

# The Charlton Community Newsletter

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## TABLE TENNIS AWARD FOR BILL

**Contributed by Jenny Pollard**

Charlton's Bill Freeman was recently awarded outstanding recognition with the Joan Guggenheim "Volunteer of the Year" Award at the Table Tennis Victoria AGM held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Bill, who has been a long-time and passionate supporter and player of the game, was invited to the event knowing he was to receive an award but had no idea what it would be.

Named in honour of the dedicated administrator Joan Guggenheim, Bill's acknowledgement applauded his own dedication to a game which has been an integral part of his life for many decades.

His citation reads as follows:

*"Bill's life-long commitment to the sport – spanning nearly six decades – is nothing short of extraordinary. Since 1966, he has attended every Victorian Country Championships, serving not only as a competitor but as a tireless administrator and committee member for over 40 years.*

*As a former chairman of the Country Championships, Bill introduced lasting initiatives including leading player medallions, winners' shields, and the now iconic Bill Freeman Shield (for Country Championships B3 Grade). He also organized countless interstate tours, nurtured the development of country players, and promoted lifelong participation in table tennis – right up to the age of 90.*

*Bill's humble, consistent and passionate service truly embodies the spirit of this award. We are proud to honour him as the 2024 Guggenheim Volunteer of the Year."*

Now at the age of 90, Bill still plays intermittently as a fill-in member in the Bendigo C Grade competition at the Eaglehawk Badminton and Table Tennis Centre.

Along with his wife Joy, Bill has also enjoyed volunteering at the table tennis at the 2000 Sydney Paralympics, the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games and at a number of Pacific Games held in Bendigo.

This remarkable contribution to a sport which has clearly had significant impact in his life is well deserved. Congratulations, Bill!



*Pictured with his Table Tennis Victoria "Guggenheim Volunteer of the Year", award, Bill Freeman said: "When one gets pleasure from an activity, one puts back into it.*

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## *From the Editor*

*Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the June edition.

Thank you to everyone who contributed items this month. Just a reminder to get them to me well before the cut-off date if possible.

I know I'm plugging another publication, but make sure to grab a copy of the latest edition of the Charlton Cultural Magazine. It's a great read and features plenty of local talent.

Make sure to pop along to the quilt exhibition at the Courthouse Gallery on the Long Weekend. I've even managed to 'borrow' back a few from my nieces to put on display.

Gosh, don't we all want some rain! It's a bit sad we get all excited for a potential 1-5mm. A few days of showery weather would be most welcome and I hope it happens soon for the sake of our farmers and our parched gardens and empty rainwater tanks.

Cheers,  
*Carolyn*

## Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

### June:

Pieced Together Patchwork Exhibition—Sat 7th - Mon 9th @ Courthouse Gallery

In a Persian Garden—Sat 21 @ The Rex.

### July:

Childhood Treasures & Collectibles—Thurs 10th

Mallee Melee—Fri 11th - Sun 13th

Elvis & Buddy Holly Show—Fri 25 @ The Rex.

Jazz in July—Sun 27 @ The Rex.



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Properties like this do not come along very often. This property is ready to build on or sell individual blocks. Located in a great area, overlooking farming land but still close enough to walk to the town centre.

## *Dancing for Sick Kids: Our Biggest Year Yet!*

*By Jemimah Webb*

If you read my article earlier this year asking for support, I want to start by saying the biggest **thank you** from the bottom of my heart. Thanks to your generosity, encouragement, and kind words, Dance for Sick Kids 2025 was not only a huge success — it was my most successful fundraising week yet!

This was my fifth year dancing, and I'm so proud to share that with the help from the Charlton community, I raised **\$3,263** by dancing for **over 19 hours** across the week. That's a total of 20 nights of accommodation for a sick child and their family. I've now raised **\$11,142** across those five years — something I never could have imagined when I first started.

I wasn't doing it alone either. I danced as part of a team of 13 from Dynamic District Dance Studio, where I work as a dance instructor. Together, our amazing team raised an incredible **\$17,880** and danced for a combined **145 hours**! We had so much fun and this year marked our team's **biggest result yet**, bringing our five-year fundraising total to a massive **\$50,806**. Our team raised a phenomenal 111 nights of accommodation this year.

In case you missed it the first time: Dance for Sick Kids is a week-long

fundraising event held during National Families Week in support of RMHC. It helps provide accommodation and support to families whose children need medical treatment far from home — including many from rural areas like ours. Earlier this year, I had the privilege of visiting Ronald McDonald House in Hawthorn and saw firsthand how much your donations truly help. I'd like to specifically thank the Charlton Bowling Club, Charlton Badminton Club, Charlton Creative Quilters, Charlton RSL, and the East Charlton Hotel as well as many local families for their support and sponsorship. Thanks, too, to the Charlton Lions Club for their pledged donation later this month. Thank you all for your generosity and community mindedness!

I'm so thankful to every individual and business who sponsored our team this year. Your kindness made this all possible, and your support reminded me how powerful our local rural communities of Charlton, St Arnaud, and Donald (some of the towns our team members came from) can be when we come together.

If you'd like to sponsor me in 2026 or be added to my email list for updates, I'd love to hear from you! Just send me a message on social media and I'll keep you updated.

You can be certain I'll be at it again with even more enthusiasm and determination next year! - I'm KoalaDave22 on instagram.

Here's to another year of dancing, giving, and making a difference!



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# Golden Grains Museum News

Greetings from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. It is hard to believe how quickly this year is passing. Open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by arrangements with one of the people listed below, why not make time to arrange your visit. Admittance is still a very low \$5 with EFTPOS available, and free for children. Perhaps your local group or organization would like to have a day or evening outing. Group tours are most welcome, and a cuppa and biscuit could accompany your visit. We would love to see you.

## Peace Time Parade

This month's feature arose out of two wonderful old photos donated by the family of Marj John and have recently been archived. After the end of the First World War, a Peace Parade was held in July 1919 to celebrate. The first image is a float featuring HMAS Australia with a group of young girls and boys riding the waves. Noticeable on these floats is the patriotic nature of them with the flags of Australia's First World War allies on display.

## Childhood Treasures & Collectibles

We are looking forward to our special event—Childhood Treasures & Collectibles, to be held on Thursday 10th July at the Charlton Uniting Church Hall. This will be a celebration of childhood toys of the past as well as collectible toys and miniature models. Five of our exhibitors, Laurie Harvie, Dave Frankum, Markus Phillips, Bill Miller and Max Spencer are featured in the latest edition of the Charlton Cultural Magazine. We've arranged for the Youth Group to entertain the kids with activities and there will be a sausage sizzle as well.

## Wesley Chapel Restoration

Our renovations in the rear room of the Wesley Chapel are still ongoing with museum members doing some painting at the moment.

## Volunteers Needed

Like so many grass roots organisations, the Charlton Golden Grains Museum is always on the lookout for new members to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public. You could give as much or as little time each month as you wish and don't need any experience; training will be provided. We also have tasks that can be completed at home. If you have an interest in history and would like to help preserve items for Charlton's future generations, contact the museum; you will be made most welcome.

A simple option to help is to become a 'Friend of the Museum' for just \$20. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving our town's collection of

important historic items for future generations. Speaking of fund raising, our great supporters who travel to Donald each month for Bingo have helped us with our fund raising efforts and also have an enjoyable night out. With mixed fortunes amongst the players, we are very lucky to receive monies whenever we arrange a group to visit. The donations from the Container Deposit Scheme are also adding up. Thank you to everyone who drops their cans and bottles off and donates the proceeds.

Another way you could support the museum is to have your family's story recorded for future generations. We have a service where you can record your history down for us to scan into our digital reference library, and store a **copy** of the

papers, family images or genealogy charts in an A4 size envelope. This is a wonderful opportunity for stories not to be lost, but preserved for researchers at a later stage. Cost is just \$10, which goes towards helping to maintain our collection.

## 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](mailto:goldengrains@bigpond.com).

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# Charlton Cabbaritta CWA Golden Anniversary Celebration

*Contributed by Jenny Pollard*

A fifty-year milestone for Charlton CWA Branch Cabbaritta was celebrated on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May as past and present members were joined by guests for the recognition of half a century of service to the local community.

In an afternoon which highlighted the “sisterhood” and communal outreach of the organization, speakers and service award recipients reinforced the message of enjoyment for which CWA membership is renowned.

Held at the Charlton Bowling Club rooms, the high-tea setting conferred an elegant welcome to more than seventy guests who attended.

Tables, decorated with delicate floral centre-pieces featuring filigree 50<sup>th</sup> numerals, were also decked out with fine bone china and hand-crafted chocolate boxes. The work of Branch members Donna McCallum and Shirleen Stafford, attendees had also received beautifully hand-crafted invitations.

CWA memorabilia, including an extensive display of handwork and archival scrapbooks, complemented the occasion revealing the scope of the organisation’s activities and outreach across the years.

In her opening address, Cabbaritta President, Maria Perger acknowledged the contributions of the Charlton Day Branch and Younger Set who forged the traditions of the local CWA. Asking those gathered to stand and say the CWA Collect and sing the national anthem she then welcomed East Wimmera Group President Pam Brightwell, and incoming President, Barabara Douglass,

along with Buloke Councillor, Bruce Stafford, who formally opened the celebrations. Representatives from East Wimmera Group Branches included Bealiba, Kara (St. Arnaud), Marnoo, Stuart Mill, Wedderburn and Wirrim (Birchip).

Opening his address Cr. Stafford praised the “strength, resilience and dedication of the women who have kept this Branch thriving for half a century.” Citing his own personal connections to the organization, Bruce said his mother Rose’s involvement during the 1940’s had been as editor and publisher of *The Countrywoman* magazine. Now through his wife Shirleen’s involvement, Bruce highlighted the social advocacy and the depth of care which has created the legacy of “connection, compassion and capability which lives on today.” For the support and strengthening of the local community Bruce said, “To all the members of Cabbaritta Branch, past and present – I congratulate you on 50 years of remarkable service.”

The cutting of the birthday cake, (made by Bernice Kenny) followed, and was undertaken by three of the foundation members – Margaret Hinks (Vice-President), Margaret Fradd (Secretary) and Patti Jones (Treasurer). Val Robinson, (Foundation President) was unable to attend, but sent an apology and special greetings for the celebration. The gathering then joined in the singing of “Happy Birthday”.

Group President Pam Brightwell was then invited to come forward and present Long Service Awards to the following recipients, acknowledging their

commitment and contributions to the Branch:

10 Year Service: Janet Stafford (current Craft Secretary), Sue Walsh (current Treasurer), Donna McCallum (Junior Coordinator)

20 Year Service: Pam Rosewall, Moira Olive, Bronwyn Simpson, Lynne Southwell.

50 Year Service: (these recipients also received the first Service Badges in Victoria at Cabbaritta’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary) – Margaret Fradd (Founding Secretary), Bernice Kenny, Pat Sutton (whose CWA involvement spans 70 years).

Recipients were encouraged to share their reflections on what CWA means to them, each drawing on memories, emphasizing their pride in the organization and the connections, friendships, networks and outreach which CWA has facilitated for their own personal and collective growth.

In concluding the formalities, President Maria congratulated award recipients, and thanked Branch members “who have gone above and beyond to make this afternoon a success.” Recognition for the work of the creative team, the cooks and the behind-the-scenes crew was acknowledged, before attendees were thanked and wished a safe journey home.

“We look forward to celebrating 100 years of the CWA organization in Charlton in just four year’s time,” Maria said as the afternoon wound to a close. Proceedings ended with the saying of the CWA Motto.

The crowd then made the most of catching up with friends and acquaintances during the afternoon tea as memories and reminiscences were shared over a cuppa.



*A milestone anniversary as Cabbaritta CWA Branch celebrated their Golden Anniversary on Monday 19th May. Established in May of 1975 foundation members (l-r) Margaret Fradd (Secretary), Patti Jones (Treasurer) and Margaret Hinks (Vice President) were joined by the current President, Maria Perger (second right) in the cutting of the birthday cake.*



*Formally opening the special anniversary was Buloke Councillor Bruce Stafford pictured with Cabbaritta member Bernice Kenny. Bernice made the celebration cake and was one of three recipients to receive a 50 year Long Service certificate and badge.*



# Charlton Cabbaritta CWA Golden Anniversary Celebration



**Top Left:** Recipients of a 10 Year Service Award are (l-r) Janet Stafford and Donna McCallum with East Wimmera Group President Pam Brightwell. Branch member Sue Walsh also received a 10 Year award, but was an apology for the event.

**Top Right:** Eily Rosewall is presented with her 30 year certificate.

**Middle Left:** 20 Year Service Awards and badges were presented to (l-r) Lynne Southwell, Moira Olive, Bronwyn Simpson and Pam Rosewall with Pam Brightwell.

**Above:** Fifty years of service by (l-r) Margaret Fradd, Bernice Kenny and Pat Sutton was acknowledged by East Wimmera Group President Pam Brightwell (r). An incredible 70 years of CWA involvement by Pat Sutton was spread between the St. Arnaud and Charlton Branches.

**Left:** Representatives from all the East Wimmera Group Branches joined Cabbaritta for the Golden Anniversary celebrations.





# Charlton College News

## Sprayer for Show & Tell

Kicking off the start of May during Show and Tell, Charlie Leslie's dad, Will, drove a sprayer right onto the school grounds, giving our F-2 students a hands-on learning experience like no other. Students got to learn a little bit about the role sprayers play and how they protect crops.

## Country and Belonging

Along the picturesque banks of the Avoca River, Charlton Arts and Charlton Neighbourhood House delivered an enriching and informative program for our F-6 students. The session focused on deepening students' understanding of the history, art, and culture of Indigenous Australians, while also highlighting the importance of Acknowledgement of Country. Students were treated to a yummy sausage sizzle provided by the Charlton Lions Club!

## House Cross Country, NCD Cross Country & LMR Cross Country

Did someone say Cross Country? The season began with our House Cross Country event, followed by ten students competing in the NCD Cross Country. Eight outstanding athletes then represented Charlton College at the LMR Cross Country. Congratulations to everyone for their incredible efforts! A special mention goes to Heidi Start, who has qualified to compete at the State Cross Country next month. Best of luck, Heidi!

## Year 10 White Card Training

Together with the North Central LLEN our Year 10 students took an important step toward future careers in the construction and trade industries by completing their White Card training – a nationally

recognised certification that prepares individuals to work safely on construction sites across Australia. A big thank you to the North Central LLEN for their invaluable partnership with Charlton College. Their collaboration with our school helps provide our students with additional resources, opportunities, and guidance, assisting them in striving for success both in the classroom and beyond.

## Stomp Dance

Joined with our friends at St Joseph's, F-6 students put on their red shoes and danced to the blues for an exciting week of STOMP Dance! It was fantastic to see every student get involved, challenge themselves, and most importantly, have fun. Their confidence and creativity grew each day, and the final performance was a true celebration of their hard work and enjoyment.

Well done to all our students - you were brilliant!

## Broader Horizons

Our Year 9 students have embarked on their Broader Horizons Program, which is divided into two focus areas: Agriculture and Trade. Over the past weeks, the groups have visited a range of local businesses and sites including Charlton Feedlot, Dirt Construction, Foley's Hill, Wright Carpentry, and Digging. These hands-on experiences have provided valuable insights into various career pathways and practical skills within their chosen fields. They finish off this experience in June with a visit to the Buloke Shire. Thank you again to the North Central LLEN for working with Charlton College on this experience!

## Year 12 Art Excursion

Our Art Making & Exhibiting students recently visited the Horsham Regional Art Gallery as part of their Unit 3 studies. They explored two

incredible exhibitions, Simon Fisher: From Red Earth and Big Sky and Salt, Sky & Dust: A Wimmera Palette, and enjoyed an informative floor talk from curator Lauren van Katwyk.

An extra highlight was the rare behind-the-scenes tour of the gallery's storage facility! This exclusive look at conservation and preservation practices gave the students valuable insight that will support their Unit 4 work. What an inspiring and educational day!

## Golden Grains Museum

As part of their F-2 humanities class, students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Golden Grains Museum. There, they immersed themselves in the rich history and culture of Charlton, discovering fascinating stories and artefacts that bring the town's heritage to life. It was a memorable experience that sparked curiosity and deepened their connection to the local community.

## NCTTC First Aid

Over in the Trade Training Centre, we were joined by PAEDS First Aid to deliver training, 38 students successfully completed their First Aid Certificate. This achievement provided them with essential life-saving skills and practical knowledge that could one day make a real difference in an emergency. It was a great opportunity for students to build confidence, responsibility, and readiness for both the workplace and everyday life.

## Chickens in the Foundation class!

Our Foundation class has been fortunate to witness the hatching of three little chicks! Fluffy Bags, Rosie, and Snickers are now happily settled in the 'Chicken Hotel'. They have already become popular visitors, attracting students from other classrooms—and even some curious grown-ups! A huge thank you to the Cossar family and Ms. Bishop for providing this amazing learning experience.



Golden Grains Excursion.



Stomp Dance.





*Year 10s White card training.*



*Marila Lelsie, Olive McGurk & Charlie Lane.*



*Exploring the mother tree at Country & Belonging.*



*Poppy Fitzpatrick, Annie Olive & Georgia Wright.*



*Heidi Start competes in LMR Cross County.*



*Show & Tell.*





# St Joseph's School News

## A Busy May for St Joseph's School Community

*Students step up as leaders, athletes, and artists in a packed month of learning and celebration.*

### Young Leaders Attend GRIP Conference

Grade 6 students from St Joseph's School recently travelled to Bendigo to take part in the GRIP Student Leadership Conference, accompanied by staff members Mrs Olive and Mrs Lanyon.

The event is tailored to equip young leaders with practical skills and a deeper understanding of their responsibilities. Students participated enthusiastically and returned with a renewed sense of purpose. The school has also invested in resources from the day to support continued leadership development.

### Learning Through Culture: Country & Belonging Program

St Joseph's students took part in the "Country & Belonging" Regional Arts Program, a special initiative designed to deepen their knowledge of First Nations history, art, and culture. Funded by Charlton Arts, Charlton Neighbourhood House, and supported by the Charlton Lions Club (who provided a daily sausage sizzle), the program included hands-on creative projects. Grade 3–6 students even brought their artwork to life with overhead drone photography.

### Running Into Success: Cross Country and Winter Sports

To cap off an already action-packed week, students participated in both the school Cross Country and Winter Sports events. The energy and school spirit on display were commendable, with students showing strong sportsmanship and embodying the school's core values of safety, responsibility, and respect. A special congratulations to Vinny, Lila, Mia, Megg,

Flynn, Toby, and Sophie, who qualified to represent St Joseph's at the Sandhurst Division Cross Country in Bendigo.

### Celebrating Mother's Day

The school hosted a heartfelt morning tea to celebrate Mother's Day, welcoming mothers, grandmothers, and significant women in students' lives. A highlight was the attendance of four generations of the Wright family, making it a truly memorable occasion. The event served as a warm reminder of the vital role these women play in supporting students and the wider school community.

### STOMP Dance Program Energises Students

Last week, students embraced rhythm and movement through the STOMP Dance Program. The sessions, led by dynamic instructor, Izzy, built not only dance skills but also confidence, teamwork, and creativity.

Students performed choreographed dances at a showcase event on Friday morning to an appreciative audience.

### Laudato Si' Week: Raising Hope

To mark the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical, students and staff at St Joseph's have been actively reflecting on environmental stewardship. Each classroom planted a Vegepod to grow healthy, waste-free snacks. A special prayer assembly was held, and students are creating art to honour the week's theme, "Raising Hope."

### National Simultaneous Storytime Unites Readers

On Wednesday, St Joseph's participated in National Simultaneous Storytime, now in its 25th year, with this year's chosen book *Truck Cat*. The story follows the adventures of Tinka, a cat who lives on the road. Staff read the book across classrooms, followed by engaging literacy activities to inspire

students' love of reading. Thank you to Charlton Neighbourhood House for providing copies of the book, bookmarks and stickers!

### Catholic Education Week

Wow – what a week we had at St Joseph's School last week! Catholic Education Week, Reconciliation Week and staff learning about DOBCEL's Strategy to 2035!

**On Monday** we kicked off Catholic Education week with an OPEN MORNING at St Joe's. It was wonderful to greet visitors from the past, present and future. Thank you to those who were able to call in and spend time in our classrooms, witnessing the dedication and skill of our collective staff. It was a fitting celebration of St Joseph's School in what is an important week for all Catholic schools across the Ballarat Diocese.

On Tuesday, teaching staff from across the Northern Zone gathered in Euston for a Network Collaboration Day. This day allowed time and space to connect, exchange ideas and explore how the DOBCEL Strategy 2035 might come to life in our classrooms and communities. The day was very engaging, with staff enjoying the possibility of 'thinking outside the box' to promote new ways of bringing 'fullness of life' to all students.

**On Wednesday** we joined with St Patrick's St Arnaud and St Mary's Donald to celebrate Catholic Education Week with our neighbouring schools. After a special celebration of Mass, we continued to the town hall where we were entertained by a MAD SCIENCE SHOW. Air forces, electricity and fire facilitated some fun experiments and demonstrations to the collective 'Ahs' and 'Ohs' of the audience. A shared sausage sizzle and some playtime with new friends concluded the day.



Patrick Winslade, Sophie Roberts, Ruby Wright & Daniel Johnstone at the GRIP Conference in Bendigo.



Grades 3-6 making a river snake.





# St Joseph's School News

**On Thursday** we started the day with smoothies at our Breakfast Program. An accidental smoothie explosion caused much excitement! We also had Sam Meerbach, DOBCEL Education Consultant, working in the classes demonstrating an additional assessment tool for collecting valuable data about our students. Sam is also engaging staff on the importance and value of using manipulatives to facilitate hands-on learning in math lessons.

**On Friday** I was joined by some staff members in Ballarat, as the Diocese gathered to share Mass and fellowship in

honour of Catholic Education Week.

Each of these moments, from visits to celebrations, reflect the ongoing work and shared purpose of Catholic education across the Diocese. I thank the amazing staff at St Joseph's for continuing to work with compassion, courage and dedication to serve our school community.

## Catholic Education Awards

On Friday 30/5/2025 we celebrated Catholic Education Week at Damascus College in Ballarat where the nominees for the Spirit of Catholic Education Awards were presented with their certificates.

Congratulations Mary Hogan. This recognition is a testament to your unwavering dedication, compassionate leadership, and deep commitment to nurturing faith, learning, and community within our school. Your guidance has inspired students, staff, and families alike, creating a welcoming environment where everyone is encouraged to grow and thrive. We are truly grateful for all that you do and the countless ways you lead with integrity, wisdom, and heart. Thank you for being the guiding light of our school community. We are incredibly proud of you!



Miss Thompson shoots vortex smoke rings into the crowd.



Daniel Johnstone helps out during the Mad Science Show.



Four generations of the Wright Family - L to R - Kelly Wright, Tess Wright, Ruby Wright, Mia Wright, Deb Hobbs & Pat Mathews.



Sophie Roberts and Lila Lanyon crossed the line in first place in their age group Cross Country.



Ivy Giles, Oliver Power-hall and Jovakkim Niju rehearsing their STOMP dances.



Mary Hogan with her Spirit of Catholic Education Award.



# CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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## Welcome to Winter in Charlton!

As the days grow colder, we're warming up with plenty of exciting activities, classes, and community events. From creative workshops to lively discussions, there's something for everyone this month.

We are making an adjustment to our working hours for winter. As we are only funded for the doors to be open for 25 hours per week, we will be closed every Tuesday until September. This is a trial and will not impact on any services that we deliver.

## June Highlights

### Chemical Handling Course

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 8:15 am till 4:30 pm at the Charlton Senior Citizens Rooms. This 2 day full course and Thursday only Re-accreditation is a must for anyone handling chemicals.

### Book Club

In some exciting news author Robyn Howarth will be a guest at Book Club June 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am - 12pm. Everyone is invited to come along and hear her fascinating story about what happened on Friday 6th October 1972 when two masked men kidnapped the young female teacher and 6 female students, Robyn being one of them. In her book she reflects on the impact of the town Faraday and tells the story through the lens of childhood trauma, and the effect it had on herself and her family.



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## Cultural Corner

The latest Winter edition of the Charlton Cultural Magazine is now available! Packed with inspiring stories, stunning photography, and updates on local creative talent, it's a must-read. Subscriptions are due for renewal, or perhaps you might like to gift one. The Photography Competition- Shadow Play is now open! Get your entries in for a chance to win 1st Prize: \$100 or 2nd Prize: \$50. Showcase your skills and celebrate Charlton through your lens.

## Looking Ahead

July will bring another exciting Table for 12 cooking class, new creative workshops, including guitar lessons with Fletcher Holmes-Brown.

## Regular Weekly and Monthly Activities

- **Coffee with a...:** Mondays during school term, 10:30 AM–12 PM at the FLO Cafe. Enjoy great conversations with local guests while sipping a warm drink.
- **Yarning<sup>2</sup>:** Mondays, 10:30 AM–12 PM. Join us for crafting and chatting. Bring along your knitting, crochet, felting, or macramé projects and enjoy a creative morning.
- **Conversation Hour with Chris:** Friday, June 27th, 10:30am. This month's topic: Day-to-Day Management (problem-solving, planning, and organisation). An engaging and practical discussion for all.
- **Storytime:** Fourth Tuesday of every month, 10:30AM–12 PM at Charlton Library inside the Shire Hall. A fun-filled session for children under 5 and their caregivers.
- **Book Club:** Third Tuesday of every month, 10:30AM–12 PM. Share your latest read or favorite podcast—no set book required!



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# WHAT'S ON FOR



## JUNE

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



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### Coffee with a Cop

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



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### Carers & Co Lunch

Guest Speaker: Paul Tangey (Smoke Alarms)

Where: Charlton East Hotel

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30 pm

COST: Lunch at subsidised price



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### Tech Tips - Home Data vs Mobile Data

Where: CNH

Time: 3pm - 3:30pm

FREE, bookings essential.



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### Chemical Users Course

Where: Senior Citizens

Time: 8:15am - 4:30pm

Full Course: \$170

Re-accreditation: \$110 (Thurs Only)



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### Coffee with a Forum

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



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### Buloke Book Club

Guest Speaker: Author Robyn Howarth

Where: Charlton Library

Time: 10:30am - 12pm

COST: FREE



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### e-Prepared Paperwork Sessions

Where: CNH

Time: Appointments only

FREE, bookings essential.



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### Fizz + Flowers

Where: Courthouse Gallery

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: \$30



**BOOKED OUT**

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### Coffee with a Councillor

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



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### Children's Storytime with Georgina

Where: Charlton Library, Shire Hall

Time: 10:30 - 11:30am

COST: FREE



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### Conversation Hour with Chris Binney

Topic: World War 1 & 2; Causes and Outcomes

Where: Rex Foyer

Time: 10.30am-11.30am

FREE



## COMING UP IN JULY

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### Passion of Saint Nicholas

Where: Rex

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$20

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### Childhood Treasures and Collectables

Where: Uniting Church

Time: 10am - 3pm



6, 13,  
20, 27

### Beginners Guitar Lessons with

Fletcher Holmes-Brown

Where: Courthouse Gallery

Time: 10am - 12pm

Cost: \$20



# Charlton Probus News

Charlton Probus Club's latest outing was to Bendigo on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. We travelled by car to the Central Deborah Gold Mine precinct and had a walk around the surface displays. Some of the highlights were the Blacksmith's Shop, the Winding Engine, the Hand of Faith gold nugget replica, the Crushing Battery and the Poppet Head.

We then boarded a Vintage Talking Tram tour to learn about the city's golden heritage, and to see spectacular landmarks and monuments along the route. The tram we boarded was used in Melbourne in the 1940s. Some of the landmarks were: Charing Cross, Pall Mall, the Cenotaph, Rosalind Park, Soldiers' Memorial, Law Courts, the Chinese precinct, St Killian's Church, Lake Weeroona, the Joss House and the Shamrock Hotel.

After an enjoyable lunch we visited Sacred Heart Cathedral. We were given a brief history of the cathedral. Work was

begun on the cathedral in 1896 and it enabled the church to give out-of-work miners employment. The Cathedral is, architecturally, English Gothic. The Tower and spire were completed in 1977.

Thirty nine members attended the Charlton Probus Club's General Meeting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at the Charlton Shire Hall Supper Room. President Kim Wishart welcomed all present. The Probus song was sung and Committee Reports were given. Garry Larmour gave a short talk about the Justice of the Peace petition. Sue Livingstone and Pat Saunders told some jokes and Graham Curnow recited "The Man from Snowy River" poem. Greg Barnard announced the Footy Tipping results with the monthly winners being Pam Rosewall and Kevin Mathews. Pat Mathews is the overall leader with 51 correct tips. The lucky number draw was won by Nick Saunders and Gill Gretgrix read the Travellers' Farewell.

Jock Bailey, with the topic "From Footy Fields to the Stawell Gift Track" was our Guest Speaker for May. In his younger days Jock was encouraged to take up running seriously but football won out at the time. It wasn't until Jock's kids began competing in school athletics—then Little Athletics—that his family became more immersed in the running world. He got involved behind the scenes, setting up and packing away gear.

Jock shared about his connection to the Stawell Gift. His earliest memories of the Gift go back to childhood—watching the races on TV at his Nanna's house in Minyip. After surgery his own fitness improved, and by 2017 he took the plunge and started running with the Victorian Athletic League (VAL). It took some time, but he eventually became competitive, and to date, has proudly earned seven sashes. From cheering on his kids at Stawell to standing on the track himself, it's been a rewarding and unexpected journey.



*Probus members at a meeting.*



*May Birthdays L to R: Noreen Ryan, Margaret Fradd, Joan Cadzow, Greg Wain, Margaret Bowen.*



*Probus Members in front of the Bendigo tram.*



*Guest speaker, Jock Bailey.*



# Charlton Campdraft News

## The Long Road to Marrar and Willinga Campdrafts!

On Friday, 9 May, Charlton Campdraft committee member Ash Sheahan packed up his truck and caravan, loaded his three horses, and hit the road heading north for the Marrar and Willinga Campdrafts.

First stop: Marrar. Ash competed in the Open 4 Open on Friday evening, followed by the Novice and Open events on Saturday. He and Sheahans Legacy placed 4th in the Open 4 Open and finished equal 4th–7th in Saturday's Open event—a strong showing to kick off the journey.

Next stop: Willinga Park Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship.

Held from 14–17 May at Willinga Park in Bawley Point, NSW, this prestigious event draws top competitors from across the country and showcases the elite skills of horse and rider combinations.

Ash attended the championship with his

three seasoned horses: Sheahans Legacy, Lyra Park Bravos Playgirl, and The Suspect.

All three horses competed in the Gold Buckle and delivered impressive performances across both rounds.

Sheahans Legacy progressed to the Semi Final—an outstanding achievement given the high calibre of the competition.

Though Legacy narrowly missed out on the Final Round, the pair bounced back to compete in the Restricted Open on the final day of competition, finishing equal 14th–17th out of 70 competitors—a fantastic conclusion to an incredible 10 days on the road.

Ash will now hang up the competition boots for this season. 2025/2026 season officially kicks off 1 July 2025.

The first local Campdraft to be held in Swan Hill in September.



Front gates to the world class facility at Willinga Park.



Ash and Legacy competing at Willinga Park.



Ash and Legacy competing at Marrar Campdraft (photo credit Emma Boland Photography).



Ash and Legacy competing at Willinga Park.



# Charlton Bowls Club News

## CHARLTON BOWLERS PLAY A GAME READY ROUND

With on onset of rain on Anzac Day, Charlton's Closing Day was postponed for a week to Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Charlton Bowling Club Inc is a Good Sports Gold Club, and we registered to play in the GOOD Sports Game Ready Round where we took a stance on Drink Driving. A Merchandise kit was supplied which had hats, posters, car deodorisers and a ball bearing game of skill.

We also played a game of skill called Scroungers where players had their own score card.

We played two games of ten ends and the first three closest bowls to the kitty

scored 3, 2, 1.

This proved to be a great game as you were playing for yourself, and it made you try and draw the shot to get a score. The eventual winner was Kevin Willey with a score of 41 shots narrowly defeating Lynne Southwell on 40 shots. A meat tray was kindly donated by member Cher Brien.

After two games of bowls, we ventured inside where we held our presentations and enjoyed an afternoon tea of cakes, slices, biscuits and fruit supplied by the members.

Championship winners were presented with their trophies by President Michael O'Brien who congratulated all winners this season. We have had a pretty good year

doing some needed maintenance with still more to do, but we need to get some new members to boost our numbers as we could be losing some for next season.

Singles winners has become a family affair once more with Wayne Southwell and Lynne Southwell (Mother and Son), where it has been in the past Ian Southwell and Lynne Southwell.

Our newest Life Member Ian (Nuggett) Southwell has attained the age of 80 years young, so with this achievement, President Michael O'Brien presented Nuggett with a certificate of his bowls history and a Super Veteran's Badge.



Nugget's OBE President Michael O'Brien presenting Ian (Nuggett) Southwell his Super Veterans Badge.



Pairs Championship—Cher Brien and Kevin Willey.



Fours Championship—Wayne Southwell, Rhys Gahan, Dale McCallum. Absent Joo Ong.



Charlton Closing Day Good Sports Game Ready Round—Secretary Kevin Willey, Ken North, Jeff Cox, Cher Brien, President Michael O'Brien, Greg Barnard, Ian (Nuggett) Southwell, Wayne Southwell, John Headon, Eily Rosewall, Mark Hamley, Rhys Gahan, Dale McCallum. In the Shadows Lynne Southwell & Wendy Laffin.



# Glenloth & Teddywaddy Bus Tour

The Charlton Golden Grains Museum rolled back the years on Sunday, 3rd May, with a fascinating bus tour through the historic rural landscapes of Glenloth and Teddywaddy. The journey offered participants a unique opportunity to explore and reflect on the rich heritage of the district.

The tour focused on highlighting significant local landmarks—some still standing, others now only preserved in memory. Among the locations visited were the sites of former country schools, the River Tennis Courts, the Glenloth Hotel,

and the Glenloth Memorial Hall. At some stops, like the Glenloth Racetrack and Glenloth Football Ground, no physical trace remains.

Passengers included both locals and visitors with ties to the area, all keen to learn more or simply reminisce. Each was provided with a detailed tour map, historical notes, and photographs to enrich the experience.

Special guests on the tour were Frank Sait and Esme Avery (née Churchill), both former pupils of Teddywaddy State School. Frank delighted the group with a

commentary, offering personal insights as the bus wound its way through the countryside. Stuart Giles also contributed, sharing his knowledge of the families and farms along the route.

The tour concluded at 'Cobham Hall,' the historic homestead of Greg and Marea Judd, where guests enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea in picturesque surroundings.

By all accounts, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative afternoon—one that celebrated community, memory, and the enduring spirit of the Charlton district.



*Sue & Jeff Stokes on the front verandah of Cobham Hall.*



*Esme Avery, Basil Avery & Frank Sait.*



*Group Photo at Cobham Hall. Left to Right: Sue Stokes, Annette Giles, Stuart Giles, Deb Whykes, Marg McGrath, Margaret Arnel, Val Bourke, Greg Judd, Brian Patton, Greg Wain, Geoff Stokes, Sandra Patton, Marea Judd, Rhonwyn Binney, Dawn Mulquiny, Diane Wood, Lori Mills, Carolyn Olive, Jenny McGrath, Cody Draaisma, Marie Byrne, Frank Sait, Kylie Blanchard, Kian Blanchard, Jacinta Pollock, Tony Blanchard, Kaye Blanchard, Marj Bartlett, Esme Avery, Frank Bourke, Moira Sheehan, Margaret Fradd, Basil Avery, Pauline Brookes, Noreen Ryan, Dave Frankum, Carol Bennett, June Frankum, Pam Towers, Marj Olive, Glenda Litton, Denise Winsall, Sue Walsh, Bevan Olive, John Powell.*



# WYCHE VISIT FOR RED HATTERS

A visit to Wycheproof and Nullawil were the destinations for the Charlton Red Hatters Group as members trekked up the Calder Highway for their May outing.

First stop was the Seniors' Rooms in Wycheproof for a display and presentation of wool-inspired crafts by local artisans, featuring Juliya Ambrizas who shared her knowledge of spinning and weaving with the visiting group. A long-term proponent of this craft, Juliya showed her spinning techniques using a spindle along with presenting her diverse range of woven articles.

Also showcasing her wool-craft talents was Diane McNaughton who had a colourful display of rugs made from home spun yarn.

With the cooler weather approaching the knitted beanies by Lyn Cossar were also appreciated. Lyn generously

knits these cosy items of apparel for charity.

Adding to the visitors' day was a drop in at the Wycheproof Op Shop which opened especially for the Red Hatters to browse and scan the aisles for a "treasure" or two!

A tasty meal at the Royal Mail Hotel saw the group fortified to head on to Nullawil for a look at the Trickbots Metal Art and Sculpture Garden. An incredible array of sculptures fashioned from "found" objects had the visitors fascinated by the ability to create recognizable articles from rejected materials.

Charlton Red Hatter, Aileen Wolfe said members had thoroughly enjoyed the diversity of their day's outing.

The Red Hatters aim to support all the local communities, with members drawn from most of the surrounding Buloke towns.



*Pictured at the Wycheproof Seniors' Rooms admiring the wool craft display are Red Hat members (l-r standing) Marie Englemann, Susan Morse, Sandra Patton, Francie Stahl. (Sitting l-r) Elaine Palmer, Lyn Cossar, Juliya Ambrizas. Behind the camera: Aileen Wolfe. At the time of the photo other members were busy checking out the Wycheproof Op Shop.*

## Charlton Croquet Club

The Victorian Association Country Regionals were held at Geelong from April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2025. Murray Valley Croquet Association (MVCA) was one of seven districts from around Victoria to participate. Lois Munro from Swan Hill (representing MVCA) is the Division 3 champion winning 5 out of 6 games. Lindsay Patullo (Charlton) was runner up in Division 1, only losing to the winner in

the final game. Anne Kenny was Division 2 representative and Margaret Bowen Division 4. MVCA finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the team aggregate. Next year's event will be held in Ballarat.

On Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> the first of this year's MVCA Round Robin event was held at Charlton in beautiful autumn weather. Lawns were full with 21 Golf Croquet players and 5 Association Croquet

players. Players came from Boort, Swan Hill, Mildura and Charlton. The Golf Croquet winner was Denise McDougal (Boort) with 4 wins and 33 hoops. The Association Croquet winner was Naomi Patullo with 2 wins, 30 hoops. We look forward to travelling to Boort on 14<sup>th</sup> June to meet again.



*Round Robin—Naomi Patullo & Denise McDougal.*



*Regionals—Anne Kenny, Lindsay Patullo (Division 1 Runner-Up), Lois Munro (Division 3 Champion), Margaret Bowen.*



# Charlton Netball Club News

There's lots happening around the Charlton Netball Club!

Recently we had some young guns from our club selected for the North Central League teams who compete in tournaments against other league teams. A big congratulations to Rosie Fitzpatrick (U14s), Stella Nicolson & Erin Blair (U15s), Maggie Riley (U17s) and Claudia Lee (U17s Coach) on being selected. We would also like to thank our umpires Michelle Jenkyn and Liz Riley who also support and perform duties at these events where they continue to develop their skills, and to our senior players who attend league training when needed, it's great to see our club represented at this level.



Claudia Lee—U17 Coach, Rosie Fitzpatrick—U14s, Stella Nicolson & Erin Blair—U15s, Maggie Riley—U17s

Our U14's team had their first win of the season during Round 6 against Sea Lake in a dominating game 30 – 8!! It was a great game to watch with all the girls combining so well to make for a great team effort. Well done girls and coaches, Claudia & Sarah. Special mention to Life Member Carmel Fitzpatrick for helping at training, she was the magic touch. We look forward to Carmel helping out more during the season.



Under 14s. Claudia Lee (Coach), Marilly Morko. Sitting—Lily Mae McPhee, Lily Lane, Sophie Roberts, Rosie Fitzpatrick, Maddie Lanyo. Standing—Marley McGurk, Anne Fitzpatrick, Lila Schofield, Isabella Stahl & Sarah Blair (Coach).

## Upcoming Events:

Round 8 - The 14<sup>th</sup> of June we will celebrate the memory of Maddison "Maddi" Fitzpatrick as the league holds "Maddi's Round". As we all know Maddi had a huge presence around our netball club and this round means so much to us all. Playing at Birchip-Watchem we hope to see as many supporters there wearing a touch of green.

## Round 14 – Charlton Netball Reunion – Book Launch and a Celebration of Legacy

In 1953, a group of determined Charlton women stepped onto the court for the first time, not knowing they were laying the foundation for generations of netballers to come. Now, in 2025, we're calling all past and present players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and supporters to come together and celebrate this incredible legacy.

It's time to lace up your memories and join us for a celebration like no other.

The Charlton Netball Club is proud to announce its upcoming Reunion and Book Launch, to be held on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025, at the Charlton Park Netball Courts. This special gathering will bring together past and present members, players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and supporters for a joyful day of connection, reflection, and celebration.

At the heart of this reunion is the launch of our long-awaited book:

*The History of the Charlton Netball Club – Version 2.0 (1953–2025).*

This full-colour 280-page publication is packed with stories, milestones, team photos, and tributes, building on the legacy of our first edition from 2007. It's not just a book—it's a tribute to decades of determination, teamwork, and community spirit.

**Pre-order your copy today** for \$45, or have it posted for an additional \$10. Numbers are limited, so don't miss out on this unique keepsake.

If you've played a part in Charlton netball, on court or behind the scenes, we want to hear from you. Help us spread the word, gather memorabilia, and make this reunion a weekend to remember. Whether you're attending or sending your best wishes, your place in our story matters.

## RSVP by June 30

📞 Jayne Burton – 0407 911 730

📞 Chloe Walsh – 0439 335 783

📮 CNC P.O. Box 48, Charlton 3525

Let's come together and celebrate the incredible journey of Charlton Netball—past, present, and future.



1953 team: L to R—Kathleen Rogan, Dorothy Bartlett, Betty Glasheen, Joyce Miller, Florence Miller, Bernadette Fanning, Margaret Cossar.



# *Know Your Cemetery*

## **The Charlton Cemetery Trust**

In the Victorian Government Gazette 10 January 1879 the appointments of Peter Johnson, Michael George Croker, Patrick Quirk, John Buist and Conrad Klug as Trustees of the Cemetery at West Charlton were published. Trustees continued to manage the Cemetery until 1947 when the Shire of Charlton became the Trustee of the Charlton Public Cemetery. In 1996 the control of the Charlton Cemetery reverted to Public Trustees.

The first burial in the current monumental section took place in 1879. A Niche Wall for ashes was added in 1972 and the First Lawn area was created in 1974. A Second Lawn section was added in 1985 and now there is a Third Lawn section. Since 1997 a Children's Section has been available.

The Rotary Club of Charlton erected a board in 2004 with a list of approximately 3,500 burials and their location. This is currently being updated. To enhance the Cemetery a Gazebo was erected in 2012 and

in 2022 further beautification works were undertaken with a quiet, reflective area, with trees and seating being established, connecting the Second Lawn area to the Third Lawn. A new all abilities toilet was added in 2024.

Currently the Trustees are developing a Memorial Section. A maple tree has been planted and edging will be done to enable people to put a plaque in memory of loved ones who may be buried, or ashes are scattered, in other places.

The West Charlton Cemetery, at the back of the current cemetery, is currently being researched and re developed.

The Trust can make arrangements to have badly weathered brass plaques in the Lawn Section refurbished. Please contact Glenda Litton for further information.

The Trust has a "No Glass Policy". This policy has been implemented on advice from the Department of Health – Cemeteries & Crematoria Unit so we would be grateful if the public would abide by this policy. Also the Lawn Sections have a vase

available for flowers for each plot. To enable the Trust to maintain the area we ask that no flowers are to be planted in the lawns.

We receive many enquiries from relatives who wish to put a plaque on unmarked graves. Please contact a Trust member so we can confirm the grave number. We receive many compliments on the appearance of our cemetery. Thank you to our gardener Wes Jenkins and his helpers.

Trust details:

email [charltoncemetery@gmail.com](mailto:charltoncemetery@gmail.com)

Ph 0418 885 796

The current Trust Members are:

Peter Watts (Chairman) 0407 090 680

Stuart Giles (Treasurer) 0417 547 411

Anne Kenny (Secretary) 0408 547 973

Glenda Litton (Archivist) 0417 801 771

Garry Larmour, Kevin & Pat Mathews,

Jeff & Mary McLoughlan







# Charlton Harness Racing



Brittany O'Brien with Shadow Terror who had his last race at Charlton.



Dale McGrath with Local trainer Tori Hutchins winning at Charlton with Jilliby Tidalwave.



Ryan Sanderson being awarded the Concession Driver of the Year at the Victorian Harness Racing Awards night at Melton.



Harvey Family in Charlton yesterday for The Josie Harvey Memorial race Kerryn, Shane, Sam, Gabi, Fletcher, Tony and Lisa.



Joe Thompson celebrating his milestone birthday—Happy 60th Birthday Joe.



Raffle night at the Cricket Club Hotel.



Raffle night at the Cricket Club Hotel.





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## *A Gold Medal For Bernie*

Former Wooroonook local, Bernie McLoughlan followed up his athletics medal result at the 2024 World Masters Athletics Championship in Sweden by winning a gold medal at the recent Australian Championships in Adelaide.

Representing Victoria and also winning a silver medal in the M70 age group 200m, in a personal best time of 30.23 seconds and a Bronze medal in the M70 400m.

On day 3 of the competition, he came away with the gold in the M70 Pentathlon, finishing ahead of the 2024 Australian M70 champion. The Australian Pentathlon is made up of Long Jump, Javelin, 200m, Discus and 1500m.

Bernie also earlier this year won a silver medal for the M70 age group at the 2025 Decathlon event, consisting of 10 events including the Pole Vault, held in Brisbane.

After competing in upcoming State events, he will return to Brisbane for the Oceania Masters Athletics Championship in September, before setting sights on the 2026 World Masters Championships in South Korea.



## **New Cubby House For Sale - \$200**

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## Charlton RSL Sub-branch

Federal election day saw Charlton RSL sub-Branch

members hard at work conducting an all-day fundraiser outside the polling booth at the Senior Citizens' clubrooms, selling tickets for a \$250.00 value grocery hamper. This was followed up by street selling on the following Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The lucky winner? Gavin O'Connor. Our grateful thanks go to all who supported our raffle. The net moneys raised will go to supporting the sub-Branch's many good works in the community.

The 2025 golf season is under way and we are looking ahead and planning for our annual Diggers Day golf extravaganza, run in conjunction with Charlton Golf Club and Charlton Oasis Club. Note the date, Sunday 14 September.

With the chilly, cold and wet weather now upon us, Charlton RSL sub branch may be able to help.

Our local branch has available a number of warm beanies, with the "Charlton RSL 3525" on the front.

These beanies are a limited edition and have been a success with those that have taken advantage of the offering.

The \$10 cost will ensure that all profits will go back into the Charlton community, and assist those that need support the most.

Your purchase of a beanie will help the RSL continue its small, but important role within our town and wider district.

For information and purchase please contact Bruce Gardner on 0417 393 467 or Bill Freeman on 5491 1000.

For the first time, the RSL is opening up a "Social Membership" to the Charlton RSL which would benefit local residents who just want a social outlet to meet and have a general chat, coffee or a beer on the social days and club functions. For further information on the investment of \$10 for the "Social Member" offer, please call either Bruce or Bill on the numbers above.

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Social days  
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Diggers Golf Day

## Quilts on Show at Courthouse Gallery

The historic Charlton Courthouse Gallery will be draped in colour and fabric this June Long Weekend for its latest exhibition, *Pieced Together*, a collaborative exhibition by Charlton and district quilters.

On display will be a diverse collection of quilts and other patchwork items that highlight both traditional techniques and modern creativity. Exhibitors include members of local patchwork groups as well as individuals. Hosted in the beautifully restored Courthouse Gallery, its high walls will provide the perfect backdrop for the striking designs and stitchwork on display.

Exhibition coordinator, Jodie Quinn, says, "This exhibition really shows the strength and spirit of our quilting community. Each piece tells a

story, and it's a wonderful opportunity for people to show off a favourite quilt — even if it's been tucked away for a while."

Running from Saturday 7 June to Monday 9 June, the exhibition will be open daily from 10 am to 4 pm. Visitors can expect a welcoming and inspiring display that celebrates skill, connection, and creativity. Entry is by donation.

Another exhibition to look forward to is a display of the work of Jenny Pollard. We look forward to exhibiting Jenny's prolific catalogue of work using a range of mediums. A feature story on Jenny appears in the latest edition of the Charlton Cultural Magazine. The official opening is on Sunday 3rd August at 2pm.

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# What's On At The Rex - June & July

**IN A PERSIAN GARDEN**  
**Saturday 21 June 2pm**

**Tickets: \$35**

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**[boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au](mailto:boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au)**

**At the door**

"*In a Persian Garden*" is the song cycle by Liza Lehmann to be presented by the Dunolly Gilbert & Sullivan Society at The Rex Theatre.

One of Liza Lehmann's most acclaimed works, "*In a Persian Garden*" was written in 1896 and is a song cycle for soprano, contralto, tenor & bass.

Set to verses from the renowned "*Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*" (verses by 12th-century Persian poet Omar Khayyám translated by Edward Fitzgerald in 1859), the philosopher-poet contemplates the beauties of nature, the essence of love, the mysteries of existence, the joys of wines, and the necessity of seizing the day.

Artists appearing at The Rex performance:

- AMELIA LE PLASTRIER: soprano
  - HELEN HILL contralto
  - BRETT O'MEARA tenor
  - IAN WOOLFORD bass
  - RACHEL BUCKLEY narrator
- with musical director/pianist GEOFFREY URQUHART

## WHO WAS LIZA LEHMANN?

Once a household name in the English-speaking world, Elizabetha ("Liza") Nina Mary Frederica Lehmann was born in Paddington, London, July 11th 1862. She was brought up in Italy until the age of five, and her first language was Italian. Her parents regularly wintered over in Rome, where they moved in an artistic milieu of the highest calibre.

The family returned to London in 1867. Lehmann trained as a singer and composer, but found her singing career stressful and retired, without regret, on her marriage. At this time, she turned to composition as a creative outlet. At her husband's suggestion, she set a selection of verses from Edward Fitzgerald's *Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyám*, then hugely in vogue in the English-speaking world. "*In a Persian Garden*", published in 1896, rapidly became extremely popular in Britain and North America.

This first triumph was the gateway to a long and successful career as a song composer of considerable fame. As well as writing about 300 individual songs, Lehmann continued to compose six more song-cycles in the quartet form, the most famous of these being *The Daisy Chain* (1900).

Lehmann was highly conscious of her rare status as a female composer, and in 1911 became the first president of the Society of Women Musicians, a highly

influential group set up to foster mutual cooperation between women composers and performers, at a time when opportunities were limited.

## ELVIS AND BUDDY ROCK N' ROLL SENSATION SHOW

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm (doors open at 6:30pm)**

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Sing along to the songs from two of the most influential Rock and Roll performers of all time –from "That'll Be The Day", "Peggy Sue", "Rave On", "That's Alright Mama", "Suspicious Minds" to "American Trilogy".

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## Charlton Craft Group

Meets at the Lions Lodge (Camp Street) every Tuesday morning (10am—12pm). The Charlton Craft Group welcomes anyone who shares their passion for crafts of all sorts. Whether it's knitting, crocheting, card making, needlework or other textile related activities, you will be made most welcome.

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.

Hope to see you there.

## CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

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**When:** Saturday 15th June 2025, 7am—5pm

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## St Martin's Messenger—June/July

Sunday 1 June	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 June	9am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 20 July	9am	Holy Communion.

**Holiness shines out** ““God did not call us to live in immorality, but in holiness”. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 (verse 7)

Don't you enjoy the experience of the warmth of the sun on your face? Not in summer but after a frost, it is great to go outside and feel the sun's rays – that instant warmth. It is especially lovely, if you have just come outside in the morning, from the cooler temperatures of your home, into the warmth. Sunlight gives warmth, light and life. It grows plants (through photosynthesis, I remember this from Biology lessons at school). We need sunlight, especially vitamin D from the sunlight.

Just as we need sunlight to grow, so we need Jesus Christ to become holy. When we have been made holy by Jesus, then we will be given peace with God and our conscience will be clear.

Just as we need sunlight to keep us physically healthy, so also we need regular doses of Jesus Christ to keep us spiritually healthy. We do not possess holiness, just as we do not possess the sun. Just as health advisers recommend a little bit of sunlight each day for most of us, so God calls us to read his Word daily, so that we are made holy and are warmed and energised for the day ahead. (I can personally recommend this – a great way to start the day!!)

Just as a person's face can radiate with warmth, so God makes us radiate his holiness and shine out as Jesus Christ did. We are called to shine among the people around us, as we offer them the message of life (God's love for us all).

**A Prayer for you:** Heavenly Father, shine your holiness on me through your Son, Jesus Christ, and shine your love through me. **Amen.**

Reverend Judi Bird 0435 593 359  
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### Services

Sundays, 10am @ Charlton Senior Citizens  
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# Thank You

**Julie Ann LIVINGSTON**

*The Livingston family wish to thank our friends in the Charlton community for their kind thoughts, gifts and messages following the sad passing of our sister, Julie. We appreciate this wonderful support.*

*We acknowledge the compassion and care of the staff at Bendigo Health Hospice and William Farmer Funerals Bendigo.*

**God has her in his keepings.  
We have her in our hearts.**

## Charlton Uniting Church

**Halliday Street, Charlton.**

### Service times for June:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June Uniting Church. 10.00am  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June Uniting Church. 10.00am  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Uniting Church. 10.00am  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June Cluster Service. 11.00am at Charlton



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## East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

### Mass Times

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> June 10.30am Livestream in  
Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> June 8.30am  
Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm  
Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 10.30am  
Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> June 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – No Mass



## North Central Garden Club

At the recent North Central Garden Club meeting held on the 27th of May nine members met for a short meeting and afternoon tea. As in most gatherings at the moment, the lack of rain was a topic of conversation and everyone has their fingers crossed for a break soon. Our competition table had a lovely display with some beautiful roses and camellias and two wonderful Mothers' Day arrangements.

The Club was pleased to be able to donate \$400 to the Courthouse Committee for the redevelopment of the rear garden at the Courthouse and we look forward to seeing the results in the near future.

Our thoughts are with any members who are not in the best of health and hope things improve soon.

Anyone interested in joining us at the club would be made most welcome. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Lions Lodge in Camp Street at 2pm. Feel free to contact:

President Aileen Allen Ph 0438911495  
Secretary Lynne McRae Ph 0408113104

## Charlton Senior Citizens

Firstly, we thank the donors who helped us in getting a new bingo board. Once again, a very big thank you!

April being Easter, the bunny ears were prominent, hopping about—some funny bunnies were made. Chooks were next, laying plenty of eggs and, lastly, chicks busy chirping. A great competition with lots of laughter.

May meeting numbers were down, so a game of six handed cards took place.

June 17th we're playing cards and games at 10:30 am, then going to the East Charlton Hotel for lunch. Greg Towers is going to entertain us. Anyone is welcome to come but must let me know for numbers.

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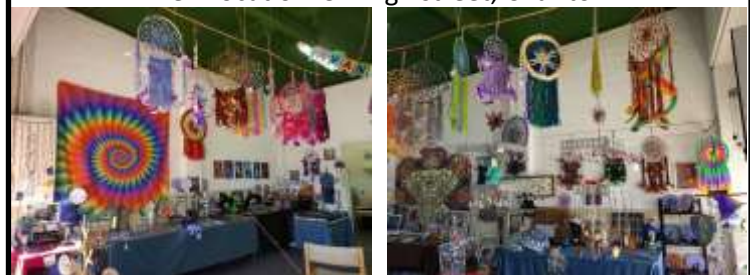
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