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## *Wheels on A79 Show & Shine*

### **Contributed by Wheels on A79 Wheels on A79 Inaugural Show and Shine a resounding success.**

Wheels on A79 Car Club, in its second year of operation, held a very successful first Show and Shine on Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> in perfect weather conditions at Charlton Park.

Members spent many weeks preparing for this event, with social media and local press promoting the event to a wide audience. A number of working bees were held to ensure Charlton Park was presented in pristine condition. Thanks to the members of the club for their efforts contributing to what was an extremely successful event.

Vehicles arrived in all forms, cars, trucks and tractors, representing all eras of transport from early 1900 classics to modern day vehicles. The day has put Wheels on A79 on the map with entries coming from as far away as Mildura, Melbourne, Drouin and Port Fairy, and great support was shown from the local regions within North Central.

Judges had their work in front of them to award the winners, not an easy task when there was such a great variety of quality entries to choose from.

The morning was supported by the sponsorship of Shannons Insurance, Buloke Shire Council and Community Bank Charlton and District, which the club are most grateful to. Charlton College Year 10 work experience ensured the crowd was catered for and we wish the students well with their fundraising efforts, along with a number of other food vans, making the morning was very pleasant for all the spectators to enjoy the show.

Judging was announced by President Derek Lee at 12 noon. Section winners as follows:

Best Vintage Tractor Pre 1960 – John Leach, Massey Ferguson TEA 1950

Best Modern Tractor Post 1960 – John Stiley, International A554 1965

Best Vintage Truck Pre 1960 – Gary Pyers, Ford Tray Truck 1948

Best Truck Post 1960 – Nick Coghlan, Kenworth T909 2023

Best Modified Car – Rae Bridson, Ford Tourer A Model 1948

Best Original Car Steel Bumper – Randell and Lisa Perry, Holden HK Monaro 1969

Best Original Car Plastic Bumper – Daryl Allen, Holden GTS Commodore 2009

Best Vintage Car – Craig and Michelle Watts, Chevrolet Roadster 1934

Shannon's Choice – Peter Knight, BMW.

Thanks to all in the community for coming along and supporting this first Show and Shine for Wheels on A79. Hopefully this will become an annual event on the Charlton Calendar.

If you are interested in learning more about our club, feel free to come along to our next Meeting to be held October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the Charlton Tennis Club. All welcome.

Keep informed of news and events on Wheels on A79 Facebook.

More photos on pages 6 & 7.



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## *From the Editor*

*Carolyn Olive*

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the October edition.

Congratulations to Wheels on A79 on the success of their inaugural Show & Shine. It's great to see this new club doing so well and we hope this becomes an annual event on our calendar.

This month Charlton is just bursting with events and we're all going to be exhausted by the end of it all! I'm going to try and make it to everything—a tall order indeed!

Best of luck to the Charlton Neighbourhood House's new creative venture—Mallee Creatives. It's opening this Thursday and I can't wait to see what they've got happening in there.

Spring has definitely sprung and on the farm our crops have come a long way after a late start. Hopefully we get some more rain to help them to the finish line and to freshen up all the gardens featuring in the upcoming Open Garden Day.

Cheers,  
*Carolyn*

## Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

### **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 & Drive—Thurs 13th - Sat 15th  
The Jeruk River Band @ The Golf Club—Sat 22nd



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- Solar system.
- Timber features and dado throughout.
- Wood heater and split system.
- Country kitchen.
- Well maintained garden.
- Beautiful outdoor area with entertainment section and gazebo.
- 2 Car garage/ garden shed.
- Fully enclosed yard.
- Great location-high on the hill.

## Charlton RSL Sub-branch



September was a busy month for Charlton RSL sub-Branch and also a sad one.

On 2 September we farewelled former member Matt Donaldson.

*Matthew Maloughney Donaldson*; service number 3752657. Matt served in 15 National Service Training Battalion from 18 August to 22 November 1954 and then in 28 Infantry Battalion until the completion of his CMF obligation in August 1959. Vale Matt; well served.

Street selling for our annual hamper raffle was from 08 to 12 September. The raffle was drawn at Diggers Day, the lucky winner being Adam Drake from Bendigo, who assured us, "I never win anything!" Well, he did this time! Our grateful thanks go to all who bought tickets; maybe you will be the lucky one next year.

Sunday 14 September was perfect golf

weather and golfers came from near and far with many Charltonians making their annual return home for RSL/Oasis Diggers Day. Golf Club members had the course in near perfect order, Oasis Club members performed culinary magic at the BBQ and golfers set off to show Mr Ambrose how they could carve up the course. The spinning wheel spun merrily at Apres Golf and trophies were presented to worthy winners.

Events such as Diggers Day do not just happen; they depend on volunteers giving

of their time and, importantly, on sponsors giving of their generosity. Our grateful thanks go to all who supported us. We plan on being back again next year.

RSL is looking forward to Remembrance Day, Tuesday 11 November, when a service will be held at the Lone Pine outside the Clubrooms to mark the 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War.

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# **Community Enterprise Foundation Community Consultation Session**

**A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the Charlton & District Community Bank Community Consultation Session!**

**Your insights, ideas, and energy were invaluable as we explored how to deepen our impact and build a stronger, more connected community.**



**This session was proudly facilitated by the Community Enterprise Foundation – bringing national expertise to help us make a local difference.**

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# Golden Grains Museum News

Hello again from the team at the Charlton Golden Grains Museum. Another month closer to Christmas and the pace keeps going at the museum. Regular recording of donations of items, digitising the collection, changing displays, and all our things keep the volunteers busy.

If you have a few hours free each month the Charlton Golden Grains Museum is always looking for new volunteers to join our team to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public. 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.

Eight of our volunteers recently undertook a training day on how to use Victorian Collections, which the museum uses to record details of our collections online. The workshop was run in Charlton by the Australian Museum & Galleries Association. We must thank the Buloke Shire who contributed \$400 towards the cost. Our volunteers found it to be a worthwhile activity and confirmed volunteers were already doing a stella job on uploading our catalogue online. We are always looking for more volunteers to undertake this work at home.

## Friends 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. Thank you to those of you who have recently renewed your financial support.

## Think before your throw it away!

Please remember if you are having a tidy up at home and getting rid of odds and ends, please consider if it has any significance to the history of Charlton or the district. It may be something as simple as a souvenir ashtray, commercial calendar from a long

closed business, an award or certificate to a family member, or a well loved toy from years gone by. We will record the known details of the item, catalogue it, and space permitting, display it. If not displayed, it will be securely stored for research or future use. A prime example of this is a recent donation we received of two historic leather bound photo albums of the Ruse family. There are well over 100 magnificent portrait photographs of numerous family members, many with their names recorded. It is a wonderful snap shot of a family's proud pioneering history.

## Sun News 'Top Towns'

This month we head back to 1952 when a group of community minded citizens entered Charlton into the Sun News Pictorials 'Top Town' concert series. With prize money of one thousand pounds for the winning town's hospital, and four regional prizes of three hundred pounds, the winners would be decided by the votes of the listening public on radio stations 3DB & 3LK. After defeating Donald, Dimboola, Nhill and Terang, Charlton faced the grand final against Kyneton. Despite local citizens sending in thousands of voting coupons, and wonderful performances by talented artists, the final concert resulted in a win to Kyneton, 87,396 votes to 61,344. However with prize money and concert proceedings, more than eight hundred pounds was raised for the Bush Nursing Hospital.

## Wesley Chapel

Work is continuing on the Wesley Chapel. The floor has now been sanded and tung oil applied. The display cases have been moved into place and now we have the fun job of setting up our new displays.

## Preserve Your Family History

The Charlton Golden Grains Museum offers a service where we will record your families 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 stories not to be lost, but preserved for researchers of Charlton, or even your family at a future time. Cost is just \$10 which goes towards

helping to maintain our collection. Meanwhile, admittance to the museum is still a very low \$5, while free for children with EFTPOS available. Group tours for clubs and organizations are most welcome, and a cuppa and biscuit could easily be arranged.

## 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).

You may also want to view our listings on 'Victoria Collections'. Visit [www.victoriancollections.net.au](http://www.victoriancollections.net.au) for more information

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# *Wheels on A79 Show & Shine*



*Best Modified Car, Ford Tourer A Model 1948—  
Rae Bridson.*



*Best Original Car Plastic Bumper, Holden GTS  
2009 Commodore—Daryl Allen.*



*Best Modern Tractor Post 1960 International  
A554 1965—John Stiley.*



*Best Original Car Steel Bumper, Holden HK  
Monaro 1969—Randell & Lisa Perry.*



*Best Original Car (Steel Bumper) & Best Vintage  
Car .*



*Best Vintage Car, Chevrolet Roadster 1934—  
Craig & Michelle Watts.*



*Best Truck Post 1960, Kenworth T909 2023—Nick  
Coghlan.*



*Best Vintage Tractor Pre 1960 Massey TEA  
1950—John Leach.*



*Best Vintage Truck Pre 1960, Ford Tray Truck  
1948—Gary Pyers.*



# Wheels on A79 Show & Shine



Shannons Choice Award—Peter Knight.





# Badminton Season Finishes

## Charlton Junior Badminton Finishes for Season 2025

Our season this year was very well supported with 42 juniors, ages being 9 years to 15 years, taking part in our weekly ladder system. Each week was well attended making competition very good. Our breakup and presentation night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September was well supported by our parents. The following awards were presented to the juniors:

Most Improved – Sophie Roberts,  
Most Improved in the beginners – Edwin Jince,

All Rounder – Rosie Fitzpatrick  
Rae Heenan's – Finn Scholfield  
Rae Heenan's 1<sup>st</sup> year player – Alodia Acanitlalo

Each week we had 5 different sections

Section 1: Sharks winner – Liam Monaghan  
Runner-Up – Charlie Zagame.

Section 2: Stingrays winner – Clancy Bourke

Runner-Up – Darcy Olive

Section 3: Jellyfish winner – Tom McGurk

Section 4: Seals – winner Shalmaine Drummond

Runner-Up – Nate Lane.

Section 5: Dolphins – winner Mia Wright,

Runner-Up – Lila Lanyon

Then overall scores for Girls Aggregate

winner – Lila Scholfield

Runner-Up – Lily Lane

Boys Aggregate winner – Liam Monaghan

Runner-Up – Charlie Zagame

Beginners Aggregate – Nate Lane

Runner-Up – Shalmaine Drummond

Thank you to those who sponsored our junior presentation.

A very big thank you to the parents who came and did their duty, as it makes the running of juniors so much easier for the organisers. The club says a big thank you to Leigh Van Boven who came along each week and umpired.

To all juniors, we hope to see you back again next season and all enjoy your summer sports, what ever you choose to play.

## Charlton Ladies Badminton Season 2025

We have just completed another successful ladies winter badminton season that comprised of 17 weeks of play, plus one week for the Annual Tournament, which saw 38 ladies from Geelong, Bendigo, Horsham, Ballarat and our own locals compete in grades of friendly competition.

There were 16 ladies registered for our weekly games with an average of 12 each Friday. On some weeks, we were joined by ladies from the Bendigo Association, thus

adding depth and variation to our list.

At the completion of our winter season, Lisa Bruns was the winner of section 1, with Donna Sexton filling the runner-up position. Section 2 winner was Bernadette Zagame with Maree Hooper the runner-up. The Aggregate winner was Bernadette Zagame and the runner-up, Lisa Bruns.

The **Summer Competition** will commence on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9 am** in the stadium and the invitation is there for any ladies to come and have a hit. Children are most welcome and will be looked after in the stadium foyer by those not playing at the time.

For any more details, please call on 0427 582 805 or 0419 915 519.



Lisa Bruns, Bernadette Zagame & Maree Hooper.



Back: Edwin Jince, Rosie Fitzpatrick, Sophie Roberts. Front: Finn Scholfield, Alodia Acanitlalo.



Back: Tom McGurk, Nate Lane, Liam Monaghan, Charlie Zagame  
Front: Lily Lane, Lila Scholfield, Lila Lanyon, Mia Wright, Clancy Bourke.



# Badminton Season Finishes

## Wednesday Night Badminton

The 2025 Charlton Wednesday night badminton season came to a close on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September with the Annual Presentation Dinner held at the Vale of Avoca.

Thirty-one people attended to enjoy a two course meal before presentations were made by President, Ethan Needs, to the winners and runners up of the various events held during the season.

The Charlton Badminton Club Singles Championships were won this year by Troy Heenan, making it title number seven, and Naomi Fitzpatrick getting her name on the perpetual trophy for the first time. The two perpetual trophies, which were commenced in 1981, had been filled, so the club has revamped the trophies, keeping the historic record, but making room for many more years to come.

A raffle was also drawn during the night with Sandra Fanning winning the badminton racquet and Tom McGurk receiving a nice basket of chocolate assortments.

The club is very grateful to receive sponsorship from Teys Australia – Charlton Feedlot to help keep our fees at a reasonable level. Thanks also go to Bernadette Zagame

and Rae Heenan for purchasing all the trophies and gifts and to Rae for the table decorations.

The 2025 trophy recipients are all listed below.

### Singles:

Mens A Grade – Troy Heenan, Runner up – Thomas Aykara

B Grade – Leigh Van Boven, Runner-up – Lachlan Start

### Ladies:

A Grade – Naomi Fitzpatrick, Runner-up – Sandra Fanning

### Doubles:

Mens A Grade – Thomas Aykara & Soni Easo, Runners-up – Lachlan Holmes-Brown & Seb Zagame

B Grade – Fletcher Holmes-Brown & Joe Monaghan, Runner-up – Henry Bourke & Brian Heenan

Ladies A Grade – Abby & Lara Thompson, Runners-up – Sandra Fanning & Naomi Fitzpatrick

B Grade – Lauren Riley & Stacy Thompson Runners-up – Janette Wain & Bernadette Zagame

### Mixed Doubles:

A Grade – Troy & Rae Heenan, Runners-up Ethan Needs & Naomi Fitzpatrick

B Grade – Ethan Soulsby & Lara Thompson

Runners-up – Peter Morrison & Val Bourke

**Mans Aggregate** Troy Heenan Runner-up Thomas Aykara

**Ladies Aggregate** – Lara Thompson, Runner-up – Claudia Lee

**Sections** 1 – Troy Heenan, Section 2 – Leigh Van Boven, Section 3 – Jordan Start.



Charlton Badminton Club Singles Champions  
Troy Heenan and Naomi Fitzpatrick.



## Charlton College

VCE Leadership Awards:

**Fletcher Holmes-Brown travelled to Melbourne recently as he was a finalist for the 2025 VCE Leadership Awards.**

Those of us who know Fletcher are already familiar with what makes him a superstar, but take a moment to read the impressive bio featured in the official brochure:

“As a young person in rural Victoria, Fletcher has been an advocate for youth in Charlton and across the Buloke Shire. Fletcher has brought a student voice to the College Council, advocating for his peers when meeting with parents and staff. He has focused on addressing toxic masculinity in schools, embracing being a positive role model for peers and younger students.

“In 2023 Fletcher’s studies were disrupted when he sustained a serious brain injury playing for Charlton Football Club. Fletcher developed a Bill, which was passed by the Victorian Youth Parliament, calling for improved safety against concussion in sports and better management of concussion in regional sports.

“He also teaches guitar to students and adults as part of his pledge to build connections across the school and within the community.”

*Pictured from left, Meaghan King (teacher), Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Craig Kelly (acting principal).*





# Charlton Golf Club

## Charlton Regains President's Cup

Charlton golfers broke through for a hard fought win to finally wrestle the President's Cup back from arch rival Wedderburn.

The Charlton team went into the contest as underdogs, starting without the availability of its president and captain; however, the lower order players were up for the challenge to record a stableford average of 31 points, to defeat the more fancied Wedderburn opponents on 29 points.

Individual good scores came from P. Sanderson, 37 points; R. Weston, C. McHugh, both 36 points; W. Southwell, I. Jenkins, B. Byrne, R. Walklate, J. McLoughlan, all 34 points; A. Tormey, 33 points. Nearest the pins: 2nd, Christie Fitzpatrick; 7th, Glenda Bird; 14th, T. McGurk.

## Closing Day

28 players contested the final event at Charlton on Sunday to mark the end of the golf season.

The event was a four person Ambrose and as often happens, the scoring was evenly spread and a countback was required to decide the winners.

With a net 60 strokes, Anthony and Wendy Hargreaves, Alison Tormey and Jamey Soulsby survived the countback from Benno Catherine, Mark Hamley, Trevor Budds and Jacko Zagame also with a net 60.

The match play knockout final was also played, the contestants being Wayne Southwell and Jeff Cox with the winner taking home the coveted matchplay trophy donated by Roy Postlethwaite. It was a grandstand finish, all square after 18 holes. A playoff was called for and it was Wayne who outlasted Jeff on the 19th hole for the win. Wayne has built a reputation as the

playoff specialist having survived a couple of playoffs on his way to the final.

Nearest the pins: 2nd Wayne Southwell, 7th Trevor Budds, 14th B. Byrne.

After play, a sociable BBQ tea was enjoyed by members, a fitting conclusion to a memorable season, highlighted by the successful hosting of the Victorian Sandgreen Championship.

## Kara Kata Ladies' Closing Day

With a chilly north-easterly breeze at St Arnaud Kara Kara ladies gathered for the closing day 4bbb challenge.

Two chipins, a birdie and several pars saw Charlton's representatives Anne Kenny & Diane Roberts score a respectable 47 points to take home the bickies and bragging rights for Charlton Golf Club.

Kara Kara Captain Wendy Laffin congratulated all players and clubs on a successful day and year.

St Arnaud's course played beautifully and the hospitality was perfect.

## Recognition for Anthony

Our club work horse, Anthony Hargreaves, has been nominated for Golf Australia Victorian volunteer of the year, just recently he has been shortlisted to a list of three. The winner will be named on the 16th of October at the Southern Golf Club Keysborough. We wish Anthony all the best and we can't think of a more deserving winner of this award, he has done so much work and has been the backbone of our club for many years.



Wedderburn's Geoff Weston (left) and Owen Bailey (right) hand over the President's Cup to Charlton's Anthony Hargreaves and Trevor McGurk.



Wendy Laffin, Diane Roberts & Anne Kenny at St Arnaud.



Wayne Southwell (right) receives the matchplay trophy from President Jamey Soulsby (left).





# Charlton Probud News

The Charlton Probud Club held its monthly meeting on Friday 12th September, with 36 members and 3 guests in attendance. The meeting began with a Minute's Silence in memory of Foundation Member Matt Donaldson, who served two terms as President and remained an active member until moving to Bendigo a few years ago. *Vale Matt.*

Outings Officer Sandra reported on a successful Carpet Bowls outing. Gill Gretgrix gave a two-minute talk encouraging members to be proactive about the temporary closure of our Shire Hall. Garry Larmour provided some light-hearted entertainment with his jokes.

Happy Birthday was sung to the September birthday members.

Congratulations to Pat Mathews for winning the Footy Tipping competition with 143 picks. Runners-up were Pat Clifford and Pam Rosewall on 141. Thanks to Greg

& Jenny Barnard for co-ordinating the tipping competition.

The Lucky Number Winner was Wendy Vandenberg.

Our Guest Speaker was Je-Anne McVicar-Williams, Branch Manager of the local Bendigo Bank, who spoke on the topic of Scam Awareness. Je-Anne discussed how scams are targeting people via mobile phones, Facebook, Instagram, and other platforms. She recommended helpful resources such as ScamWatch and The Little Book of Scams.

She outlined key warning signs of scams and stressed the importance of acting quickly if you believe you have been scammed. Je-Anne also clarified that if the Bank contacts you, they will ask for your verbal password, not other sensitive details. She answered numerous questions from members and reminded us to protect ourselves from scams just as we do our

homes—with vigilance and preparation, like insurance.

Finally, Deb Cleary fittingly read the *Travellers' Farewell*, as she and Ray prepare to move to Kerang. We wish them all the best in their new chapter.



Guest Speaker, Je-Anne Mc Vicar-Williams.



September Birthdays—Greg Barnard, Pam Rosewall, Pat Clifford & Brian Patton.



Footy Tipping—Wimmer Pat Mathews (centre), Jenny & Greg Barnard.

## Charlton Croquet Club News

### Charlton Croquet Club – Opening Day 2025-26 Season

The Charlton Croquet Club officially opened its 2025-26 season on Thursday, 4th September. President Lindsay Patullo warmly welcomed everyone and wished all members a successful and enjoyable season ahead.

A special highlight of the day was Nita Pery, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, being invited to run the first hoop—a task she performed with great skill and grace.

Golf Croquet members enjoyed two friendly games, while Association players explored a new and engaging format called Kingball.

Following two hours of fun and friendly competition, the day concluded with a delightful afternoon tea shared among members.

Here's to a fantastic season of croquet at Charlton!

*Nita Perry opens the 2025 26 season.*







# St Joseph's School News

## September at St Joseph's School: A Month of Connection, Creativity and Community.

September has been a month full of energy, learning, and togetherness at St Joseph's School, with a focus on fun and wellbeing. From celebrating our dads to cheering on our footy teams, our school has been buzzing with activities that brought students, staff, families, and the wider community together.

We began the month with our **Father's Day Breakfast**, where the smell of bacon and eggs filled the surrounds. Students were excited to share a special morning with their dads and father figures, enjoying delicious food, some Dad Jokes, and even some friendly games like soccer, basketball, Connect Four and Jenga! It was a beautiful reminder of how important these connections are in our school community.



William and Ian Donaldson.



Ethena Getley with her uncle Kelvin Getley, father Bradley Getley and grandfather Alan Getley.

A few days later, we turned our attention to wellbeing with **R U OK? Day**. Students and teachers wore a touch of yellow, shared conversations, and reminded one another of the power of simply asking, "Are you okay?" Activities focused on kindness, checking in with friends, and learning how to support one another when times are tough. Students were treated to some yellow cupcakes, bananas and cookies! In the afternoon students worked with Mrs Wright to learn about this special day, to meditate, to make badges and posters and to learn how to be a 'good' friend.

Stories came to life when **The Flying Bookworm Theatre** visited, enchanting us with their retelling of classic fairy tales. This was a brilliant way to celebrate a



Ivy Giles is the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk.



Anthony and Toby Bourke.

Friday focus on fiction and fairy tales! The actors brought to life Jack and the Beanstalk, The Enormous turnip and Goldilocks & the Three Bears. With lively acting, colourful costumes, and plenty of laughter, students were inspired to see books and stories in a whole new way...and they loved getting involved by playing some of the characters. We were joined by the P/1/2 students from St Mary's Donald and some of our younger siblings.



Ivy Giles (giant), Flying Bookworm actors and Madeline Adams (harp).



Flying Bookworm actor and Wyatt Steenhuis (goose).



Sally and Justin Armstrong.





# St Joseph's School News

September also saw the keenly-awaited school concert, "The Time Machine." Our talented students performed with confidence and creativity, taking the audience on an incredible journey across the ages. From dancing dinosaurs to futuristic explorers, the concert was a showcase of imagination and teamwork. Families filled the hall with proud smiles and cheers that made the night very memorable for the students. Bravo everyone!



Macey Revell (Cleopatra), Connor Caine (Caesar) and Franklin Holmes-Brown (cowboy).



Megg Fitzpatrick as Lady Guinivere.



Ruby Wright and Vinny Robert aboard dinosaur.



Grade 2/3 Boot Scootin'.



Sophie Roberts (mad professor), Finn Schofield (King Arthur) and Maddie Lanyon (professor).



The Kelly Gang - Daniel Johnstone, Patrick Winslade & Lochie Caine.



Lila Lanyon (Elvis) leads dancers in a rendition of Blue Suede Shoes (L-R Maddie Lanyon, Sophie Roberts, Ethan Jince, Lila Lanyon, Flynn Zagame, Sophia Sait -obsured, Wyatt Steenhuis, Tessa Wright, Jaidan Niju).



Johan Siju (Neil Armstrong).





# St Joseph's School News

Of course, no September would be complete without **Footy Colours Day**! To finish the term, students and staff proudly donned their team's scarves, guernseys, and jumpers, filling the school with a rainbow of colours. The day was full of friendly rivalry and a special excursion to St Arnaud to watch St Patrick's School perform their annual musical, *Oliver with a Twist*.

For our soon-to-be students, **Kinder Transition Days** continued this month. These special times help our soon-to-be preps get a taste of school life, meet their teachers, and start building friendships that will last for years to come. It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm and confidence growing each visit.

To conclude the term, our staff enjoyed a day of learning and growing together. Professional development in **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives** gave teachers deeper insights into Indigenous culture, history, and ways of knowing. This important learning will continue to enrich our classrooms and ensure that our students grow with understanding, respect, and appreciation for the world's oldest living culture.



September has truly been a month to remember! We can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings! Happy holidays

everyone. Term Four commences Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## Charlton Hockey News

The Charlton Hockey Club didn't come away with a premiership this year but put in an excellent effort fielding three teams in the finals series. The Women's lost their semi-final against Wedderburn, 3-2 and the Charlton U12's lost to Birchip-Watchem in the Preliminary Final 0-1. Underage lost in the Grand Final in an exciting shootout against St Arnaud 1-1 (0-1). The last time Underage (previously Under 15s) were in a Grand Final was in 2003, where they were runners-up, having won the premiership the previous year in 2002. Well done to all teams.

At the North Central Hockey Association Presentations, Charlton came away with a few trophies. Congratulations to Murphy Fitzpatrick and Amali Fitzpatrick (Underage Best & Fairest) and Elise Fitzpatrick (Women's Best & Fairest Runner-up).





# Charlton Campdraft Club

## Great results for Ash Sheahan at the Annual SCA Awards!

Congratulations to Ash Sheahan and his outstanding achievements at the recent Southern Campdrafters Association Annual Presentation Night.

Ash had an outstanding 2024/25 campdraft season, with strong results across the board, including:

- 3rd Champion Open Rider
- 3rd Champion Open Horse - *Sheahans Legacy*
- 6th Champion Novice Horse - *Lyra Park Bravos Playgirl*

And to top it off, Ash has been selected for the SCA Team to compete at Tamworth in February 2026.

This is a fantastic opportunity and a well-deserved achievement.

The SCA Team will showcase the depth of talent within our association, with riders and horses representing on one of the biggest stages in the campdrafting calendar.

A big congratulations to Ash on these well-deserved achievements — a wonderful reflection of his hard work, and talent.

## Saddle Up for an Action-Packed Weekend!

The Charlton Campdraft is just around the corner, happening on the weekend of 10, 11 and 12 October.

This is your chance to come along and

Good horses      Good cattle      Good people

# CHARLTON CAMPDRAFT

October 10th, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Back St Arnaud Road  
Charlton

**BAR**  
Full bar  
Cocktail Hour

**FOOD STALLS**  
A Country Shot  
Charlton Oasis  
Not Just Pizza

**SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT**

**SHOPPING STALLS**  
Noah's Creations  
Phoenix Sewing  
CNT Creations

**CATTLE: TEYS CHARLTON**



see the best riders go head-to-head in an exciting display of skill, speed and horsemanship.

Bring your family and friends, grab a seat, and cheer on the riders as they

compete for top honours.

It's set to be a weekend full of thrills, entertainment, and community spirit — you won't want to miss it!



Ash riding Lyra Park Bravos Playgirl. Photo Equine Promotions.



Ash riding Sheahans Legacy. Photo Equine Promotions.





# Charlton Harness Racing

## PROBUS DAY AT THE TROTS

As Probus clubs all over the state prepare to celebrate throughout the month of October Charlton decided to get in early kicking off with a day at the trots.

Sandra Patton did a great job organising groups from Swan Hill, Wycheproof and Donald to join fellow Probus members from Charlton. It was a somewhat noisier Monday meeting than usual with 56 people enjoying the luncheon and trying their luck at winning the tipping competition. Congratulations to Kevin Matthews who just pipped Moira Sheahan on the last race. More tips needed from your brother Moira! Great job Kim doing all the collating of results throughout the afternoon.

The day was ably hosted by Frank McGrath who again was a wealth of information for those unfamiliar with the harness racing game.

This year Frank interviewed Bendigo based bookie Anthony Jupp and local driver

Luke Dunne – both gave enlightened insights into the their lives in racing. From hard luck punting tales to an endless life on the road racing s not a career for everyone!

Our barman Mick Coates also did a bit of multi- tasking whipping out his guitar for a few songs – thanks Mick! First time we have had some singing in between races!

A big thanks must go out to all who attended and really got into the spirit of the race day, along with Frank, Marg Hayley and Kim who certainly made sure that our guests were well looked after and enjoyed their time at Charlton Park.



Sandra Patton with host Frank McGrath.



Gil Gretgrix places a bet with Juppy.



Marg McGrath & Kim Thompson celebrate their quaddie win.



The large Probus crowd enjoying lunch.



Mick Coates entertains the crowd.



Probians listening to bookie, Juppy.





# Charlton Harness Racing

## A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The day was tinged with a bit of sadness but also a time to reflect and acknowledge the lives of two harness racing participants who recently passed away.

Charlton's own Matt Donaldson and Mildura's Jeff Gadsden, father of local trainer Michael.

Many members from both families were in attendance to watch their races run in

honour of their loved ones. Whilst Gary Donaldson's horse Zarski did not play to the script, running second after a bad start, Mick's horse, To The Nines, owned by his mother Jennie, ran a beauty to win what can only be described as an emotional victory for the family. To The Nines was previously trained by Mick's dad Jeff and as our caller Luke said in his call, Jeff was certainly looking down from above with a big smile.

In amongst the tears and the cheers, our resident tipster Darren Carroll remarked afterwards "Sometimes there are just really good days at the races". Yesterday at Charlton was one of them.

**RAFFLE NIGHT SUNDAY OCTOBER  
5<sup>TH</sup> CRICKET CLUB HOTEL  
NEXT CHARLTON MEETING  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>  
(MELBOURNE CUP EVE)**



*The Donaldson Family—Ian, Ashlee, William, Elaine & Gary.*



*Mick Gadsden with To the Nines.*

# Charlton College Excels

Charlton College came in at an impressive eighth in the Herald Sun's Top 100 Public High Schools List. It was a rewarding result for a small country school with only 132 students from Prep to Year 12.

Acting School Principal, Craig Kelly, interviewed by the Herald Sun, said, "We're really proud to see our school ranked so high on the list. It's a real reflection of the hard work everyone puts in—students, teachers, and the whole

community. This shows we're heading in the right direction, and we'll keep doing our best to make sure every student has the support and opportunities the need to succeed.



*Top row: Heidi Start, Sheena Fitzpatrick, Amali Fitzpatrick, James Fitzpatrick, Samuel Olive, Leigh Van Boven, Tully Bourke, Ethan Soulsby, Sebastian Zagame, Zachary Derks. Bottom row: Chelsea McCallum, Natasha Saunders, Zoe Carney, Georgia Wright, Emese Clarke, Josie Larmour, Zali Heenan, Ruby Radcliffe, Sarah Blair, Anika Holmes-Brown, Emmersyn Nelson, Michael Olive, Craig Kelly, Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Isabel Soulsby, Annie Olive, Joesph Monaghan, Kim Fitzpatrick, Rhys Thompson, Claire Smith.*



# CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

September was a busy and rewarding month for Charlton Neighbourhood House, filled with events that celebrated both creativity and community safety. Our Drawing for Beginners

Workshop with Darren was a wonderful success, with participants learning the basics of sketching and shading in a relaxed and encouraging environment. Many attendees left inspired to continue practicing their new skills at home, proving that it's never too late to discover the artist within.



We also hosted our highly anticipated Farm Safety Day, which brought together families, workers, and community members to focus on safe practices around the farm. With interactive demonstrations and valuable information shared, the event reminded us all how important safety is in our rural community. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many people commenting on the practical tips they could take back to their own properties.

Both of these events highlighted the value of learning together—whether it's picking up a pencil for the first time or reinforcing life-saving safety knowledge. We'd like to thank everyone who participated and made these sessions such a success.



October is shaping up to be an exciting month for Charlton Neighbourhood House as we look forward to the launch of Mallee Creatives—a vibrant new space that will bring workshops, exhibitions, and creative opportunities to life right here in Charlton. This is a milestone for our community, and we can't wait to welcome you into the new hub.

We're also hosting a special Coffee with CNH session, where you're invited to help us plan for 2026. What would you like to see? More guitar lessons with Fletcher? Weaving with David? Drawing with Darren? Or perhaps short courses tailored to your club's needs, such as Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) or Food Handlers? Do you have an idea for an event that you need a hand to connect with partners to make it happen. Your input is vital, and this is your chance to shape the future of our programs.

Remember, Coffee with a... sessions are also about keeping an ear to the ground, hearing from community groups, councillors, and responders—it's how we ensure Charlton's voice is heard.

Finally, please mark your calendars for our Annual General Meeting on Monday 27th October at 7.30pm. Our AGM is always an important date on the Charlton Neighbourhood House calendar. This year it will be held at Mallee Creatives, our exciting new hub, and will be a chance not only to reflect on the year gone by but also to celebrate what lies ahead.

We encourage all community members, volunteers, and partners to attend. It's your opportunity to hear first-hand about the projects we've delivered, the impact we've made, and our vision for the future. It's also a time to thank the many people who make our work possible, our dedicated volunteers, supportive organisations, and, of course, the hardworking committee.



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



# WHAT'S ON IN



## OCTOBER

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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### Children's Storytime.

Where: Mallee Creatives

Time: 10:30 -11:30am

COST: FREE



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### Opening of Mallee Creatives

Where: 9A High Street,

Time: 10:00am - 4.00pm



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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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### Coffee with the Neighbourhood House

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



15

### Coffee with Charlton Forum

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



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### E Prepared Paperwork Session

Where: CNH

Appointments only

FREE. Bookings essential.



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### Buloke Book Club

Where: Mallee Creatives

Time: 10:30am -12pm

COST: FREE



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### Coffee with Buloke Councillor

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



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### Carers & Co Lunch

Where: Charlton East Hotel

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30 pm

COST: Lunch at subsidised price



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### Buloke Book Club

Where: Charlton Shire Chambers

Time: 10:30am -12pm

COST: FREE



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### Prepared Paperwork Session

Where: CNH

Appointments only

FREE. Bookings essential.



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### Children's Storytime.

Time: 10:30 -11:30am

COST: FREE



Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-time player, now is the perfect opportunity to enjoy some friendly competition in this trending sport.

Every Wednesday 8.45 am for a 9 am start.

Finished by 10.30 am

All enquiries contact the Charlton Neighbourhood House

CHARLTON COMMUNITY STADIUM,  
DAVIES STREET, CHARLTON

Contact Us! ☎ 0473 759 456 📧 coord@charltonnh.org.au

## COMING UP IN NOVEMBER



# TOURERS' SUPPORT CHARTSEC

The Charlton Traffic Safety Education Centre (CHARTSEC) is proud to announce the successful acquisition of a generous grant to upgrade its classroom furniture, thanks to the support of Skeeta Grimshaw Tourers Motorcycle Club.

This funding will allow the Centre to enhance its learning environment with new, modern furniture designed to better support student engagement, comfort, and safety during road safety education sessions. The upgrade has provided benefit to hundreds of students who participate in the Centre's programs each year.

"We are incredibly grateful for this funding," said Brett Schofield, Manager, CHARTSEC. "Quality classroom furniture not only improves the learning experience, but also reinforces the importance of a safe and structured environment – something that aligns perfectly with our aims of promoting traffic safety, including the importance of teaching good attitudes and choices when driving."

The Charlton Traffic Safety Education Centre plays a vital role in the local community, delivering interactive and practical road safety education to 15-18 year-old students. The Centre's programs aim to instill lifelong safe road use habits, contributing to the broader goal of reducing road accidents and fatalities in the region.

"Our new furniture has provided better learning conditions, since being installed late last year, and has welcomed many students back to an improved, learner-

focused space," said Brett. "We thank the president and all the Skeeta Grimshaw committee and members for this very generous donation."

## Crucial Facility

"CHARTSEC is a crucial facility for the Charlton and surrounding district, providing important Driver Safety Training to hundreds of students, from Apollo Bay to Murrayville.

"Our Centre is also in desperate need of a new classroom. We have applied for funding on numerous occasions over the past 10 years, under various Local, State and Federal Government Funding opportunities, without any success.

"We are in the process of obtaining updated costings for a new classroom, to

allow us to have a fresh proposal prepared, ready to submit to any possible organisation, foundation, corporate company, business or community group, government authority. In the meantime, any generous donation, large or small would be greatly appreciated."

For more information about the Charlton Traffic Safety Education Centre or its Driver Ed programs, please contact, manager Brett Schofield, Manager on Brett.Schofield@education.vic.gov.au or visit the website:

<https://www.charlton.vic.edu.au/chartsec/>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067834574397>



Tracy Dahrymple and Al Nicolson (right), from Skeeta Grimshaw Tourers, with Brett Schofield (CHARTSEC manager), utilising the new classroom furniture, generously donated by Skeeta Grimshaw Tourers Motorcycle Club.

# Lions Club Swap Meet

Members of the Charlton Lions Club Swap Meet committee told Club Members that plans are well underway for another great 2025 Swap Meet which will be a follow-up to one of our best ever Swap Meets held last year.

The event will again be held on the second Sunday in October (12<sup>th</sup>) at Charlton Park commencing at 8 am. Members anticipate that the format of the Swap Meet will be similar to previous years with a variety of different sites including Car Parts, Tools, Collectable Signs, Plants, LED Auto Lighting, and many other items amongst the early site bookings.

Event organiser Lion Kevin Willey said, "Its early days yet but interest from stall holders has been very positive. It's looking very possible that it will be every bit as good as last year's record number of stall holders. The stall holders were very happy with the 2024 meet, where we had a record 62 sites. many of whom have expressed a keen interest in attending again at this year's event. So we are hoping for bigger and better than ever this year."

The committee have agreed to continue

to promote the Static Car Display again this year and are providing two prizes of \$75 Fuel Card for the two 'Best Presented Vehicles'. The event coordinator Garry Larmour said, "The success of the Static Car display at the 2019 to 2024 Swap Meets, supported by the many local and region car enthusiasts, has prompted the Club to believe the static display has had a significant impact on the success of the meet."

Stall Holder bookings will continue up to the day of the Swap Meet so if you would like to have a stall at this year's Swap Meet please contact Kevin Willey, Ross Lane or Garry Larmour who will be very happy to make the necessary arrangements for you or just rock up.

Garry explained, "The Lions Swap Meet has continued to grow over the years, and has shown significant growth in recent years, and Club members are keen to continue the push to make the event into one of

Charlton's popular social events of the year. Put the date in your diary/calender and help us make the 12<sup>th</sup> October a day to note in you diary and come along and help us celebrate another great Charlton Swap Meet. The North Central Garden Club's Annual Open Garden Day, the Charlton Arts (formerly Rotary) Arts show and the Campdraft event will also be held on that day so there will be heaps to do in Charlton, something for everybody".





# Art & Photography Exhibition

Charlton Arts Inc. is preparing to hold the Annual Art and Photography Exhibition from the October, 10 to 13.

Preparations are under way, and all artists and photographers are encouraged to enter their artworks in the various sections of the exhibition.

For Artwork, the open sections are: Best Exhibit any media, Best Oil/Acrylic, Best Watercolour, Best Drawing and Best Other Media.

For Photography there are two sections: Best Photographic Print Unaltered (no post-processing or manipulation once the photo has been taken). Cropping and enlarging of the print are allowed.

Best Photographic Print – Digitally Manipulated (this section is for any other photo where changes have been made in any way to the original photograph on the camera.

## Prize Pool

The total prize pool for the Art and Photography sections is \$5000.

Students: For senior secondary students there is a section for both art and photography, also with prizes attached. There is also an artwork display by our younger local school children.

Enquiries and entry forms can be obtained from our coordinators, Sue Stokes 0404 850 961, Sue Walsh 0407 140 336 or email charltonartexhibition@gmail.com.

The Exhibition will begin with the Official Opening on Friday, October 10, at 6.30 p.m..

Tickets will be available at the door for \$25 (including supper and complementary drink) or Early Bird tickets are available from Charlton Neighborhood House for \$20.

The judge will announce the winners of each section and comment on those winning entries.

## Demonstrations

Over the weekend there will be three demonstrating artists: Jenny Pollard showing us her expressive drawings and

humorous cartoons; David Beaty will be demonstrating his craft of weaving, and Marie Perger will be showcasing her patchwork.

For the viewing public, the exhibition will be open on Saturday, 11th, and Sunday, 12th, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and on Monday 13th from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Cost \$5.00 per day.

This year there are two raffle prizes, a painting titled "Peaceful Morning" by Jon Crawley and an Acrylic Print/Photograph titled "Lake Fyans", sponsored by GWMWater. The raffle will be drawn on Monday afternoon.

## Multiple Events

Charlton will have multiple events over this weekend full of creativity, community and colour. The Charlton Art and Photography Exhibition, will showcase the incredible creativity within the region, from breathtaking landscapes to the striking portraits and expressive photography. This is a must see event for art lovers of all ages.



"Peaceful Morning" by Jon Crawley.



"Lake Fyans" Sponsored by GWMWater.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE REX - OCTOBER



**POLMUSICA**  
**Sunday 12 October |**  
**1pm**  
**FREE Event**

The Rex once again welcomes the participants of the PolMusica Polish Music Competition to our town as the instrumental talents of these young artists is shared with our community.

An initiative of the Polish Community Council of Australia, the competition is open to pianists and string players 17 years and under. The instrumental categories are: Piano and Strings (violin, viola, cello) along with a new Vocal section introduced for the

2025 competition.

Comprising three age groups – 11 years and under, 12-14 years and 15-17 years – participants must perform two or three selected contrasting pieces, by various composers. Performance times vary according to the age group, and range between 5-8 minutes, 8-12 minutes and 10-15 minutes.

The Rex presentation concert features the winners of the competition, providing an exciting opportunity to hear the exceptional talent of these instrumental stars of the future.

POLMUSICA is a FREE event.

**THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW**

**Friday 31 October 8pm**

Make it a Halloween night to remember! Do the "Time Warp" again at this special 50th anniversary screening of one of the most enduring shows of all time! Digitally remastered "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" brings the cult masterpiece to life in celebration of this special anniversary.

Starring Barry Bostwick, Tim Curry, Meat Loaf, Richard O'Brien, Susan Sarandon.

Keep up to date with all that's happening at The Rex at [www.rextheatre.org.au](http://www.rextheatre.org.au)



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

# Buloke.

## VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

During October as part of the senior's festival a number of events will be occurring across the Shire and across the State.

The Victorian Seniors Festival is held for — and with — older people and puts the emphasis on fun and good times. This year's theme is "Connect, Create, Celebrate" — and invites older Victorians

to come together, discover new interests, celebrate positive ageing and take part in events and activities close to home and right across the state.

Booklets with information on events across the state are available from libraries and Neighbourhood houses in the shire.

The Victorian Seniors Festival Country Concert returns to bring the fun of the festival to Buloke Shire residents.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS THE SHIRE – OCTOBER 2025

Local groups are hosting a range of events. For event details, please contact the hosting group directly:

### Birchip

- **Celebrating Your Age:** Activities all month, ending with a Halloween event (Birchip Neighbourhood House).
- **Seniors Go to a Show:** Subsidised trip to the Rodney Vincent Show (Probus Birchip).

### Charlton

- **Probus Month:** Promoting Probus and its values (Charlton Probus).
- **Bring a Friend Day:** Lunch and club showcase (Charlton Senior Citizens).

### Culgoa

- **Seniors Luncheon:** Meal, guest speaker, and local history (Culgoa Development Group).

### Donald

- **Seniors Open Day:** Lunch, games, and activity demos (Donald Senior Citizens Club).
- **Victorian Seniors Festival Aged Care Tour:** will bring magic, music, and entertainment from Frankie Powell to aged care residents in Donald at Riverview Aged Care on 9 October.

### Sea Lake

- **Seniors Go for Gold:** Mini Olympics and fun at the (Sea Lake Neighbourhood House).

### Wycheproof

- **Roast & Rhyme Luncheon:** Lunch, bush poetry with Geoffrey Walker Graham, and open mic (Wycheproof Community Resource Centre).

## FREE COLOUR MY WORLD BUS SERVICE

Two buses will run to the Birchip Shire Hall concert:

- Bus 1: Charlton → Donald → Watchem → arrive Birchip 1:00PM
- Bus 2: Sea Lake → Berriwillock → Culgoa → Wycheproof → arrive Birchip 1:00PM

Buses will depart for return trip at 3:00PM.

To book concert tickets or reserve a bus seat, visit Council's website [www.buloke.vic.gov.au](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au) or call 1300 520 520.

## BIRCHIP

Melissa Langton will perform at the Birchip Town Hall on 8 October starting at 1:30pm.

This music theatre favourite and star of the internationally renowned girl-group THE FABULOUS SINGLETES brings us a hand-clapping, toe-tapping tribute to the most commercially successful female singer in British chart history Petula Clark. Songs include: Downtown, Don't Sleep in the Subway, Happy Together, My Favourite Things, I Know a Place, Here There and Everywhere, I Don't Know How to Love Him & Colour My World!

This is a FREE event with free buses provided to transport individuals to the event and afternoon tea will also be provided following the concert.



REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

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www.rextheatre.org.au



## REX THEATRE OCTOBER COMING ATTRACTIONS

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



### THE ROSES

105 mins | Drama  
MA15+ Strong coarse language

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

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



### THE NAKED GUN

85 mins | Comedy  
M Crude humor, violence, coarse language and sexual references

Sat 11 OCT 8pm  
Tue 14 OCT 8pm

**No Sunday Screening**

It takes a very particular set of skills to lead Police Squad and even try to save the world. Liam Neeson takes up the badge as Lt. Frank Drebin Jr. and, like his legendary father, attempts to save the police department from shutting down by solving a case.



### LIVE ON STAGE

**POLMUSICA SUNDAY 12 October 1pm Free Event**

Presenting the winners of the Australia wide Polish music competition  
- PolMusicA - in concert.

**18 | 19 | 21 October**

**No Screenings**

CHARLTON SHOW Weekend



### KANGAROO ISLAND

111 mins | Comedy | Drama  
M Mature themes and coarse language

Sat 25 OCT 8pm  
Sun 26 OCT 2pm  
Tue 28 OCT 8pm

When Lou returns home to ruggedly beautiful Kangaroo Island at the request of her father, years of family secrets resurface in this beautiful, emotionally rewarding film.



50th Anniversary

### ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

100 mins | Comedy | Horror | Musical

**FRIDAY 31 OCT 8pm**

Get ready to do the **Time Warp Again** to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Come along to the special re-release screening for Halloween on Friday 31 Oct



# *Marion Celebrates her 90th Birthday.*

*Contributed by Rhonda Porter*

Marion Lane recently celebrated her 90th birthday at Charlton East Wimmera Health Service Aged Care Home over two joyous days. The milestone was marked with warmth, laughter, and plenty of memories shared.

On the first day, Marion was joined by a number of close friends, including four of her primary school friends, to raise a toast in her honour. Guests enjoyed a delightful High Tea prepared by Marion's family, featuring scones, quiche, slices, and cakes. The afternoon was filled with lively conversation, laughter, and cherished stories shared around the table.

The celebrations continued the following day with a family lunch. Family travelled from near and far, including as far away as the Hunter Valley in New South Wales, to celebrate Marion's remarkable milestone.

A special thank you goes to the staff at Charlton East Wimmera Health Service Aged Care Home for their support in hosting Marion's birthday celebrations and helping make the two days so memorable.

It was a truly special occasion, reflecting a life well-lived and the love of family and friends who gathered to make Marion's 90th birthday unforgettable.



*Marion cutting her cake with daughter, Rhonda.*



*Marion pictures with friends.*



*Marion pictures with family.*



## **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 ENTHUSIASTS, COLLECTORS OF ANTIQUE ITEMS AND CRAFTS  
— MARKET STALLS, NURSERIES, 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**

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**Art & Photography  
Exhibition**

**New Venue**

**Charlton Park**

Calder Highway, Charlton

**Friday 10th - Monday 13th  
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Joy Freeman.

## Thank You

*Marion Lane & Family sincerely thanks everyone for the lovely cards, gifts and birthday wishes that made her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday so special.*

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North Central Garden Club

## 2025 Charlton Open Gardens

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## North Central Garden Club

The members of the North Central Garden Club travelled from Charlton and joined our Wycheproof members at the Town Hall supper room for our AGM and our monthly meeting.

Aileen Allan was re-elected as President for the next 12 months and she will be supported by Bernice Kenny as her VP. Sue Walsh and Jenny Mead filled the vacant positions of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The best wishes of the Club go to the new executive for a positive and constructive year.

Our monthly meetings centred around our upcoming Open Garden day where things are progressing well.

Following the meeting, Elaine Ison-Richie demonstrated the art of flower arranging and all members created an orchid corsage. Many thanks to Elaine for her time and expertise.

Anyone interested in coming along to Garden Club can contact those people below and would be made most welcome.

Contact: President - Aileen Allan 0438 911 945

Secretary:- Sue Walsh 0407 140 336

## Charlton Senior Citizens' Club

August 19th we were entertained by Andy Dee who was visiting various towns including us. We enjoyed a wonderful day with all types of music, boot scooting, and of course the Hokey Pokey to finish the day.

September bringing the end of the footy season we did your favourite footy get-up, Magpies were the winner with 7, Hawthorne 3, St Kilda, Nth Melbourne and Essendon only all 1s. Lunch was what you have at the footy – hot dogs, pies & chips.

October is Seniors' month with lots going on in different towns. Our main day is 21st October, being a BBQ luncheon where you can attend, bring a friend along, and enjoy the day with us. See you all then.

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

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

Hope to see you there.

### To the Editor,

What is written here, is my personal opinion, it does not necessarily reflect the views of other members of Beautify Charlton. I have kept this as brief as possible.

Further to my Facebook post of about 12 months ago, this is to formally advise Beautify Charlton as a program has come to an end. It had been an 8 year process which I am sorry to say never reached the heights it was intended to. It would have, given half a chance. There was an enormous amount of planning, detail and volunteer effort involved.

Despite our group being fully invested in the program for this time, we never had the chance to really show our wares, to deliver our vision, and for all to see the positive impacts the program would have had on the town. That impact was vital because Charlton is seriously challenged, the same as all our towns. The Buloke Shire unfortunately never truly shared that vision, or grasped why it was so important. In a collaborative relationship, there has to be a fair dinkum approach from both sides. The Shire undoubtedly have their view. I have mine, and it is certainly best for me to get out of the space and allow clear air for others.

Our town is stuck in an impasse. The Shire have proven over a long period of time, they have been unable to present the complete thoroughfare suitably. That negatively impacts both in the retail sector, and in the wellbeing space of our community. Both are critical to the future and the relevance of any country town. Sadly, our community driven group was unable to fill the void.

The Shire no doubt have their issues. Staff morale and turnover being one of them. Read into that what you will but those problems start at the top.

In my view, the Shire have failed Beautify Charlton, and therefore Charlton, in understanding what community engagement and communication really require.

In our region I had never been a fan of Shire amalgamation. It has delivered our towns bureaucracy, and we deserve better. Floods included, Charlton fared no better under the Buloke Shire than it would have fared under the old Charlton Shire. Amalgamation driven from Spring St, from both sides of politics, is unfortunately something we are stuck with.

I wish Ric, Wes and Darren all the very best. I wish you the full investment of energy, thought and consideration from the Shire, and open, honest and timely communication from them. And I wish you positive outcomes.

Thanks to all who backed, worked on, and supported Beautify Charlton. *Robin McRae, Charlton*

## CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

**Where:** Unlimited Radias

**When:** Sunday 19th October 2025, 7am-6pm.

**Weigh in:** 6pm at Clubrooms followed by BBQ tea.

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Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

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## St Martin's Messenger—Oct/Nov

Sunday 5 October	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 October	9am	Holy Communion
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### Breaking bread together *Luke 14:12-14*

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The bible reading for 31 August was about food – one of my favourite things. Food features throughout the bible, in many different forms, but most importantly as something to be shared with others. It is a reason for coming together and sharing with one another. There is a great hymn, "Let us break bread together with the Lord". For me, this means to share with one another and when we do, do it in God's name, with love to share with those who gather. Share because that is what Jesus did, not because they were rich and famous, not because they were influential or powerful, and there might be an advantage or incentive but simply because Jesus wants us to share with those with whom the world sometimes forgets, those in the fringes, those who are not known but are precious in his sight. They are to be welcomed and loved and cherished in the example of Jesus.

Who do you have sitting around at your table when you break bread or share a meal, or have a coffee? Don't be afraid to expand your comfort zone and reach out to someone that you do not know, that you would not normally talk to. You will be breaking down barriers and showing God's love in its truest form. And they and you will be blessed by the richness of God's love. A lot to digest, I know, but start with the entrée and let it become your habit for the rest of your life. Bon Appetit.

#### Prayer:

*Gracious God, open my heart to the occasions that you provide in my life to bless others in Jesus' name. Forgive me when I invest all my time, effort, and interest only in those who I already know and who can repay me. Guide me to bless those from whom I can expect nothing in return. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

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**Service times for October**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10 am  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 10 am  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 10 am



### Springtime Glory

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And in this blaze of springtime glory,  
Just who could doubt the Easter story!  
*Helen Steiner Rice.*

Contact – Gill Gretgrix 0427 911 308

## East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

### Mass Times

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.30am Livestreamed in  
Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8.30am  
Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00pm  
Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.30am -140<sup>th</sup> Celebrations



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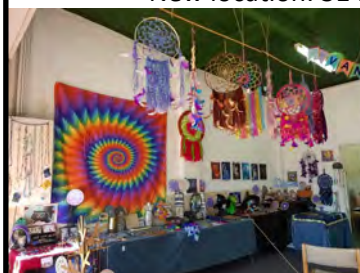
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24 Senior Citz Bingo, 1:30pm	25 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm Senior Citz Cards, 1:30pm Charlton Craft Group 10-12 NCGC Meeting	26	27 Mens Shed 1pm - 4pm	28	29 Fishing Comp	30 Fishing Comp