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Mallee Melee Revisits 1944

Another successful weekend was enjoyed by a large group of visitors to Charlton for the annual miniatures wargaming event, The Mallee Melee. Now in its sixth year, players from across Victoria returned for a tournament where battles representing the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1944 were played out across 7 large tables. The game's main focus was the strategically important railway town of Debrecen and its access to the Carpathian Mountains.

Visitors across the weekend were surprised at the detailed, painted scaled

miniature figures, which take many hours to prepare, and the magnificently decorated tables of terrain. Forests, rivers, villages, bridges and more were all replicated on the table with some historical accuracy. Previous years have seen battles on the beaches of Normandy, Shiloh in the American Civil War, and Napoleonic weekends amongst others.

The event itself is a terrific drawcard to the town, and the many visitors support local accommodation and hospitality businesses. The warm welcome they receive here in Charlton ensures they all enjoy returning and

catching up with friends they have made along the way. As well as local business, the other winner is the Royal Flying Doctor Service where part of the players' entry fees and donations across the weekend assist their terrific work.

This event was again proudly supported by the Charlton Neighbourhood House, along with Buloke Shire, Charlton's Bendigo Bank and Kookas Country Cookies. Best news of all is that many of the players have already booked their accommodation for the next melee in 2027. More photos on page 4.



Participants in this year's Mallee Melee.

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From the Editor

Carolyn Olive

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the August edition of the Charlton Community Newsletter.

Welcome to our new sponsors, Charlton Self-Storage & EBF Hay Sales & Transport.

Well, winter is certainly here with plenty of fog and frosts about. That hasn't stopped everyone getting out and about to make the most of the sunshine when it appears. Although things are a little quieter at the moment, other than the winter sports, there is plenty happening behind the scenes to get ready for all that is coming up in spring.

Well done to the Charlton Golf Club which has bounced back from the break-in a few months back to put on a fabulous annual tournament. It was well attended and the course was looking terrific.

On the farm, we are playing catch-up as many paddocks were too wet for spraying. There's been quite a few bogged utes about the district!.

Cheers,

Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

August

Harry Potter 25th Anniversary @ The Rex—Fri. 28th

September

Show & Shine @ Charlton Park—Sun. 27th

October

Charlton Art & Photography Exhibition @ Charlton Park—Fri. 2nd - Mon. 5th

Altered States @ Courthouse Gallery—Sat. 3rd

Open Gardens—Sun. 4th

Charlton Show—Sat. 17th

Ben Green Rotunda Centenary—Sun. 18th

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Charlton Probus

Members and guests gathered to celebrate a wonderful milestone as the Charlton Probus Club marked its 20th Birthday with a special luncheon. The occasion was filled with friendship, laughter and memories reflecting two decades of bringing people together through companionship and shared interests.

The venue, Charlton Park Complex, was nicely presented for the celebration, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone in attendance. Members enjoyed the delicious luncheon, (Lily Vale catering), while reminiscing about the journey over the past 20 years from its early beginnings to the active, vibrant club it is today.

During the celebrations tribute was paid to the foundation members whose vision and dedication established the club, as well as to the many committee members and volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the years.

Foundation members, some who had left the club and are residing in other places, returned to celebrate along with members from Donald, St Arnaud, Wycheproof, Castle Donnington, and Maryborough.

Foundation Member, Pat Mathews, was given the honour to cut the cake, made by Naomi Fitzpatrick.

Adding to the celebration a well-prepared slide show by Secretary Anne Kenny allowed for reminiscing and reflecting the good times spent over the past 20 years.

The 20th Birthday was more than just a celebration of years, it was a celebration of people, friendship and community spirit.

President Sandra suitably expressed what a wonderful day we all had.

As the celebration drew to a close Foundation member, Garry Larmour, read the Travellers Farewell.



Returned Foundation Members: Back Row - Norm Gillespie, Richard Bibby, Peter Whykes. Front Row - Hilary Gillespie, Bernice Whykes, Margaret Bibby, Norma Lang & Elaine Donaldson.



Current Foundation Members: Back Row - Garry Larmour, Kevin Mathews, Pat Clifford, Pam Rosewall, Marj Bartlett, Margaret Fradd, Pat Mathews, Mary Nener, Nooreen Ryan, Joan Mundy. Front Row - Sue Walsh, Margaret Bowen, Heather Hargreaves, Nita Perry.



Current executive: Garry Larmour (standing), Anne Kenny, Pat Mathews, Sandra Patton, Eily Rosewall, Sue Walsh (standing). Absent Nick Saunders.

Mallee Melee cont.



Close up of game board.



Setting up a game board.



Miniatures at the ready! Players locked in deep strategy across multiple custom terrain tables during the busy wargaming event.

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Golden Grains Museum

Welcome to another monthly catch up from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum. Open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, we have recently been hosting many visitors to view our marvellous displays. Group bookings are most welcome or private viewings by prior arrangement with one of the members listed below.

Generous Donation from the Douglass Family

We recently received a donation from the Douglass family of 75 outfits, many of them made by Heather Douglass. Dating from the 80s, there are many frocks, skirts and jackets. Heather was a talented seamstress and many will remember being taught sewing by Heather.

The museum had to purchase hanging racks, hangers and calico garment bags to safely store them. The Douglass family gave a donation towards the cost and so did the Charlton Op-Shop who generously donated \$1000. We look forward to displaying Heather's lovely outfits in a special exhibition in the future.

Another item donated by the family was the original blanket wringer from the East Charlton Hotel. Keith lovingly restored it replacing the timber rollers himself. We hope to find a spot for it in our collection soon.

Special Feature

This month we feature a little known aspect of life around the Charlton District in the mid to late 1800s. Licensed Service was a legally permitted supply of state wards, orphans or destitute children to businesses and farms with the aim of giving the child an opportunity to learn a trade or skill. Absconding from your employer would result in being tracked down by Police and facing harsh punishments including whipping, bread and water diet, or transfer to a maximum security reformatory. The Police Gazettes list many cases of these children deserting their employment. Maybe it was a desire to return to any family, escaping harsh conditions, or just children not being happy and wanting more. Here are a few examples from the Gazettes. There are many more from Charlton not included.

*Robert Taylor absconded from his licensed service with John Slattery, farmer Charlton. 5 ft 1 inch tall, thin face, medium build, Roman nose, fair complexion, brown hair. Wore moleskin trousers and dark coat.

Took his clothes and a pair of blankets from his employer 20th April 1894

*John Kingoff absconded from his licensed service with Robert Cairns, Farmer Barrakee, near Charlton. Description – Reformatory Boy, about 16 years of age, short for his age, thin build, darkish complexion and hair, dressed in grey moleskin trousers and vest, grey tweed coat, has a scar on his right temple. 18th February 1893

*William Field absconded from his licensed service with Mrs O'Callaghan, Glenoth Hotel, Glenloth, Charlton. 13 years of age, small for his age, fair complexion, thin white face, wore moleskin trousers, grey tweed coat and vest, and a black hat. Is accompanied by a boy called William Barrow, 18 years of age, fair complexion, light build, cross eyed. They have a large swag with them, including 2 large sheets and a blanket, which was stolen from Mrs O'Callaghan. 25th July 1891.

*Herbert Hetherington absconded from his licenced service with John Sait, farmer, Narrewillock, near Charlton. Description – Reformatory Boy, 14 years of age, about 5ft high, dark hair, freckled face, sulky appearance. Wore when leaving, a blue serge suit, soft felt hat, and strong lace up boots. His brother is in Warrnambool District and has an aunt named McLoughlin in the Gippsland District. 17th January 1893. Sidenote: Herbert was arrested by Charlton Police on March 14, 1893.

*James Conway has absconded from his licensed service with Peter Caspani, farmer, Narrewillock, near Charlton. Description – Reformatory Boy, aged about 15 years of age, short and stout, red hair, bad looking features, wore working clothes. 18th October 1892

Got some time to assist at the Charlton Golden Grains Museum? We rely on a dedicated group of volunteers and 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.

Have you used our archiving service where you can record your family's history for us to scan into our digital reference library? A hard copy of the papers, family images or genealogy charts will also be stored in an A4 size envelope. This is a wonderful opportunity for stories not to be lost, but preserved for researchers at a later stage. Cost is just \$10, which goes towards helping us to maintain our collection. Another way we raise funds is by our regular trips across to Donald for Bingo. If you are keen to join in the fun, again, contact one of the volunteers listed below.

For all enquiries about our group check out our Facebook page, visit www.charltongoldengrainsmuseum.com.au or: email charltonmuseum@gmail.com.

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The blanket roller used by the East Charlton Hotel.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL
SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

This month's theme is **Symphony of Stories**, celebrating the magic of music, books and imagination in the lead-up to Book Week!

Join us this fortnight for a morning of fun and learning.

Participants will enjoy creating their own music maker, taking part in a musical scavenger hunt, sharing songs and stories and enjoying fresh fruit provided for morning tea.

Come along for a fun-filled session of music, creativity and storytelling as we celebrate Book Week together.

We can't wait to see you there!

PLAYGROUP DATES

Charlton Playgroup

Thursday, 6 August

St Joseph's Primary School

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Birchip Playgroup

Friday, 7 August

Birchip IHOM

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Donald Playgroup

Monday, 10 August

Donald Primary School

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Wycheproof Playgroup

Thursday, 13 August

Wycheproof Library

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

BIRCHIP LIBRARY
TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Birchip Library will be closed from Monday 10 August for approximately two weeks while painting is undertaken at the facility. This closure will affect the following Buloke Library service sessions at Birchip:

- Tuesday 11 August and Tuesday 18 August
- Thursday 13 August and Thursday 20 August
- Saturday 15 August and Saturday 22 August

Borrowers are encouraged to stock up on books and other library items before the closure.

Patrons who regularly place orders through the library may wish to arrange additional loans in advance to cover the two-week period.

H5N1 AVIAN INFLUENZA
DETECTED IN VICTORIA

The highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza strain has been detected in Victoria, with a single wild seabird testing positive near Portland. Council's Emergency Management Team remains on heightened preparedness and situational awareness and will continue to monitor advice from government agencies and regional emergency management partners. Community members are reminded to keep informed and avoid contact with sick or dead birds and wildlife and to report sightings to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

NOTICE OF AN
APPLICATION
FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **250 Broadway, Wycheproof VIC 3527**.

The application is for a permit for the **Demolition of a building within a Heritage Overlay (dilapidated free standing building)**.

The application reference number is **PA26021**.

You may view the application and supporting documents on the **Buloke Shire Council Website** <https://buloke.greenlightpm.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 **20 August 2026**.

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

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Applications can be lodged by:

**Mail - PO Box 1, Wycheproof
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recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au**

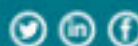
EOI LIFEGUARD

Buloke Shire Council is now seeking expression of interest from the community to be part of the casual lifeguard team across our community pools in Berriwillock, Birchip, Charlton, Donald, Watchem, Sea Lake and Wycheproof. Whether you're experienced or just starting out, we would love to hear from you! No experience? No worries, we will train you!

→ **Applications for Round 1 close
5.00 PM 10 August 2026.**



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Charlton College

It has been another busy few weeks at Charlton College, with students participating in a range of exciting learning and sporting opportunities.

NCD Netball

Our Junior Girls Netball team travelled to St Arnaud on Wednesday 22 July to compete in the Loddon Mallee Region Junior Girls Netball Playoff.

While the girls didn't come away with the result they were hoping for, they had a fantastic afternoon, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done to all the girls on their positive attitude, encouragement of one another and the way they represented the College.

SSV State Cross Country

Congratulations to Heidi S and Sophie R, who represented Charlton College at the School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Championships held at Yarra Glen on Thursday 16 July.

Competing against the best runners from across Victoria, both girls produced

outstanding performances in their respective 3 km events.

Heidi S. finished 30th out of 77 competitors in a time of 13 minutes 46 seconds.

Sophie R. finished 35th out of 86 competitors in a time of 13 minutes 16 seconds.

Qualifying for the State Championships is a significant achievement, requiring students to progress through House, North Central, and Loddon Mallee Regional competitions.

Well done to both girls on their outstanding achievements. Everyone at Charlton College is incredibly proud of the dedication, determination and effort they have shown.

World of Maths Incursion

Students enjoyed taking part in the World of Maths Incursion, where they explored mathematical concepts through a variety of fun, hands-on activities and problem-solving challenges. It was a fantastic opportunity to see maths come to life in an engaging and

interactive way. A big thank you to Cian for running the day.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

The Year 3 and 4 students have had a fantastic start to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program! Our young chefs have been busy; all approved with a license to drive a wheelbarrow; last week they put their knife skills to the test while making fresh rice paper rolls. This week the kitchen was full of delicious smells as they made rosemary pizza, fresh fettuccine and got creative with their focaccia art! Thank you to our special helpers, Jac and Mrs Zagame, for making each cooking session so much fun!

House Athletics

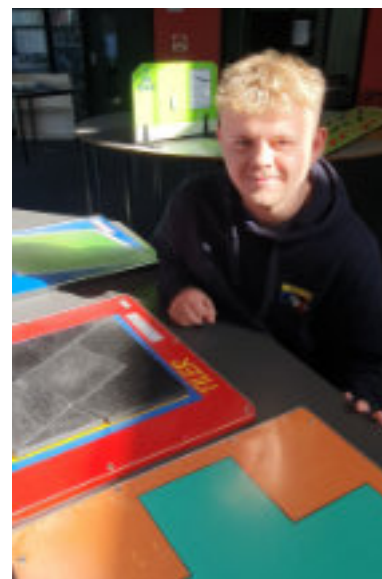
As this newsletter is being written, our House Athletics Carnival is underway. With the sun shining and Calder taking on Avoca, students are enjoying a fantastic day of friendly competition, participation and house spirit. We look forward to sharing the results and celebrating the achievements of all participants in the next newsletter.



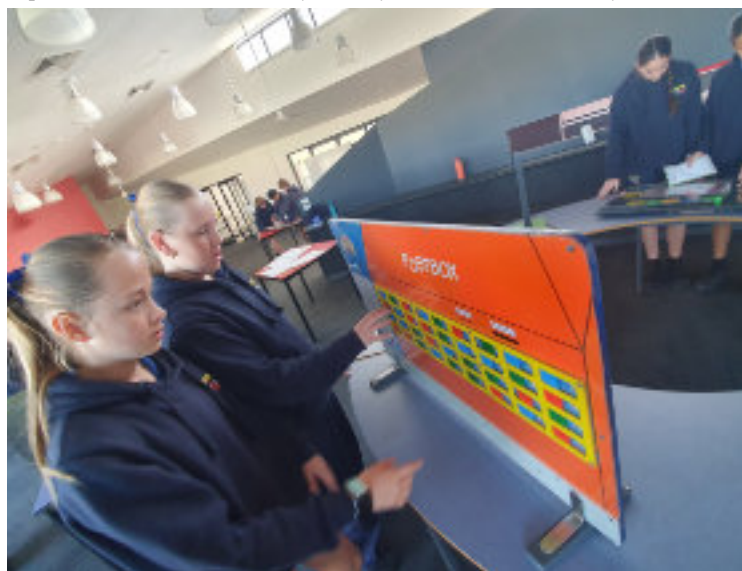
NCD Netball: Isabella Stahl, Marley McGurk, Rosie Fitzpatrick, Lily Lane, Sophie Roberts, Charlotte Sawyers, Lilymae McPhee and Marly Morkos.



SSV: Sophie Roberts and Heidi Start.



World of Maths: J. Chamberlain



World of Maths: Sophie Roberts and Ruby Wright



World of Maths: William Canham, Isaac Roberts, Murphy Fitzpatrick.



World of Maths: Henry Lanyon & Cooper Phillips.



Charlton College



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden: Hazel Ash and Charlie Leslie.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden: Lucy Lane, Peggy Ash, Audrey McPhee, Oliver Lane and Ned Larmour.



House Athletics: Austin Riley, Chloe Watts, Matilda Leslie, Oscar White, Charlie Lane & Harry Cossar.



House Athletics: Brooke Burr, Maggie Riley, Kaitlyn Pollock & Sarah Blair.



House Athletics: Harlow McCabe, Zander White and Harry Smyth.



House Athletics: Tom McGurk, Harrison Stahl and Don Blair.



St Joseph's School

What ANZAC Day Means to Me – Year 6 Writing Competition

Our Year 6 students recently took part in the “What ANZAC Day Means to Me” writing competition, proudly run by our local RSL. We were incredibly impressed by the quality and thoughtfulness of all the entries. Every student who participated received well-deserved praise for their wonderful efforts and reflections on the meaning and significance of ANZAC Day.

Congratulations to our eventual winner, Eadie Ash, whose outstanding entry was selected as the winning piece. Eadie was presented with a \$50 voucher for the local newsagency.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Our Grandparents and Special Friends Day was a truly wonderful and meaningful celebration. It was lovely to welcome so many special visitors into our school community and to share this important day together.

The morning began with Mass, followed by a delicious morning tea and opportunities for our grandparents and special friends to spend time with the children. Our visitors were also warmly welcomed into classrooms, where they enjoyed a range of activities and shared precious moments with our students.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day such a memorable one. The smiles, stories and connections shared throughout the morning made it a very special occasion for our whole school community.

Parish Celebration of the Sacraments

We were blessed to celebrate a very special Parish Sacramental Celebration, with nine candidates receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, while Eve and Franklin also received the Sacrament of Baptism.

This beautiful celebration was lovingly prepared with the support of our dedicated parishioners, Mrs Zagame and Mrs Lanyon. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them and to everyone who contributed to making the occasion so meaningful.

It was a wonderful celebration of faith, family and community, shared afterwards over a cuppa and cupcakes. We congratulate Sally, Lila, Sam, Mia, Eve, Franklin, Hazel, Peggy and Bridie and pray that they continue to grow in faith and remain surrounded by the love and support of our parish and school community.

100 Days of Prep!

Our Little Joeys are 100 days brighter, 100 days smarter and 100 days wiser! What a special milestone to celebrate!

Our Prep students marked their 100th day of school with a delightful day of costumes, activities and fun. The costumes were absolutely wonderful, and the students stayed in character throughout the entire day!

There were lots of exciting activities centred around the number 100, giving our little learners plenty of opportunities to count, create, explore and celebrate how far they have come. Of course, no celebration would be complete without cupcakes topped with 100s and 1000s!

We couldn't be prouder of our little Joeys and all they have achieved during their first 100 days of school. We look forward to seeing them continue to learn, grow and shine throughout the year!

Coming Up in August

- Interschool Athletics
- Personal Development Sessions for Grade 5&6
- Science Week
- Book Week
- Grade 5/6 Urban Camp

There is certainly plenty to look forward to in August, and we can't wait to share these wonderful experiences with our students!



Bill Freeman, Joy Freeman, Eadie Ash & Bruce Gardner.



Finn Schofield & Kim Thompson.



Janine & Amelia Helland.



Maddie Lanyon & Rudi de Zoete-Spiero.



St Joseph's School



Candidates gathered around the altar with Fr Gerry preparing to receive First Eucharist.



Enjoying morning tea on Grandparents' Day.



Tommy Pridgeon enjoying his celebration cake!



Our aged Little Joeys - Corrina Harte-Johnstone, Emerson Holmes-Brown, Jarrah Mills, Tommy Pridgeon & Ivy Sexton.



100 Day badges.



Jarrah Mills and his self-portrait.

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

August update from Charlton Neighbourhood House.

Welcome again to a catch up of news and notices of what we have in store for our community in the coming month. It is great to see the colder weather hasn't deterred people from attending many of our regular activities. The Neighbourhood House was pleased to again support July's miniature wargaming event, The Mallee Melee. Now in its sixth year this weekend event brings a large number of visitors to our town while supporting the work of the RFDS.

Cultural Corner

Have you purchased your copy of the Winter edition of the Charlton Cultural Magazine? Packed with inspiring stories, stunning photography, and updates on local creative talent, it's a must-read.

The Photography Competition—**Among the Trees** is now open! Get your entries in for a chance to win 1st Prize: \$100 or 2nd Prize: \$50. Showcase your skills and celebrate Charlton through your lens. **Closes August 23.** Send your photo and details to info@charltonnh.org.au

Visited Mallee Creatives lately? This popular venue has a wonderful range of locally sourced products for everyone. The latest exhibition is a beautiful collection of artworks created by popular talented artist Kate Giakimis. Drop by and enjoy a nice hot drink and an item from the range of food options available.



The Magic Faraway Tree activity.

The Charlton Neighbourhood House was pleased to present a very special free school holiday screening at the Rex Cinema on Friday July 10. The extremely popular movie 'The Faraway Tree' was preceded by an amazing craft session for over 50 children hosted by Poppy, Xanthe and Carolyn. A range of magic themed items were assembled by some very creative young minds.

With a lovely morning on offer, a large number of additional families arrived for the show, and judging by the excited children leaving the cinema, the event was a huge success.



WHAT'S ON IN



AUGUST

Each
Monday
of School
Term

Yarning² Social Group

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, bring your own yarn project



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Table for 12- Asian Fest
with Chef Chris Wyatt

Where: NCTTC

Time: 6.30pm- 9pm

Cost: \$25



Each
Monday

Let's Play Pickleball

Where: Charlton Stadium (Davies St)

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Cost: Free



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Carers & Co Lunch

Where: Cricket Club Hotel

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30 pm

COST: Lunch at subsidised price

Speaker: Hannah Russell, EWHS



Each
Tuesday

Community Craft Group

Where: Lions Lodge

Time: 10.00 am-12 pm

\$3, bring your own craft project



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Mosaic Pavers

Where: Mallee Creatives

Time: 10.30am-4pm

Cost: Free

Pavers will be sued to make a tribute
path for MC vol Bronwyn Fisher.

Each
Wednesday

Let's Play Pickleball

Where: Charlton Stadium (Davies St)

Time: 11am -1pm

Cost: Free



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Little Locals Art Club

Where: Mallee Creatives

Time: 3.30-4.15pm

Cost: \$5 with free coffee

Activity- In the River.



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Sounds of Sunday

with Chris Wyatt & Leo Giakimis

Where: Mallee Creatives

Time: 1.30pm- 3.30pm

Cost: Free



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Buloke Bookworms Book Day

Where: Mallee Creatives

Keep your eye on our

socials and

window for some

exciting activites.



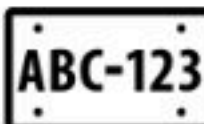
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Coffee with Charlton Forum

Where: FLO Cafe

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, pop in for a chat and coffee



Rego rebate claims
extended to 31st August.



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Charlton Harness Racing

SPOTLIGHT ON CHARLTON

As the winter months draw to their inevitable conclusion our participants are certainly looking forward to some easier months ahead. The cold months can be such a drain on everyone's spirits! Having said that it has been a very fruitful period especially for those based at the Training Centre. Luke and Connor continue to drive consistently well, bringing their winning totals respectively to 37 and 27. They are providing Charlton with plenty to follow and we are so pleased that they are taking every opportunity that comes their way to further their careers. Mildura continues to be a happy hunting ground for both and they are well established drivers there with usually a full book of drives for each meeting. We wish them all the best as Spring rolls around and the job becomes a little more enjoyable.

Mick Gadsden has also been prominent in the winner's circle with Megawatts in particular repaying the faith at both Shepparton and Swan Hill recently bringing Mick's total to 14 wins so far for the year. John Tormey looks set to eclipse last year's total of 32 as he has already accumulated 23 wins to this point.

With more horses coming back into work in the coming weeks we look forward to a really strong second half of the year from Charlton!

CHARLTON TURNS RED WHITE AND BLUE

Our July 4th (actually on the 6th!) celebration at the Charlton trots did not disappoint with many happy winning trainers thrilled to be the recipient of the fantastic AMES AUSTRALASIA trophies. Very generous products from many of Ames companies including Kelso, Hills and Trojan were much sought after on the day.

Congratulations to Mark Boyle who, after many years of trying, finally took home the haul, with some help from Sporting Rage and leading driver James Herbertson. It was an especially important win as it was closely linked to the Harvey girls, Lisa and Kerryn who were on hand to present the rug in honour of their mother Josie.

Special thanks must again go to Ames CFO Dale McGrath who organised the delivery of all the trophies and was on hand to present them to each winning trainer. The club continues to be so grateful for the support that she gives us and all the effort that she puts in to make sure this day is one of the more unique ones on the harness racing calendar.

Finally thank you to the many locals who turned up to enjoy donuts, popcorn, pizza and chocolate chip cookies, and to support Brian, Chris and the extended Fitzpatrick family as they witnessed a race named in Carmel's honour.

STALL SPONSORSHIPS

The club will be restructuring all stall sponsorships soon, moving to a two-year sign-on. Those who currently have a stall with their name or business or pet name can re-sign before vacant stalls are offered.

You will be notified but please let the club know if you want to retain your stall before 14th. (0499701322) After this date all empty stalls will be available for others to purchase.

This sponsorship will be for the 27/28 years. \$50 for two years.

JULY RAFFLE NIGHT

It is clear that much work needs to be done before next year's USA quiz! Dale did a great job running it and there was no way Tori Hutchins was going home without those pots!! And despite not winning she did go home with them! Quite the effort. (Thank you Lisa Harvey)

Nice to see a strong roll up and to have so many ex-pats make the trip for the trots. Thanks all and to major sponsor Cricket Club Hotel who tolerate a lot on these nights!!

NEXT RAFFLE NIGHT

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

NEXT RACE MEETING

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER



The Fitzpatrick Family.



Charlton Harness Racing



Connor Clark — the winning ticket holder.



Louise McGrath, Marie Byrne & Marg McGrath.



Josie Harvey Memorial Race winners — Kerry Harvey, Tony Ward, Lisa Harvey, Mark Boyle, Kirk Boyle, Sporting Rage, Janice Boyle & James Herbertson.



Anne Fanning, Denis McGrath and wife Rosie.



Tori Hutchins — USA quiz winner.

Charlton RSL Sub-branch



Charlton RSL sub-Branch's third annual writing award for Year 6 students at Charlton College and St Joseph's Primary School has been completed and winners announced.

The project topic was "What ANZAC Day means to me". The project's object was to encourage and foster school and community interest in this defining moment in Australian nationhood, the criteria centred on exemplifying the ideals of service, mateship and love of country, with the project being woven into the schools' curriculum.

Entries were assessed by a panel of two RSL members and a member of the public. Presentations have been made and winners announced.

Charlton RSL president, Allan McGillivray, said the sub-Branch was very happy with the results and praised the support and interest shown by both schools. Allan said it was interesting to see the different points of view expressed by participants and the revelation of family connections which the project brought to light.

RSL secretary Bill Freeman, who is the son of an ANZAC, acknowledged the importance of the project and the defining of the Australia/New Zealand connection forged on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

All students were given certificates of participation, the winners also received a \$50 voucher from Heenan's Charlton Authorised Newsagency.

St Joseph's Primary principal Mary Hogan said the school appreciated the concept, which

builds awareness of this significant time in Australian history. She also noted that the students completed a lot of research to complete their entries.

Charlton College Assistant Principal Kim Fitzpatrick thanked Charlton RSL for their initiative and outreach saying that the current year 5 students were looking forward to taking part in next year's project.

The following students participated in the project:

Charlton College: Alodia Acantilado and Cody Jenkyn.

St Joseph's Primary: Eadie Ash, Connor Caine, Yasmin Harte-Johnstone, Edwin Jince, Maddison Jovica, Maddie Lanyon, Finn Schofield and Flynn Samuel Zagame.

(Read Eadie and Alodia's entries below).

LEST WE FORGET.



Charlton College: Bill Freeman, Cody Jenkyn, Alodia Acantilado, Joy Freeman & Bruce Gardner.



St Joseph's School: Bill Freeman, Maddie Lanyon, Finn Schofield, Bruce Gardner, Eadie Ash, Joy Freeman & Edwin Jince. Absent - Connor Caine, Yasmin Harte-Johnstone, Flynn Zagame & Maddy Jovica.

What does ANZAC day Mean to Me?

Imagine you're running out into battle. Soldiers falling to your left and right. Bullets flying like missiles. How would you feel? I would feel absolutely terrified. We're so lucky to have such brave soldiers, whether they were strangers, or family.

On the night of the 25th of April, 1915, when the battlefield was soaked in blood and tears... a singular poppy flower grew from the beaten earth. Then another. Then another. A once sad battlefield now looked like it came from a dream. It's so strange that a simple flower can resemble so much. Can you Imagine?

To me, ANZAC day isn't a celebration, but a commemoration. A day of remembering. A day to never forget, because their spirit will always be with us. On the day soldiers started coming back home to Australia, there was always the face of a son, or a brother or a father that was always missing from the crowd of sad faces.

I truly am so grateful that the soldiers fought in the war, so we didn't have to today, or gave their life for our freedom. I don't have any relatives who fought in WW1, but I can

only imagine what they had to go through. It wasn't just men. It was women who volunteered as nurses, and animals who carried messages and supplies.

416,000 soldiers went to war, and only 264,000 to 330,000 actually came home, most of them were still permanently injured or needed lots of medical attention. That is too many. When my class and I visited the RSL, we saw this big wall with the names of soldiers who died during their service.

We saw lots of other interesting things at the RSL too. There were pots, pans, uniforms, hats, badges, mugs, flags and even weapons. That's only a few of the cool things we saw. It painted a pretty clear picture about how life would be if you were to live at the camp or in the trenches.

My favourite part of ANZAC day is making ANZAC biscuits with my family. When I bite into one, I can feel how the soldiers felt when they got special gifts from their families. ANZAC biscuits are made from oats, sugar, flour, butter, golden syrup and baking soda to last a long time.

But, now to answer the real question. What does ANZAC day mean to me? Well, if

I'm being really personal, it means holding the person we lost close to our hearts so we never forget them. When you lose someone you love or cherish, they never really went away. They're still there, even if you can't see them. I think we've all lost someone special to us, but we still always remember them, right? Even if you forget for a second, the memory will always come back to you.

Lest we forget. We will never forget them.

By Eadie Ash.

ANZAC

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and it was held on the 25th of April 1915. ANZAC day is connected to the landing of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers on Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey on April the 25th. They have shown bravery, mateship and courage to fight for our country.

The soldiers have faced fighting in cities presenting extreme danger due to ambushes from roof tops, alleyways, and tunnels. The soldiers were often cold, wet and hungry. Their family and friends were at home worrying about them. They left their

comfortable, safe lives to go to war to defend the ones they loved. It is very important to remember the soldiers because they have allowed us to have the freedom that we have today. ANZAC history teaches our younger generations the importance of ANZAC day and how soldiers risked their lives for the world we live in today.

Anzac Day makes me feel sad because lots of Australian and New Zealander soldiers have died because of war and many soldiers were injured and still suffer today. I think war would be a very traumatic experience. This makes me believe that the soldiers were very strong and brave. I feel very respectful for

people who are prepared to sacrifice so much. ANZAC day gives us a formal opportunity to show this respect. Soldiers that have fought have taught me about strength, courage and resilience during their hard times are why we live in this freedom now.

The way you can remember Anzac Day is by attending dawn services, laying wreaths, and wearing poppies, rosemary and Anzac badges. The dawn service is held at the same time each year which is when the soldiers landed at Gallipoli on that famous day. We wear red poppies as a sign of remembrance and respect for the soldiers. During the one minute silence we think about how they

fought for us. We can be for the soldiers who have died. We can be silent for the pain and sorrow of the soldiers. These traditions bring our community together to all show and pay respect to all who fought for our country.

In conclusion, Anzac Day is a very important day in Australian history to remember bravery, courage and respect. By remembering on this special day, it ensures our future generations to never forget the hard times our soldiers went through to give us the freedom we have and enjoy today. We will never forget how the soldiers fought for us and our country Australia.

By Alodia Acantilado



RSL Needs New Members

Over time, membership has dwindled for a variety of reasons, and the committee feel it is the right time to extend a warm welcome to Charlton and district locals to be part of a vibrant and rewarding, community-based organisation.

Although the branch offers three types of memberships, emphasis is urged for "Service" members to answer the call. This form of membership is for past or present members (veterans) of any of the ADF, to join and help with the direction and input of ideas for the strengthening of the club. Your involvement

will ensure the on-going benefits of what the RSL is all about. "Affiliate" membership is for any family member of a service member to enjoy the camaraderie, and share in the decisions benefitting the club overall. "Social" membership is for all other locals who just wish to support our outgoing and friendly group at regular social days etc.

Service and Affiliate memberships are inclusive of benefits such as special dinner nights, attendance at certain "invitation only" functions etc. All members are welcome and encouraged to our many social days held throughout the year, of which the most

popular is the "Diggers Day" golf event, a major fund raiser for our contribution to "headquarters". Over the many years the Charlton sub-branch has been operating (over 50 years), it has donated/raised in excess of \$120,000 for distribution via Legacy, war widows, and health and wellbeing organisations.

Your support and interest will ensure the Charlton branch continues this fine work. Further enquiries can be made through Markus Phillips on 0413 129 216 or Bruce Gardner on 0417 393 467.



Charlton Community Phone Book

As most of you will appreciate the much loved Orange Local Phone Directory is out of date and needs a revamp, accordingly the Lions Club Members have agreed to update the book so that it is more functional for users.

The new version will be accessible on your phone as a digital app giving you instant phone contacts details on your phone by simply typing in a name, in most cases a partial name will probably give you the contact details even quicker. The digital version will also allow you to request changes, additions or deletions, which will help to keep the Directory more current for longer. All you will have to do is download an app onto your phone which will be free to Charlton & District residents and Businesses.

The new Directory will have many user advantages such as finding local name and

phone numbers quicker, searches for local businesses more accessible, it will be tap and call instantly, it will be easier to make additions, deletions and changes to listings and it will be secure for local residents all of which will keep the Directory more up to date and more relevant. There will not be a password required but rather you will register your mobile number when you download the App which make the Directory secure to your phone only. However for the Directory to be successful it will require your support by agreeing to have your name and details listed.

The Club is also very mindful of the fact that a lot of residents will not have suitable phones or computers etcetera so a printed version will also be available for those who need or prefer a hard copy of the Directory.

This year there will be a slightly different approach for inclusion in the new book in that if a current listing in the Orange Book is still relevant and does not need change you won't need to do anything, we will accept that your inclusion in the new book is approved. We are aware of a good many changes required to current listings and we will make these changes in the coming weeks unless you tell us that you don't want your name to be listed.

The Club will shortly be undertaking a Charlton & District letter drop into your mail box, we ask that you fill in the relevant form and leave it in the receptacle provided at Charlton IGA, the Post Office or Heenan's Newsagency. For further information contact President Ross Lane (0438 912 032), Kevin Willey (0428 911 830) or Garry Larmour (0409 023 875).

Charlton A & P Society

The Charlton A & P Society committee is currently busily planning the 143rd annual Charlton Show on October 17th, 2026. Whilst still drawing on the foundation concept of the Agricultural Society formed back in 1881, we endeavour to bring the whole community together for a day of entertainment, participation and fun!

We invite you to participate in the Show by entering an exhibit in the pavilion. There

are various categories available, including flowers, fruit and vegetables, preserves, craft, art, photography, cooking, crops, recycled farm product sculptures, animals, and wool. So why not start planning now to have your masterpiece ready for Show Day! Additionally, at a recent meeting of pavilion stewards, Pavilion Secretary Aileen Allan said the committee is considering a suggestion to have all entries for the Junior Art & Craft

section delivered to the pavilion no later than the Thursday evening prior to the Show for judging on Friday. This change aims to reduce pressure on volunteers and families on Saturday morning. Please contact Aileen if you have any feedback on this proposal.

The full Show schedule will be released in early September.



Charlton Golf Tournament

There were 259 entries in the Charlton Golf Tournament played over the four-day event, attracting players from all parts of the State.

Ladies' 4 B Aggregate Putter Day

Forty-nine players arrived to play in the 34th putter day, the first day of the annual tournament. Thanks to all who travelled from around the district and further afield to enjoy the beautiful weather and course.

Winners

- Golden Putter: Local Chris Livingston paired up with Wendy Laffin to take home their 3rd Putter win with 78 pts.
- Runner-up: Kerry Raven and Debbie Burton 76 pts
- Individual event winners
- Division 1 - Heather Hogan 41 pts, Runner up Venita Walder 40 pts
- Division 2 - Deanne Free 44 pts, Runner up Wendy Hargreaves on a C/B from Kim Laffin 40 pts
- NTP - 2nd Ruth Iser, 7th Gill Fawcett and 14th Wendy Laffin
- Longest 2nd shot on 17 - Mandy Male

Men's Friday 4 ball

Forty-nine pairs entered in 2 grades. Division 1 winners were Jed Stewart and

Adam Gould on 46 points. Runners up Murray Ennis and Russell Ward on 45 points.

Division 2 winners Brian and Troy Heenan with 46 points on countback from Ric Walklate and Chris Mathews 46 points.

Winners of the Tindley/Turner perpetual shield. Best Score Charlton Vs Kew: Brian and Troy Heenan 46 points.

Saturday Men's Day

Sixty-two players entered in 2 grades.

Division 1

- 30 hole scratch winner: Steve Valentine 50/73=123
- 30 hole net: Scott Wright 48 2/3 70=118 2/3
- 18 hole scratch: Jono Curnick 71
- 18 hole net: Owen Bailey 70 on countback Ryan Casey 70
- 12 hole scratch: Craig Burn 48
- 12 hole net: Luke Kelly 45 1/3

Division 2

- 30 hole scratch winner: John Headon 60/86=146
- 30 hole net: Ric Walklate 48 2/3 70=118 2/3
- 18 hole scratch: Chris Mathews 86
- 18 hole net: Trevor McGurk 72
- 12 hole scratch: Jamey Soulsby 58

- 12 hole net 44 2/3 on countback Ian Jenkins and Lindsay Edwards.
- The Dr Geoff Wilson memorial trophy. Best net Charlton vs Kew: Ric Walklate 118 2/3
- Nearest the pins: 2nd George Palavos, 7th Jono Curnick 14th Wally Tindley.
- Longest Drive: Jonno Curnick
- Vale of Avoca Best 2nd shot on 17th: Lindsay Edwards.

Sunday Ambrose Pairs

Fifty players entered.

- Winners: Zac Mayberry and Zack McIntosh 78/62 1/2 net
- Runners-up: Terry Bates and Murray Ennis 73/64 1/2 net
- 3rd place: Ian Jenkins and Eily Rosewall 79/64 2/3 net
- Nearest the pins: 2nd Clinton Olive, 7th Wendy Laffin, 14th Chris Jones.
- Vale of Avoca best 2nd shot on 17th: Jeff Cox.



Kerry Raven, Debbie Burton, Chris Livingston, Wendy Laffin, Wendy Hargreaves, Heather Hogan, Deanne Free.



Eily Rosewall (L) and Ian Jenkins (R) teamed well in the Sunday Ambrose event.



Kitchen duties: Lorraine Walklate, Chris McGurk, Alison Tormey, Marj Olive, Janice Boyle, Wendy Laffin, Wendy Hargreaves & Chris Livingston.



Steve Valentine (L) 30 hole winner from Kew Golf Club pictured with Charlton President Jamey Soulsby (R).



Charlton Badminton

Successful Ladies Tournament

Charlton Badminton proudly hosted a highly successful Ladies Tournament on Friday, 24 July, welcoming 32 players competing across five sections.

Players travelled from Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham, St Arnaud, and Charlton, making for a fantastic day of competitive badminton. Throughout the tournament, spectators were treated to some excellent matches, with all players displaying great enthusiasm, skill, and outstanding sportsmanship.

Tournament Results

A Grade – Section 1

Winner: Caitlin Sawyer (Horsham)
Runner-up: Morgan Crisp (Charlton)

A Grade – Section 2

Winner: Carley Mawby (Ballarat)
Runner-up: Helen Francisco (Horsham)

B Grade – Section 1

Winner: Ilona Moore (Ballarat)
Runner-up: Karen Lopez (Geelong)

B Grade – Section 2

Winner: Sue Sutton (St Arnaud)
Runner-up: Colleen Pilven (Ballarat)

C Grade – Section 1

Winner: Jordan Hegarty (Ballarat)
Runner-up: Lorraine Brown (Ballarat)

Following the day's play, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch featuring a

wonderful selection of sandwiches, slices and cakes.

Charlton Badminton extends a sincere thank you to all of our ladies who assisted throughout the day, with special thanks to Marj Olive, Marea Judd and Stacy Thompson for helping organise the kitchen and serve lunch. Your hard work was greatly appreciated and helped make the day such a success.

We also sincerely thank everyone who generously donated trophies for the tournament and those who donated raffle prizes.

Wednesday Night Badminton

Since returning from the school holidays, we have enjoyed some fantastic Wednesday nights of badminton, with great numbers and plenty of competitive matches across all sections.

Our Singles Championships will be held on Wednesday, 5 August, and we wish all competitors the very best of luck.

Section Winners

15 July 2026

Section 1: Troy Heenan
Section 2: Morgan Crisp
Section 3: Liam Monaghan

22 July 2026

Section 1: Troy Heenan
Section 2: Ethan Needs
Section 3: Charlie Zagame

29 July 2026

Section 1: Troy Heenan

Section 2: Sandra Fanning

Congratulations to all of our weekly winners. It's wonderful to see such strong competition and participation each week.

Junior Badminton Update

Junior Badminton is back after the school holidays, and we've had some fantastic performances from our young players.

14 July Winners

Sharks (Section 1): Chace Hooper-Dixon
Stingrays (Section 2): N.F.
Jellyfish (Section 3): Lily Lane
Seals (Section 4): Oliver Lane

21 July Winners

Sharks (Section 1): Toby Bourke
Stingrays (Section 2): Hudson McGrath
Jellyfish (Section 3): Megg Fitzpatrick
Seals (Section 4): Franklin Holmes-Brown

28 July Winners

Sharks (Section 1): Andrew Acantilado
Stingrays (Section 2): Flynn Zagame
Jellyfish (Section 3): Alodia Acantilado
Seals (Section 4): Oliver Lane

Congratulations to all of our junior winners. It is fantastic to see our young players developing their skills, improving each week and enjoying the game. We look forward to another exciting term of Junior Badminton.



Badminton action during the Ladies' Tournament.

THE REX THEATRE



CHARLTON

30-34 High St Charlton 3525
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 www.rextheatre.org.au



THE REX THEATRE

AUGUST COMING ATTRACTIONS

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

**THE ODYSSEY**

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

CTC | 172 mins | Action | Adventure

Christopher Nolan's next film, The Odyssey, is a mythic action epic shot across the world using brand new IMAX® film technology. The film brings Homer's foundational saga to life with stars Matt Damon, Tom Holland, Anne Hathaway, Robert Pattinson and Lupita Nyong'o, along with Zendaya and Charlize Theron.

**HOLY DAYS**

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

PG Mild themes, coarse language and drug use
 101 mins | Comedy | Drama

Accompanied by a young boy, three unconventional nuns embark on a wild and chaotic road trip across New Zealand to retrieve the deeds to their convent. When an unexpected snowstorm derails their journey, they soon find themselves confronting loss, mortality and the transformative power of love, forgiveness and connection.

**MOANA**

Sat 15 AUG 8pm
 Sun 16 AUG 2pm
 Tue 18 AUG 8pm

PG Mild threat 115 mins | Adventure | Comedy

The live-action adaptation of Disney's animated classic, the movie sees Moana leaving her island for the first time as she embarks on an epic seafaring adventure to restore prosperity to her people.

**SPIDER-MAN: BRAND NEW DAY**

CTC TBA mins | Action | Adventure

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

Peter Parker devotes his life to protecting New York City as a full-time Spider-Man. But as the demands on him intensify, the pressure sparks a surprising physical evolution that threatens his existence, even as a strange new pattern of crimes gives rise to one of the most powerful threats he's ever faced.



25 YEARS OF MAGIC
Harry Potter
 AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE

25th Anniversary Dress-Up Screening

Friday, 28 August

Movie starts at 7:00 pm, doors open @ 6:00 PM

Dust off your robes, grab your wand and join us for a magical evening filled with nostalgia, magic and fun to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this wizarding phenomenon!

**SPA WEEKEND**

Sat 29 AUG 8pm
 Sun 30 AUG 2pm
 Tue 1 SEPT 8pm

CTC TBA mins | Comedy

Three friends go on a spa weekend that descends into chaos when their trainwreck friend joins, leading to hilarious consequences.



What's On at the Rex

Here's a look at the coming events at The Rex for August and September.

AUGUST

The 25th Anniversary screening:

"HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE"

(Come dressed as your favourite HP character)

Friday 28 August *7pm (doors open at 6pm)

Bookings: <https://www.rextheatre.org.au/whats-showing.html>

Can you believe it's been 25 years since the first Harry Potter movie was released?! Well, here's your chance to re-live the magic!

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the film that introduced a generation to the Wizarding World, The Rex is bringing Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone back to the big screen for one magical evening.

We want you to dust off your robes, grab your wand and join us for a night filled with nostalgia, magic and fun.

Whether you're a Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw or Slytherin, we'd love to see you dressed as your favourite witch, wizard or magical creature. Weave your own magic by creating a sensational costume and join in what promises to be a night to remember!

SEPTEMBER

THE WILBURY LEGENDS – The Music and Stories Celebrating the Traveling Wilburys

Presented by The Rex Theatre

Saturday 5th September 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm)

Tickets: \$55

Bookings: <https://www.rextheatre.org.au/live-shows.html> or

At the door

THE WILBURY LEGENDS traces the careers of the five superstars - George Harrison, Jeff Lynne, Roy Orbison, Tom Petty, and Bob Dylan - who united almost by accident, to remind the world of the roots and the joy of rock 'n' roll.

The show features an all-star lineup led by vocal trio Lindsay Field, Sam See, and Glyn Mason, and takes audiences through the history of the legendary group. Alongside Wilburys hits like "Handle Me With Care," the band also covers celebrated tracks from the individual artists, such as "Pretty Woman," "Something," "The Times They Are A'Changing" and "Free Fallin".

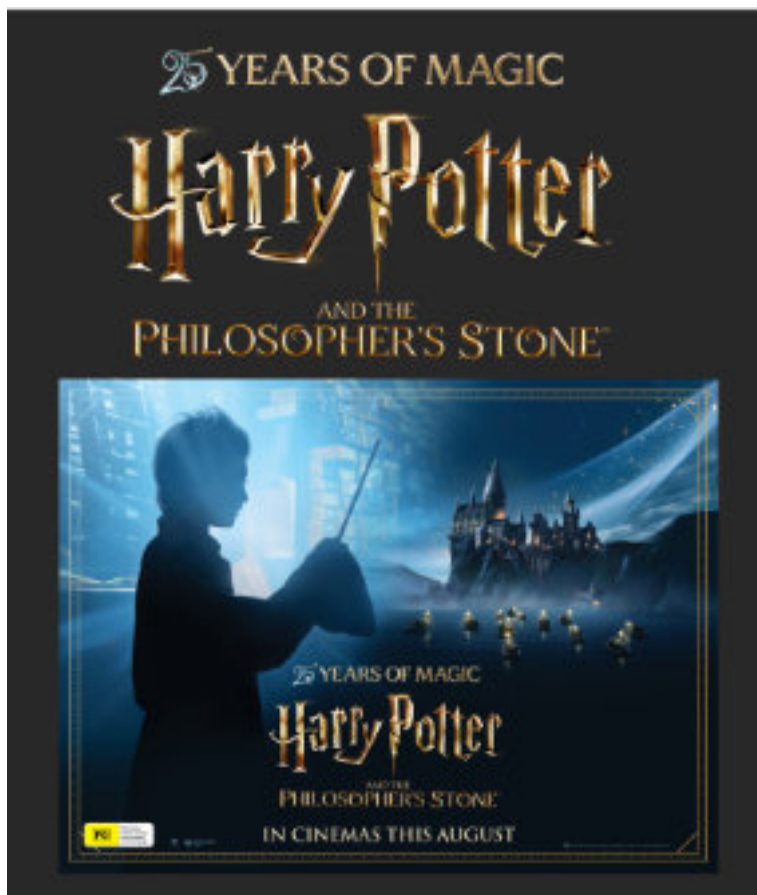
It's a night featuring sensational vocals, knockout harmonies and gargantuan guitar work which will have you rocking to the beat!



Wands For Sale



The Men's Shed have wands for sale for \$15 each. Contact Kevin Willey if interested. 0428 911 830.



Thank you!

The family of the late Carmel Fitzpatrick would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kindness, support and sympathy following Carmel's passing. Your cards, flowers, food, messages and the many wonderful stories shared have brought great comfort to our family during this difficult time. We are deeply grateful for the support.

GET READY FOR FATHER'S DAY

CHARLTON
Indoor pop-up shops

29TH & 30TH AUGUST
9AM TO 3PM

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FISHING COMPETITION



Where: Unlimited radius of Charlton.

When: Saturday & Sunday 15th & 16th August 2026.

Weigh in: 5.30pm followed by BBQ tea.

- All members to register by placing their name on the registration sheet at the Clubhouse prior to fishing
- Fishing can be between 7am & weigh in on the day 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. All Juniors receive a prize for participation.

Entry fee: Adults \$5.00. Juniors \$2.00. Tea only (not fishing) \$5.00.

For more information:

President: Alan Nicolson 0417 386 787

Secretary: Geoff Nicolson 0417 388 652

All new and current "fisherpeople" welcome!

North Central Garden Club

The July meeting of the North Central Garden Club was a lively and enjoyable afternoon highlighted by a successful auction with Lynne McCrae auctioneering, Jenny Mead pencilling, Jo Phillips and Bernice Kenny distributing the goods to the successful bidders.

Fourteen members generously contributed an outstanding selection of plants ranging from colourful shrubs and fragrant herbs to unusual and exotic bulbs. The quality and variety on offer sparked plenty of keen bidding with members eager to secure that special plant to add to their gardens. The auction proved to be both entertaining and a valuable fundraiser for the club.

With spring just around the corner, members are now busy preparing for the annual Open Gardens. This year's event will be held on Sunday 4th of October with the date coinciding with the Art and Photography Exhibition which will be held over the same weekend celebrating gardening creativity and talents of the artists.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday August 25th at 2pm at the Lions Lodge. New members and visitors with an interest in gardening are always welcome to attend and enjoy the fellowship, gardening knowledge and varied activities the Club has to offer.

Charlton Forum Annual General Meeting

Tue. 18th August @ 5:30pm
Lions Lodge, Camp Street
All Welcome



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Official Opening

Saturday 3rd October, 2026 @ 3pm

Gallery Open

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October
10am till 5pm

Charlton Courthouse Gallery
8 Camp Street, Charlton



New Exhibition at Mallee Creatives

Mallee Creatives are proud to showcase the beautiful work of Charlton artist Kate Giakimis.

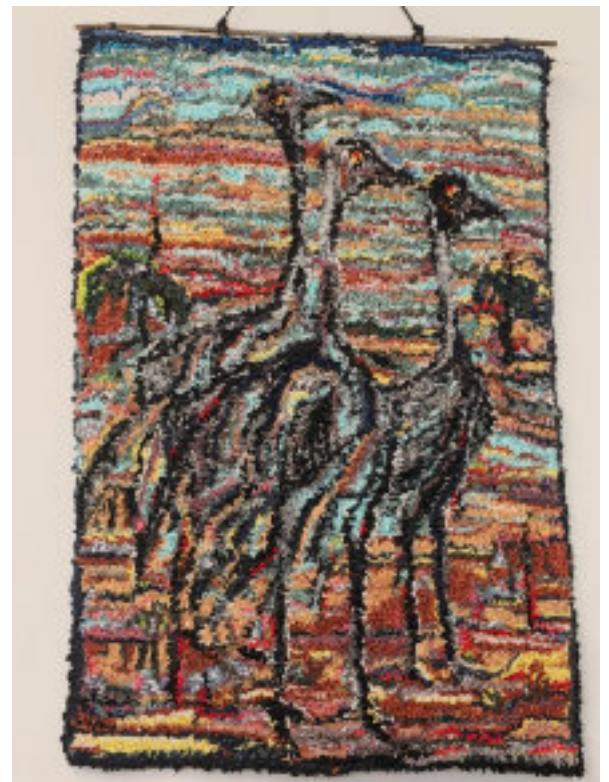
Inspired by the Mallee landscape, the Avoca River and a lifelong passion for creating, Kate works across acrylic painting, hand-spun weaving, hooked rag rugs and recycled fibre art. Every piece reflects a deep connection to nature, spirituality and community.

While the artworks featured in Kate's exhibition are not for sale, many of her handcrafted pieces are available to purchase, and Kate is happy to consider commission work.

Exhibition on display until 6 September.



Kate Giakimis pictured with curator, Chris Wyatt.



A woven piece by Kate.



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DATE: Sunday 27.09.2026
TIME: 10:00am
LOCATION: Charlton Park
All entry via main entrance on Calder Highway
COST: \$10 per person
(per vehicle with maximum of 2 people)
8:00am - 9:30am Entry
10:00am Judging (Trophies awarded for each category)
For more information 0439 911 083
We're looking forward to your participation!
3 x raffle prizes (Enter at the gate)

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The First Weekend in October

Charlton Arts
Charlton Art & Photography Exhibition
Charlton Park
Fri 2nd - Mon 5th October

Friday: Doors open 6.30pm
Official Opening 7.30pm
Saturday: 10am - 4pm
Sunday: 10am - 4pm
Monday: 10am - 1pm

Official Opening Admission \$25
Early Bird Tickets \$20 available at
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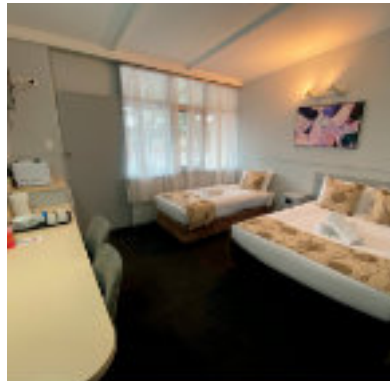
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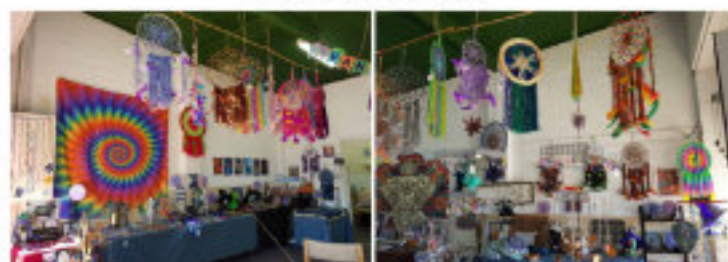
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