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OK. What a Weekend!

Charlton was buzzing over the weekend of 27 and 28 February as OK Motels returned, drawing a huge crowd of music lovers from across the state and beyond.

Accommodation was at capacity, with the Charlton Caravan Park full to bursting and visitors spilling into every available bed in town. Festival-goers embraced the warm Charlton hospitality, enjoying not only the music but everything Charlton has to offer.

Saturday's soaring temperatures saw the swimming pool chock-a-block with visitors

cooling off, while the ever-popular CWA scones once again proved impossible to resist. Adding a new flavour to the weekend, Win and Ian Scott hosted a lively Greek-themed backyard event that was a standout success.

The Uniting Church market attracted a steady stream of browsers, the Courthouse Gallery welcomed art lovers, and the Lions Club's Town Garage Sale on Sunday added to the festive atmosphere. Across the weekend, Charlton's pubs, cafés, and retailers all reported strong trade, highlighting the

significant boost the festival brings to the local economy.

Event promoter Kate Berry has announced that OK Motels will take a short break, but fans will be pleased to know the festival is set to return in 2028.

For one weekend, Charlton was once again at the centre of something special — a celebration of music, community and country hospitality at its very best.

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The OK Motels bill board that we enjoy all year round.



Kate Berry (centre) has hosted the OK Motels events since 2018. Image @rcstills



The glamping tents at the Caravan Park.

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From the Editor

Carolyn Olive

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the 200th edition of the Charlton Community Newsletter. We've been sharing your news for almost 20 years. From humble beginnings, successive editors including Jolanda Epskamp, Corey Tonkin, Lauren Riley and myself, have continued to improve the finished product. Of course it wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful folk who continue to send in their articles and news, and our generous sponsors.

Well done to everyone involved all the events held during February. Such a busy month – I'm sure we're all looking forward to a little break.

The rains have finally arrived! And gosh hasn't it been wet? We've had up to 100mls on our farm in places but other farms to the north have had a lot more. This puts us in a great position for cropping which will begin soon. The frogs are obviously pleased too – although I've had to rescue about a dozen from our swimming pool!

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend - Safe travels.

Cheers

Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

March:

Courthouse Gallery Soiree — Sat. 14th

Charlton Pacing Cup—Sun. 15th

Mallee Creatives' Exhibition—Wed. 18th

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

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The Greek themed event hosted by Win & Ian Scott. Image @rcstills



Eily Rosewall at the Bolwing Club with Evelyn, the Ugly Girl Puppet.



The Charlton Club was the registration point and did a brisk trade over the bar.



The swimming pool was packed. Cosmic Psychos members about to jump in. Image @rcstills

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Golden Grains Museum

Welcome again to the news from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. Volunteers gathered for our first get together and meeting where some terrific plans were decided upon for the year ahead. We are so lucky to have a dedicated bunch of people who help with preserving and promoting the wonderful history of our town and district. We are always looking for 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 and don't need any experience; training will be provided.

Fashion Parade

We are looking forward to hosting a fashion parade on Sunday 21st June, featuring fashion from the 60s, 70s and 80s which will be held at the Rex Theatre. It will be a terrific afternoon. If anyone has any fashion from those years hiding in their wardrobes, we'd love to use them in the parade. Contact one of our members.

Charlton's Water Supply

This month we take a look at the early history of supplying water to Charlton. By the early 1880s serious efforts were being made to conserve water in the Avoca River with the construction of weirs at Coonooer, the Boort Road, Teddywaddy and Glenloth. From the earliest days of settlement, residents were aware that the river water was of limited use as it often ceased to flow, was so brackish that it killed plants, and animals often refused to drink it. Poorly engineered weirs, that were continually damaged by flood waters, saddled the Shire with a large debt that reflected in the highest water rates in Victoria being applied to help offset the debt. In 1897 Charlton Shire petitioned the Government to take over the affairs of the town water claiming they could control it more efficiently than the existing Government Trust. This was agreed so long as they took on the existing debt of the huge amount of 6,617 pounds. The Charlton Tribune noted "the Charlton Urban Trust commenced its existence as a corporate institution with no books, no official communication from the Water Supply Department and no water," (the reservoir was dry) "the only thing they were sure of was the liability".

With intense lobbying and visits by state ministers the Trust was able to reduce the

debt to 1,329 pounds and have the outstanding debt interest rate reduced from 6% to 3%. The costly repairs to the Coonooer and Boort Road Weirs against the advice of local residents assisted in this appeal. Droughts in the early 1900s showed how inadequate Charlton's water supply was. Even after being cleaned out and enlarged the reservoir could still not supply sufficient water for the town's growing needs. In 1902 the State Water Commission proposed a scheme to pump flood waters to a new 16 million gallon dam next to Skinners Dam on the Donald Road. Water would then be pumped to the concrete tower at the top of Currie Street. It was stated that this plan could supply 180 litres a day for 1,000 people for 348 days. The high cost and uncertainty of the project failed to get the backing of the Charlton Water Commissioners and ratepayers at a specially called meeting on the subject.

Reluctantly, and after several community meetings Charlton Ratepayers agreed to the plan to build a reservoir beside the river which would be filled from flood water and local run-off. When the Minister for Supply came to open the new dam in March 1915 he was surprised to see it was practically dry and "had the appearance of everything a reservoir should not be." It was as dry as a bone and

would remain so until flood waters next arrived. When the river did flood it was found the pumps lacked the power to fill the dam before the waters subsided. It wouldn't be until 1926 that a new 180 million megalitre reservoir was built 7kms west of Charlton that Charlton at last had a reliable water supply.

Continuing this year are our wonderful Bingo players who make the regular trips to Donald assisting our fundraising efforts while having an enjoyable night out. We are very fortunate to receive monies when we can get a group to visit which goes a long way to support the running of the museum. Our next trip across will on Thursday 26th and everyone is welcome to come along.

Enquiries

For all enquiries about our group check out our Facebook Page, search on your browser 'Golden Grains Museum Charlton', or:

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Charlton Weir located behind the fire station. Foreman's Mill in the background.

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Probus Club News

The February meeting of the Charlton Probus Club featured guest speaker Rod McKee from GWMWater. Rod has dedicated 27 years to the organisation and currently serves as a Team Leader overseeing six staff based in Donald, St Arnaud, and Charlton. His responsibilities include maintaining 65 pumps, 22 sewer pumps, and 15 pump stations, one of which—behind the Shire Hall—extends 14 metres underground.

Rod shared an interesting history of Charlton's water supply: From 1914 to 1988, the town relied on the Currie Street water tank, designed by Sir John Monash. In 1985, this was replaced by the Mt Dooboobetic tank (off the golf course road), which holds 1.5 million litres and is located 40 metres higher than Charlton. The sewer system, to replace the septic system, began in 1966 and was completed in 1969.

During summer, Charlton consumes around 1.5 million litres per day—roughly equal to two swimming pools. One million litres are used for gardens and 0.5 million litres flow to the sewer system. Wastewater is processed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which uses three lagoons each about 1.5 metres deep. In summer this water evaporates.

Rod also discussed the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline, a major infrastructure project begun in 2006 and completed in 2010 at a cost of \$688 million. The pipeline replaced 17,500 km of inefficient open channels, which had previously lost up to 80% of water through evaporation. Today, the system provides a secure and sustainable water supply to around 9,000 farms and 34 townships. Rod recounted a story of a farmer from Yeungroon who spent 20 of his 50 farming years carting water up to 50 hours per week, and noted that Bomber Kelly originally helped construct the open channel system using horse-drawn teams.

Environmental water now supports Jeffcott Swamps, Wooroonook Lake, and other nearby lakes.

Bianca Hempel, the Community Support Officer from GWMWater, encouraged members to use the GWMWater Customer Portal to track their water usage and identify

potential leaks. GWMWater also generously provided buckets, hose nozzles, and other information for members.

There were 38 members present and 2 visitors. The meeting included a celebratory morning tea, to recognise 50 years of Probud in Australia, organised by Hospitality Officer Sue Walsh and her team. Members enjoyed scones with jam and cream in honour of Probud Australia's 50th anniversary. Happy birthday was sung to Val Bourke, Jenny Barnard, Elaine Wicks, John Grenfell, Bevan Olive, Anne Kenny, Trish Johns, Sheila Grenfell and Maureen Holleran – a busy month.

Thales Australia Factory Visit

It had been recommended to the Charlton Probud Club that they organise a trip to the Thales Australia factory in Bendigo. We were grateful to receive support to help cover the cost of the bus and, once Probud members were accommodated, we opened the trip to other Charlton residents. We were delighted to fill the bus with 25 Probud members and 15 guests. Our trip took place on Wednesday 18th March, and we certainly appreciated the cooler weather.

For over 40 years, Thales in Australia has been a trusted partner, providing indispensable products, services and support to Australian

government and businesses. The company supports customers nationwide across Defence, Aerospace, Cyber and Digital sectors, developing products and solutions that help make the world safer, greener and more inclusive. Most people would recognise Thales in Bendigo as the manufacturer of the Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicle.

We were divided into two groups and taken through three different "shops" to observe the production line and see the finished vehicles. It was impressive to learn that Thales employs 260 people at the Bendigo facility, contributing significantly to the local economy.

After our informative and engaging tour, we enjoyed lunch at a nearby hotel before visiting the Garden for the Future, located on the southern side of the Heritage Garden at the Bendigo Botanic Gardens in White Hills. This delightful area features the Fun and Fantasy Garden, the Around Australia Garden and the Around the World Garden. An events stage and shelter are available for concerts and larger gatherings, and there is also a café and event space on site.

It was another wonderful outing, incorporating friendship, fellowship, fun and food.



Probus at the Thales Australia Factory in Bendigo. Pictured in front of a Bushmaster vehicle.



February Birthdays: John & Sheila Grenfell, Anne Kenny, Elaine Wicks, Jenny Barnard, Bevan Olive.



Guest speakers - Rod McKee & Bianca Hempel.



Charlton Netball Club

2026 is here and the girls have hit the ground running! Official Pre-Season training kicked off at the start of February seeing the girls training both in Bendigo and Charlton. Senior coach Leah Smith also put together a 6 week training program for those who are completing trainings at home. Alongside Leah we welcome back Emily Lanyon into the netball world (after a successful stint with our hockey team!). Em has been helping take Charlton trainings with Holly Thompson leading the way for our Bendigo sessions.

There's some new faces around with a few returning players as well which gives a great feel to what can be achieved this year. We would also like to highlight our committee for 2026, congratulations to Chloe Walsh for continuing in her role as President (full committee is pictured below).

Registrations for 2026 are well and truly opened, all players are advised to have completed their registration prior to any training and is an absolute must to be able to take the

court come round 1. Registration costs are below, please reach out to Abby Mulquiny (CNC Secretary – 0438 072 385) or Rebecca Sexton (CNC Treasurer – 0447 368 343) if you have any questions or are needing financial assistance.

Netball Victoria Fees for Season 2026 are as follows:

Senior (incl. Coaches, Bench Officials and Umpires)

Netball Victoria Membership = \$94.00
 Charlton Netball Club Membership = \$50
 North Central Netball Association - Competition Fees = \$5
 Totalling \$149

*Please note there could be a small Transaction Fee

Junior (born between 1/1/2009 – 31/12/2019 7-17 years)

Netball Victoria Membership = \$73.00
 Charlton Netball Club Membership = \$50
 North Central Netball Association - Competition Fee = \$5
 Totalling = \$128

*Please note there could be a small Transaction Fee

Players under 7 must register to NSG NetSetGo (born on or after 1/1/2016) – \$99

Off the Court- \$50.00 (with the new CSS regulations anyone in an Executive position now will have to register to NV, this will be your netball operations volunteer).

Some exciting news in our off season was the announcement of Erin Blair being selected for the Bendigo Academy of Sport – a great achievement for Erin who has a very bright future ahead in netball.

Below are some key dates we have coming up but the big one is round 1, kicking off with a home game, Go Navies!

21st of March - Practice match Vs Lake Boga @ Lake Boga TBC

28th of March – Practice match tournament @ Pyramid Hill

11th of April – ROUND 1 @ CHARLTON





Charlton College

Charlton College Recognises its 2025 Student Leaders

Charlton College officially inducted its 2026 student leaders at the annual Badge Conferral ceremony held on Monday the 9th of February. The occasion recognised students stepping into key leadership roles across the school community.

Students, staff and families gathered for the occasion, united in a shared sense of pride and celebration.

The ceremony began with the induction of the College's Senior School Captains, Sarah Blair and Maggie Riley, along with Junior School Captains Alodia Acantilado and Cody Jenkyn. Principal Craig Kelly highlighted the significance of their roles as ambassadors for the school, bridging the gap between students and staff while promoting the College's values, spirit and unity. In response, the captains expressed their enthusiasm for representing the student body, organising events and leading assemblies, while fostering a positive and inclusive school culture.

A special moment in the ceremony saw the new Foundation students formally welcomed to the College by their Year 12 buddies. These partnerships will continue to

grow throughout the year, with students meeting regularly to build supportive and meaningful connections.

Parent Club President Hayley Soulsby inducted the Senior Sports Captain, Heidi Start, and Junior Sports Captains Thomas McGurk and Archer Smyth, acknowledging their consistent effort, positive attitude and exemplary behaviour on the sporting field.

The House Captains were inducted by Senior Sports Coordinator Rhys Thompson. Representing Avoca are Captains Ethan Soulsby and Leigh Van Boven, while Amali Fitzpatrick and Kaitlyn Pollock will lead Calder House with pride throughout the year.

Assistant Principal Kim Fitzpatrick inducted the members of the Student Leadership Council, noting the strong representation of students committed to contributing positively to the College community.

Year 12 students were also presented with their badges by 10-12 Coordinator Meaghan King, marking their final year of schooling and recognising their important leadership role within the College.

The ceremony concluded with the College Captains wishing all in attendance an enjoyable and successful year ahead.



Captains - Sarah Blair & Maggie Riley.



Junior Captains - Alodia Acantilado & Cody Jenkyn.



Junior Sports Captains - Thomas McGurk & Archer Smyth, and Senior Sports Captain, Heidi Start.



House Captains - Leigh Van Boven & Ethan Soulsby (Avoca) & Amali Fitzpatrick & Kaitlyn Pollock (Calder).



Year 12 with Foundation students: Michael Olive & Harry Smyth, Brooke Burr & Zander White, Sarah Blair, Kaitlyn Pollock & Harlow McCabe, Maggie Riley & Scarlett Bullock.



Charlton College



SLC: Back: Jordan Chamberlain, Charlie Zagame, Ethan Soulsby, Leigh Van Boven, Erin Blair, Stella Nicolson, Sarah Blair, Taylah Giles, Sheena Fitzpatrick, Heidi Start, Tamsyn McGurk, Maggie Riley, Amali Fitzpatrick. Front: Don Blair, Harrison Stahl, Thomas McGurk, Campbell Riley, Archer Smyth, Cody Jenkyn, Alodia Acantilado, William Canham, Chace Hooper-Dixon and Lily Lane.

Staffing Changes

At the commencement of 2026, we have been joined by the following new and returning staff members:

- Megan Godkin-Briggs (Primary)
- Lucy Nihill (English and Humanities)
- Phil Britton (English)
- Rachel Smyth (VET Sport and Recreation)
- Erin Dohrmann (Science)
- Karen Medlyn (Woodwork)

Foundation Students First Month of School

Our Foundation students have had a wonderful first month of school, settling in beautifully and embracing all the new experiences that school brings. They have been busy making new friends, learning classroom routines, and building their confidence each day.

Throughout the month, students have explored our learning spaces, participated in engaging literacy and numeracy activities, and enjoyed creative play both indoors and outdoors. It has been fantastic to see them developing independence as they organise their belongings, follow instructions, and take pride in their work.

Year 7 Camp | Thursday 12th/13th Feb

Our Year 7 students had a fantastic time at camp in Boort!

Although wild weather meant their departure had to be delayed, spirits remained high and everyone was excited to finally head off for a jam-packed two days of fun and adventure.

There was certainly no time to rest! Activities included:

- Visiting the famous Spanner Man
- Playing lawn bowls
- Exploring the local museum

On Thursday night, students enjoyed a delicious dinner with pizzas cooked in the Boort P-12 School pizza oven. Everyone had the chance to make their own pizza, which made the evening even more special (and tasty!).

A big thank you to all our Year 7 students for making it such a memorable couple of days away. We would also like to sincerely thank Mrs Fitzpatrick, Miss Smith, Mr Rathjen, Mr Zudetich, Mrs Zagame and Mr Thompson for their support and assistance in running the camp — your efforts were greatly appreciated.

What a wonderful camp experience for our Year 7s!

Swimming Sports | Friday 20th Feb

We were treated to perfect conditions for our House Swimming Sports today! 🌞 It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved, giving every event a go, and showing wonderful team spirit throughout the day.

A big thank you to the parents who came along to support our students and run the BBQ - your help is always greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the staff who ensured the day ran so smoothly.

Congratulations to Avoca House, led by Ethan and Leigh, who proudly took home the trophy this year!



Swimming Sports, Stella Nicolson, Murphy Fitzpatrick, Jordan Chamberlain & Mitchell Boyle.



Henry Lanyon, Miss Smith and Mr Zudetich on duty at Swimming Sports.



Charlton College

OK Motels – Work Experience BBQ Saturday 21st Feb

Our Year 10s were up bright and early to serve up a BBQ breakfast for our OK Motel patrons. A big thank you to all that supported this year's Work Experience BBQ. Check out the College Facebook or our Newsletter if you would like to sign up for our annual footy tipping.

Chinese New Year | Monday 23rd Feb

Our F-6 students joyfully celebrated Chinese New Year, welcoming the Year of the Horse!

Students and families had a wonderful cultural experience filled with learning and fun activities. We explored and sampled different types of traditional Chinese teas, discovering new flavours and learning about tea culture. Students learnt about traditional Chinese clothing and dress wear, including

how colours and designs are important during New Year celebrations. We also got to make delicious savoury rice balls!

It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about Chinese traditions, culture, and celebrations in an interactive way.

新年快乐 (xīn nián kuài lè) - Happy New Year!

NCD Swimming | Tuesday 24th Feb

It was a cracking day for Charlton College at NCD Swimming!

Heidi Start - 17YR old age group champion - Freestyle (50&100m), Breaststroke (50&100m), Backstroke (50&100m), Butterfly, 4x50 Medley - 1st

Stella Nicolson - 16YR old age group champion - Freestyle and Breaststroke - 1st Backstroke - 3rd

Hudson McGrath - Breaststroke - 3rd

Heidi, Stella, Lila Schofield & Marley McGurk - Relay - 2nd

Jordan Chamberlain, Xavier Good, & Isaac Roberts - Relay - 3rd

Heidi & Stella will go onto the LMR Region Finals in Swan Hill on Tuesday 10th March.

Hockey Roadshow | Wednesday 25th Feb

Students were thrilled to take part in the Hockey Roadshow once again this year! Lucy and Ella guided students through the basics of stickhandling, passing, and shooting, making for a fun and engaging session for both our 1-2 and 3-6 students.

Beyond learning new skills, students embraced the spirit of teamwork, confidence, and sportsmanship, making the experience both exciting and rewarding. Thank you, Geordie and Toby, for a great morning!



Chinese New Year, Peggy Ash, Chloe Watts, Sophie Smyth, Tom McGurk, Olive McGurk, Ned Lamour, Matilda Leslie, Campbell Riley, Harlow McCabe, Oliver Lane, & Zander White.



Hockey Roadshow.



Year 7 Camp at Lake Boort.



Showing our amazing writing to Mrs Fitz.



NCD Swimming, Sophie Roberts, Lila Schofield, Marley McGurk, Rosie Fitzpatrick, Jordan Chamberlain, Xavier Good, Stella Nicolson, Isaac Roberts, Hudson McGrath, Heidi Start.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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NOMINATE BULOKE WOMEN

Each year, the Victorian Honour Roll of Women showcases outstanding women who are making Victoria a fairer, stronger and a more inclusive place for us all.

The Roll recognises those women with remarkable leadership, dedication and commitment to their community.

For information and to nominate, visit: www.vic.gov.au/honour-roll-women

Nominations close on Friday 20 March.

NEW ONLINE REQUESTS, FEEDBACK AND ENQUIRIES FEATURE

We've introduced a new Requests, Feedback and Enquiries feature on our website to make it easier for residents to get in touch with Council.

The new online form allows you to quickly submit service requests, provide feedback or make an enquiry in one central place. It is designed to help us capture information more accurately and respond more efficiently.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be testing and refining the feature as more people begin using it. This will help us identify and resolve any minor issues as part of the rollout.

If you have a request or enquiry for Council, we encourage you to try the new online form via our website.

We look forward to officially launching the feature in early March and continuing to improve how we connect with our community.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURE – LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

Buloke Shire Council advises that Council offices will be closed on Monday 9 March due to the public holiday.

Offices will reopen and normal business hours will resume on Tuesday 10 March.

Kerbside waste and recycling collections will occur as scheduled unless otherwise advised. Residents are reminded to place bins out the night before their usual collection day.

For urgent Council matters during this time, please call 1300 520 520 to be directed to the after-hours service.



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

→ Applications Close: 18 March 2026

We are seeking a motivated and safety-focused Team Leader Open Spaces to coordinate daily operations across parks, urban maintenance, waste services and community facilities. This hands-on leadership role supports high-quality service delivery, oversees staff and resources, and promotes a strong safety culture across Council's open space and environmental operations.

OPEN SPACES SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

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

→ Applications Close: 18 March 2026

We are seeking an enthusiastic and compliance-focused Open Spaces Sustainability Officer to support the sustainable management of Council's waste, landfill, aerodrome and open space

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at 224 Yeungroon-Woosang Road, Yeungroon.

The application is for a permit to **construct buildings and works associated with an existing use (Cattle feedlot).**

The application reference number is **PA26004.**

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 Council, Wycheproof on 1300 520 520.

operations. This role plays a key part in ensuring regulatory compliance, managing risk and driving continuous improvement across essential community services.

GOVERNANCE OFFICER

Permanent (Full Time) – From \$38.73 per hour (+ superannuation)

→ Applications Close: 4 March 2026

We are seeking a Governance Officer to support strong decision-making across Council. This role provides advice and coordination across governance, risk management, compliance, FOI and privacy, working closely with senior staff, Councillors and the Audit and Risk Committee.

RECORDS ASSISTANT

Permanent (Full Time) – From \$35.04 per hour (+ superannuation)

→ Applications Close: 4 March 2026

We are looking for a Records Assistant to support the day-to-day operation of Council's Records team. The role focuses on the registration, filing and retrieval of records, mail processing and general administrative support across the organisation.

MANAGER INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Permanent (Full Time) – Salary \$120,000–\$134,000 (+ superannuation)

→ Applications Close: 4 March 2026

We are seeking an experienced Manager Innovation and Technology to lead Council's ICT function. This senior role focuses on technology strategy, innovation, cyber security and digital transformation, supporting improved services and outcomes for the community.

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 on the Planning page of the Buloke Shire Council website.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before:

19 March 2026.

If you object to the application, the Responsible Authority will tell you it's decision.



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CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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Welcome to March!

March is full of opportunities to learn, connect, and create! From pickleball to craft to lively group discussions, there's something for everyone. Let's make this month one of growth and discovery.

Regular Weekly and Monthly Activities

- Coffee with a...: Mondays during school term, 10:30 AM–12 PM at the FLO Cafe. Join local guests for engaging conversations.
- Yarning²: Mondays, 10:30 AM–12 PM. Dive into knitting, crochet, felting, macramé, and more while enjoying friendly chats.
- Community Craft Group- Every Tuesday 10am to 12pm at the Lions Lodge, bring a project you are working on.
- Book Club: Third Wednesday of every month, 10:30 AM–12 PM. No set book—just share what you're reading or listening to!

March Highlights

Let's Learn Mahjong at Mallee Creatives has one session left and has been so popular, that we are leaving a mahjong set there. It is available to use anytime, however if you pop in on a Friday around 1.30 you will most likely find a game about to start.



Charlton Cultural Magazine – Autumn Edition

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Charlton Pool sessions again prove popular.

The Charlton Pool has been the place to be to get involved with some of the Neighbourhood Houses organized activities. Gentle Water Exercise Classes and water familiarization sessions for children were well attended. Our thanks go to Buloke Shire for their support of the programs.



Little Locals Art Club

Poppy has commenced regular Friday sessions for our town's young children at Mallee Creatives, where fun is high on the agenda.

Sessions will be \$5 per child to cover the cost of materials and parents will receive a free coffee, so they can relax while the young ones have fun.

The next session on March 27th is Friendly Little Monsters.



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WHAT'S ON FOR



MARCH

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| <p>Each Monday of School Term</p> | <p>Yarning² Social Group Where: FLO Cafe Time: 10.30 am-12 pm FREE, bring your own yarn project</p>  | <p>11</p> | <p>Learn to Swim- final session Where: Charlton Pool Time: 4.00pm - 6.00pm Total Cost: \$50 for 4yrs +, \$20 under 4</p>  |
| <p>Each Tuesday</p> | <p>Community Craft Group Where: Lions Lodge Time: 10.00 am-12 pm \$3, bring your own craft project</p>  | <p>11</p> | <p>Carers & Co. Group Info. Sharing Where: Cricket Club Hotel Time: 12 pm- 1.30 pm Cost: Lunch at subsidised prices Speaker: TBA</p> |
| <p>Each Wednesday</p> | <p>2026 Deb Set Dance Lessons Where: Uniting Church Hall Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm Bring a Water Bottle</p>  | <p>12</p> | <p>Come & Try Pickleball Where: Charlton Stadium (Davies St) Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm Cost: Free for March</p>  |
| <p>2</p> | <p>Coffee with a... Forum Rep Where: FLO Cafe, Rex Theatre Time: 10.30 am-12 pm FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee</p>  | <p>17</p> | <p>Buloke Book Club Where: Library, Senior Citizens Room Time: 10.30 am-12 pm Cost: FREE, discuss any book.</p>  |
| <p>4</p> | <p>Gentle Water Exercises Where: Charlton Pool Time: 2.00pm - 3.00pm Total Cost: \$50</p>  | <p>19</p> | <p>Come & Try Pickleball Where: Charlton Stadium (Davies St) Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm Cost: Free for March</p>  |
| <p>4</p> | <p>Learn to Swim Where: Charlton Pool Time: 3.30pm - 6.00pm Total Cost: \$50 for 4yrs +, \$20 under 4</p>  | <p>23</p> | <p>Coffee with a... Buloke Councillor Where: FLO Cafe Time: 10.30 am-12 pm FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee</p>  |
| <p>5</p> | <p>Come & Try Pickleball Where: Charlton Stadium (Davies St) Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm Cost: Free for March</p>  | <p>25</p> | <p>e-Prepared Paperwork Sessions Where: CNH Time: Appointments only FREE, bookings essential.</p>  |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Let's Learn Mahjong Where: Mallee Creatives Time: 1.30 -2.30pm Cost: Free, bookings essential</p>  | <p>26</p> | <p>Come & Try Pickleball Where: Charlton Stadium (Davies St) Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm Cost: Free for March</p>  |
| <p>Need help with your technology? This is a user pay service that we can assist with. Ring 0473-759 456 to schedule a time.</p> | | <p>27</p> | <p>Little Locals Art Club- 'Friendly Monsters' Where: Mallee Creatives Time: 3.30-4.15pm Cost: \$5 with free coffee</p>  |

Strong Turnout For Charlton Film Festival

Charlton Arts has celebrated another successful Charlton Film Festival, held on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 February at the historic Rex Theatre.

The two-day event once again brought a welcome buzz to High Street, with cinema lovers gathering for a carefully curated program of five films spanning historical drama, documentary and uplifting crowd-pleasers.

The festival opened on Friday evening with Nuremberg, a powerful historical drama that proved a riveting start to the weekend. Audiences were quickly drawn into the tension of the post-war courtroom setting, and the film generated thoughtful discussion in the foyer long after the credits rolled.

Saturday's program offered contrast and variety. The New Zealand feature TinA struck an emotional chord with many viewers, while the French film Holy Cow provided warmth and gentle humour. The documentary Love of an Icon: The Legend of Crocodile Dundee was a nostalgic highlight, prompting smiles and fond reflections on one of Australia's most iconic films.

Saturday night's closing feature, Song Sung Blue, was one of the most anticipated films of the weekend and proved particularly popular.

As usual, the festival drew a mix of familiar faces and first-time visitors. Many patrons return each year for the unique atmosphere of the Rex Theatre and the opportunity to catch up with friends. This year also saw visitors travelling from across the district and from various parts of Victoria, reinforcing the festival's reputation as a valued regional arts event.

The social side of the weekend was once again an important part of the experience. Suppers and Saturday's lunch were well received, and the Rex candy bar did brisk business in popcorn and choc-tops — essential accompaniments to a weekend of cinema.

Festival coordinator, Carolyn Olive, said she was very pleased with the response this year. "The feedback on the films this year was overwhelmingly positive. It was one of the busiest festivals we've had in quite some time, certainly since before COVID."

With another festival successfully concluded, Charlton Arts and the Rex Theatre volunteers can once again take pride in presenting an event that continues to bring people together and celebrate the shared joy of cinema in a truly unique community setting.



Regular attendees from Melbourne, Laura Pender and Grace Natoli, have been coming along to the festival for 14 years.



Enjoying supper on Saturday night.

Charlton Courthouse Gallery

Colour, creativity and a pleasing community turnout marked the official opening of Sonya Hindson's exhibition at the Charlton Courthouse Gallery on Sunday 15th February.

Visitors were greeted by gallery walls adorned with vibrant colour, layered imagery and striking compositions that invited viewers to pause, reflect and engage.

The exhibition was officially opened by curator Chris Wyatt, who spoke about his first encounter with Sonya's work. Chris explained he met Sonya at the local pub, where a conversation about art led to her sharing images of her pieces. Impressed by what he saw, he encouraged her to consider exhibiting.

In response, Sonya, who is highly regarded for her animal portraiture commissions - particularly her detailed and expressive dog portraits, spoke warmly about her artistic journey and the deeply personal nature of the works featured in the exhibition.

"These pieces are my more personal works," Sonya explained. "They're very different from my commissioned portraits. I never really imagined they would be displayed publicly, let alone offered for sale."

Sonya said her collage pieces originated during her breast cancer treatment. Faced with blank canvases and struggling for inspiration, she instead turned to her collection of magazine and book pages, experimenting with imagery, symbolism and colour.

The opening afternoon proved a resounding success, with a dozen pieces sold. Although delighted, Sonya admitted parting with some works was not without emotion. "It's always a little difficult to let certain pieces go," she said. "But selling work means I can make room for new ideas and more art."

The exhibition will continue at the Gallery on the 8th and 9th March, 11am till 3pm.



Right: Sonya discusses her art.





St Joseph's School

The first half of Term One has been a vibrant and inspiring start to the year at St Joseph's, filled with learning, faith, community spirit and plenty of fun!

A Splashing Success – Our Swimming Program & Carnival

Our amazing swimming program ran each day for two complete weeks; led by our trained leader, Mrs Lanyon, and our enthusiastic and capable staff. Students swam each day for two weeks and showed tremendous growth in confidence, skill and water safety awareness. It was wonderful to see the improvement across all year levels, with encouragement and personalised support helping every child achieve their personal best.

The highlight was our colourful Swimming Carnival, held in absolutely perfect weather. The day was a true celebration of collaboration, enjoyment, improvement and team spirit. Students proudly competed in a range of events including freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke races, as well as exciting relay events that had everyone cheering from the sidelines. The diving events were also a crowd favourite, showcasing courage and skill – and who could make the biggest splash! Congratulations to Team Nemo, our overall winners.

A huge thank you to our fantastic community for your support! Your involvement helped create a joyful, welcoming atmosphere that truly reflected the spirit of St Joseph's. Special thanks to Mrs Fitzpatrick for running the sausage sizzle and the Holmes-Brown Family for the yummy slushies to end the day!

Student Voice: The swimming program was so much fun! I loved it! We practised water safety and I went in the deep end. I can't lie, I think everyone loved it! Puna

Safer Internet Day – Inform & Empower

As part of our commitment to student wellbeing, we recognised Safer Internet Day through our Inform and Empower program. Students participated in important learning experiences focused on staying safe online, being responsible digital citizens and knowing how to seek help when needed.

At St Joseph's, we are deeply committed to child safety — both offline and online. We continue to work in partnership with families to ensure our students are informed, empowered and protected in the digital world. This year we have gone a step further and are proud subscribers to INFORM & EMPOWER, a fantastic, whole school, interactive approach to cyber safety and digital wellbeing.

Student Voice: We had an online meeting about being safe online!!!! It was the most fun event and we all liked playing the Kahoot about being safe online. We can't wait to have it again next term. Edwin

Opening School Mass – Choosing Peace

Our Opening School Mass set a beautiful tone for the year ahead, mirroring the Diocesan theme of Peace. A spectacular highlight was the unveiling of our "Wings of Peace," creatively designed and created by our students. These stunning wings symbolise our shared commitment to being peace-makers in our school and wider community.

It was especially pleasing to see our senior students guiding and supporting our junior students throughout the celebration — a wonderful example of leadership and unity. As a school, we have embraced a year-long mission to be peace-sharers and peace-makers.

Student Voice: The students were beaming with excitement and glowing below the sun, ready to start the 2026 year! We celebrated the new Year 6 leaders. Yazmin

Red Cross

Students also participated in the Australian Red Cross Pillowcase Project, learning valuable lessons about preparedness, helping others and community resilience. Students decided what they would need to put in their special pillowcases in the case of an emergency so they were prepared and ready to go (e.g., medications, special toy....). Students then decorated their personal pillowcases and thanked the many Red Cross volunteers who worked with us for the afternoon.

Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

We enjoyed a delicious Pancake Tuesday celebration (Shrove Tuesday), bringing smiles to faces across the school before gathering for our Ash Wednesday Mass the following day. This marked the beginning of the Catholic season of Lent. It was a joyful way to acknowledge the liturgical calendar and reflect on the themes of preparation, generosity and renewal that Lent invites us to consider.

Student Voice: We got to eat pancakes on Tuesday but Shrove Tuesday is not just about pancakes. It means some people used to use all their eggs, milk, flour and butter to be ready to start Lent. Sally

Closure Day – Universal Design for Learning

We also held a Closure Day for staff professional learning, centred on Universal Design for Learning (UDL), specific learning disorders and neurodivergence. This was a valuable opportunity for staff to deepen their understanding and continue planning for equity, ensuring that all students are supported to access learning in ways that recognise their individual strengths and needs. Our commitment remains clear: every learner matters, and every learner deserves the opportunity to thrive.



Grade 6 enjoying their new jumpers - Flynn Zagame, Maddie Lanyon, Eadie Ash, Yazmin Harte-Johnstone, Edwin Jince & Finn Schofield. (Absent Connor Caine & Maddy Jovica).

St Joseph's School



Student Agency

The DOBCEL Strategy 2035 encompasses strengthening student voice and agency as we work to make our good schools even greater! Today, we took an exciting first step, with our Grade 6 students joining an online session alongside students from 50 DOBCEL schools. This collaborative launch has begun the important work of gathering ideas, insights and opinions directly from our young people. It is a super initiative that ensures our students are not only part of the conversation, but active contributors to shaping the future of their education.

Student Voice: What fun! Students yell, "EUREKA!" Inspired by the book THE NIGHT WE STORMED EUREKA the Grade 4/5/6 class was looking for gold. We pretended that counters were gold nuggets. Mrs Armstrong gave us licences to pan for gold in the sandpit. Mrs Armstrong also buried the counters in the sandpit. She was a police officer and sent us to jail if our licence were out of date or if we left our equipment lying around everywhere. What fun! Lila

We are excited for the second half of the term as we continue learning, growing and choosing peace together!



Sam Revell, Yazmin Harte-Johnstone, Eve Mulquiny, Sally Armstrong & Corrina Harte-Johnstone dressed in team colours for the Swimming Carnival.



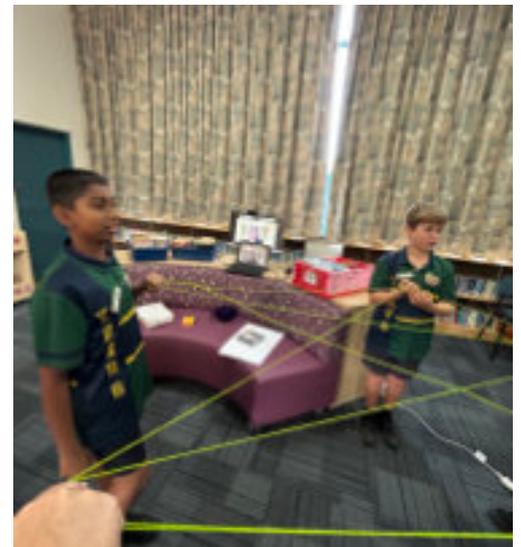
Ivy Sexton representing Team Nemo.



Franklin Holmes-Brown ready to go for Team Dory at the Swimming Carnival.



Maddie Lanyon, Edwin Jince, Eadie Ash & Finn Schofield accept the trophy for Team Nemo.



Edwin Jince & Finn Schofield in the Student Agency session.



St Joseph's School



Senior Constable Tania Peters from Swan Hill presenting on Safer Internet Day pictured with the Gr 3-6 students.



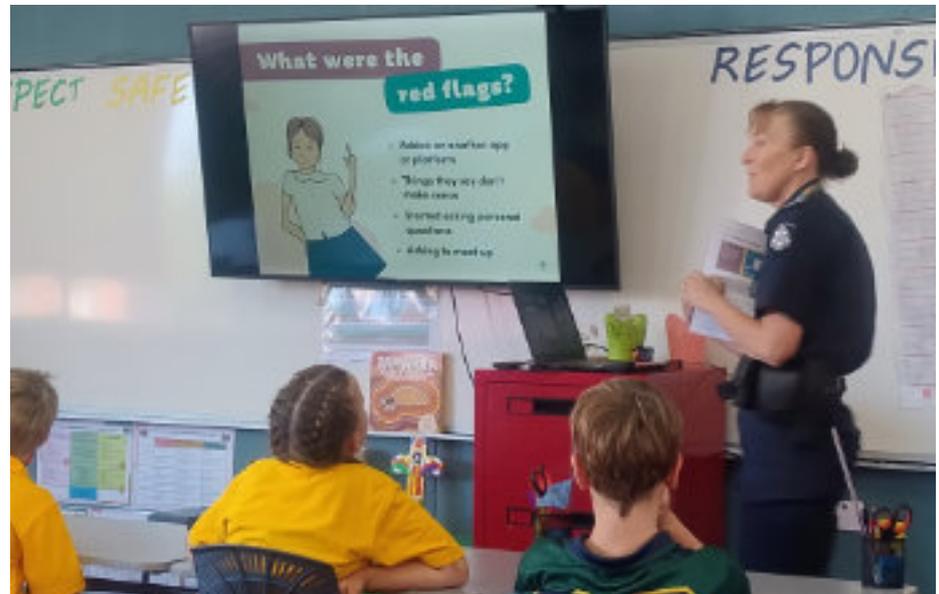
Finn Schofield & Maddie Lanyon in the Student Agency session.



Flynn Zagame and Thomas Pridgeon trying out our WINGS OF PEACE at the opening Mass.



Amelie Hellard holding the message stick aloft at our opening Mass.



Senior Constable Tania Peters from Swan Hill presenting on Safer Internet Day.



Charlton Harness Racing

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR DAY MARCH 15TH

Preparations are in full swing for the Community Bank Charlton and District 2026 Charlton Cup Day.

Big thanks goes out to all the major sponsors who will be front and centre on our biggest day and who we rely on so heavily to help us deliver a great community day for Charlton and a quality racing day for our industry.

- Community Bank Charlton and District - Pacing Cup Sponsor
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HONOURING OUR FRIENDS JOE THOMPSON AND GREG NORMAN

There will be two special races this year to honour the lives, contributions and friendships of Joe Thompson and Greg Norman whom we sadly lost in recent months.

Both meant so much to us in the harness racing family in Charlton and even more to us as friends and members of our wider Charlton community.

In different ways their legacy will live on here, starting with this time to reflect and celebrate them both on our most important day.

CHARLTON – WE NEED YOU!!!

It’s no secret that the harness racing industry is facing massive challenges at the moment and many clubs are being impacted in a variety of ways. Here at Charlton we are doing our best to keep on top of all these changes and cuts.

The clearest message that we can send to those running the industry at HRV is to deliver a great Cup Day that is strongly supported by locals and racing participants alike. So we really urge everyone in Charlton to come along and be a part of a day that takes many months of planning to put together. If we are to buck the trend this day needs to show that we are able to grow as a club even in the toughest of times.

ENTRY IS FREE and we have lots of entertainment for all ages.

WHAT’S ON??

- Sulky Race - \$1000 to the winning team – must have a girl riding in the sulky! Call 0499701322 to register your team.
- Cup Parade – how will the cups and drivers enter the track this year? Surprise!!
- NEW Sulky Bar Enclosure – want something a bit different this year? \$100 food and drink included. This **MUST** be booked before race day.
- Dining – Yeh! All booked out for this year! Thanks all! Thanks to Kylie and Naomi who will again wow our guests.

- MARQUEES – ONE LEFT \$150 for 10 people.
- KIDS – Showbags for all kids, bucking bull, ice cream van, and a horse shoe scavenger hunt. Winner \$50
- Bucking Bull for the brave or the silly.
- Fashions on the Field – with a touch of sunflower this year girls! Great prizes to win.
- Live Music –Joss Russell
- Charlton Punt Off 6 – always a highlight. Can Joe and Paddy finally win this thing?
- Pizza and Food vans after the last.
- BBQ Bar and Juppy the bookie all operating.
- St. John of God Bendigo Hospital Bubbles in the Bush Team Teal Fundraiser – NOTE the new time 12pm. Auction items will be on Facebook in the coming days. Thanks to Leanne, Kim and Bec who have done a power of work to get this pre-race event ready to raise awareness for ovarian cancer survivors and the treatment that everyone deserves regardless of where they live.

**IT’S OUR CUP DAY –
BE A PART OF IT
ON SUNDAY MARCH 15TH.**



Joe Thompson & Greg Norman - always comfortable at the bar!



What's On At The Rex

Looking for a great movie experience? Then March at The Rex has a variety-filled calendar.

Check out the film outlines and background material below as a cavalcade of A-listers bring the stories to life on the big screen. From sport to sci-fi, passion to parody - it's a season of escapist cinema at your local Rex Theatre!

And don't forget - online ticketing now streamlines your cinema experience - just look, click and book - <https://www.rextheatre.org.au/whats-showing.html>

MARTY SUPREME

(MA15+ | 149 mins | Drama)

Sat 7 March 8pm | Sun 8 March 2pm | Tue 10 March 8pm

Woven around a dream of table-tennis glory, "Marty Supreme" featuring Timothee Chalamet in the title role, takes the viewer on a ride through ambition, and doing whatever it takes to achieve this elusive goal. From a nobody to a much-desired somebody, this fast paced, action-packed story, shows "Marty" to be a not particularly lovable character, but Chalamet's acting skills make the viewer want to root for his success. Also starring Gweneth Paltrow, and Fran Drescher (The Nanny), Chalamet has received an Oscar nomination for Best Actor for this role, and with the Academy Awards just a week or two away (15 March) why not see what all the fuss is about. Enjoy!

MERCY

(M | 100 mins | Sci-fi)

Sat 14 March 8pm | Sun 15 March 2pm

Tue 17 March 8pm

In a not-too-distant world judicial proceedings are undertaken by AI judges (scary thought!) and detective (Chris Pratt) stands on trial accused of murdering his wife. He has 90 minutes to prove his innocence to the advanced A.I. Judge (Rebecca Ferguson) whom he once championed, before his fate is determined. Will he succeed? Come along and find out!

WUTHERING HEIGHTS

(M | 130 mins | Drama | Romance)

Sat 21 March 8pm | Sun 22 March 2pm |

Tue 24 March 8pm

Okay, you've heard the reviews and everyone knows it's not a faithful rendition of Emily Bronte's gothic masterpiece "Wuthering Heights". But this re-imagined telling of Cathy and Heathcliff's passion by director extraordinaire, Emerald Fennell is worth a look for the gorgeous vision, stunning costumes and modernistic interpretation. Love it or hate it, you will have plenty to discuss!

Starring Australian actors Margot Robbie (Cathy) and Jacob Elordi (Heathcliff) and featuring Martin Clunes (Doc Martin) as the Cathy's abusive father (Mr. Earnshaw) prepare to be immersed in this "fan-fiction" spectacle.

FACKHAM HALL

(M | 97 mins | Comedy)

Sat 28 March 8pm | Sun 29 March 2pm |

Tue 31 March 8pm

Tagged as "Born to aristocracy. Bred for idiocy", Fackham Hall is a parody of the hugely popular "Downton Abbey" and "Gosford Park". The brain-child of comedian Jimmy Carr, "Fackham Hall" is filled with absurd sight gags, plenty of jokes and "laugh-out-loud" humour - perfect to share in a cinema with lots of friends. The story centres on lovable pick-pocket, Eric Noone (Ben Radcliffe) as he lands a job at a unique English manor house. He quickly rises through the ranks, and a forbidden romance with lady-of-the-house Rose Davenport (Thomasin McKenzie) blossoms. But when an unexpected murder occurs, Eric gets framed - leaving Rose and her family's future perilously uncertain.

An all-star cast includes - Damian Lewis (Homeland | Wolf Hall), Tom Felton (Draco Malfoy, Harry Potter series) and Jimmy Carr.

CANDY BAR

Add to your cinema experience with a selection from our choc top range including:

Choc Mint, Salted Caramel, Vanilla, and for a short time, Boysenberry! | \$5 each

Or Dixie Cups: Lemon sorbet, Mint, Chocolate, Vanilla and Caramel | \$4 each

See you at The Rex!

Charlton Croquet Club

Due to the hot weather forecast, the Invitation Doubles event held at Charlton Croquet Club on Saturday 21st February began earlier than scheduled and was successfully completed by 1.30pm.

Players travelled from Boort, Quarry Hill, Swan Hill, Wagga and Charlton to

compete in this annual event, which continues to be a highlight on the club's calendar and is always well supported and enjoyed.

The winner was Ian Potter (Boort) with two wins and 19 net points. Runner-up was

Helen Gourlay (Quarry Hill) with two wins and 18 net points.

While the recent hot weather has reduced weekly playing numbers, Tuesday night games continue to attract a strong turnout of members.



Invitation Doubles Winners - Ian Potter & Helen Gourlay.



Invitation Doubles competitors enjoying a break.

THE REX THEATRE



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THE REX THEATRE

MARCH COMING ATTRACTIONS

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



MARTY SUPREME MA15+ Strong violence, coarse language and sex scenes
 149 mins | Drama

Sat 7 MAR 8pm
Sun 8 MAR 2pm
Tue 10 MAR 8pm

Marty Mauser, a young man with a dream no one respects, goes to hell and back in pursuit of greatness. The film is a portrait of ambition in its purest and most dangerous form, and stars Timothée Chalamet and Gwyneth Paltrow.



MERCY M Mature themes, violence, coarse language and drug references
 100 mins | Sci-fi

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WUTHERING HEIGHTS M Mature themes, sex scenes and coarse language
 130 mins | Drama | Romance

Sat 21 MAR 8pm
Sun 22 MAR 2pm
Tue 24 MAR 8pm

Emily Bronte's masterpiece, reimagined by director Emerald Fennell tells of a passionate and tumultuous love story set against the backdrop of the Yorkshire moors, exploring the intense and destructive relationship between Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw. Starring Margot Robbie and Jacob Elordi



FACKHAM HALL M Crude humour, comedic violence, coarse language and sexual references
 97 mins | Comedy

Sat 28 MAR 8pm
Sun 29 MAR 2pm
Tue 31 MAR 8pm

A spoof that crosses Downton Abbey with Flying High and Monty Python, Fackham Hall follows lovable pick-pocket Eric Noone as he lands a job at a unique English manor house. He quickly rises through the ranks, and a forbidden romance with lady-of-the-house Rose Davenport blossoms. But when an unexpected murder occurs, Eric gets framed - leaving Rose and her family's future perilously uncertain.



Purchase tickets online -
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Exhibition & Sale

Sonya Henderson

Charlton Courthouse Gallery

Gallery Times:
11am - 3pm
Sun 1st March
Sun 8th March
Mon 9th March



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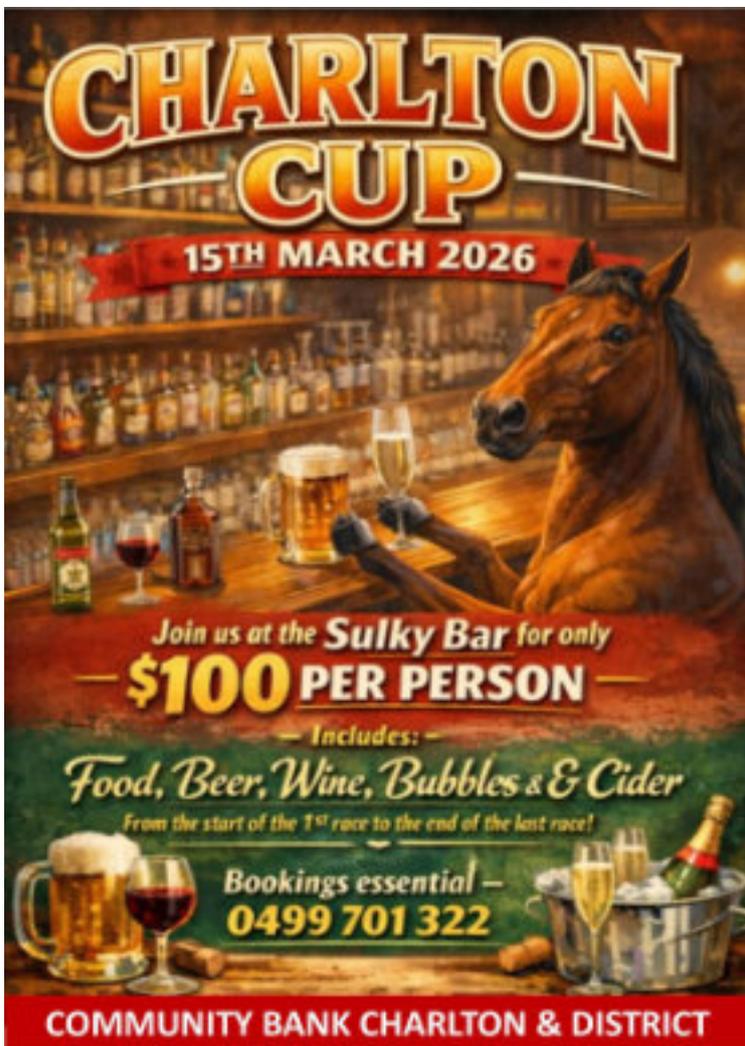
Charlton Courthouse Gallery
Saturday 14th March, 3pm



Join us for a relaxed afternoon of music, poetry and good company.
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15TH MARCH 2026



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St Joseph's Oval - High Street
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Public Entry is from High or Learmonth Streets

Admission Free

- \$200 Hamper to be won
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- Clothes
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Charlton Badminton Season for 2026

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.

Names can be handed in to Ethan Needs on 0474 731 494, or to Brian Heenan on 0437 756 672.

Junior Badminton will start on Tuesday 21st April straight after school. Names can be given to Rae Heenan on 0437 093 672.

Ladies winter badminton will commence on Friday 24th April and names given to Bernadette Zagame on 0427 582 805.

FISHING COMPETITION



Where: Maude, Murrumbidgee River.
When: Saturday & Sunday 7th & 8th March 2026. 7am start Saturday.
Weigh In: Anytime throughout the weekend via the Executive. Final weigh in and presentations. 4pm Sunday.

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet via the Executive prior to fishing
- Fishing can be anytime over the two days of the competition
- 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 final weigh in to qualify
- Juniors allowed to weigh In Carp
- Longest fish & longest bag for the weekend will be added to the yearly aggregate
- Max & Betty Bartlett Memorial Shield up for grabs: \$10/person, winner takes all.

Entry fee: Adults \$5.00. Juniors \$2.00. Yearly Club membership available \$10 adults, \$15 family.

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

All new and current "fisherpeople" welcome!



Charlton RSL Sub-branch

Another of Charlton's Vietnam War veterans, Robert James Smyth, recently passed on to the great beyond. Robert had been retired and living in Queensland for many years. Vale Robert; well served.

And closer to home, Julie Grace Young has also passed on. Julie served in the Citizen Military Forces in No. 3 Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Company from 13 November 1974 until 28 May 1975. Her service number was F363355, her rank was private. Vale Julie; well served.

As brother and sister follow brother and sister into the great beyond, we who are left close our ranks to carry on the RSL tradition of unselfish service, to the veterans, to their dependents, to the needy and the bereaved, and to maintain the highest ideals of citizenship.

LEST WE FORGET

Celebrating 70 Years



Frank and Nance Sait celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on 21st January. They married at St. Joseph's Church. They celebrated with family at the East Charlton Hotel.

East Wimmera Parish - St Joseph's Community

Mass Times

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| Sun. 8 th Mar. | 8.30am |
| Sat. 15 th Mar. | 7.00pm |
| Sun. 22 nd Mar. | 10.30am |
| Sun. 29 th Mar. | 5 th Sunday no Mass at St Joseph's |



Charlton Uniting Church

Charlton Uniting Church Service times for March 2026. Halliday Street, Charlton



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| Sunday 8 th | – 10.00 am |
| Sunday 15 th | – 10.00 am |
| Sunday 22 nd | – 10.00 am |
| Sunday 29 th | – 11.00 am Cluster Service @ Boort |

On Wings of Hope.

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the flowers
Kind deeds are the fruits,
Take care of your garden
And keep out the weeds,
Fill it with sunshine,
Kind words, and Kind deeds.

World Day of Prayer Friday March 6th 10am Charlton Anglican Church

This year the service has been prepared by the people of Nigeria.

North Central Garden Club

After our summer break members were happy to resume our monthly meetings. We look forward to another year of sharing gardening knowledge. Sheila was happy to give an interesting talk on how to take hardwood cuttings in a way that we will be keen to experiment with.

At our March meeting we will welcome Bianca from Customer Service, Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water as our guest speaker. She will provide valuable information about our local water services, conservation initiatives, and practical tips for gardeners on efficient water use. With water being such an important part of maintaining healthy gardens, this promises to be an informative and timely presentation for all members and visitors alike.

There will also be the usual opportunity to catch up with fellow gardeners, share ideas and enjoy the usual afternoon tea.

Feel free to come and join us. The meeting is on Tuesday 24th March 2 pm Lions Lodge, Camp St.

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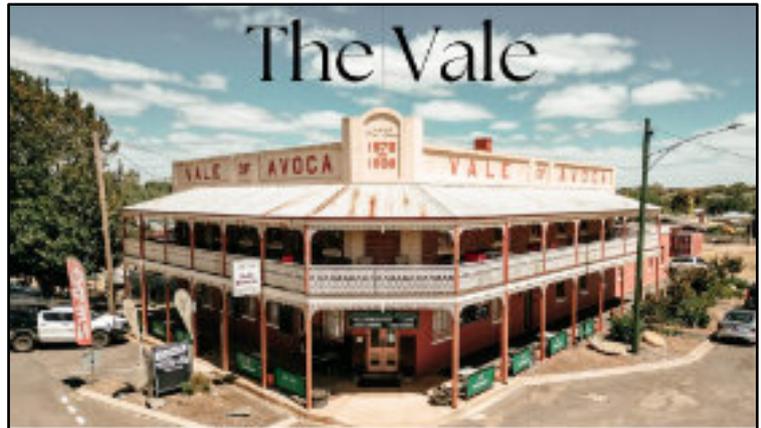
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| 2 | 3 Mens Shed 1pm-4pm Senior Cltz Cards 1:30pm Charlton Craft Group 10-12 | 4 RSL Social 2pm Lions Dinner Meeting | 5 Mens Shed 1pm-4pm | 6 | 7 Fishing Comp | 8 Fishing Comp Courthouse Gallery |
| 9 Courthouse Gallery | 10 Mens Shed 1pm-4pm Senior Cltz Cards 1:30pm Charlton Craft Group 10-12 | 11 | 12 Mens Shed 1pm-4pm | 13 Probuss Meeting | 14 Bowls 21UP Handicap 9:30 Courthouse Soiree | 15 Charlton Pacing Cup |
| 16 Bowls Club Meeting 7:30pm CWA Meeting | 17 Mens Shed 1pm-4pm Senior Cltz Fun Day 10:30am Senior Cltz Cards 1:30pm Charlton Craft Group 10-12 | 18 RSL Social 2pm RSL Business Meeting 5pm Lions Business Meeting 7:30pm Mallee Creatives | 19 Mens Shed 1pm-4pm | 20 | 21 Bowls Fours Championships 9:30am | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Mens Shed 1pm-4pm Senior Cltz Cards 1:30pm Charlton Craft Group 10-12 NCGC Meeting | 25 | 26 Mens Shed 1pm-4pm | 27 | 28 Bowls Fours Medley Tournament 10am | |

April 2026

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