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## *Courthouse Gallery a Patchwork of Colour & Creativity*

The Charlton Courthouse Gallery was very busy over the June long weekend as visitors poured in for *Pieced Together – A Collaboration of Charlton & District Quilters*.

Despite chilly temperatures and the 'welcome' rain, people travelled from across the district to see the exhibition — a testament to the dedication of quilters and their love of sharing and celebrating each other's work.

It was the first time the historic Courthouse Gallery has hosted a quilt exhibition, and for many visitors it was also

their first time stepping inside the beautifully restored building. The gallery's high walls and charming interior made the perfect backdrop for the vibrant display of quilts.

Guests were impressed by the range of work on show — from traditional patterns to contemporary designs — and the skill and creativity behind each piece. While the walls were adorned with quilts of every style and size, every other surface was also covered with patchwork pieces and textile creations.

Gallery secretary, Carolyn Olive,

contributed a couple of her own quilts. "I haven't made a quilt for quite a while," she said, "but being surrounded by all the beautiful quilts has inspired me to dig out my stash of fabric and get sewing again."

Exhibition coordinator Jodie Quinn said the response exceeded expectations. "We're thrilled with the turnout and the fact that people travelled from far and wide to visit. The local quilters really enjoyed seeing their work on display. We may have to do it again — but next time we might need a bigger venue!"

More photos on Page 6.



*The main room of the gallery with walls adorned with quilts.*

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## *From the Editor*

*Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the July 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.

Welcome to our new sponsors, Appleby Funerals, Rhonda Porter, and Charlton Creative Quilters—it's great to have you on board.

Well, considering we are in the depths of winter, there is plenty going on in our little town—lots of live shows at the Rex, a toy memorabilia display and a new exhibition at the Courthouse.

This is also the time of year for AGMs. Don't we all dread them but many of our groups would cease to exist without people taking on executive roles. Just helping out for a year or so would make a huge difference to many clubs.

Thank goodness it has finally rained! The paddocks are now green and our tanks are much fuller. You could feel the whole town breathed a sigh of relief—although there's a long way to go yet.

Cheers, *Carolyn*

## Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

### **July:**

The Passion of Saint Nicholas—Fri 4th @ The Rex  
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.

### **August:**

Gallery Exhibition Opening—Sun 3rd  
Garage Girls—August 22nd @ The Rex



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# New Gallery Exhibition

## Jenny Pollard Retrospective Opening in August at Charlton Courthouse Gallery

The Charlton Courthouse Gallery will come alive with colour, wit and creativity this August as it hosts a major retrospective of the work of local artist and storyteller, Jenny Pollard. The exhibition opens officially on Sunday 3rd August at 2pm, with all art lovers, family and friends invited to attend.

While many will know Jenny as a long-time correspondent and photographer for the *Buloke Times* or for her iconic mural in the Charlton Shire Hall, this exhibition offers a much broader glimpse into her remarkable creative journey.

Spanning decades and a multitude of mediums, Jenny's work ranges from expressive life drawings and whimsical cartoons to abstract collages, textile pieces and large-scale murals. Her distinctive style is playful, thoughtful and deeply personal, often blending technical skill with

a strong sense of narrative and humour.

"We are really looking forward to showcasing Jenny's vast array of work," says Courthouse Gallery Secretary, Carolyn Olive. "Her creativity has touched so many areas of our community – this is a wonderful chance to see it all in one place."

Jenny's formal training in art and design, combined with her wide-ranging interests – from photography and silversmithing to cake decorating and digital design – has resulted in a body of work that is both diverse and deeply engaging. Whether through a finely inked cartoon or a bold brushstroke mural, her ability to capture the quirks and character of life shines through.

The exhibition will be open on Saturday and Sunday, 9–17 August, 10am–4pm. Entry by donation.

Don't miss this opportunity to see this celebration of work from one of our most prolific creatives.



*A piece by Jenny using paint and embroidery.*

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# Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to our monthly catch up from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. Despite the cooler weather we are still welcoming visitors to explore our wonderful collection. We are open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by prior arrangements with one of the members listed below..

## 1984 Bridal Parade

Our feature story this month takes us back to March 23, 1984, and the Charlton Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary Bridal Parade. Held at the Shire Hall in Armstrong Street, this event was tightly organized as there were 75 gowns featured on the night, with many of the ladies involved on the night still in and around Charlton.

Models were given precise times to arrive at the adjacent RSL building with their frocks in a clearly marked suitcase, and then split up into allocated groups and allotted times to prepare to parade. Behind the scenes six teams of ladies were organised to dress the brides at the allotted time and others to undress and store the frocks back into their cases, with all dresses and veils having to be clearly named to avoid any possible mix-ups.

It was a long night for all involved with the first group of models getting dressed at 7:15pm, while models 58 to 75 dressed at 10:15pm. It wasn't only the 75 bridal gowns on display. An additional 36 Bridesmaids, Matrons of Honour and Flower Girls also accompanied many of the models on the evening adding to the back room organization. A raffle was held to raise additional funds for the hospital with a 20 piece Arcopal Dinner Set as the major prize. Tickets were 20 cents each or 6 for \$1.00.

## Childhood Treasures & Collectibles

Just a reminder we have a very special day coming up on Thursday 10th July. On display will be a wonderful assortment of vintage games, toys and books as well as model ships and planes. The youth group is conducting various activities for the kids. And there will be tea and coffee for mums and dads or grandparents. See more details in this newsletter.

## Why not volunteer!

Like so many groups and organizations in town, Charlton Golden Grains Museum relies on a dedicated group of volunteers,

and we are always on the look-out for new members. You could give as much or as little time each month as you wish and don't need any experience; training will be provided. You can help us from home as well—all you need is a computer and the internet. 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.

Another simple option is to become a 'Friend of the Museum' for just \$20. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving our town's collection of important historic items for future generations.



*Dot McKee modelling a gown from 1861.*

**AGM**  
Our annual general meeting is coming up in July. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Charlton Golden Grains Museum

**Friday 18th July  
10:30am**

**Followed by lunch  
RSVP Carolyn 0418 361 971**

## 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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*June Frankum wearing the 1949 gown of Hilda*

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# Courthouse Gallery a Patchwork of Colour & Creativity



*A selection of Christmas themed creations.*



*Liz Richardson's patchwork dress was popular.*



*Elaine Wicks with her quilt made from hand dyed fabric.*



*Donna McCallum with her quilt.*



# Charlton Golf Championships

## Ladies' Championships

The Charlton Ladies' Championships were completed on Wednesday 18 June.

C Grade winner is Carmel Fitzpatrick, B Grade winner is Mary Headon and Club Champion is Wendy Laffin with a three game total of 270 strokes.

Doreen Heenan two best netts winner was Chris McGurk, 72 + 80 = 152.

Glad Dew putting winner is Wendy Laffin, 80 putts.

3 best netts A Grade—Anne Kenny, B Grade—Chris McGurk, C Grade—Wendy Hargreaves.

## Men's Championships

Charlton Golf Club had 17 players compete in a very closely contested 2025 championship. At the end of the 3 rounds we had a tie between Wayne Southwell 89-85-90=264 and Chris Mathews 91-88-85=264. The playoff started in the rain, and on the first hole Wayne managed to sink a Par putt for the Club Championship. Runner up in A Grade was Troy Heenan 87-89-90=266, 3 best netts John Headon 84-77-78=239.

B Grade Champion was Chris Mathews 91-88-85=264, Runner-up Mark Hamley 87-90-89=266. Mark also had the 3 best netts

74-77-76=227.

The most closely contested C Grade was won by Benno Catherine 99-90-91=280, one shot clear of Jamey Soulsby 92-96-93=281. The 3 best netts won by the competition's most consistent performer was Jeff Cox 73-71-73=217.

The Luth Cup award, for the 2 best netts over the whole Championship, was won jointly by Jeff Cox 73-71=144 and Peter Sexton 74-70=144.

The Championship was concluded with a casserole tea with 40 club members and family coming together to celebrate with all our Champions for 2025.



C Grade Champion—Carmel Fitzpatrick, Club Champion—Wendy Laffin, B Grade Champion—Mary Headon.



Gladys Dew Putting—Wendy Laffin, Doreen 2 best netts—Chris McGurk.



L to R: Chris Mathews, Wayne Southwell, Mark Hamley, Benno Catherine, John Headon, Jeff Cox and Peter Sexton.





# Charlton College News

## Year 10 & 11 Exams:

At the start of the month our Year 10 and 11 students began their mid-year exams, an important milestone in their academic journey. Students have been working diligently in the lead-up to these exams, engaging in revision sessions, seeking teacher feedback, and honing their study techniques. The exams cover a wide range of subjects across core and elective areas, testing students' understanding, critical thinking, and application of key concepts. Exams can be a stressful time, but with good preparation and a positive mindset, they can also be a rewarding one.

## Somers Camp:

Four of our Year 6 students embarked on an exciting 9-day journey at Somers Camp! They took part in a wide range of outdoor and creative activities, including Boating, Archery, Drama, Art, Environmental Studies, Bushcraft, Orienteering, Rope Courses, Swimming/Surfing (weather permitting), Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Flying Fox, and the Challenge Swing. The fun didn't stop when the sun went down—with evening activities such as Night Hikes, Bush dance, Concert Nights, Disco, Games Nights, and a classic Campfire experience.

## Year 10 Driver Education:

Our Year 10 students headed over to CHARTSEC, swapping the classroom for the driver's seat as part of the Driver Education program. For many, it was their first time behind the wheel—and a big step toward learning to drive safely and confidently. They covered road rules, hazard awareness, and how to make good decisions on the road. The highlight for many was the practical driving session with qualified instructors—a great confidence boost before getting their Ls. Thank you to the CHARTSEC team for guiding the way!

## GAT:

On June 17<sup>th</sup> students undertaking VCE units 3 & 4 sat the General Achievement Test (GAT), a key component of the VCE assessment process. The GAT is designed to assess general knowledge and skills in written communication, mathematics, science, technology, the arts, and humanities. It is a compulsory test for all students enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3 and 4 subjects. While the GAT does not directly contribute to a student's study scores, it plays a crucial role behind the scenes. GAT results are used to help verify the accuracy of school-based and external assessments and can also be considered in the case of Derived Examination Scores if a student is unable to sit an exam or is affected by illness or other factors.

## Year 11 & 12 Retreat:

The Year 11 and 12 students embarked on an unforgettable two-night retreat at the picturesque Creswick Log Cabin Homestead. They arrived just in time for a delicious butter chicken dinner, followed by a spirited and fun-filled game of spoons that set the tone for the evening.

Throughout the retreat, VM students dedicated their time to thoughtfully planning an exciting upcoming project, while VCE students immersed

themselves in focused study habit workshops to sharpen their academic skills.

They completed some exhilarating team-building challenges—from the daring leap of faith and balancing act of milk crate stacking to the adrenaline-pumping giant slingshot, clip and climb, and the thrilling zipline ride. These activities not only pushed their limits but also strengthened camaraderie and teamwork across the group.



Yr 11 & 12 Retreat



Somers Camp—Josh Bartlett, Hudson McGrath, Isabella Stahl, Lilymae McPhee.



Driver Ed—Anika Holmes-Brown.



## VET Taster Day:

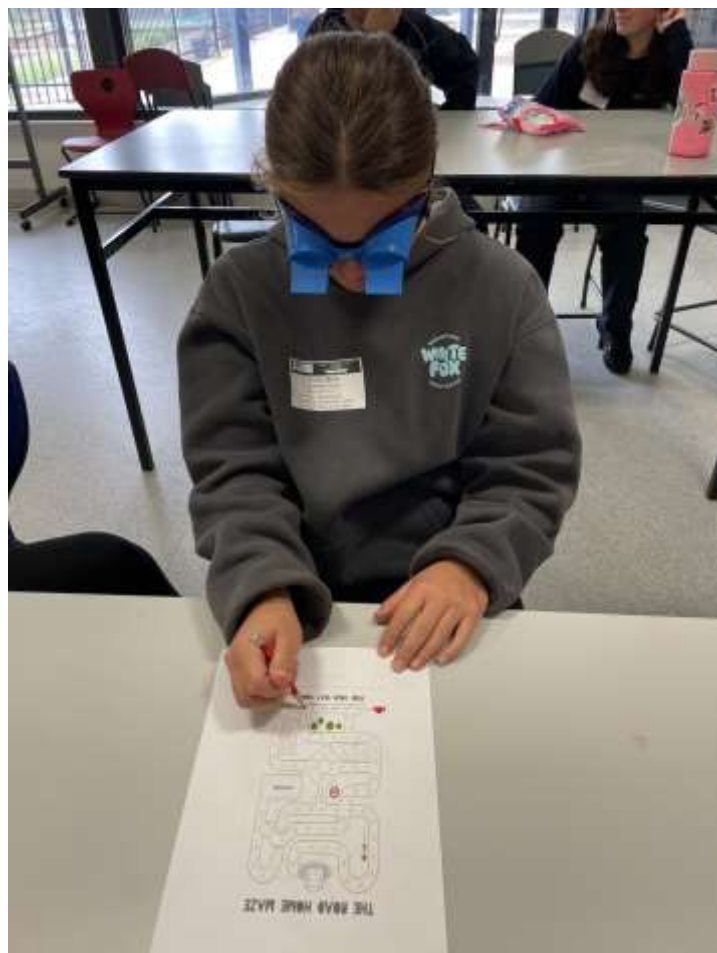
NCTTC hosted its annual 'Try a VET Day', giving around 130 students from nine cluster schools the chance to explore VET subjects and future pathways. The day began with guest speakers from various industries, organised by NCLLEN's Julie

Bourke, with guest speakers Sigrid Lee, Remi Jeffery, Rebecca Cossar, Emily Wright, Bruce Hando, and Conrad Sugden. Their insights into careers and life were greatly appreciated. Students then rotated through three VET sessions, gaining a hands-on look at the 11 subjects on offer. A

BBQ lunch, kindly provided by the Charlton Lions Club, was a hit with everyone. Feedback from both staff and students was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to the NCLLEN for their ongoing support, and to TTC staff for delivering engaging sessions.



VET Taster Day—Guest Speakers Sigrid Lee & Remi Jeffery.



VET Taster Day—Erin Blair with Dementia Glasses on.

# JAZZ IN JULY

## Get Ready to Swing — Jazz in July is Back!

Charlton Arts is thrilled to present Jazz in July, who will be jazzing up the **Rex Theatre** on Saturday, 27 July at 2:00pm. Taking centre stage are the ever-popular Hot B'Hines — a seasoned group of jazz lovers who've been bringing us fabulous music for more than 30 years.

Expect toe-tapping traditional jazz and a band whose joy in playing together is as infectious as their rhythm. Known for their energy, charm, and polished performances, the Hot B'Hines have a loyal fanbase in Charlton and beyond — and for good reason.

"We're delighted to welcome the Hot B'Hines back to Charlton," says

Charlton Arts Secretary, Carol Bennett. "Their enthusiasm is genuine, their music is top-notch, and they always leave the crowd wanting more."

The music may be hot, but the vibe will be cool — especially with a spot of afternoon tea served during intermission, just across the road at the Charlton Club.

Tickets are \$20 and can be booked through the Charlton Neighbourhood House, online via <https://events.humanitix.com/jazz-in-july-2023>, or at the door.

Don't miss this foot-stomping, heart-warming afternoon of music, memories, and good old-fashioned fun.



The Hot B'Hines performing at Jazz in July in 2023.





# St Joseph's School News

## Auslan, Learning Walk, Mr Lanyon, PJs at School and so much more!

Can you believe we are wrapping up Semester One? Time has certainly flown by in a flurry of activity and learning at St Joseph's School! I am amazed at the growth and progress happening in our classrooms – well done, everyone!

### Auslan

We have now completed one term of learning in Auslan, our new languages program. We are fortunate to have a wonderful teacher assistant from the deaf community, Renee, who zooms in to our classrooms each Monday. The staff and students are quickly picking up the signing, building capacity to have fluent conversations, and amaze me with their capability. Students are currently learning to sign a song or two to share with the Nursing Home residents on Thursday.

### 2026 Enrolments Open

Enrolments for the 2026 school year are now open. Information packs are available from the School Office and all enquiries are welcome. On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July prospective families are invited to join a *Learning Walk* at St Joseph's School commencing at 9:30am. A *Learning Walk* provides the opportunity to step inside the classrooms and see them in action. Participants are asked to sign in at the Office by 9:20am.

### Welcome Mr Lanyon

As Term Three commences, we are excited to welcome Mr Sean Lanyon to our school community. Mr Lanyon will teach in the Senior Room for the remainder of the 2025 school year, joining us from New South Wales. You can probably tell from the name that Mr Lanyon has relatives in town and we hope he enjoys his time with us at St Joseph's. We know the community will make him feel very welcome!

## Congratulations Patrick

On Monday morning we had some special visitors to the senior classroom - Mr. and Mrs Freeman and Mr McGillivray - representing the local RSL Branch. The Grade 6 students had completed a writing task about what Anzac Day means to them. Each student was presented with a certificate of participation. Congratulations to Patrick Winslade for being the overall winner! We also extend a big thank you to the RSL for taking the time to be involved with the students in an exercise such as this. Congratulations to each of the Grade 6 students for their excellent entries. Well done!



Patrick Winslade & Allan McGillivray.

## Pyjama Day

To conclude the term students are having a pyjama (or comfy casual clothes) day on Friday, preparing to lapse in to holiday mode! Students will be treated to a warm lunch and a shared movie as a treat for a hard term's work!

## Work Experience

We currently have Sabellah McKean on work experience at St Joseph's School. Sabellah is a past student of the school and currently lives in Torquay. Staff and students are enjoying Sabellah's enthusiasm and willingness to get involved in the day-to-day operations and activity of St Joe's!

## Fiction Fridays

While we continue our journey with Structured Literacy and apply the science of learning associated with this, a conscious effort has been made to ensure there are still plenty of opportunities for students to use their creativity and imagination and to be exposed to a wide range of quality literature. One aspect of this has been a focus on fiction texts each Friday. The Junior students have spent the term exploring traditional fairy tales. The excitement is palpable each week as they discover what story they will have that Friday! Brilliant, hands-on art and craft activities have supported the literacy work each week, bringing another exciting aspect to Fiction Fridays!

Best wishes for an enjoyable holiday to all our families and St Joseph's School community members. Stay warm and we look forward to more learning, growing and thriving in Term Three!



(L-R) Bill Freeman, Patrick Winslade, Ruby Wright, Daniel Johnstone, Sophie Roberts, Toby Bourke, Allan McGillivray & Joy Freeman.



Junior Class on Fiction Friday Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs.





# Charlton Probus News

Our General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June went smoothly even with a last minute change of venue to the Uniting Church Hall. There were 36 members present. Happy Birthday was sung to Bev Mulholland, David Beaty, Marj Bartlett and Joan Mundy. Wendy Vandenelst and Ray Aisbett amused us with some jokes. Pat Mathews is leading the Footy Tipping with 78 correct tips followed by Pam Rosewall on 74.

Margaret Byrne gave a two minute talk about author Robyn Howarth who spoke in Donald recently. On Friday 6th October 1972 two masked men burst into the Faraday school room and kidnapped the young female teacher and 6 female students, Robyn being one of those students. Robyn spoke about the horrors they went through. Counselling was unheard of at that time but a few years back Robyn undertook counselling and can now hear the word 'Faraday' without trembling.

Our Guest Speaker was Doug Gretgrix who spoke about his involvement with Harness Racing. He was pestered by Matt Donaldson and his brother Stanley, both trainers, to join the committee which he did in 1979 and immediately became the Assistant Starter in the local area. In 1980 Doug started his first race meeting. The mobile barrier in those days was primitive compared to the computerised version today.

In 1987 Harness Racing Victoria called for starters. There was a starter in Echuca and Horsham and Doug was

appointed to do the area in between but when the roster came out one of the first places he was listed for was Geelong. Sometimes he was in Melbourne as a back up starter. There are 28 clubs in the state and within 3 or 4 years he had started at most tracks.

His next goal was to be starter at the A. G. Hunter Cup – the biggest standing start race in Australia at that time. He achieved this goal in 2009.

In 2017 Doug was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal which is presented to those within the industry who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve Victorian Harness Racing. Some people Doug mentioned were Kerry Manning as a driver at only 17 years of age and Gavin Lang – the best male driver Doug has seen. Doug mentioned Jane Bunn and Danny Frawley as two of the celebrities who have ridden in the back of the mobile. Many local people have also had this experience.

Harness Racing Victoria is currently finding it hard to stay afloat. Charlton used have 16 meetings a year but has been cut back to 12. In two years' time there will be no harness racing in the afternoon and it would cost \$2m - \$3m to put lights at Charlton. Charlton has a great Training Centre and is one of the best clubs – set up well and very friendly.

Doug had on display Ted Lambert's and Stanley Gretgrix's colours and other memorabilia.



June Birthdays—Eily Rosewall (Caring Officer), Bev Mulholland & David Beaty.



Left: Guest speaker, Doug Gretgrix with Kim Wishart.  
Above: Doug's display of harness racing memorabilia.



# CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

## July update from Charlton Neighbourhood House!

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 any services that we deliver. Also, please note we will only be open from 10 am - 1 pm on July 11th.

## Upcoming July Highlights

Charlton Childhood Treasures and Collectables Expo. Thursday 10th July at the Uniting Church Hall. This is an amazing opportunity to revisit your childhood and even partake in some hands-on experiences. An ideal school holiday activity with the Charlton Youth Group supervising the fun. Tea and coffee available along with a sausage sizzle. Open 10 am to 3 pm. Children's activities running 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

## Mallee Melee 5

Miniature Wargaming returns to Charlton on July 12 and 13 at the Charlton RSL. Drop by between 9 am and 5 pm to witness miniature Napoleonic armies marching and fighting across the battlefield. Supported by the Neighbourhood House and Buloke Shire, this event raises funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and is a family-friendly activity.

## Beginner Guitar Lessons

Have you ever wanted to learn the guitar? Here is a terrific opportunity to join Fletcher Holmes-Brown as he hosts these fun beginner lessons. Kicking off on July 6, inquire today to secure your place.

## Coming shortly

The Charlton Neighbourhood House, in conjunction with Regional Arts Victoria, is proud to be presenting a fantastic live performance at the Rex Theatre. Garage Girls takes us back to 1920's Melbourne with five colourful characters defying convention and making their marks.



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## Cultural Corner

Have you purchased the latest Winter edition of the Charlton Cultural Magazine? Packed with inspiring stories, stunning photography, and updates on local creative talent, it's a must-read.

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.

## 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, July 25th, 10:30 AM. This month's topic: Australian Poetry. Join in the discussion about Australian Poetry and explore the rich tapestry of verses that reflect the heart and soul of Australia. Whether you're a seasoned poetry enthusiast or just curious, this hour promises engaging discussions and insights.
- **Storytime:** Fourth Tuesday of every month, 10:30 AM–12 PM - Venue to be confirmed. A fun-filled session for children under 5 and their caregivers.
- **Book Club:** Third Tuesday of every month, 10:30 AM–12 PM. Venue to be confirmed. Share your latest read or favorite podcast—no set book required!

**CNH Open Hours** Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri 10am-4pm. Closed for lunch 12:30pm - 1:15pm.



# WHAT'S ON FOR



## JULY

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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### e-Prepared Paperwork Sessions

Where: CNH

Time: Appointments only

FREE, bookings essential.



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### Passion of Saint Nicholas

Where: Rex Theatre

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$20



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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



6, 13,  
20, 27

### Beginners Guitar Lessons with Fletcher Holmes-Brown

Where: Courthouse Gallery

Time: 10am - 12pm

Cost: \$20



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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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### Carers & Co Lunch - East Wimmera Health

Where: Charlton East Hotel

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30 pm

COST: Lunch at subsidised price



24

### Table for 12 - Dumplings

Where: North Central Trade Kitchen

Time: 7pm - 9pm

COST: \$25



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### Childhood Treasures and Collectables

Where: Uniting Church

Time: 10am - 3pm



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### Conversation Hour with Chris Binney

Topic: Australian Poetry

Where: Rex Foyer

Time: 10.30am-11.30am

FREE



12+  
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### Mallee Melee 5

Where: Charlton RSL

Time: 9am - 5pm



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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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### Buloke Book Club

Where: Charlton Library (TBC)

Time: 10:30am - 12pm

COST: FREE



## COMING UP IN AUGUST

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### Garage Girls

Where: Rex Theatre

Time: 7pm

Tickets: \$25







# Charlton Netball Club News

Another busy month for our club with plenty going on each week and some important events to highlight -

## Maddi's Round & All Cancers Round

This weekend (14 June) was a very special one for us at the Charlton Netball Club, we came together to remember Maddi Fitzpatrick. This round will always be a special & significant one for us.

Maddi's passion for the game and her infectious energy will never be forgotten. We will continue to play in her memory and strive to embody the same dedication and spirit that she brought to the court. Every time I step onto the court, Maddi is on my mind, and I aspire to keep making her proud.

Maddi was a one of a kind netballer and she is deeply missed at the Charlton Netball Club and throughout the North Central League.

It was great to see so much green & purple around the grounds! Thanks to the North Central League for all their hard work in keeping this round going.

#noonefightsalone

Written by Chloe Walsh (Charlton Netball Club President) on behalf of the CNC.

## Buddy & Special Person Sessions

This month at CNC we've had some special trainings that have brought players, families and friends together. On the 5th of June we ran our bring a parent or special person to training for our junior players. This was an opportunity to get our parents and friends together to showcase our netball skills and show them what training is all about. Well done to all those involved, especially U17s coach Holly Thompson for organising.

Then on the 20th of June was the launch of our buddy system with our first buddy

training. This initiative involves a senior player being paired with a junior player to build club culture, connection and the development of our junior players. The night was a chance to get all our netballers, big and small together to have fun and learn something new about one another. A huge thank you to our leadership team Abby Mulquiny, Megan Bruns and Bec Sexton for putting together the buddy system and training.

## Headspace Round

The Headspace centre in Swan Hill teamed up for this year's Headspace Round on June 21, in partnership with the North Central Netball, Hockey and Football Leagues. The round aimed to spread a clear and powerful message that we are all stronger together.

The Headspace Round promoted positive mental health and wellbeing by encouraging players, clubs and communities to come together and check in with each other on and off the field. To mark the occasion, all players wore green armbands. As part of the round all players had the opportunity to win a Headspace-branded match ball or Hockey stick by demonstrating real sportsmanship and supporting their teammates.

Congratulations to Rosie Fitzpatrick (U14s), Sarah Blair (U17s) and Ebony

McCarthy (C grade) on winning the match ball from their respective games. These girls showed true "Heads On" behaviours both on and off the court and were rewarded for their efforts.

## North Central Netball Association – Gala Day Representatives

Well done to Rosie Fitzpatrick, Stella Nicolson, Erin Blair and Maggie Riley on representing our league at a recent gala day tournament. The girls assisted in making a three-peat aggregate win for our league. Special mention to other club representatives – Kim Fitzpatrick, NCNA President and Claudia Lee, U17s coach.

## Upcoming Events –

Round 11, 5<sup>th</sup> of July – Bogan Bingo Night. Prizes to be won on the night with bingo and other competitions running. There will also be a free movie night for the kids! At Charlton Park after our home game against Wedderburn.



Maddi's Round.



Maddi's Round. One Minutes Silence - A grade sides unite as one (Photo Credit - Blake Lee Photography).





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Round 14, 2<sup>nd</sup> of August - We are holding our 'Five's' Reunion and book launch. A special gathering filled with nostalgia, celebration and new beginnings. All are invited to come along and share stories, reconnect with familiar faces and mark a proud milestone with the launch of the book: The History of Charlton Netball Club Version 2.0 1953-2025. An official welcome will be held at the netball courts commencing at 1:30pm after which the A grade match will follow. Dinner and presentations to be held in the Charlton Park Function room 6:30pm onwards.

Round 15, 9<sup>th</sup> of August - Goods and Services Auction - A great night on our yearly calendar for the club. Preparation is underway to get the full list organized ready to auction off.

*Right: Charlton's representatives for the NCNA at the Gala Day on Sunday 22nd June - Rosie Fitzpatrick, Stella Nicolson, Erin Blair and Maggie Riley.*



*Special Person - Buddy Training.*



*Special Person - Buddy Training.*



*Sarah Blair - Headspace Round*



*Rosie Fitzpatrick - Headspace Round*



# *Charlton Croquet Club*

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June five Charlton Croquet players travelled to Boort to play in the second of three Murray Valley Croquet Association winter Round Robin social matches. We travelled in very foggy conditions and could not see the lake when we arrived at the courts. The weather was very cold but luckily no wind. There were 20 players from three clubs – Swan Hill,

Boort and Charlton. After two hours play in the morning, we had a delicious lunch followed by another two hours of play and then afternoon tea. We did briefly see a shadow in the afternoon. The winner of Golf Croquet was Margaret Bowen and the Association Croquet winner was Anne Kenny. The last round will be played at Swan Hill on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

On the same weekend Naomi and Lindsay Patullo travelled to Wagga Wagga to play in the Inaugural Croquet NSW Association Croquet Hi-lo event. The lawns were full with 18 players. They had a brisk start in the cool weather. The winners were Kathy Moloney (Canberra) and Lindsay Patullo.



*Anne Kenny & Margaret Bowen—Murray Valley Croquet Association Round Robin at Boort.*



*NSW Association Croquet Hi-lo event. Kathy Moloney & Lindsay Patullo.*

## *Charlton's Childhood Treasures & Collectibles*

Step Back in Time at Charlton's Childhood Treasures & Collectibles Day

Looking for a fun, free family outing these school holidays? The Charlton Golden Grains Museum invites you to a delightful day of nostalgia and hands-on fun at Charlton Childhood Treasures & Collectibles, running from 10am to 3pm on Thursday 10th July at the Charlton Uniting Church.

This one-day event promises something for everyone—from intricate displays to interactive activities. Enjoy a heartwarming collection of toys and treasures from days gone by from the museum's collection or generously loaned by local community members. As Museum Secretary Carolyn Olive explains, "The community has been incredibly generous, offering pieces from their own childhood collections. We've been overwhelmed by the response—and some are even choosing to donate items permanently to the museum."

Alongside the vintage charm, you'll find a showcase of model radio-controlled planes and the stunning, hand-crafted model ships created by the late Laurie Harvie.

Children can get hands-on with a Thomas the Tank Engine train set, dive into LEGO building, or join in a range of fun activities run by the Charlton Youth Group.

Entry is free, and the day wouldn't be complete without tea and coffee for the grown-ups and a sausage sizzle (\$2) for everyone.

Whether you're reminiscing about the toys of your youth or making new memories with your own children or grandchildren, Charlton Childhood Treasures & Collectibles is the perfect way to spend a holiday Thursday.



*One of the late Laurie Harvie's hand made ships that will be on display.*





# Charlton Harness Racing

## 25/26 RACING CALENDAR DATES RELEASED

Harness Racing Victoria has recently released the upcoming season racing dates for all of Victoria and unfortunately for many clubs, Charlton included, it is reflective of the difficulties facing the industry at present. Drastic change has already taken place, particularly the drop in prizemoney, so it is a very difficult period for participants to negotiate and stay positive.

Some 40 plus meetings have been cut from the previous calendar with many clubs having to take a reduction in the number of meetings they run. Charlton has been reduced from 16 to 12 and will run predominantly on Mondays.

Community Bank Charlton and District Charlton Cup Day will be run on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Many factors have come into play with this major restructure of the industry, some of which include horse numbers, TV access, drop in breeding, and at which clubs turnover is most profitable. As HRV strives to realign the industry for a sustainable future, the Charlton HRC Committee will continue to support our local trainers and create ways in which our club remains a vibrant part of regional harness racing.

The CHRC Committee will also continue to work closely with HRV to ensure that this happens.

Now more than ever we ask that locals sign on as members as a large membership base and strong community support are the best platforms from which to remain stable and grow – even in these tumultuous times.

**MEMBERSHIP \$10 FOR REMAINDER**

**OF THIS YEAR – FORMS AT  
CHARLTON NEWSAGENCY OR  
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**CHARLTON RACE DATES 25/26**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

**CELEBRATING JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
(ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>!)**

The CHRC is again very fortunate to have Ames Australasia sponsor our July 4<sup>th</sup> day to be held this year on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. CFO Dale McGrath continues to support this day and it has grown in to one of the more popular meetings for participants

throughout the year.

Fantastic trophies are on offer for all winning trainers and we hope that we will again get strong fields to celebrate what has become a fun event on our calendar.

Everyone is invited to come along and be a part of this day and to enjoy all the flavours of America in the function room. Donuts, apple pie, cookies and hot dogs will be available for patrons to get into the spirit of the day. We can't guarantee you a winner but most certainly you will leave the course with a few extra kilos!

There will also be a free betting competition for those on course to get involved in.

**FREE ENTRY for all!**  
**God Bless America!!**

### RAFFLE NIGHT

It has been so encouraging to see the support that members have been giving this social night once a month. The June raffle drew a big crowd who we hope will all return for an hour or so on **SUNDAY JULY 6<sup>th</sup>**. We may even get into the USA theme a bit!

These nights are very informal but just a great way to catch up on all that is happening around the club and to gather socially as members.

Thank you to all those who venture out



*The now familiar blue horse getting in the 4th of July spirit.*

on a cold Sunday night to show your support, and to club sponsors The Cricket Club Hotel who tolerate all our nonsense!

### WELL DONE LUKE AND TORI!

Our youngest tenants at the Training Centre Luke Dunne and Tori Hutchins have been winning far and wide the last month. From Maryborough to Mildura the reward for hard work is certainly paying off.

Luke in particular had a golden day at Mildura recently winning four races – not something that is an everyday occurrence and certainly helps to put Charlton in the spotlight.

So well done both of you – we are super proud !



*Rod McKee & Sebastian Steenhuis at the Raffle night.*



*Luke Dunne and Tori Hutchins with Lollipop.*



# What's On At The Rex - July



## WHAT'S ON AT THE REX – July 2025

A busy month of live entertainment is locked in at The Rex during July with the following shows:

### THE PASSION OF SAINT NICHOLAS

*Hosted by the Charlton Neighbourhood House*

**Friday 4 July 7pm**

**Tickets: \$20**

**Bookings:** <https://events.humanitix.com/passion-of-saint-nicholas>

Join Geraldine Quinn (*Spicks and Specks, The Weekly*) as she takes the audience on a journey through growing up in a huge family in Wagga Wagga, being an arty kid in a sporty school and shared sibling dreams of a music career. Cathartic and hilarious, packed with original music, and with a profound message of moving forward with love and loss in your heart, 'Saint Nicholas' moves audiences to tears of sadness and joy all at once.

## ELVIS AND BUDDY ROCK N' ROLL SENSATION SHOW

*Presented by The Rex Theatre*

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

**Tickets: \$40 General | \$35 Concession**

**Bookings:** [https://](https://www.rextheatre.org.au/live-shows.html)

[www.rextheatre.org.au/live-shows.html](https://www.rextheatre.org.au/live-shows.html)

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

### At the door

Re-live the music. re-live the era and get ready to shake, rattle and roll in a whirlwind of rock 'n' roll magic as we celebrate two iconic legends of music in the:

**"Elvis and Buddy: Rock and Roll Sensation" Show.**

Join highly acclaimed entertainer Mark Caligiuri and The Sensational Memphis Beat Show Band as they bring to life the songs of Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly with one of the most energetic lineups of Melbourne's most talented musicians and backing vocalists around!

You will be taken on the ultimate Rock and Roll journey with this dynamic group of entertainers. With the live band fuelling the energy and a stunning visual display

that immerses you in the vibrant eras of the '50s, '60s and '70's, this show is a must-see for music lovers of all ages.

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".

This ultimate tribute to two of the greatest entertainers of all time is one show you don't want to miss! Tickets selling fast – so book now!

## JAZZ IN JULY

*Presented by Charlton Arts Inc.*

**Sunday 27 July 2pm**

**Tickets: \$25 (including afternoon tea)**

**Bookings:** <https://events.humanitix.com/jazz-in-july-2025>

Featuring the brilliant HOT B'HINES jazz band.

Popular with the jazz set, David Hines and his gang will set The Rex alight for an afternoon of smooth music fit to banish the winter blues.

# Charlton Forum

Charlton Forum membership numbers are becoming alarmingly low and without increased membership some of our programs and services we provide may be in danger, including the Community Car and the Community Newsletter. As the main body representing the Charlton Community, with regard to municipal issues and community projects, it is imperative that we attract new members to provide a strong and comprehensive representation of our community. You may not be aware of what Charlton Forum actually does so a summary of our activities is provided below.

We are the auspicing body for:

- Travellers Rest Committee
- Charlton Website
- Charlton Community Newsletter
- Charlton Visitor Radio
- Charlton Community Car
- Tourism Committee

Charlton Forum is responsible for updating and maintaining the Charlton Community Plan which is used by Buloke Shire and other organisations to apply for funding. A consultation process, in conjunction with the Buloke Shire, is underway to ensure the plan is up-to-date and represents the needs of our community.

Charlton Forum also provide

information, support and advocate on behalf of numerous issues and projects for the Buloke Shire and on behalf of the community.

Below is a list of recent, future and ongoing issues and projects that Charlton Forum has been involved with.

- Project Control Group—Streetscape Project
- Project Control Group—Gordon Park Development
- High Street speed & truck safety
- Boort Road Railway crossing upgrade
- Tourism publications
- Annual Australia Day Awards
- Christmas, Mothers' Day & Fathers' Day Signage.
- High Street Planter pots—painting and banner wraps.
- Set-up and pack-up of Christmas Decorations

Charlton Forum meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. Meetings are open to the public and if interested in attending, please contact one of our members listed below. Meetings follow a strict agenda but in General Business there is an opportunity for individuals and community organisations to raise issues or update us on their activities. A Shire

representative is usually present at meetings to update us on issues raised previously, to report on Shire business relevant to Charlton, and to take note of other issues that need addressing.

Forum members attend a council briefing at least once a year to report on our activities. We receive an operating stipend from Buloke Shire of \$2000 per year.

Forum also represents Charlton on the Buloke Tourism Board.

If you are interested in the future wellbeing and prosperity of Charlton, the Charlton Forum is where you can make a real difference.

To attend a meeting or have something raised at a meeting contact a Forum member or email: [charltonforum@gmail.com](mailto:charltonforum@gmail.com).

### Annual General Meeting

The Charlton Forum Annual General Meeting is taking place on Tuesday 15th July at 5:30pm at the Lions Lodge. All positions will be declared vacant and members will have the chance to nominate for roles. Anyone from the public is welcome to attend. For any queries contact Secretary Markus Phillips on 0413 129 216.

### Charlton Forum Executive

Chairperson—Wayne Litton  
Vice Chairperson—Garry Larmour  
Secretary—Markus Phillips  
Treasurer—Garry Larmour



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## REX THEATRE JULY COMING ATTRACTIONS

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



**HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON** 125 mins | Live Action  
PG Mild peril and violence, some scenes may upset young children

**Sat 5 JULY 8pm**

**Sun 6 JULY 2pm**

**Tue 8 JULY \*2pm & 8pm**

**Wed 9 JULY \*2pm**

As an ancient threat endangers both Vikings and dragons alike on the isle of Berk, the friendship between Hiccup, a Night Fury dragon, becomes the key to both species forging a new future together.



**A MINECRAFT MOVIE** 101 mins | Comedy | Fantasy  
PG Mild fantasy violence and coarse language, some scenes may scare young children

**Fri 11 JULY \*2pm**

Four misfits are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into the Overworld: a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination.



**KARATE KID: LEGENDS** 94 mins | Action | Drama  
PG Mild themes, violence and coarse language

**Sat 12 JULY 8pm**

**Sun 13 JULY 2pm**

**Tue 15 JULY \*2pm & 8pm**

After kung fu prodigy Li Fong relocates to New York City, he attracts unwanted attention from a local karate champion and embarks on a journey to enter the ultimate karate competition with the help of Mr. Han and Daniel LaRusso.



**F1 THE MOVIE** 155 mins | Drama | Sport  
M Coarse language

**Sat 19 JULY 8pm**

**Sun 20 JULY 2pm**

**Tue 22 JULY 8pm**

A Formula One driver comes out of retirement to mentor and team with a younger driver. Starring Brad Pitt.



**JURASSIC WORLD: REBIRTH** 134 mins | Action | Adventure  
M Scenes of threat and peril

**Sat 26 JULY 8pm**

**Tue 29 JULY 8pm**

(No Sunday screening)

Five years after Jurassic World Dominion, an expedition braves isolated equatorial regions to extract DNA from three massive prehistoric creatures.

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**FRI 4 July 7pm**



**FRI 25 July 7:30pm**



**SUN 27 July 2pm**



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**FORTNIGHTLY FROM TUESDAY JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 1PM**  
**NAMES CAN BE ADDED TO THE LIST AT**  
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**OR CONTACT CHER ON 0419 208 303**

**\$5.00 TO PLAY & YOU COULD WIN A MEAT TRAY**

**ANYONE WELCOME – COME GIVE IT A TRY –**  
**CASUAL DRESS**

**OTHER DATES – JULY 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

**BOWLS AVAILABLE TO USE –**  
**FLAT SOLED SHOES PLEASE**

## **Charlton Forum Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 15th July, 2025,**  
**5:30pm**

**Lions Lodge, Camp Street**

**Supper provided**

**All Welcome**

# *Thank You*

*I would sincerely like to thank my family, the local Cabbritta CWA ladies and friends for the lovely gifts, cards, flowers and kind wishes I received for my recent 90th birthday.*

*It was a pleasure to mark the occasion with so many warm messages and thoughtful gestures. I truly appreciated everyone who took the time to call, send a card, drop in or attend the celebration.*

*Your kindness helped make the occasion not only enjoyable but also one to remember.*

*Thank you all.*  
*Pat Sutton.*



## **Mallee Melee 5**

**July 11-13, 2025**  
**Charlton, Victoria**  
*General d'Armee 2*  
*Campaign Game.*

**Support a rural community & RFDS.**

**No commision Bring & Buy table**

**Everything provided.**

**Join us for a fantastic fun filled weekend of Napoleonic miniature wargaming.**  
**Meet & Greet + set up Friday.**  
**Gaming Saturday & Sunday.**  
**Cost \$20 for the weekend.**



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FB Mallee Melee Wargaming Weekend



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BULOKÉ SHIRE COUNCIL





Charlton St Vincent de Paul Society  
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WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY 2025

CHARLTON SENIOR CITIZENS ROOM

Please RSVP by Friday 25th July to the  
Charlton Neighbourhood House or leave  
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Transport can be arranged if needed.  
Please advise dietary requirements.



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STARTING 10TH JULY 2025

Looking for a creative space to relax, connect, and create art?  
All skill levels welcome. Social, supportive, and stress-free

BRING YOUR CURRENT ARTWORK OR DIVE INTO SOMETHING NEW.

When: Thursdays | 6:00pm – 9:30pm

Where: The Lions Lodge, Charlton

Cost: \$3 per session

Bring your own materials or use shared supplies.

TO JOIN OR TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ☎ Jodie Quinn 0493 055 978

Expressions of interest open for Sunday sessions

### Who is this for?

Anyone with a passion for visual art.  
People with evening availability due to work or other commitments.  
Those who lack space or materials to work on their art at home.  
Community members seeking a creative outlet to support mental wellbeing.  
Beginners and experienced artists alike!

### What's available:

Bring your own art materials and work on your individual projects in a friendly, relaxed space.  
No materials? No worries! We have a limited variety of shared art supplies available — including watercolour, oil and acrylic paints, brushes, sketch pads, pencils, canvases, and more.  
Enjoy a social, supportive environment focused on creativity and connection.

Let's put the spark into an  
Aussie Christmas!

Community Spark  
invites YOU to join the celebration!

Community Spark is a small group of local residents committed to bringing the festive spirit back to our community — with a true-blue Aussie twist!

We're looking for local legends, schools, clubs and community groups to get involved by creating your very own Aussie-themed Christmas display or decoration. Think bush Santas, gum trees with tinsel, kangaroos in reindeer ears — the more creative, the better!

Let's fill our streets with colour, laughter, and the unique joy of an Australian Christmas.

**Want to be part of it?**  
Contact Tanya Windsor on 0419 312 537  
or email [communityspark@outlook.com](mailto:communityspark@outlook.com) for more info.

Together, we'll make this a Christmas  
to remember — Aussie-style!





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Join entertainer Mark Calligiuri and The Sensational Memphis Beat Show Band as they bring to life the songs of Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm**

**\$40 General**

**\$35 Concession**



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— Charlton Netball Club —



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**&**

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**LAUNCH**

**August 2nd 2025**

**@ Charlton Park Netball Courts**

**EVERYONE ASSOCIATED WITH  
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CHARLTON GOLDEN GRAINS MUSEUM

**CHILDHOOD  
TREASURES &  
COLLECTIBLES**

**THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Open 10am - 3pm

Charlton Uniting Church Hall

Children's Activities 10:30am - 12:30pm

Sausage Sizzle 10:30am - 1.00pm

Tea & Coffee Available

**Free Entry**

- Memorabilia
- Collectibles
- Model planes, trains & ships
- Dolls & Teddies
- Lego
- Thomas the Tank Engine



CHARLTON  
**Arts**

**JAZZ IN  
JULY**

**27th July, 2025**

**2PM @ The Rex**

**Featuring**

**The Hot B'Hines**

**\$25 (inc afternoon tea)**

Bookings:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/jazz-in-july-2025>

Facebook: CharltonArtsInc





**RETROSPECTIVE**  
**JENNY POLLARD**





**CHARLTON**  
Courthouse Gallery

Opening 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2pm  
Exhibition Times:  
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Whether you're an experienced quilter or just starting out, come along for creativity, connection and a cuppa!

Contact Aileen on 0438 911 495 for more details.  
New members always welcome!



**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**

**Where:** Unlimited radius of Charlton  
**When:** Sunday 20th July 2025, 7am–5pm.  
**Weigh in:** 5.30pm at Clubrooms followed by BBQ tea.

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet at the Clubhouse before fishing
- Photos of fish beside a measure will be accepted as proof of capture, if catching and releasing
- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the weigh in by 6pm to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh in Carp. All registered kids receive a prize for participation

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

For more information:  
President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787  
Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

**All new and current  
“fisherpeople” welcome!**





## St Martin's Messenger—June/July

Sunday 6 July	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 July	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 August	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 August	9am	Holy Communion.

### Bridging Now to Next – from little things big things grow

*"1 Corinthians 12:13. "Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptised into one body by one Spirit"*

Australia recently celebrated nationally Reconciliation Week, starting on 27 May – (which commemorates the successful 1967 referendum) and finishing on 3 June (which commemorates the High Court Mabo decision). I am always telling people about the power of prayer. Here are two great examples:

**Example One:** National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples), with the support of Australian Churches. (through prayer and leadership!!) As NRW grew beyond Churches to become a cross-sector initiative, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week in 1996. In 2001 Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation. And here we are in 2025, continuing to bridge now to next, to where we as a nation are truly reconciled with our First Nations peoples.

**Example Two:** This is taken from resources provided for Reconciliation Week. Aunty Dr Rose Elu wrote after being asked, "What courageous person inspires you and why? *Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde was the preacher at the ecumenical prayer service at Washington National Cathedral on 21 January 2025, after the inauguration of the American President. Following what had been a divisive election campaign, she encouraged prayer for unity, naming the foundations of unity as honouring the inherent dignity of every human being, honesty, and humility. Bishop Mariann concluded by addressing the President with a plea for mercy for gay, lesbian and transgender children and that the humanity of immigrants as "good neighbours" be recognised rather than treating them as criminals. I was deeply moved as I watched this gently, but nonetheless strongly, spoken sermon.*

*This courageous act taught me how one can draw on the resources of faith to communicate the gospel in a profound act of leadership by bearing public witness to God's love for all people. Moments of bravery like this come from a steady and steadfast journey of faith. Bishop Mariann stood with the churches in her diocese as they provided water and sanctuary to Black Lives Matter protesters in 2020. In 2023 Budde, published "How we learn to be brave: Decisive moments in life and faith". In this she explores how being brave is not a singular occurrence, but a daily choice and she illustrates this with stories from scripture, popular culture and personal experience.*

*It is very important for Christians to be courageous and proclaim God's love to those who may only otherwise hear of God's condemnation.*

**Prayer:** Give us grace to travel together, bridging now to next, towards reconciliation for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm  
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## North Central Garden Club

Nine members braved the June weather to attend the most recent meeting of the NCGC. Last month we decried the lack of rain but the small amount that fell between our meetings had us all a little happier - fingers crossed for more both for our gardens and our farms.

The Club continues its plans for our Open Garden Day in October which we hope will be as successful as in the past.

Members voted to donate \$400 to the Wycheproof Courthouse Garden Project. NCGC currently has 7 active members from Wycheproof and is pleased to be able to support a project in their area to reflect the value they bring to the club.

We held our annual plant auction following the meeting and members picked up some great bargains.

Best wishes to all members, and those in the wider community, who are not well - we wish you all a speedy recovery.

Please consider joining us. New members are always welcome.

Contact:

President Aileen Allen Ph 0438911495  
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