rochester Floods among others.

Don went on to detail BAREC's Operation Radar where BAREC members,

through meticulous training and preparation, demonstrated their readiness for emergency communication scenarios.

With an estimated two million amateur radio enthusiasts worldwide, the hobby boasts a diverse and widespread community. In Australia, approximately 14,000 licensed amateur radio operators contribute to this global network, showcasing the enduring popularity and relevance of amateur radio in the modern age.

#### Meeting Closed

The meeting closed with some members retiring to the East Charlton Hotel for lunch.



Sue Walsh, Kim Wishart & Denise Winsall at the birthday morning tea.



Di Field celebrating her birthday at Probus meeting.



Vic VK3TT & Don(VK3PD) of the BAREC Radio Club.

# 'Friends' Help This Garden Grow

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

Friends of the East Wimmera Health Service (EWHS) continue to show their support for the local Charlton Campus with the recent purchase of a selection of garden sculptures and windmills to enhance the facility's outdoor garden space.

Selecting items which would not only help attract more birds, but which would provide visual enhancement and stimulation for the campus residents, the "Friends" chose two colourful, rotating wind spinners and a large rustic traditional windmill topped by a crow wearing a top hat.

The items, which were Christmas gifts to the Campus, provide all the residents with a focus – either through the windows over-looking the outdoor space or when walking along the meandering paths.

Planned Activity Group (PAG) Coordinator, Julie McGrath said, "Something for the garden was suggested – something which had movement and which was colourful. These items are ideal, as they rotate in different directions and the colours are bright. The feedback from clients and their families has been very good. The residents love them".

The items which were purchased from Charlton business, *Country Savers*, include the traditional windmill, a vibrantly coloured peacock wind-spinner which rotates in two different directions, and a rotating lotus flower. The dynamics of the sculptures, which stand tall in the garden beds, capture attention and bring another

dimension to the outdoor area.

Proprietor of *Country Savers*, Janine Oldfield, also donated a selection of small flower sculptures which have been placed in pots outside of the residents' windows.

The success of the recent installments has prompted comments that more additions

such as these would be very welcome!

Charlton Friends of EWHS were also recently acknowledged for their contribution towards the purchase of the automated CPR Corpuls machine for the Charlton Ambulance.



*Some of the Charlton Friends of EWHS shared time with residents (front left and right) Mary and Lorraine, as they took in the recently installed garden attractions at the Learmonth Street facility. (Back l-r) Sandra Patton, Noreen Ryan, Beth Dillon, and Margaret Fradd.*

## Charlton Bowling Club News

**Boort Bowls Teams Wins Charlton Tournament**

On a Fine Sunny Day on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> Fourteen Teams of Four contested playing bowls over three games of eight ends.

The outright winner of the day was the Boort team of Louise Newsome, Joan Earl, Greg Smith, and Craig Newsome collecting the Sponsorship money supported by Napier Park Funeral, Starts Buses, Mulquiny Fuels, Charlton Medical, Charlton Tyre Service, and Turf Engineering.

We also had great local support for our Raffle from East Charlton Hotel, Charlton Massage, Charlton IGA, Bendigo Jack High with \$500 in prizes – A Special Thanks to All our Sponsors, without your support we can't run a great event, as we have.



*L to R: Craig Newsome, Greg Smith, Joan Earl & Louise Newsome.*



### Lions Members Wanted

Have you ever thought of becoming a Lions Member and helping to work for your community? The Lions Club fraternity is a world wide organisation working to make the world a better place, it offers an excellent opportunity for people to get involved in working to make where we live a better place for ourselves now and our children in the future.

It also raises significant funds to assist medical research in a very broad range of medical research and development, it has an eye health program which seeks to find problems in out children's eye health at an early age, Skin care detection is another recent development program, a whole range of cancer research also receive assistance from the Lions organisation—indeed the list is endless. The important thing is to note that you too can be a part in all this for which you get the immense satisfaction of helping others both nationally and your community.

If you would like further details please contact Harry Brindley 0427 900 407 or John Headon 0434 827 913.





# Charlton Harness Racing Club

COMMUNITY BANK CHARLTON  
& DISTRICT  
CHARLTON CUP DAY  
SUNDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>  
ST PATRICK'S DAY



We are excited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the trots! As we have become

accustomed to 'Blue Sunday' over recent years, for 2024 Charlton will be turning green!

There will be lots of Irish themed activities and fun on course so it would be great to have a strong attendance all dressed in green on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Charlton Harness Racing Club warmly invites all of Charlton to come along and enjoy what is essentially a community day when Charlton is in the racing spotlight all around Australia and New Zealand.

The day will start as usual with the ladies' event the St. John of God 'Bubbles in the Bush' raising much needed funds for ovarian cancer research. Ladies of Charlton can be so proud of the many thousands of dollars raised to support programs and families affected by this disease. We hope to continue this tradition in not teal for this year but green!

Auction items will be shown via our Facebook page prior to the event and there will be some surprises for those who again get to the track early.

The club has worked hard to develop this day into one of the leading meetings on the Country Cups circuit, but this is only possible with the strong support of our members and locals. So if you have never been before we hope you will pop in to cheer on our local trainers and drivers, help to bolster our flagship day, and our growing harness racing industry here in Charlton.

MARQUEE BOOKINGS OPEN \$100 for marquee of 10

DINING BOOKINGS OPEN \$35 per head  
- race day hamper styled by Donna Pellegrino

Features include:

- Community Bank Charlton and District Pacing Cup \$30000
- North West Ag Services Trotting Cup \$25000
- North Central Vic Championship Finals \$15000

- Team GREEN Fundraiser St. John of God 'Bubbles in the Bush' 11am start
- Hero horses
- Kids activities
- Charlton Punt Off
- Live Irish Band – A Bunch of Celts
- \*\* for all enquiries please call Andrea on 0499701322

**VALE LIFE MEMBERS LYLE HUNTER AND LINDSAY 'SNOW' HOBBS**

The club was saddened over the last few weeks to lose two life members in Lindsay Hobbs and Lyle Hunter.

They will both be honoured with races in their name at our next meeting on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> to acknowledge their contribution to the Charlton Harness Racing Club over many years.

Lindsay and Lyle have been a huge part of the story of harness racing in Charlton through training, driving and ownership. But more importantly they were both lovely men who sustained a lifelong love of farming, the trots and Charlton.

Along with the wider Charlton community they will always be remembered very fondly.

**2024 KICKS OFF WITH A BANG**

The year has certainly started off well for Charlton participants with NEARLY all stables off and running on the winners list.

Ryan appears to have picked up where he left off last year and will be looking to build on that success from 2023. It is no mean feat to drive over 100 winners in a

season and he will no doubt be looking to take his driving to the next level. His natural talent is without question and at 20 years of age it appears the world is his oyster. Have a great 2024 Ryan!

Great to see the winning return of the two star Shane Sanderson horses in Dangerous and Catalpa Rescue. With the spoils shared between Abby on Catalpa and Ryan on Dangerous we wish them the best of luck as they tackle some big races in the coming weeks.

So a busy time ahead for everyone in harness racing – make sure you follow along on our Facebook page.

**2024 MEMBERSHIPS NOW FOR SALE**

At only \$20 a year the club welcomes all locals to be a part of the Charlton Harness Racing Club. You don't have to know anything about horses to enjoy the social aspect.

Call Andrea on 0499701322 or pop in and see Club Secretary Troy Heenan at the newsagency.

**RAFFLE NIGHT RETURNS!!!**

In what can only be described as organised chaos our raffle nights guarantee to be just that as we return to our 'Trotting Pub' the Cricket Club Hotel on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Feb, and every first Friday of the month after that. 6pm start. Meat trays and prizes to win

Come along and help build the social side of our club.

**GO CHARLTON TROTS**



Abby Sanderson with Tim O'Connor after winning on Catalpa Rescue on Ballarat Cup Night

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Charlton & District

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# Charlton Croquet Club

Croquet resumed on January 4. Association Croquet plays at 9am on Thursdays and Saturdays and 7pm on Mondays. Golf Croquet plays at 9am on Mondays, 7pm Tuesdays and 1pm Thursdays so there are plenty of options to enjoy this sport with a different challenge. Golf Croquet (GC) is easy to start playing and is a sociable game but it can also be strategic, deft and competitive. Association

Croquet (AC) is the original game where players can string shots together to make a break.

Congratulations to Lindsay Patullo who is a reserve for the Victorian team to compete in the interstate challenge, the Eire Cup. This will be held in Hobart in March. Lindsay played in the Golf Croquet Victorian Open Singles Championship at Cairnlea on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January. Forty

players from all over Victoria competed. Lindsay won his block and got to the last sixteen.

Congratulations to Naomi Patullo who finished runner up in the Australia Day Golf Croquet Tournament held at Cairnlea.

February is a busy month with AC playing Section Championships on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Invitation Doubles will be held on Sat. February 17<sup>th</sup>. GC will begin their Play Offs and on Tues February 20<sup>th</sup> a Social Evening will be held.

On the final day of play in December the annual President v Captain challenge was held with the President's team winning. Congratulations to Lindsay, Dot, Pat, Val, Barb and Ena.



Back L to R: Barb Dalrymple, Anne Kenny, Val Bourke, Pat Mathews, Dot McKee, Ena Green, Naomi Patullo. Front: Sue Nicholls, Nita Perry, Lindsay Patullo, Margaret Bowen.



Naomi Patullo—Runner-up in the Australia Day Golf Croquet Tournament at Cairnlea with Kate Patrick, VCA President.

## Charlton RSL Sub-branch



Charlton RSL Sub-Branch is compiling a list of all locals who have served in the Australian Military Forces as National Servicemen. There were two such schemes:

1951 to 1959. All 18yo males fit for service served in the forces for 176 days, 98 days basic training and a further 78 days in CMF over the next 3 years; and, 1965 to 1972. A birthday ballot was held for 20yo males and, if balloted in and fit for service, they served in the Army for 2 years full time and a further 3 years part time in the reserves. They could be sent overseas; many served in Vietnam.

If you, members of your family or

friends served, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact Allan McGillivray (wooroonook@bigpond.com; 0408 508 550)

or Bill Freeman (lawman1@iinet.net.au; 5491 1000), or drop a line to Charlton RSL (11 Armstrong Street, Charlton 3525).

All information will be used to compile a list of those who served and to check that they have received their entitlements. We look forward to community support for our project.

LEST WE FORGET.

**CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC  
FISHING COMPETITION**

**Where:** Unlimited radius of Charlton

**When:** Sunday 18th February 2024,

**Weigh in:** 6.00pm at Clubrooms followed by BBQ tea.

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet at the Clubhouse before fishing
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching and releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation.

**Entry fee:** Adults \$5. Juniors \$2.  
Tea only (not fishing) \$5.

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

**All new and current "fisherpeople"  
welcome!**



**Charlton U. C.  
Summer UpMarket Day  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Cnr Halliday and High Street  
9am to 12 noon**

**Cooking  
Craft,  
Plants  
Specialty  
stalls  
And more**



Find us on  
Facebook  
Charlton Upmarket Day

**Cnr High and Halliday St  
Charlton**

Gill Gretgrix 0427911308



**CHARLTON**  
*Good times ahead*

**Saturday 24th &  
Sunday 25th February**

Charlton Up-Market, Sat 9am - 12:00pm @ Uniting Church

Charlton Golden Grains Museum, Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm

Charlton Courthouse Gallery, Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm

The Clams Water Ballet, Sat, 1:30pm @ Charlton Pool

Live Music @ Cricket Club Hotel, Sat 3:30pm - 4:15pm

Lions Town Garage Sale, Sun 9am - 4:00pm



**The Glams**

**CHARLTON**  
the Calder's cultural centre

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Charlton Newsagency

**The Beat of Friendship**

Ross Lane's drumming story

**A Creative Journey**

Cheryl Kemp's versatility

**Keeping the Faith**

A new exhibition

**Christmas Baking**

CWA Recipes

\$5 per edition



Charlton Arts  
proudly presents:

# CHARLTON FILM FESTIVAL

February 16th & 17th 2024  
@ The Rex Theatre

Friday

- One Life

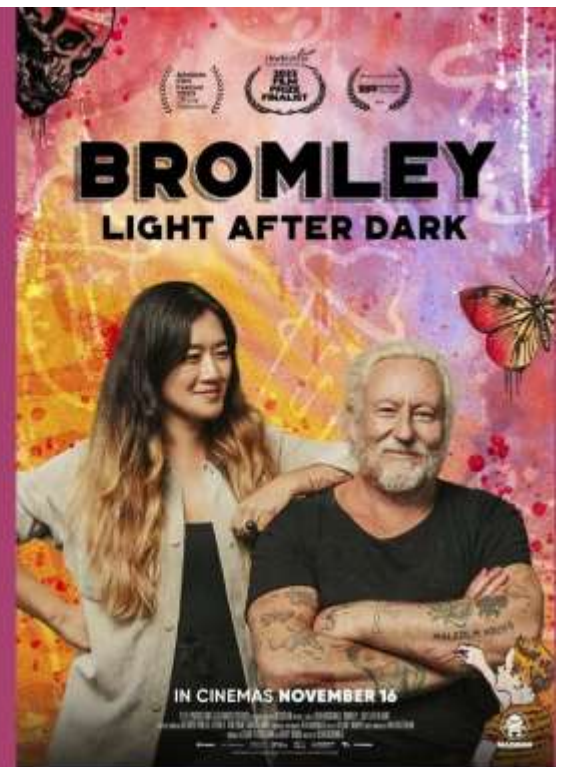
Saturday

- Bromley: Light After Dark - 11am
- Shayda - 1:30pm
- Scrapper - 4:00pm
- Red, White & Brass - 8pm

Tickets from \$12 for single film up  
to \$100 for full season (5 films, 2  
suppers & lunch)

Available from Charlton  
Neighbourhood House (0473 759 456)  
or online at

[https://events.humanitix.com/  
charlton-film-festival-2024](https://events.humanitix.com/charlton-film-festival-2024)





## Charlton Playgroup

An activity group for families with children aged 0-5 years

Come along and join an amazing community playgroup that runs every Monday in Charlton. The Buloke Shire's supported playgroup facilitator attends every second week to run some fun activities for parents and children to engage in together.

**When:** Mondays, 9.30am -11.00am (during school terms)  
**Where:** St Joseph's Primary School's (25 Watson St)  
Multipurpose Room  
**Cost:** Free

Coffee, Tea, Water & Fruit Snacks are provided.

For further information please contact Buloke Shire's Supported Playgroup Facilitator 0487 459 772



### Medical Aids Available For Loan:

The Lions Club of Charlton have a number of items which people can borrow for their medical emergency or long term use if required. The items available include a couple of wheelchairs, walking frames (various styles), a toilet seat and splash guard, a raised toilet seat, shower chair and shower stools, crutches, a single hospital type bed and mattress, a bed grab rail, a four leg walking stick etc.

The above items are available for loan (long term or short term) to Charlton & District residents at no cost but are of course subject to availability. Contact Lions Garry Larmour, Ross Lane or Kevin Willey if you need assistance.

## Thank You

I would like to thank very much all the support received on the passing of Bob Elso, including the Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade and SES.

I invite those who would like to pay their respect to Bob at his funeral service being held at the Uniting Church Hall on February 16 at 2pm, followed by light refreshments.

Thank you for the lovely flowers and food that has been offered as well.

Sincerely  
Lynne Elso

## Charlton Golden Grains Museum Bingo Fundraiser @ Donald

Donald Bingo generously allow the Museum to visit them as a fundraiser for our museum. Not only do we receive a generous donation on the night, we also receive a bonus at the end of the year. We aim to go monthly (on the last Thursday). Next trip **Thursday 29th February**. We use our own cars and car pool across to Donald.

Travelling to Donald via car. Leaving at 6:30 for 7:30pm eyes down.



Please contact  
Glenda Litton for  
further details.  
0417 801 771



## Lions Club of Charlton Town Garage Sale

The Lions Club of Charlton would like to advise Charlton Residents that they will again hold their Annual Town Garage Sale on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February in conjunction with the OK Motels weekend.

The administration venue on sale day will again be the Travellers Rest where maps will be available along with a barbeque breakfast/lunch.

If you have been thinking of downsizing or just having a clean out of items you no longer need, this combined community sale offers an excellent opportunity to benefit from the additional buyers who will be in town for the sale and which adds potential additional value to your planned Garage Sale. Maps go on sale at 8 am.

The cost of registering your Sale is again \$15-00 (no inflation here). For those who don't live in town or only have a smaller volume of items to sell, you can also hold a car boot sale on the day at the Travellers Rest precinct for just \$5-00.

If you would like to register your interest in holding a garage sale on the 25<sup>th</sup> February please contact **Ross Lane on 0438 912 032** or **Garry Larmour on 03 5491 1647** who will take your address details together with a summary of the items you have for sale. We need your registration by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** to ensure you are listed on the Sale Site Map which is sold to interested buyers.



An Exhibition by **Chris Wyatt**  
**Stolen**  
Gallery Open 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th February  
Charlton Courthouse Gallery  
8 Camp Street, Charlton 3525



# What's on at The Rex - February

## CHARLTON ARTS - CHARLTON FILM FESTIVAL

Friday 16 Feb & Saturday 17 Feb

Varying times

(More details elsewhere in the newsletter)

A country-get-away beckons for many who attend the Charlton Arts Charlton Film Festival, and 2024 again provides a selection of films which will stimulate and generate conversation for those passionate about cinema. Over a leisurely glass of wine, or a preferred brew, conversations eddy about the pros and cons of the films, while friendships are re-newed and the laid-back ambiance encourages a retreat from the daily pressures of life.

Settle into the old-world aura of The Rex, talk with Charlton Arts members and indulge in a weekend of cinematic diversity. Films:

Fri: ONE LIFE 8pm

Sat: BROMLEY: LIGHT AFTER DARK  
11am | SHAYDA 1:30pm | SCRAPPER  
4PM | RED, WHITE & BRASS 8pm  
<https://www.facebook.com/charltonfilmfestival/>

### THE DRY DOUBLE FEATURE

Sunday 18 February

The Dry (2021) 11am

Force of Nature: The Dry 2 2pm

Tickets: Double Feature: General - \$20

Member - \$18

Single Movie: General - \$12 Member - \$10

Extend your Film Festival stay, or just keep on rocking up to the movies as The Rex presents THE DRY Double Feature on Sunday 18 February.

Eric Bana's starring role as Detective Aaron Falk in Jane Harper's acclaimed novels THE DRY and the much-anticipated FORCE OF NATURE: THE DRY 2 is must-see viewing.

This Australian movie combo opens with the original 2021 movie, THE DRY, much of which was filmed just a country distance away at Banyena, Minyip and Beulah. Former local priest, Father Eugene McKinnon also secured a speaking role after initially just taking part as an extra.

FORCE OF NATURE: THE DRY 2 takes place in the more verdant surrounds of the Dandenong Ranges, Yarra Valley, and the Otways and relates the story of five women who take part in a corporate hiking retreat, with only four returning. Federal agents Aaron Falk and Carmen Cooper head into the mountains hoping to find their informant still alive.

(Screening in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of movie release).

FORCE OF NATURE: THE DRY 2 will also screen on: TUE 20 Feb 8pm | SAT 24 Feb 8pm | SUN 25 Feb 2pm | TUE 27 Feb 8pm



2nd week of release



**THE DRY**  
DOUBLE FEATURE

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024

THE DRY 11am      FORCE OF NATURE THE DRY 2 2pm

REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

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



## REX THEATRE FEBRUARY COMING ATTRACTIONS

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



### NEXT GOAL WINS

PG Mild themes and coarse language

104 mins | Comedy | Sport

Sat 3 FEB 8pm  
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With the 2014 World Cup qualifiers approaching, down-on-his-luck coach Thomas Rongen tries to turn the American Samoa soccer team into winners.



### MEAN GIRLS

PG Mild themes, sexual references and coarse language

114 mins | Comedy | Musical

Sat 10 FEB 8pm  
Sun 11 FEB 2pm  
Tue 13 FEB 8pm

New student Cady Heron gets welcomed into the top of the social food chain by an elite group of popular girls called the Plastics, ruled by the conniving queen bee Regina George. However, when Cady makes the major misstep of falling for Regina's ex-boyfriend, she soon finds herself caught in their crosshairs.



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M Mature themes and coarse language

112 mins | Mystery | Thriller

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Sat 24 FEB 8pm  
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Tue 27 FEB 8pm

Five women head out on a remote hiking retreat but only four return, each telling a different story. Detective Aaron Falk must find out what really happened before time runs out.

St Martin's Messenger—February

Sunday 4 February	No Service	
Sunday 18 February	Holy Communion	9am & Annual Congregational Meeting 5pm
Sunday 3 March	Holy Communion	9am
Sunday 17 March	Holy Communion	9am

**Jesus Came**

In the fourth watch of the night (between 3am and 6am) of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, It is a ghost! And they screamed out with fright. But instantly He spoke to them, saying, "Take courage! I AM! Stop being afraid!"

Matthew 14: 25-27

As was true of the twelve disciples, you are full of capabilities, gifts and talent. God's way of giving of His grace and presence to the world is with you. So do not be afraid. Are you like the eleven disciples who stayed in the boat, or are you like Peter, who when Jesus was passing by said, "Lord, I want to walk on the water with You!"

Do you have a vision for your life but are afraid also about this? Are you going to stay in the boat and shake and quake or will you be one of those rare individuals who jumps out of the boat and refuses to live being afraid?

Fear is always going to be in our lives. But if we listen to Jesus's words: "Take courage! I AM! Stop being afraid!" Let this tell us that it is time to step out of the boat and be free of the fear, to let us live out our lives secure in this reassurance.

**Lord, I praise You that You come to me and extend Your presence and Your helping hand. Lord, thank you for giving me courage. Amen.**

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

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Charlton RSL

RSL MEETING TIMES.

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Bill Freeman, Secretary/Treasurer.

Charlton Friends of the Red Cross

The Australian Red Cross team in Charlton has been very busy in January. Two team members flew to Queensland to assist with the disasters they have recently experienced. One was based in Mossman, north of Cairns, and the other sent to the Gold Coast. Both regions suffered severe damage requiring care and support and will do so for some time to come.

Whilst those team members were away Victoria experienced significant flood threats and two more members deployed to set up and man a Flood Relief Centre in Echuca. Fortunately, this time the worst didn't happen, and no catastrophic damage occurred.

New volunteers are always welcome. For more information go to the Australian Red Cross website and see what you can do to assist our own community in Charlton and Buloke, and our wider national community in good times and in the worst of times.

Charlton Uniting Church



Charlton Uniting Church, Halliday Street,  
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Service times for February:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – 10.00 am – Communion  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – 10.00 am.  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – 10.00 am.

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East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

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Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	10.30am (Livestreamed in)
Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9:30am (School Opening Mass)
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	8.30am
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	2:30pm (Ash Wedneaday)
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	7.00pm
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	10.30 am

North Central Garden Club

After our Christmas/New Year hiatus the NCGC will resume our monthly meetings on Tuesday February 27.

Our Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the Lions Lodge in Camp Street, Charlton.

At our first meeting for 2024 we will organise our syllabus for the year and will be keen to hear any new suggestions .

The Club is always delighted to welcome new members so if gardens and/or gardening are your passion, please join us.

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11	12 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Angling Club Meeting, 8pm	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	14	15 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	16 RSL Meeting 4:30pm Film Festival	17 Film Festival
18 Fishing Comp.	19 Senior Citz Bingo, 2pm Bowls Meeting 8pm CWA Meeting	20 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Fun Day 10:30am Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	21 Lions Business Meeting 8pm	22 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	23 OK Motels	24 OK Motels Uniting Church Up-Market
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