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OK! What a Weekend!

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As the adrenaline rush from "OK Motels" subsides, Charlton can reflect on how the modest little festival which began back in 2018 has now grown into a full-on, "all-of-town" experience as 800 visitors descended on the "Friendly River Town" over 21-23 February making it an event for the record books.

The original concept - masterminded by photographer Kate Berry as a way of injecting life into retro motels in out-of-the-way places - "OK" has evolved into something of significance for Charlton. Apart from bringing normally unobtainable indie and rock bands to the area, the gradual integration of community involvement in the weekend has made for a groundswell of

rapport between visitors and locals alike. And Kate is the busy behind-the-scenes operator making sure that everything falls into place!

Charlton put out a rapturous welcome to greet fans, first-timers and returnees as friendships were rekindled and newbies settled into the leisurely country vibe.

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Water ballet squad, "The Clams", drew a huge crowd to the Charlton pool as part of the festivities, with patrons making the most of a cooling dip after the performance. Pictured either side of the group are choreographers (l) Camilla McKewen and (r) Gabi Barton.

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From the Editor

Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the March edition.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the OK Motels weekend. What a huge weekend it was! And hot too. Anywhere with an air conditioner was certainly a popular hangout. I popped along on Friday night and really enjoyed Troy Firebrace's Welcome to Country and a bit of live music.

Welcome to our new sponsors—the Charlton Campdraft Club and Legendary Lawncare (Tom Ayars). It's great to have you onboard. Sponsors should have received their renewal in the post or by email. I'd appreciate payment before the next newsletter—so I don't have to chase you up. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for another year.

I've had both my sons home briefly—back in Australia and home on the farm. It's been lovely to see them both. I'm hoping for another get-together at Christmas—we'll see.

Cheers,
Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

March:

Courthouse Gallery Art & Craft Sale—Sat 8th & Sun 9th
Charlton Pacing Cup—Sun 16th
Film Festival—Fri 21st & Sat 22nd

April:

Lions Easter Market—Mon 21st



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Charlton Croquet Club

Lindsay Patullo continues to put Charlton Croquet Club in the news. On 14th & 15th February Lindsay participated in the VCA Gold Cup event, held at Cairnlea, for the first time. Lindsay finished runner up with 6 wins, net 80 hoops, the winner won 6 games but finished with nett 95 hoops. Lindsay's

only loss was to the winner. Lindsay has been selected in the Victorian State team to play in the Eire Cup from 12 -16 March in Adelaide.

Naomi Patullo defeated Barb Dalrymple in Charlton's Association Croquet Section 3 championship. Sections 1, 2 and 4 were

not played this year.

The Golf Croquet Championships are currently being played.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our Invitation Doubles due to the extreme weather.



Gold Cup—Kate Patrick (President), Lindsay Patullo, Lachlan Berryman (Tournament Manager)



Naomi Patullo

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Golden Grains Museum News

It is hard to believe that we are already into March and yet another update from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. The museum volunteers have had our monthly meeting recently and are very excited by many projects that are being undertaken. We have reopened every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm or at other times by arrangements with one of the members listed below. Admittance is still a very low \$5, and free for children, with EFTPOS being available. Our museum could be an ideal venue for your group or organisation to have an interesting outing. Group tours of all sizes are most welcome, and a cuppa and biscuits could accompany your visit.

Fundraising

Our popular Bingo trips to Donald continue to assist our fundraising as well as sales of merchandise at events and in-house. Research requests and donations from both individuals and businesses raise valuable income with a tax deductibility receipt available if you require it. Another simple and easy 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 present and future generations. We are also excited to be partnering with the Charlton Neighbourhood House on several projects during the year. Keep an eye open for more details of these exciting activities as they come to hand. And don't forget to donate funds raised from the container deposit scheme—every little bit helps.

The Telegraph Hotel

Our feature this month takes a look at a site familiar with all Charlton locals now, the Telstra Telephone Exchange building. Located on the corner of Armstrong and Camp Streets the site was once the home of the popular Telegraph Hotel. Built in 1878 it replaced the Maryborough Hotel which had been demolished after being incorrectly constructed on a designated roadway. By 1879 Charlton had a total of seven hotels to cater for the thirsty population. These included The Cricket Club Hotel, Klug's East Charlton Hotel, The Globe Hotel, The Golden Fleece Hotel, The Albion Hotel, The Vale of Avoca in West Charlton and The Telegraph. Two local country hotels included The Canadian Hotel located on the Calder Highway between Charlton and Wedderburn and The West Charlton Hotel on the Calder Highway at Teddywaddy.

One of the early proprietors of The Telegraph was former Mounted Constable, Patrick Quirk. Injured while pursuing bushranger, Henry Power, and superannuated out of the police force, Patrick took up the licence after a brief attempt at farming. Dying suddenly in 1901,

his funeral is one of the largest ever recorded at Charlton showing the high esteem he was held in.

The old timber hotel was demolished and rebuilt in brick by Mr F. Livingston in 1914. Another popular licensee was the Halligan Family who ran it between 1923 to 1946. With a declining population, a downturn in business and the need for renovation works, The Telegraph Hotel called last drinks in 1970. The building was demolished and the site purchased by the PMG (now Telstra) for the site of their new automatic exchange.

Become a Volunteer

The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is always looking for new volunteers to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public. If you have an interest in local history and would like to help preserve Charlton's story contact one of the names listed below; you will be made most

welcome by our friendly team. You could give as much time as you wish and don't need any experience; training will be provided. There are opportunities to volunteer from home—as long as you have access to a computer and internet.

Enquiries

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

email goldengrains@bigpond.com.

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Telegraph Hotel, c.1900.



Halligans Hotel during the 1939 flood.

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Despite the scorching weather, nobody seemed too fazed by the heat, and the buzz across town saw a welcome injection of activity and interest.

Crowds filled the main street, vehicles lined the roadways, the Travellers Rest Caravan Park was full-to-bursting and looked a picture at night with the colourful outdoor lighting and the array of glamping tents near the entrance. Resembling a cosy village setting, visitors browsed the shops, the pop-ups, picked up a coffee or just enjoyed the riverside location.

There was plenty to see and do. From the "OK" central at the Charlton Club patrons began their country sojourn on Friday night with a special "Welcome to Country" and bands at the Charlton Motel.

Saturday's itinerary included: the Charlton Upmarket, Court House Gallery exhibition and sales, morning tea and bowling at the Bowling Club, games, pool and chill-out at the Charlton Club, Pool Party at the swimming pool, the Clams water ballet, Marry Your Friends + music at the Charlton Hall, sit-down dinner (same location), meals at East Charlton Hotel and Vale of Avoca, then headline bands at the Motel on into the night.

Sunday began with breakfast, courtesy of Charlton Lions, along with the All of Town Garage sale. Little wonder that visitors were impressed.

Positive feedback flowed, with one Melbourne visitor remarking, "There is so

much happening! Often when you go to music festivals you are stuck in the middle of nowhere and there's nothing to do but wait for the music." Repeatedly praising the proximity of events, amenities (the swimming pool in particular) and accommodation, love for the community, and the whole-of-town generational involvement struck a real note for many attendees.

For radio/tv personality and writer, Marieke Hardy, "OK" ticked many boxes. A regular attendee, and instigator of the "Marry Your Friends" ceremony, Marieke had made a rushed trip back from Perth to be at the Charlton event and offered the following comments:

"Coming to Charlton you don't feel like you are invading the town," she said. "We have been welcomed with open arms. It's an event where you make friends for life, and it's also become a great opportunity to help launch emerging bands."

For community organisations, the weekend can be a bonanza. Despite the hard work (CWA members were up baking scones at 7am last Saturday), and the juggling of volunteers to support the various activities around town, the economic windfalls are lifeblood for the community.

As an ultimate beneficiary, community enhancement is amplified across multiple outlets – through organisations, businesses and youth initiatives where fundraising opportunities abound.

- Charlton A. & P. Society, catering for the Saturday evening dinner, served 350 dinners: (funds are channeled back into improving the annual Show)
- Charlton College Year 10 Work Experience students: supplied Saturday morning breakfast and assisted with the Saturday evening dinner: (funds support work experience costs)
- Charlton Lions Club: reported takings of around \$3,800 (a combined total from the Sunday breakfast, raffle and site fees for the All of Town Garage Sale): (funds support local and wider Lions projects)
- Charlton Op Shop: "Did extremely well" according to Manager Gill Gretgrix (funds returned through financial support for community projects)
- The East Charlton Hotel "broke all records" for the number of meals served over the weekend, while Tia Fanning at "Caffeinated Chaos" tallied up a record breaking 322 coffees on Saturday, along with a clean sweep of food.

Meanwhile Cabbaritta CWA Branch members produced 800 scones and faced an unending line of patrons at the Bowls Club rooms for Saturday's morning tea. Branch President, Maria Perger, said it had been "crazy" since 10am with the group's craft stall having been cleared of items in a flash.

Back in the main street, the Charlton Club as the "OK Motels" central hub sported a climate-controlled space where patrons could pace the start to their day helped along by the Club's "drink de jour" - a Bloody Mary. As a place to "chill" (literally), there were plenty of people engrossed in board games, a



The Clams make a grand entrance in their brightly coloured tulle costumes.



Community outreach came in many forms, with Charlton Neighbourhood House staff member Cathie Hobbs pictured with some of the hand-crafted items for purchase at the High street venue.

OK Motels What a Weekend!

quiet chat, a game of pool or, for the brave, the option of getting a tattoo!

With the “Tell Your Friends You Love Them” pool party (complete with DJ) underway by late morning and The Clams (“Melbourne’s least professional, most clamtastic water ballet squad”) scheduled for early afternoon, space poolside was at a premium. The arrival of the vermillion-suited performers, swathed in candy coloured tulle, grabbed the attention as the twenty-two member squad took to the water to perform their act. Cheering and applause greeted each new formation as the water babes seamlessly floated from one position

to another. Following a final salute to the crowd patrons once again plunged back in for a refresh as the temperature continued to soar.

Another crowd-pleaser was the “Marry Your Friend” ceremonies at the Charlton Hall organized by Marieke Hardy and her friend Emilie Zoey Baker. While also “taking their vows” on the day, Marieke said there were 10 weddings (including couples and throuples) and the inclusion of hair and make-up artists to add a little “sparkle” to the scene made for a very successful outcome. There was also tons of confetti!

“It was quite emotional,” said Marieke,

“and yes, there were tears! Participants had more time to prepare their vows and the audience could hear what was being expressed without the competition from people eating over dinner as happened last year.” Op shop treasures also made for some glamorous outfits!

As evening progressed the Charlton Motel became the focus with headline bands drawing the audience on into the night.

Going on the attendance, response and feedback from this year’s three- day festival, “OK Motels” looks set to have a home in Charlton well into the future!



Tent city at the Travellers Rest Caravan Park.



Charlton Youth Group members were busy with ice-cream and sorbet sales at the pool party – (l-r) Shenna Fitzpatrick, Maggie Riley, Poppy Fitzpatrick, Annie Olive, Isabel Soulsby, Amali Fitzpatrick and Fletcher Holmes-Brown.

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It was a busy weekend at the Charlton Club where member Markus Phillips (l) is pictured serving Nicholas Cooper from Melbourne (r) a Bloody Mary.



Charlton Bowling Club member Eily Rosewall (second right) is pictured with visitors (l-r) Lu Browning, Sam Batman and Myles Baiden Assan.



Enjoying the CWA hospitality are visitors (l-r) Elise Bradshaw, Henry Keenan, Michelle Buchanan, Stuart Day and Ella Adams.



Post-punk/noise-rock band "Placement" kicked off the Saturday evening sounds at the Charlton Motel.



The fun "Marry Your Friend" ceremonies held at the Charlton Hall were a big hit with participants as hair and make-up stylists added to the glamour of the moment. Pictured Emilie Zoey Baker (l) and Marieke Hardy (r) (photo courtesy Marieke Hardy).

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The air-conditioned Bowling Club rooms and the CWA morning tea were big crowd-pullers as visitors sought sustenance and shade from the hot weather. Numerous patrons praised the CWA scones, which were in great demand.



Members of the Charlton A & P Society, along with Charlton College Year 10 Work Experience students provided the Saturday evening meal at the Charlton Hall.

February has started off with a bang! We may be a small country school but gee we know how to keep busy!

House Swimming:

At the end of our first full week of school, students donned their house colours for our Annual House Swimming Sports – the weather was perfect! Avoca won back the shield for 2025! Calder came away with the Spirit Cup which is an award for best showing of team spirit and sportsmanship while displaying the school values.

Badge Conferral:

Monday 10th of February we had our 2025 Badge Conferral Ceremony.

Our School Captains for 2025 are:

Senior School Captains: Emmersyn Nelson & Fletcher Holmes-Brown

Vice School Captains: Elise Fitzpatrick & Annie Olive

Junior School Captains: Thomas Judd & Thomas Fitzpatrick



Vice School Captains—Elise Fitzpatrick & Annie Olive.



Senior School Captains—Emmersyn Nelson & Fletcher Holmes-Brown with School Council President, Troy Heenan.



Junior School Captains—Thomas Judd & Thomas Fitzpatrick with School Council President, Troy Heenan.

Year 7 Camp:

On Wednesday 13th our Year 7's travelled to Boort for two nights for Orientation Camp. The Spannerman and The Keeping Place were very interesting places to visit, with everyone learning something new at these venues. Our campers also enjoyed time over at the Boort Lake and learnt how to play Croquet.

Chinese Culture Day:

On Friday, February 14th, our F-6 students celebrated Chinese New Year with a fun-filled Celebration Day. The students did an incredible job dressing in red and participating in a variety of exciting activities. They had the opportunity to make spring rolls, sample Chinese teas, and try crafting cherry blossoms.

A big thank you to Ms. Yap for organising the activities and ensuring the day ran smoothly – the students had an absolute blast! We'd also like to extend our gratitude to all the staff and parent helpers who contributed their time and effort to make the day so enjoyable for everyone.

Foundation Students:

Our Foundation students have fitted a lot of learning into their first month of school! They have learnt the first 12 'sounds' in their phonics lessons, and the letters that we use to represent them. They are even beginning to put these letters together to read and write some words. In Numeracy, they have completed a unit on 'patterns'. Foundation students have enjoyed building friendships with their buddies in Year 6 and Year 12. Last Friday (21st), the Year 12 buddies organised some games in the stadium for the Foundation students.



Foundation Students and their buddies.

Judging by the laughter and smiles on faces, it's possible that the 'big kids' enjoyed starting the day with 'bobs and statues' just as much as their Foundation buddies!

NCD Swimming:

Monday 17th, Charlton College had a team of 20 students compete at the North Central District Swimming Carnival. All students swam well and were a positive representative of the College. A big congratulations to Heidi and Stella who both won their respective age group championship.



NCD Swimming—Heidi Start & Stella Nicolson.



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SAKG:

It's been busy in the kitchen with our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program – this semester the Year 5/6's will learn how to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, nutritious, seasonal and delicious foods. Each week is different, changing up between being out in the garden and then back in the kitchen. A highlight for Mr Daff, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mr Kemp is when they get invited to taste what recipes they've made!

Year 10 Work Experience:

This year, the Year 10 students are aiming to raise \$16,000 to fund their upcoming Work Experience week in Melbourne later in the year. They started their fundraising journey over the OK Motels weekend. OK Motels weekend is undoubtedly one of the busiest weekends of the year for our Friendly River Town. Charlton College's Year 10 students once again played a key role in the festivities, starting the day by flipping eggs and

sizzling bacon at the BBQ Breakfast, where they sold nearly 300 bacon and egg rolls. After a brief break, the students returned to the Shire Hall, showcasing their hospitality skills as they served a delicious Community Dinner to approximately 400 guests. A big thank you to Wendy L and the A&P Society, Kylie F, and the Year 10 parents for all their support and assistance.

If you would like to support our Year 10's with their fundraising, they have also organised Footy Tipping competition for 2025.

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Reference: Footy – "Your Name"

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https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/Year_10_Work_Experience_Fundraiser_2025



Chinese Cultural Day—Thomas Fitzpatrick & Leo Stahl.



Chinese Cultural Day Tea Tasting—Austin Riley & Charlie Lane.



Chinese Cultural Day—Cody Jenkin & Delilah Hughes.



House Swimming—Stella Nicolson.



House Swimming—Tamsyn McGurk & Lila Scholfield.



House Swimming—Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Taylah Boyle, Annie Olive, Isabel Soulsby, Emmersyn Nelson, Poppy Fitzpatrick, Elise Fitzpatrick, Zali Heenan, Georgia Wright & Joseph Monaghan.



Year 10 Work Experience—Serving Up.



Year 10 Work Experience—Tully Bourke & Samuel Olive with happy customers.



Year 10 Work Experience—James Fitzpatrick, Sebastian Zagame, Samuel Olive, Leigh Van Boven, Taylah Giles, Sheena Fitzpatrick, Ruby Radcliffe & Josie Larmour.



Year 10 Work Experience—Sheena Fitzpatrick, Taylah Giles, Samuel Olive & Tully Bourke..



St Joseph's School News

February Highlights at St Joseph's School

New Students & New Staff

We are thrilled to welcome Amelie Hellard and her family to St Joseph's School, taking our total enrolments to forty, which is a milestone to celebrate! We have also welcomed Mason Heenan, who is working in the Junior Room as a Learning Support Officer, three mornings each week. Rachael Smyth has also joined our school family, working each Friday with the Prep/1/2 students. Mason and Rachael are fabulous additions to St Joe's, both settling in quickly, interacting and building relationships, and together with Ms Brown & Miss Lee, making the Junior Room a happy and safe space for learning and growing each and every day!

Swimming Program and Carnival

A very successful swimming program was held over two weeks in February, in perfect swimming conditions, with sunshine every day! A huge thank you to Mrs Lanyon, who trained as a swim teacher last year, and capably organised and managed the program in 2025. Emily was well supported by staff, allowing students to work in small groups for optimal improvement. Whether it was water familiarisation, water safety, stroke development or having fun in the water, all students showed marked improvement. Bravo! The program culminated in a Swimming Carnival on the final Friday of the program. A barbecue lunch, diving, stroke events and novelty relays laid the groundwork for a super fun day. Thank you to the Holmes-Brown Family for a delicious Slushie treat at the end of the day! The cheering was deafening, leading to Team

Nemo as the eventual winners by a very narrow margin!

Auslan

Last Friday, all staff spent a school closure day in professional learning of our new languages' curriculum – AUSLAN – TEACHERS AS CO-LEARNERS. It was a brilliant day! The day was led by our Diocesan Languages Consultant and we were also joined by Renee, who will be the Language Assistant for the program at St Joseph's. Renee shared her story of becoming totally deaf at the age of nineteen, due to meningococcal disease. Renee will zoom into the classroom each week to work alongside teaching staff. If the students have half as much fun as staff did on Friday, the Languages Curriculum is sure to be a success story.

Structured Literacy Continues

As we continue our learning and

implementation of Structured literacy schoolwide, we are extra excited this term to have all teaching staff receive funding for extra tuition. Staff are completing The Science of Reading and Learning, a short course, through Latrobe University. Teachers are privileged to be working with Professor Pamela Snow and Professor Tanya Serry, who co-founded and established the Science of Language and Reading (SOLAR) Lab at Latrobe university in 2020.

Coming up in March

On the March calendar we have; Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, NAPLAN Assessments for Years 3 & 5; the Hockey Roadshow, School Nurse visit; our School Feast Day, Harmony Week, school photographs and the Years 4-6 Hot Shots Tennis Tournament in Boort!



Staff enjoying their Auslan professional learning day.



Mason Heenan ready with a high five for Prep student William Donaldson. Waiting in line are Tessa Wright and Ethena Getley.



Team Nemo parading at the Swimming Carnival.



Charlton Probud News

Thirty six members attended Charlton Probud Club's General Meeting in February. We held a Minute's Silence for Mary Mulquiny who was a Foundation Member. David Beaty gave a brief talk about Space X and then showed a short video. Graham Curnow then recited the Banjo Paterson poem "In the Droving Days". Happy Birthday was sung to the February birthday members. Nick Huinck was the lucky Number winner.

Our Guest Speaker was Heather Cooper, a Dementia Australia Advocate and also a person with a dementia diagnosis. Heather spoke about community attitudes to Dementia. In Australia the approach is to enfold folk with dementia in a supportive, active community. Dementia Advocates stress that people do not "suffer" with dementia but are on a Dementia Adventure! Advocates are "Out and Proud" with their disability.

Advocates are working to have dementia recognised as a disability, not an illness. Dementia cannot be seen so Heather regards it as her duty to inform strangers of her condition so that they do not suffer shame

or embarrassment in their interactions with her. In her "coming out" Heather has been greeted with admiration for her courage.

People can be fearful of admitting the possibility of dementia to themselves and their medical support but this could mean they lose their right to self determination. Self determination can include the right to have or not have medical treatment, which nursing home you go to and your funeral arrangements.

Heather urged us to encourage people with memory problems to have their mental condition checked out post haste. Do not deny symptoms. There is a diagnosis called frailty – a decline of physical and cognitive reserves. Cognitive decline can be minimised by exercising heartily, sleeping well and socialising often.

Heather spoke of a few practical ideas to aid a person with dementia eg. put out your clothes the night before, have open shelving in the bathroom, have curtains in front of kitchen cupboards rather than doors. Try to decrease the amount of stress or anxiety in your life.

Dementia Australia is available for

assistance 24/7. We thank Heather for her vibrant talk.

Thirty one happy Probud members left Charlton Travellers Rest at 10am on Tuesday 24th February for a trip to Cobram Estate Olives near Boort. On arrival Dale was our guide. As we travelled through the vast olive grove Dale gave us an insight into the running of the Estate.

The Estate was founded by two friends from University in 1988. In 2004 they commenced management of Timbercorp's 2,777 hectares of olive grove and timber mill at Boort. In 2006 they established an olive nursery and bottling facility at Lara. In 2017 they harvested their first crop in California. In 2021 they completed the final stage of re development at the Boort Olive Grove. They now have 1.2 million trees on 3,520 hectares. In 2023 the first phase of the olive mill upgrade was completed, delivering a capacity increase from 30 to 50 tonnes of olives per hour.

We then continued into Boort for a delicious lunch and returned home after a pleasant outing.



Birthdays - L to R: Jenny Barnard, Anne Kenny, Sheila & John Grenfell. Kim Wishart with guest speaker, Heather Cooper.

Charlton Bowls News

MOTHER AND SON PLAYED IN CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Charlton Bowling Club Singles Champion for 2024/25 was Wayne Southwell. His mother, Lynne Southwell, won the Charlton Ladies Singles Championship for 2024/25 defeating Eily Rosewall and Wendy Laffin in a

Round Robin playdown.

Lynne and Wayne both competed in their respective Champion of Champions with Lynne coming runner-up.

Congratulations to Wayne and Lynne on attaining this bowling double act for the first time, and maybe not the last.

Right: Lynne Southwell





Charlton Harness Racing

**'WE'RE ALL COUNTRY'
AT THE COMMUNITY BANK
CHARLTON AND DISTRICT
CHARLTON CUP DAY!**

**Sunday March 16th
DRESS CODE 2025 RELAXED
COUNTRY!**

**It's 'Country' all the way this year, so
throw on the akubras and RM's.**

**There will be prizes for the best country
looks!!**

Preparations are well under way for the upcoming Community Bank Charlton and District Charlton Cup Day on Sunday March 16th.

This day is so important for our club and for Charlton, as it brings many expats home and many visitors to our little town for the weekend.

We urge all members and Charlton locals to consider supporting this day. As our only Sunday meeting for the year it is the best opportunity we have to showcase our sport in the best way we can to the wider harness racing world and for everyone to attend.

In some ways the future of our club is dictated by how well we present our cup day, so you can make a real difference by being there. The vision of our club will be broadcast far and wide across Australia and New Zealand through Sky Racing Channel so having a good crowd certainly enhances this, along with the on course race day experience.

The cup will start popping up in all sorts of places in the next couple of weeks and we will be showcasing country life as it is for some of our members. We are also lucky to live here – it is certainly something to celebrate.

BUSES The club is offering a free bus service (numbers permitting) from Bendigo – so if you know anyone who might be interested in this please spread the news. Bookings essential on 0499701322

Also a bus from Birchip- Wycheproof- Charlton.

ENTRY \$10 Under 16 FREE

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

11AM BUBBLES IN THE BUSH – TEAM TEAL OVARIAN CANCER FUNDRAISER Ladies, and men too, please come along a little earlier and support this worthy cause. Lots of giveaways and terrific auction items to bid on. A great way to kick off the day! Punt Off #5

- Local Legend Punting Competition \$100 to enter Text name to 0499701322
- Dining available \$ 55 per head – thanks to Kylie and Naomi for catering
- Kids showbags
- Fashions On The Field – Win \$250! Must abide by 'Country' theme to win
- Nth Central Football League Sulky Relay – Grand Classic Go Navies!
- Punters Club
- Live music into the evening
- Bookies on course
- Cups parade

With the recent demise of the TAB on course we will have ample bookies on course to service all the punters.

There will also be plenty of umbrellas, tables and chairs around the course for your comfort.

Someone on course will also win a \$500 travel voucher from Helloworld Travel Bendigo and there will be betting voucher draws throughout the day.

Big thanks to all our Cup Day race sponsors

- Community Bank Charlton and District – Pacing Cup
- North West Ag Services – Trotters Cup
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- Stahl Electrical
- GMG Financial Group
- Cricket Club Hotel
- Ames Australasia

HELPERS NEEDED

One of the best ways to get involved and feel part of the club is to help out with some

little jobs before the day – and there are many. From laminating, to hanging bunting, to decorating marquees, every extra bit of help is appreciated.

Clearly many hands make light work, so there will be a 'call to arms' the week prior to the cup – members keep an eye out for a text message regarding times when marquees and dining room will be set up.

Follow along on Facebook too as all Cup Day information will be available there.

All enquiries to 0499701322.

See you all on MARCH 16TH. for what we hope will be a great day for our club, members, participants, industry and town.

Go Charlton Cup Day!

NTH WEST AG COMES TO THE TROTS

The club was so happy to host the annual post harvest Nth West Ag function at our recent meeting on Feb 26th.

Nth West Ag have been such loyal and active sponsors of the club for a long time now and it was a real pleasure for us to have them and their clients be a part of our race day.

Many thanks to Luke Zagame, Amy Nicolson and Tim Smythe who continue to give great service to all our racing participants and we look forward to having Nth West Ag play a big part in our upcoming Cup Day as major sponsors of the Trotters Cup.

NEXT MONTHLY RAFFLE NIGHT
Sunday April 6th

NEXT RACE MEETING AFTER CUP
Wednesday 23rd April – we welcome the Djaara People back to Charlton for the Djaara Cup Day.



Leanne Gretgrix & Greg Towers.



Michael Gadsden, Luke Dunne and No Emotion—recent winners at Charlton.



Jayson Finnis with Amy Nicolson from North West Ag.



Jack Laugher, Ellen & John Tormey with winner Dona Amalia.

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

Welcome to March!

March is full of opportunities to learn, connect, and create! From cooking and photography to lively group discussions, there's something for everyone. Let's make this month one of growth and discovery.

Regular Weekly and Monthly Activities

- Coffee with a...: Mondays during school term, 10:30 AM–12 PM at the FLO Cafe. Join local guests for engaging conversations.
- Yarning²: Mondays, 10:30 AM–12 PM. Dive into knitting, crochet, felting, macramé, and more while enjoying friendly chats.
- Conversation Hour with Chris: 10.30am to 12.30am. An engaging session exploring fascinating topics:
 - March 28th: Causes of the Arab/Israeli conflict. Dive into this complex topic with Chris's insights and join the discussion.
- Storytime: Fourth Tuesday of every month, 10:30 AM–11.30 AM at the Charlton Library inside the Shire Hall. Perfect for kids under 5 and their caregivers.
- Book Club: Third Tuesday of every month, 10:30 AM–12 PM. No set book—just share what you're reading or listening to!

March Highlights

Get e-Prepared

Emergencies are hard enough without the added stress of lost or damaged documents. We are offering to guide you through storing electronic copies of your important documents securely, using the Justice Connect-Telstra program 'ePrepared'.

This will be once a month free service but bookings are essential. Book your 15 minute initial consultation now and a 30 minute follow-up session. Spaces are limited, so don't wait! March 19th, is the next one.

Tech Tips

Do you have a smartphone or tablet but don't know how to use it? Join us on the second Wednesday of the month for 30 minutes and learn a little more. This month's topic- Introduction to MyGov on March 12th, bookings essential.

Creative Classes

This month we have 2 Table for 12's, one exclusively for the men-Steak with a Mate on March 12th, which is free thanks to the Community Recovery funding.

The second is **Table for 12 – Greek Cuisine**

March 27th, 7 PM. Deb Cleary leads this hands-on cooking class. Prepare and enjoy traditional Greek dishes in a relaxed environment. Minimum numbers required. \$25.

We have been lucky to secure the services of young professional photographer Chloe Smith to take two sessions. One on the 30th March for morning light 10am-1pm and 4th May 2-5pm for afternoon light. BYO snacks and comfortable shoes as it will include a walk.

The Buloke Neighbourhood Houses are combining to present Resilient Women: Empowered Communities on Sunday March 23rd. This event has fabulous keynote speakers Sophie Arnold, United Nations Executive Officer, Victoria Division and leadership coach Fabian Dattner as well as a guest panel of remarkable women including Charlton's Associate Professor Dr. Monique Watts. This is an event for all genders and ages, it is free but bookings are essential.

Charlton Cultural Magazine – Autumn Edition

Available this month! Discover local stories, creativity, and events. Grab your copy now and stay connected to Charlton's vibrant culture. This edition's photography competition is Rustic Charm. Showcase your talent and love for Charlton! Entries are due by 1st May. Prizes include \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place. Don't miss this opportunity to share your perspective and win big!



www.charltonnh.org.au

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view our window

CNH Open Hours Monday to Friday 10am-4pm. Closed for lunch 12.30-1.15pm.

WHAT'S ON FOR



MARCH

Each Monday of School Term	Yarning² Social Group Where: FLO Cafe Time: 10.30 am-12 pm FREE , bring your own yarn project		17	Coffee with a... Charlton Forum Rep Where: FLO Cafe Time: 10.30 am-12 pm FREE , pop in for a chat and coffee	
TUESDAY & THURSDAY UNTIL 15TH MARCH	Early Morning Swimming Where: Charlton Pool Time: 7-8pm COST: \$60 for 10 weeks	BOOKED OUT	18	Buloke Book Club Where: Charlton Library Time: 10:30am -12pm COST: FREE	
WEDNESDAYS UNTIL 12TH MARCH	Gentle Water Exercises with Nicola Where: Charlton Pool Time: 9-10pm COST: \$60 for 10 weeks	BOOKED OUT	19	e-Prepared Paperwork Sessions Where: CNH Time: Appointments only FREE , bookings essential.	
WEDNESDAYS UNTIL 2ND APRIL	Junior Jazz Classes with Miss Zoe Where: Shire Hall Time: 5pm to 6.15pm COST: \$40 for 8 weeks		23	Resilient Women: Empowered Communities Where: Charlton Park FREE , bookings essential	
1	Weaving Workshop Where: Senior Citizens Rooms Time: 10.30 am- 5 pm FREE , bookings essential.	 BOOKED OUT	24	Coffee with a... Buloke Councillor Where: FLO Cafe Time: 10.30 am-12 pm FREE , pop in for a chat and coffee	
2	Recycled Baskets Workshop Where: Courthouse Gallery Time: 10.30 am- 2 pm FREE , bookings essential.	 BOOKED OUT	25	Children's Storytime with Georgina Where: Charlton Library, Shire Hall Time: 10:30 -11:30am COST: FREE	
3	Coffee with a... Cop Where: FLO Cafe Time: 10.30 am-12 pm FREE , pop in for a chat and coffee		27	T12 Greek with Deb Cleary Where: NCTTC Kitchen Time: 7pm Cost: \$25	
12	Carers & Co Lunch-Mallee Family Care Where: Charlton East Hotel Time: 12:00pm to 1:30 pm COST: Lunch at subsidised price		28	Conversation Hour with Chris Binney Where: Rex Foyer Time: 10.30am-11.30am FREE	
12	T12 Steak with a Mate with Ian Scott Where: Travellers Rest Time: 7pm FREE , bookings essential		30	Photography with Chloe Smith Where: Courthouse Gallery Time: 10.00 am-1 pm COST: \$25, Students \$10	

Charlton Film Festival

Charlton Arts is thrilled to be hosting the annual Charlton Film Festival at the Rex Theatre on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd March. The festival is being held later this year to avoid clashing with OK Motels, long weekends and other events. Following a similar format to previous years, the festival will feature five films, including two suppers and a sumptuous lunch. The candy bar will also be open to purchase popcorn and an ice cream—film watching essentials.

This year's program includes five thought-provoking films. On Friday night, 'Lee' will kick off the festival. Kate Winslet leads this biopic as photographer Elizabeth 'Lee' Miller, a fashion model who became an acclaimed war correspondent for Vogue magazine during World War Two.

The Saturday program begins with 'There's Still Tomorrow'. This Italian film is set in post-war Italy. The family of typical housewife Delia is in turmoil over the impending engagement of beloved firstborn Marcella. The arrival of a

mysterious letter, however, will ignite Delia's courage to face her abusive husband and imagine a better future.

'Sing Sing' is a drama based on a true story following a prison theatre group that escapes the reality of incarceration through the creativity of staging a play. Oscar-nominee, Colman Domingo (Rustin) leads the drama and the cast includes actors who have been incarcerated. (Contains strong language)

'The Pool' is a documentary following a year in the life of the Bondi Icebergs, the most photographed pool in the world. This is where generations of children have learnt to swim, where the diehard have braved the frigid waters of one hundred winters, and where the young and beautiful have come to bond and bake in the hot sun.

The festival finishes with 'Saturday Night'. Jason Reitman helms this depiction of the down-to-the-wire lead-up to the recording of the very first episode of Saturday Night Live. Set at 11:30pm on October 11th, 1975, the film follows a ferocious troupe of young comedians and

writers in the 90 minutes leading up to a broadcast that would change television forever.

Festival Coordinator, Carolyn Olive, is confident the program will have something to suit everyone. However selecting films has become more difficult. "With many films appearing on streaming services very quickly after their release or not having theatrical releases at all, it's harder to find films that people haven't seen already or can easily watch at home. I think there is also a bit of catching up happening from Covid and the writers' strike. We also try to avoid films that have already screened at the Rex. Many visitors see all five films, it can be tricky getting the balance right. Most people really come along not just for the films but for the atmosphere of the Rex Theatre, and the great food."

Ticket prices range from \$12 for a single film to \$100 for the entire program, and are available from the Charlton Neighbourhood House or online at <https://events.humaitix.com/charlton-film-festival-2025>.

Courthouse Gallery Art & Craft Sale

Capitalising on the influx of visitors for OK Motels, the Gallery hosted an Art & Craft Exhibition and Sale. Featuring the ceramics of Genevieve Navarre, woven and hand crafted pieces by Kate Giakimis, Carolyn Morrison's macramé, and a collection of pre-loved art from the collection of the late Judy Blackburn,

visitors ventured out in very hot conditions to appreciate and purchase some wonderful art and craft.

Whilst the committee was happy with the turnout, the very hot weather was a deterrent for many. To give people an opportunity to see the display and perhaps buy something special, the gallery will be

open again for the March long weekend—Saturday & Sunday, 11am - 3pm.

Following this event the next exhibition will be a patchwork and quilting display on the June long weekend. Keep an eye out for further details.



Macrame from first time exhibitor, Carolyn Morrison.



A view of some of Judy Blackburn's collection. There are many terrific artworks—a great chance to pick up an artwork at an affordable price.



What's On at The Rex

2025 CHARLTON ARTS FILM FESTIVAL

Friday 21 & Saturday 22 March

Times: Various

Tickets: \$12 single film through to \$100
season ticket

Bookings & details: [https://
events.humanitix.com/charlton-film-
festival-2025](https://events.humanitix.com/charlton-film-festival-2025)

LYSTER OPERA COMPANY

(Melbourne) presents

THE ABDUCTION FROM THE SERAGLIO

*An opera in 3 Acts by W.A. Mozart. Sung
in German (with English subtitles)*

Saturday 29th March 2pm

Tickets: General Admission - \$40 |

Concession – Seniors, Full-time students,
Centrelink - \$35 | Children – 16 years and
under - \$30.

Bookings: 0410 890 388 |
lysteropera.com.au | [https://
www.trybooking.com/events/
landing/1329713](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1329713) or at the door.

COMIC OPERA TO THRILL THE SENSES

It was supposed to have contained “too many notes”, but was beloved by the general public.

Its title has a word in it which nobody these days has ever heard of, yet despite these quirks, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's first acknowledged opera “The Abduction from the Seraglio” yields a treasure trove of thrilling music which hints at the greatness to come from this composer extraordinaire.

And Buloke audiences can experience this live when the Lyster Opera Company, in association with the Rex Theatre, presents

the work on Saturday 29th March at 2pm.

Offering an uncomplicated storyline, “Seraglio” (pronounced “ser-raa -li -o” and meaning “harem”) was one of the most performed of Mozart's operas during his lifetime.

The action is set in a Turkish harem and relates the story of Spanish nobleman, Belmonte and his friend, Pedrillo who set off to Turkey to rescue Belmonte's fiancé, Konstanze, and her friend, Blonde who have been kidnapped to be sold as slaves by the ruler, Pasha Selim.

The opera plays out in hilarious, action-packed circumstances wherein the heroes and heroines must outwit their captors, particularly the fiendish Osmin (the bad guy), overseer of the Pasha's seraglio.

Developed to reflect the interest in the exotic culture of the Ottoman Empire and Turkey at the time, the work was created in the genre known as “singspiel” (literally a singing play with dialogue, with the role of Pasha Selim as a speaking part).

Written when Mozart was just 26 years of age, the work features some of his most spectacular and difficult arias - in particular the role of Konstanze – a part which has been likened to the “ironman / ironwoman” of singing. The vocally challenging “Matern aller arten” requires extraordinary vocal athleticism and technical mastery and is one of the most demanding showpieces in the soprano repertoire. A truly bravura role requiring a wide vocal range, along with intense lyricism, this is frequently the “show-stopper” item with its thrillingly stratospheric vocals.

Lyster Opera Director, Jamie Moffat said, “The work requires very accomplished singers, and is often difficult to cast because

it needs two sopranos, two tenors and a bass. It's a very fast paced opera, so the challenge is to sing it accurately while keeping the plot bubbling along. While the work is a comedy, it also has some very dramatic moments.”

In bringing opera to regional areas, Jamie said the Lyster Company fulfills the entrepreneurship of William Saurin Lyster who first brought the art form to the growing population of Australia in the nineteenth and early twentieth century.

Dispelling the idea that opera is elitest and only for the musically sophisticated, Jamie said that the touring productions show opera to be accessible and particularly with “Seraglio”, that it can be fun.

“Mozart wrote very accessible music,” Jamie said, “and he also wrote for popular audiences.”

Cast members for this and other Lyster performances are all emerging professionals, many of whom appear with a variety of other companies.

“Lyster aims to give emerging talent an opportunity to add new roles to their repertoire without having to travel overseas to do so,” said Jamie.

And back to that question of “too many notes”? Attributed anecdotally to Austrian Emperor, Joseph II (who commissioned the work) the monarch initially praised the composer at the show's premier in 1782 before deflating the situation with the aforementioned comment. A confused Mozart is supposed to have responded, “But there are just as many notes, Majesty, as are required. Neither more nor less!”

So, why don't you be the judge?! Come along and revel in an afternoon of sublime singing and musicianship.

A highly enthusiastic response greeted last year's performance by the Lyster Opera Company at The Rex. Pictured is a scene from the production.



CHARLTON COURTHOUSE GALLERY

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION & SALE

8/9 MAR 2025

11 AM-
3 PM SAT & SUN

8 CAMP STREET

CASH OR EFTPOS

Charlton Badminton Club

Charlton badminton is back for the
upcoming 2025 season

JUNIORS will commence Tuesday
22nd April after school at 3.30pm
(Must be 9 or turning 9 by
December 31st 2025 or Grade 3)

LADIES play every Friday morning starting at 9.15am
(Children, new faces and old are most welcomed to come
along)

SENIOR BADMINTON a friendly hit up will commence
during the school holidays Wednesday 9th and 16th of April
starting at 7.30pm (Must be 14 years of age or turning 14
before the 31st December 2025)

The AGM will be Wednesday 23rd April 7.30 pm 2025
followed by a friendly social hit. The ladder will commence
the following week. All welcome.

Junior Contacts: Rae Heenan 0437 093 672

Janette Wain 0423 161 992

Ladies Contacts: Bernadette Zagame 0427 582 805

Lisa Bruns 0419 915 519

Night Contact: Brian Heenan 0437 756 672

More details about the upcoming season will follow.



COMING

LIVE ON STAGE



SAT 29 March 2pm

Tickets: General \$40 | Concession \$35
Children (under 16 yrs) \$30

0410 890 388 | lysteropera.com.au

THE REX THEATRE 30-34 High St Charlton

Sierra Scarlett Watts



Born: 7 February, 2025

Parents: Glenden & Ebony Watts

Siblings: Elwood & Phoenix

Grandparents: Denis & Glenda Watts
Karen Driscoll



REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

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



REX THEATRE MARCH COMING ATTRACTIONS

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



THE BRUTALIST

MA 15+ Strong sex scenes and drug use | Drama
215 mins (nc 15 min interval at 110 minute mark)

Sat 1 MAR 8pm
Sun 2 MAR 2pm
Tue 4 MAR 8pm

When visionary architect László Toth and his wife Erzsébet flee post-war Europe in 1947 to rebuild their legacy and witness the birth of modern America, their lives are changed forever by a mysterious and wealthy client.



FLIGHT RISK

92 mins | Thriller

M Mature themes, blood & gore, crude humour, injury detail, violence coarse language, and sexual references

Sat 8 MAR 8pm
Sun 9 MAR 2pm
Tue 11 MAR 8pm

This high-stakes suspense thriller stars Mark Wahlberg as a pilot transporting a US Air Marshal (Michelle Dockery) and fugitive (Topher Grace) to trial. As they cross the Alaskan wilderness, tensions soar and trust is tested, as not everyone on board is who they seem



BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY

125 mins | Comedy | Drama M Sexual references and coarse language

Sat 15 MAR 8pm
Sun 16 MAR 2pm
Tue 18 MAR 8pm

After the tragic loss of Mark Darcy, Bridget navigates life as a single mother to two young children, balancing work, family, and a surprising new romance.

CHARLTON FILM FESTIVAL Fri 21 & Sat 22 March



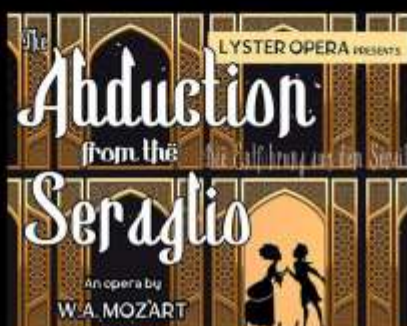
THE LAST SHOWGIRL

M Coarse language and nudity
89 mins | Drama



Sat 29 MAR 8pm
Sun 30 MAR 2pm
Tue 1 APRIL 8pm

The film follows Shelly, a seasoned showgirl who must plan for her future when her show closes abruptly after a 30-year run.



LYSTER OPERA presents The ABDUCTION from the SERAGLIO

Saturday 29 March 2pm

See more: rextheatre.org.au/live-shows.html

Bookings: 0410 890 388 | lysteropera.com.au

Attention quilters!!

Are you a local patchworker? We want your quilts for an exhibition.

PIECED together

Charlton Courthouse Gallery
June 7th - 9th, 2025

Expressions of Interest: Send your name and the size, year and dimensions of your quilt to Jodie 0439 994 883.
NOTE: One quilt per person. Closing date 18th May.



Charlton Arts
proudly presents:

CHARLTON FILM FESTIVAL

March 21st & 22nd 2025
@ The Rex Theatre

Friday

• Lee - 8:00pm

Saturday

• There's Still Tomorrow - 10:30am

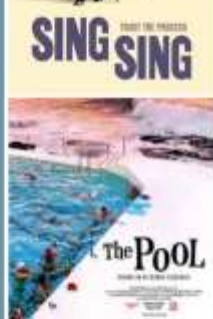
• Sing Sing - 1:45pm

• The Pool - 4:00pm

• Saturday Night - 8:00pm

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-2025>



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OR
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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 27th March**. We take our own cars and car pool across to Donald.

Please contact Anne Kenny 0408 547 973 or
Glenda Litton 0417 801 771 for further details.



Thank You

The family of Bill Fitzpatrick would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming love and support following Bill's passing. Your kindness has provided great comfort during this difficult time. We deeply appreciate the many cards, flowers, meals and offers of help. Your presence at the service, phone calls and shared stories have meant so much. Bill would have been truly touched by the warmth and compassion shown by all.

A fitting tribute was made to Bill as he travelled his final journey on the back of a truck reflecting his legendary life in the trucking world. The generosity and thoughtfulness has been overwhelming and a true testament to the impact he had on everyone who knew him.

*With sincerest thanks
Marie, Billy, Paul, Leanne, Julie and families.*

**2025
Junior CWA**





FEB 28	MAR 21	MAY 02
JUN 20	AUG 15	SEP 05
OCT 17	NOV 14	Membership \$30 Includes snacks & craft supplies

Venue: Charlton College
Contacts-
Jo - 0417 538 598
Donna- 0437 949 536

NEW HORIZON QUILTING will be back in Charlton on the 5th April with a Pop-up Shop.

Location – St Joseph's School Meeting Room.
(entry off Kaye Street.)

Time – 9.00 am to 3.00pm.

I will have a range of pre-cut fabrics, threads, a limited range of wide back fabrics on the bolt and batting.

Entry by gold coin donation (proceeds to St Joseph's)

Any questions please ring Neil on 0411867075.

Thank You

Charlton Citizen of the Year 2025

I would like to thank all who have congratulated me in so many ways on receiving this award.

To have my contribution to our community acknowledged in this way is much appreciated by me and my family.

Thanking you all most sincerely and remember –

Getting involved in our Community makes it stronger and better.

Gill Gretgrix



2025 Memberships



Temporary memberships are available.

Scan the QR code for more information!

Please email charlton.community.gym@gmail.com if you have any queries

CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: The Rocks, Wemen - 2 Day Competition.

When: Saturday & Sunday 8th & 9th March 2025, 7am start Saturday.

Weigh in: Anytime throughout the weekend via the Executive. Final weigh in and presentations, 6pm Sunday.

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet via the Executive at the river prior to fishing
- Fishing can be anytime over the two day competition
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching & releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp
- Longest fish & longest bag for the weekend will be added to yearly aggregate
- Max & Betty Bartlett Memorial Shield up for grabs; \$10/ person, winner takes all.

Entry fee: Adults \$5.00. Juniors \$2.00. Yearly Club Memberships available \$10 adults, \$15 family.

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—March

Sunday 2 March	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 March	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 6 April	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 April	9am	Holy Communion

Hope can be found in unlikely places “Knowing God has a plan for your life, brings hope for the future.” Jeremiah 29:11

When life seems impossible, God brings eternal hope. Hope is essential to our perseverance, our getting through the tough times. Without hope we give up. Hope requires one thing though – a trust in the one who brings real hope.

While considering situations that seem impossible, but where there are signs of hope, I have noticed around the district, little “pop-up” examples of hope. This is a flower called a nerine. It seems everywhere that I have driven over the last month, I have seen them in the paddocks beside the road or in vacant blocks in the towns. There is even a clump of nerines in the garden of a dear friend. What I find inspirational about them, is where they have been planted in the past and continue to flower, year on year. Nerines are a hardy bulb which produces flowers in February. They are of a vibrant colour – most of the ones that I see are what I would call a candy pink – apparently they are the hardiest. Their flowers, produced on naked stems about 50cm tall, are just beautiful. On a hot day, looking at a dusty paddock, there is nothing more uplifting than seeing a clump of nerines in full bloom. I wonder about who planted these bulbs, probably many years ago, and where the rest of the garden has gone, the nerine springs up each year, with no care or attention. A true symbol of hope, connection and joy – keep an eye out as you drive around or perhaps you have some in your garden. May they give you hope also.

Prayer: Dear God, give us hope and make our faith in hope grow in us daily, so we can look after our world, while looking out for those around us. May your world, with nature and beauty, give us the assurance, that hope can spring up from impossible situations. Through your Son Jesus we pray. Amen.

Reverend Judi Bird 0435 593 359
judi.bird@bendigoanglican.org.au

Charlton Connect Church

Services

Sundays, 10am @ Charlton Senior Citizens
1 High Street, Charlton



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

North Central Garden Club

The NCGC held their first meeting for 2025 on Tuesday February 25. President Aileen Allen welcomed those in attendance and although numbers were down, because of another event in town, those present contributed to a successful meeting covering several issues.

Our syllabus for the year was decided on and our trip to the Melbourne International Garden Show was finalised. Tentative steps were taken towards our annual Open Garden Day and the members discussed the distribution of some of the profits from last year's Open Day.

The meeting was followed by a lovely afternoon tea. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 25 at 2pm. New members are most welcome so if you have a love of gardens and/or gardening please come along.

President Aileen Allen Ph 0438911495

Secretary Lynne McRae Ph 0408113104

Charlton Uniting Church

Halliday Street, Charlton.

Service times for March:

Sunday 2nd – 9.00 am at *St. Martins Church of England*

Sunday 9th – 10.00 am. Communion

Sunday 16th – 10.00 am

Sunday 23rd – 10.00 am

Sunday 30th – Cluster Service at Boort.

Look Up

It is easy to grow downhearted when nothing goes your way
It's easy to be discouraged when you have a troublesome day.
But trouble is only a challenge to spur you on to achieve
The best that God has to offer if you have the faith to believe.



East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times

Sun. 9th Mar. 8.30am

Sat. 15th Mar. 7.00pm

Sun. 23rd Mar. 10.30am

Sun. 30th Mar. No Mass



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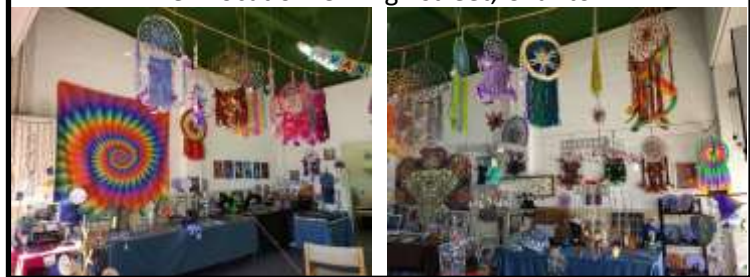
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						1 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
2 Bowls Pairs Ch 10am	3 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm	4 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	5 RSL Social	6 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	7	8 Fishing Comp Gallery Open
9 Fishing Comp Gallery Open	10 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm NO Angling Club Meeting	11 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	12	13 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Loddon Family Care After-noon Tea 3pm @ Mens Shed	14 Probus Meeting RSL Meat Raffle @ CCH	15
16 Charlton Pacing Cup	17 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm Bowls Meeting 7:30pm CWA Meeting	18 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Fun Day 10:30am Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm Forum Meeting 5:30pm	19 Lions Business Meeting RSL Social	20 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Bowls Fours Tournament	21 RSL Meeting Film Festival	22 Fishing Comp (Barham) Film Festival Bowls Triples Ch 10am
23 Fishing Comp (Barham)	24 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm	25 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm NCGC	26	27 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	28	29 Live Show @ The Rex Bowls Fours Ch 10am
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April 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm	2 Lions Dinner Meeting RSL Social	3 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	4	5 Lions Paper Collection from 9am
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