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Charlton ANZAC Day

(By Jenny Pollard, the Buloke Times)

“Remembrance is an Act We Choose”

These were Buloke Councillor, Bruce Stafford’s words as part of last Saturday’s Charlton Anzac Day address – a sentiment echoed by guest speaker, Leading Aircraftman (retired) Neil McGillivray who shared insights and reflections of both his own and his father’s war experiences during the ANZAC service held at the Rex Theatre.

With the Charlton Hall out of operation, the ceremonial component of the town’s observance was relocated to the more centralized and accommodating venue.

In mild autumn weather, a sizable crowd attended the earlier outdoor formalities, supporting RSL members and veterans, who gathered at the cenotaph to lay wreaths honouring the fallen and commemorating those who served their country in times of conflict and peace.

Representatives of the Charlton RSL were joined by Councillor Stafford, CFA and Red Cross personnel, along with St. Joseph’s School leaders, Yazmin Harte-Johnstone and Edwin Jince, and Charlton College school captains (senior) Maggie Riley and Sarah Blair, with junior leaders, Cody Jenkyn and

Aloedia Acantilado – all placing wreaths and pausing to reflect.

The placement of the Charlton-Wycheproof Citizens’ Band in the Elliott Garden Rotunda this year was a welcome move, bringing the band closer to the crowd, and supporting the march which moved towards the Charlton Fire Station before wending its way back along High Street to The Rex.

An extensive display of war-related memorabilia, along with two uniformed mannequins, set the scene in the Rex foyer as the crowd filed into the auditorium.

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The march heads down High Street to The Rex Theatre as bystanders applaud the participants.

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From the Editor

Carolyn Olive

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the May edition of the Charlton Community Newsletter. I hope everyone enjoyed Easter and if a parent or grandparent of school-aged children, hopefully you got to spend some time with your family. The weather was certainly nice.

I'd hoped to have a photo of the Charlton Debutante group on the front cover, but unfortunately I didn't receive a photo in time. Look out for the pic and full story in the next edition. By all accounts it was a terrific night.

We've finally had some rain - that will settle the dust and give the crops a good start. Let's hope it continues!

The Pop Up Shops held over the weekend was a great success by all accounts. Congratulations to Jodie & Tanya on their terrific initiative.

Thank you to Jenny Pollard who put on her correspondence hat again to provide some ANZAC day coverage. Thank you to the RSL for their input as well.

Happy Mothers' Day to all the mums out there.

Cheers

Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

May:

Mallee Creatives' Exhibition—Sun. 3rd

Moonshine Coalition @ The Golf Club—Sat. 16th

Tinderella @ The Cricket Club Hotel—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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Great location, great value - don't miss it!

Jemimah is Dancing for Sick Kids

Jemimah is Dancing for Sick Kids – 6 Years of Making a Difference

This year, I'm incredibly proud to once again be taking part in Dance for Sick Kids — now in my sixth year supporting this amazing cause!

Dance for Sick Kids is a week-long fundraising event, running from 11th–17th May, where dancers from all across Australia pledge to dance every day to raise vital funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities. These funds help support seriously ill children and their families by providing a place to stay close to the hospital, warm meals, and essential emotional support during some of the most difficult times in their lives.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Charlton community over the past five years, I've now personally raised over \$12,000, and as the leader of the Dynamic District Dance Studio team, together we have raised more than \$40,000 for this important cause.

One of the most meaningful moments of my fundraising journey was having the privilege of visiting Ronald McDonald House Charities in Fitzroy as one of Victoria's top fundraisers. Seeing firsthand the impact of these donations was truly moving. It was inspiring to witness the amazing work being done for seriously ill children and families, particularly those travelling from rural communities like Charlton. Experiences like

this remind me exactly why I continue to be involved each year.

This year, I'm hoping to raise \$3000 — but I can't do it without your support. Every donation, no matter the size, helps make life a little easier for families and sick kids when they need it most. Could you spare the cost of a coffee today to sponsor me?

You can also follow along and see me dancing every day throughout the event week on Instagram @koaladave22.

Here's how your support can help:

\$35 – Helps keep cupboards stocked with cooking essentials for sick kids and their families

\$57 – Provides a nutritious meal for a sick child and their family during their stay

\$110 – Supplies educational resources in the learning centre for students and siblings studying away from home

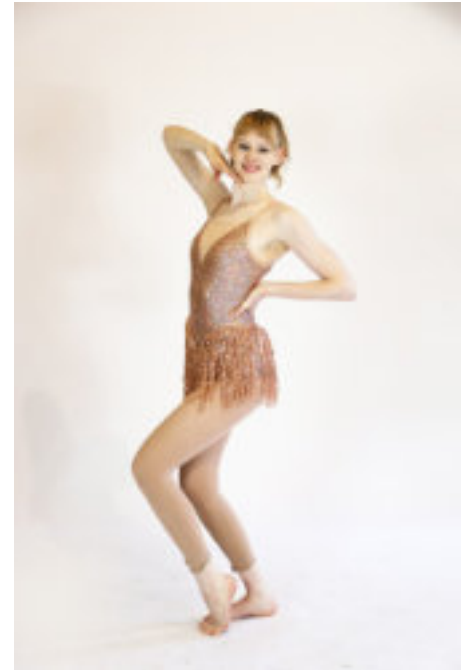
\$160 – Covers one night of accommodation for a sick child and their family

If you'd like to sponsor me in this year's Dance for Sick Kids, I would be so grateful. Together, we can continue making a real difference, one dance step at a time.

Donate here:

<https://tinyurl.com/JemimahDFSK25>

Or scan the QR code, or feel free to email me for more details or to arrange a direct deposit: Puddleduck2202@gmail.com.



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Charlton ANZAC Day

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MC Troy Heenan welcomed all with a short address highlighting the backstory of the original ANZACs and the legacy they forged – a standard which has been held in esteem for 111 years since that fateful Gallipoli landing.

Introducing the officials, Troy welcomed: Allan McGillivray (president Charlton RSL), Bill Freeman (secretary), Padre Reverend Judi Bird, Councillor Bruce Stafford and guest speaker, Neil McGillivray.

Students from both local schools were then invited to come forward and lay poppies on the rows of small white crosses placed in front of the stage.

Musical interludes by both the Band and the Charlton Choir, under the leadership of Gill Gretgrix, enhanced the morning with both melody and song, adding to the scope of the service and being appreciated by the wider community.

Councillor Stafford’s address centred on a family relative, Vincent Charles Monterola, a member of the Royal Australian Airforce, whose aviation career was cut short in a deadly plane crash during a routine exercise over the Blue Mountains. No battlefield glory or enemy engagement was his.

“This is a story which could fade,” said Bruce, “but ANZAC Day is not only about those who fell under fire. Remembrance is an act we choose. When we speak the names of those who served – when we tell stories like Vincent’s – we acknowledge that everyone mattered.”

For guest speaker Neil McGillivray, the former local’s remembrance revealed some of the lighter-hearted moments of training, of camaraderie, and ultimately of the bonds of mateship which existed between Neil’s father Ian, and Alan Cossar in their World War II journey. From their service in New Guinea,

Borneo and El Alamein, to Neil’s own journey – from the local high school to the early 1970s and the flight preparation which ensued – these are just some of the “quieter stories” which are honoured through sharing.

As the morning’s service drew to a conclusion Troy Heenan thanked: the Charlton-Wycheproof Citizens' Band and Bandmaster Brian Heenan OAM, the Charlton Choir under the leadership of Gill Gretgrix, Charlton College and College Captains, Sarah Blair and Maggie Riley, St Joseph’s School, the Charlton Police, Councillor Bruce Stafford, Reverend Judi Bird and guest speaker, Leading Aircraftman, Neil McGillivray.

Following renditions of the New Zealand national anthem (“God Defend New Zealand”) and “Advance Australia Fair” all were invited to adjourn to the RSL club room in Armstrong Street for refreshments and a social get-together.



The Rex auditorium prior to the ANZAC Day service with officials and the band on stage, and the choir in the main auditorium.



Red Cross members (left to right) Jenny McGillivray, Joy Freeman and Janet Stafford are pictured before the march.



Charlton CFA representatives - Captain Craig Walsh & Group Officer Phil Ellis.



Buloke Councillor Bruce Stafford pictured during his address.

Golden Grains Museum

Welcome again to another month of news and updates from your Golden Grains Museum. Coming on 21 June at The Rex is our fashion parade of local gowns. It will be an event not to miss. A bit further away in October is the upcoming Centenary of the Ben Green Memorial Rotunda in Elliott Gardens, with plans being made to celebrate this important structure appropriately.

Visitors, including several groups, continue to visit our wonderful collection with us open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, or by special arrangements with one of the members listed below.

Significance Assessment

Emma, from History at Work, spent several days at the museum undertaking a Significance Assessment of our collection. We look forward to Emma's report. This important step in our aim to better look after and share our collection was funded by the Charlton Bendigo Bank.

Buckrabanyule

For our feature story this month we travel around 16kms east of Charlton to the small community of Buckrabanyule. The first pastoral lease was issued in 1844 and covered an area of 67,000 acres with a capacity of 10,000 sheep. The story really starts in 1869 with the passing of the Land Amendment Act allowing selectors to settle lots of 320 acres each on provision they resided on the land, cultivated one acre in ten and made improvements to the value of one pound per acre. In 1875 a Post Office was established to service the district, with telegraph facilities becoming available to the public in 1885. The railway station arrival in 1882 saw a surge in activity for the area. Up to ten crates of fresh rabbits were sent away each day, with all wool, sheep, lambs, along with bagged wheat and oats using the railway yards. A feature of the railways in the early days were the "Footy Specials" that would take players and supporters to townships around the shire. Special Show Trains also ran when towns had their agricultural shows. There was a six day a week passenger rail between Sea Lake and Bendigo which finished in 1977, with gatekeepers living at many crossings along the line.

With the growing population in the area, the Buckrabanyule Hall was officially opened in 1909 for the price of 277 pounds. To assist with covering annual costs a subscription donation list of wheat was drawn up. The hall was a huge part of the community with many

functions and events being held there over the years. It was also the place of worship for the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. The first General Store opened in 1896 selling all forms of goods from candles, bootlaces, cheese, vegetables and farm machinery parts. This was a popular business in the town that was possibly only rivalled by the Gladstone Hotel. This hotel was considered quite large by country standards with a bar, a residence, a billiard room and four guest rooms. The licence was held until 1941 with the premises being demolished afterwards after 50 years of trading. In 1887 the Wychitella School was moved to Buckrabanyule with 22 boys and 19 girls enrolled that first year. In 1893 the head teacher, Miss Mary Reah, requested a residence be built as she had to live at the hotel which was far from ideal.

Like so many rural communities across Australia the population left the area as opportunities rose in the city or larger regional areas. Farms got larger as families departed, with the 2021 Census showing just 51 people now residing in Buckrabanyule; a far cry from those early days.

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. 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.

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Charlton Netball Club

New season – New look for our Navie girls!

Our committee has been busy in the off season designing our new dresses, and don't they look fantastic! With delivery the day before our round 1 clash it was perfect timing. A special mention to Amy Nicolson for all her work in getting our teams the dresses!

With 2 games under the belt our girls are keen to hit their straps after our ANZAC day bye weekend. We have some special rounds coming up with Round 4 on the 9th of May our Pink Round. Our players will be running a raffle with money being raised for the Breast Cancer Network Australia. Details over the page – please contact any player or committee member to purchase tickets. Alternatively, please use the QR code to directly donate to the BCNA.

Senior Player of the Month – Sarah Blair

Stepping into seniors full time this year, Sarah has proven she isn't just a handy player but a loyal and selfless team contributor. Her attitude is a coach's dream—she turns up every week ready to work, brings positive energy, and embraces any role asked of her without hesitation – whether it's in the goals, WA, or even running out at C, she adapts her game seamlessly to suit the position. At such a young age, Sarah shows a maturity beyond her years—Player of the Month is just the beginning for her.

Junior's Player of the Month – Layla Burn

Layla has shown outstanding commitment since joining the CNC, attending every training session despite making the trip from Bendigo each week. It's a huge effort that doesn't go unnoticed. She has settled

seamlessly into the team, building strong connections and consistently brings a positive attitude. Layla listens carefully, takes on feedback and applies it with intent, showing real growth each week. Her work ethic at training and willingness to put in the extra effort have made her a valuable asset and her contributions both on and off the court have had a great impact on the group. Congratulations Layla we're lucky to have you in the Navies dress!

Update from our U14s team - The CNC are very excited to be fielding two 14 & Under teams for the first time in some years. Their season began with a trip to Bendigo to watch the Vixens and Mavericks. The girls were totally in awe of the pace of the game and athleticism of the players, and were extremely lucky to gain great access to the players after the match, acquiring many signatures and photographs. It is always great to catch up with Molly Jovic, with her Charlton roots. It was the perfect lead in to the season, and has motivated the girls to be focused at training, giving everything their best effort. They have even been practising away from the court! Coaches, Claudia and Kim, couldn't be happier, and with two rounds down, we have a win on the board in each grade. The girls have caught the attention of others around the club, and life member, Kim Thompson, donated Mavericks training tops to be awarded to two deserving players. Sophie and Maddie were the lucky recipients, having been judged just above the other squad members for effort at training. We cannot wait

to watch the skill and game knowledge of these girls grow throughout the season.

Bright Futures - Congratulations to the CNC players selected in the NCNA Representative squads. Sophie Roberts (13 & Under), Erin Blair (15 & Under), Rosie Fitzpatrick (15 & Under Training Partner) and Stella Nicolson (17 & Under Training Partner). The girls have been training on Monday nights and have been gaining lots from the experience. Good luck to the girls when they wear the red and white during May and June.

Social Calendar (see page 22) – our social committee across the netball, football and hockey clubs have been busy. Make sure you head along to the events to support our clubs... and have a great night!



Maddie & Sophie with their new training tops.



B Grade - defenders in new dresses.



Charlton Netball Club



U14s training.



Junior player of the month - Layla Burn.



Junior players with Molly Jovic.



Sarah Blair - Player of the Month.



Enjoying some SSN action!

NAVIES PINK DAY

SATURDAY 8th MAY - V SEA LAKE @ HOME

WE ARE HOSTING A PLAY4BCNA PINK SPORTS DAY IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER NETWORK AUSTRALIA (BCNA). THANK YOU FOR GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR FUNDRAISING AND HELPING BCNA TO INFORM, SUPPORT, CONNECT AND REPRESENT ALL AUSTRALIANS AFFECTED BY BREAST CANCER. BREAST CANCER IS THE MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED CANCER IN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN WITH ONE IN SEVEN DIAGNOSED IN THEIR LIFETIME. OVER 20,000 WOMEN ARE EXPECTED TO BE DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER THIS YEAR AS WELL AS OVER 200 MEN.

PLAY4BCNA



Charlton College

Term 2 has arrived! After enjoying a well-earned break over the Easter holidays, we're now back into the swing of things and ready for another big and exciting term ahead.

Sports Victoria, State Championships

Heidi Start travelled to Melbourne to compete in the 50m Breaststroke at School Sports Victoria State Championships!

Whilst she didn't quite get the result she was after, it's an amazing effort and achievement to make it to that level.

Well done, Heidi!

ANZAC Day Service

On Friday 24th April, our college community came together to commemorate

ANZAC Day with a respectful and meaningful service. We were honoured to welcome Bill Freeman, Allan and Jennifer McGillivray, along with our School Council President, Viv Cossar, for our ANZAC Day Memorial.

Through readings, a minute of silence, and the laying of a wreath, we honoured the spirit of the ANZACs and took time to remember the importance of courage, mateship, and resilience. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the service such a special and memorable occasion.

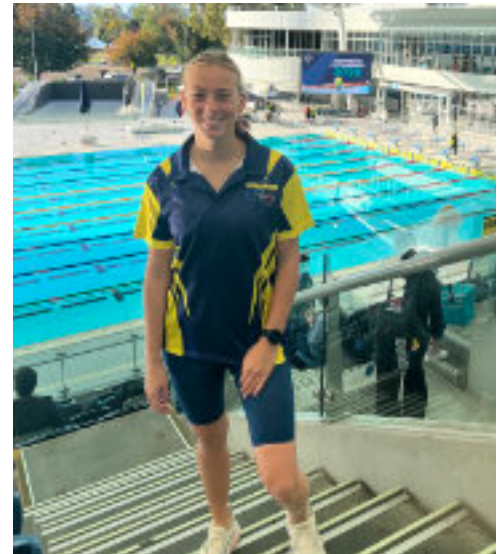
House Cross Country

We joined forces with St Joseph's Primary School for our 2026 House Cross Country. It was a fantastic afternoon, filled with energy, determination, and plenty of house spirit. Students gave their best effort as they tackled the course, cheering each other on and showing great sportsmanship throughout the event.

It was wonderful to see so many students participating and supporting their peers. A big congratulations to all runners for their efforts! Our winning house for 2026 was CALDER!!!



Cross Country; Back Row L-R Isaac Roberts, Sophie Roberts, Stella Nicolson, Murphy Fitzpatrick, Heidi Start, Leigh Van Boven. Front Row L-R Olive McGurk, Charlie Lane, Mia Wright (St Joseph's) Nate Lane, Yazmin Harte-Johnstone (St Joseph's), & Archie Smyth.



Heidi Start – at Sports Victoria State Championships.



ANZAC Day Service: Viv Cossar, Cody Jenkyn, Alodia Acanitlido, Bill Freeman, Allan & Jennifer McGillivray, Maggie Riley, Sarah Blair & Craig Kelly.

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

Welcome to May!

Well what a month April was! A fantastic night was enjoyed by our town's young people at the 2026 Debutante Ball held at Charlton Park. A huge thank you must go out to all the volunteers who contribute so much to make this a memorable experience for those involved. Nights like this don't just happen, but rely on many people all working together.

We had a huge response to our May 'Table for 12' that it sold out very quickly. Popular local Ian Scott will lead the participants in preparing and cooking that lovely tender steak. Keep an eye out for future activities on our web page, window displays and social media.

The Charlton Neighbourhood House also ran a '3D Printing Beginners Day' where attendees learnt the process of 3D printing from start to finish. A few small objects were completed on the day to take home.

Contact the Neighbourhood House to register your interest in future sessions, or of a regular Mahjong Group we hope to commence.

Regular Weekly and Monthly Activities

- Coffee with a...: Mondays during school term, 10:30 AM–12 PM at the FLO Cafe. Meet local guests and share in meaningful conversations over a cuppa.
- Yarning²: Mondays, 10:30 AM–12 PM. A relaxing time for knitting, crochet, macramé, and other yarn crafts with friendly chatter
- Charlton Craft Group. Meeting every Tuesday at the Lions Lodge, Camp Street from 10am to midday. Bring along those unfinished items and share some enjoyable time together. Cost \$3.
- Book Club: Third Tuesday of every month, 10.30AM–12 PM. Share what you're reading or listening to—no set book required.
- Carers Group Luncheon: Every third Wednesday of the month, start time 12pm. We have a guest speaker every month.
- Morning Pickleball- Wednesday mornings Time- 8:45am to 10am. Great fun, secure your place.



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One for the children

Little Locals Art Club- Last Friday of each month. Time- 3:30-4pm Cost \$5 per class. Adults get a free coffee. This month's popular session will be hosted on May 29th at Mallee Creatives. Poppy will lead the group in some fun activities that the children will love.

Upcoming activities

In conjunction with the Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit the Charlton Neighbourhood House is pleased to be hosting a free workshop on 18 May to help you understand your power options and reduce your bills while improving your home's energy efficiency. Simply secure your spot by contacting the Neighbourhood House. The workshop will be held at the Senior Citizens Room, light refreshments will be provided. Please bring along a recent power bill.

We are also very excited to announce that in conjunction with Regional Arts Victoria a live performance of 'Tinderella' will be held on Friday May 29th at the Cricket Club Hotel.

Tinderella is a one-human cabaret show created and performed by Albury-Wodonga based Alyce Fisher. It explores her real-life tales, investigates contemporary dating app culture and aims to empower everyone to take control of their own dating destiny. Tinderella is a rollicking good time, super funny and has a whole lot of heart. Show tickets are just \$30, available on the Humanitix web page, with separate meal reservations being taken at the Cricket Club Hotel.



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

WHAT'S ON FOR



MAY

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|-------------------------------------|---|---|----|--|---|
| Each Monday of School Term | Yarning² Social Group Where: FLO Cafe Time: 10.30 am-12 pm FREE , bring your own yarn project |  | 18 | Energy efficiency workshop Where: Senior Citizens Room Time: 10.00 am-12 pm Cost Free. Bring along a recent bill. |  |
| Each Tuesday | Community Craft Group Where: Lions Lodge Time: 10.00 am-12 pm Cost \$3 , bring your own craft project |  | 20 | Buloke Book Club Where: Charlton Library Time: 10:30am -12pm COST: FREE |  |
| Each Wednesday | Lets Play Pickleball Where: Charlton Stadium (Davies St) Time: 8:45am -10:00am Cost: Free for March |  | 25 | Coffee with a... Councillor Where: FLO Cafe Time: 10.30 am-12 pm FREE , pop in for a chat and coffee |  |
| 4 | Coffee with a... Forum Rep Where: FLO Cafe Time: 10.30 am-12 pm FREE , pop in for a chat and coffee |  | 29 | Little Locals Art Club- Where: Mallee Creatives Time: 3.30-4.15pm Cost: \$5 with free coffee |  |
| 13 | Carers & Co. Group Info. Sharing Where: Cricket Club Hotel Time: 12 pm- 1.30 pm Cost: Lunch at subsidised prices Speaker: Sophie Wight |  | 29 | TINDERELLA - Live performance Where: Cricket Club Hotel Time: 7PM. Tickets via Humanitix Cost \$30. Meals at own cost via hotel | |

Little Locals Art Club
 Last Friday of each month
 3-30pm to 4-00pm
 At Mallee Creatives
\$5 (includes all supplies and a certificate)
 Let your imagination run wild with new themes every month and art to be displayed at Mallee Creatives for all to see!

YOUR VOICE MATTERS
 Join us on Monday for
COFFEE WITH A BULOKE SHIRE COUNCILLOR
 Fourth Monday of the month
 10:30am to 12pm
 FLO Cafe
 Drop into the FLO Cafe at the Rex Theatre between 10.30 am and midday to chat with a representative of Buloke Shire Council and the coffee is on us.

BULOKE BOOK CLUB
 3rd Wednesday of each month
 10.30am to 12pm
 Casual Book Club
 Discussion is on any book that you are currently reading
 Everyone Welcome!
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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Buloke.



COMMUNITY RECOVERY

A well attended storm recovery information session was held in Berrwilllock on 17 April, with support services providing financial, legal, health, safety and advocacy pathways for residents and primary producers impacted by the February–March storms.

Thank you to the Berrwilllock Community Development Group for the venue and catering. Anyone requiring further support or need to report impacts, please contact Council.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **1837 Seven Mile ROAD, Charlton VIC 3525.**

The application is for a permit to **construct a replacement dwelling and to decommission the existing dwelling 3 months following construction.**

The application reference number is **PA26010.**

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 **21 May 2026.**

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

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **39 Gray Street, Donald.**

The application is for a permit for the **use and development of land for a store (domestic shed).**

The application reference number is **PA26011.**

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.

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St Joseph's School

A Glorious Start to Term Two

We have launched into Term Two with great energy, enjoying some truly glorious autumn weather. While the sunshine has been most welcome, we are also hopeful that some much-needed rain will arrive soon to support our farmers and the broader community.

Season of Easter

Our term began in a reflective and joyful way with a whole-school Easter Liturgy, followed by our much-anticipated annual Easter Egg Scramble. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to come together in celebration, sharing both the meaning and the fun of the season.

Student Voice

A highlight early in the term was the opportunity for selected Grade 6 students—Maddy, Maddie, Edwin and Finn—to attend the Student Agency Forum in Horsham. This initiative, part of the DOBCEL Strategy to 2035, provided a platform for student voice and input. Led by international and national educators, (Dr Jean Stiles Canada & David Runge of Future Schools), it was a fabulous day of learning, collaboration and inspiration. Our students represented the school with pride and enthusiasm. Students were joined by Mrs Johnston and Mrs Fitzpatrick and were challenged to think about how the future might look at St Joseph's.

ANZAC Day

We were also proud to have a strong attendance of students attend the community

ANZAC Day service. Term Grade 6 leaders, Edwin and Yazmin, laid a wreath on behalf of the school, demonstrating respect and gratitude. It was excellent to see such attendance at this important event, reflecting the values we strive to instill in our students. ANZAC Day is a significant opportunity to learn about our history and to develop a deep respect for the service and sacrifice of our service men and women. Through understanding the past, our students are better able to appreciate the courage, resilience, and dedication shown by those who have served our nation. The Grade 6 students were also lucky enough to visit the RSL Rooms prior to ANZAC Day. Students were amazed at all the items on display and fascinated by the local history involved. We were very grateful to the local members who gave their time to be with us and share their knowledge.

Cross Country

Our recent cross country event, held jointly with Charlton College, was a fantastic day for students and families to come together. Students are to be commended for their participation, determination and effort. It was great to have so many parents and grandparents attend the event to encourage and cheer the students along. Congratulations to our first-place getters, Mia and Yazmin, and those who place in the top three in their age group- Flynn, Megg, Maddie, Vinny, Lila, Shepherd & Tessa. An outstanding effort from

each and every student who participated on the day!

What's Coming Up?

Looking ahead, Term Two promises to be another busy and exciting period. Upcoming events include Winter Sports, our Mother's Day Breakfast, the GRIP Leadership Day for Grade 6s, and Catholic Education Week from 24th-30th May.

We are thrilled to share that St Joseph's will be holding an art exhibition at Mallee Creatives with the official opening on Wednesday 24th June at 5:00pm. The art exhibition will be based around the Catholic Education Week theme of PEACE. Keep your eyes and ears open for details closer to the date.

School Improvements

We are also thrilled to share some wonderful news regarding school improvements. We have received a Seeds of Support Grant through East Wimmera Health Services to upgrade our Recovery Garden area, creating an even more welcoming and engaging space for students. In addition, funding of \$500,000 has been secured to rebuild our amenities block—which is an exciting development for our school community!

It's shaping up to be a fantastic term, and we look forward to all that lies ahead.



Tommy Pridgeon after a successful egg hunt.



Egg hunt underway.



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Edwin Jince & Yazmin Harte-Johnstone laying the wreath on behalf of St Joseph's School.



Flynn Zagame.



Edwin Jince.



Students march at ANZAC Day service.



Flynn Zagame, Eadie Ash, Finn Schofield & Maddie Lanyon.



Yazmin Harte-Johnstone & Maddie Lanyon.



St Joseph's School



Grade 6 students with RSL members.



Flynn Zagame is cheered across the line.



Mia Wright headed for the finish line.



Sally Armstrong in full effort.



William Donaldson and Shepherd Mills jostle for position.



Charlton Harness Racing

The April 26th race meeting saw the CHRC community come together to acknowledge the contributions of all our loyal members and to say a big THANK YOU to them all for the time they generously give to the club.

Our Cup Day was a perfect example of everyone pulling together to achieve a great day for Charlton. Those honoured with race names were:

- Kim Thompson, Leanne Fanning and Bec Heenan.
- David 'Sparra' Cossar
- Beth Dillon
- Chris Livingston and Julie McGrath
- Marg McGrath

And it was also a lovely opportunity to host Dawn Mulquiny and the extended Mulquiny family on course as they came together to celebrate the life and service to the club of Brian Mulquiny – a life member and resident gateman at the club for 45 years.

The day concluded with a BBQ for all and a time to reflect on all of the good things happening at the club.

With the new racing calendar about to be released the Committee at the CHRC is extremely positive about the new initiatives that we can introduce to ensure that harness racing remains a viable and sustainable port in our town – as it has for many years.

**NEXT RAFFLE NIGHT
SUNDAY MAY 3rd**

**Next Race Day
Friday 8th May**

Djaara Cup Day

This is one of the most important days on our calendar celebrating the relationship that we enjoy with the Djaara People. All locals are warmly invited to come along and be a part of the sharing of the rich indigenous culture that is so much a part of the history of this region.

It is particularly gratifying to see the success coming out of the Training Centre which is so closely linked with the Dja Dja Wurrung People.



Chris Livingston, winning driver - Michael Bellman, Miss Malachite & Julie McGrath.



Mick Coates, Leanne Fanning, Luke Dunne, Moira Sheahan, Marie Byrne & Sue James-lucky draw winners.



Leon Fanning, Mark Hamley & Brendan Byrne where they are most comfortable.



Leanne Fanning, Kim Thompson, Trainer Jeff Cakebread & driver Ewa Justice with Over The Line.



Carmel Fitzpatrick, Kathy Mulquiny & Chris Livingstn enjoying the day.



Bernie & Dawn Mulquiny along with family and the club remembering Brian Mulquiny with a race name honour.

Charlton RSL Sub-branch



Many men from Charlton served in the Gallipoli campaign in 1915, they are commemorated on the Roll of Honour in the Elliott Gardens. Nine of these men remain on ANZAC, having made the supreme sacrifice for King and Country; they are:

James Anderson (age 23), Frederick Walter Gilbert (27), Samuel James (22), Ernest John Jeal (33), Eric Erskine Llewellyn (21), Ernest Moore (26), Thomas McGurk (23), George Edward Sloper (22) and William Edwin Williams (27).

They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them
nor the years condemn;
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

LEST WE FORGET.

Charlton's ANZAC Day observance, with the March in a different direction, with the Charlton Wycheproof Community Brass Band, under bandmaster Brian Heenan OAM, performing in the Ben Green memorial band rotunda and with our iconic Rex Theatre the venue for the commemoration, was well supported by community members of all ages.

Our thanks go to bandmaster Brian and his band of musicians from near and far, to Gill Gretgrix accompanist and the Charlton Choir members, to Padre Reverend Judi Bird, to Councillor Phil Stafford for his words, to LAC (retired) Neil McGillivray for his interesting address, to Charlton College and St Joseph's Primary School, to the Uniting Church caterers for sandwiches and to you, the Charlton public, for your continuing support of ANZAC Day, the One Day of the Year.

The ANZAC Appeal for RSL Welfare funds was manned by Charlton sub-Branch members during the ANZAC week and raised just over \$3,200.00, an excellent result. Thank you, Charlton community, for your generosity; this is much appreciated.



Guest Speaker - Neil McGillivray.



Neil McGillivray & Allan McGillivray.



Participants in the march led by Allan McGillivray & Neil McGillivray.



Neil McGillivray & family.

Charlton Easter Market Holds Strong

Courtesy of Buloke Times

The Charlton Lions Club's Annual Easter Market went ahead this year in what many described as a challenging climate for both volunteers and visitors.

With rising costs and uncertainty around fuel availability, it's currently difficult for small community groups to maintain long-standing traditions, but Charlton Lions proved they're up to the task.

Neville Sinapias, a member of the Charlton Lions Club for more than 20 years, estimated attendance was down by around 50 per cent.

But thanks to steady traffic passing through town over the Easter break, raffle sales remained strong – even in tough times, the generosity of people is astonishing.

Importantly, the club remains on track for its annual distribution of funds back into the community, scheduled for June.

The day was as much about family as it was about fundraising. Colin Fletcher and his son Hudson make the trip up from Rye each Easter to lend a hand on the barbecue, helping out father-in-law and grandfather, Lion Garry Larmour. What started as a visit has become a bit of a family tradition.

Visitors were well catered for, with a steady supply of egg and bacon sandwiches,

sausages, burgers and coleslaw, coffee, ice-cream and cold beverages keeping everyone well fed.

Despite the uncertainty, several dedicated stallholders made the trip. Christine Currie of I & C Coffee travelled from Moyston, fresh from a busy weekend at the Stawell markets and races. Back in her childhood stomping ground and in good spirits, she spoke proudly of the new Birchip silo, which features her father Ray Neville, a special link to her childhood made even more meaningful as she has his winning trophy depicted in the artwork in her possession.

Travelling from closer afield, Amy Turnbull of Amy's Buds & Blooms Plant Nursery in Wycheproof brought along a wide selection of plants, along with handmade totes and journals. Based in Dempsey Street (behind Elders), Amy balances running her nursery – open Friday to Monday – with gardening work around Wycheproof and occasional markets.

Stacey and Wayne Morris from Donald were on hand with their "Love Your Travels" stall, adding to the mix of local offerings.

Closer to home, Charlton local Charlie Woodman set up with a range of garden ornaments. He runs a clothing and shoe shop in Inglewood and is set to be part of an

upcoming pop-up shop in Charlton, planned to open closer to Mother's Day.

Other Charlton locals also took the opportunity to connect with visitors, setting up stalls with bric-a-brac and clear-out items.

Market goers all enjoyed the sunshine and relaxed atmosphere. With kids, dogs, and friends gathering together, the market retained its strong sense of community.

While vendor numbers were down, the day was still considered a success.

Garry Larmour said the Lions Club was extremely pleased with the funds raised.

Taking in raffle sales during the four days down the street amounted to \$1305, plus \$823 sales at the market, reached a total of \$2128.30.

Catering at the market raised an additional \$1230.

As a gesture of goodwill, the Lions Club was able to reduce the site fees by \$5. For many stallholders, the concern wasn't just the cost of fuel, but whether it would even be available for the trip home. Even so, those who attended helped ensure the Charlton Lions Easter Market remains a valued and resilient local tradition.



Colin Fletcher (left) and Craig Quinn cook up a storm on the Lions Club BBQ.



The friendly faces at the gate: Charlton Lions Peter Watts & Ross Lane.



Neville Sinapias has been a member of Lions for over 20 years.

Charlton Easter Market Holds Strong



Charlton local, Charlie Woodman at his stall.



Wycheproof's Amy Turnball from Amy's Buds & Blooms.



Donald's Wayne & Stacey Morris from Love Your Travels.

Charlton Badminton Club



2026 Badminton Season Gets Underway

The 2026 badminton season is officially underway, with players and supporters excited for another great year on the court.

The Annual General Meeting was held on April 1st, where the following committee positions were elected:

President: Ethan Needs
Secretary: Troy Heenan
Treasurer: Sandra Fanning
Vice-President: Mathew Thompson

Committee Members:
 Lauren Riley (Media)
 Bernadette Zagame
 Brian Heenan
 Leigh Van Boven
 Mikaylah Crisp

The club is looking forward to a fantastic season filled with competition, community, and fun.

Session Times for 2026:

- **Junior Badminton**
Tuesdays starting at 3:30pm
- **Wednesday Night Badminton**
Arrive at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start

- **Ladies Morning Badminton**
Fridays starting at 9:00am

Players of all skill levels are encouraged to get involved.

For more information, please contact:

- **Night:**
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Brian – 0437 756 672
- **Juniors:**
Rae – 0437 093 672
- **Ladies:**
Bernadette – 0427 582 805

We look forward to seeing everyone back on court for an exciting 2026 season!

North Central Garden Club

North Central Garden Club members were privileged to have Tessa Fitzpatrick from Gunyah Blooms Micro Flower Farm speak at our April meeting .

Tessa has a small property on Gunyah Flat Rd where she and her partner, Joe, started trialing plots in 2023 just to gauge what worked best for the climate and soil conditions.

Her presentation offered a genuine insight and a look at the world of growing cut flowers and it was both inspiring for all who were in attendance. Through her talk Tessa provided a clear insight in what it takes to cultivate for the cut flower industry locally. Imported flowers come into the country treated with chemicals subjected to biosecurity. Tessa's goals are to farm chemical free, from preparing the soil to harvesting techniques, and marketing for the sustainable growing of produce. Her connection to the land was especially meaningful, highlighting the care and dedication behind every stem produced. What stood out the most was the openness in showing the real-world experiences including the challenges of raising cut flower business.

Tessa has bunches available at Mallee Creatives plus Gunya Blooms will be available online .

The May meeting will be Tuesday 26th at 2pm. We will be privileged to have Liz Richardson do a workshop on making kokedama moss balls. This will require you to bring a container to mix the soil in plus a plant of your choice to grow. All other materials will be supplied –just a cost of \$7 to cover expenses.

Enquiries: Sue 0407 140 336

Aileen 0438 911 495

Jenny 0418 531 219



Roses entered into the best rose competition. Jo Phillips was the winner.

Charlton Golf Opening

A rare 'green opening' of the 2026 golf season brought out 42 players to compete in the Ambrose event.

Long time Charlton member, and past Champion, Robyn Soulsby was invited to open the season with the opening shot down the 7th. A well crafted 5 wood saw the ball finish pin high in perfect position.

Club President Jamey Soulsby thanked volunteers for the course preparation and the season was underway.

Winners of the 4 person Ambrose 12 hole event: Jamey and Robyn Soulsby, Troy Heenan, Alison Tormey with a score of 39.5. Runners up, Anthony and Wendy Hargreaves, Graeme and Rhonda Porter 50.10.40. Nearest the pin, John Headon

A delicious BBQ tea followed the day's play.



Robyn Soulsby addresses the ball to open the 2026 Charlton golf season.

Thank you

Thank you to my lovely husband Bill for organizing a group of friends to help me celebrate my 86th birthday - beautiful flowers and special people. Thank you also to the Cricket Club Hotel for the lovely meal.

"Friends are like pearls, precious and rare."

I am very blessed. Joy

Moonshine Coalition Live

**Charlton Arts Inc Presents:
Moonshine Coalition Live at the
Golf Club – May 16, 2026**

Charlton is set to come alive with music and community spirit as Charlton Arts Inc proudly presents an engaging performance by Moonshine Coalition on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at the Charlton Golf Club.

Kicking off at 7.30pm the evening promises a vibrant showcase of live music from Moonshine Coalition as they blend a range of musical influences that keep audiences entertained from start to finish.

The Charlton Golf Club provides the perfect backdrop for the night, offering a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere where locals and visitors alike can gather to enjoy great music and good company.

*Moonshine Coalition: Max
Lees, Annie Dixon Jeff Stokes.*

Tickets are \$25 at the door, with supper included, making it an affordable and enjoyable night out for the whole community.

Charlton Arts Inc. continues its commitment to bringing quality arts and

cultural experiences to the region, supporting live music and fostering community connection.

Bring your friends and enjoy a great night out.



Charlton Bowling Club

21UP Championship

The 21UP Final was contested by two new players off Scratch, the winner being Brendan (Jock) Bailey defeating Jennie McGrath 22 shots to 6.

Pairs Championship

With eight pairs contesting the Pairs Championship, the eventual winners were Wendy Laffin and Jeff Cox defeating Jennie McGrath and Dale (Duck) McCallum 10 shots to 7.

100UP Championship

Kevin Willey and Dale (Duck) McCallum played off in the 100UP Handicap Championship. With handicaps even on 23 both started on scratch. Kevin got the jump in the first end scoring 6/4 and continued playing longer ends that Dale didn't handle. The eventual score was 102/68

Club Championship Triples

Six teams played out a Round Robin in the Club Championship Triples to complete our season of Club Championships. After two games we had two teams lucky enough to win two games. We then had a Final with the Winners being Greg Barnard, Dale (Duck) McCallum and Wayne Southwell defeating Brad Chester, Cher Brien and Jeff Cox 10/5. Well done to all

Championship Fours

Our Championship Fours was played mid-March in a Round Robin Format with the Winners being Jennie McGrath, Doug Gretgrix, Mark Hamley and Kevin Willey.

Charlton Bowls Concludes

ANZAC Day at 12 noon Charlton Bowling Club Members started off the day with a sausage sizzle. Nineteen bowlers participated in a fifteen end game of

Scroungers. This was played with four on each rink and a three rink. Each bowler has a card and scores themselves if they get a bowl within the first four best. Scores are the same as 100UP with the best four bowls being 4, 3, 2, 1 a total of 10 each end. The Winner was Eily Rosewall with 61 points.

We proceeded inside to a wonderful afternoon tea provided by the members and partners.

President, Michael O'Brien, congratulated the Club on our year saying we didn't do much in Saturday Pennant, but congratulations to our Midweek Team who played off in the Finals.

Michael congratulated the Championship Winners, and it was good to see new bowlers among the Trophy Winners, Look out for the Handicapper, no more Scratch Handicaps.



21UP Winner, Brendan Bailey with Runner-up, Jennie McGrath.



100UP Handicap Championship Runner-Up, Dale McCallum congratulating Winner, Kevin Willey.



Pairs Champions - Wendy Laffin & Jeff Cox.



Triples Championship Winners - Wayne Southwell, Dale McCallum & Greg Barnard.



Fours Championship Winners - Jennie McGrath, Doug Gretgrix, Mark Hamley & Kevin Willey.

Charlton Bowling Club



2026 Championship Winners: Wayne Southwell, Doug Gretgrix, Jennie McGrath, Dale McCallum, Brendan Bailey, Donna Buxton, Steve Harper, Kevin Willey, Greg Barnard, Lynne Southwell, Mark Hamley, Wendy Laffin, (Missing Jeff Cox).

Charlton Croquet Club



Despite an early shower before play, Charlton Croquet Club's Closing Day enjoyed an excellent roll-up, with members turning out in good spirits for the final event of the season. The weather remained unpredictable, and although the first game was completed, the second had to be finished early as another band of rain moved through.

The highlight of the day was the annual Courtney Keith Challenge, where the Golf Croquet players take on the Association Croquet players at Golf Croquet. The contest was, as always, friendly but competitive, with plenty of skill on display from both sides.

In the end, the Association Croquet team claimed victory for the third consecutive year. Despite the weather interruptions, the day was enjoyed by all, rounding off the season with camaraderie, good humour, and a well-earned win for the Association players.

Even though the season is officially closed Golf Croquet plays socially on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons, while Association Croquet plays on Saturday afternoons from now until the end of winter.

Back: Pat Mathews, Marj Bartlett, Lindsay Patullo, Anne Kenny, Barb Dalrymple. Front.. Naomi Patullo.

CHARLTON NAVIES

UPCOMING

SOCIAL EVENTS 2026

- 18 APR** ROUND 2 ROVING DINNER
CRICKET CLUB
- 9 MAY** ROUND 4 TRIVIA NIGHT
CLUB ROOMS
- 30 MAY** ROUND 6 NAVY BLUE BALL
TBC
- 11 JULY** ROUND 10 FARM FEST
CLUB ROOMS
- 25 JULY** ROUND 12 GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION
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- 8 AUG** ROUND 14 MYSTERY BUS TRIP
MYSTERY LOCATION
- 15 AUG** ROUND 15 REUNION WEEKEND
CLUB ROOMS

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**FUZE**

M Mature themes, violence and coarse language
 98 mins | Action | Thriller

Sat 19 MAY 8pm
 Sun 10 MAY 2pm
 Tue 12 MAY 8pm

An unexploded WWII bomb is discovered on a busy construction site in the centre of London. Chaos ensues as the military and police begin a mass evacuation against a ticking clock.

**YOU, ME & TUSCANY**

PG Mild sexual references and coarse language
 105 mins | Comedy | Romance

Sat 16 MAY 8pm
 Sun 17 MAY 2pm
 Tue 19 MAY 8pm

When a woman crashes at an empty Italian villa, posing as the owner's fiancée, she discovers an unexpected romance that could transform her life.

**FACKHAM HALL**

M 97 mins | Comedy

*Wed 13 May
 10:30 am

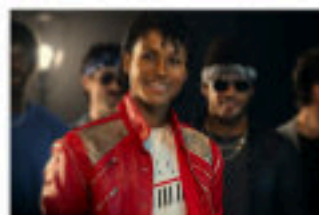
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PG 96 mins

*Wed 20 May 10:30am
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PG Mild themes, family violence and coarse language
 127 mins | Biography | Drama

Sat 23 MAY 8pm
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The story of pop superstar Michael Jackson -- from his extraordinary early days in the Jackson 5 to the visionary artist whose creative ambition fuels a relentless pursuit to become the biggest entertainer in the world.

**IN THE GREY**

CTC 98 mins | Action

Sat 30 MAY 8pm
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A covert team of elite operatives embarks on a mission to steal back a billion-dollar fortune from a ruthless tyrant.

East Wimmera Parish - St Joseph's Community

Sun. 3rd May 10.30am (Livestreamed in)
 Sun. 10th May 8.30am.
 Sat. 16th May 7.00pm
 Sun. 24th May 10.30am
 Sun. 31st May No Mass



NB Mon. 25th May

10.30am Mass at St Mary's Church, Donald, to celebrate Australia's Patron Saint: Mary Help of Christians. Mass to be followed by guest speaker, Fr James Kerr on his sabbatical to Rome with question and discussion opportunities.

12.30 Lunch then Prayers followed by discussion led by Margaret Rowe, Diocesan President of the CWL, & Anna Krohn OAM. Please reply for catering purposes by Fri. 18th May to Margaret Rowe at margrowe@bigpond.com or Noeline Hogan 0427 922 988.

Charlton Uniting Church

Charlton Uniting Church Service times for May 2026

Halliday Street, Charlton.

Sunday 10th May Uniting Church. 10.00 am
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Happy Mothers' Day to all the Mums out there.

Sunday 17th May. Uniting Church. 10.00 am
 Sunday 24th May. Uniting Church. 10.00 am
 Sunday 31st May. Cluster Service Boort @ 11.00 am

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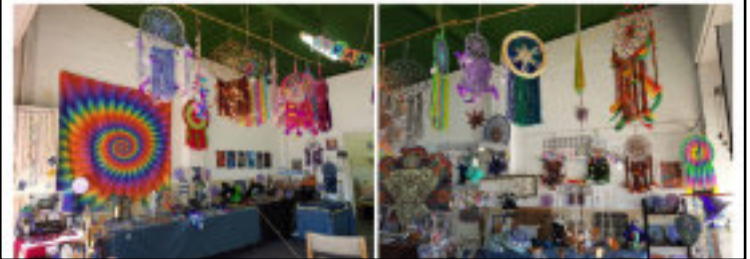
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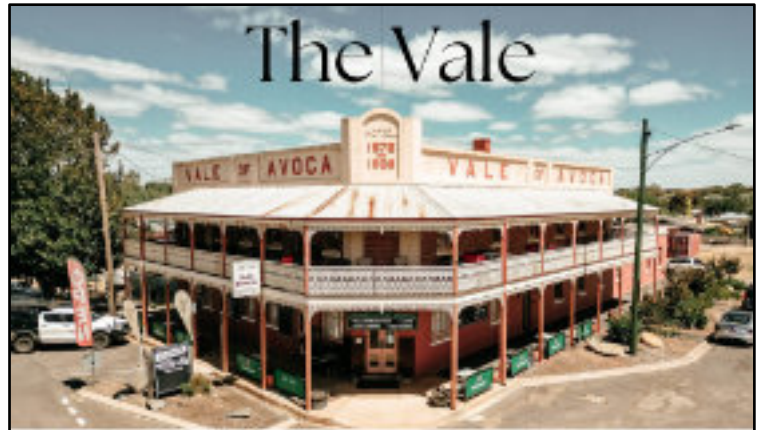
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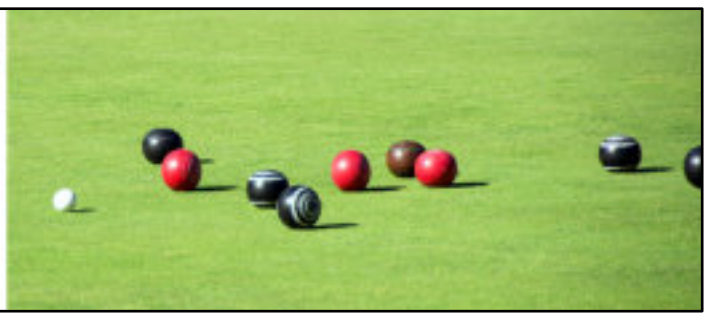

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