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## *Charlton Playgroup Welcomes Nine New Babies to Town*

On Thursday 19th of September Charlton playgroup held its annual book presentation to welcome new babies in town over the last financial year. This year we were very excited to present nine books to our new little additions. Carolyn Morrison, Playgroup facilitator from the

Buloke Shire, presented the books to the new families. We would like to thank the Buloke Shire for donating these books for this special occasion.

Once formalities were completed, a morning tea supplied by the Charlton Playgroup families was enjoyed. The

children thought that the array of food was amazing.

We look forward to seeing these new bubs grow up amongst our Playgroup family, developing friendships that will last throughout Kinder, schooling and for the rest of their lives.



*The group of new babies. From left to right. Emily Elliott with Elijah House, Rhealyn Rabanes with Edward Gray, Carolyn Morrison-playgroup facilitator from the Buloke shire, Deanne Hudson with Samuel Deane-Hudson, Leanne with Jordan Bullock, Chelsea McCallum with Bella McCallum, Kate Stuchbery with Billie Sullivan, Tahlia Holmes-Brown with Maverick Holmes-Brown, Lyndy Fitzpatrick with William Fitzpatrick. Absent Taylah with Harper Wells.*

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## From the Editor

Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the November edition of the Community Newsletter and it's a whopper. For the first time I've extended it to 40 pages! With so many events in October and loads of great photos I wanted to include them all. Thank you to Jenny Pollard who provided many of the stories—she certainly had a busy couple of weekends.

Well done to everyone involved in all the events over the last few weeks. The dedicated volunteers, hosts, and of course the folk who attended, helped make them all a success.

I hope everyone has now had a chance to see the Charlton 'Backroads' episode. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The host, Anna, certainly had a great time. She watched the show air from a pub in Sydney and reported that all her friends want to visit!

Nominations are open for the Charlton Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year. There are plenty of people in our community who deserve some recognition so make sure to nominate.

Lastly, hay baling has begun on our farm. It's going to be a mixed bag with harvest this year. Hope all goes smoothly for our farmers.

Cheers, Carolyn

## Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

### November:

St Vincent de Paul Community Lunch—Wed. 20th

### December:

UpMarket @ Uniting Church—Saturday 7th

Carols @ The Rex—Sunday 8th

Christmas Fest—Wednesday 18th



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## Flood Recovery Support

### Support for flood-affected farmers, families and businesses in the Gannawarra and Buloke Shire

Mick and Shandell (pictured) run a Charolais Stud in the Gannawarra Shire. They have 300 cattle including cows, calves and bulls, as well as 70 sheep and lambs.

There are many mouths to feed - some with warm milk bottles, some with hay and some with grain. Not to mention the dogs, cats and chooks!

To make ends meet, the couple also have off-farm businesses: Shandell is a Hairdresser, and Mick is a Fencing Contractor.

Like many farmers, families and businesses in the region, Mick and Shandell's lives were significantly impacted by flooding in 2022 and a storm in 2023-24. Mallee Family Care has helped them to navigate the challenges that followed.

"The Flood Recovery Support team have provided us with not only referrals and friendly chats and advice but an ongoing support system to get us back to the farming we love," Shandell said.

"We now feel much more prepared for the future and we're grateful for this lifestyle in the beautiful part of the country where we live."

Mallee Family Care has a dedicated team of Flood Recovery Support Workers ready and available to support people living in the

Gannawarra and Buloke Shire areas.

Free services available include legal advice, financial counselling, support with grant applications, housing advocacy, mental health and wellbeing support and referrals to

other agencies.

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# Centenary Celebration at St Joseph's

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October the centenary since the arrival of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (OLOM) to St Joseph's Charlton was celebrated. Nine sisters of OLOM and four Mercy Sisters were welcomed to Charlton by Fr Gerry. At the end of the 10.30 Mass Sr Catherine, the Provincial, presented a slide show giving a brief history of their time in Charlton.

In 1924 the sisters were invited by the parish priest, Fr Cornelius Kelly, to take charge of St Joseph's School. The pioneer sisters were Mother Mary Obedience, Sisters De Sales, Madeleine and Jude. As a temporary residence they used the former presbytery. School was taught in St Joseph's Hall, partitioned into two classrooms. In 1930 a new convent,

including boarding facilities, was blessed and opened. In 1959 a new school of four classrooms was built.

St Joseph's School was well known for its academic achievement, prowess on the sports field, its music program and other endeavours. Sr Catherine then read some memories and examples of past pupils who had brought honour to their old school.

In 1968 the Sisters withdrew from Charlton as they focussed on reclaiming the international missionary character of their order. The Ballarat Diocesan Journal "Light" reported that the Sisters "going at the year's end was an extraordinary testimony of affection and gratitude as the parish gathered to bid them farewell... They (the Sisters) had set high

standards of strong faith and their cheerful self sacrifice had done much towards moulding the spirit of the place." Sisters at Charlton at the time of the farewell were Mother M. Thomas who taught in Charlton for 24 years, Mother Paul (17 years), Sr Darerca (12 years), Sister Odo (11 years), Sister Camillus (3 years) and Sr Mary Jude (28 years as Directress of Music).

Today the Sisters of OLOM are involved in ministries of education and social ministry responding to emerging needs in 22 countries. In Australia the sisters continue involvement in Parish Life, Advocacy Groups and Spiritual Accompaniment.

Charlton young ladies who joined the Sisters of OLOM congregation were: 1924 Mary

Murphy; Kathleen Murphy; Eileen and Mary Mulcahy; 1945 Ina Lane; 1964 Margaret Spain. Margaret spent 30 years doing Missionary work in Senegal but now lives in Perth where she is involved in the ongoing formation of Asian Sisters especially with English language learning. Margaret currently has two young sisters from Vietnam with her.

After Mass the visitors were joined by the parishioners at a delicious luncheon in the school multi-purpose room. Thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful day – St Joseph's Catering team led by Naomi Fitzpatrick; Rae Heenan for the cake; people who arranged the flowers, prepared the grounds, and many others behind the scenes.



*OLOM Sisters 1968: Mother M. Thomas, Mother M. Paul, Mother M. St Jude, Sister M. Camillus, Sister M. Odo & Sister M. Darerca.*



*Sr Margaret Spain cut the Centenary Cake.*







# Charlton Probus News

The October meeting of the Charlton Probus Club was held at the Senior Citizens' Clubrooms. There were 36 members present and 7 apologies.

The Club held a Minutes' Silence in memory of May Chester. May was a Foundation Member, the Caring Officer for 8 years between 2011-19, and enjoyed friendship and fellowship as a member. Vale May.

Member Lee Parker gave a 2 minute talk comparing the Royal Melbourne Show to the Crufts Dog Show. There were 213 dogs at the Melbourne Show in 1874. The Crufts Dog Show was first held in the UK in 1891 and had 2,000 dogs. Thirty years ago there were over 5,000 entries at the Melbourne Show but this year there were around 3,700 entries. In 2024 the Crufts show had 24,000 entries. Congratulations to Lee who took 2 dogs to the Melbourne Show this year and got two 1<sup>st</sup> placings.

The Guest Speakers were Jo Adams, from La Trobe University, and Asha Casey, from Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit. They are undertaking a research project funded through the Violet Vines Marshman Centre which supports short-term projects that directly improve the health or well-being of people living in rural and remote locations. The Project title is "Climate Change and Health in the Loddon Mallee" and aims to understand the impact of extreme weather events and climate change on our health. The project will centre on three community groups – older people, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and young people living with neurodiversity. Members were invited to participate in the project through sharing their experiences and thoughts about climate change and extreme weather events in a small group discussion to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. It is hoped that the research will be

used to help develop resources leading to improved access to information, support and services for those who experience difficulty coping with the impact of extreme weather and climate change on their health.

Happy Birthday was sung to Sandra Patton, Nick Huinck, Laurie Harvie, Eily Rosewall and Nick Saunders. The lucky number winner was Trish Johns.

The theme for this year's Probus Month was "Celebrating Community and Companionship in Probus." Well Charlton Probus Club lived up to this theme on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October by celebrating with the Charlton Harness Racing Community. We were joined by a few Donald Probus members & some regular attendees. We were welcomed by Andrea O'Gorman & then Frank McGrath, on behalf of President Joe Thompson, who gave us a brief history of the Club. We then enjoyed a sumptuous main course. Frank then interviewed Wayne Smith, a steward, to give us a better understanding of a steward's role. Following delicious sweets, Frank interviewed Zac Steenhuis, a young trainer who has recently moved to Charlton. The Club ran a Punter's Club over 5 races and this was won by Sue Walsh. Kim Wishart thoroughly enjoyed her experience of a turn in the mobile starter. The 4<sup>th</sup> race was the "Welcome Probus Club Race". The weather

was perfect and many took the opportunity to get closer to the action by going to the verandah or the rails to watch the races. Thank you to Charlton Harness Racing for a great day.



October Birthdays 0 Sandra Patton, Nick Saunders & Eily Rosewall.



Asha Casey & Jo Adams.



Kim Wishart had a turn in the mobile starter.



Probus at the Charlton Harness Racing.





# Charlton Harness Racing

## TORI HUTCHINS ON THE BOARD AT CHARLTON

It is always nice to see any of our local trainers get a win but in particular when one has made a significant move to relocate and begin a life here in Charlton.

Whilst the club does its very best to support all our participants in the end it is their work and passion for the sport that ultimately underpins any success. So we were very happy for young Tori Hutchins when she landed a double at the most competitive of tracks Mildura recently. Dancin Dolly driven by Abby Sanderson and Jilliby Typhoon driven by Connor Clarke may be ones to follow in the future!

Well done Tori and Luke, we hope this is the start of a successful time for you in Charlton.

## MARKLEIGH CAZ CONTINUES TO WIN!

Not to be outdone Mick Gadsden headed in the other direction to Kilmore on Thursday night for a similar result.

Not always great having to wait for the last race but Markleigh Caz and the extremely in form James Herbertson did not disappoint winning again, further cementing herself as the stable favourite with win number 19. At 10 years of age there will probably not be many more starts for her as the breeding barn awaits! Every stable needs a Caz!

Well done Mick.

## RAFFLE NIGHT SUNDAY NOV 3<sup>RD</sup> – CUP THEME

With the Spring Carnival well and truly upon us we will be celebrating all things

Melbourne Cup at our next raffle night at the Cricket Club Hotel on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. Start 5 pm.

There will be Sweeps along with the usual raffle and giveaways. Food will be available so please consider popping in for a drink and to support this social occasion for the club.

We thank Greg and Leanne for continuing to support the club on these nights.

## PROBUS VISITS THE TROTS!

There was certainly a bit more going on at our last meeting as we welcomed the Probus Club on course for a luncheon to celebrate Probus Month. Fun, friendship and fellowship were very evident as the day unfolded.

Big thanks to Sandra Patton who rounded up the troops for a fun day and for many their first look at the trots!

Thank you also to Frank McGrath who hosted the day giving our visitors some insights into the current state of the industry and the challenges that lie ahead. Steward Wayne Smith enlightened all outlining his duties on race day and relived some of the more unwelcome incidents that can occasionally occur. From runaway horses to serious race accidents it is a job where cool heads prevail!

Frank also introduced everyone to young trainer Zac Steenhuis who has recently relocated here from Ballarat with his family and team of horses. Zac has settled well in Charlton and has quickly become a popular member of the 'Charlton Team'.

It was no surprise to see one of our

regulars, Sue Walsh, take out the punting competition – practice makes perfect – and we hope that Kim Wishart enjoyed her ride in the mobile!

It was indeed a great opportunity to showcase some of our participants and to have some more locals be a part of the Charlton Harness Racing Club for the day.

Thank you all for coming and to Marg McGrath, Kim Thompson and Donna Buckley – our super members who consistently put their hand up to assist when needed. These days could not happen without this help.

The club warmly welcomes any other groups or clubs to use our race days as a social outing so please contact Andrea (0499701322) to discuss the possibilities.

## NEXT MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

## CHANGE FOR XMAS PARTY

All members please note that due to the very crowded Christmas season festivities in town the club will not be holding a Xmas party this year.

We will however be hosting a **MEMBERS MEETING on FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY** - more to come!

## CHANGE OF RACE DATE

For those of you who follow the race day calendar please make note of a change. FEB 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING WILL NOW BE HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> FEB.



Trainers, Mick Gadsden & Tori Hutchins.



Host, Frank McGrath.



Frank McGrath, Kim Wishart & Sue Walsh.





# St Joseph's School News

## Students Visit Magnificent Melbourne

A recent trip to Urban Camp for St. Joseph's Grade 5 and 6 students provided an exciting opportunity to explore Melbourne over four action-filled days! The students visited several key tourist attractions, discovered numerous interesting facts and figures, and enjoyed engaging with the diverse characters who guided them through each site. By the end of the week, the students returned to Charlton feeling tired yet fulfilled, having broadened their cultural and social perspectives. Some student comments are below:

Rosie: "My favourite activity of the week was ice-skating because I had a lot of fun zooming around and trying to learn to spin - which I did!"

Toby: "I had fun feeding the turtles at the Aquarium because we got to see them all close up."

Marley: "I discovered that the ANZAC soldiers trained in Egypt and camped out next to the Pyramids!"

Isaac: "The most amazing thing about camp was the food on Day Three! We ate delicious pizza and pasta in Lygon Street."

Patrick: "I couldn't believe that the Skydeck was up so high - it took my breath away!"

Ruby: "I discovered that Cook's Cottage is very old and was built in 1755 by Captain Cook's parents, James and Grace."

Henry: "I loved it when we went out onto the MCG because many AFL and cricket legends have played there!"

Darcy: "Our tour guides were all really friendly and because we were a small group they showed us around places bigger groups are not allowed to go!"

Sophie: "I couldn't believe the people in Parliament House were acting like children and they couldn't agree on anything. It was so fun to watch!"

Willow: "Urban Camp was the best! Urban camp was the best place. The MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground) was a very big place. There was so much to look at and the art work on the walls looked very realistic."

## GWM Water Week National Poster Competition

Congratulations to Rosie Fitzpatrick for clinching first place in the Grade 5-6 category of the National Poster Competition! Rosie stood out among thousands of entries and is celebrated for her remarkable achievement. She received a value pack of goodies worth \$100 and secured \$400 for St. Joe's School! Additionally, Rosie's design was transformed into a jigsaw puzzle and featured on the back of a pack of playing cards. Her artwork will also appear on the GWM Water calendar for 2025!







# St Joseph's School News

We also extend our congratulations to Flynn Zagame for earning an honourable mention for his National Water Week poster, along with a small prize pack for his commendable efforts.

We were delighted to welcome Shelly and Phil the bucket from GWM Water, who presented the prizes and the cheque.

## Structured Literacy at St Joseph's

Many will already be aware that at St Joseph's School we have already adopted this recommended approach to teaching literacy in our classrooms. Along with many other Catholic schools, our teachers began working with the Diocese of Ballarat (DOBCEL) Structured Literacy Project,

under the guidance of Professor Pamela Snow from La Trobe University, in January last year.

This work of our staff team, supported by DOBCEL, reinforces the forward-thinking, evidence-based approach to learning and teaching we aim to adopt at St Joseph's. We are now two years into the implementation phase and are thrilled with the results the approach is generating.

## Special Anniversary

Over the past weekend, St Joseph's Parish and School had some special visitors for the weekend. 2024 marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the commencement of the Sisters of the Lady of

the Missions as leaders and teachers at St Joseph's School. The sisters had a presence in Charlton for sixty-eight years, and then the Mercy Sisters arrived to continue their work in faith and education. We were delighted to host nine Sisters of the Lady of the Missions and four Mercy Sisters for Mass and a luncheon on Sunday. The Sisters of the Lady of the Missions then visited the school on Monday, sharing their history and the current work they do all around the world. A presentation of framed information and photographs was presented to the school. A delicious morning tea was enjoyed before the sisters journeyed back to Melbourne.



Rosie Fitzpatrick, Phil the Bucket & Shelley.



Rosie, Phil the Bucket & Flynn Zagame.



Rosie with the jigsaw & playing cards.







# Charlton RSL Sub-branch

## Veterans' Health Week

The Charlton RSL Sub-Branch celebrated Veterans Health Week with a wonderful social

evening at the East Charlton Hotel followed by the opportunity to see a movie at the historic Rex Theatre. With funding by the Department of Veterans Affairs the evening built on this year's theme of 'Keep Connected', with veterans, their family, and members enjoying a meal together. Those attending were also treated to a wonderful guest speaker, John Harrison, who gave a very interesting talk on his late father's wartime service in Europe during World War 2 flying P47 fighters. His presentation also including the joystick from a P47, salvaged after the war, and an album of photographs.

Also speaking was local resident and Red Cross representative Joy Freeman who touched on the importance of mental health, not only for veterans, but members of our more broad community. All those attending agreed it was a wonderful event, but that wasn't all. A free movie entry, including a popcorn and choc-top, was arranged by the

Rex with members able to take advantage of the voucher at their convenience.

The Charlton RSL Sub-Branch is grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs for their generous support, and the East Charlton Hotel and Rex Theatre for their assistance in putting on the night.

November is Poppy month. Charlton RSL sub-Branch will be street-selling poppies, pens and other items on Monday 04, Wednesday 06, Thursday 07 and Friday 08 November, outside 26 High Street, Charlton. as part of RSL's National Remembrance Day Appeal. All moneys raised go to RSL welfare; please give us your usual generous support.

On Monday 11 November, our Remembrance Ceremony will be held at the Lone Pine outside the RSL clubrooms, 11 Armstrong Street, Charlton. Assemble at 1045 hours. All are most welcome to join in our short but moving ceremony.

Whilst we remember all who served and those who died, we will be making special mention of two Charltonians who gave their lives for our country: Driver George Gibson Grose who died on 11 August 1918 and Flying Officer Percy William (Paddy) Rowling who died on 18 December 1942.

After the ceremony, coffee, tea and refreshments will be available in the

clubrooms.

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;*

*Age shall not weary them, not the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,*

*We will remember them.*

**LEST WE FORGET.**



Guest Speaker, John Harrison







# Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to our monthly catch up from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. It is hard to believe that 2024 is quickly coming to a close and our community will shortly be celebrating Christmas. It has been a very busy year here for the small team of volunteers, and this month is no different. Like so many groups and organisations in town, Charlton Golden Grains Museum relies on a dedicated group of volunteers, and we are always on the lookout for new members. You could give as much or as little time each month as you wish and don't need any experience; training will be provided. If you have an interest in history and would like to help preserve items for Charlton's future generations, contact the museum; you will be made most welcome.

We have been receiving interest in our archiving service where you can record your family's history for us to scan into our digital reference library, and store a copy of the papers, family images or genealogy charts in an A4 size envelope. This is a wonderful opportunity for stories not to be lost, but preserved for researchers at a later stage. Cost is just \$10, which goes towards helping to maintain our collection. Another simple option is to 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.

## Donated Local Artefacts Welcome

We must send a thank you to the many residents and visitors who donate items relating to our town's history for preservation. Our extensive collection has been built on the generosity of many people who have recognised a particular item may

have a story to tell from the past. This may range from a bottle opener from a long gone business, an item of clothing dating back to a different era, or photos from a community event that may no longer exist. We are also the 'Place of Deposit' for many disbanded clubs and organisations records, photos and histories.

## Wycheproof Excursion

Other news from the museum is that we are organising a visit to the Wycheproof Museum on Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>. Leaving at 10am and having lunch post visit, please contact one of the members below if you are interested in attending. Transport will be car pooling. We are also holding our annual raffle in support of our museum's work. Tickets will be on sale at the Uniting Church Christmas Market and street selling on selected days. Planning is well underway for a new project we are very excited about. In early 2025 we are looking to expand our display with a permanent exhibit of Charlton's medical history; more news will follow closer to opening.

## Elliott Gardens

Our feature story this month looks at a prominent area of our town that houses many significant memorials. As the community commemorates another Remembrance Day with a service at the Charlton RSL in Armstrong Street on November 11, the area of Elliott Gardens remembers the service and sacrifice of the district's men and women from the time of the Boer War. Also featured are the tributes to Harold 'Pompey' Elliott, one of World War One's greatest fighting generals, the World War Two Honour Board, Vietnam Service plaque, and the end of World War

One commemorative English Oak tree. Local prominent resident Ben Green is also remembered with the rotunda erected in his honour, while the cenotaph opposite lists the names of service personnel who paid the ultimate price for us. If you haven't already done so, or haven't been for some time, drop by and spend some time reflecting on the important features in the garden.

## Enquiries

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

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Vietnam War plaque.



Peace tree plaque.



An early photo of the Boer War Memorial which originally had a lamp on top.



# CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

**WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE.  
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Welcome to the November issue of news from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. There is no doubt that October is a huge month for our town, and this is especially the case here at the Neighbourhood House. On offer were a myriad of activities catering for residents of all ages and interests.

Our Jazz Classes with Miss Zoe have proved a hit with many children and resulted from requests from parents for something in this space.

One important event we were proud to be associated with was the Blue Tree Project in support of World Mental Health Day. It was fantastic to see a great turn out from various groups including many children. Supported by the Neighbourhood House Mallee Network, Buloke Shire and EWHS, the hope of the project is to open discussions on mental health.

A terrific time was had by our town's carers as they celebrated Carers' Week with a lunch at the East Charlton Hotel. Heidi Gibbeson came along and entertained the group and a delicious cake was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Carol Bennett for all her hard work.



Our regular attendees of the Buloke Book Club got together at the Charlton Library for their monthly discussion of what each had been reading and to give suggestions on great new titles others may be interested in.

The annual Charlton Art Show was supported again by the Charlton Neighbourhood House sponsoring a photographic exhibition of young people's perspective of Charlton. Some amazing images were produced and all in attendance commented on the high quality of work.

The art theme continued with our support of the Charlton A & P Show and an 'Eco-Art Adventure' zone for the children. With assistance from local artist Chris Wyatt, children used assorted natural items to create artwork. The Buloke Librarian led the October Children's Storytime for pre-school age children which was enjoyed by all attending.

We have been very fortunate to have forged a great working relationship with the local district CFA with visits to our FLO Cafe mornings, and promoting their wonderful initiative of long-life smoke alarm installations for vulnerable residents. Speaking of the FLO Cafe we are grateful to so many generous community members who give up their time to come along Mondays and discuss areas they are associated with. Keep an eye open on our socials or window displays for upcoming guests for the remainder of school term.

We were proud to partner with Buloke Shire and our associated Neighbourhood Houses to celebrate our wonderful seniors. As part of Seniors Week a full program of 2 movies, morning tea and lunch was enjoyed by the large group attending.

Finally we conducted 3 terrific technology session as part of Get Online Week. Let us know if you would like more of these.



**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 & DECEMBER



AT THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

## NOVEMBER

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WEEKLY

### Monday Yarners

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



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### Coffee with a Community Rep.

Join us on Monday 4th for VlcPol,  
and 11th Charlton Christmas Fest  
representative. First 6 coffees on us  
AT: Rex Theatre Candy Bar



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### Carers Group Lunch

Tuesday 11.30 at Travellers Rest,  
Tai Chi with Jo followed by lunch  
at East.



COST: Lunch at subsidised cost

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### Coffee with a Community Rep.

Join us on Monday 18th for CWA,  
and 25th Charlton Council  
representative. First 6 coffees on us  
AT: Rex Theatre Candy Bar



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### Buloke Book Club

AT: Charlton Library, Shire Hall  
10.30-12pm



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### Fizz and Flowers

Friday 7pm to 9pm  
Hosted by Tessa and Dora  
AT: Courthouse Gallery, Camp St  
COST: \$30



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### Storytime

Fourth Tuesday each Month  
10.30-12pm



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### Early Morning Swimming

Tuesdays & Thursdays (23 sessions)  
7am-8am



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### Table for 12

Chef Ian Scott Bearnaise & Pepper  
Sauce, 70's theme.  
AT: NCTTC 7-9pm  
COST: \$25

## DECEMBER

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### Santa's Mailbox arrives

A special opportunity for the  
children to drop off their special  
letters to Santa for his attention.  
AT: Charlton Neighbourhood House



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### Santa Photos

Santa has cleared time in his busy  
diary to visit Charlton and meet the  
town's children. **Bookings essential!**  
AT: Foyer Rex Theatre. 3:30 to 5:30pm



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### Carers Group Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 12pm  
Help us celebrate the year that was.  
AT: East Charlton Hotel  
COST: Lunch at subsidised cost



## 2025

JAN 8TH -  
FEB 26TH

### Gentle Water Exercise Classes

Popular instructor Nicola Kirk is back  
hosting these fun active sessions.  
Wednesdays for 8 weeks  
AT: Charlton Pool  
Cost: \$60 for 8 sessions



SUNDAY  
MARCH  
30TH  
&  
MAY 3RD

### Photography Workshops

Talented photography Chloe Smith  
will be hosting two workshops  
covering cameras & phones.  
AT: Charlton Courthouse Gallery  
Cost: \$25 per workshop, \$10 for  
students. Limited spaces.

### SEEKING INPUT

We are in the final stages of coordinating the  
activities of 2025. We have several accredited courses,  
multiple hobby courses, and social groups planned.  
**But we want to know what you would like.**  
Pop in during the week **25th- 29th Nov** and tell us for  
your chance to win \$100 credit for a course delivered  
by CNH in 2025.

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



# Charlton Art & Photography Competition

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

## **STRONG OUTCOME FOR ART and PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION**

Charlton Art and Photography Exhibition once again brought together the creative visions of multiple artists as the opening night unfolded at the Charlton Hall on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

With the second year of organisation under their belt, Charlton Arts and event co-ordinator Julie Jenkins once again created a platform for the appreciation of artistic expression to be shared with a wide viewing audience and to bring the visual language, in its many forms, to the attention of the connoisseur and the novice alike.

Julie's commitment to delivering the 2024 Exhibition, after having moved to Tasmania, is to be praised, and along with the stellar support from the Charlton Arts committee the result continued to uphold the unique placement of this event in the Charlton calendar.

Speaking with Julie on opening night she said a lot of emails had travelled back and forth in the delivery of the event and that, thanks to the support from the committee and groups such as OASIS, she felt the exhibition had come together very well. With entry numbers somewhat lower than previous years, Julie said some artists had indicated that cost-of-living pressures had impacted their ability to submit work, with the cumulative effect of media purchases (paints, paper, etc), framing and entry fees causing them to re-think the distribution of their work. Despite this there was still a range of entries from across the Ballarat, Bendigo, Swan Hill, Horsham, St. Arnaud and surrounding Buloke areas making up the display.

The formalities began with Julie introducing 98 year-old Mary Walklate to

officially open this year's exhibition.

Through her long association with the Art Show - stemming back to its beginnings under the Charlton Action for World Development Group - Mary outlined its progression, its curatorship under the Charlton Rotary Club (of which her husband, Brian was a stalwart) and now its continuing presentation by Charlton Arts.

"From little things, big things grow," said Mary as she reminisced about the early days of fundraising for World Development projects and the personalities, such as Kath Morton, who were heavily involved in the evolution of the event.

"Opening night is a time of excitement," said Mary, "Who is going to win? And seeing all the works on display. So, I have much pleasure in declaring the 2024 Art Exhibition open." Following a prolonged round of applause, Julie made a small presentation to Mary.

Across the Charlton Hall works ranged in size and genre, with a strong bias towards the representational imagery of landscapes, still-life and nature studies. Technical excellence by many of the regular exhibitors continues to be appreciated, with dynamic oils and exquisite watercolours an ongoing feature of the display.

One of the strong positives of the Art Show has always been the inclusion of school-age works for both competitive and display purposes, and this year did not disappoint. While this gives the public an opportunity to appreciate the visual directions of the younger generations, the spontaneity of youthful visions reveals the learning curve which all art practitioners travel on their way to building a more disciplined and investigative expression in their creative careers. It is also a boost for young artists to see their work on display in

a public arena and to have the pleasure of sharing the excitement with family and friends.

This year's exhibition also had the added inclusion of the contributors and winners of the Community Lens "Youth Perspectives" photography competition – organised by the Charlton Neighbourhood House in association with the 2024 Victorian Youth Fest. Across three age categories (Primary, Secondary and 18-29 years) entrants were asked to capture their experiences, challenges, inspirations and aspirations for the Charlton community.

In a myriad of images the strengths of the agricultural sector and the unparalleled Mallee landscapes / sunsets / nightscapes were a feature, but the mix also captured the randomness of kids hanging out together, the placid scene of unattended fishing lines at the lake and the unadulterated images which capture the true meaning of "home". The competition was judged by Jenny Pollard, with the winners including:

Primary – 1<sup>st</sup> Ruby Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniella Smith

Secondary – 1<sup>st</sup> Emmy Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Olive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ned Zagame

18-29 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Chloe Walsh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Xanthe Fitzpatrick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Claudia Cox

Augmenting the exhibition were local demonstrators, Cheryl Kemp (felt artist) and Markus Phillips (3D printing).

Cheryl's involvement in crafts over many years has led her to the satisfying activity of felting – an activity which has blossomed into a passion, and which brings her a deep feeling of relaxation. Well-known for her stunning felt berets – inspired by artists such as Vincent Van Gogh and Pablo Picasso – Cheryl's display and work-in-progress was a drawcard on opening night.

Markus Phillips was eager to reveal the value of 3D printing to Art Show patrons, showcasing many completed items which had been produced in the four years since he acquired the equipment. A bonus for his involvement in miniature wargaming, Markus is able to create the small-scale items, tokens and measuring devices needed for play, and praises the machine for its' ability to reduce waste. Applications across traditional manufacturing industries and medical outlets have also benefitted from the technological advancements in this form of mechanisation.

Announcing the prize winners, MC Julie Jenkins acknowledged the contributions of judge, Ruth Jabornik, curator of the St. Arnaud Raillery Hub Gallery.

Reading out the judge's accompanying comments, which highlighted the vision and technical expertise of the works, the list of winners were as follows:



Charlton Arts President and Art Exhibition co-ordinator, Julie Jenkins, is pictured with the Best Exhibit (Any Media): Jon Crawley's, "Home Among the Gum Trees" (watercolour painting) along with Best Other Media winner - Janene Jeffrey's "Badlands".



# Charlton Art & Photography Competition

## Winners:

- Best Exhibit (Any Media): Jon Crawley – “Home Among the Gum Trees” (watercolour painting) - (sponsored by Charlton & District Community Bank and Charlton Arts)
- Best Oil/Acrylic: Geoff Paynter– “Contrasts” (oil) - (sponsored by East Charlton Hotel and Foundry Palms Motel)
- Best Watercolour: Lyn Cooke – “Iris” - (sponsored by D & J Cossar, Perry Contractors, Signwise Solutions)
- Best Drawing: Jan Lawler– “Mallee Fowl” (pencil) - (sponsored by Charlton

- Ag Supplies and Australia Post, Charlton)
- Best other Media: Janene Jeffrey – “Badlands”- (acrylic) (sponsored by Commonwealth Bank and Tax World)
- Best Photograph: Julie Jenkins – “I See You (Horse)”- (sponsored by TEYS Charlton Feedlot)
- Best Photograph (Manipulated): Stuart Giles - “Crimson Chat”- (sponsored by Charlton Vintage and Charlton Newsagency)
- Local Artist / Photographer: Michele Winsor– “Clearing Fog” – (photography) – (sponsored by Boral Quarry)

- Best Secondary School Exhibit (Art): Heidi Start – drawing - (sponsored by Charlton Medical)
- Highly Commended (Art): Colin Brown– “Tranquillity” (acrylic) - (sponsored by Starts Buses)
- Highly Commended (Photography): Julie Jenkins – (sponsored by Fitzpatrick’s Transport)

The evening concluded with thanks being expressed to the many sponsors for their generous contributions.

General feedback on the event had been positive and a steady stream of visitors over the weekend had been very encouraging.



Demonstrator, Cheryl Kemp is pictured with some of her many hand-crafted felt berets and objects, which drew the interest of the crowd on opening night.



Mary Walklate (seated) was invited to officiate at the formal opening of the Exhibition. Pictured with Mary are (l-r) her sons, Ric and Phil, with Phil’s wife, Lisa.



The Best Local Artist / Photographer was awarded to Michele Winsor for this exquisite photo-collage entitled “Clearing Fog”.



Enjoying the pre-show viewing are: (l-r) Lloyd and Maureen Paterson with Trevor McGurk.



# Charlton Courthouse Gallery

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*  
**“RETROSPECTIVE” DRAWS THE CROWDS**

A snapshot of life by local photographers makes up “Retrospective” – the latest exhibition to be featured at the Charlton Courthouse Gallery.

The former judicial building, now turned art-space, is gaining traction as an intimate creative hub where the artistic output of local practitioners is being cultivated and shared.

The October opening saw 19 photographers work profiled, along with a supplementary display of items by 7 additional artists.

The exhibition - a joint venture between the Gallery, which co-sponsors the Charlton Cultural Magazine’s photography competition and the Charlton Neighbourhood House, features photos from the first ten editions of the magazine’s photography competitions, along with images which have accompanied some of the publication’s stories.

Event coordinator, Carolyn Olive, said the exhibition provided an ideal opportunity to reflect on the astonishing images which entrants had contributed over the past couple of years.

“There are 33 framed photos in this show,” said Carolyn, “and there is so much to look at in each image.”

While the scope of work includes seasonal topics, landscape views from both the urban and rural areas have also made their mark, with a stunning work entitled “Sunset” by Bianca Boehmke featured as the signature promotional image for the exhibition. Native wildlife, such as the close-ups of a snake, an echidna walking on the roadway and a portrait shot of a kookaburra,

bring the natural to within touching distance for the viewer, especially for audiences who would not normally have access to such close exposure in real life.

Images from the magazine’s recent photography competition, “Monochrome” have also added impact to the display with the contrasts of light and shade forming almost abstract patterns in the photos, and the visions of local views changed through the absence of colour.

The enlargement of the digital images, which were printed on the Gallery’s large format printer, have heightened the intricate details and textures through the clarity of reproduction.

“The Gallery received funding from the Bendigo Bank for the large-scale printer, which prints up to A1 size,” said Carolyn. “We also received funding from the Bank for 30 large photo frames, so with the two things combined we now have the capacity to reproduce larger images at a much more economical price.”

Re-use of the frames and more affordable printing means more opportunities for the Gallery to consider presenting exhibitions, thereby increasing the exposure of artists’ work and expanding the creative offerings for the local and surrounding populations.

Supplementing the photography were displays of work by local artists using mediums ranging from paintings to handcraft, as well as sculptural constructions and items made from found objects.

Participating artists include: Cheryl Kemp (craft/dolls), Chris Wyatt and Darren Mills (painting), Kate Giakimis (painting and basket making) and Joe Durie, Joel Theisz and Andre Sardone (sculpture).

Photographers featured in the exhibition are: Brigitta Beaty, Bianca Boehmke, Jayne Burton, Kaylene Cossar, Xanthe Fitzpatrick, Demi Guy, Bailey Hooper-Dixon, Maree Hooper, Julie Jenkins, Amy Lamport, Jess McGurk, Les McKee, Carolyn Olive, Jenny Pollard, Win Scott, Craig Smith, Lachlan Start, Laura Van Boven and Sue Webster.

“Retrospective” will be open Sundays from 1-4pm, until mid December.



*A fully functional guitar by artist, Joe Durie.*



*“Retrospective” co-ordinator, Carolyn Olive, is pictured with some of the photos at the current exhibition and Andre Sardone’s marquette of Waa (located at Charlton Park).*



*Artist, Kate Giakimis is pictured with some of her uniquely crafted baskets made from bread bags and rags, with, in the background, a selection of her acrylic paintings. Kate said it takes around 2 kilograms of rags to create one of the larger baskets.*



# Charlton College News

We've only been back at school for a handful of weeks, and wow it's been busy!

## Welcome Caryn

At the beginning of Term 4, we welcomed Caryn as our new Canteen Manager! Caryn is already a familiar face to our College Community as an active member of our Parents' Club and she has previously filled in for Rosee at the Library. We hope she enjoys her new shoes.



Caryn, Canteen Manager.

## Stomp Dance

Our F-6 students joined forces with St Joesph's and put on their dancing shoes to learn some moves with Kira from STOMP! It was such an enjoyable week, the highlight was performing the routines for friends, family and peers! We are eagerly waiting for next year. In the words of David Bowie... "Let's dance"!

## Art Show

Our Art students, both big & small, were well rewarded for their creative efforts at the recent Charlton Art Show. The student display was certainly very well received & our Primary students enjoyed seeing their artworks on display when they attended the exhibition. Our Art show winners. Students who were awarded ribbons:

- Foundation/Year 1: Sophie Smyth (1st), Renee Riley & Ruby Skuse (2nd)
- Grade 2: Tyson Skuse (1st)
- Grade 3: Eli Cossar (1st)
- Grade 4: Eadie Ash (1st), Cody Jenkyn (2nd)
- Grade 5: Josh Bartlett (1st), Isabella Stahl (2nd)
- Grade 6: Jacinta-Lee Elso (1st) & also the winner of the Charlton Arts Student Award Grade 5/6, Bailey Knighton (2nd)
- Year 7: Anna Fitzpatrick (1st) & also the winner of the Charlton Arts Student Award Year 7, Tamsyn McGurk (2nd), Xavier Good (3rd)
- Year 8: Ruby Wright (1st), Stella Nicolson (2nd), Erin Blair (3rd)
- Year 9: Anika Holmes-Brown (1st), Leigh Van Boven (2nd), Ruby Radcliffe (3rd)
- Year 10: Sarah Blair (1st), Kaitlyn

Pollock (2nd), Jye Roberts (3rd)

- Year 11: Annie Olive (1st), Poppy Fitzpatrick (2nd)
- Charlton Arts Best Secondary School exhibit: Heidi Start

## State Athletics

Ebony and Heidi Start travelled to Melbourne and represented Charlton College at the State Athletics, both girls competed well, Ebony finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Discus and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Javelin. Well done girls!

## Farewell Year 12's

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, we said goodbye to the class of 2024! Staff and Students were greeted with a rearranged and decorated corridor and our Years 12's in dress up. Some were even dressed up as Mr Peck! Staff enjoyed morning tea with the group before heading to their final school assembly, and a Teachers Vs Year 12's game of basketball. We wish them the best of luck with their exams.



Heidi & Ebony Start



STOMP in the Charlton stadium.



Year 12s L to R: Saxon Steel, Nick Thompson, Angus Soulsby Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Ned Zagame, Andrew Berg, Cooper Boyle, Dayne Bartlett, Esmerelda Gray, Ebony Start, Emily Olive, Bonnie Nicholson, Murphy McGowan, Elliot Fitzpatrick, Hugh Sait.



# Charlton Open Garden Day

**Contributed by Jenny Pollard  
BUILDING CONNECTIONS  
THROUGH GARDENS**

"Life is better in the garden". How many gardeners would agree with that!

From the attendance at the North Central Garden Club's (NCGC) Charlton Open Gardens Day on 13<sup>th</sup> October the lure of that precious space you call your own resonates with a lot of people!

More than 220 visitors descended on the town to absorb the innovations, the ideas and the sheer pleasure of taking a peek at the lovingly tended plots of those locals who were willing to share their passion with other like-minded "green-thumbs".

President of the NCGC, Aileen Allan, was overwhelmed by the visitor influx as the crowds flocked into the Uniting Church Hall for afternoon tea. "The event has gone really, really well," Aileen said. "We have had fantastic feedback, and the weather has played a big part in bringing more people along this year."

Combined with a raffle total heading towards the \$1,000 mark, and visitors travelling from locations as far away as Portarlington, Echuca, Kyneton, Swan Hill and Bendigo, Aileen had nothing but praise for the "amazing" job that Club members had done with the setting up and catering for the event. And considering that some were also doing "double duty" with commitments to other big events in Charlton over the same weekend it only reinforced the Club's willingness to make 2024 a success.

"And we have even had some people from Tasmania who were travelling through and decided to stop!" Aileen said.

Charlie and Susan Jacobson from Wynyard in the Apple Isle were on their

way through Victoria to Temora for the Air Show when they saw the Open Gardens sign and decided to take a look. Over afternoon tea they were more than happy to talk about what an "excellent" time they had had viewing the gardens. "It was good to see both the new and the established gardens," Charlie said. "The Club has done an excellent job, as it takes a lot of work to make these events happen."

This year the NCGC had seven properties on show – five in and around the township and two rural gardens – making for a diverse mix. Town participants included: Joan and Justin Sexton (Peel St.), Tanya and Mark Windsor (Armstrong St.), Lynne and Robin McRae (Windsor Ave), Donna and Ken Buckley (Gunyah Flat Road), Penny and Justin Van Bovan (Gunyah Flat Road) along with the rural properties of Sophie and Rick Lang (Narrewillock) and Deidre and Barry McKenzie (Barrakee).

Interestingly recycling, starting from scratch (or a "blank slate") and cultivating home-grown produce were recurring themes as the owners recounted their gardening history in the accompanying visitor's brochure. Quirky ornamentation (ie old boots as planters) and found-objects as focus-points also added interest and were likely to be conversation-starters.

Pride on work ethics to bring a dream together and highlighting new additions for repeat participants helped to connect with visitors searching for their own gardening solutions.

Younger couple Taryn and Andrew Roberts from Wedderburn have been coming to the Charlton Open Gardens Day since they moved into the locality nine years ago. Trying to get ideas for their one-acre garden plot in Wedderburn, Taryn said

this was an ideal way to see what other people are doing and what might suit their needs.

Over the years gardeners have been very keen to pin-point garden plants or objects which have meaningful connections, especially if tied to loved ones who have since passed on. And this year was no different.

For Tanya Windsor her "happy place" was a portion of garden containing a much-desired magnolia tree with her father Charlie's miniature windmill alongside. "In the morning, I can look out the window and see both of these," said Tanya, "and it's always a reminder of dad".

For Donna and Ken Buckley, the unusual name of their property in Gunyah Flat Road is a lasting memorial for their beloved dogs – Charlie, Kathleen, Tim and Kelli – the names of which were configured into the title: "CHARKATIMELLI".

"Those dogs were part of the reason we bought property in Charlton," Ken said, "to have space for them which a suburban area couldn't provide." While those dogs have since passed on, two younger replacements now enjoy the freedom as the couple move between their urban location and country retreat. Having purchased the land more than twenty years ago, converting a bare block covered with Pattersons Curse into a low maintenance haven featuring mainly natives, they now refer to part of it as their "Shangri La" which they happily share with visiting friends.

Every garden had its unique features - from the McKenzie's 'Covid Project' vegie patch, rustic potting shed and chook house, to the Sexton's two-year odyssey which included the removal of a large cypress hedge and two 40ft palm trees. Justin Sexton was also keen to acknowledge the support received from Wes Jenkyn and Randall Perry, both of whom assisted with the property revamp.

As conversations buzzed over afternoon tea, and notes and ideas were discussed, Club members reflected on the day's success, having received much complimentary feedback on the selection of gardens and the organisation of the event.

Acknowledging the support NCGC expressed their gratitude: to the owners of the wonderful gardens, the Uniting Church for the use of the facility, the numerous people who had potted up plants and donated them for sale, and the outstanding work by the Garden Club members.

The painter, Claude Monet said, "My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece". Let's hope there are many more "masterpieces" to be discovered (in whatever form) as the Open Garden Day continues to nourish the gardening spirit.



*Tasmanian travellers, Susan and Charlie Jacobson loved their stop-over at the North Central Open Garden Day in Charlton last Sunday as they took in the delights of the Wimmera / Mallee plots and cultivations.*





*There's nothing like a beautiful bouquet of Spring flowers which NCGC President, Aileen Allan, showcases as she celebrated the success of the 2024 Charlton Open Garden Day.*



*Former participants in the Open Garden Day, Lynne and Robin McRae (pictured right) were happy to explain the changes to their extensive layout to Donald visitors (seated l-r) Jan South and her daughter-in-law, Vicki South.*



*In the space of two years, the front garden of Tanya and Mark Windsor's home has been transformed from an overgrown jungle to a drought-tolerant, low maintenance plot which complements the era of their home.*



*Donna and Ken Buckley call this patch of their garden their "Shangri La" and love sharing the country retreat with family and friends.*



*The beautiful front garden at Justin and Joan Sexton's was much admired by visitors.*



# Buloke Seniors Festival

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

## FUN DAY OUT A HIT WITH SENIORS

It was billed as "Movies & Munchies" - a fun title for the 2024 Buloke Seniors Festival which delivered a day of enjoyment, a time to mix and mingle, and a chance to share food and conversations in celebration of the regions' elder citizens. And the response from those attending last Wednesday's event was a resounding tick of approval!

The Rex Theatre-organized function was a free event which included two movies, morning tea and lunch with the aim of bringing people together to have a relaxed and carefree outing.

An expansive morning tea, which included fruit platters, welcomed patrons on arrival, before the crowd moved indoors to settle for the first movie: "Thelma". In a tale dealing with phone scamming older people, a 93-year-old grandmother loses \$10,000 to a con artist and then follows her journey as she pursues him across Los Angeles to reclaim her dues.

The topic created a strong talking point over lunch with patrons identifying with the risks of being a target for the unscrupulous.

A short trek from the Rex to the Charlton Hall saw the crowd enjoy a smorgasbord meal of nutritious salads, beef and chicken along with a choice of three different desserts. Dietary needs were addressed, and the compliments flowed for the quality and quantity of what was on offer. A leisurely cuppa rounded the meal off, before it was time to head back to The

Rex for the classic Gene Kelly / Leslie Caron movie - "An American in Paris."

The feedback on the day was very positive with repeated thanks and praise being offered for the smooth organization, film choices and the outstanding catering by Kylie and Naomi Fitzpatrick of "Kindred Kreations". "Great movies, great food, great company," said one patron. "A wonderful day, thoroughly enjoyed by our group. The catering was outstanding. Thanks very much to you all," said another.

Funding from the Victorian State Government - which enabled the running of this event - encourages initiatives and activities for seniors during the month of October which runs in alignment with the International Day of Older Persons. For rural areas, where isolation and loneliness can be a significant issue, an event such as "Movies & Munchies" can provide an important opportunity for outreach and connection especially for those who may not have the means to regularly engage with others.

The Rex Theatre

would also like to acknowledge the support of: Birchip Neighbourhood House, Charlton Neighbourhood House, Donald Community Centre, Quambatook Community Resource Centre, Sea Lake Neighbourhood House and the Wycheproof Community Resource Centre for their assistance with bookings and community outreach for the promotion of this event.

Given the ongoing feedback, the 2024 Seniors Festival was a day which created lasting memories.



*Lunch at the Charlton Hall gave patrons a break between movies and provided an opportunity to mingle.*



*Visitors came from across the region to enjoy a fun day out at The Rex for the Buloke Seniors Festival.*



*A delicious morning tea which drew praise from many attendees was enjoyed by (l-r) Maria and Jo Russell and Bernice Kenny.*



# Perfect Polmusica

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

A wonderful presentation of classical music greeted the patrons who attended the PolMusicA concert at The Rex Theatre on 13 October.

In this, the second year of presentation, the performers from the Australia-wide Polish Cultural initiative showcased the platinum level of musical expertise needed to reach the award-winning levels of competition.

The youngest musician was 14 year-old Thea Lukito – the Group B Winner (12 -14 years) on piano. A student of teacher Elyane Laussade (Melbourne), Thea played a beautiful rendition of Fredric Chopin's Nocturn in F minor. Crisp and precise, her clarity and the feeling resonated deeply with the audience. Although Thea has only been playing for around five years, her daily practise includes 1-2 hours at the piano as well as weekly lessons. Excited to have had the opportunity of playing at the Sydney Opera House for the PolMusicA final, Thea loves musicals and attends Stage School Australia in Melbourne at weekends.

Violinist, Olivia Kowalik – a former PolMusicA winner – was sensational with her virtuoso performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor, accompanied on piano by guest artist Stanislaw Deja. Sublime, precise and exquisite are words which came to mind as the showpiece soared across the auditorium. Olivia comes from a musical family of string players, starting her own tuition at age four with her father. Her brothers - Daniel Kowalik (violin) and Karol Kowalik (cello) founded the internationally renowned Orava Quartet –hailed as one of the most exciting string quartets of their generation. Touring and

performing globally the group has appeared at many prestigious international events and locations.

As a prolific winner of many competitions and eisteddfods, Olivia is a recent graduate of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and is now undertaking further studies at the Australian National Academy of Music. She was the teacher of the 2023 PolMusicA Group A Violin Section winner (11 years and under) – Irene Hu.

Guest artist and 2024 PolMusicA adjudicator, pianist Stanislaw Deja showcased his remarkable skills with work

by Chopin, Krzysztof Penderecki and Karol Szymanowski along with a robust polonaise built around variations on the tune "Waltzing Matilda". A long and distinguished career has seen Stanislaw perform throughout Europe, and he has also appeared on SBS in music related programs.

Thanks to liaisons between Charlton locals Dana Czarski and Robert Cripps with Executive Director of PolMusicA Australia, Greg Machnaki – the presentation of this event is certain to bring the classical music stars of the future to our region for some time to come.



*PolMusicA 2024 performers – (centre and right: Thea Lukito, Olivia Kowalik, Stanislaw Deja) set The Rex alight with an outstanding program of music during their October concert. Also pictured are (l-r) Robert Cripps, Dana Czarski and PolMusicA Executive Director, Greg Machnaki.*

## Charlton Croquet Club

Croquet Australia held its annual President's 8s event at the Victorian Croquet Centre from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. A total of 20 players from across Australia participated showcasing their skills in a challenging environment. The competitors faced a mixture of sunshine, rain, and wind throughout the event.

Lindsay and Naomi Patullo both played with Lindsay winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 8, undefeated with 10 wins in the round robin. He won the Major Tingey Tray. Congratulations to Lindsay. Lindsay and Naomi both played 15 games over the four days.

In Golf Croquet pennant Charlton started well with a win against Swan Hill, but unfortunately had to forfeit the next match and have had 2 losses since. In Association Croquet instead of playing pennant this year the players from Boort, Swan Hill and Charlton will play a round robin at the three towns every fortnight. On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October the first round was played at Charlton with 2 competitors from each town. On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2 players travelled to Swan Hill. The players are happy with the new format.



**Kevin Baird  
& Lindsay  
Patullo**



# Charlton Showtime Spectacular

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

Billy Fitzpatrick is a busy man. President of the Charlton A & P Society, some-time television star (Back Roads TV program) and what's this? A musician and a chef!?

Innovation and re-creation are the lynch-pins of progress, and the Charlton A & P Society President has lead the way through a series of short online videos encouraging people to enter the Show competitions and revealing what entertainment Show day had on offer.

The all-singing, IT-explaining clips built an engagement which was fun, direct and informative, and while not everyone is online, word-of-mouth was sure to have built a fan base to see Billy in action – live – on Show Day or sharing his skills sometime in the future. (Especially the cake-baking episode where a hand drill and beater replaces a traditional mix master!)

"It was a way to help get people interested in the Show," Billy said. "It was fun, it's a good promo and it's a starting point for the future."

As it was, Billy was out and about everywhere on the day, particularly enjoying the role of announcer for the well patronised tractor-pull.

The 141<sup>st</sup> Charlton Show held 19<sup>th</sup> October was certainly blessed by the weather gods with perfect conditions for outdoor entertainment, especially after the previous day of heavy rain and wind. With big crowds in evidence, increased pavilion

exhibits and some very positive feedback, by day's end 2024 was shaping up to be a success story for the hard-working committee.

"We have had some really good comments," said Secretary, Wendy Laffin. "People have been saying what a great Show it was." And that was before the night's entertainment by band YUASK and the fireworks finale!

The old adage of "it takes a village. . ." is certainly true if applied to the delivery of an event like the Annual Show. From the many sponsors through to the hands-on helpers, competitors and committee members, it's the collective effort which brings success. However, Pavilion Secretary, Aileen Allan, indicated that more hands-on-deck would be helpful. "We really need more stewards," Aileen said. "While a lot of our current stewards want to keep on going, we really need to think about the future. It would be good to see some of the younger generation stepping up to lend a hand."

By early afternoon, with all exhibits in place and the Charlton Park convention room filling, members of Cabbaritta CWA Branch were hard at work serving the staple scones and slices to the growing crowd. Branch member, Liz Richardson said the "girls" had made around 200 scones, 150 small cakes and 200 pieces of mixed slice. Business was brisk throughout the afternoon and Liz said they were still going strong into the early evening – an

indication that good country cooking is always appreciated.

With the agricultural side of the show to the fore it was attractions such as the tractor pull (supported by Quambatook) which captured the crowd's interest as machines of varying vintages vied for supremacy. The revving engines, the smoke and the drivers' determination to get the most out of their machines helped to ramp up the atmosphere, while the "mandatory" comparisons about machinery before the event was also par for the course! A large crowd gathered to spur the competitors on as they strove for their moments of glory.

Other features, such as the sheep dog trials, the virtual reality header (thanks to Natimuk A & P Society), fleeces, and miniature horses and ponies, also kept the grass roots traditions alive.

Side-show alley entertainments included the dodgem cars rink (sponsored by the Skeeta Grimshaw Motorcycle Club) which was a strong favourite with the kids, along with the mechanised Bull Ride which proved just how hard it is to stay on a rotating, spinning bovine. Both activities had long queues waiting for access.

Another crowd-pleasing favourite was the sheaf toss which had some keen contenders and was located in the prime viewing spot just near the main building and hospitality outlets.

The Official Show opening was undertaken by Charlton Citizen of the



Show President, Billy Fitzpatrick and Secretary, Wendy Laffin are pictured with the newly installed pavilion plaque in memory of Maddi Fitzpatrick.



# Charlton Showtime Spectacular

Year, Anne Kenny, and Young Citizen of the Year, Emily Olive. Anne began by congratulating the Committee on the celebration of the 141<sup>st</sup> Show before quoting a few items from the headlines from the 1924 Show coverage from the East Charlton Tribune as follows: \* Record Show \* Azure skies and joyous crowds \* Magnificent exhibits & splendid sport \* Motor cars 4 deep proclaim prosperity \* Gate receipts amounted to 178 pounds.

Emily then thanked the Committee for the amazing work they do, saying it was a highlight of the year to come along to the Show.

President Billy Fitzpatrick and Secretary Wendy Laffin then made an emotional

presentation after inviting Shane and Kim Fitzpatrick and sons Cobi and Elliot to come forward for the unveiling of a naming plaque for the Animal and Farm Pavilion in memory of their daughter and sister, Maddi. "As a youngster, Maddi's commitment to the Show first started with her bringing along animals for the pet nursery," said Wendy. "She graduated to helping out in the sheep and wool area as she got older, and she was always there for when working bees were called." Maddi's brothers, Cobi and Elliot were then invited to carry the plaque to the stand near the animal pavilion where it was installed.

As the afternoon progressed the lawn area outside the main building filled with

family groups as the Miss / Master / Teenager Show Awards were judged and the children were entertained by performer, Mr. Mike and his bubble machine. Food vendors were preparing for a busy time as evening fell and the music of YUASK set the mood for a relaxing wind down from another busy Show Day. The fireworks grand finale showcased a brilliant display of colour with cascades of glittering light, drawing many favourable comments from the crowd as the 2024 Show came to a close.



Winners of the young Show people awards are pictured following the judging by Diane Wood and Anne Kenny: (l-r) Leo Stahl (Master Midi), (back) Isabella Stahl (Miss Pre-Teen Showgirl), (front) Mila Lucin (Miss Midi), Renee Riley (Miss Junior Showgirl), Dulcie Mulquiny (Miss Tiny Tot), Heidi Start (Miss Teen Showgirl), Wyatt Sheahan (Master Tiny Tot).



Floral entries were impressive, especially considering the weather in the days leading up to the Show. Pictured with their prize-winning items are (l) Margaret Fradd – roses and (r) Bernice Kenny – Best Floral Arrangement.



There were many beautiful craft items on display, and the Charlton Creative Quilters had a non-competitive display of work by their 15 current members. Anyone interested in joining (and no experience is necessary) should contact Aileen Allan (0438 911 495).



Molly (l) and Renee Riley (r) were enjoying Show Day in the schools' pavilion where the girls' work was part of the colourful display.



# Charlton Showtime Spectacular



Creating an item of Eco-Art, Chelsea Sullivan is being helped by Cathie Hobbs.



Some of the exquisite handwork and craft work on display in the pavilion.



Officially opening the 141<sup>st</sup> Show are (l-r) Charlton Young Citizen of the Year, Emily Olive, Charlton Citizen of the Year, Anne Kenny and A. & P. Society President, Billy Fitzpatrick.



The dodgem rink was a popular activity with a big queue lined up for a ride.



A large crowd gathered to see the tractor pull action unfold and cheer on the competitors.



The lawn area was a perfect place for families to gather and unwind before the evening's activities began.



# Charlton Showtime Spectacular

## 2024 Charlton Show Pavilion Special Prizes

Award	Winner
Pavilion Aggregate Perpetual Trophy donated by Ken Lynas family	Janet Stafford
Champion Single Flower.	Michelle Jenkyn
Champion Rose.	Tony Hooper
Flowers Highest aggregate Betty Finlay Perpetual Trophy donated by the Finlay family	Michelle Jenkyn
Best Floral Arrangement Rosette.	Bernice Kenny
Floral Art Highest aggregate points trophy donated by John & Alison Tormey	Joy Freeman
Beginners Floral Art Highest aggregate trophy donated by Anne Calnin.	Ivy Sexton
Vegetables, Fruit & Produce Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Charlton Medical.	Lucas Sexton
Needlecrafts Best Exhibit trophy donated by Giles Family in memory of Peg.	Rebecca Cossar
NDAS Crocheted article - any yarn.	Rebecca Cossar
NDAS Knitting - Hand Knitted Garment or Article	Janet Stafford
VAS Ltd Crochet Competition.	Rebecca Cossar
Craft Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Charlton Creative Quilters	Abbey Stafford
Craft & Needlecraft Highest aggregate points Perpetual trophy donated by Charlton C.W.A Cabbaritta	Janet Stafford
Photography Open Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Aileen Allan.	Abbey Stafford
Primary School B/W & COLOUR PHOTOS Highest aggregate trophy donated by Jenny Pollard.	Ruby Wright
Year 7-10 B/W & COLOUR PHOTOS Highest aggregate trophy donated by Charlton Newsagency.	Stella Nicolson
VAS Ltd Photography Competition	Janet Stafford
NDAS Photography Competition	Amy Nicolson
Preserves Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Opportunity Shop	Brownyn Simpson
Cookery Beginners Highest aggregate trophy donated by Geoff and Kim Thompson.	Lyndy Fitzpatrick
Cookery Men's Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Opportunity Shop	Billy Fitzpatrick
Cookery Open Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Cossar family in memory of Nola.	Jennifer Start
Charlton Show Pumpkin Fruit Cake Competition.	Frances Stahl
NDAS Open Competition - Chocolate Mud cake	Lyndy Fitzpatrick
VAS Ltd Rich Fruit Cake Competition	Jennifer Start
VAS Ltd Carrot Cake Competition.	Jennifer Start
Year 9 - 12 Cooking Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Joy Freeman	Heidi Start
Year 7 & 8 Cooking Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Fran Lanyon.	Murphy Fitzpatrick
Grade 5 & 6 Cooking Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Chris Livingston.	Sam Cossar
Grade 3 & 4 Cooking Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Bernadette Zagame.	Eli Cossar
Year 9 - 12 Craft Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Noelene Sullivan.	Heidi Start
Year 7 & 8 Craft Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Charlton Newsagency.	Lila Schofield
Grade 5 & 6 Craft Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Charlton Newsagency.	Isabella Stahl
Grade 3 & 4 Craft Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Charlton Newsagency.	Harrison Stahl
Foundation, Grade 1 & 2 Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Cate Olive.	Abbie Scoble
Preschool & Under Section Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Jack Thompson	Mila Lucin
Best Juvenile exhibit Rosette.	Abbie Scoble
Best Exhibitor under 18 years in pavilion donated by family in memory of Daphne McKenzie.	Heidi Start
Creative & Hand Writing Highest aggregate points trophy donated by Russell King.	Eve Mulquiny



# Charlton Campdraft

On October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Charlton Campdraft ran its 2<sup>nd</sup> event! First and foremost a huge thankyou to all the people who helped make it happen; judges, sponsors, cattle donors, everyone who assisted or offered assistance over the weekend and of course the Bourke family for allowing us to run our campdraft. We have been very lucky to have some fantastic support in getting our campdraft up and running and this has not gone unnoticed. We saw some fantastic drafting and were also very lucky to have some stalls over the 2 days, including Hides, Knives & Leather, Noah's Creations, Phoenix Sewing, Lobe Candy and Equissage which were well supported by people getting some early Christmas shopping done. Saturday night we were spoilt with watching the Open final and then moved over to our Auction and Raffle. We would like to thank The Vale of Avoca and A Country Shot for ensuring everyone remained fed and caffeinated all weekend.

It was perfect campdrafting weather all weekend and we had many locals competing. Tully Bourke, Tasha & Sophie Roberts, Matt Hobbs and Tessa Sexton to name a few. All the locals should be very proud with how they competed, as they did Charlton proud. We also had representation from Nat Bourke who was our chief first aider over the weekend. Thank you to all the locals who supported us this year in all capacities and to those who came and watched the competition over the two days. We hope to be treated with the same weather and same great company again for 2025.



*Tahljia Sheahan on Goose.*



*Walking the cattle.*



# Charlton Campdraft



*Tasha Roberts on Ivan.*



*Matt Hobbs on Rolo.*



*Zak Johnson on Hammerdown.*



*Tessa Sexton on Hammerdown.*



*Ash Sheahan on Legacy.*



# Charlton Bowling Club News

## JEFF COX WINS CHARLTON'S CON CARMODY MEMORIAL 21UP

The Carmody Family have been very supportive in Sponsorship and the Naming of the 21UP Handicap since the 2005/06 Season which now spans 20 Years.

Down to the last four after the first rounds were played on October 5<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Cox, Joo Ong, Doug Gretgrix and Kevin Willey met on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to determine the Winner. Joo was to play Jeff and Doug was to play Kevin. (Doug said he only wanted to beat his neighbour, and he did)

With the wind from WSW and very gusty to 50km, trying to draw a bowl was very difficult with the bowls not drawing very much.

Jeff scored first and after 23 ends was victorious 22 shots to 12. Kevin's Handicap was 4 higher than Doug and he did not get to even till the tenth end, by this time Kevin 1 Doug 8, on the 16<sup>th</sup> end Kevin 10 Doug 11, again on the 20<sup>th</sup> end Kevin 10 Doug 20, sneaking away. Final Score on the 23<sup>rd</sup> end Doug 22 Kevin 15.

Now the final between Jeff and Doug, Doug started early, and, on the 6th end was 8 shots to 1 UP.

The trend continued up to the 13<sup>th</sup> end Doug 14 Jeff 4. Doug got stuck on 14 shots not scoring for 6 ends allowing Jeff to catch up to 12 shots. Doug scored two shots and looked like he was off again, but Jeff held firm to win on the 27<sup>th</sup> end Jeff 21 Doug 18.

Charlton Bowling Club Inc is proud of running this event after the passing of Con, who took up bowls late in life and wished he had done it earlier.

### BOWLS NEWS

Well, everyone, as you may read in the local newspapers, Pennant Bowls both

Midweek and Saturday has commenced in our North Central Playing Area. We have a 3 X 4 Midweek Team and 3 X 4 in both Division 1 and 2 on Saturdays.

We are only a small Club finding it hard to manage two teams on Saturdays with Work, Health and Family taking over our lives as we are getting older.

Bowls Practice is Thursdays from 4.30pm, Open to New Members to attend, Come see what we have to Offer.

### KRAKAJAK TRIPLES (Barefoot Bowls)

Krakajak Triples commences January

14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with Teams of Three playing at 7.30pm for ten weeks. (See Notice in the Newsletter) Get your teams organised NOW, Don't leave it too Late, Bowls are available if you don't have your own.

We are having a Big Shout out to anyone interested in Playing Lawn Bowls being new to Charlton or lived in Charlton forever and may have played before, We need you! Come along and see what we have to Offer. Contact President Michael O'Brien on 0418 507 692 or Secretary Kevin Willey on 0428 911 830.



Jeff Cox—Winner of the Con Carmody Memorial Handicap being congratulated by Runner Up Doug Gretgrix.



Charlton Citizen of the Year  
Young Citizen of the Year  
Community Event of the Year  
Youth Volunteer Recognition Award

Nominations close **Friday 15th November, 5pm**  
Forms available from the Neighbourhood House  
or online at:

<https://www.charlton.vic.au/resource/charlton-forum/>

## Books Wanted

Once again the Book Library at the bus shelter at Travellers Rest is running low on books.

This library is very popular with locals and visitors but donations of books have dropped off recently.

Your books would be most welcome. Books can be left in the book library itself or at the Men's Shed.

The Book Library was a Men's Shed project.

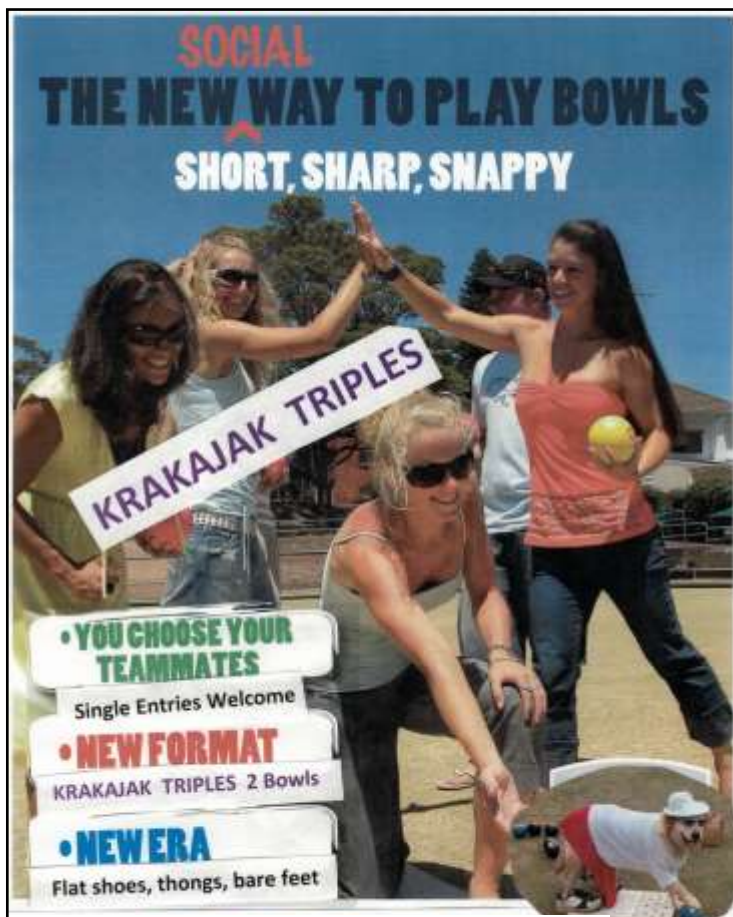


## Save the Date

UpMarket—Saturday 7th December  
Carols @ The Rex—Sunday 8th December  
Christmas Fest—Wed. 18th December







Venue: **CHARLTON BOWLING CLUB**

Day/Time: **Tuesdays, 7:30pm starting January 14th 2025**



## Supporting people in the Buloke area impacted by past rain events

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# Thank You

On behalf of the Charlton Agricultural Show.

A large thank you goes to everyone in our Community who helped make our 2024 show very successful.

Big thankyou to all our SPONSORS, without them we would not be able to run a show.

To our great committee and all the helpers who came to the working bees and help set the show up, and packing up.

The Pavilion Secretaries and their helpers all week and stewards and helpers on the show morning, everyone loves to see the pavilion—a great job very much appreciated.

To the Neighbourhood House for all their printing of the schedules and gate maps.

The local service clubs for their volunteers for the gate, afternoon teas, and any other way they helped out on the day.

Lastly a big thank you to each and everyone who helped and sponsored in any way.

Wendy Laffin

Secretary

Charlton Agricultural Show.



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## REX THEATRE NOVEMBER COMING ATTRACTIONS

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



### JOKER: FOLIE A DEUX

Sat 2 NOV 8pm  
Sun 3 NOV 2pm  
Tue 5 NOV 8pm

MA15+ Strong themes, violence and coarse language  
138 mins | Action | Crime | Drama

Joker: Folie À Deux finds Arthur Fleck institutionalized at Arkham awaiting trial for his crimes as Joker. While struggling with his dual identity, Arthur not only stumbles upon true love, but also finds the music that's always been inside him.



### THE CRITIC

Sat 9 NOV 8pm  
Sun 10 NOV 2pm  
Tue 12 NOV 8pm

M Mature themes, sexual references and coarse language  
99 mins | Crime | Drama | Thriller

The Critic is a story of ambition, blackmail and desire with a dazzling anti-hero at its dark heart. A whodunnit wrapped in a Faustian pact which winds tighter & tighter.



### GREEDY PEOPLE

Sat 16 NOV 8pm  
Sun 17 NOV 2pm  
Tue 19 NOV 8pm

MA15+ Strong violence and coarse language  
110 mins Comedy | Drama

Residents of a small island town navigate a murder and the discovery of a million dollars, a series of increasingly bad decisions upend the once peaceful community.



### VENOM: THE LAST DANCE

Sat 23 NOV 8pm  
Sun 24 NOV 2pm  
Tue 26 NOV 8pm

M Science fiction themes, violence and coarse language  
109 mins Action | Sci-fi

Eddie and Venom are on the run. Hunted by both of their worlds and with the net closing in, the duo are forced into a devastating decision that will bring the curtains down on Venom and Eddie's last dance.



### RED ONE

Sat 30 NOV 8pm  
Sun 1 DEC 2pm  
Tue 3 DEC 8pm

CTC 123 mins Action | Adventure | Comedy

After Santa Claus (code name: Red One) is kidnapped, the North Pole's Head of Security (Dwayne Johnson) must team up with the world's most infamous bounty hunter (Chris Evans) in a globe-trotting, action-packed mission to save Christmas.





Charlton St Vincent de Paul Society  
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## RETROSPECTIVE

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## Charlton Netball Club would like thank our 2024 sponsors.

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## CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

**Where:** Unlimited radius of Charlton

**When:** Saturday & Sunday 23rd & 24th November 2024

**Weigh in:** 6pm Sunday 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 by 6pm to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation

**Entry fee:** Adults \$5.00. Juniors \$2.00. Tea only (not fishing) \$5.00.

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

All new and current "fisherpeople"  
welcome!





## St Martin's Messenger—October

Service Times—Holy Communion

**Sunday 3 November** No Service @ St Martins so please join with the **Uniting Church at 9.30am** to celebrate 150 years of worship for the Methodist Church.

**Sunday 17 November** 9am

**Sunday 8 December** 9am

*Philippians 2:12-30 You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky, as you offer them the message of life.*

There have been more reasons than usual to look to the sky lately. I mean the Auroras, where the Aurora Australis has made a stunning return to southern Australian skies. Some of the comments, "The beams dance across the sky, they call the aurora the 'dancing lady', and time just passes." I was sent a stunning photograph from a friend in Birchip. "You don't even realise how long you've been staring at the sky for... it's a photographer's dream."

This went hand in hand with one of my favourite songs – "A sky full of stars," by Coldplay. I will share just some of the lyrics : 'Cause you're a sky, 'cause you're a sky full of stars 'Cause you light up the path.'

For me, this is exactly what having faith in my God does for me. It lights up my sky, it lights up my path and it lights up my heart. Maybe we can look at it this way? God's love and faithfulness are like the sky and are never-ending. God wants us to be like stars, shining as we abide in him. Our tiny glimmer of light, our refusal to give up, and our willingness to care for others may just be what are needed for someone else to know of God's love. Like stars, we can assist in lighting up the darkness in the world of others around us. Above all we can help God give a message of life and the good news that is God's love shown to us by Jesus. Shine out and twinkle in someone else's life.

**Prayer: Lord, help us all to light up the world together. Keep on working through us so that we can shine more brightly. In Jesus name. Amen.**

## Charlton Connect Church

Services

Sundays, 5pm @ Charlton Senior Citizens  
1 High Street, Charlton



CONNECT CHURCH

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

## North Central Garden Club

October has been a very busy time for Garden Club members. Our annual Open Garden Day was held on Sunday October 13 and was a huge success. Over 200 people made their way through the 7 gardens that were open on what was a fine and sunny day. The plant stall and the raffle were extremely well supported and the members provided all with a beautiful afternoon tea to round off the day.

Thanks to all who donated their time and goods, to those who visited the gardens and to those who opened their gardens for others to enjoy.

The Club will have one more meeting which will be a Christmas lunch at the home of Bernice Kenny on November 26 at 12.00 after which we will recess until February.

NCGC meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Lions Lodge in Camp Street at 2pm. New members are always welcome.

President: Aileen Allan ph 0438 911 495

Secretary: Lynne McRae ph 0408 113 104

## Charlton Uniting Church

Halliday Street, Charlton.



**Service times for November:**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9.30am 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – 10.00 am Communion

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – 10.00 am. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – 10.00 am.

### Quotes from the Bible.

The new Pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed in the next worship service, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message. 'Genesis 3:10'. Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke into gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 reads – 'Behold I stand at the door and knock'. Genesis 3:10 reads – 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'

Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones. In Proverbs 17:22 reads. 'A cheerful heart is good medicine'

## East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

**Mass Times**

Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 10.30am (Livestreamed in)

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.30am

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00pm

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.30am (Annual Memorial Mass)



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## Charlton Golden Grains Museum Bingo Fundraiser @ Donald

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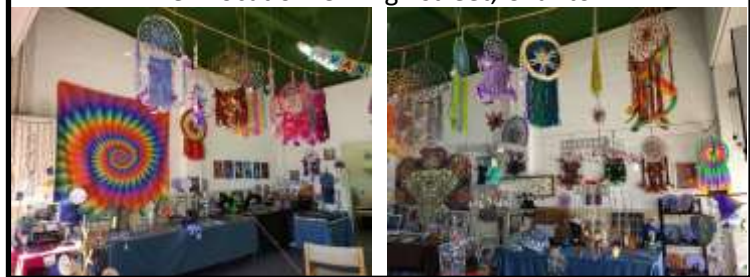
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### RSL MEETING TIMES.

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					1	2 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
3	4 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm	5 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	6 Lions Dinner Meeting RSL Social	7 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	8 Probus Meeting RSL Meat Raffle	9
10	11 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm Angling Club Meeting 8pm	12 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	13	14 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	15 RSL Meeting	16 Bowls BBQ Tea
17	18 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm Bowls Meeting 7:30pm CWA Meeting	19 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Fun Day 10:30am Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	20 RSL Social Lions Business Meeting, 8pm	21 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	22	23 Fishing Comp
24 Fishing Comp	25 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm	26 NCCG	27	28 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	29	30

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm	3 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	4 Lions Dinner Meeting RSL Social	5 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	6	7 Lions Paper Collection from 9am Upmarket
8 Carols @ The Rex	9 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm Angling Club Meeting 8pm	10 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	11	12 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	13 Probus Meeting RSL Meat Raffle	14 Bowls BBQ Tea
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29	30	31	Happy New Year!			