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AMBULANCE AWARD FOR DAVID

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Charlton Ambulance Community Officer (ACO) David Pollard was awarded a 3rd clasp for the National Medal at the recent Ambulance Victoria Loddon Mallee Region Staff Recognition Awards held at the All Seasons Resort in Bendigo.

The medal, which recognizes diligent long service in organisations that protect life and property at some risk to their members, is conferred only by nomination and only after fifteen years of service. Clasps are available for each additional ten year period, but again are only conferred through nomination. David's third clasp denotes a 45 year period which also incorporates his 35 year service to the CFA for which the National Medal was originally conferred.

In introducing the awards evening, Director Regional and Clinical Operations for Loddon Mallee, Matt McCrohan

thanked responders for their work and families for their support in dealing with the disruptions which being a paramedic brings to home-life.

In presenting David's award Matt outlined the scope of contributions in the following citation.

A First Responder since joining Ambulance Victoria in 1993, David's outreach has extended well beyond the call of duty.

Holding a representative role on the First Responder State Forums for many, many years, along with more recently playing a leading role in the Heart Safe Program in his home-town of Wycheproof, David has also volunteered with the Charlton and District Ambulance Auxiliary for over thirty years, and is currently the president.

Helping raise crucial funds for healthcare equipment and facilities for local outlets, David has promoted health education issues and fostered a sense of community in health-related matters.

Listing David's additional community involvement including his terms as a Councilor and Mayor

of the Buloke Shire and his forty years of volunteering at Charlton's Rex Theatre, Matt said: "His contribution to the community, and clearly with AV is well beyond – and is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations David."

Another familiar face at the Charlton AV Branch is paramedic Matt Brown who also received a 15 year Service Medal, 20 Year Service Medal, 20 Year Safe Driving plaque and was nominated for a National Medal (no clasps) for his 15 years of service.

ACO Dede Williams from Wedderburn – who occasionally carries out a shift at the Charlton AV Branch – was the recipient of a Peer Excellence Award for Clinical Excellence and Leadership.

The evening also saw the presentation of 8 Graduate Certificates, along with the Best Care story in which a patient and First Responder shared their unique story of twice being brought together in a critical care situation.

Given the large geographical area covered by the Loddon Mallee Region award presentations were held at the major centres of both Bendigo and Mildura.



Charlton Community Ambulance Officer (ACO) David Pollard (l) was presented with a 3rd clasp for his National Medal at the recent Ambulance Victoria Loddon Mallee Region Staff Recognition Awards held in Bendigo. Pictured with David Director of Regional and Clinical Operations, Matt McCrohan.



Paramedic Matt Brown also received a number of medals recognizing his contributions towards Ambulance Victoria. Matt is also pictured with Matt McCrohan.

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From the Editor

Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the September edition. It's another big one due to all the football, netball and hockey presentations held in August. It was Book Week a few weeks back so plenty of photos of the students dressed up as well.

Congratulations to David Pollard on the recognition he received from Ambulance Victoria. Our ambos do a marvellous job and it must be very difficult at times. Well done David!

We've been spoilt recently with all the activities happening in our little town. Exhibitions and live shows aplenty plus golf and croquet tournaments. Well done to the Charlton Golf Club on hosting the very successful Victorian Sand Greens Championships. Fortunately the weather was perfect. And well done to Boort's Andrew Kane on his win.

The winter sports are nearly over. Bad luck to the hockey women's team who missed out on a grand final spot after losing their semi final, but best of luck to the Under 12s who won their Semi Final and will play in the Preliminary Final, and to the Underage team, who have won a berth in the Grand Final. Go Navies!!

Hope everyone is enjoying the damp end to winter. I'm sure we are all looking forward to a lovely spring.

Cheers, Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

September:

Diggers' Day Golf—Sun 14th

Show & Shine—Sun 28th

October:

Courthouse Gallery Exhibition Opening—Sun 5th

Charlton Art Show—Fri 11th - Mon 13th

Courthouse House Gallery—Sat 11th - Sun 12th

Open Garden Day—Sun 12th

Lions Swap Meet—Sun 12th

PolMusic A @ The Rex —Sun 12th

Charlton Show—Sat 18th

Courthouse Soirée—Sun 26th



November:

Drag Racing—Thurs 13th—Sat 15th

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Charlton RSL Sub-branch



Charlton RSL Vietnam Veterans Day annual dinner commemorating the Battle of Long Tan and honouring those who served in the Vietnam War was held at the East Charlton Hotel Café on

Monday 18 August and attended by 11 members. Our special thanks to mine host Greg who was guest artist and sang appropriate remembrance numbers to an appreciative audience.

On Wednesday 20 August eight Charlton members joined with Boort, St Arnaud and Wedderburn members for a tour of the Thales (pronounced Tallis!) factory at Bendigo, where the Bushmaster and Hawkei military vehicles are manufactured, followed by lunch at the Bendigo RSL Club. A most interesting day.

Street selling for the RSL annual Diggers Day grocery hamper will be from Mon-

day 08 to Friday 12 September outside Charlton IGA. The raffle will be drawn at the Charlton Golf Club on Sunday 14 September. Please give us your usual generous support.

RSL/Oasis Diggers Day golf day will be at Charlton Golf Club on Sunday 14 September, hit-off from 1000 Hours. The format is Ambrose Pairs, the entry fee \$60,

with golf, BBQ, refreshments and afternoon tea included. At Apres Golf trophies will be presented, the hamper raffle will be drawn and spinning wheel spun with plenty of good prizes to be won. Come along and enjoy the day, proceeds from which go to Bendigo Legacy. Good spring weather will be provided free of charge!

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Golden Grains Museum News

Can you believe it is September already? Before we know it Christmas will be here and the year passed us by. Even at the museum we are already planning activities for 2026! A very exciting project coming up shortly is our Victorian Collections Workshop on September 24. We will be hosting visitors from AMAgA who will be giving volunteers guidance in digitizing our collection and listing it on their website, Victorian Collections.

Looking for something to do on a Sunday? Maybe you have visitors to town or haven't seen our collection for a while. The Charlton Golden Grains Museum is open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by prior arrangements with one of the volunteers listed below. Please give as much notice as possible to arrange your visit outside of normal opening times. Admittance is still a very low \$5, and free for children with EFTPOS available. Group tours for clubs and organizations are most welcome, and a cuppa and biscuit could easily be arranged.

Flood & Fire

This month we feature a sadder look back in time. While natural disasters are no strangers to the district, 1909 was a year locals longed to forget. In August an already waterlogged countryside received the equivalent of 2 inches of rain in a short period of time. A warning was received by telegram from St Arnaud that heavy flood water was passing down the Avoca River, and within a short period of time a knee deep stream was flowing down High Street. While many horses and cows were moved to higher ground, many hundreds of sheep were lost along with a number of mud dwellings and sheds.

By December though, a good harvest was expected with the crops heavy with grain. An unexplained blaze started at Granite Flat, and fuelled by a fiery hot north wind, raced incredibly fast through Wooroonook to West Charlton leaving a trail of destruction in its path. The fire was finally brought under control with a wind change at the time it had reached Teddywaddy West. A pioneer of the district, Mr Wilson Seward, was burnt to death while trying to save possessions from the fire. In all 24 properties were affected with 5000 bags of wheat, 2700 acres of

standing crops, numerous haystacks, machinery and shedding was lost.

New Medical Display

Work continues on the Wesley Chapel in preparation for our new medical display. We have finished painting and are now sealing the floor.

Volunteers Wanted

If you have a few hours free each month the Charlton Golden Grains Museum is always looking for new members to join our team to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public. No experience is needed, and appropriate training will be provided. You can also help us from the comfort of your own 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.

Become a 'Friend of the Museum'

Another way 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. With thousands of items on display and in storage, the museum covers many areas from life on the farm, local businesses, identities, clubs and organizations and daily home life.

Have you considered having your families' story recorded for future generations? The Charlton Golden Grains Museum offers a service where we will record your family's history with a scanned copy of your documents and photos, and file copies of the originals in an A4 envelope. This is a wonderful opportunity for researchers of Charlton or even your family 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.

You may also want to view our listings on 'Victoria Collections'. Visit www.victoriancollections.net.au for more information

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High Street during the 1909 flood.

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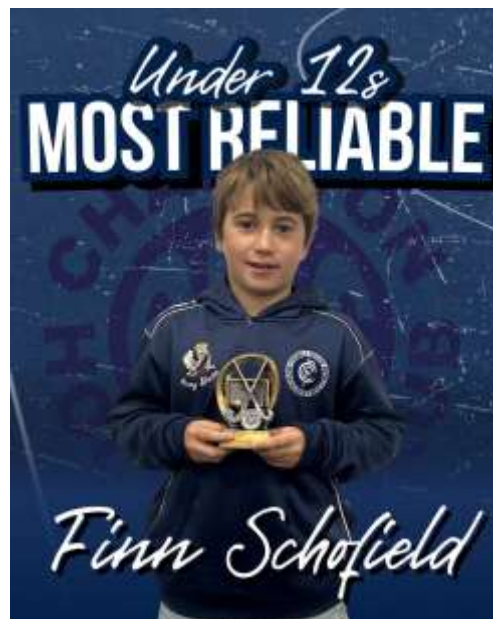
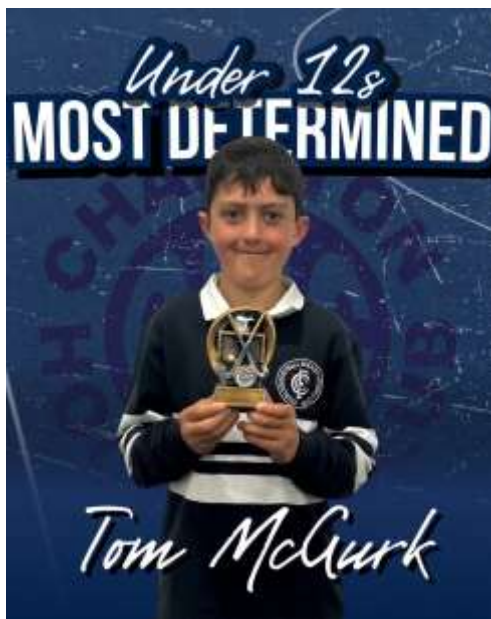
Hockey Presentations

The Charlton Hockey Club held its presentations at the combined football, netball and hockey event on Sunday 17th August. The combined event worked well and everyone had an enjoyable time. Congratulations to all the awardees.

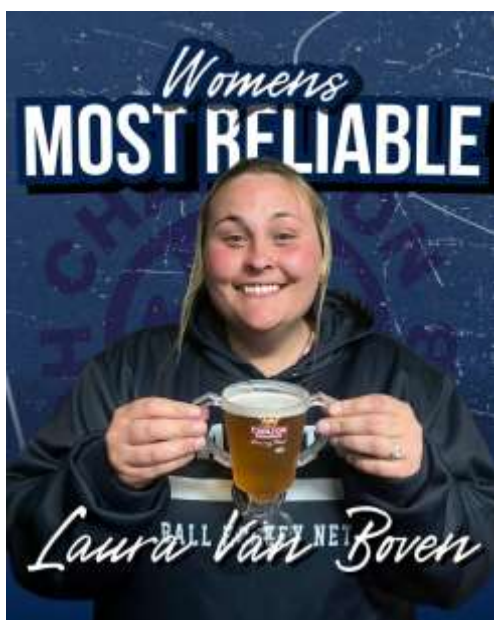
The women's team finished third on the ladder and played in the 1st Semi Final. Unfortunately, they lost to Wedderburn, 3-2. The Under 12s also finished third on the ladder and played in the 1st Semi Final, winning their game against St Arnaud, 2-0. The Underage team finished on top of the ladder and played in the 2nd Semi Final, winning 1-0 against St Arnaud.

Good luck to the Under 12s in the Preliminary Final, and the Underage team in the Grand Final.

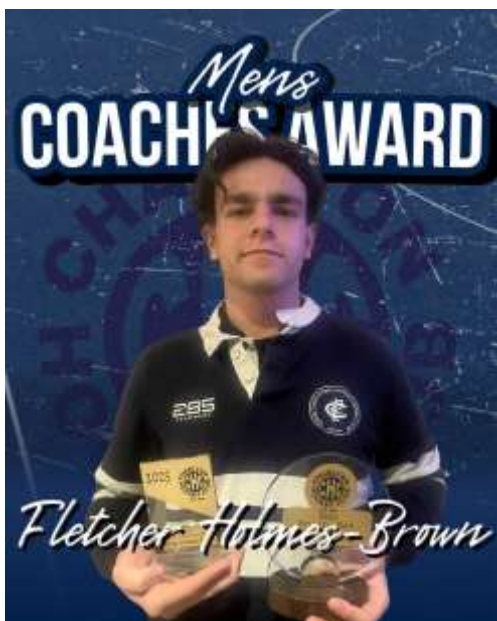
The North Central Hockey Association Awards are on Monday 1st September. Go Navies!!



Hockey Presentations



Hockey Presentations



Good Luck

to the

Under 12s &

Underage Teams.

Go Navies!!



Charlton Probud News

The Charlton Probud Club held its general meeting at the Senior Citizens Club on Friday, 8th August with 32 members in attendance. Apologies were received from 16 members, and two guests, Marj and Bevan Olive, were warmly welcomed.

Gill Gretgrix, who missed the previous meeting, was presented with her 10-year membership badge.

Sue Walsh gave an informative talk about Concession stamps available to holders of various government cards. Sue also read a round of light-hearted one-liner jokes that entertained the group.

Pam Rosewall leads the Footy Tipping competition with 125 points, just ahead of Pat Mathews on 124. Eily Rosewall was the monthly winner.

The Lucky Number Winner was President Kim Wishart.

The Guest Speaker was Emma Burke, an Occupational Therapist (O.T.) from EWHS who spoke about promoting independence in daily living. An O.T.'s goal is to increase people's independence in managing everyday tasks and living skills to enable them to be involved at home, work and in the community. Emma highlighted the natural decline with age of our senses of

sight, touch, hearing and smell. She discussed practical home modifications—such as elevated garden beds—and general safety tips like reducing clutter. Emma also

outlined support options available through EWHS and external services such as My Aged Care.



Sue Walsh presents a gift to guest speaker, Emma Burke.

Charlton Croquet Club News

Charlton Croquet Club Hosts High-Quality Annual Tournament

Charlton Croquet Club held its annual Association Croquet Tournament on the 9th and 10th of August, welcoming a strong field of talented players despite a slight dip in participant numbers. The standard of competition remained high, with several competitors boasting experience representing Victoria in past events.

Play began early each day—under a sky barely rid of the moon—and stretched well into the evening on Saturday, concluding under lights with the moon once again rising above the courts. The long days were matched by an atmosphere of friendly rivalry and determination.

Players travelled from across Victoria and beyond, representing clubs from

Brunswick, Cooks River (NSW), Quarry Hill, Bendigo, Kyabram, Rich River, and of course, Charlton. Adding to the unusual charm of the weekend, a train featuring "The Overland" carriages passed through Charlton on both Saturday and Sunday, making some wonder if they'd been transported somewhere else entirely.

The tournament came down to an exciting final match between Trevor Bassett and Lindsay Patullo, with Lindsay securing a well-deserved victory.

The Club extends its sincere thanks to Bendigo Bank for their sponsorship, and to the Vale for their support. Special thanks also go to the dedicated local members who helped organise and run the event, making it another successful chapter in Charlton's croquet tradition.

Congratulations also to Lindsay who

won the Goulburn Valley Association Croquet Singles Tournament played at Rich River on 2nd & 3rd August.

After very cold starts, both days became sunny and quite warm - ideal conditions. Ten entries played in two blocks with the block winners playing off for 1st place.

The playoff between Lindsay and Kerri-Ann Organ couldn't have been more exciting. At one point Lindsay had made 18 hoops and Kerri-Ann hadn't started yet. But when Kerri-Ann got her chance, she was off like a shot. The final score was Lindsay 26 to Kerri-Ann 25. What a game!

Due to a late withdrawal Naomi Patullo stepped up from Section 3 (to Section 2) and played very well, winning one game. On 4th & 5th August Naomi then played in the Section 3 Tournament – 10 games over 4 days. Well done.



During the tournament—note the train in the background.



Tournament Winner, Lindsay Patullo & Runner-up, Trevor Bassett.



Charlton Football Club

Charlton Football-Hockey-Netball Club held a combined Vote Count and Presentation Day on Sunday the 17th of August.

The day began with the junior counts prior to lunch, followed by the minor senior grades, dessert and then the senior grades and club awards.

Charlton Football Club Awards 2025

Senior Best & Fairest: Ben Lanyon.

The senior count was a tight affair between ruckman, Ben Lanyon and coach, Mitch Collins. With one round to go only 3 votes separated the two. It was Ben who prevailed, winning the count on 64 votes.

Senior Best & Fairest Runner-Up: Mitchel Collins.

Senior Coaches Award: Bailey Hooper-Dixon

Alan Britton Senior Most Determined Player: Mason Heenan

Rising Star: Elliott Fitzpatrick

Reserves Best & Fairest: Luke Dunne.

Luke Dunne played the later part of the season in the Reserves due to driving commitments. He came home strongly to overtake ruckman Fergus Bourke, to win on 54 votes.

Reserves Runner Up Best & Fairest:

Fergus Bourke

Reserves Coaches Award: Lachlan Holmes-Brown

Alan Britton Reserves Most Determined

Player: Marcus Campbell

Reserves Most Improved: Ethan Needs

Graeme Teasdale Award: Marcus Campbell.

Best Club Person: Carla Hooper-Dixon.

Carla's major contributions include being junior Team Manager and assisting with the same role in the seniors, as well as regularly undertaken trainer duties, along with numerous other behind the scenes duties.



Senior Coaches Award: Bailey Hooper-Dixon.



Seniors B & F, Ben Lanyon pictured with John Cossar.



Seniors B & F, Ben Lanyon with Seniors B & F Runner-Up, Mitchell Collins.



Reserves Most Improved: Ethan Needs.



Alan Britton Senior Most Determined Player: Mason Heenan.



Rising Star: Elliott Fitzpatrick.



Alan Britton Reserves Most Determined Player & Graeme Teasdale Awardee: Marcus Campbell.



Charlton Football Club



Reserves B & F Runner-up, Fergus Bourke; B & F Luke Dunne; and Coaches Award, Lachlan Holmes-Brown.



Best Club Person: Carla Hooper-Dixon.

Charlton Junior Football Club Under 14s

Best & Fairest: Charlie Zagame
Best & Fairest Runner-up: Isaac Roberts
Rising Star: Joshua Bartlett
Most Determined: Flynn Zagame
Most Improved: Rhys Gahan
Most Versatile: Liam Monaghan
Golden Fist: Darcy Olive
Coaches Award: Henry Lanyon
Super Boot: Cooper McGrath (Absent)

Under 17s

Best & Fairest: Sebastian Zagame
Best & Fairest Runner-up: Ethan Soulsby
Coaches Award: Tully Bourke
Most Improved: Leigh Van Boven
Holmes Brown 'Have A Crack': Michael Olive
Most Versatile: Mitchell Boyle
Most Determined: Jarvis Wright
Rising Star: Jordan Chamberlain
Special Award of Resilience - 1st Game Day Match Ball CFC U/17s: Jye Roberts.



Charlie Zagame



Isaac Roberts



Rhys Gahan



Joshua Bartlett



Flynn Zagame



Liam Monaghan



Darcy Olive



Henry Lanyon



Charlton Football Club



Best & Fairest: Sebastian Zagame



Best & Fairest Runner-up: Ethan Soulsby



Coaches Award: Tully Bourke



Most Improved: Leigh Van Boven



Holmes Brown 'Have A Crack':
Michael Olive



Most Versatile: Mitchell Boyle



Most Determined: Jarvis Wright



Rising Star: Jordan Chamberlain



Special Award of Resilience: Jye Roberts.



Under 17s: L to R—Michael Olive, Jarvis Wright, Mitchel Boyle, Seb Zagame, Leigh Van Boven, Ethan Needs, Jordan Chamberlian, Jye Roberts & Tully Bourke.



Charlton Football Club

2005 Senior Football Premiership Reunion

On August 2, the Charlton Football Club proudly celebrated the twenty-year anniversary of the 2005 Senior Premiership. It was wonderful to welcome back a large number of team members for the occasion. The day was filled with plenty of reminiscing, shared stories, and reconnections, culminating in the formal

presentation of the premiership team to a large and enthusiastic crowd.

The celebration held added significance as two members of the premiership side, Anthony Judd and Aaron Walklate, were awarded Life Memberships of the Club. Having played their junior football together at Charlton, both played in multiple Premierships for the club and went on to take on-field leadership roles before

stepping into coaching positions. The Club is deeply appreciative of their continued involvement, particularly their efforts in assisting with recruitment.

It was truly a special evening, honouring not only the memories of a remarkable premiership but also the dedication and legacy of two outstanding contributors to our Club.



Back—John Cossar (Coach), Greg McGurk President, Mathew Winsall, James Baird, Shane Fitzpatrick, Simon Paterson, Daniel Thiesz, Jacob Lanyon, Middle—Wes Jenkyn (Runner), Anthony Judd (Co Captain), Zane Wright, Ben Bond, Viv Cossar, Danny Wright. Front—Aaron Walklate co captain, Matt Gretgrix, Ben Roberts, Ben Walklate, James Ginnivan.

Seb Wins Under 17s NCFL Best & Fairest



Seb Zagame won the Jeff 'Woofa' Guild Trophy for the second year in a row. Seb is only 16 years old so can still add a third to his trophy cabinet next year. He polled 27 votes from 16 games to beat Sea Lake Nandaly's Brayden Allen and Boort's Cooper Gooding by two votes.

In an interview for the North Central News, Seb said the win was a bit of a shock. Seb also played in 12 senior matches for Charlton, total of 31 matches for the 2025 season.

Seb polled in 11 matches, with seven three-vote games for best on field. He also kicked 23 goals for the Under 17s, finishing second in the NCFL goal kicking. He also kicked 9 senior goals as well.





Charlton College

House Athletics Carnival

The month started off with a bang as we welcomed St Joseph's to join us for our annual House Athletics Carnival. It was a fantastic day filled with energy, competition, and school spirit. Congratulations to Avoca House for taking home the win – an outstanding team effort!

Calder Athletics (F-6)

Our F-6 students competed in the Calder Athletics Carnival at Charlton Park. We were greeted with beautiful weather, which set the tone for a day full of fun, sportsmanship, and determination. A huge congratulations to all participants, and special mention to those who helped secure the Relay Shield – a testament to great teamwork! Thank you to all staff, families, and community members who came to cheer on the students.



House Athletics, Charlie Lane & Fletcher Holmes-Brown.



House Athletics, Age Champion Matilda Leslie.

NCD Athletics (Years 7-12)

Select secondary students also had the opportunity to showcase their talents at the NCD Athletics. It was great to see so many students give their best across a wide range of events and represent our school with pride and enthusiasm.

Winners:

Rosie Fitzpatrick – 13YR Javelin 300g – 15.38m (set new record)
Tamsyn McGurk – 14YR Javelin 500g – 17.5m
Erin Blair – 14YR Discus 1kg – 18.36m
Murphy Fitzpatrick – 15YR Javelin 700g – 27.87m (set new record)
Heidi Start – 16YR Triple Jump – 9.24m, Long Jump – 3.55m & Javelin 500g – 32.15m (Age Group Champion)
Ethan Soulsby – 16YR 100m, 200m – 26.20sec & 400m – 1min2.12sec
Sebastian Zagame – 16YR High Jump – 1.68m (Age Group Champion)
16Y M Relay – Cooper Phillips, Murphy Fitzpatrick, Ethan Soulsby & Sebastian Zagame

These students will represent the College at Loddon Mallee Region Athletics in Bendigo on Thursday 9th October.

Good luck!!



Calder Athletics; Sports Captains Josh and Chace with the relay shield.



Calder Athletics; Nate Lane

Road Smart Presentation

Students in Years 9 to 11 and VM students were involved in the Road Smart program. Road Smart Interactive reflects contemporary, best-practice approaches to road safety education. It utilises the latest immersive technology to guide students

through a series of experiences that will engage students in thinking about how they can be part of the solution to eliminating road trauma.

Pat Cronin Foundation Workshops

Students from Years 4 to 11 attended an impactful workshop presented by the Pat Cronin Foundation, which shared the heartbreaking story of Pat Cronin, a young man whose life was tragically lost due to a single act of violence. The session encouraged students to reflect deeply on the importance of respectful choices and the long-term consequences of momentary decisions.

Year 9 and 10 Holocaust Museum Visit

Our Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Melbourne to visit the Holocaust Museum, gaining a valuable and sobering insight into this important part of world history. The visit supported classroom learning and gave students an opportunity to reflect on resilience, human rights, and empathy.

Foundation Visit to Charlton Kinder

Our Foundation students visited the 3 year old Charlton Kindergarten, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. It was a lovely morning filled with stories, laughter, and shared play. Thanks for having us!

Book Week

We had a very fun book week, filled with special guest readers during advisory, our 5/6s headed to Charlton Kinder for story time. The week ended with some fun and flair, as students and staff celebrated Book Week with a dress-up day, arriving at school dressed as their favourite book characters. It was wonderful to see the creativity on display and the excitement around reading and storytelling. Some very fabulous costumes!

As always, thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and inspiring students for making this such a positive and eventful month. Let's keep the momentum going as we head into the final weeks of Term 3!



Book Week, Lucy, Oliver & Charlie Lane & Tully Van Boven.



Book Week Year 5-6 Kinder Visit—Cody Jenkyn with Jack Armstrong & Ivy Sexton.



Book Week Yr 5-6 Kinder Visit—Lilymae McPhee and Dulcie Mulquiny.



Book Week—Mr Kelly reading to the Primary students.



Book Week—Foundation.



Book Week—Year 1-2.



Book Week—Year 3-4.



Book Week—Year 5-6.



Book Week—Year 7.



Book Week—Year 8.



Charlton College



Book Week—10.



Book Week—11.



Book Week Dress Up Day: Year 12 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly' & characters.



House Athletics—Year 12.

Victorian Sand Green Championships

The 2025 Trimax Victorian Sand Greens Championships were held at Charlton Golf Course on the weekend of August 23 and 24 and attracted a lineup of the best Men's and Ladies sandgreen players in the State.

129 entries were received and a further 80 players competed in the 4ball event on Friday. Fine and sunny days added to the success of the event.

Championship Winner of the Men's 36 hole stroke was Andrew Kane of Boort with a 4 under par score of 70,70=140. Andrew has now won this title 5 times, the first one in 1987, a wonderful achievement.

The runner up was Edward Carracher from Euroa with a score of 2 under par

70,72=142. Edward is also a previous winner of this event.

Cameron Kearney of Shepparton equalled the course record on Sunday with a brilliant 69 strokes.

Championship Winner in the Ladies 36 hole stroke event was Tania Dignan of Stawell with a score of 74,78=152. Runner up was Kristie Kennedy of Ballarat with a score of 74,82=156.

Other Results:

Men's A Grade stableford, Brad Duke, Midlands 72 points.

Men's B Grade stableford, Trevor McGurk, Charlton 71 points.

Ladies A Grade stableford, Tania Dignan, Stawell 82 points.

Ladies B grade stableford, Rachel Hawkes, Loch Sport, 80 points.

Friday 4ball results sponsored by Teys Australia Charlton Feedlot. Division 1 winners P. Hutchinson/D.Danisch 45 points Division 2 winners: Di Roberts/Gil Fawcett 52 points.

Charlton Club President Jamey Soulsby thanked all sponsors and volunteers for making the State Championship such a success which put Charlton in the spotlight as a destination venue to visit.



Charlton Captain Clinton Olive (L) presents Andrew Kane of Boort (R) with the Victorian Sand Greens trophy 2025.



Cameron Kearney (R) equalled the course record of 69 strokes on Sunday pictured with Club Captain Clinton Olive (L).



Tania Dignan of Stawell, 2025 Ladies Victorian Sand Green's Champion.



Charlton Harness Racing

VALE MATT DONALDSON

The club would like to extend its sincere condolences to Elaine, Gary, Leonie, Catherine and Ian and all their extended families on the recent passing of Matt.

It goes without saying what a huge part he played in the life of the Charlton Harness Racing Club and his name will always be linked to the success of the harness racing industry in Charlton.

As a trainer, driver, Gordon Rothacker Medal winner, (the highest accolade awarded in harness racing) long term Committee member and Life Member of the club, his was indeed a life truly committed to the love of this great sport.

His name and legacy will forever be etched into the history of our club.

RIP Matt.



LEON FANNING ON A ROLL WITH FAIR CHANCE!

Well done to the Leon Fanning/ Luke Dunne combination who flew the flag for Charlton at our August 11 meeting. Fair Chance continued on her good recent form with a come from behind win, notching her second victory in a row, following on from Melton. Now as a 5 year old and with 4 wins on the board Leon is looking forward to seeing what she can do in the months ahead.

It is great to see the spoils being shared around all trainers here and certainly reward for the time and effort that goes into getting all horses to the track.

As the weather improves and we edge

ever so slowly towards the beginning of the Country Cups season there will be many more horses back in work in all Charlton stables.

John Tormey leads the way for Charlton in 2025, having a great year with 23 winners so far, with Tori Hutchins nipping at his heels on 22. With 72 winners overall for Charlton this year we are hoping that the good run continues and that we can crack the 100 by year's end. It would be a great achievement for our participants.

CHARLTON CUP DAY 2026

Hard to believe but the club is already fielding enquiries for Cup Day 2026!

This fills us with a tremendous amount of confidence that this event is a valued and much looked forward to day in the yearly life of Charlton.

So on the back of this we have decided to open bookings very early to allow people time to get their groups together and to plan a trip to Charlton!

We would love to see as many members and locals as possible support this day – even if you are not a 'racing person', it is a great platform from which to showcase the spirit of our town and the harness racing industry that exists here.

The club will be trying hard to cater for everyone and to provide a quality social and racing day- so please feel free to contact Andrea On 0499701322 for any enquiries regarding dining or marquees.

RAFFLE NIGHTS AHEAD

Reminder to all members that our raffle nights are on every first Sunday of the month at the Cricket Club Hotel. From 5pm onwards they are always a bit of fun and frivolity and a chance to gather as a club and socialise.

We thank Greg and Leanne for supporting this night – as major sponsors of the club we are fortunate to have them, and to have a pub base to call our own on these nights.

Also a big thank you to the regulars who turn up and to the members who pitch in and help with the selling of raffle tickets without being asked - Kim Thompson and Leanne Fanning!!

Everyone is welcome to come along.

Sunday September 7th

Sunday October 5th

PROBUS TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETING AT CHARLTON SEPT 29TH

The club looks forward to the return of Probus for a day at the trots after a successful initiation last year! With such a great venue we are sure that they will have another enjoyable day at Charlton Park.

BOOKIE BACK FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

After some unforeseen circumstances raised their ugly heads last meeting and the bookie had to cancel, we are happy to say that the September meeting will be a goer! Thanks Juppy for joining us!



Trainer, Leon Fanning, Owner Andrea O'Gorman, Driver Luke Dunne with Fair Chance in Charlton.



St Joseph's School News

A Hive of August Activity at St Joseph's School Athletics in Action

Throughout July and August, our students trained hard for the interschool athletic sports. Ms Brown led weekly Physical Education lessons focused on athletics, while Garnet from Bendigo Athletics worked with students over four intensive sessions to hone their skills.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Calder Athletic Sports! St Joseph's was the overall winner. Many thanks to our students for their active participation, effort, energy, and excellent behaviour. A big thank you to the staff who practised alongside the students to prepare them for the day—your support made all the difference.

Sensational Science Week

Science Week was a hive of curiosity and creativity! Students worked in mixed, multi-age groups to rotate through three engaging experiments: special printed pictures, magical liquid separation, and dancing fire snakes.

- With Miss Thompson, students combined lemon juice, bicarbonate soda, and paint to create colourful—and bubbling—prints.
- Ms Brown guided students in exploring surface tension using food dye and craft glue.
- Mrs Hogan demonstrated the production of carbon to create dancing fire snakes, and showed how vibrations can make pipe cleaner snakes dance.

A huge thank you to all staff for organising such hands-on and exciting activities that sparked our students' inner scientists.

Busy Book Week

During Children's Book Week, our library welcomed the suite of shortlisted books. In the lead-up and throughout the week,

students explored these texts through a variety of activities. The highlight was our book character dress-up day, where students proudly paraded their costumes for residents at the local Nursing Home, taking time to chat and connect with these special community members.

Conference Considerations

Last week, I had the privilege of attending the National Catholic Education Conference. Educators and leaders from across Australia and beyond, gathered to share ideas and explore the future of teaching, learning, and leadership.

The sessions were both inspiring and practical, offering new strategies, approaches, and insights to strengthen our support for students and staff. Beyond the learning, it was a valuable opportunity to connect with colleagues and build networks that will benefit our school community.

A particular highlight was the opening Mass, attended by approximately 1,500 people, including around 400 local school students, who added to the choir. The core message takeaway for me is that HIGH EXPECTATIONS + STRONG WELLBEING + TEACHER SUPPORT + AUTHENTIC FAMILY ENGAGEMENT = THE GREATEST IMPACT ON STUDENT LEARNING! I look forward to actioning fresh ideas to enrich the learning and experiences we offer at St Joseph's School.

Transition Try-Outs

The journey to school begins! Prospective 2026 Prep students are invited to join our "Come & Try" days as part of the school transition program:

- **Thursday 28th August, 10:00–11:30am**
- **Monday 11th September, 1:00–3:10pm**

Families are welcome to attend either

or both sessions. For more information, please contact the School Office on 5491 1343. Let's give our Little Joeys a flying start!



Science Week – Sophie Roberts – Dancing Snake.



Book Week – 4/5/6.



Calder Athletics – Whole School.



Mass at the Conference.



St Joseph's School News



Book Week – Prep/1



Book Week – 2/3

Birds in Focus at Gallery

On the back of Jenny Pollard's very successful retrospective exhibition, the Charlton Courthouse Gallery is set to open its doors to another highly anticipated display. Local farmer and keen photographer **Stuart Giles** returns with *Birds in Focus*, a collection celebrating the beauty of our feathered friends.

Stuart has long been admired for his ability to capture the character and grace of birds in their natural habitats. With the help of his long-range lens, he manages to get up close and personal, producing striking images that reveal details often missed by the casual observer. His previous exhibition at the gallery was very popular, and this latest collection of work

is expected to be equally impressive.

Opening in October to coincide with the Charlton Art & Photography Exhibition, *Birds in Focus* promises to both captivate and inspire, reminding us of the joy and fascination that birds bring to our daily lives. Official Opening, Sunday 5 October, 2pm. Entry by Donation.

Musical Soiree

Following the success of last year's event, the Charlton Courthouse will once again come alive with music on Sunday 26 October. A line-up of talented guest performers promises an afternoon of delightful entertainment — a true musical treat not to be missed!



Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater, Charlton West.

St Joseph's Parish Milestone

Although the first Catholic Church in Charlton was built in 1875 it wasn't until 1885 that the Charlton Mission was established and St Joseph's became a Parish. In 1985 St Joseph's celebrated its centenary and on Sunday 26th October we will celebrate 140 years since the establishment of the Parish with Mass and a lunch to follow.

Charlton had its own Parish Priest until the year 2000 when Fr Paul Mercovich became Parish Priest of Charlton and St Arnaud. Then in 2018 Catholic parishes in Wycheproof and

Nullawil, Birchip, Donald, Charlton and Wedderburn, Boort, and St Arnaud and Banyena districts, combined to create a

new parish, now called East Wimmera Parish.



St Joseph's Church used as first Catholic School.



Postcard of St Joseph's Church, c. 1910.

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

September update from Charlton Neighbourhood House!

Just a reminder of an adjustment to our current working hours. As we are only funded for the doors to be open for 25 hours per week. Feel free to leave a message on 0473 759 456, and a staff member will get back to you as soon as possible.

A busy month has just passed.

We are pleased to report a terrific response to all recent activities hosted through the Neighbourhood House. It is great to see so many locals take advantage of the courses we host and the services we provide.

Garage Girls

On Friday August 22, Charlton went back to 1920's Melbourne with the fantastic live show, The Garage Girls. Five talented ladies brought to life the experiences of women working in an all girl garage and the challenges they faced. An appreciative crowd at the Rex Theatre all agreed it was a terrific experience. Thanks go to Regional Arts Victoria and other partners for their assistance.

Coming shortly

The Charlton Neighbourhood House, in conjunction with Neighbourhood House Victoria, is pleased to announce it is once again involved with the State Governments latest round of \$100 power bill rebates for eligible residents. Keep an eye open for further details as they come to hand.

Cultural Corner

The latest Spring 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. Not wanting to miss a copy? Why not consider a subscription for yourself or friend or family member.

The Photography Competition- is now open! Get your entries in for a chance to win 1st Prize: \$100 or 2nd Prize: \$50. Showcase your skills and celebrate the colour GREEN Charlton through your lens.

Farm Safety Day

On Wednesday September 17th together with Nutrien Ag and North West Ag, CNH is happy to present a Farm Safety Day funded by Worksafe. This has been rescheduled due to the wet weather keeping farmers busy this month after a very dry start to the season.

There will be fantastic speakers on a range of subjects. Bookings required for catering of the breakfast please.



www.charltonnh.org.au

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

WHAT'S ON FOR



SEPTEMBER

Each
Monday
of School
Term

Yarning² Social Group

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, bring your own yarn project



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Marine + PWC Safety Course

Where: Senior Citizens Centre

Time: 1pm - 5pm

Tickets: \$120



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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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Beginners Pencil Drawing - Darren

Where: Courthouse Gallery

Time: 10am-12pm



8

Coffee with a Community Rep

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



23

Children's Storytime.

Time: 10:30 - 11:30am

COST: FREE



10

Carers & Co Lunch

Where: Charlton East Hotel

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30 pm

COST: Lunch at subsidised price



28

Beginners Pencil Drawing - Darren

Where: Courthouse Gallery

Time: 10am-12pm



14

Beginners Pencil Drawing - Darren Mills

Where: Courthouse Gallery

Time: 10am-12pm



COMING IN OCTOBER

15

Coffee with Charlton Forum

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



15

Carers & Co Lunch

Where: Charlton East Hotel

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30 pm

COST: Lunch at subsidised price



16

Buloke Book Club

Where: Charlton Shire Chambers

Time: 10:30am - 12pm

COST: FREE



21

Buloke Book Club

Where: Charlton Shire Chambers

Time: 10:30am - 12pm

COST: FREE



17

E Prepared Paperwork Session

Where: CNH

Appointments only

FREE. Bookings essential.



22

Prepared Paperwork Session

Where: CNH

Appointments only

FREE. Bookings essential.



17

Farm Safety Day

Where: Charlton Park

Time: 8am - 11am

Cost: FREE. Bookings essential.



28

Children's Storytime.

Time: 10:30 - 11:30am

COST: FREE





Charlton Netball News

That's a wrap on season 2025!

What a year for our club, players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters! Whilst we may not have any sides in finals this year, we still have a lot to celebrate and be proud of. From senior debuts for multiple juniors, celebrating returning players, new initiatives like the buddy program, fundraisers, 5's premiership reunion and a book launch.... We have been very busy.

Last home game was on the 9th of August against Birchip Watchem. A beautiful sunny day that concluded with some special presentations for our 2025 coaches. We recognise the amount of work not only each week at trainings and games but also behind the scenes, so to give back a small token of appreciation is so important. It was also lovely to see our girls get together after the match to enjoy drinks and nibbles to see out our last home game. The whole club also hosted the annual

Goods and Services Auction which to say was a success would be an understatement! Almost \$76,000 was raised both on the night and through the online bidding. A great achievement and a true testament to the work our club members go to in order to support our club and its future. A big thank you to everyone who donated goods or services – without you we would not be able to raise such impressive funds.

5s Reunion & Book Launch.

On a beautiful sunny day, Saturday, 2nd August 2025, our club had the pleasure of hosting a wonderful reunion for past and current players, committee members and supporters. The event was highlighted by the launch of a special book that captures the rich history of our club from its inception in 1953 to the present day.

This reunion also marked the 50th anniversary of our club's incredible achievement of winning four premierships

on the same day, a record that remains unmatched. We also celebrated four other premiership victories, including 1985 A and B grades, Under 15 A and the B grade win in 2015.

A special moment was the book launch, which stands as a testament to the countless players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, administrators, supporters, and families who have contributed their time, talent, and heart to our club. We were honoured to have Betty Coles (Glasheen), the last surviving member of the 1953 inaugural team, join us for the occasion. She was accompanied by Maisie Judd, one of our youngest members and the great-granddaughter of Kathleen Noonan (Rogan) dec, who was also a member of the original team and its captain. Maisie and Betty had the honour of presenting the book to our current President, Chloe Walsh.

The dedication and hard work of our committee and contributors in creating this marvellous book are truly appreciated, and it will be cherished by all. The day was filled with joy, laughter, and camaraderie, starting with a delightful sunny morning and culminating in a lovely evening dinner where all the teams were celebrated on stage for their remarkable achievements.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, especially those who travelled from overseas and interstate. Your presence made the day even more special.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the book, feel free to contact Jayne Burton (0407911730) for more information. Cheers to many more years of success and friendship at our club!



Kirsty McKenzie back in action after welcoming Maeve, little sister to Daisy.



Lily Campbell back in action after welcoming Atticus, little brother to Ivy and Lucas.



Last home game—drinks & nibbles.

Charlton Netball News



The large crowd at Charlton Park.



A Grade Premiers, 1975: Left to right Kate Sivel (Bennett), Di Giblett, Helen Carland (Bennett), Noelene Rogan (Arundell), Cath Rapkins (Coach), Kathy Mulquiny (Ryan), Jan Cossar.



B grade premiers 1975. Left to Right Val Brennan (Mulquiny), Deb Feeny (McGurk), Cath Rapkins (Coach), Lorraine Watts, Margaret McGrath (Thompson).



Under 16s Premiers, 1975: Judi Hannan (McGrath), Liz Whykes (Burton), Lynne Cossar, Julie Avery (Cossar), Carmel Cadzow (Thompson), Marea Judd (Noonan).



Under 14s Premiers, 1975: Jayne Burton (Cameron) & Carmel Cadzow—Coach (Thompson).



Charlton Netball News



A Grade Premiers, 1985: Kim Thompson (Howard), Lisa Bruns (Bennett), Ro Avery (Roberts) Coach, Josie Donegan (Fitzpatrick), Rhonda Lettieri (Thompson), Jayne Burton, Michelle Dillon.



B Grade Premiers, 1985: Kim Thompson (Howard), Ro Avery (Roberts), Coach Barb Toma, Catherine Fitzpatrick.



B Grade Premiers 2005: Back. Eliza Smith, Melissa Di Donato, Lorraine Walklate (Team Manager), Megan Hollis (McGurk), Joanna Hill (O'Brien), Kim Fitzpatrick. Front—Carmel Fitzpatrick, Marea Judd (Coach), Erin McGurk, Abby Walklate.



Maryanne Giovanetti (Coach), Alex McGrath, Jodie Herbert (Fitzpatrick), Josie Thompson, Rachel Fitzpatrick.



Vintage Netballers: Bev Ryan (Glasheen), Betty Coles (Glasheen), Eily Rosewall (O'Brien), Margaret Bowen (Perry).





Charlton Netball News

Finally, our end of year presentations – A day to celebrate the year that was. It was a special day this year with all 3 codes coming together on Sunday the 17th to go through each grades counts & award presentations. Kicking off with the Junior sides in the morning followed by a beautiful lunch (thank you to all those who helped prepare/serve!!) and finally our senior grades in the afternoon. A big congratulations to all those who received an award for their hard work and dedication over the 2025 season. Award winners for the netball club:

U14s

Best Team Player – Lila Schofield
Most Improved – Anna Fitzpatrick
Most Determined – Rosie Fitzpatrick
Rookie of the Year – Maddie Lanyon
Coaches – Claudia Lee & Sarah Blair

Team Managers – Tash Roberts & Laura Fitzpatrick

U17s

Best & Fairest – Anika Holmes-Brown
Runner up – Lacey Smith
Coach's award – Stella Nicolson
Coach – Holly Thompson
Team Manager – Isabel Soulsby

C Grade

Best & Fairest – Jac Leslie
Runner-up – Annie Olive
Players Player – Brooke Prior & Emmy Nelson
Coach's Award – Emmy Nelson
Most Improved – Brooke Prior
Coach – Jac Leslie
Team Managers – Chelsea McCallum, Jess Giles & Remi Jeffery

B Grade

Best & Fairest – Anika Holmes – Brown
Runners up – Bec Sexton & Kate Stuchbery
Players Player – Holly Thompson
Coach's award – Abby Mulquiny
Coach – Leah Smith
Team Manager – Amy Nicolson

A Grade

Lucy Fitzpatrick Best & Fairest – Remi Jeffery
Runner-up – Megan Bruns
Players Player – Claire Smith
Coach's award – Claire Smith
Coach – Leah Smith
Team Manager – Abby Mulquiny

Best Club Person Award –

Holly Thompson

Maddison Fitzpatrick Rising Star Award –
Maggie Riley

Junior Incentive Award – Isabel Soulsby



U14s - Rosie Fitzpatrick, Lila Schofield, Anna Fitzpatrick & Maddie Lanyon.



U17s - Stella Nicolson, Lacey Smith & Anika Homes - Brown.



C Grade - Brooke Prior, Annie Olive, Jac Leslie & Emmy Nelson.



B Grade - Holly Thompson, Bec Sexton, Anika Holmes - Brown, Kate Stuchbery & Abby Mulquiny.



A Grade - Claire Smith, Remi Jeffery & Megan Bruns.



Maddison Fitzpatrick Rising Star - Kim Fitzpatrick, Maggie Riley & Shane Fitzpatrick.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Buloke.

BIRCHIP BLITZ & FOOTY FINALS

Buloke has been buzzing with activity and we're proud to say Birchip was looking its best thanks to our recent town blitz efforts!

A huge shout out to the members of the community and Council staff and who rolled up their sleeves to mow, whipper snip, clean gutters and mulch garden beds — all in preparation for the North Central Football League first Semi Final held at the Birchip Recreation Reserve on Saturday 23 August. Birchip was the only town in Buloke to host a North Central Football League final this season and it was fantastic to see the



community and Council come together to make sure the town put on its best for the big day. Congratulations to the winners, who have kept the finals hopes of Buloke-based teams alive.

STORYTIME DONALD LIBRARY

Join us Friday 5 September at 10am for a delightful book reading and fun activities for little book lovers!

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Buloke Shire Council joins the Charlton community and the wider harness racing family in mourning the passing of Matt Donaldson, a respected leader, mentor and community champion.

Matt served as a Councillor for the Lower Avoca Ward in the 1997, 2000 and 2003 elections, following the formation of Buloke Shire Council in 1995. His time on Council was marked by a deep commitment to community wellbeing and regional development.

SPRING FIREWOOD COLLECTION IS ON

The spring firewood collection season is now open.

Spring collection period: 1 September – 30 November 2025. Firewood collection is not allowed outside these dates.

A permit is required to collect firewood from roadsides in Buloke Shire. Penalties apply for non-compliance. Apply on council's website: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/collection-of-firewood.

Maps for designated collection areas in state forests are now live at ffm.vic.gov.au.

PROTECTING OUR TOWNSHIPS

Buloke Shire Council, in partnership with the CFA, is working to reduce fire risk around our townships. If your property borders a township, now is the time to act.

What You Need to Do:

- Create firebreaks inside your fence line along property boundaries.
- Do not clear roadside reserves without a permit — contact Council or RRV for permission.
- Urban properties next to rural land must:
- Clear flammable undergrowth and grass to 100mm height
- Brush cut along boundaries
- Maintain fire-safe conditions throughout the Fire Danger Period

Rural Fringe Properties (farm, industrial, commercial) must follow CFA's Grassland Interface Project guidelines to reduce radiant heat exposure to dwellings.

Inspections begin in October Council's Fire Prevention Officers will inspect township boundary properties. If your land poses a fire risk, you'll receive a notice with required works.

Questions? Call Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officers on 1300 520 520

Let's work together to keep Buloke fire-safe this season.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH BULOKE

Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific, and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. For more information on equal opportunity, call Human Resources on 1300 520 520.

You can find all current employment opportunities at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment

Applications can be lodged by:

**Mail - PO Box 1, Wycheproof
VIC 3527 or Email -
recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au**

TEAM LEADER ROAD SERVICES (NORTH)

Permanent (Full Time) - From \$92,000 per annum (+ statutory superannuation)

→ **Applications Close 14 September 2025**

This is a role for a proactive individual to lead and support the Road Services Team, ensuring the effective planning and coordination of maintenance and construction crews, essential to maintaining the quality and safety of Council's road network. This role is suitable for a person experienced in coordinating grading, patrol activities. It involves supervision of staff as well as assisting in preparing budget estimates and recommendations for annual road maintenance and capital improvement programs.

OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE OPERATOR

Part time and full time - from \$62,751 per annum, Band 2 (+ statutory superannuation) Based in Birchip, Charlton and Sea Lake

→ **Applications close 19 September 2025**

If you're someone who thrives in the fresh air, enjoys hands-on work and takes pride in creating beautiful public spaces — this could be your dream job!

We are on the look out for an enthusiastic team player to help maintain and enhance the visual appeal of our parks, footpaths, streetscapes and public spaces across Birchip, Charlton, and Sea Lake. Whether you're interested in full-time or part-time work, you'll be part of a supportive team that values skill development and community impact.

Experience with ride-on mowers, garden tools or larger vehicles is a bonus — but not essential. What matters most is a great work ethic and a passion for making our towns vibrant and welcoming.



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REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

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



REX THEATRE SEPTEMBER COMING ATTRACTIONS

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



THE FRIEND

Sat 6 SEPT 8pm
Sun 7 SEPT 2pm
Tue 9 SEPT 8pm

120 mins | Drama

M Mature themes, suicide references and coarse language

Starring Oscar nominees Naomi Watts and Bill Murray, alongside Bing the Great Dane, THE FRIEND is an unexpected and heartwarming journey through love, friendship, grief.



FREAKIER FRIDAY

Sat 13 SEPT 8pm
Sun 14 SEPT 2pm
Tue 16 SEPT 8pm

111 mins | Comedy

PG Mild coarse language

Anna Coleman and her mother Tess are in another predicament when they swap bodies with Anna's daughter. Now it's up to the three to reverse the body swap.



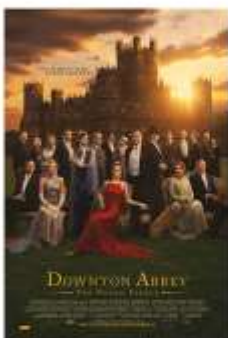
KANGAROO

Sat 20 SEPT 8pm
Sun 21 SEPT 2pm
Tue 23 SEPT 2pm & 8pm

107 mins | Comedy | Adventure

PG Mild themes, violence and coarse language

KANGAROO is a heart-warming family comedy about an ex-TV personality Chris Masterman, who becomes stranded in an Outback town after a car accident on his way to Broome.



DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE 120 mins | Drama | CTC

Sat 27 SEPT 8pm
Sun 28 SEPT 2pm
Tue 30 SEPT 8pm

DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE, is the cinematic return of the global phenomenon, following the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s.



THE ROSES

Sat 4 OCT 8pm
Sun 5 OCT 2pm
Tue 7 Oct 8pm

105 mins | Drama

MA15+ Strong coarse language

Ivy and Theo, the picture-perfect couple who have successful careers, great kids, and an enviable sex life. But underneath the façade of the perfect family is a tinderbox

SWAP MEET AND MARKET



LIONS CLUB OF CHARLTON INC

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12th 2025

AT CHARLTON PARK– CALDER HIGHWAY
(SHOWGROUNDS)
COMMENCING 7-00AM TO 1-00PM

SOMETHING FOR ALL MOTORING EN-
THUSIASTS,
COLLECTORS OF ANTIQUE ITEMS
AND CRAFTS – MARKET STALLS, NURSE-
RIES, ETC

CATERING COURTESY OF LIONS LADIES.
B.B.Q., DRINKS ETC

ENTRY FEE: \$5-00 CHILDREN U16: FREE

\$200-00 IGA CARDS TO BE WON
SITE FEE: \$15-00 TRESTLES \$5.00

**A Special Feature an old car Display will win a
\$75 Fuel Card for the Best Car**

CONTACT:

KEVIN WILLEY 0428 911 830
BRIAN PATTON 0428 790 089

Charlton Golden Grains Museum Bingo Fundraiser @ Donald

Donald Bingo generously allow the Museum to visit them as a fundraiser for our museum. Not only do we receive a generous donation on the night, we also receive a bonus at the end of the year. We aim to go monthly (on the last Thursday). Next trip **Thursday 25th September**. We take our own cars and car pool across to Donald.

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



BOWLS BOWLS BOWLS

Well Bowlers, it is that time of the year that we start Lawn Bowls with our **Opening on Saturday September 13th at 12.30pm Casual Dress**, We are having a **Come & Try Day** Starting with a **BBQ at 12.30pm**. As per the Advertising: **BOWLS – BEER – BBQ.**

Bowls Members to Place your names on the list at the Old Clubhouse or call the numbers below.

SOCIAL BOWLS on Saturdays at 1pm, names by 12.30pm, until we start Pennant. (casual dress)

With a busy year ahead, we will be playing Saturday Pennant commencing on **October 11th and Midweek on October 7th**.

The Pennant format this season will be 3 X 4 or 12 players per team in Division 1 & 2 and Midweek, Players are to bring their own lunch/smoko for pennant, biscuits and a cuppa will be available at Clubs.

PENNANT PRACTICE WILL BE THURSDAY NIGHTS FROM 4.30pm.

Adult Members subs are \$120 and payable by end of October.

The Pennant Unavailable Lists will be on the notice board, so if you are to be away, names are to be placed on this list please or you may be selected to play.

For further information contact President: Mick O'Brien on 0418 507 692, or Secretary: Kevin Willey on 0428 911 830.

Charlton Bowling Club Opening Day/ Come Try Bowls Day



BOWLS, BEERS & BBQ
Saturday September 13th
at 12.30pm
(for BBQ lunch)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
BRING PARTNERS & FRIENDS
HAVE SOME FUN**

**CASUAL DRESS – FLAT SOLED SHOES
CLUB BOWLS AVAILABLE TO USE
Free bowls & Sausage sizzle!
Drinks at Club Prices!**

**FOR MEMBERS A LIST FOR NAMES IS AT
THE OLD CLUBHOUSE NOTICE BOARD.**

Please call if you would like to come:

Kevin 0428 911 830
Mick 0418 507 692





CHARLTON A & P SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO THE 142ND

CHARLTON SHOW

18TH OCTOBER 2025

BRINGING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR A DAY OF ENTERTAINMENT, PARTICIPATION AND FUN!



NOV 2025 EDITION

CENTRAL VICTORIAN DRAG AND DRIVE

Good times... Great people!

CHARLTON AIRSTRIP

NOVEMBER 13TH, 14TH AND 15TH

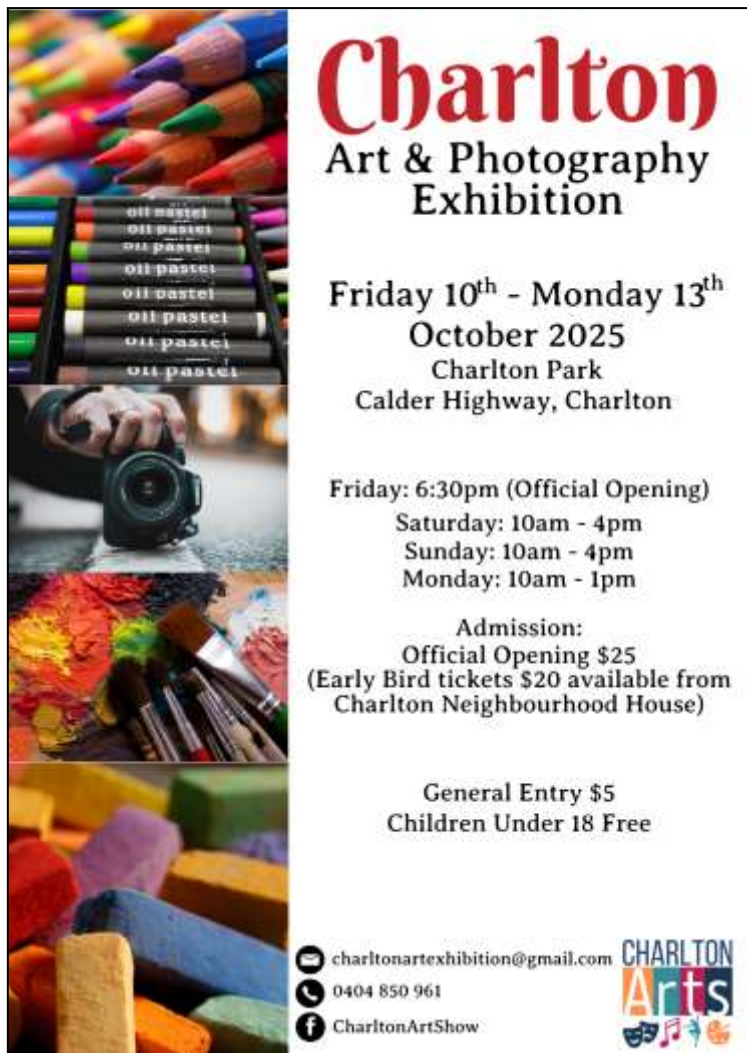
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Lynne McRae - 0408 113 104



North Central Garden Club

At the recent gathering of the North Central Garden Club, 9 members held a brief meeting to discuss arrangements for our Open Garden Day in October and the changes to our August meeting date. Whereas we normally meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month, in August we travelled to Bridgewater for lunch and a visit to the Bridgewater Nursery.

Following the July meeting, members enjoyed a walk through Sue Livingstone's garden and afternoon tea. Thanks to Sue for her hospitality.

Anyone interested in coming along to the Garden Club will be made most welcome.

Contact: President - Aileen Allan 0438 911 945

Secretary:- Lynne McRae 0408 113 104

Thank You

I would sincerely like to say thank you to family & friends for the lovely cards, phone calls and best wishes for my 90th Birthday.

*Love to all,
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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 Craft Group

School holiday craft activity mornings.

**Tuesday September 23rd & 30th,
10am to 12pm
Lions Lodge, Camp Street.
Free event.**



CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Unlimited Radius

When: Sunday 21st September 2025, 7am–6pm.

Weigh in: 6pm 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
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St Martin's Messenger—Sept/Oct

Sunday 7 September	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 September	9am	Holy Communion.
Sunday 5 October	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 October	9am	Holy Communion

The other Abba

Romans 8:15 "The Spirit you have received is the spirit of children, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba! Father!'"

"Abba," meaning Father, is one of the Hebrew words we might have heard, but for most of us, it would be a word that we know in relation to the Swedish pop group, comprising of Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny and Anni-Frid.

In the scripture passage, from the Letter to the Romans, Peter tells us that we have comfort in knowing that the Holy Spirit is with us at all times. All times, even the times when we can feel lost and think that nobody cares. When we feel that we have to go it alone. But this scripture reading, tells us that the Holy Spirit is there for us. All we have to do is call out to God, with our help coming from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words to pray or ask for help, the Holy Spirit communicates our needs in a way that could never be put into words, and makes sure that God, who knows everything in our hearts, knows perfectly well what we mean.

There is a constant bond of love and communication between the Holy Spirit in us and God in heaven. Such is the spirit of prayer. So we can call out "Abba, Father" and know that God will be listening to us and caring for us. And God will tell us back, "I love you, I do, I do, I do, I do, I do, I do, I do....."

Prayer: Gracious God, In moments of loneliness and uncertainty, we seek your love. Wrap us in your warmth and comfort, reminding us that we are never alone. May your presence fill our hearts with peace and assurance, guiding us through life's ebb and flow.

Help us to feel your love surrounding us as we trust in your plan for our lives. **Amen.**

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Charlton Uniting Church

Halliday Street, Charlton.

Service times for August:

Sunday 14th September 10 am
Sunday 21st September 10 am
Sunday 28th September 10 am



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and a hand willing to help others.**

Contact – Gill Gretgrix 0427 911 308

East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times

Sun. 7th Sept. 10.30am Livestreamed in
Sun. 14th Sept. 8.30am
Sat. 20th Sept. 7.00pm
Sun. 28th Sept. 10.30am



On Sunday 26th Oct. we will be celebrating the 140th anniversary since the establishment of St Joseph's Parish (now part of East Wimmera Parish). More details to follow.

Charlton Connect Church

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