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Charlton Pony Club Celebrates 50 Years

By Quill – The Buloke Times

Charlton Pony Club marked a major milestone on Sunday, March 15, celebrating its 50th anniversary in fine style and with an excellent show of attendance from supporters.

Organisers went all out for the occasion, providing lunch and tasty treats to the significant number of guests who gathered at the grounds on the day, including visiting riders from Bealiba, Donald, Loddon and Maryborough clubs who joined in the combined rally.

Volunteer instructors Joan Smith, Anthony Bourke, Tony Blanchard, and Carolyn and Charlotte Stewart divided the riders into two groups to conduct lessons in dressage, show jumping, games and a stockman's challenge. Catering to both children on their ponies through to adult riders on bigger horses, the day was filled with challenging and fun equine activities that kept both riders and spectators thoroughly entertained.

The huge crowd support was what made this rally stand out above all others. So many lined the lawn beside the clubhouse, watching the action on the grounds, sharing stories from the past 50 years and reminiscing about days gone by.

The delicious smells wafting from the barbecue cooked by the Charlton Lions Club soon called riders down from their horses for lunch, where speeches and a special presentation were made before the afternoon lessons resumed.

A lifetime membership was awarded to Tony Blanchard in recognition of his amazing contribution to the club over the years. Speeches were then made by foundation president Frank Bourke, Bevan Olive, Kaye Blanchard and her daughter Kylie Blanchard, each reflecting on the club's journey and the many people who have helped shape it.

It was quite an intergenerational affair, with foundation members in attendance bearing witness to the earliest days of the club. Their now-grown children stood alongside them, reminiscing about the childhood their parents helped to build, while current pony club members served as living proof that this proud legacy is continuing.

The day was a testament to those first volunteer members, whose hard work and

dedication made it possible for the club to deliver so many successful events over the years.

It was also a reflection of the hardworking volunteers of today. With the club hosting such a well-attended and successful event, it stands as a credit to all those involved. Organisers Carolyn Stewart and Gemma Pridgeon extended their sincere gratitude to everyone who attended, with special thanks to the volunteers who helped on the day, in particular Frank Bourke, Hayden McKinnon, Julie McGrath and Charlotte Stewart.

The next rally at the Charlton Pony Club grounds will be on April 12, and the club extends a warm invitation to anyone interested in attending. For more information, contact Carolyn Stewart on 0428 927 609.



Charlton Pony Club foundation members: Kath Bourke, Denis Hannigan, Val Bourke, Marj Olive, Bevan Olive, Frank Bourke, Kaye Blanchard & Alex Morrison.



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From the Editor

Carolyn Olive

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the April edition of the Charlton Community Newsletter.

Well, what interesting times we are living in at the moment! Thankfully our community is getting on with things as best we can - despite the high cost at the bowser.

As farmers we are in a state of flux - the availability of diesel and fertiliser a double conundrum. With such a great start to the season with all the lovely rain - it's disappointing to say the least.

On a brighter note, the weather looks good for Easter and the Lions Easter Monday market.

It's that time of year again for the Debutante Ball. Our debs and their partners have been busy practising and I look forward to sharing the group photo in the next edition.

I hope you all enjoy the Easter break and if travelling, Safe Travels.

Cheers

Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

April:

Lions Easter Market—Mon. 6th

Debutante Ball—Sat. 25th

May:

Mallee Creatives' Exhibition—Sun. 3rd

Tinderella @ The Rex—Fri. 29th

June:

Courthouse Gallery Exhibition—June Long Weekend

Retro Fashion Parade @ The Rex—Sun. 21st

July:

Jazz in July @ The Rex—Sun. 5th

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Property of the Month

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Well-presented two-bedroom brick veneer unit in the sought-after St Andrews Court complex, offering low-maintenance living in a prime location.

Featuring open-plan living, split system heating and cooling and ceiling fans throughout. The functional kitchen includes a wall oven, dishwasher and ample storage.

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Glass sliding doors lead to a private outdoor verandah and a spacious backyard complete with garden shed and water tank.

Conveniently located within walking distance to shops and amenities with direct access from the carport.

These units rarely come available. Inspect now!

Charlton Pony Club Celebrates 50 Years



Charlton Pony Club's current committee and members. L to R - Gemma Pridgeon with sons Patrick & Thomas, Charlotte Stewart, Joan Smith, Tony Blanchard, Kaye Blanchard, Anthony & Carolyn Stewart.

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Golden Grains Museum

Welcome to our monthly catch up from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. We are so excited to have had the opportunity for more local and out of town visitors to come and view our wonderful collection with us continuing to open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by arrangements with one of the members listed below. For something a bit different perhaps your group or organization would enjoy a private tour that can be arranged for a convenient time that suits. Planning is also underway to host themed events during the course of the year which will showcase various aspects of life in Charlton in bygone days. Coming on 21 June is our planned retro fashion parade featuring local fashion from the 60s, 70s & 80s. More details to follow as they come to hand.

An excursion to Wedderburn

A wonderful day was enjoyed recently by museum volunteers on a trip to Wedderburn to visit many of their interesting historical displays. These included the Wedderburn Historical Records Museum and the Old Coach House Gallery. A nice pub meal capped off a visit that everyone agreed was first class.

Significance Assessment

We will soon have staff from History at Work at the museum conducting a significance assessment on some of our collection. This will help us identify what is most important in our collection and ensure that we are looking after it correctly.

We continue to receive interest in our archiving service where you can record your history down for us to scan into our digital reference library and store a copy of the papers, family images or genealogy charts in an A4 size envelope. This is a wonderful opportunity for stories not to be lost, but preserved for researchers at a later stage. Cost is just \$10, which goes towards helping to maintain our collection.

1950s in Charlton

Our feature story this month takes us back to the postwar years of the 1950's. With a new sense of purpose Australia opened its doors to refugees from across Europe and supplied food and wool to the world. In Charlton the State Electricity Corporation extension finally arrived, with the change over ceremony being held with some sentiment on December 21, 1955. Mr F .J. Edwards

switched off the motors for the last time, while Mrs M .E . Bertoli, whose husband had been Managing Engineer for many years, was Guest of Honour. In Mary Street thirteen prefabricated Housing Commission homes were constructed while a permanent ambulance service commenced with two vehicles and ambulance officers. Land prices continued to rise with Vic Grose paying a record price of \$40.10 per acre at Barrakee. The Charlton Hospital had a special fund raising programme to raise \$6,000 for a new X-Ray unit in conjunction with radio station 3LK. Radio personalities, a "Lady Godiva" ride down High Street, a mock trial of local identities and other events successfully surpassed the required amount making \$9,000. Scouts and Guides were established, along with children's visits to the Lords Mayor Camp at Portsea commencing, while Rotary and the Young Farmers were also formed. In 1951 and 1952 Bob Allison and Wallis Jenkyn took part in the "Boys for Britain" scheme representing Charlton in a goodwill visit of the United Kingdom.

Like so many groups and organizations in town, Charlton Golden Grains Museum relies on a dedicated group of volunteers, and we are always on the lookout for new members.

You could give as much or as little time each month as you wish and don't need any experience; training will be provided. You can also help us from home and become a 'home typist'. If you have an interest in history and would like to help preserve items for Charlton's future generations, contact the museum; you will be made most welcome. Another simple option is to become a 'Friend of the Museum' for just \$20. Every dollar goes towards maintaining and improving our town's collection of important historic items for future generations.

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.
- Phone enquiries:
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- Secretary Carolyn 0418 361 971
- Treasurer Judy 0407 050 186
- Archivist Markus 0413 129 216
- Anne 0408 547 973
- Glenda 0417 801 771
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Museum volunteers at the Old Coach House Gallery: Jayne Burton, Anne Kenny, Sue Walsh, Marj Bartlett, Diane Wood, Glenda Litton, Sue Nelson, Janet Love, Joan Mundy & Carolyn Olive.

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Probus Club News

The Charlton Probus Club held its Annual General Meeting on 13 March at the Senior Citizens' Clubrooms. President Kim Wishart welcomed 35 members, 2 guests, and Brian Heenan, who kindly attended to conduct the elections.

Kim delivered a comprehensive President's Report, reflecting on a successful year, and Treasurer Nick Saunders confirmed the club's finances remain in a healthy position.

Membership Officer Garry Larmour presented 100% attendance certificates to: Greg and Jenny Barnard, Margaret Bowen, Pat Clifford, Margaret Fradd, Sue Livingstone, Kevin Mathews, Brian and Sandra Patton, Eily Rosewall, Noreen Ryan,

and Kim Wishart. A remarkable effort—clearly the club is doing something right to inspire such consistent participation.

Before elections commenced, retiring President Kim was presented with a folder of newsletters from her year in office, along with a Past President's pin.

Brian Heenan then conducted the elections. After some deliberation, Sandra Patton accepted the role of President. The following were re-elected to their positions: : Nick Saunders (Treasurer), Sandra Patton (Outings), Garry Larmour (Membership), Patricia Mathews (Newsletter), Sue Walsh (Program and Hospitality) and Caring (Eily Rosewall). The Secretary position was later filled by Anne Kenny but the Publicity/

Historian positions remain vacant at this stage.

A group photo was taken to mark the occasion.

Members enjoyed a delicious lunch of cold meats and salads, followed by fruit salad and ice cream. Sincere thanks to Sue Walsh and her hospitality team for their excellent work.

Prior to the AGM, a General Meeting was held. Pat Saunders introduced Rhonda Armstrong, who was inducted into the club. Rhonda previously belonged to a Probus club in Gippsland, and we warmly welcome her to our Club.



Committee: Sue Walsh, Sandra Patton (President), Nick Saunders (Treasurer), Eily Rosewall, Pat Mathews, Garry Larmour.



100% attendance: L to R: Kim Wishart, Pat Clifford, Greg Barnard, Margaret Bowen, Jenny Barnard, Sue Livingstone, Margaret Fradd, Kevin Mathews, Eily Rosewall, Sandra & Brian Patton, Noreen Ryan.



Group photo of Probus members.

Charlton Campdraft Club

Charlton Campdraft Club Celebrates a Big Start to 2026—Success in the Arena, Two Weddings, and Event Planning Underway.

Charlton Campdraft Club has enjoyed an exceptional start to 2026, with members achieving success both in competition and in their personal lives. While our riders have been proudly representing the club across the state, four committee members have also celebrated the milestone of marriage—making it a season full of achievements on every front.

On the competition circuit, Charlton riders have been travelling near and far to take part in drafts across the region. Ash and his team have put in the kilometres, heading to Tamworth (NSW), Lockington and Maldon (VIC) and Lucindale (SA), along with Tahljia and Sam both competing at Lockington and Maldon, all returning home with strong performances and well-earned

success. The club extends its sincere thanks to the host committees for their hospitality, well-run events and the ongoing support they show to competitors.

Back at home, celebrations of a different kind have filled the calendar. At the start of March, committee members Matt and Jess exchanged vows in an intimate ceremony in Bendigo, surrounded by family and close friends. Their day was warm, heartfelt and full of joy.

Then just a fortnight later, fellow committee members Zak and Tessa celebrated their own special day. Their ceremony took place in a bare paddock on the family property, a simple, personal and beautifully authentic setting. Family and friends then gathered for a lively reception at Charlton Park. The atmosphere was full of laughter, country hospitality and plenty of dancing.

The Charlton Campdraft Club congratulates both couples on their marriages and wishes them every happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter in their lives.

Looking Ahead: Planning Begins for Charlton’s Own Event

With so much already happening, the club is now turning its attention to our next major milestone, which is now only six months away. Planning has already begun, with the committee eager to build on the momentum of recent months and deliver yet another successful event for competitors, spectators and the wider community. As always, we look forward to working closely with all the volunteers, sponsors and competitors to ensure a safe, enjoyable and well-run draft.

With strong results in the arena, memorable celebrations off the field and preparations underway for our next big event, 2026 is shaping up to be a standout year for the Charlton Campdraft Club.



Matt & Jess Hobbs.



Zak & Tessa Johnson.



Ash Sheahan & Playgirl.



Tahljia Sheahan & Breeze.



Charlton College

LMR Swimming

On Tuesday 10th March, Heidi and Stella proudly travelled to Swan Hill to represent Charlton College at the LMR Region Finals.

We are incredibly proud of their outstanding achievements!

Heidi

1st – 50m Breaststroke

2nd – 50m Freestyle & 200m Individual Medley

3rd – 50m Butterfly & 50m Backstroke

Stella

5th – 50m Breaststroke

6th – 50m Freestyle

Year 3/4 Werribee Zoo Excursion

On Wednesday 4th March, our Year 3/4 students were up bright and early and spent the day at the Werribee Open Range Zoo. The students had an exciting and educational experience exploring the zoo and learning about animals from around the world.

They enjoyed getting up close to a variety of wildlife, including giraffes, zebras, rhinos and lions, and discovered interesting facts about their habitats and behaviours. One of the highlights of the day was the safari bus tour, where students had the opportunity to see animals roaming freely across the open plains.

Grampians Camp

Wrapping up our Week 8 camp, Year 9 and Outdoor Education students travelled to the Grampians National Park at Halls Gap, where they had the opportunity to step outside the classroom and further develop their bushwalking, teamwork, and outdoor living skills.

Across the camp, students showed great resilience and a positive attitude as they completed hikes to both the Pinnacle and Mt Rosea. Carrying their own packs over varied and sometimes demanding terrain, they supported one another, encouraged their peers, and worked together to overcome challenges along the way.

The group based themselves at Borough Huts Campground, where they set up tents, organised their gear, and prepared meals using Trangia stoves. These shared responsibilities provided students with valuable opportunities to build independence, practical camping skills, and confidence in an outdoor setting.

To finish the camp, students took part in rock climbing and abseiling at Hollow Mountain. This was a highlight for many, with students stepping outside their comfort zones, encouraging each other, and finishing the experience on a high note.

Tennis HotShots

On Thursday 26th March our Year 5/6 students and VET Sport and Recreation students attended the Calder Hotshots in Boort. It was a great day that was enjoyed by all students. A big thanks to Tennis Victoria, Mr Thompson, Miss Godkin-Briggs and Mrs Smyth for organising the day!



LMR Swimming Heidi Start & Stella Nicholson.



LMR Swimming Heidi Start.



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Werribee Zoo: Charlie Leslie.



Werribee Zoo: Sophie Smyth.



Werribee Zoo: Front to Back L-R; Audrey McPhee, Renee Riley, Sophie Smyth, Molly Riley, Ned Larmour, Tyson Skuse, Nate Lane, Oliver Lane, Ashton Bartlett, Ryan McGurk, Charlie Leslie.



Werribee Zoo: Oliver Lane.

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Grampians Camp: Back - Lila Schofield, Amali Fitzpatrick, Clancy Bourke, Anna Fitzpatrick, Taylah Giles, Tamsyn McGurk, Sheena Fitzpatrick, Oliver McPhee, Cooper McGrath, Liam Monaghan. Front - William Canham, Charlie Zagame, Rhys Gahan.



Grampians Camp: Oliver McPhee, Liam Monaghan, Cooper McGrath, Rhys Gahan.



Grampians Camp: Lila Schofield, Sheena Fitzpatrick, Taylah Giles, Clancy Bourke, Charlie Zagame, Amali Fitzpatrick, Anna Fitzpatrick, Tamsyn McGurk.



Grampians Camp: Amali Fitzpatrick, Clancy Bourke, Anna Fitzpatrick, Tamsyn McGurk.



HotShots: Cody Jenkyn, Alodia Acanilado, Tom McGurk, Harrison Stahl, Campbell Riley, Delilah Hughes, Archie Smyth, Don Blair, Alyson Canham.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Buloke.

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP – WYCHEPROOF SESSION REMINDER

Families are reminded that the final Supported Playgroup Easter session will be held in Wycheproof next week.

Join in for a relaxed morning of Easter-themed fun, including an Easter egg hunt, crafts and keepsakes, playdough activities, storytelling, and fresh fruit for morning tea.

Wycheproof – Thursday 2 April

10.30am to 12pm

Old Wycheproof Kinder

This is a great chance for families with young children to come along, connect and enjoy some seasonal activities together.

For more information, call or text Carolyn, Supported Playgroup Facilitator, on 0487 459 772.

WEED MANAGEMENT

Following recent rainfall, a noticeable flush of green has appeared across our Shire.

While the moisture is welcome, it also creates ideal conditions for invasive weeds such as caltrop, Paterson's curse, horehound and Bathurst burr.

Here are some simple tips to help manage weeds effectively:

- Act during the ideal window – manual removal is most effective soon after rain, when the soil is soft. This makes it easier to remove the entire root system and prevent regrowth.
- Target early growth – many weeds begin as low, flat rosettes. Removing them at this stage, before they flower and set seed, is the most effective approach.
- Be seed-aware – if weeds have already developed burrs or seeds, bag the seed head before removing the plant to avoid spreading them further.
- Time herbicide use carefully – only spray when leaves are dry, weeds are actively growing, and conditions are calm. Late morning or early evening is generally best. Use selective herbicides where possible and focus on spot spraying to reduce impact on surrounding vegetation.
- Maintain vehicle hygiene – if you have been in paddocks or on unsealed roads, clean wheel arches, equipment and boots to avoid spreading weeds to new areas.

Managing weeds is a shared responsibility. Taking action now, while the ground is still soft, will help protect Buloke's natural environment and support our agricultural industry.

For more information on identifying priority weeds in the region, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds

ROAD ACCESS UPDATE

Council engaged contractors are currently working to reinstate access to residential properties following recent storm impacts.

Several roads across the Shire have been affected by lying water and storm damage.

Council and our contractors are continuing to inspect the road network to assess conditions and identify areas requiring urgent works.

Emergency works have begun, to reinstate damaged roads, with priority given to restoring access to residential properties.

Please respect all road closures and signage while inspections and repairs are underway.

These measures are in place to keep everyone safe and allow crews to complete works as quickly as possible, as well as stopping any further damage.

We appreciate the community's patience while crews work to restore safe access.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **224 Yeungroon-Woosang ROAD, Yeungroon East VIC 3525.**

The application is for a permit for the **construction of a yard cover over existing cattle yards (32.5m x 30.0m).**

The application reference number is **PA26009.**

You may view the application and supporting documents on the **Buloke Shire Council Website <https://buloke.greenlightopm.com/planning>** or by making contact with the office of the Responsible Authority, **Buloke Shire Office, Wycheproof** on 1300 520 520.

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority.

An objection must be made to the Responsible Authority in writing, include the objectors name and contact details, include reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected. An online submission form is available at **<https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/planning-applications-on-exhibition>**.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before 16 April 2026. If you object to the application, the Responsible Authority will tell you it's decision.



CHANGES TO COUNCIL SERVICES – EASTER PERIOD

Council offices will be closed over the Easter period from Friday 3 April, reopening on Tuesday 7 April.

The following services will also be closed during this time:

- Wycheproof Customer Service Centre
- Maternal and Child Health Centres
 - For support, contact the 24-hour Maternal and Child Health Line on 132 229
 - For urgent concerns, call 000
- Buloke Library Services

WASTE SERVICES

- All Landfills and Transfer Stations will be closed on Friday 3 April (Good Friday) only
- Services will resume with normal operating hours from Saturday 4 April, including Easter Sunday and Easter Monday

WASTE COLLECTION

Please note the following changes to Waste Collection over the Easter Holiday period.

- Donald: Bins are normally collected on Friday but instead will be collected the day before on Thursday 2 April.
- Wycheproof: While this collection will remain on the Thursday, waste collection will occur earlier in the morning than usual. Please ensure all bins are out the night before.
- Sea Lake and northern townships: Collections will remain on Thursday 2 April.

For urgent matters during the closure, please contact us on 1300 520 520 and follow the prompts for the service response required.

We encourage residents to plan accordingly for these service adjustments.

For more information or to access online services, please visit our website: <http://buloke.vic.gov.au/>



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CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

Welcome to April.

It's hard to believe just how fast the year is going. We are pleased to be able to report we are now open 4 days a week, Tuesday to Friday between 10am and 4pm.

As usual, we have been very busy with many activities and services, and this continues into this month and next.

Regular Weekly and Monthly Activities

- Coffee with a...: Selected Mondays during school term, 10:30 AM–12 PM at the FLO Cafe. Share a cuppa and chat with informative local guests.
- Yarning²: Mondays, 10:30 AM–12 PM. Bring your knitting, crochet, felting, macramé, or other yarn projects and enjoy friendly conversation.
- Book Club: Third Tuesday of every month, 10:30 AM–12 PM. No set book—just share what you're reading or listening to.

We also have something new to offer for those of you who may be interested (or just want to know more) in 3D printing. Once a hobby out of reach for many people, the price of good quality printers has drastically reduced, while the technology has become a lot simpler to grasp for novices. Register today for our basic 3D learning sessions.



Our regular Carers Group lunch.

Autumn Edition of Charlton Cultural Magazine

Now available for purchase! Packed with stories, art, and community features, this edition celebrates local talent with a special feature on Kyle Postlethwaite. Get your copy at Charlton Neighbourhood House for a very low \$5. This edition's photography competition is Echoes & Reflections. Showcase your talent and love for Charlton! Entries are due by May 17th. Prizes include \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place.

Community Car

Did you know that the Charlton Forum Community Car bookings for non-urgent medical appointments are made through the Neighbourhood House? This popular user pays service relies on a small pool of wonderful dedicated volunteer drivers. We are always on the lookout for more assistance with the service, so if you enjoy driving and would like to assist some local residents call us today. All necessary training will be provided.

Community First Aid & CPR Training

The Charlton Neighbourhood House is calling for expressions of interest in a future First Aid/CPR training session. To be held at a date to be confirmed, here is your opportunity to obtain or update your training right here in Charlton. Contact us today on 0473 759 456.

Debutante Ball

This years Deb's and their partners have been hard at work preparing for the big event on Saturday April 25th. Make a note in your diary: more details and ticket sales will be advised shortly.

Little Monsters

Staff member Poppy has been very busy planning and entertaining our town's younger residents with some terrific activities at Mallee Creatives. To be part of the fun visit our web page or call the Neighbourhood House today. Coming next - Recycling projects.



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| Each
Monday
of School
Term | <p>Yarning² Social Group
 Where: FLO Cafe
 Time: 10.30 am-12 pm
 FREE, bring your own yarn project</p> |  | 15 | <p>Lets Play Pickleball
 Where: Charlton Stadium (Davies St)
 Time: 8:45am to 10:00am
 Cost: Free for March</p> |  |
| Each
Tuesday | <p>Community Craft Group
 Where: Lions Lodge
 Time: 10.00 am-12 pm
 Cost \$3, bring your own craft project</p> |  | 15 | <p>Buloke Book Club
 Where: Charlton Library
 Time: 10:30am -12pm
 COST: FREE</p> |  |
| Each
Wednesday | <p>2026 Deb Set Dance Lessons
 Where: Uniting Church Hall
 Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm
 Bring a Water Bottle</p> |  | 15 | <p>3D Printing for beginners.
 Where: CNH
 Time: 11:30-1:00PM
 COST: \$5 Bookings essential.</p> |  |
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 Time: 8:45am to 10:00am
 Cost: Free for March</p> |  |
| 6 | <p>Coffee with a... Forum rep
 Where: FLO Cafe
 Time: 10.30 am-12 pm
 FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee</p> |  | 24 | <p>Little Locals Art Club-
 Where: Mallee Creatives
 Time: 3.30-4.15pm
 Cost: \$5 with free coffee</p> |  |
| 8 | <p>Carers & Co. Group Info. Sharing
 Where: Cricket Club Hotel
 Time: 12 pm- 1.30 pm
 Cost: Lunch at subsidised prices
 Speaker: TBA</p> |  | 25 | <p>Charlton Debutente Ball
 Where: Charlton Park
 Time: TBC
 Cost: TBA</p> |  |
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 Where: FLO Cafe
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Charlton Bowling Club

A P EARTHMOVING KRAKAJAK TRIPLES BOWLS CONCLUDES

Commencing on January 13th with an interrupted season due to hot weather and rain, we finally got finished on Tuesday March 17th after another 15mm of rain on Monday.

With the Green being reasonably heavy, we proceeded with the results being the Winners of Section 1 for the Pewter Mugs, the All Stars team of Wayne Southwell, Rodney Heritage and Rhys Gahan who defeated the Peel Thunder team 8/6.

Section 2 Winners were the Lions team of John Headon, Andrew Peverill and Jeff Cox who defeated the Townies team 8/5.

Section 3 Winners were the Flintstones team of Greg Wain, Greg Barnard and Mark Windsor who defeated the Sparkles 20/11 over two games, (Sparkles did win one game by 1 shot).

With the remaining teams not in the Final, they play off for the highest score prize for the night, and the winners were the Legends team of Brad Chester and Carol Adam with 12 shots.

A P Earthmoving Manager Aaron Watts attended to present the Trophies and congratulated the club for running this event. We thank Aaron for his Sponsorship of Krakajak Triples for the past twelve years and he has offered next year as well.

KERANG BOWLERS BLITZ IN CHARLTON FOURS MEDLEY BOWLS TOURNAMENT

Well, what a great day for bowls with very little wind, the sun was shining, and sixteen bowls teams from North Central Clubs and around Victoria had a great social day. Teams were from Boort, Calavil, Charlton, Donald, Donald Golf, Kerang, Kerang Golf, Midlands RSL, Ocean Grove, St Arnaud, St Arnaud Country Club, Stanhope, Sunbury, Wedderburn and Wycheproof.

Small Clubs strive to stay alive and put on Tournaments for the joyment of bowls and catching up with friends, this cannot be done without Sponsors. We appreciate all our Sponsors today.

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The format with our Fours Medley is teams play four games, first game is Fours, followed by a game of Pairs, 2 players from the team have lunch, and then swap over to play another Pairs, followed by another game of Fours. The outright winners were from Kerang Bowling Club winning all their four games with Lindsay Heine, Kevin Teasedale, Rodney Pascoe, Algne Fagg.

Runners Up were from Kerang Golf with Lorraine Ritchie, Sonia McLeish, Jimmy McLeish and Frank Ritchie. We had a Third place with a mixed team from Ocean Grove and Charlton with Ro-Roberts Avery, Cher Brien, Bernie Laffin and Simon Avery.

Within the mix of teams, we had several Ex Charltonions in Gary Borg, Greg Fitzpatrick, Gary Hillier, John Giblett, Ro-Roberts Avery and Simon Avery.

These days are very labour intensive, and we must appreciate the work of our Ladies, Tournament Secretary, Committee, Bar Staff, Greens Keepers and all voluntary club members – Thank You.



Krakajak Winners – All Stars: Wayne Southwell, Rhys Gahan, Rodney Heritage with Sponsor Aaron Watts A P Earthmoving.



Krakajak Winners Section 2 – Lions: Jeff Cox, Andrew Peverill, John Headon with Sponsor Aaron Watts A P Earthmoving.



Charlton Fours Medley: Kerang Winners – Lindsay Heine, Kevin Teasedale, Rodney Pascoe, Algne Fagg.

Charlton Bowling Club



Charlton Fours Medley: Kergarng Runners-up – Lorraine Ritchie, Sonia McLeish, Jimmy McLeish, Frank Ritchie.



Ocean Grove/Charlton Third Place: Bernie Laffin, Ro-Roberts Avery, Simon Avery, Cher Brien.

Charlton Croquet Club

The Charlton Croquet Club has been busy in March hosting two Murray Valley Croquet Association events. The first event was the Association Croquet Championships on Saturday, 7 March, with players enjoying perfect weather and excellent lawn conditions for a full day of competition.

Matches were played in a best-of-three format across several sections, producing some closely contested games.

In Section 2, Charlton's Anne Kenny claimed victory after a hard-fought match against Lois Munro from Swan Hill, winning two games to one. Swan Hill's Darren Barnes took out Section 3 with a strong performance, defeating Charlton's Naomi Patullo in straight games.

Section 4 provided another tight contest, with Julie Barber from Swan Hill overcoming

Charlton's Margaret Bowen two games to one.

Section 1 was played on Tuesday 17 March between Ken Bald (Charlton) and Ian Potter (Boort) with Ken being the winner.

The section winners will now progress to the Victorian Country Regional Championships in Ballarat at the end of March. (Results in next newsletter).

On Saturday, 21 March, the Golf Croquet Championships were played again with perfect weather.

Section 1 featured an all-Boort contest, with Daryl Henderson defeating Ian Potter in a best-of-three format. Henderson secured the title convincingly, winning the first two games.

Section 2 attracted five competitors representing Boort, Charlton, Swan Hill and

Red Cliffs, with the outcome dependent on the final match. Phil Hensman of Red Cliffs emerged as the overall winner, finishing with three wins and a nett hoop margin of +7. Darren Barnes of Swan Hill was runner-up, also recording three wins but with a nett margin of +3.

In Section 3, players from Boort and Charlton competed, with Val Bourke of Charlton claiming the title. Dianne Johnstone of Boort finished as runner-up.

All section winners will now progress to the Croquet Victoria Regional Championships, to be held at Cairnlea in April.

Our Closing Day will be held on Thurs 9th April.



Association Croquet Championships: Section 4 Winner - Julie Barber (Swan Hill), Section 2 Winner - Anne Kenny (Charlton), Section 3 Winner - Darren Barnes (Swan Hill).



Golf Croquet Championships: Section 1 Winner - Daryl Henderson (Boort), Section 2 Winner - Phil Hensman (Red Cliffs), Section 3 Winner - Val Bourke (Charlton).



St Joseph's School

March Momentum at St Joseph's School

March has been a wonderfully full and vibrant month at our school, beginning with plenty of big smiles as students proudly posed for their school photographs—a lovely way to capture the spirit of each individual and of our community.

As the weeks unfolded, we journeyed together through Lent, taking time for reflection, prayer, and thoughtful action. We were blessed with glorious autumn weather, along with some much-needed rain, bringing a refreshing balance to our days.

Our students approached NAPLAN with determination and resilience—now “done and dusted”—and we are proud of the calm and confident way they embraced this important milestone.

There have been many highlights throughout the month. Harmony Week was a standout, with our Grade 6 students creating a heart-warming video promoting the theme “Everyone Belongs.” It was inspiring to see students celebrate diversity by wearing cultural dress, Aussie colours, or sports uniforms, reflecting the inclusive and welcoming nature of our school. If you

haven't seen the video, it can be viewed on our school Facebook page.

Our School Feast Day was another joyful occasion, beginning with a meaningful Mass followed by a shared morning tea. Students also contributed by painting colourful wooden crosses, which will brighten our garden space and serve as a lasting symbol of faith and community.

Our senior students represented the school beautifully at the Hot Shots Tennis Tournament in Boort. Playing in mixed teams, they demonstrated not only skill and enthusiasm but also sportsmanship and teamwork, strengthening connections with neighbouring schools.

As we near the end of term, we look forward to a special visit to the local Nursing Home, where students will spread Easter cheer through songs, creative Easter headwear, baskets of eggs, and handmade wreaths. These moments of connection are deeply valued by both our students and our older community.

At a staff level, it has also been a rich and productive time of professional learning. Our team has engaged in a wide range of

development opportunities alongside DOBCEL staff and external organisations, focusing on Religious Education, Healthy Kids initiatives, Auslan, Child Safety, Wellbeing, Literacy, and Leadership. This has included completing an assessment and action plan to guide our continued commitment to nurturing a deep sense of responsibility for “care of all creation”—encouraging our students to look after our world, all people, and all living things, while considering sustainability for future generations.

As Catholics move into Holy Week, we do so with a spirit of prayer, liturgy, and action, reflecting on the significance of this sacred time on the journey towards Easter. May the joy of Easter fill our hearts with hope, renewal, and a deep sense of purpose.

As new life is celebrated this Easter, may all people consider hope and bring light to others through our words, our actions, and our care for God's creation.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joy-filled Easter. See you next term!



Easter baskets ready for the Nursing Home residents.



Easter Wreaths to brighten the Nursing Home.



Students working on Feast day crosses: L to R – Ivy Sexton, Franklin Holmes-Brown, Ethan Jince, Lochie Caine & William Donaldson.



Grade 5 & 6 Hot Shots tennis: L to R – Eadie Ash, Yazmin Harte-Johnstone, Lochie Caine, Maddie Lanyon, Ethan Jince, Finn Schofield, Macey Revell, Megg Fitzpatrick & Flynn Zagame.

St Joseph's School



Yazmin Harte-Johnstone painting her cross.



*Above: Opening screen from Harmony Week video.
Below: Filming Harmony Week videos.*





Charlton Harness Racing

CHARLTON SHINES ON COMMUNITY BANK CHARLTON AND DISTRICT CUP DAY 2026

It was indeed a day to be proud of our town on Sunday March 15th when all facets of our community came together to celebrate the Community Bank Charlton and District Charlton Cup Day.

So many people put their hands up to help deliver a day that showcased the best of such small town events, hospitality and local sporting clubs.

To all the sponsors who featured on this day we say a huge thank you for continuing to support the initiatives planned – without you our club could not produce an event on this level for all to enjoy.

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- GMG Financial Group

Thank you to the Lions Club and the Football Club who manned the BBQ and the bar, and to the Skeeta Grimshaw Club for the Cup Parade, again showing that there are great benefits for the town when clubs work together.

With the dining room as full as it has ever been on Cup Day we say well done to Kylie and Naomi for feeding everyone and for so

being so easy to work with – we are very fortunate to have them on this big day – thanks girls! And to The Vale who pumped out the pizzas post races allowing many to kick on for a bit longer.

To all the members and volunteers who gave of their time and expertise – thank you!

Big thank you to the Board Members of Harness Racing Victoria who attended during what is a very busy and demanding Country Cup Carnival period for them – Chairman Bernard Saundry, Judy Rothacker, Adam Wallish and Dennis Bice.

ST. JOHN OF GOD BUBBLES IN THE BUSH TEAM TEAL FUNDRAISER

What has now become quite a tradition on this day the fundraiser for ovarian cancer attracted it's biggest crowd yet with the slightly later start time.

A tremendous amount of organising is required to make sure that a lot is crammed in to an hour and a half so we do take our hat off to the three main players who made sure that this happened without any hitches. Rebecca Heenan, Kim Thompson and Leanne Fanning. Along with a group of helpers they ensured that Charlton's contribution to Team Teal 2026 was again significant. Whilst the final amount is still being finalised it will be somewhere in the region of \$6000. These ladies not only worked the hours but also donated generously to the auctions and bid on items themselves – so thank you girls – over and above! Special

mention also to Leanne Fanning who generously prepared and donated all the food boxes for the event, So very kind.

Under pretty difficult circumstances this year John Tormey did an amazing job as auctioneer for which we are very thankful.

With the support of sponsors St. John of God Bendigo Hospital, this event continues to raise awareness and help fund life- saving research for women living with gynaecological cancer, something our club and the ladies of Charlton should be very proud of.

A DAY OF FUN

There were many on course activities to keep people entertained throughout the day from the Bucking Bull to the surprise Cup Parade! The Skeeta Grimshaw boys made sure that the course was well and truly woken up as they delivered the Pacing Cup drivers down the straight with the two cups led by local girls Jac Leslie and Charlie Sanderson. The parade has become somewhat of a surprise addition to the day's proceedings – who knows how it will arrive next year, although we think the bikes will be hard to beat. Thanks you Skeeta! Everyone loved it- especially the drivers.

Congratulations to the fashions winners who all adhered to the theme of 'a touch of Sunflower'.

- Racegoer of the Day – Teagan Hall
- Local Lady of the Day – Liz Riley
- Hat of the Day – Samantha Andrews



Pacing Cup winning driver, Jackie Barker, who drove Miki to Success. Phoebe Thompsom, Sabrina Thompsom, Driver Corey Johnson & Trainer, Ros Rolfe.



Charlton Harness Racing

Congratulations also to John Kennedy from Pyramid Hill, a regular visitor to Charlton, who won the \$500 Helloworld accommodation voucher.

The Sulky Race saw the local lads pitted against each other representing the various sporting clubs and pubs in town. Whilst the straight proved pretty long for some Ethan Soulby and Mitchell Boyle representing the Charlton Cricket Club were obviously motivated the most by the lure of the \$500 first prize – well done.

On the racing side the big one was taken out by the very smart Miki To Success driven by Jackie Barker and trained by Victoria’s leading trainer Emma Stewart, and the Nth West Ag Trotting Cup by Maestro from the premier trotting stable of Brent Lilley, driven by Chris Alford.

The two races to honour our friends in Greg Norman and Joe Thompson certainly brought a tear to many throughout the day as both were very much in our thoughts and so very much missed on the day that both loved

so much. Thank you to Sabrina and Phoebe Thompson and to Adam Cormack of the Cormack Racing Team who reminded us all of the roles they played in harness racing and in our town. The club will continue to celebrate and remember these friends who meant so much to us.

Lastly some great news to complete the day was that the Charlton team won the Punt Off Competition and we have former harness racing caller Luke Humphreys to thank for that! Luke has recently taken up a position calling in Korea but as a good friend of the club agreed to punt on our behalf. Thanks to him almost \$4000 will be deposited into the horse walker fund for the training centre. Big thanks to all our punters on the day and to bookie Juppy who accommodated this competition on course and also to Tim O’Connor and Toby McKinnon who ran the competition for us. Big job!

All in all the club thanks everyone who played a role big or small, to the harness racing participants who support this day every

year and to the people of Charlton who turned up making the day a success.

NEXT RAFFLE NIGHT

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday Cricket Club Hotel 5pm onwards

MEMBER RACE DAY

The next meeting will be held on SUNDAY 26TH APRIL and will be our annual Member’s Day.

There will be a free BBQ for all members after the last race with draws and giveaways to follow. This is a way for the club to thank all loyal members for their participation throughout the year.

Please RSVP by TEXT to 0499701322 for catering.

With this Sunday meeting an added bonus to our calendar we hope that many will take the opportunity to come along and enjoy the races and the benefits of being a member at the Charlton Harness Racing Club.



Liz Riley (Board Member) & Je-Ann McVicar-Williams (Branch Manager), Bendigo Bank.



Jordhan Leedham, Troy Heenan & Rebecca Heenan.



Alisha Towers & Greg Towers.



Jac Leslie & Charlie Sanderson with the cups.



Leanne Fanning & St John of God's Claire Pysing.



Charlton Harness Racing



Fashion Winners: Sam Andrews, Liz Riley & Teagan Hall.



Luke Dunne, Leon Fanning & Jason Bonnington.



Skeeta Grimshaw Boys.



John Tormey, auctioneer.

North Central Garden Club

Members and friends came together for the March meeting. Our guest speaker, Bianca, Community Support Officer from Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water, encouraged members to register and use the Customer Portal to track their water usage and to identify potential leaks. Bianca also explained that concession claims can be made in certain circumstances.

Final names were submitted for the coach trip to the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show Melbourne, Thank you to the Resource Centre Wycheproof for organizing an amazing day. We all enjoyed the day - lots of inspiring ideas will be coming out of the day.

The competition of best blooms, spike or truss were on display. Just one dahlia made for the judging.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday the 28th April, 2 pm, Lions Lodge. Tessa from Gunyah Blooms will be happy to share her knowledge of her cottage industry with her blooms and fresh cut flowers. We welcome you to join us.

Enquires:

Sue 0407 140 336

Aileen 0438 911 495

Jenny 0418 531 219



Bianca from Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water.

Charlton RSL Sub-branch



ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day, the 25th April, the One Day or the Year, is rapidly approaching; this year it falls on a Saturday.

As the Charlton Shire Hall is unavailable due to asbestos issues, an alternate venue has been arranged for Charlton's 2026 Commemoration service; it will be held in the Rex Theatre.

The day's events will start with Parade Fall-In in front of the Cenotaph at 0850 Hours, then wreaths will be laid in the order RSL and Shire, then Schools, fire brigades, Red Cross and other community organisations, then relatives of service personnel and private citizens. The Ode, Last Post and Reveille will then be played to conclude the Cenotaph service.

The March will then start from the Cenotaph, proceed west down High Street towards the Fire Station, around the Halliday Street island and back east along High Street towards the Cenotaph, ending with Parade Dismiss at the Rex Theatre.

The best spots to view the march will be outside the museum and along the Elliott Gardens to the north and outside the units to the south. The Charlton Wycheproof Community Brass Band will play from the Ben Green band rotunda in Elliott Gardens.

At the conclusion of the March, RSL members, other marchers and the general public will enter the Rex Theatre for the Commemoration service, which will start at approximately 0920 Hours.

After the Commemoration service RSL members will make their way to the RSL Clubrooms in Armstrong Street for morning tea and refreshments, to which all members of the public are cordially invited.

LEST WE FORGET

Courthouse Soiree

The Charlton Courthouse Gallery hosted its first soiree for the year on Saturday 14th March with Sonya Hindson's vibrant exhibition continuing to provide a striking backdrop to the event.

The afternoon program featured a rich mix of local and visiting talent. Charlton's own Pauline Brooks shared a selection of her

poetry, while Barkindji Elder, Brian Hunt, travelled from Mildura to present an enjoyable combination of music and spoken word. Sue McLean offered readings from her new book, *And the Bird Flew Away: The Cathcart and Haeusler Families of Sea Lake and Beyond*, giving the audience a glimpse into her thoughtful storytelling. The

afternoon concluded on a high note with Leo Giakimis on guitar, delighting guests with his original songs performed in Greek.

It was a relaxed and engaging afternoon, enjoyed by all in attendance.

The next Courthouse Soiree will coincide with a photographic exhibition by Brigitta Beaty in June.



Pauline Brooks



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Bereavement

Many residents will be saddened to hear of the passing of former Charlton Australia Day guest speaker David Price, OAM.

David was a great supporter of several local community projects over recent years and took a keen interest in our town's history and development. Although ill health had restricted his much loved visits to Charlton over the past year or so, he continued to eagerly follow what was happening through the Community Newsletter.

David is survived by his wife of 60 years Nancy, children Michael, Louise and Richard, and six grandchildren.

Markus And Jo Phillips.

East Wimmera Parish - St Joseph's Community

Easter:

Holy Thursday (2 April) 7pm Livestreamed from St Joseph's
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 Sun. 12th Apr. 8.30am
 Sat. 18th Apr. 7.00pm
 Sun. 25th Apr. 10.30am



Charlton Uniting Church

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- Photos/fish to be presented by fisher at the final weigh in to qualify
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 Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

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Charlton Badminton for 2026 Season

The Charlton Badminton Club season will commence with the Annual General Meeting to be held in the stadium foyer on Wednesday 1st April at 7:30 pm, followed by a warm-up hit.

There will be a general hit up on the following two Wednesday nights, and the ladder system will commence on Wednesday 22nd April

Any queries to Ethan Needs 0474 731 494 or Brian Heenan 0437 756 672

Juniors — Starts on Tuesday 21st April 2026

Time 3-30pm after School

Juniors finish approx. 5-00pm but that will depend on how many juniors we have playing. For the first few weeks the new beginners will finish approx. 4-30pm.

Juniors must be in Grade 3 or turning 9 in 2026

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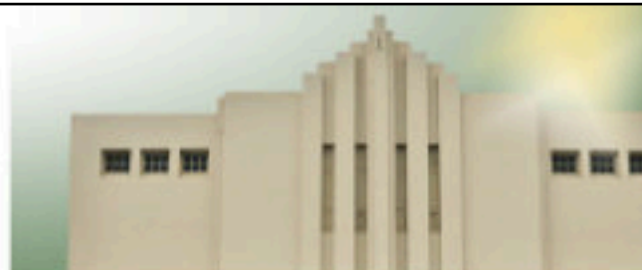


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Charlton RSL

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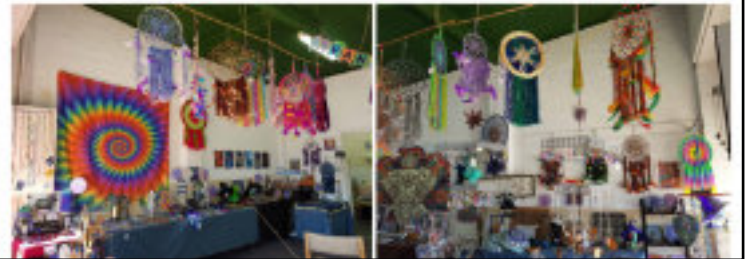
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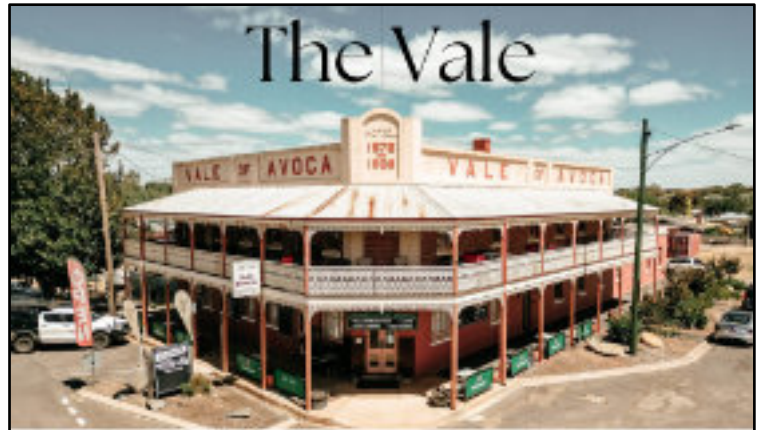
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