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Anthony ins State Award

On Thursday 16th October, Charlton Golf Club Life Member, Anthony Hargreaves, was honoured to be awarded the Victorian Golf Volunteer of the Year for 2025. Anthony was nominated by the Charlton Golf Club and was short listed to three in his category. The award was one of many, presented at the Southern Golf Club, before an invited guest list of 250 to honour Victorian golfers, for excellence in their field.

Anthony has been a member of the Charlton Golf Club for 45 years and a committee member for 30 years. He has held many executive roles, including President, Secretary and Treasurer. He is currently Greens Director and it is in this role that he excels. This year Charlton hosted the 2025 Sand Greens Championships. Anthony's contribution to the presentation of our golf course for this event was unequalled and an inspiration to all. He spent countless hours throughout the summer with pre season work. Then, going into overdrive when the golf season opened, he ensured that our course would be presented in the best possible condition. Consequently we had many favourable comments on course's presentation. Anthony has become the "go to" for our Club and willing accepts all challenges.

The Charlton Golf Club is greatly indebted to Anthony and Anthony & Wendy Hargreaves. congratulate him on winning this much deserved award.





Charlton Golf Club members and partners at the Awards function at the Southern Golf Club. L to R—Jeff & Mary McLoughlan, Carolyn Olive, Jamey Soulsby, Clinton Olive, Kerrie Soulsby, Anthony Hargreaves, Chris & Trevor McGurk, Wendy Hargreaves.

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From the Editor

Carolyn Olive

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the November edition. It's a big one! Again! What a whirlwind of events to attend. Well done to all the people involved in hosting these events. Thank you to Jenny Pollard for doing a fab job of covering all the activity. We certainly kept her busy—especially on Super Sunday.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming Drag and Drive event. I had a chat to the promotor, Dave Curtis, to find out a bit more about it (see page 3). Good luck to Dave and all the folk who are helping him put on this terrific spectacle.

Congratulations to Mallee Creatives on their opening early in October. It's a great new initiative for our town—coffee and art! And well done to all the volunteers who have put their hands up to help make it a success.

Well, on the farm we were wishing for rain—which didn't come—and then it did and now won't stop. Our farmers are trying to bale hay but finding it hard to find a dry spell. However, we also say it will be good for the other crops. Here's hoping that's true.

Cheers, Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

November:

Drag & Drive—Thurs 13th—Sat 15th Sip, Shop & Stroll—Fri 21st Jeruk River Band—Sat 22nd @ Golf Club Courthouse Soiree—Sun 30th

December:

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Drag Racing is Coming to Charlton

The Charlton Airstrip will come alive with the sound of roaring engines and burning rubber when North Central Drag Racing rolls into town from Thursday 13 to Saturday 15 November.

Event organiser, Dave Curtis, is bringing his popular drag racing meet to Charlton for the first time, after six successful events across the region — the most recent held in Mildura in March this year.

More than 60 cars have already entered for the three-day event, which will feature timed sprints over 200 metres and a range of fun activities for competitors and spectators alike.

Day One (Thursday) will see each car make up to three passes along the strip. This will give them a chance to become familiar with the track. The afternoon will involve entrants having more passes with spectators able to go along for a ride.

On Friday, racing will resume from 9am, before participants take part in a Poker Run around the district in the afternoon, with stops at Kookas, Wooroonook Lakes, the Charlton Golf Club and Vale of Avoca (you will be issued a card at each stop). The Poker Run is open to locals as well, offering a great way for the community to join the fun. You may just have the winning hand and get a prize. Afterwards, entrants and locals are invited to dine together. Later in

the evening, the film 'Running on Empty' will screen at The Rex.

The action continues on Saturday, the final day of racing, which includes an Invitational Nostalgia Race. Spectators are encouraged to bring along their prized car or engine for 'Show us Your Toys' on Saturday.

Entry is just \$10, part of which will support the Wheels on A79 car club. Facilities include toilets and marquees, food and drink stalls, slushies and ice-creams. Visitors are encouraged to bring chairs, though it's not essential.

"This event is all about encouraging people to get the old HQ out of the shed and

have a go," Dave said. "It's also about putting Charlton on the map and supporting the local community. We're expecting plenty of visitors to town, and that means more business for local shops, pubs and accommodation."

In keeping with its family-friendly spirit, the event is strictly alcohol-free. A range of event merchandise — including T-shirts, hoodies, beanies and stubby holders — will be available across the weekend.

With a full schedule of racing and plenty of entertainment along the way, the North Central Drag Racing event promises to deliver three days of fast-paced fun in Charlton.



Drag & Drive at Mildura in March.



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Golden Grains Museum News

Welcome to another catch up from the Charlton Golden Grains Museum. As the year quickly draws to an end the work of our dedicated volunteers goes on. We are looking forward to later this month when we head off for one of our social road trips to visit other museums and historic areas and, in 2026 to holding several exhibitions here in Charlton. We have also welcomed many visitors to our museum who all comment on the wonderful displays and stories available on many of the items. One such visitor from Wycheproof related a story his late father often told him of the devasting fire that occurred in January 1949 at the Noske Flour Mill.

The Noske Mill Fire

"The Mill is on Fire", were the words that echoed across the town as fire quickly took hold of a galvanized storage shed with flames reaching 100 feet (33 metres) into the air and smoke visible as far away as Wycheproof. It quickly moved across the railway siding to a concrete building adjacent to the Mill. With the Charlton Brigade quickly swinging into action, calls went out to neighbouring towns for assistance. Our visitor said his father told him that in their old open topped fire truck they made the journey from their station in Wycheproof to the fire in 13 minutes; an amazing feat. This crew, and other volunteer teams stayed for 3 days in Charlton to finally extinguish the fire, such was the heat generated. It is estimated over a million gallons of water were used, with the generators running the pumps glowing red from their heavy usage. Two senior Captains from Melbourne came up to supervise the operation, with serious concerns the fire would spread to the adjacent fuel store depot. Approximate losses of flour, sacks, equipment and building came to sixty five thousand pounds; a huge amount for the time.

Medical Display

Our medical display at the Wesley Chapel is progressing with volunteers busy unpacking our extensive collection. With five shiny new showcases to fill, and walls awaiting some story boards, there is plenty to do before it's ready to unveil next year.

Research Requests

The museum raises much needed funds through doing research for individuals.

Many enquiries for family history are received from around Australia, and we are often able to provide images and newspaper clippings for these requests. If you want to find out information about your family or home address, contact any of the people listed below.

Fundraising

Much needed funds are also raised by our regular Bingo trips to Donald. Contact a museum member if you'd like to come along (last Thursday of each month). We also appreciate those of you donating your \$\$ from the container deposit scheme.

Volunteers

The museum is always looking for more new members to help maintain, archive and assist with our collection and attend during opening hours to the public. You could give as much or as little time each month as you wish with training given. 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. You can also become a 'Friend of the Museum' for just \$20. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving our town's collection or historic items for future generations.

For more details about our museum or collection, check out our Facebook Page or search on your browser 'Charlton Golden Grains Museum'. You may also want to

view our listings on 'Victoria Collections'. Visit www.victoriancollections.net.au for more information

Enquiries

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The Medical Display in progress.



Noske Mill Fire.





Resplendant Visions at Art Show

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

It was a case of visual diversity at the Charlton Arts annual Art and Photography Show - running from 10 - 13 October – with an increase in entries contributing to this year's creative feast.

A collection of resplendent images filled the exhibition space as Charlton Arts stepped up and made a showcase of creativity in the new location at the Charlton Park Complex. Thanks to dedication and adaptability – (a change of venue, due to the Charlton Hall closure) – the event slotted seamlessly into the main conference room allowing patrons to browse the long corridors of display screens at their leisure and utilize the casual seating arrangements near the track-side viewing windows for socializing after the formalities.

The 41st running of the event (and the 3rd presentation by Charlton Arts), saw the Friday night opening offering an array of artistic techniques and a diverse range of subject matter. Birds were a popular choice with numerous native and domestic avians being prominent. Landscapes were also strongly represented, and viewers were able to appreciate distinctive styles of realism, abstracts and experimental creations.

Welcoming a number of new exhibitors saw an injection of youth brought into the mix. Exhibitors hailed from across the region with representation from Ballarat, Castlemaine, Wangaratta, Bendigo and St. Arnaud amongst others.

Event coordinators included Sue Stokes and Sue Walsh (assisted by Carol Bennett as coordinator for student work) and Carolyn Olive who attended to the many and varied behind-the-scenes jobs. In all, the presentation was a credit to the team and hardworking Charlton Arts members who

had to navigate the complexities of setting up in a new venue.

The opening night was also enhanced by Serpentine musician, Lou Green, who provided gentle background music with her sweet singing voice and guitar playing.

EMCEE Anthony Judd gave a welcoming address to the large crowd acknowledging the artists' contributions, the support of the many sponsors and work of the committee in bringing the event to fruition. The flowering of Charlton as a creative arts hub was also highlighted, as Anthony related his own family's experiences of bringing up youngsters in the township.

Councillor Bruce Stafford undertook the formal opening following a breakdown of the art styles and galleries which he and his wife, Shirleen, have encountered during their travels around Australia. He also referenced the impact of indigenous street art in locations such as Alice Springs, Katherine and Darwin.

Following the introduction of judge, Joy Tatt, anticipation built as the announcement of winners was revealed. (See list below). An eminent Australian artist / illustrator and educator, Joy outlined her criteria for judging, revealing the difficulty in not being able to give more awards and saying, "It is gratifying to see such a high standard of work". Joy also congratulated all involved with the presentation and curation of the exhibition.

While the event's main focus is on the exhibitors, this is complemented by the addition of school student work and youth entries, providing a platform for the imagemakers of the future to share their talents.

Displays and demonstration work by Charlton patch worker, Maria Perger, and Jenny Pollard (sharing a of art and graphics pieces) also rounded out the creative content at the exhibition.

Winners:

- Best Exhibit (Any Media) Glenice McCarthy – "Glass Vase and Pink Roses" (acrylic). Sponsored by Walsh Motors
- Best Oil/Acrylic Jenny Lester-Smith "Spring" (oil). Sponsored by Charlton Lions Club.
- Best Watercolour Lyn Cooke "The Family Tree". Sponsored by Bendigo Bank.
- Best Drawing –Karen Garrat "Venus Fly Trap" (colour pencil). Sponsored by TEYS Charlton Feedlot.
- Best Other Media Jan Reyne– "Bee 6/8"- (hand coloured dry point).
 Sponsored by Appleby Funerals.
- Best Photograph Jodie Drake –
 "Watchem Sunrise". Sponsored by Holmes-Brown Floor & Window Coverings.
- Best Photograph (Manipulated) Stuart Giles - "Superb Fairy Wren". Sponsored by Charlton Op Shop, Start's Buses & Getley's Real Estate.
- Local Artist / Photographer –Anna Beamish – "Under & Over" – (acrylic). Sponsored by Charlton Op Shop.
- Best Secondary School Exhibit (Art) -Brayden Lopurdsnathan "Warisan (Heritage)". Sponsored by Charlton Medical.
- Best Secondary School Exhibit –
 "Margeit" (Drawing) Matilda Davey –
 "My Inspiration". Sponsored by Charlton Medical.
- Highly Commended (Art) –Jon Crawley-"Spring at Dairy Farm" (watercolour).
 Sponsored by Charlton Pharmacy,



Emcee Anthony Judd welcomed the opening night crowd to the 2025 Art Exhibition at the Charlton Park Complex.



Resplendant Visions at Art Show

Charlton Ag Supplies, Australia Post Charlton.

- Highly Commended (Photography) Noreen Kellett – "My Happy Place".
 Sponsored by Fitzpatrick's Transport, Charlton Caravan Park, Taxworld.
- Student Encouragement Award (Art) –
 Kaylah Carrington "Untitled". Sponsored
 by Carol Bennett.
- Student Encouragement Award (Split) –
 Ebony Barker "The Ominous Misty
 Forest of Doom & Despair"
 Dalyss Trinchi "Marge Simpson".
 Sponsored by Carol Bennett.



Guest exhibitors, patchworker Maria Perger (seated) and Jenny Pollard both had demonstrations and displays of work on hand for visitors to peruse.



Pictured with the Best Exhibit – "Glass Vase & Pink Roses" by Glenice McCarthy are (l-r) Craig Walsh and Sue Walsh (prize sponsor and event co-ordinator), Joy Tatt (judge) and Sue Stokes (event co-ordinator).





Left: Musician, Lou Green from Serpentine provided a soothing musical backdrop to the evening with her singing and guitar accompaniment.

Above: Leo Giakimis (l) and Buloke Councillor Bruce Stafford (r) discuss the works during the Art Show opening on the Friday night.



School art work also made for a colourful display. Pictured are schools coordinator Carol Bennett (r) with assistant Joy Freeman (l).



Proud "Nan", Aileen Allan is pictured with her granddaughter, Matilda Davey's prize-winning drawing of her brother Charlie.



Inspiration Blooms at Open Gardens Day

Contributed by Jenny Pollard On Sunday 12th October -

On Sunday 12th October - despite the cool and overcast conditions - gardeners from near and far trekked to the North Central Garden Club's (NCGC) annual Open Gardens Day in Charlton.

Six gardens – five in town and one out of town – were available for viewing. And six owners were on hand to take visitors through their individual journeys in achieving the transformations on display.

With car-loads of visitors navigating the town circuit there was an air of expectation on arrival at each destination. Owners were eager to share their stories – frequently a transition from a weed-infested space to a now carefully tended restoration.

Special places such as Damien Hellard's Waugh St. home with its paved, sunken fire-pit (the site of a former tank) had become a place for socializing. "In the summer when mates come to visit, we sit around here and talk about the days when we all played American football, and stories

just keep getting better with age," laughed Damien. Another section of the garden had been adopted by his daughter, Amelie, who had created a fairy garden which magically lights up at night.

For newcomer, Trish Jones, her Mildura Way home has offered an exciting chance to establish a fresh garden which she looks forward to seeing grow to maturity. Trish spoke of the pleasure which it brings her and the involvement of black birds which she views as an asset with their scratching around in the ground.

Kath and Dennis Carlson's established garden in Watson Street was a picture of perfection—a real showpiece of dedication and commitment which drew many compliments from visitors. The expansive property features trees which tolerate the harsh summer climate — including crepe myrtles, crab apple, smoke bush and ornamental pears. Helping keep the garden in tiptop shape are the 16 water timers, all set to come on at different times.



top shape are the 16 water An oasis in a suburban backyard – Damien Hellard is pictured with his timers, all set to come on at daughter Amelie in the sunken fire-pit area which was the former location of a water tank. The space now provides a stunning retreat for visitors and guests from afar to enjoy the balmy summer Mallee evenings.



A market stall provided visitors with both plants and produce with Garden Club members (l-r) Janette Wain, Sheila Grenfell and Lynne Southwell surrounded by luscious offerings.



Trish Johns takes the opportunity to sit back and enjoy her garden space after a busy day of welcoming visitors to her home. Trish says her garden is a "work of joy in progress" which she happily shares with the visiting blackbirds which drop by!



Inspiration Blooms at Open Gardens Day

Re-vitalising their neglected corner block in Armstrong Street has been a labor of love for Arlene Winter and Peter Younger as their emerging vision is still in its infancy. Having purchased the property 14 months ago, clearing out, planning and planting has seen the pair choose roses for the garden frontage with magnolias lining the side fence. Lemon, lime and apple trees will also provide produce, and the surrounds feature a selection of garden art and sculptures. The couple share their home with their excitable three-year-old dog, "Daisy".

Other properties open for inspection included Sue and David Livingstone's home in Arundell Square with its beautiful roses and rose bowers, and the rural allotment of Russell and Judy Stanley on the Borung Highway.

Reflecting on this year's Garden Day NCGC President, Aileen Allan, said that while the attendance was lower than last year it had still been a "wonderful day" which people had "really enjoyed".

"I also want to acknowledge the amazing work our committee has put in," said Aileen "along with thanking the six participants for making their gardens available for viewing".

Over a delicious afternoon tea, discussions flowed from the days' viewing with inspiration knocking at the door for many a garden upgrade!



An emerging vision – a garden in its infancy is the pride and joy of Arlene Winter and Peter Younger (and their dog Daisy) at their Armstrong St. residence.



Many visitors flocked to the Livingstone's Arundell Square property to appreciate the expanse of garden and the beautiful rose bowers.



Dennis (front) and Kath Carlson (back left) were happy to show visitors around their picture-perfect garden which offered inspiration to many attending the Open Garden Day.

Super Sunday in Charlton

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

October is a month of full-on activities in Charlton and Sunday 12th was crammed with things to do and places to go.

From the Charlton Arts Art and Photography Show, to the Lions Club Swap Meet; to the North Central Garden Club "Open Gardens" day, along with the PolMusicA Polish concert presentation at The Rex, the Charlton Campdraft weekend, Stuart Giles "Birds In Focus" photography exhibition at the Courthouse Gallery, and the Lions Skin Check van providing medical outreach to small communities - it was a case of prioritizing or going all in!

CHARLTON ARTS – ART & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

See coverage elsewhere in this issue. LIONS SWAP MEET

Overcast skies did nothing to deter the crowds as 66 stall holders came together (some arriving on Saturday to set up for Sunday's event) to showcase their wares and continue to build the event from year to

year.

"Exceeding all expectations" was how Lions President, Ross Lane, expressed it, as the mid-morning crowd searched for that elusive "treasure" or came to peruse the extensive number of vehicles in the Show and Shine – some of which had come from Ararat, Bendigo, Warracknabeal and surrounding local towns.

With more food having to be purchased to deal with the influx of visitors, Ross said they had had a great response to this year's event with many compliments about the location and the layout. Stallholders also expressed their delight about the affordability of the site fees and commented on the ease of working with the Club.

An event which keeps growing in stature, the annual Swap Meet is a great crowdpuller for the town and a credit to Lions for their volunteering input.

LIONS SKIN CHECK VAN

An important service for rural communities, the Lions Skin Check Van provides a mobile resource for free skin checking and referrals - encouraging early intervention in addressing the rising incidence of skin cancer.

The availability of the van in Charlton on 11th & 12th October saw a total of 117 attendees (59 Saturday) and (58 Sunday) resulting in 37 referrals.

Administrator Raelene Hadden, working in tandem with Lions coordinator for this area, Harry Brindley, said the strong take-up rate for this initiative was pleasing to see, especially in this region where sun damage can develop insidious outcomes.

With a desperate shortage of dermoscopists (practitioners who conduct a noninvasive skin imaging technique which aids in the diagnosis of skin lesions) this Lions initiative is invaluable in bringing qualified personnel (medical professionals who must undergo a final assessment through the Peter McCallum Cancer Centre) to country regions where services are limited. Not only helping to identify potential issues, this service also lightens the load on local GPs who can then quickly refer clients on for more specialized investigations.

POLMUSICA

The Polish PolMusicA concert series which showcases the talents of young instrumentalists saw three performers excel at The Rex - stunning the small, but appreciative audience with their musical accomplishments and virtuosity.

Opening with former laureate, Konrad Olszewski, other pianists included Leo Liu, a young man who has received multiple national awards for excellence in performance and is admired for his refined technique and phrasing.

The third performer was 11 year-old Sarita Warne, who received a Distinction in Group A (11 years and under) of the PolMusicA Competition this year for her sensitive and expressive playing.

A Year 5 Ivanhoe Girls Grammar student, she began playing the piano at 5 years of age and has weekly lessons to keep her skills in top shape. Currently studying



Selena Lemin is pictured with her stall at the Lions Swap Meet, having had a very successful day.



Lions President, Ross Lane ®, shares a laugh with Club member Neville Sinapius (l) as the crowd swelled during the morning.

Super Sunday in Charlton

for her AMusA exams, Sarita loves performing and regularly plays at school and at the Grace Villa Aged Care facility in Greensborough during school holidays. With aspirations of becoming a concert pianist Sarita is well on the way to achieving this goal.

The Rex acknowledges the association with PolMusicA Director Greg Machnacki for the continued alliance in bringing these exceptional artists to our region.

OPEN GARDENS DAY

See coverage elsewhere in this issue.



Only 11 years old and an already accomplished performer, young Sarita Warne captivated the audience with her nuanced musicality at The Rex.



A former winner of the PolMusicA National competition, Konrad Olszewski brought Beethoven's stunning music to life at The Rex during the Sunday concert.



The Lions Skin Check van was well patronized during its two-day visit to Charlton. Pictured preparing for a busy Sunday is local coordinator Harry Brindley with van administrator, Raelene Hadden.



The Charlton Art and Photography Show had plenty of work for attendees to admire.



The Open Gardens Day drew visitors from around the region with St. Arnaud residents (l-r) Dee Freeman, Lyn Freeman and Nola Lloyd, are pictured with Kath Carlson (second left), after admiring the Carlson's Watson Street property.



Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Perfect spring weather made for a day of fun at the 142nd Charlton Show held Saturday 18th October as locals and visitors alike trekked to Charlton Park to enjoy the carnival atmosphere.

Members of the A. & P. Society saw the results of their hard work with a large crowd attending the annual event and Pavillion entries up on last year.

The arena was buzzing as the tractorpull and sheep dog trials competed for attention, with static displays by the Emergency Services, Skeeta Grimshaw and Wheels on A79 motor vehicle club adding to the mix. The judging of miniature ponies and Shetlands also featured at a suitable distance away from the noise of the tractors.

The sheep dog trials and the shearing demonstration appealed to the crowds, and Bubble Tonic had the youngsters enthralled outside near the main stage. Music by Danielle Simonsen kept the crowds entertained during the afternoon and evening as people made the most of the food outlets and settled in for the spectacular fireworks display.

The Show was formally opened by Charlton Citizen of the Year, Gill Gretgrix and Young Citizen, Fletcher Holmes-Brown. A highlight was the presentation of Life Memberships to Show Secretary, Wendy Laffin and Pavillion Coordinator, Chris Livingston – both of whom have dedicated untold hours towards making the event a success year after year.

Pavillion exhibits in the main building included floral, handcrafts, photography, art, cooking, children's categories, along with school displays which were eagerly viewed before winners collected their

ribbons, cards and trophies later in the day. Commercial stalls were also situated around the main conference room area for sales and perusal.

The committee are to be congratulated on their efforts to bring new and fresh content to the Show, with activities designed to engage the crowd and reach out to the younger generation with their fun online approach.

A grand parade, the boot hurling competition and the Outback Stockman Show added to the success of the day.

This pictorial coverage captures the spirit of the 2025 Charlton Show

Right: Singer Danielle Simonsen kept the crowd entertained with music during the afternoon and evening sessions of the Show.





Barry Finch of Wedderburn (r) is pictured with Andrew Wright (l) – coordinator of the 2025 Tractor Pull. Barry had four vintage tractors competing including his 1951 Case DEX along with a 1957 AM7 Rowcrop, a 1953 International Super AW6 and a 1958 Chamberlain Country Meadows Mark 3.



Perc Templeton from Chinkapook puts his dog "Ridge" through his paces during the sheep dog trials.





An extensive collection of Lego entries, along with a well- supported Photography section drew the crowd's interest.



A large crowd of onlookers was on hand for the popular shearing exhibition.





Bubble Tonic was a great hit with the kids during the afternoon.



A blaze of colour and a big attraction for the kids, Sideshow Alley had plenty of takers during the afternoon with the dodgems especially in demand!



Greg Wain with 'Silverwings Kicking Up a Storm' & Janette Wain with 'Silverwings Phoenix'.



The large crowd made good use of the shaded concourse and the selection of food vans and drink outlets nearby. People also commented on the delicious aromas circulating from food preparation in the vicinity.



Bernice Kenny (r) picked up a number of awards including Champion Rose along with successes in floral arrangements, winning Best Arrangement and the Aggregate for Decorative Floral Arrangements. Also pictured is Maria Perger.



Master and Miss Tiny Tot winners looked impossibly cute in their Show Day finery—as were all the entrants in this very well patronized category. Pictured are (l) Owen, with Mum, Chloe, and (r) Dottie, with Xanthe.



Daphne Bradley (l) poses for a photo after winning the Miss Pre-Teen category and Poppy Fitzpatrick (r) took out the Miss Teen Showgirl section.



The formal opening of the Show was undertaken by Charlton Citizen of the Year – Gill Gretgrix (l) and Young Citizen, Fletcher Holmes-Brown (r), pictured with newly appointed Life Members, Wendy Laffin (second left) and Chris Livingston (second right). The pair are richly deserving of their accolades.



Looking very stylish was young Renee Riley who was awarded Miss Junior Showgirl.



Looking dapper and very elegant are Young Master, Leo Stahl and Miss Midi, Ivy Sexton.



Charlton College News

LMR Athletics & State Athletics

On the 9th of October, eight students travelled to La Trobe University in Bendigo to represent Charlton College at the LMR Athletics.

Heidi Start then went on to compete at the State Athletics in Melbourne, where she achieved outstanding results - placing 1st in Javelin with a throw of 34 metres, and 3rd in Triple Jump with a jump of 10.51 metres, which was also a huge personal best for her!



Farewell to the Year 12 Class of 2025

The Charlton College community came together to celebrate the Year 12 Class of 2025, marking the end of a journey filled with learning, laughter, and lasting memories. The day began with the muchloved Celebration Day, featuring the Funny Year 12 Awards, a trip down memory lane, and the creation of a time capsule to be opened at their 10-year reunion. Students and staff shared a final morning tea, reflecting on the strong connections built over the years. The celebrations continued with a staff versus student soccer match, water balloon fun, and colourful dress-ups that brought plenty of smiles. The day ended on a high note as the Class of 2025 took a lap of honour around the school on a fire truck — a proud and memorable farewell.

LMR Hockey

Charlton College joined forces with St Arnaud Secondary to compete in LMR Hockey and they came away with an impressive win, both teams have made it through to State Hockey! A fantastic achievement that reflects their dedication and talent. We wish you all the best as you compete at the next level!

Calder Cricket

Our Year 5/6 students travelled to Boort to take part in the annual Calder Cricket Carnival. It was a fantastic day filled with great cricket and smiles all round. Congratulations to all students on their excellent behaviour, effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day, they represented Charlton College with pride.

Year 11 Biology and Geography **Combined Fieldwork**

Michael Olive and Sarah Blair travelled to Halls Gap to complete fieldwork for Geography and Biology. They visited Bunjil's Shelter to view Indigenous rock art, explored the Halls Gap Zoo, and gathered data on the economic sustainability of local businesses with time to enjoy some bakery treats and the town's famous ice cream. They finished the day at a lookout assessing the landscape and tourist management.

Hoddle Waddle

On Tuesday, 28th October, our Year 10 students travelled to Melbourne as part of their preparation for upcoming Work Experience later this term. It was a big day, with an early start and a late return, but students approached every activity with enthusiasm and maturity. They explored accommodation options, practised their daily commute routes, and met with employers at their planned placements.

This valuable experience helped students build confidence and independence.

Clay Targets

On Wednesday 29th October, a group of our students participated in the NCD Clay Target Shoot competition. They represented brilliantly, demonstrating school excellent behaviour, focus, and adherence to all safety guidelines throughout the day. Our shooters performed strongly, with Sam



Class of 2025 on the Yeungroon Fire Truck.



Class of 2025. L to R—Mercadiez O'Sullivan, Zali Heenan, Taylor Boyle (obscured), Georgia Wright, Emmersyn Nelson, Annie Olive, Fletcher Holmes-Brown, Ditch Berg (at back), Isobel Soulsby, Joe Monaghan, Elise Fitzpatrick, Poppy Fitzpatrick, Beau Johnstone (absent).

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Olive scoring 19/30, Tully Bourke 17/30, and Josie Larmour 7/30.

congratulations to Special Josie who came 1st in the Senior Girls division, Sam 2nd, and Tully 4th in the Senior Boys division - a fantastic achievement for all. Thanks, to Abby Mulquiny for accompanying and supporting the students on the day.

Late Stay/Sleepover

very excited Students for their Late Stay/ Sleepover! The evening was filled with laughter, games, and plenty of fun activities that brought everyone together! Thank you, Ms D and Mrs Judd, for making it a fun evening!



Halls Gap Fieldwork: Michael Olive & Sarah Blair.



LMR Hockey; Charlton Girls, Anika Holmes Brown, Lila Schofield, Sheena Fitzpatrick, Amali Fitzpatrick, Rosie Fitzpatrick.



LMR Hockey; Charlton Boys Isaac Roberts, Murphy Fitzpatrick, Rhys Gahn, Darcy Olive, Jordan Chamberlain.



Hoddle Waddle: Thomas Fitzpatrick



Calder Cricket: Lily Lane batting.



Clay Targets: Josie Larmour, Sam Olive, Tully Bourke.

College

Announcing Our School Captains

We are thrilled to announce the 2026 Year 12 School Captains at Charlton College! After a rigorous selection process, which included student votes, teacher input, and interviews, we are proud to introduce the leaders who will guide our senior students with dedication, enthusiasm, and school spirit—Sarah Blair and Maggie Riley.

Please join us in congratulating Sarah and Maggie as they take on this important leadership role. We look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead under their guidance!





Sarah Blair



Gayle and Garry Zanker from Boort show their moves as Magenta and Riff-Raff.

Rocking the Rex with 'Rocky'

Contributed by Jenny Pollard

Doing the "Time Warp Again" was an obvious call-to-action for many as The Rex screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" brought interest from far and wide for the Friday 31st October session.

The gothic and ghoulish cult film was enticement enough for patrons to let loose, to frock up and rock up in costume emulating some of the characters on screen.

Sadly, there were no suspender -clad "Frank N Furtrers" (just one Rex Board member in a green gown and pearls, frighteningly snapping a large pair of rubber gloves!) Nor were there any

golden trunk-clad "Rockys". However, some Magentas, plus Riff-Raff, Eddie, Brad, Columbia and a garish Transylvanian brightened the proceedings with fun-photos and dance moves in the foyer after the show.

Feedback on the night was unanimously upbeat, with calls for doing another dress-up show. So, we're asking the question "What would you like to see next?"

Thanks to everyone who came along in costume. It certainly kicked the night along.

And here's some pics of the action!



(l-r) Columbia (Charlotte Stewart), Frank N Furter (Hayden McKinnon) Transylvanian (Jenny Pollard), Magenta (Caroline Stewart), Brad (Anthony Stewart) get ready for "Rocky Horror".



(l-r) Carol Monash, Karleen Plunkett, Kim Young—all from Doanld. Karleen (centre) came as the Meatloaf character "Eddie" complete with scar and ripped jeans.

Charlton Campdraft

The Charlton Campdraft Club hosted its biggest campdraft to date in October (10th—12th) with approximately 180 competitors coming to attend the event. Running over three days, competitors travelled from all parts of Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.

First and foremost a huge thankyou to all the people who helped make the event possible. Our generous sponsors, cattle donors, judges, everyone who assisted or offered assistance over the weekend and a special mention to the Bourke family for allowing us to run our campdraft on their property. We are extremely fortunate to have a lot of support around us and we are humbled to have some amazing businesses and people who back our club and events.

The weekend commenced on Friday with a cattle drive. Cattle were walked approximately 12km into the grounds which created quite the spectacle for locals and competitors alike. Spectators were treated to some fantastic drafting and were also very lucky to get some early Christmas shopping done from stallholders Noah's Creations Phoenix Sewing. Saturday night was a highlight as we kicked off cocktail hour while watching the best of the best compete in the Open for Open event. As the sun went down our Saturday night mechanical bull competition kicked off. It was an entertaining event which saw the final five be auctioned off in a Calcutta. Winnings were shared between the champion and a charity of their choice. It was a great night with plenty of laughs to be had.

We would like to thank A Country

Shot, OASIS club and Goldfields Catering for ensuring everyone remained fed and caffeinated all weekend and to the Charlton Show Committee for helping man our bar on the Saturday.

Whilst windy at times, it was perfect campdrafting weather and saw local competitors including Tully Bourke, Sophie Roberts and Matt Hobbs to name a few enter the arena. All the locals should be very proud with how they competed, and it was wonderful to have Nat Bourke as our chief first aider over the weekend. Thank you to all the locals who supported us this year and to all competitors who attended the weekend. We hope to bring the same family friendly atmosphere back in 2026.



Jess Wilcock riding Dusty. Kathy Gabriel Photography)



Matt Hobbs riding Rosie.



Tully Bourke riding Sheahan's Hammerdown.



Ash Sheahan riding Sefton's Sizzling Chisum.



St Joseph's School News

**October – What a Month We've had at St Joseph's! **

October has been an action-packed month at **St Joseph's School**, filled with adventure, creativity, and community connection. Our students have truly shone in so many ways, both at school and beyond!

Animal Husbandry – Growing Responsibility and Care

Mrs Bianca Winslade, teacher at Charlton College, visited with the Animal Husbandry students and the animals in their care. Our students loved learning all about the animals and spending time with them afterwards – chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, lambs, goats and more! From feeding routines to grooming and handling, it's wonderful to see how much pride and responsibility these students take in their work. Thank-you for sharing your animals with our students.

Scott's Amazing Bike Circus

We were thrilled to attend Scott's Amazing Bike Circus this month! Students were amazed by the daring tricks, balance, and coordination on display. Riding backwards, riding forwards, riding forwards backwards, juggling and so much more. There was laughter, gasps, and plenty of inspiration for those who love a good challenge on two wheels! Scott also provided brilliant messaging for students about chasing their dreams and never giving up!

Singing at the Nursing Home

Our students brought joy and smiles to local residents with a heartfelt singing performance at the Nursing Home. It was a

beautiful example of how kindness and music can brighten someone's day. Students shared a set of songs from the school's recent school musical. *Blue Suede Shoes* seemed to be the favourite. It was great to have residents remembering and reconnecting with individuals from our previous visits.

Art on Show – Creativity in the Community

Our talented young artists proudly presented their creations at the Charlton Art Show, the Charlton Agricultural Show, and the Wycheproof Art Show. The variety and imagination in their artwork were outstanding, and it was wonderful to see their efforts recognised by our wider community. Many thanks to Miss Thompson, and all staff, for facilitating these displays.

% Grade 5/6 – BLAST Cricket Fun!

Grade 5/6 students enjoyed a fantastic day at **Blast Cricket in Boort**, demonstrating teamwork, sportsmanship, and exemplary behaviour throughout the day. They were great ambassadors for our school, showing that fun and respect go hand in hand. Students from all participating schools mixed to make teams for the day – a great way to meet new friends!

Parish 140th Celebrations

St Joseph's Church celebrated 140 years since its establishment on Sunday 26th October with a Mass of celebration at 10:30am. Many families attended, with students singing *An Irish Blessing* for the congregation and a song of celebration *Shine Among Them* to conclude the Mass.

Students were treated to a special celebration cookie and those in attendance were invited to gather in the school's multipurpose room for morning tea.

F/1/2 Excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park

Our youngest learners from F, 1 & 2 had a wonderful time exploring **Ballarat Wildlife Park** last Thursday. From seeing snappy, slippery, slimy and cuddly creatures to feeding kangaroos and seeing koalas up close; as well as learning about Australia's unique wildlife, it was an exciting and educational day. The students returned with big smiles and lots of stories to share!

Catholic Mission Month Fundraiser –

Colour Run & Sausage Sizzle

To finish off the month, our Catholic Mission Month fundraiser was a huge success! The Colour Run, snake coin line, sausage sizzle, and treats of fairy floss and slushies brought the whole school together in a spirit of fun and giving. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and supported this event — together, we've made a real difference raising a total of \$476.75. An absolutely amazing effort by all! Special thanks to the Senior Classroom staff and students for setting up the Colour Run course and organising the day.

October has truly been a month that celebrates learning, creativity, and community. A big congratulations to all our students and staff for their hard work and enthusiasm. We can't wait to see what November brings!





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Megg Fitzpatrick



Shepherd Mills enjoying time with some emu friends.



Ivy Giles patting a friendly lizard.



Art Show Winners: Macey Revell, Mia Wright, Flynn Zagame & Daniel Johnstone.



The head of the money snake coin line.



Art Show Winners: Tessa Wright, Franklin Holmes-Brown & Ethan Jince.



CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

Another very busy month at the Charlton Neighbourhood House with many activities and programs being completed.

Staff News & Temporary Operating Hours

We're excited to share some changes within the team at Charlton Neighbourhood House!
Our new Leisure and Lifestyle Coordinator, Xanthe Fitzpatrick, has joined us, and we're sure many will be delighted to see her return to the House.

In November, we'll also be welcoming Poppy
Fitzpatrick as our new Administration Assistant, and we
look forward to the enthusiasm and fresh ideas she'll
bring.

Finally, we offer a heartfelt thank you to Mia, who has served the community with such warmth and dedication over the past 21 months. We wish both Mia and Tom every happiness in their future endeavours.

As our new team settles in and we await the release of the updated Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP) guidelines, our operating hours will temporarily change.

For the next few months, the Neighbourhood House will revert to our funded hours and will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10am to 4pm. We will be closed Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate the community's patience during this transition. Please pop in to welcome our new team members, they're looking forward to meeting you!

While you are in the House please consider signing a postcard which is part of the campaign to State Government to help keep the doors of Neighbourhood Houses open full time.

Thank You

We have been very excited with the terrific response to our social enterprise, Mallee Creatives, so thank you to the community. A huge thank you to all our fantastic volunteers who have contributed their time and effort. This makes the venue a warm and welcoming space to enjoy a coffee and a beautiful place to shop for local produce and art. Mallee Creatives is located at 9 High Street with opening hours Thursday to Sunday, 10am-4pm. We are always happy to have more volunteers for Mallee Creatives. If you have some spare time, love to socialise and help out, your support would be gratefully appreciated.

AGM

At our recent AGM, our volunteer committee were inducted Kaylene Cossar- President, Deb Whykes-Vice President, Win Scott-Secretary, Liz Riley-Treasurer, Committee Members- Abby Mulquiny, Carol Bennett, Darren Mills, Marea Judd, Kerrie Soulsby, Tia Fanning, Rhonda Porter, and Ross Lane. If you have ideas or suggestions please feel free to talk to one of these members. We thank them for volunteering their time for the community.

Congratulations

A big congratulations to our auspice group Wheels on A79 on their first Show and Shine event. An amazing array of vehicles were on display and enjoyed by a large number of visitors. Well done Derek, Anthony, Daniel, Ian and Andrew.

Power Saving Bonus

A reminder that the Charlton Neighbourhood House is happy to assist you in preparing your submission for the one hundred dollar power saving bonus. Pop in with your bill and identification and we will complete your application. For everyone that we process the state government pays us a small allowance, which assists in keeping our doors open.









WHAT'S ON FOR



NOVEMBER

Each Monday of School Yarning² Social Group

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, bring your own yarn project

E Prepared Paperwork Session

Where: CNH Appointments only

FREE. Bookings essential.



EVERY

Pickleball

WEDNESDAY When: Every Wednesday

Where: Charlton Community Stadium. Arrival time is at 8:45am, starting at 9am,

concludes at 10.30am

Pickleball

When: Every Wednesday

Where: Charlton Community Stadium. Arrival time is at 8:45am, starting at 9am

Coffee with a Comment

Where: FLO Cafe Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a coffee and tell us what

Sip, Shop & Stroll

Time: 4.30pm - 8:30pm Prizes and give away

Contact us to register



you want to deliver in 2026

Carers & Co Lunch

Where: Charlton East Hotel

Guest Speaker: Xanthe Fitzpatrick

Time:12:00pm to 1:30 pm COST: Lunch at subsidised price

Coffee with a Buloke Shire Councillor

Alan Getley & Bruce Stafford

Where: FLO

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee

Pickleball

When: Every Wednesday

Where: Charlton Community Stadium.

Arrival time is at 8:45am, starting at 9am

Storytime

Time:10:30 -11:30am

Where: Charlton Library

COST: FREE



Coffee with a Community Rep Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee

Pickleball

When: Every Wednesday

Where: Charlton Community Stadium. Arrival time is at 8:45am, starting at 9am



Buloke Book Club

Where: Charlton Library

Time: 10:30am -12pm

COST: FREE



COMING IN DECEMBER



Santa's Mailbox Santa Photos



Charlton Harness Racing

CHARLTON HARNESS RACING CLUB NEWS

THE RACE TO THE CENTURY!

It is with great anticipation that we are watching every race result now as our participants come to the conclusion of the 2025 racing year. And what a year it has been! All of our trainers have represented Charlton with distinction, clocking up winner after winner from every corner of the state. Their extraordinary success cannot be underestimated and has certainly raised the profile of our club within wider harness racing industry circles, and certainly helps to cement our training centre facility here as a vital part of the future of harness racing in this region.

Charlton's winning tally currently sits on 90 for the year and with 8 weeks to go they look certain to smash through that elusive 100 barrier. What an achievement that would be – worthy of a big celebration one would think!

Not to forget the exploits of our young gun Luke Dunne who has driven 84 winners this season and looks to have a super bright future ahead of him. Ryan Sanderson has skipped past him on the Concession Driver's championship but we are so very proud of the year Luke has had.

With the Country Cups Carnival about to launch here's hoping that someone from Charlton can land a cup to bring home.

RYAN WINS FIRST GROUP 1 RACE – THE VICTORIAN DERBY

Whilst all the hype was centred around the superhorse from Queensland Leap To Fame on Victoria Cup night at Melton, there was one very nervous Sanderson family on course to watch son Ryan in quite a few big feature races. Ryan certainly held his nerve better than Shane and Naomi, steering home Fox Dan for the dominant Stewart/Tonkin stable in the prestigious Victorian Derby for his first Group 1 win.

Ryan and Abby still remain very much part of our harness racing family here in Charlton and the club and all their friends here could not be happier to see his climb up the driving ranks to Group 1 success.

LEON, LUKE AND FAIR CHANCE CONTINUE TO SHINE

We just cannot go without acknowledging the very in form team of Leon, Luke and Fair Chance. Together they backed up at Bendigo bringing up win number three on the trot. Fair Chance has now won 5 of her last 7 starts and is proving herself a very tough customer. As a 5 year old mare she seems to be continually improving and providing a lot of pleasure to all those involved.

HIGH TEA

We hosted our inaugural High Tea on Monday 3rd November prior to our Cup Eve meeting. There will be more details and photos on this terrific day in the next Community Newsletter.



CHARLTON SECURES EXTRA MEETING

Harness Racing Victoria has gazetted an extra meeting at Charlton for this year – Monday 29th December.

We anticipate that there will be many people 'home' for Christmas and the New

year so we plan to make this a really fun and relaxing day to perhaps catch up with old friends and locals. Hopefully harvest will be finished and the farmers can all come along too!

There is always something happening at the Charlton Harness Racing Club.

2026 MEMBERSHIPS

We have had quite a few enquiries about memberships.

The new season memberships will go out mid January for the 2026 season. All members will be required to present their cards this year on Cup Day for half price entry.

If anyone would like to join Call 0499701322 or pick up a form from the Charlton newsagency.

A great strength of our club is our significant membership and we would like to keep this growing!



Leon Fanning, Fair Chance and Driver Luke Dunne at Bendigo.



Amy Nicolson, Hayley Soulsby & Emily Wombwell at the October raffle night.



Tori Hutchins & Luke Dunne—two winners at Swan Hill.



Naomi, Abby, Ryan & Shane Sanderson.



Probus Club News

October Report

Although October is officially Probus Month, Charlton Probus celebrated a little early this year to coincide with the Charlton Harness Racing Meeting. Members from Castle Donnington, Donald, and Wycheproof joined in, bringing the total attendance to 54. Attendees enjoyed a lively luncheon, a fun tipping competition, and great hospitality from the Harness Racing Club — many thanks to them for their excellent organisation.

The event was hosted by Frank McGrath, who interviewed Bendigo-based bookmaker Anthony Jupp and local driver Luke Dunne. Barman Mick Coates added to the atmosphere by pulling out his guitar for a few songs. The event was such a hit that one of the visiting clubs has already asked for an invite next year!

At the October meeting, we inducted three new members: Marj and Bevan Olive, and Doug Gretgrix. Pat Clifford introduced the Olives, with Bevan sharing an entertaining look at his life, including his time in the Pony Club, Golf Club (especially the 19th hole!), and Rotary.

Marj shared her long connection with Charlton. She first came to Charlton when she was 10 years old, then 6-7 years later she moved to Melbourne. Until recently moving into Charlton she had lived in Yeungroon for 61 years. Her sporting interests included tennis and golf.

Doug Gretgrix was introduced by Garry Larmour. Doug, a lifelong Charlton local, has worn many hats – farmer, shoe shop owner, "eggologist" and long-time Harness Racing starter – truly living a full and varied life.

There were 40 members in attendance, along with 2 guests and 6 apologies.

Happy Birthday was sung to Sandra Patton, Nick Huinck, Eily Rosewall and Nick Saunders. Sandra Patton was also the Lucky Number winner. The Travellers' Farewell was read by Graham Curnow.

Our Guest Speaker, Janis Hobbs, gave an inspiring presentation on *The Equine Touch*. Janis was born and grew up in Charlton. She has been a High School teacher of Japanese and worked for a Japanese bank in Melbourne. In 1999 Janis returned to Charlton.

Janis originally did an intensive 7 day course in Texas, with people from all over the world, to become a practitioner of the Equine Touch in order to take better care of her own horses. The Equine Touch is a unique, gentle holistic system of bodywork for horses comprised of an organised series of unique gentle, vibrational moves over soft tissue. Later, when an opportunity to train to become an Instructor came up Janis leapt at the chance. There were 30 people world wide with 6 from Australia. Janis is the only remaining Equine Touch Instructor in Australia. Despite the challenges Covid posed to the industry, she has taught across the country and continues to advocate for equine well-being. Janis has taught all over Australia.

In recognition of World Mental Health Day (October 10th), Pat Saunders gave a thoughtful 2-minute talk, drawing on her own experience in the mental health field. She outlined three categories of mental ill-health and emphasised the importance of understanding and compassion. Pat described her career in mental health as immensely rewarding.



October Birthdays—Sandra Patton, Nick Saunders & Eily Rosewall.



Pat Clifford (centre) with new inductees, Marj & Bevan Olive.



Probus at the Charlton Harness Racking Club luncheon.



Garry Larmour (left) with new inductee, Doug Gretgrix.



COMMUNITY UPDATE Buloke.

SPORTING CLUB GRANTS

Sporting clubs and organisations across Victoria can now apply for funding through the Sporting Club Grants Program.

This initiative supports local clubs to:

- Purchase essential uniforms, equipment, and safety gear
- Build and retain a skilled volunteer and paid workforce
- · Promote equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Strengthen governance and club operations
- Increase participation among underrepresented groups
- Create flexible opportunities for all Victorians to get active
- Support athletes in achieving sporting success

Funding Categories:

Category 1: Uniforms & Equipment

Up to \$1,000 for on-field gear, safety, and first-aid equipment.

Category 2: Volunteers & Officials

Up to \$5,000 to train and retain volunteers, coaches, and officials.

Category 3: Access & Engagement

Up to \$5,000 for adult sport sessions, or \$2,500 for single events for children/youth.

Category 4: Travel

Up to \$750 to support athletes attending representative events or training.

Category 5: Governance

Up to \$1,500 to improve club governance and long-term sustainability.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow your club and support your community!

Apply by 26 November 2025. Apply and learn more: https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/ sporting-club-grants-program

PREPARE FOR FIRE SEASON

As fire danger increases, now's the time to reduce risk around your home.

- · Clear dry grass, leaves, and twigs
- · Trim overhanging branches

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE & EMERGENCY WATER ACCESS

The Victorian Government is offering grant support to help drought-affected communities, including funding for water cartage and essential infrastructure improvements.

Emergency Water Supply Points (EWSPs) are available across Victoria for stock and domestic use during dry conditions. These include:

- · Council bores
- · Urban standpipes
- · Rural standpipes

For more information,

visit www.water.vic.gov.au/for-agricultureand-industry/emergency-water-supply-points



FARM DROUGHT SUPPORT GRANTS

Primary producers across the state are using Farm Drought Support Grants to set themselves up for the current and future droughts. Farmers can claim expenses on eligible activities since 30 September 2024.

For program guidelines, a full list of eligible activities, and to apply visit

https://www.ruralfinance.com.au/grants/.
Find more information on drought support at:
agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or call
136.186

- · Keep gutters free of debris
- Move flammable items (like wood piles) away from your house
- Maintain a defendable space around buildings

A well-maintained yard can make all the difference in protecting your home and loved ones during bushfire season.





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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

EVENTS OFFICER (RE-ADVERTISED) – CHARLTON

Permanent (Part-time 0.6FTE) – From \$38.73 per hour plus statutory superannuation

Close of applications extended to: 9 November 2025

Council is looking for a motivated person to provide support and guidance to community event organisers to enable them to meet the relevant regulatory requirements, policies and objectives.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of event planning, withing a local government environment and have experience working with event managers and volunteers.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Casual – From \$48.42 per hour plus statutory superannuation

→ Applications close 28 November 2025

Are you a creative communicator with a passion for storytelling? Council is seeking a communications professional to elevate our community's voice and share the stories that make our Shire unique.

We are seeking someone who is committed to authentic and effective communication, eager to be part of a dynamic, supportive team that values innovation, collaboration and community impact.



hat's On At The Rex

Movie - RUNNING ON EMPTY (M 104

mins)

Friday – 14 November | 8pm Entry: \$5

As Charlton welcomes participants in the Central Victorian Drag & Drive event (13-15 November Charlton airport). The Rex is screening the Aussie classic car movie "Running on Empty" (1982) on Friday 14 November at 8pm.

Capturing the era of the '80's and featuring a killer sound-track, "Running on Empty" is a must-see for any car-lover as the road machines of the time go through their street-racing paces.

Directed by John Clark, the story follows Mike (Terry Serio), a young street racer from the working-class suburbs of Sydney who lives for speed and freedom. Mike has an obsession with cars and for Julie - an attractive model who is someone else's girlfriend. The film concentrates on his struggle to win her and survive the challenge of her mean boyfriend to a series of illegal street races.

Starring Deborah Conway, Max Cullen and Richard Moir, get ready for a revving spectacular time!

See what's happening at The Rex at www.rextheatre.org.au or The Rex Theatre Charlton Facebook

VALE – KEN JONES

The Board of The Rex Theatre was saddened to hear of the recent passing of former Charlton resident and former Rex Theatre Chair, Ken Jones.

Ken, along with his wife Anita, were members of the Charlton community for many years, with Ken initially being heavily involved with the Scouting movement. Also President of the Charlton RSL, Ken initiated many innovative changes and ideas for the RSL-Sub Branch, overseeing significant events

such as the "Charlton in Uniform" commemoration marking the anniversary of the end of World War 2 in 2005.

A foundation member of The Rex Board from 2006, Ken was also on the original steering committee which oversaw the establishment of community ownership of The Rex. He took on the role of Board Chairman in 2011 – remaining in the position until 2017. Always a ready helper, Ken was the man to call for any carpentry or maintenance issues which needed attention around The Rex.

Both a low and high point of Ken's tenure with The Rex was the 2011 flood and the subsequent damage it brought to the cinema. However, the high point came with the re-opening night in April 2012 following the lengthy closure and extensive restoration to the venue. In an emotional, Ken and Anita Jones - The Rex-Reopening April but celebratory evening Ken welcome all to

the packed venue, thanking the many sponsors for their remarkable generosity and entreating all to "sit back and enjoy the night". Ken also was on hand to accept the 2013 Australia Day Buloke Shire Event of the Year Award for the Gala Re-Opening of the Rex the following January.

The Rex Board extends its deepest sympathy to Anita and to the extended Jones families at this time and we hope this account of Ken's input into our organization, and the revives township, some happy memories of their time spent in Charlton.





Ken Jones – pictured with Buloke Mayor, Reid Mather accepting the Buloke Shire Event of the Year Award 2013 for the Gala Re-Opening of The Rex following the flood restoration.

Charlton RSL Sub-branch



November is always a busy month for Charlton RSL sub-Branch.

On 11 November 1918 at 1100 Hours, the Armistice came into effect, ending over four years of war on a scale never before known, with millions of

casualties on both sides; the estimate of total military deaths in the Great War is from 9 to 11 million. The last British Empire soldier to die was Canadian Private George Lawrence Price at 1058 Hours on that day; the last allied soldier to die was American Private Henry Gunther at 1059 The Great War was called "the War to End all Wars"; unhappily, on 03

September 1939, this was disproved when the Second World War began.

Remembrance Day is celebrated on the 11th November each year, when all war and peacekeeping casualties are honoured. Charlton RSL will be holding a remembrance ceremony at the Lone Pine outside the Clubrooms, 11 Armstrong Street, Charlton, on Tuesday 11 November commencing at 1045 Hours. The lives and sacrifices of Private Frank Reginald Elder, died on 20 August 1916, Private Gordon McGillivray, died on 11 June 1917 and Corporal Frank Stewart Rich, died on 12 April 1941, will be recognised and poppies will be laid for them and for all war dead. RSL Members and the public are invited to attend the ceremony and to share in morning tea and refreshments afterwards.

Poppies, pens, wrist bands and other items will be available for purchase outside IGA, 28 High Street, Charlton on Wednesday 05, Thursday 06, Friday 07 and Monday 10 November. All proceeds from the Poppy Appeal go to RSL Welfare; we look forward to the usual strong support from members and from the public.

RSL members will join Remembrance dinner on 11 November and in our annual Community Thanks Night on Friday 21 November.

Yes, November is always a busy month for us!

Lest We Forget

St Joseph's Parish – 140 Years of Faith and Community

The archives of the Diocese of Ballarat record that "Father Michael Costello left Creswick in January 1885 to take charge of the new parish of Charlton."

On Sunday, 26th October 2025, our parish community gathered to celebrate 140 years since the establishment of St Joseph's Parish.

Our parish history reaches back even further. In 1865, Charlton was part of the Inglewood Mission. According to the Inglewood Advertiser (25th May 1875), "The Catholics of East Charlton have built a church." From 1876 to 1885, we belonged to the Mission of St Arnaud, before becoming a parish in our own right. In more recent times, in 2018, St Joseph's became part of the Mary Glowrey Parish, now known as the East Wimmera Parish.

The anniversary celebration began with a joyful Mass presided over by Fr Gerry Prunty, joined by a large gathering of current and former parishioners and friends. The students of St Joseph's School beautifully sang "The Irish Blessing" and a celebration song at the conclusion of Mass.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a pleasant gathering in the St Joseph's School Multipurpose Room, sharing stories, memories, and fellowship. A small booklet recording parish events since 1985 was available for attendees.

A heartfelt thank you to the staff and students of St Joseph's School for their wonderful contributions, to Fitzpatrick for the delicious Celebration Biscuits, and to all who helped in many ways to make this occasion so special.



Above: Anniversary Biscuit. Below: Anniversary Display.



Charlton Croquet Club News

A big congratulations to Naomi Patullo for her impressive win in Section 3 at the Quarry Hill Association Croquet Tournament held on the 11th & 12th of October. The tournament featured a modified format with games timed at one hour and a maximum of 14 hoops. Well done, Naomi!

Golf Croquet Update

Our Golf Croquet team has completed five rounds of Pennant so far. Although the competition has been tough, the team remains positive and is gaining valuable experience from each match.

Association Croquet – Social Games

The first of three scheduled Social Games was played at Charlton on Tuesday, 14th October, with visiting players from Boort and Swan Hill. On Tuesday, 28th October, three members and a visitor, travelled to Swan Hill for the second social day. Both days were great opportunities to enjoy friendly competition and connect with players from other clubs.



Naomi Patullo.

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M Mature themes and coarse language

Sat 1 NOV 8pm Sun 2 NOV 2pm Tue 4 NOV 8pm

Sarah and David are single strangers who meet at a mutual friend's wedding and soon, have the chance to relive important moments from their pasts, illuminating the path that led them to the present and gaining the opportunity to change their futures.



THE TRAVELLERS

97 mins | Drama M Coarse language and sex scenes.

Sat 8 NOV 8pm Sun 9 NOV 2pm Tue 11 NOV 8pm

Stephen Seary, a charismatic and successful stage designer, returns to his small hometown in Australia to say goodbye to his dying mother. What was to be a quick trip descends into chaos, drama, and at times downright funny moments as Stephen navigates family responsibilities, a difficult relationship with his father, old friends and past lovers, all while trying to return to Europe for a major opera contract.



RUNNING ON EMPTY 83 mins | Drama M Violence and adult themes

Fri 14 NOV 8pm

A factory worker (Terry Serio) goes all out to beat a drag racer whose girlfriend (Deborah Conway) he loves.



REGRETTING YOU 117 mins | Drama M Mature themes, drug use and sex scenes

Sat 15 NOV 8pm Sun 16 NOV 2pm Tue 18 NOV 8pm When a devastating accident reveals a shocking betrayal, Morgan Grant and her daughter, Clara, explore what's left behind as they confront family secrets, redefine love, and rediscover each other.



BUGONIA 120 mins | Action | Sci-fi | Comedy

MA15+ Strong violence, injury detail, coarse language and a suicide scene

Sat 22 NOV 8pm Sun 23 NOV 2pm Tue 25 NOV 8pm

Two conspiracy-obsessed young men kidnap the highpowered CEO of a major company, convinced that she is an alien intent on destroying planet Earth.



DIE, MY LOVE 118 mins | CTC

Sat 29 NOV 8pm Sun 30 NOV 2pm Tue 2 DEC 8pm

Grace, a writer and young mother, is slowly slipping into madness. Locked away in an old house in Montana, her increasingly agitated and erratic behavior leaves her companion, Jackson, worried and helpless.





SAVE the DATES



Community Carols Sun 7th Dec.

Xmas Fest Wed 17th Dec

Charlton Arts Presents

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Saturday 22nd November 7:30pm Charlton Golf Club \$20 (Supper Provided)





SES In Charlton

The Wycheproof SES Unit is looking for at least six new members in Charlton. The unit is based in Wycheproof, and provides storm, flood, road crash and general rescue for an area from Charlton to Culgoa. Volunteer Controller, David Mills, says that over the last 16 years the unit has answered 656 requests for assistance and 70% of these have been south of Teddywaddy (nearer to Charlton than Wycheproof).

David has obtained permission to locate one of the unit's two equipped Crew Cab Utes in Charlton if we can find enough members to answer callouts. This would greatly reduce our response times for straightforward incidents.

At the moment we have seven active volunteers providing assistance 24 hours seven days a week. Two of these live in Charlton. We have many different roles and recognise that some members can only be available for parts of the week.

Volunteers learn new skills though accredited training, experience new challenges, expand their resume, and find personal fulfilment through helping make their community a safer place. They commit to initial training and training with a unit twice a month plus extra courses as needed.

VICSES has 154 units with 5040 volunteers and 358 staff. In 2024 -2025 they answered 35,940 calls for assistance. Volunteering 342,374 hours.

Victoria State Emergency Service Wycheproof Unit 69 Dempsey street, PO Box 69. Wycheproof 3527 ses.vic.gov.au.



North Central Garden Club

The North Central Garden Club presented another successful Open Gardens Day. This is a date for the diary. Despite the cool and overcast conditions it didn't deter visitors from near and far attending. Six gardens—five in town and one rural, were in full bloom with lots of variety in each and every property, owners were on hand to welcome visitors and share their experiences in developing their patches.

Special places in the garden at the Waugh St property of Damien. The paved sunken fire-pit (the site of a former tank) had become a place where friends visiting can come and kick back. Another little special section of the garden is a fairy garden created by Amelia, Damien's daughter, this began with just one piece and has continued to grow. At night it lights up creating a magical scene.

Trish, recently arriving in Charlton, offered to share her work in progress, Trish is looking forward to seeing it grow to maturity.

Kath & Dennis established garden was a picture of perfection. Trees which have tolerated the harsh summers include crepe myrtles, crab apples. smoke bush and ornamental pears.

Arlene & Peter are new residents in town—they have taken on a neglected property and are planning and planting roses, magnolias, lemon & lime trees which will provide produce along with a vegetable patch.

Sue & David were happy to share their garden as well with the beautiful roses in bloom. It is certainly a winner Sue is a member of the Garden Club and enjoys the camaraderie the club has provided for her.

Last but not least to join the day was Judy & Russell's rural property with natives, a setting of nature plus a delightful place to relax and enjoy the serenity of the country.

A very special thank you must go to the owners of the gardens who have generously opened their gates for another successful day.

To the members of the club a very huge thank you for your support in everything from catering down to the propagating of the plants for the very well stocked plant stall, and the members who sat on the street and sold the raffle tickets. The winners of the raffle were Mark Hamley, Nick Saunders, Fletcher Holmes Brown, Chris Livingston.

A special mention to two younger ladies in Laura & Raquel for their assistance in the kitchen. To the visitors that supported the day we thank you .

Expressions of interest for Open Gardens for 2026 are open if you would like to take part you can contact Sue on 0407 140 336 Jenny on 0418 531 219 or Aileen on 0438 914 495.

The Club will meet on Tuesday 25thNovember for our final meeting for 2025 at Lynne McRae's, 12pm for 12:30pm luncheon. RSVP to Sue on 0407 140 336 by Friday 21st. Kris Kringle to the value of \$10. Christmas themed arrangement for the competition.

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 Junior Football Club

Expressions of Interest

The Charlton Junior Football Club is seeking expressions of interest for the Coaching roles in both the Under 14 and under 17 grades for the 2026 season.

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

CHARLTON ANGLING CLUB INC FISHING COMPETITION

Where: Unlimited Radius

When: Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November 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 "fisherpeople" welcome!



St Martin's Messenger—Nov/Dec

Sunday 2 November 9am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 November 9am Holy Communion
Sunday 7 December 9am Holy Communion
Sunday 21 December 9am Christmas Crib Service.

A Time for Everything

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:- (please seek out a bible or do a web search for this reading – it is a great one but a little long to include here)

As we move from winter sports to summer sports, football to cricket, here is a little story that I wanted to share with you. It is called "The Cricket Match" but it could really apply to any sport but also to any situation that we have faced in our past and may face in our future.

It was a difficult time to come in for the batter: the other team had a massive score to chase and wickets having tumbled (meaning many in the team had gone out). One false stroke could have spelt disaster, not just for the player but also for the team. But the player got their head down, dug in and ground out a score, only cutting loose with the bat when it was safe to do so, their determined concentration turning defeat into victory, failure into success.

And what do I like about this? Well, if I put my "God Goggles" on, here is what I take away from this: That there is a time and place for everything: for action...and restraint, for taking risks......and showing caution, for enthusiasm.....and patience, for abandonment.....and self-discipline.

And if we practise, we will become better at knowing which is which, and to get the balance right, so we can do God's work in our innings here on earth. With ourselves, with others, with creation and the earth that we call home. Knowing when to pull on the cricket gloves and helmet, when to call the other batter through, when to strike out confidently and when to let others have their time. Don't be afraid to strive for the success that is not about winning a trophy or a sash, but about winning in getting the balance right with how we live our lives. Knowing that God encourages us, is with us through all that we do. God picks us up when we feel abandoned, when the odds look like they are against us. God is our coach, our mentor, our strength and our friend. Turning OUR defeat into victory and OUR failure into success, as we know that there is a time for everything, according to God

Prayer: Dear Lord, Help me to trust your timing completely and to believe that you will help me get the balance right in all that I do. **Amen.**

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Faith of our fathers, renew us again
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Seeking Thy guidance, love, and will,
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May we lift up our hearts and our hands as we pray.
To say thanks for thy blessings we so little merit,
And grant us thy love and teach us to share it.

Contact - Gill Gretgrix 0427 911 308

East Wimmera Parish—St Joseph's Community

Mass Times

Sun. 9th Nov. 8.30am Sat. 15th Nov. 7.00pm

Sun. 23rd Nov. 10.30am Remembrance Mass

Sun. 30th Nov. 5th Sunday – No Mass at St Joseph's



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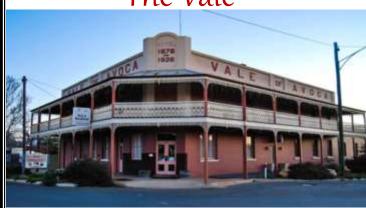
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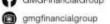
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