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## 'Country' Theme Headlines Pacing Cup

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

The dress code was "Relaxed Country" and the marketing called on race-goers to kit up in "akubras and boots".

The 2025 Charlton Pacing Cup homed in on all things rural with the theme "We're All Country" as patrons responded with gusto at the 16<sup>th</sup> March premier meet of the year.

The social opening began at 11am with the well supported "Bubbles in the Bush" – an initiative which raises funds for research

into ovarian cancer and runs in conjunction with Team Teal through the harness racing fraternity. Founded by racing enthusiast, Duncan McPherson OAM, the cause is a tribute to his wife Lyn who passed away from ovarian cancer in 2010.

The Charlton Harness Racing Club's original "Bubbles" event was aimed at drawing more women to race day while also using the opportunity to shine a light on women's health. The Club developed a strong partnership with St John of God

Hospital Bendigo (SJOG) and this has continued over the years with representatives attending and sharing outreach and information about the evolution of medical responses to women's cancer journeys. This year's guest speaker, Claire Pysing (Nurse Manager – Day Oncology Unit) was once again on hand to share updates with the crowd on a range of developments introduced over the past twelve months.

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Racing patrons were encouraged to "Leave their hats on" for the country theme at this year's Cup day. President of the Charlton Harness Racing Club, Andrea O'Gorman (second left) made time to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with friends (l-r) Louise Mattick, Kristy O'Gorman, Tracey Amarank and Irene Parker.

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## From the Editor

Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the April edition.

Well what a busy few weeks! The Film Festival, Charlton Cup, Opera at the Rex, and photography and painting classes. There's certainly no shortage of things to do in Charlton. And with ANZAC Day and Easter coming up, I'm sure we'll see plenty of familiar faces about as families come home for a visit.

On the farm, we're keen for a rain as are the townsfolk I'm sure. It's just so very dry—I've had a few garden casualties. And I don't recall swimming this late after summer before. A nice drenching rain soon would be very welcome.

I'd like to congratulate Lindsay Patullo on his croquet success and wish him well on any other competitions he enters this year.

Good luck to our football, netball and hockey teams this year. Go Navies!

Cheers,  
Carolyn

## Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

### April:

The Jeruk River Band—Sat 12th  
Lions Easter Market—Mon 21st  
ANZAC Day Service—Fri 25th

### May:

Museum Glenloch Bus Tour—Sun 4th

### June:

Pieced Together Patchwork Exhibition—June Long Weekend



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# A Feast For Moviegoers

Charlton Arts hosted another successful film festival on the 21st & 22nd March. Moving to a different month to avoid clashes with other events, meant the conditions were more accommodating than is often the case in February which can be quite hot.

The program this year proved very popular with Friday Night's 'Lee' and the Italian film 'There's Always Tomorrow', creating a lot of discussion. 'Sing, Sing' was also well received.

As usual there were many familiar faces who come along each year just to enjoy the special atmosphere of the Rex Theatre and catching up with friends. There were also quite a few new faces with visitors from all over the state.

The suppers and lunches were delicious as usual with the added bonus of buying film watching essentials—popcorn and choc-tops from the candy bar.

Numbers were similar to last year with most visitors buying a season pass. For \$100 it is great value.

Festival Coordinator, Carolyn Olive, was really happy with how the festival went this year. "I'm always nervous about the film choices. This year I hadn't seen any of them previously so was just relying on

film reviews and word of mouth.

We still haven't got back to pre-Covid attendances but the large number of season passes this year certainly gives us hope that

the festival is in good shape and will continue to be an important annual event for Charlton and for the Rex Theatre."



*Festival attendees enjoying supper after the Friday Night film, 'Lee'.*

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# Golden Grains Museum News

April has already rolled around and it's another update from your Charlton Golden Grains Museum. Opening every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm or at other times by request, we have been pleased to have welcomed many visitors from a wide variety of places. 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 wishing to have an interesting outing. Group tours of all sizes are most welcome, and a cuppa and biscuits could accompany your visit. Consider for something different having your meeting then a wander around the venue.

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. Becoming a 'Friend of the Museum' for just \$20 also assists in us continuing our work preserving local history.

## The Depression

Our feature this month looks at the early Depression Years of 1931-35. As a child I heard stories from my grandmother of the terrible times Australia and the world experienced during the depression. She recalled men going door to door offering to do odd jobs for the price of a warm meal. Grandma was lucky enough to have work in the Hoadley's confectionary factory in Melbourne, and recalled how it was common practice for the girls to cake chocolate onto their aprons and scrape it off at home. Charlton wasn't exempt from the hardship of those years with the council reporting 10,500 pounds owing in overdue rates and a severe drop in the population from over 3,000 to 1,360. Many small farms, especially the Soldier Settlers, had been forced off the land due to falling prices and rising costs. For many the only income were government subsistence payments, while the CWA, RSL and local churches formed a committee to administer funds to needy families. A government initiative of a pound for pound relief grant was taken up with proviso that it must be spent on labour programs. Concrete paving was laid in High and Learmonth Streets with the CWA and RSL contributing one third of the cost for Learmonth Street. A further grant of 2,300 pounds was received in 1933 to repair flood damaged roads in the Shire. In 1935 another grant was received to clear the Avoca River of fallen timber on the condition that 16 of the 27 workers were to be unemployed

married men from Melbourne. The work gang was accommodated in tents in what is now Gordon Park and had meals provided on site.

## Glenloth Bus Tour

Look for our promotion for a Glenloth Bus Tour (Sunday May 4th). We'll take you on a trip to look at Glenloth, Teddywaddy and finish up at the historic Cobham Hall for afternoon tea.

## Wesley Chapel Renovations

Further renovations are underway of the back room of the Wesley Chapel. This room was in a sorry state and Gary Bateson and Rod Heritage have been working hard to repair years of deterioration. This room will house our planned medical display. We look forward to an official opening later in the year.

## Preserve your family's history.

Have you thought about having your family's story recorded for future generations? Our museum has a popular service where you can record your 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 a very low \$10, which goes towards helping to maintain our collection.

## Enquiries

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Gary Bateson tackling the messy job of restoring the rear of the Wesley Chapel.

# 'Country' Theme Headlines Pacing Cup

Before Claire's address, the morning session was opened by event coordinators Leanne Fanning (a cancer survivor herself) and Bec Heenan giving a welcome to all and a recap on the amazing grand total of \$50,000 which "Bubbles" has raised since its inception. An emotional Leanne said, "As a survivor I know how incredibly grateful I am, along with the thousands of other women – both young and old - who also benefit from this research."

Thanking major sponsor, St. John of God Bendigo, Leanne also acknowledged the many helpers volunteering their time for fund-raising activities on the day. From purchasing tickets for the raffle and the spinning wheel, placing a signature on the silent auction sheets, buying a teal ribbon or placing a bid during the live auction, patrons' generosity was dedicated towards finding answers in the ongoing quest to treat cancer.

## ST JOHN OF GOD BENDIGO

A regular representative of SJOG, Claire Pysing's address was particularly significant this year as she herself had undergone treatment (successfully) for breast cancer. Noting SJOG's affiliation with "Bubbles" since 2018, Claire revealed the statistics for cancer in 2024 came in at almost 170,000 diagnoses, with around 52,700 of these resulting in death. Emphasizing the importance of cancer research, which has improved statistics

from 68% to 70% over the past seven years, Claire outlined the facility's capacity to offer treatments five days a week, and said they were pleased to welcome Dr Amy Davies, whose experience in treating organ cancers and ongoing academic research was a significant boost to the team. McGrath Breast Care Nurse Consultant, Shanya Beattie, was also acknowledged for her supportive and informative work.

The additional implementation of three new services in 2024 included: the "Joy" program, which provides a low-cost option for families to access private maternity care; the Cardiac Assessment Unit, which provides life-saving intervention and care for people who suffer heart conditions or chest pain and the Wig Library, to help people with cancer.

Claire also acknowledged the Charlton Lions Club which was one of the many donors supporting the purchase of the \$2.5 million Da Vinci Xi surgical robot which performed its first surgery on 12 March.

In concluding her address Claire said, "I hope that one day we will find a cure for cancer. It's events like these that will help us to achieve that goal."

## RIISING STAR OF HARNESS RACING

An interview with the upcoming female harness racing driver, Abby Sanderson - conducted by Frank McGrath - gave an insight into the background of this young sportswoman, who is now based at

Murchison after the family's move from Charlton.

Showing a prodigious beginning in this sporting code, nineteen-year-old Abby has already clocked up a win in the \$100,000 VHRC Caduceus Club Classic at Melton in 2023, along with being the youngest harness racing driver to win the prestigious \$50,000 Mildura Pacing Cup in 2024 after her brother Ryan won the same race the previous year.

With a life-long love of horses fueling thoughts of an equine based career, Abby also shared the commitment needed for a normal race day itinerary which starts early in the morning and often doesn't finish until late at night if travelling for races. She also acknowledged the vibrant harness racing scene in Charlton.

## A NEW INITIATIVE

As the morning progressed a replacement for the Fashions on the Field saw the introduction of the "Country Lady of the Day" award. The inaugural winner, Kristy O'Gorman was announced along with four spot prize winners including Beck Maddocks (Moyston), Tia Fanning, Marea Judd and Stella Nicolson. Winners of the silent auction were also announced before John Tormey and Kevin Thompson launched into the all-important live auction. With items ranging from a pizza oven through to accommodation packages, vouchers, hair and beauty services, fine



A sizable crowd turned out in support for this year's "Bubbles in the Bush" at Sunday's Charlton Pacing Cup. An overcast morning, with a light shower or two did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of those supporting the "Bubbles" event.



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dining, sporting experiences and country clothing items there was plenty to entice the crowd to bid hard and high to support the cause. Charlton Harness Racing Club acknowledged the generosity of sponsors and donors for all the items made available for this fundraising effort.

In concluding the morning all attendees were then invited to stand as Bec Heenan and Leanne Fanning read out the following statement: "While the focus of today is about having fun and raising funds, it also provides us all with an opportunity to reflect on how cancer has touched our lives - for

the ones that have sadly left us, for the warriors who continue to fight and for the survivors. We now ask you to stand and observe a minute's silence in their honour."

The race day program then unfolded and patrons were able to party on into the evening.



Guest speaker Claire Pysing from SJOG Bendigo (centre) is pictured following her presentation to the crowd with "Bubbles" coordinators, Bec Heenan (L) and Leanne Fanning (R).



Bubbles were an important part of the day especially for visitors (L & R) Isabelle Jamieson and Josie Williams.



Showcasing the relaxed country dress codes were winners of the spot prizes and the "Country Lady of the Day" (Kristy O'Gorman second right) with (l-r) Beck Maddocks, Tia Fanning, Marea Judd and Stella Nicolson.



Frank McGrath is pictured with young harness racing star Abby Sanderson who shared insights into the behind-the-scenes work involved in pursuing a career in this sport.



# Charlton Bowls News

## NARREWILLOCK WINS A P EARTHMOVING KRAKAJAK TRIPLES NIGHT BOWLS

Narrewillock Triples team of Doug Finlay, Marty (Bluey) McGeown and Cher Brien (Noddy Out Cher In) have defeated the YYY Men in the Semi Final 12 shots to 5 to progress to play the Triers team of Dale Cook, Wayne Roberts and Mark Hamley who defeated the Townies in their Semi Final 10 shots to 4. The Final was hard fought with the Triers losing 11 shots in three ends but then won the next four ends to be 5 shots to 11 down with one end to play, Narrewillock winning a comfortable 12 shots to 5.

Section two was won by the All-Stars team of Rhys Gahan, Rod Heritage and Wayne Southwell

defeating the Farmers' team of Greg Barnard, Isaac Bourke and Julie Bourke 11 shots to 3.

Section Three Winners were the View Street team of Stuart James, Corey Fanning and Dan Whykes defeating the Legends team of Jenny Walsh, Zac Irwin and Brad Chester 14 shots to 3.

The glasses for the night were won by the Flintstones team of Isaac Roberts, Steve Harper and Greg Wain with 16 shots in the glasses game against the Funbags team of Bronwyn Fisher, Tamara Brown and Jodie Quinn.

Thank you to our Sponsors A P Earthmoving for assisting us since 2015 and the offer to continue into the future, Aaron Watts was present on the evening.



Winners Narrewillock Doug Finlay, Cher Brien, Bluey McGowen.



Section 2 Winners All Stars Rodney Heritage, Wayne Southwell, Rhys Gahan.



Section 3 Winners View Street Corey Fanning, Dan Whykes, Stuart James.

## CHARLTON Bowling Club Tournament TAKE 2

After cancelling on February 6<sup>th</sup> because of heat, Charlton Bowling Club Inc found an alternate date of Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> to try once more.

With weather conditions forecasting rain and wind, we got under way as planned at 10am when all eighteen teams arrived. Charlton had two teams, plus Boort, Calivil, Donald, Donald Golf, Kerang, Pyramid Hill, St. Arnaud, St. Arnaud Country Club, Quambatook, Wedderburn and Wycheproof. The day commenced with a roll to the ditch with Leaders, Seconds, Thirds and Skips rolling at different times to decide Four Winners.

With three games to be played, and the weather showery, the Match Committee decision was to play 12 ends first game

before lunch, followed by two games of eight ends. In each game the heavens opened, with bowlers going for their coats, and then the sun came out again, Coats came off, until the next shower came blowing through.

Overall, we got through the day with a few showers with two Donald Teams winning their Three Games. On a Countback Donald Team of Alison McEwen, Luke Kelly, Ian (Tiger) McEwen and the Donald Stalwart Norm Hollis won. Runners Up Donald Golf's Bill Livingston, Tony Dionisopoulos, Geoff Rigby and another Donald Golf Stalwart Stuart Hollis.

Third prize went to a Boort Team with two wins and a draw with Dot Gibson, Lynne Carroll, John Gibson and Greg Carroll.

President Michael O'Brien thanked all Bowlers for their support and he expressed the gratitude of our Sponsors: Teys Charlton Feedlot, for supplying the meat for our Meat n Gravy Rolls; MoGas Diesel, Napier Park Funerals, MOR Financial Planners, Starts Bus & Charter Services, Charlton Medical, Mulquiny Fuels, J & K Cox, F P Nevins and Co, and Turf Engineering, Raffle vouchers were donated by Jack High Bowls Shop, Donaldson's Tyre Service and Charlton IGA Supermarket. Thank you to our Sponsors as listed above for their Support.

## BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS DECIDED

On Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>, twenty Members made up five teams to contest the Charlton Bowling Club's Championship Fours. A Round Robin Format was used to



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give teams a go at each other.

The Winners for season 2024/25 were Rhys Gahan, Joo Ong, Dale McCallum and Wayne Southwell winning three games to secure the title.

On Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm Kevin Willey will play Wayne Southwell in the 100UP Final, this will be followed by the Pairs Final with Kevin Willey and Cher Brien to play Michael O'Brien and Zac Irwin.

Also to be decided in the near future is the Triples Final with Ken North, Jeff Cox and Steve

Harper to play Michael O'Brien, Dale McCallum and Greg Barnard.

Closing Day Bowls and Presentations will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> commencing at 1pm, a list for members to add their names is up. Members a plate please.

Our AGM will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Committee nominations are being accepted for vacancies of Vice President, Secretary and three Ordinary Members by April 15<sup>th</sup>.



Tournament Winners Donald—Alison McEwen, Luke Kelly, Ian (Tiger) McEwen, Norm Hollis.



Tournament Runners Up—Donald Golf Bill Livingston, Tony Dionisopoulos, Geoff Rigby, Stuart Hollis.



Tournament Third Place—Boort John Gibson, Dot Gibson, Greg Carrol, Lynne Carrol.



## Charlton RSL Sub-branch

ANZAC Day, the One Day of the Year, when Australians and our New Zealand cousins join hands to remember the landing at ANZAC Cove in the early hours of 25 April 1915, 110 years ago, but still strong in our memory. We honour our dead from all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations and we reflect on the sacrifices of all who have served our country.

Charlton's commemorations on Friday 25 April will follow traditional lines, starting at the Cenotaph in High Street, then the march to the Shire Hall in Armstrong Street, the ceremony in the Hall and concluding with morning tea and refreshments in the RSL clubrooms. There will be a new project at the Hall to encourage student participation; this is a work in progress at this stage.

RSL members are asked to assemble at the Cenotaph at 0840 hours; Parade Fall In will be called at 0850; Wreath Laying will be at 0855 in the order RSL and Shire, schools and other organisations, then general public; at 0900 The Ode will be recited, followed by the Last Post, Reveille and Rouse. The March, accompanied by the Charlton and Wycheproof Community Brass Band under the baton of Bandmaster Brian Heenan OAM, will start at 0905 and proceed from the Cenotaph along High Street, turn into and along Armstrong Street and halt at the Shire Hall. After Parade Dismiss, RSL members and the general public will enter the Hall for the formal ceremony.

Our Guest Speaker this year will be Squadron Leader Michael Lowe (Retired) from St Arnaud.

At the completion of the ceremony, all are invited into the RSL clubrooms adjoining the Hall to reflect on this One

Day of the Year and enjoy morning tea and refreshments with RSL members, family and friends.

During the week preceding and the week of ANZAC Day, RSL members will be manning a street stall outside Charlton IGA and selling ANZAC badges, pens and other items. All moneys raised from the ANZAC Appeal go to veterans' and their families welfare; please give us your usual generous support.

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

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

*LEST WE FORGET.*

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# Charlton College News

## Loddon Mallee Conference | 7<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, staff travelled to Swan Hill and undertook a Professional Development Day. All of us engaging in different workshops throughout the day, it was very interesting. Thank you to Swan Hill College for having us.

## Heidi and Stella Loddon Mallee Region Swimming | 11<sup>th</sup>

Charlton College had two students represent the school at the LMR Swimming Championships held in Swan Hill.

Congratulations to Stella and Heidi for their outstanding performances and achievements. Well done to Stella for making it to the championships and competing at such a high level. Her hard work and dedication in training over the summer and throughout the school year have clearly paid off. It's a huge effort to reach this level, and Stella's performance is a great reflection of her commitment to improving and pushing herself!

Heidi finished with two 2nd place finishes in Freestyle and Breaststroke, as well as three 3rd place finishes in Butterfly,

Backstroke, and the Individual Medley. Again, this is a remarkable achievement and a testament to her hard work and dedication.

The College is incredibly proud to have both Heidi and Stella as representatives. Well done girls!

## F-6 Hockey Roadshow | 12<sup>th</sup>

Students were thrilled to take part in the Hockey Roadshow once again this year! Lucy and Ella guided students through the basics of stickhandling, passing, and shooting, making for a fun and engaging session for our F--6 students. Beyond learning new skills, students embraced the spirit of teamwork, confidence, and sportsmanship, making the experience both exciting and rewarding.

## Year 12 Biology

Zali, Joe and Fletcher have been studying DNA manipulation, which is quite a complicated topic!

## Year 8 Surf Camp | 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

Our Year 8's ventured down to coast of Torquay with Mr Ryan, Ms Smith & Mr McCallum. They were blessed with near perfect conditions for the three days, trying

their hand at surfing, sea kayaking and mountain bike riding.

## Jye Returns to School

It was a very special moment to see Jye back in school uniform surrounded by his friends. Everyone was very excited by his return, even some of our youngest primary students were ecstatic to see him back. Some comments heard from the playground: "Jye's back at school I can't believe it!!!", "I've seen him, he's here!!!" It was like a famous superstar had entered the building!

Welcome back Jye – you've truly been missed!

## Ms Dohrmann & Baby Percy come to visit

Ms Dohrmann, one of our Chemistry, Science and Math teachers popped in for a visit with her adorable two-month-old son, Percy! They joined in on Ms Carney's health class, where Ms Dohrmann shared some insights about childbirth.

## Charlton College have been raising money!

We've been raising money for Foodbank



Brooke Burr, Sarah Blair, Maggie Riley, Isaac Bourke, Michael Olive, Thomas Phillips & Jye Roberts



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Australia! Foodbank supports over 1000 Victorian Government schools to deliver millions of meals to students, and we returned the favour by helping raise some money. There was an incentive though! The Great Teacher Slime.

Each week the year level leading with the most money raised got to pick a staff member to slime! Mr Kemp was our first victim, followed by Mr Daff the following week!

## Calder Hot Shots | 27<sup>th</sup> March

Our Year 5/6s travelled to Boort to represent Charlton College at the annual Tennis Hot Shots Carnival! It was a fantastic day, and our students demonstrated great sportsmanship and skill throughout the event and were lucky to come out as overall winners on the day!

## Fairwell Mr Daff

Our Principal Jamie Daff finishes up at Charlton College Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and

dedication Jamie has put into making our school a better place. We wish him all the very best in his Principal position at Rushworth P-12.

## Welcome Kristen Le Gassick

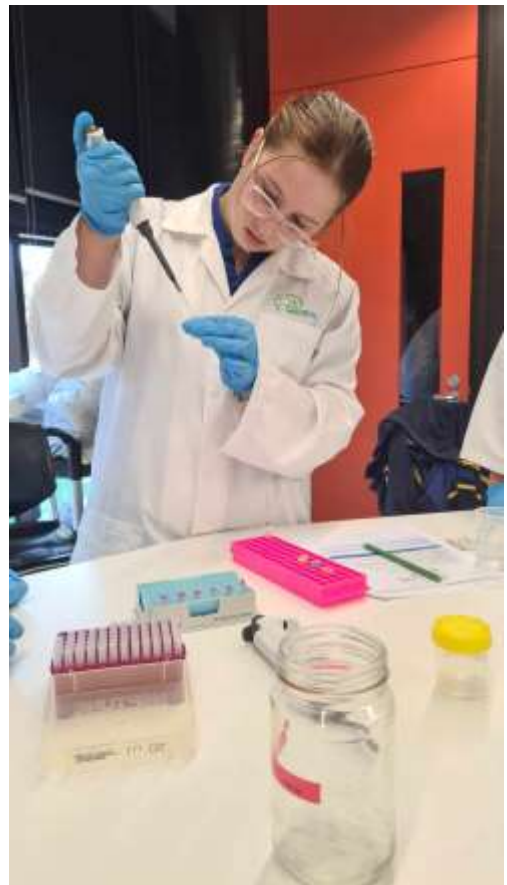
Kristen will be our Acting Principal for Term 2 & Term 3. Kristen is coming to Charlton College from her position as Assistant Principal at Swan Hill College. We look forward to meeting her and showing her what a great community Charlton is.



Biology - Fletcher.



Biology - Joe.



Biology - Zali.



Michael Olive, Sarah Blair, Ms Dohrmann, Baby Percy & Maggie Riley.



Heidi Start & Stella Nicolson.





# St Joseph's School News

## DOUBLE CELEBRATION AT ST JOSEPH'S

What a fantastic day of celebration, sharing of cultures, respect, love and harmony at St Joseph's School Charlton, on Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Year 6 leader, Sophie, articulated at the morning Mass of celebration, the fitting connection between the Feast Day of St Joseph the worker and of Harmony Week.

*St Joseph's Feast Day is a special day when we remember St Joseph, who was kind, caring, and always looked after his family. He showed us how important it is to help others, be welcoming, and make sure everyone feels safe and happy. St Joseph teaches us to be good friends and to include everyone, just like he did.*

*Harmony Day is another special day where we celebrate how different and unique everyone is. It's all about showing kindness, respect, and making sure no one feels left out.*

*These two special occasions fit together because both St Joseph's Feast Day and Harmony Week remind us how important it is to care for others, include everyone, and make sure everyone feels like they belong.*

*Happy St Joseph's Day & Happy Harmony Week!*

During Mass, specially commissioned crosses for the foyer and Multi-purpose Room were blessed by Fr Gerry Prunty. The crosses are beautifully hand-crafted in timber, paying homage to our patron Saint, carpenter Joseph.

Students, dressed in cultural dress or wearing a touch of orange (the colour for Harmony Week) enjoyed mixed-age activities and treats throughout the day – goody bags, a zooper-doooper, made reciprocal key chains for a friend, created colourful people silhouettes and learnt more about St Joseph.

The highlight of the day was the shared meal, lovingly prepared by our families associated with India, Croatia, Philippines, Vietnam, Timor-Leste, Egypt and Australia! We are so grateful to our families and staff who made the day so special. Students loved hearing about the different dishes and eagerly tried them all! We finished the day with full bellies, full hearts and a renewed understanding of belonging, welcome and harmony.



*One of the new wooden St Joseph's crosses.*



*Jon Morkos, Punarjani Mohan, Edwin Jince.*



*Lochie Caine, William Donaldson, Yazmin Johnstone.*



*Princy & Jince, Niju & Tintu, Elizabeth Siju and Rakhi Mohan.*



*Reymon & Maivol Morkos, Hanh Sait and Elizabeth Getley who prepared food from Egypt, Vietnam and Croatia.*





# St Joseph's School News



The school group celebrating the day.



Jovakkim Niju enjoying the feast.

## Charlton Tennis Season Wrap-Up

On 15th March 2025, Charlton Lawn Tennis Club wrapped up another successful season with our Annual Australia Day Tournament and participation in the North Central Tennis Association Competition. Charlton narrowly missed the finals, finishing 5th after a slow start and integrating new recruits.

Thank you to everyone who played regularly, filled in occasionally, and helped at the last minute.

We also completed our Club Singles and Doubles Championships for both Men and Ladies. Congratulations to our champions:

- **A Grade Men's Singles Champion:**  
Troy Heenan
  - **A Grade Ladies' Singles Champion:**  
Jo Southcombe
  - **Men's Singles Runner-Up:** Brian Heenan
  - **Ladies' Singles Runner-Up:** Michelle Jenkyn
  - **Men's Doubles Winners:** Troy Heenan & Brian Heenan
  - **Ladies' Doubles Winners:** Michelle Jenkyn & Rae Heenan
  - **Men's Doubles Runners-Up:** Henry Bourke & Anthony Hargreaves
  - **Ladies' Doubles Runners-Up:** Jo Southcombe & Abby Thompson
- Congratulations to all the rising stars who completed the Hot Shots Program in 2024-25.

A massive thank you to everyone involved in the club throughout the season. The executive appreciates all your support.

**Save the Date:**  
CLTC AGM on 5th May 2025 at 7:30 pm  
at the Charlton Tennis Club Clubhouse.



Men's Singles Champion—Troy Heenan & Ladies's Singles Champion—Jo Southcombe.





# Charlton Harness Racing

## CHARLTON DELIVERS A 'PROUDLY COUNTRY' CUP DAY

After a teasing few drops of rain on the morning of March 16<sup>th</sup> everything fell into place for a vibrant day of top racing and happy socialising at the Community Bank Charlton and District Charlton Cup Day.

Boots and hats were the order of the day as everyone embraced the country theme.

The St. John of God Bendigo Hospital Bubbles in the Bush again proved that generosity and community spirit are alive and well amongst not only the women of Charlton, but the wider harness racing industry.

Ably led on the day by Leanne Fanning and Rebecca Heenan and supported by Kim Thompson and a band of loyal workers, \$6700 of vital funds was raised for the Team Teal Campaign for 2025. It is particularly gratifying from a club perspective that Charlton has contributed so much to the well being of ovarian cancer sufferers and their families, and perhaps has helped in some way to edge towards a cure for this disease. Well done ladies – we are very proud of the way that you continue to support this cause.

St. John of God Bendigo Hospital was again represented by Claire Pysing who

revealed her own health battle to the crowd, making the event even more pertinent and moving.

Thank you to John Tormey and Kevin Thompson who provided a great auction and to all the helpers, ticket sellers, donors, and girls who attended planning meetings and put their hand up for jobs. Clearly these events rely on the likes of you and you delivered!!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO CUP WINNERS!

Cracking fields made for great racing – we do say a huge THANK YOU to the trainers and owners who continue to support our race days and especially our big day.

Sibling rivalry was on display for all to see as the Sanderson 'kids' (as they will be forever known as here) fought out the Community Bank Charlton and District Charlton Pacing Cup with Ryan and Catapla Rescue taking the honours over Abby and Dangerous. It was lovely to see the whole Sanderson crew back in town and bringing their best horses certainly elevated the level of cup racing. Congratulations to Shane, Naomi, Abby, Ryan and 'Pencil' Kelly who play a massive role in the new operation at

Murchison.

Thank you to our major sponsors Community Bank Charlton and District who continue to see the value in supporting our club and allow us to turn on a day that is worthy of being considered one of the best country cup days in this region.

We are equally lucky to have strong support for the North West Ag Services Trotting Cup from Luke Zagame and his team at North West Ag Services. All of our trainers deal with Nth West Ag on some level and we are lucky to have this business align itself so closely with our industry and provide such great service and support. Thank you to all and for the way you attended and participated on the day.

The North West Ag Trotting Cup was taken out by Wish Upona Dream trained by Bec Morrissey and driven by Kerryn Manning.

Charlton had its moment in the sun too with Mick Gadsden flying the flag with Flexi Bet beating home stablemate No Emotion and Tori Hutchins and Celestial Daybreak completing the Charlton trained trifecta. Always nice to get a win on your home Cup day so well done Mick and Emily.

Cormack Racing also won their mandatory race with Direct Command – well done.

## BIRCHIP MALLEE BULL CUP

The club was happy to add another feature race to the day when the Birchip Club unfortunately had their Cup Day cut short by inclement weather the week prior. Lochiel Lad trained by Alex Ashwood and driven by Ellen Tormey was a most popular winner with five of the ownership group being Charlton members!

## HOMECOMING FOR HONORARY CHARLTONIANS

As life takes its inevitable twists and turns and things change for many reasons it says much about our club and town that every single tenant past and present from the Training Centre was present on Cup Day.

We welcomed back with open arms

Greg Norman, Dixie and Cormack Racing from Sth Australia and Nagambie

The Sanderson family from Willowood Farm Murchison

Denbeigh Wade from Cairns

And the biggest surprise of all

The Markham family from Western Australia.

Fantastic to know that they all miss Charlton on some level and that they valued the friendships that they formed whilst here.

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CUP DAY SPONSORS AND LOCAL GROUP HELPERS

- Kylie and Naomi Fitzpatrick and team – amazing caterers, what a job!
- Lions Club – for running the BBQ



Fashion on the Field Winners: Bec Maddocks, Marea Judd and Amy Nicolson.





# Charlton Harness Racing

- Golf Club – for running the after races BBQ
- Charlton College Year 10s –for manning the gates
- Charlton Football Club – for running the outside bar
- Community Bank Charlton and District –major sponsor Charlton Pacing Cup
- North West Ag Services – major sponsor Charlton Trotting Cup
- Ames Australasia – Dale McGrath
- Heenan’s Charlton Newsagency – Troy and Rebecca Heenan
- Stahl Electrical – John and Damien Stahl
- Cricket Club Hotel – Leanne Gretgrix and Greg Towers
- Hayden Kelly
- GMG Financial Group – Jess White

### THANK YOU CHARLTON

Finally a sincere thank you to all the locals who helped set up and clean up the course, and made the effort to attend and be part of all aspects of the day.

Whether it was taking part in the varied punting competitions (well done Toby McKinnon and Darren Carroll), dining, fashions, cup parade, fundraiser or just cheering home participants, by taking the opportunity to support an event that is beamed all over Australia from our small town you made the day a great success.

Go Charlton Trots!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Next raffle night – Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Cricket Club Hotel 5pm onwards

Next Charlton race meeting –  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Djaara Cup Day.



Paul Lowrey winning owner of Catapla Rescue.



Sanderson Team after winning the Cup. Naomi, Ryan, Pencil Kelly, Abby and Shane.



Peter Boyle, Kim Jones, Zac Steenhuis, Sebastian Steenhuis and Laurie Mulquiny.



Trainer Bec Morrissey, driver Kerryn Manning, HRV BOARD MEMBER Judy Rothacker, and Amy Nicolson from Nth West Ag.



Tamara Markham and Denbeigh Wade- back for a visit!



Driver Jordan Leedham, Flexi Bet, and trainer Mick Gadsden.



# CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

## Welcome to April!

April brings fresh opportunities to explore, learn, and connect with our community. Dive into this month's engaging activities and events—there's something for everyone!

## Regular Weekly and Monthly Activities

- Coffee with a...: Mondays during school term, 10:30 AM–12 PM at the FLO Cafe. Share a cuppa and chat with fascinating local guests.
- Yarning<sup>2</sup>: Mondays, 10:30 AM–12 PM. Bring your knitting, crochet, felting, macramé, or other yarn projects and enjoy friendly conversation.
- Storytime: Fourth Tuesday of every month, 10:30 AM–12 PM at the Charlton Library inside the Shire Hall. Perfect for young children 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.
- Conversation Hour with Chris: Fridays, 10:30 AM–11:30 AM. Explore compelling topics in a friendly group setting. Next session is on May 23rd.

## Resilient Women: Empowered Communities

This was an incredible event! We saw over 100 people, from across Buloke, come together on Sunday March 23rd to hear from amazing women about their lives, leadership, resilience and the power of empowering our communities. Keynote speaker Fabian Dattner inspired many as she shared her leadership journey, the joys and the struggles. Fabian encouraged people that with her steps we can take to lift our ideas off the ground and create positive change! What an amazing way to celebrate International Women's Day!

## April Highlights

### Stargazing

Stargazing at Wooroonook Lakes. We are partnering with The Bendigo District Astronomical Society for what is set to be a great night! Many constellations will be visible as well as Mars! Bus available but bookings essential. BYO picnic.

This activity, due to its nature, is subject to weather.

### Autumn Edition of Charlton Cultural Magazine

Now available for purchase! Packed with stories, art, and community features, this edition celebrates local talent. Get your copy at Charlton Neighbourhood House. \$5. This edition's photography competition is Rustic Charm. Showcase your talent and love for Charlton! Entries are due by May 1st. Prizes include \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place.

### Looking Ahead

May will feature exciting cooking classes, a first aid course, and more opportunities to connect and create. Keep an eye on our window displays and social media for updates.

Thank you for making Charlton Neighbourhood House part of your journey. Together, we're creating a vibrant, engaged community!



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# WHAT'S ON FOR



## APRIL

Each  
Monday  
of School  
Term

### Yarning<sup>2</sup> Social Group

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, bring your own yarn project



# 28

### Coffee with a... Councillor

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



# 9

### Carers & Co Lunch - Eliot Walton

Paramedic Community Support

Where: Charlton East Hotel

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30 pm

COST: Lunch at subsidised price



## COMING UP IN MAY

# 9

### Tech Tips - SMS Scams

Where: CNH

Time: 3pm - 3:30pm

FREE, bookings essential.



# 4

### Photography with Chloe Smith - Part 2

Where: Courthouse Gallery

Time: 2pm - 5pm

COST: \$25, Students \$10



# 15

### Buloke Book Club

Where: Charlton Library

Time: 10:30am -12pm

COST: FREE



# 8

### First Aid + CPR Training

Where: Senior Citizens

Time: 9:00 am

COST: CPR Only \$90 First Aid \$180



# 16

### e-Prepared Paperwork Sessions

Where: CNH

Time: Appointments only

FREE, bookings essential.



# 14

### Tech Tips - Web Tracking & Data Breaches

Where: CNH

Time: 3pm - 3:30pm

FREE, bookings essential.



# 22

### Children's Storytime with Georgina

Where: Charlton Library, Shire Hall

Time: 10:30 -11:30am

COST: FREE



# 21

### National Simultaneous Storytime

Where: Local Schools



# 26

### Stargazing

Where: Wooroonook Lakes

Time: 6:00pm

FREE, bookings essential.



# 21

### e-Prepared Paperwork Sessions

Where: CNH

Time: Appointments only

FREE, bookings essential.



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# All Conquering Mozart

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

The Lyster Opera Company made a welcome return to Charlton's Rex Theatre on 29<sup>th</sup> March with Mozart's three act opera, "The Abduction from the Seraglio".

Proving that if the opportunity presents people will follow, an enthusiastic crowd of locals, visitors and travellers from beyond made a sizable audience which showed their appreciation for the singing and musical talents needed to present this vocally challenging work.

While encompassed in a relatively simple story, love, passion, plus a touch of humour were the underpinning themes, while the denouement of forgiveness was what elevated the plot to bring about the finale of happy outcomes for the principal couples, if not for some of the secondary characters.

A dual cast of the main characters – including suitors, Belmonte and Pedrillo, and their intendeds, Konstanze and Blonde – are alternated across this 2025 Lyster season as the production tours smaller centres across regional Victoria. The other roles of Osmin, Pasha Selim (non singing) and the chorus of four singers remain unchanged for all performances.

Given the singing demands on the four principals, along with the opportunity to explore this work's vocal diversity, it's understandable that the casting is shared across a number of performers. Speaking after the show on Saturday the cast talked about the energy expended in the singing and all were looking forward to unwinding in town overnight before heading back to Melbourne the next day.

Pianist Kevin Tamanini showcased his extensive accompanist skills on the Steinway concert grand piano, effortlessly working through the demanding Mozart

score which was broken up with short bursts of dialogue. The Rex's good fortune to have the Steinway on loan from locals Robert Cripps and Dana Czarski has surprised many visiting artists - including the Lyster cast - who were amazed to see the gold standard instrument in a small country town.

An outstanding and innovative set by designer Blair Parkinson captured the essence of the Turkish scene setting with colourful and easily maneuverable panels which could be enhanced with a few props or merely turned around to change the view.

The opulent costuming by Maddy Connellan (a costume designer with experience in many of the biggest musicals) captured both the historical era and the lavishness of the Ottoman era, with the rich colours striking out against the background panels.

With a young, but very experienced cast

whose bios revealed the scope of their training and professional transitions, this was a musical delight for those who appreciate opera and for those who are at an entry-level to the art form. Mozart's opera was meant to "captivate, charm and entertain", and this was certainly in evidence at the March 29 performance.

The Rex acknowledges the liaison with Lyster Director, Jamie Moffat and the support shown by Rachel Buckley in spreading the word about The Rex as an entertainment venue. It was also pleasing to welcome Lyster's major sponsor - Henkell Brothers Investment Partners –with Mr. Hans Henkell again attending at this year's event.

The Rex looks forward to a continuing partnership with Lyster Opera into the future.



*Striking costumes added to the visuals of the show with an ensemble piece featuring chorus members (l-r) James Park, Lucy Gries, with Jamie Moffat (Osmin – the bad guy!), Troy Castle and Alicia Groves.*



*Pedrillo (Alastair Cooper-Golec) and Blonde (Helen Koehne) provided some of the lighter moments in the opera. Both artists have a considerable range of experience with opera companies and cover a diverse spectrum of musical genres. Alastair was a Herald Sun Aria finalist in 2021 and has been the recipient of many awards and a Greenroom nomination in 2023.*



*Principal cast Belmonte (Paul Biencourt) and Konstanze (Katy Turbitt) are pictured during an Act 1 aria.*



# Croquet Club News

On a beautiful autumn day the Charlton Croquet Club hosted the Murray Valley Golf Croquet Championships on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Games commenced at 8.30am and continued until 5pm. Clubs represented were Boort, Red Cliffs, Swan Hill and Charlton. The winners were Section 1 Daryl Henderson (Boort), Section 2 Julie Barber (Swan Hill) and Section 3 Alister McDougal (Boort). These players now will represent Murray Valley at the Victorian Regional Championships at Cairnlea from 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April.

The Association Croquet Club Championship was played on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Margaret Bowen, Barb Dalrymple, Naomi Patullo and Anne Kenny competed in this round robin event. The final game was the decider with Anne Kenny coming from behind to defeat Naomi Patullo. Naomi reduced her handicap to 12 during the event.

The Golf Croquet Section

Championships have been decided with Margaret Bowen winning Sect. 2 and Val Bourke Section 3.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March the staff from St Joseph's School enjoyed playing 2 games of Golf Croquet. The competitive spirit of some members was evident!

Congratulations to Lindsay Patullo on being a member of the victorious Victorian team which won the Eire Cup in Adelaide from 12-16 March. The Eire Cup competition officially began in 1950 as an Interstate Tournament. All six states competed this year and Victoria was undefeated. The team consists of 4 male and 4 female competitors. The players play 2 singles matches and 1 mixed match (20 in total) against each state. Before the Eire Cup Lindsay played in the Australian Men's Singles Championship and did very well. Naomi Patullo played in the Australian Ladies' Singles Championship.



Club Championship Winner, Anne Kenny, and Runner-up, Naomi Patullo.



Staff from St Joseph's School playing Golf Croquet.



## Croquet helps the brain and also gives Lindsay a passion to follow

By Sue Hynes – North Central News

As passion helps the brain, that is something that we all want.

When Lindsay Patullo from Charlton first came across Croquet it was because his wife Naomi had an acquired brain injury and it was suggested that Croquet would be a good pastime for her.

Lindsay being the good husband that he is also became involved and one thing lead to another and his pastime became a passion.

With Anne Kenny giving him tips and encouragement Lindsay's love of the game grew.

So much so that Lindsay recently represented this district in the Victorian team that played for the Eire Cup and competed so well they were undefeated.

That is where he is now but it has been hard work, says Lindsay.

"Anne Kenny sent me to Horsham because I had 'become too big for my boots'.

"In Horsham Ken Bald coached me, and

now we are up to three and a half years".

"I work very hard.

"I train every day, for one to one and a half hours."

With suggestions to go to Florida this year and to New Zealand in 2 years' time,

Lindsay's passion now leads him overseas.

Not too bad for a passion that also improves the brain.

Below: Lindsay, second from left, with the winning team and the Eire Cup.







# Charlton Netball Club

The 2025 Netball season is almost here! Time certainly flies but many are keen to get back out on court and have some fun.

We have a fresh new look coming into this season with all grades having new coaches taking the lead.

Firstly, we welcome Anika Holmes-Brown and Stella Nicolson as our NetSetGo Coaches for season 2025 who will be guided by our experienced Rach Smyth. It's always great to see our youth stepping up to take on these roles, give back, and become very valued role models to our youngest players. Registrations prove we will have enough players to make a side which is always promising and fun come Saturdays.

Claudia Lee and Sarah Blair have been announced as our Under 14 Coaches. Claudia is an extremely valued A Grade player with incredible knowledge of the game. Claudia is very much looking forward to coaching the youth of our club and implementing what she has learnt during her time representing our club at league level as both a player and coach. Sarah will enjoy her year learning from Claudia and sharing her passion and energy with the team. Sarah successfully played in many senior games last year and earned her spot in our A Grade Grand Final team. We

can't wait to see the team growth over the season under Claudia and Sarah.

A familiar face to Charlton has come on board as the under 17s Coach this year with Holly Thompson taking on the role. A true navies girl at heart Holly is so excited to work with our U17s bringing a wealth of knowledge and impressive coaching and playing history with her. Holly was a joint Coach of our NetSetGo program last year and quickly became a favourite to all the children and parents. Her organisation and preparation for a scratch match on Saturdays proved she was ready to climb the ranks. Holly is also a great asset to our Senior squad and is a very versatile player.

Yet another familiar face is local Jac Leslie, our new C Grade Coach. Jac brought the navy dress out of retirement last year and showed us all how skilled she is. Jac shared the Runner Up Trophy last year and was selected in our B Grade team at times and proving her shooting skills never missed a beat. Jac a playing Coach will bring a lot of enthusiasm and knowledge to our club which she will no

doubt bring in abundance as Coach. Her personality also brings a recruiting hat so look out for some new recruits to the team and the sidelines.

Last but certainly not least, we are thrilled to announce Leah Smith (Mitchell) as our Senior Netball Coach this year. Leah is so proud to once again be back in the







# Charlton Netball Club

navy colours and is eager for a strong season. Leah has many years of coaching and playing experience under her belt and is going to bring a lot of fresh ideas to the club. We will have a focus on developing our youth this season, and creating versatility to all players. We will have a different look on court as the future of our club is looking very promising with many pregnancy announcements during the off season.

We would also like to welcome Leah's daughter Lacey who will slot into our Under 17s team and no doubt will join the senior girls. Leah's youngest daughter Maddi will also enjoy having some fun with our NetSetGo girls of a Saturday.

Our girls have put in a pre-season, working hard in the heat to get ready for a cracking season. Recently we enjoyed an all-in club preseason training which was a lot of fun.

Our committee and social club are always successful off the court and we are happy to be fielding each grade. To continue to field sides and have new Coaches is a win during the off season. Chloe Walsh will continue to lead our club as President and we will enjoy watching her shine on the court. Charlton Netball Club have a new executive team assisting Chloe with Rach Lloyd taking on Vice President, Abby Mulquiny as our Secretary and Rebecca Sexton as Treasurer.

There is still time to join our amazing club with all past and new players very welcomed! All our training details are posted via our Facebook page – "Charlton Football, Hockey and Netball Club".

*Right: Practice match day #2 v Mallee Eagles.*



# Charlton Probans News

Thirty four members attended our General Meeting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. New member Glenys Bowen-Hill was nominated by Sandra Patton and we wish her well as a Probian. Deb Cleary spoke about the Table for 8 where she will lead a cooking class devoted to Greek food. Deb explained how she developed an interest in Greek food.

After morning tea the club held its AGM. In her President's Report Anne Kenny made special mention to Pat Clifford who has had the Hospitality role for 16 years, and did not seek re-election. Words cannot express the club's gratitude to Pat for her willingness to cater at our monthly meetings and especially on our outings, our birthday and the AGM.

Pat Clifford and Sue Livingstone were the only members this year with 100% attendance, although there were 11 members who only missed one meeting.

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*Committee: Kim Wishart, Nick Saunders, Anne Kenny, Garry Larmour, Sandra Patton, Pat Mathews, Sue Walsh, Eily Rosewall, David Beaty*





# Charlton Probus News

After the General Business formalities Brian Heenan was asked to conduct the election of Office Bearers. The 2025/26 Committee is: President – Kim Wishart; Secretary – David Beaty; Treasurer – Nick Saunders; Outings – Sandra Patton; Membership – Garry Larmour; Publicity/Historian – Anne Kenny; Newsletter – Patricia Mathews; Program & Hospitality – Sue Walsh; Caring – Eily Rosewall.

Kim said she was honoured to lead the club.

After the AGM Garry Larmour presented a slide show of the Trade Travel trip to Kangaroo Island last year. Quite a few Probians were on the trip. On the way they visited the Strathalbyn Museum. At Victor Harbour they went on the horse drawn tram and visited a Museum. They boarded a Sea Link ferry at Cape Jervis to cross to Kingscote, Kangaroo Island. Some of the places visited on the island were – a Wild Life Park, a Lavendar Farm, the Blow Hole,

Remarkable Rocks, a Winery and the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Oil Distillery. On the return to Charlton they stopped at McLaren Vale in the wine district. Garry was particularly impressed with the d’Arenberg Cube – a 5 storey building inspired by the Rubik’s cube. It houses a contemporary art museum, a tasting room etc. Another great trip with Trade Travel.

After Garry’s talk members enjoyed a Sausage Sizzle.

A special Happy Birthday to Pat Sutton who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Unfortunately, Pat was unable to be at our General Meeting but she joined the March birthday people for a cuppa at the East Charlton Hotel on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Other March birthdays were Garry Larmour, Lee Parker, Sue Livingstone, Wendy Vandenelst and Gill Gretgrix. The lucky number winner was Joan Mundy and the Travellers’ Farewell was read by Ray Aisbett.



Pat Sutton—90th Birthday.



Sue Livingstone, Wendy Vandenelst, Garry



Sue Livingstone—100% attendance.



Sandra Patton & Glenys Bowen Hill.



Members at the AGM.



# Charlton Campdraft News

Charlton Campdraft Club has had a great start to the year with lots of exciting activities!

## BBQ at the Travellers Rest:

The club provided catering for OK Motels, serving delicious hotdogs and chicken tacos to festival goers. Thank you to OK Motels for allowing the club to come along!

## Successful Competitions:

Club members have been competing at various campdrafts, including Lockington, Maldon, and Mansfield, showcasing the club's talent and dedication to the sport of Campdrafting.

Well done to Sam, Nathan, Alycia, Cas, Tahls and Ash for flying the Charlton

Campdraft flag.

Shoutout to club members for assisting the other clubs with the running of their campdrafts. It is great to see so much support amongst all the clubs.

## Grant Success:

The club was awarded the Buloke Shire Council Small Equipment Grant, which has enabled the purchase of much-needed IT equipment. This is a significant milestone and will help the club grow and improve its operations.

## International Women's Day:

We celebrated and recognised the incredible contributions of the women of the Charlton Campdraft Club.

It was a great time to honour the women

of the Club. President Lou, Vice President Tahlijia, Secretary/Treasure Terri, Grants officer Tessa and all the fantastic women who have and do serve on our committee, Cas, Sam, Alycia, Natalie, Brooke, Laura, Les, Jess, Jasmyn.

## M5 Junior Ambassador Rodeo:

We celebrate and wish good luck to M5 Junior Ambassador Tully Bourke!

Tully will compete in the junior breakaway roping and junior team roping in the M5 arena.

All the best Tully, we are cheering you on loudly and proudly.

The club is clearly making significant progress and remains a vital part of the local community.



Encouraging future riders.



Tahlijia Sheahan riding Breeze.



Campdraft—OK Motels catering.

CHARLTON  
Arts



Charlton Arts Inc is delighted to present live music for your enjoyment at the Charlton Golf Club House. Commencing at 7.30pm, Admission \$20.

The Jeruk River Band is a group of local musicians who share the love of folk & Irish music, a cup of tea and a chat. Adrian & Eleanor are the singers with Adrian also playing the bass. Loretta is on the fiddle and Jan plays a variety of wind instruments.

For a great night of good, lively music with the option to dance. Supper will be served. Gather up your friends and come along for a night of good company and good music. Enquiries Sue 0407 140 336.



**THE CHARLTON CLUB  
LIVE  
COUNTRY  
MUSIC NIGHT**

**FRIDAY  
APRIL 11**

*Celebrating  
125 years*

**FEATURING  
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**FREE ENTRY!**  
DOORS OPEN 5.30PM

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Presents**

**The Jeruk River Band**  
*(Folk & Irish Music)*

Charlton Golf Club  
Saturday 12th April, 7:30pm  
Admission \$20

Come along for a night of great music  
and good company. Supper afterwards.  
Enquiries: Sue 0407 140 336



### Charlton Badminton Club

Charlton badminton is back for the  
upcoming 2025 season

**JUNIORS** will commence Tuesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> April after school at 3.30pm  
(Must be 9 or turning 9 by  
December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of April  
starting at 7.30pm (Must be 14 years of age or turning 14  
before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025)

The AGM will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## CHARLTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW SOCIETY

### ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 2ND 7.30PM  
CHARLTON PARK

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SECRETARY

## Theo Ryder Watts

**Born:** 6 March 2025, sleeping peacefully at 30 weeks.  
**Parents:** Jarrod & Stephanie Watts  
**Sibling:** Remi  
**Grandparents:** Denis & Glenda Watts;  
Karen McLeod.



REX THEATRE



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## REX THEATRE

### APRIL COMING ATTRACTIONS

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



#### MICKEY 17

Sat 5 APRIL 8pm  
Sun 6 APRIL 2pm  
Tue 8 APRIL 8pm

M Science fiction themes, injury detail, violence, sex, coarse language and drug references  
138 mins | Sci-fi | Comedy

A disposable employee is sent on a human expedition to colonize the ice world Niflheim. After one iteration dies, a new body is regenerated with most of his memories intact.



#### BLACK BAG

Sat 12 APRIL 8pm  
Sun 13 APRIL 2pm  
Tue 15 APRIL 8pm

M Mature themes, violence, sexual references and coarse language  
93 mins | Thriller

When his beloved wife, Kathryn, is suspected of betraying the nation, intelligence agent George Woodhouse faces the ultimate test -- loyalty to his marriage or his country.



#### A MINECRAFT MOVIE

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Sat 19 APRIL 8pm  
Sun 20 APRIL 2pm  
Tue 22 APRIL 8pm  
Fri 25 APRIL 2pm  
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M Coarse language and drug references  
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Sat 26 APRIL 8pm  
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Sunday 13th April

1:30pm

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BBQ Afterwards





## Charlton Easter Market

EASTER MONDAY - APRIL 21st 2025

9-00 am – 1-00 PM

St Joseph's Oval - High Street

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Public Entry is from High or Learmonth Streets

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A small charge of just \$3 covers the venue hire and insurance, and is payable on the morning.

If you have unfinished projects you may want to finish or just want to enjoy a social morning chatting while enjoying your hobby, make a diary date for Tuesday mornings. No bookings required, just pop along.

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## CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC

### FISHING COMPETITION

**Where:** Unlimited radius of Charlton

**When:** Sunday 27th April 2025

**Weigh in:** 5.30pm 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:

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Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

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## 2025 Memberships



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St Martin's Messenger—April/May

Sunday 6 April	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 April Easter Day	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4 May	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 May	9am	Holy Communion

**Thinking leads to Thanking** *"You are my God, and I give you thanks; I will proclaim your greatness. Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good and his love is eternal."* Psalm 118:1,2,19-29

Martin Luther, who was a 16th-century monk and theologian, was one of the most significant figures in Christian history. His beliefs helped begin the Reformation, which would introduce new religious, political, and economic paths to the world. Martin had a special love for this psalm. He wrote, "This is my psalm, my chosen psalm. I love them all; I love all holy Scripture, which is my consolation and my life. But this psalm is nearest my heart, and I have a peculiar right to call it mine. It has saved me from many a pressing danger, from which nor emperor, nor kings, nor sages, nor saints, could have saved me. It is my friend; dearer to me than all the honours and power of the earth".

So what is this Psalm all about – curious? Read on then. Well, it begins and ends the same – with a call to give thanks to God whose love never ends. And don't miss verse 17, *"I will not die; instead I will live"* which was fulfilled at Easter. And this great event (hear about this at Easter), confirmed that Jesus, who was *the stone that the builders rejected as worthless*, turned out to be *the most important of all (verse 22)*.

Thoughtlessness leads to thanklessness. (If we do not think about God and Jesus, then when do we thank them?) If we do not make the connection this limits our view so that we miss seeing God around us, in where we are and where we are going. Remembering and recalling all the good things that we enjoy from day to day will give us opportunity to thank God. A prayer that I use for grace, before I eat, is applicable for all throughout my day. *"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good and his love is eternal"*. The ultimate reason for thanks though, is that God gave his only Son to save us and to have victory over sin and death. Give thanks INDEED!!!  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**A Prayer for you to offer:** Gracious God, give me a grateful heart. Let me show my thankfulness by living not for my own honour but to your glory. Through your Son Jesus we pray. **Amen.**  
Reverend Judi Bird 0435 593 359

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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 monthly meeting was held on Tuesday March 25th with 12 members attending. Details of the Club trip to the Melbourne International Garden Show were finalised with 9 members eagerly looking forward to the event. A beautiful array of flowers graced the competition table and Bernice spoke to the group on the growing and care of ferns.

Our next meeting will be held in Wycheproof in the supper room of the Senior Citizens Club on Tuesday April 22. The theme of the monthly competition is an Easter arrangement and we look forward to a good roll up.

Anyone interested in joining the Club will be made most welcome so please feel free to contact the following:  
President Aileen Allen Ph 0438911495  
Secretary Lynne McRae Ph 0408113104

Charlton Uniting Church

Halliday Street, Charlton.

Service times for April:

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	– 9.00 am at <i>St Martin's Church of England</i>
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	– 10.00 am
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	– 10.00 am
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	– 10.00 am



East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times

Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am Livestream in
Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> April	8.30am
Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am

Easter Times

Holy Thurs. 17 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm Livestreamed in
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20	21 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm <b>Lions Easter Market</b> Bowls Meeting 7:30pm CWA Meeting	22 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm Charlton Craft Group 10-12 NCGC Meeting	23	24 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	25 Bowls Presentations & Closing <b>ANZAC DAY Service</b>	26
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## May 2025

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