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Walklate Lane Unveiled

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There was a strong sense of pride and reflection in Charlton as family, friends and community members gathered to officially unveil Walklate Lane on Thursday 3rd September, a lasting tribute to the late Dr Brian Walklate, whose decades of service as a local doctor touched the lives of generations of Charlton residents.

Joined by his wife Mary, members of the Walklate family, Charlton Forum Secretary Markus Phillips, community representatives and residents came together to celebrate a man remembered not only for his medical expertise, but for his compassion, generosity and commitment to the people of Charlton.

The unveiling marked the culmination of a community-led initiative first proposed by the Charlton Forum in 2021.

The Forum's intention was to recognise Dr Brian Walklate's outstanding contribution to the Charlton community by naming the laneway beside his former medical practice, creating a lasting connection between his legacy and the place where he cared for generations of local families for many years.

The proposal was assessed and approved in accordance with the Victorian Naming Rules, recognising the strong historical and community connection between Dr Walklate and the site.

Attending on behalf of Buloke Shire Council, Cr Alan Getley and Cr Bruce Stafford said the unveiling was an important acknowledgement of a life dedicated to serving others.

"We congratulate the Charlton Forum for their commitment in bringing this project to fruition and helping preserve an important part of Charlton's history," they said.

For the Charlton community, the unveiling represents more than the naming of a laneway. For many rural communities, local doctors are often much more than healthcare providers.

They become trusted advisers, friends and a constant source of support.

Walklate Lane now stands as a permanent tribute to Dr Walklate and as a reminder of the vital role healthcare professionals play in strengthening and sustaining rural communities.

L to R: Cr Bruce Stafford, Cr Alan Getley, Markus Phillips and members of the Walklate family; Lorraine and Ric Walklate (son); Jan Walklate (daughter); Georgia Walklate (representing son, Philip Walklate's family) holding Patrick (great-grandchild); and Kate Walklate (representing Philip Walklate's family) holding Lenny (great-grandchild), with Dr Walklate's wife, Mary, seated in front.



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From the Editor

Carolyn Olive

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the October edition of the Charlton Community Newsletter.

Congratulations to the Women's Hockey Team on their Grand Final Premiership. What a stellar effort. Well done to all the other teams that made it into the finals.

Welcome to our new sponsor, the **East Charlton Cafe**. We wish them success and thank them for their support.

It's great to see Walklate Lane finally come to fruition. I was involved in the initial push to make this happen when I was secretary of the Charlton Forum. I'm so pleased Mary and the Walklate family were able to see it installed.

October is SO BUSY with all the Spring events on the calendar. The next edition will be a big one.

We've been away for a few weeks, and it was lovely to come home to all the crops looking fantastic. Hopefully we're in for a good hay and harvest season.

Cheers,

Carolyn

Upcoming Events

Please note, events are subject to change.

October

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

Altered States @ Courthouse Gallery—Sat. 3rd &
Sun 4th

Open Gardens—Sun. 4th

Charlton Campdraft Fri. 9th - Sun 11th

Lions Swap Meet—Sun. 11th

Charlton Show—Sat. 17th

Ben Green Rotunda Centenary—Sun. 18th

St Kilda Film Festival @ The Rex—Sun. 18th &
Tues. 20th

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Charlton Diggers Day

September 13th was Diggers Day, when Charlton RSL and Charlton Oasis combined to run the annual Charlton Diggers Day golf day. RSL volunteers spent time during the week before the event outside Charlton IGA selling tickets for the huge grocery Hamper raffle; our grateful thanks go to all who stopped and invested. There can only be one lucky winner, and this year it was Val Sultana's turn.

It was a balmy day with excellent golfing conditions until late afternoon when a shower or three brought out the wet weather gear for those still playing and forced the early finishers inside the clubrooms. Forty-two golfers took part, the format being Ambrose pairs. Best card for the day was par off the stick, a great result. Apres Golf comprised afternoon tea and refreshments and the spinning wheel was put to good use with

volunteers from RSL, Oasis and Lions extracting cold hard cash from willing purchasers.

Diggers Day is only possible thanks to the generous sponsorship we receive from local and other businesses, to the time freely given by the willing RSL, Oasis and Lions volunteers and to the golfers who come out year after year to support the day and, occasionally, take home a trophy or three. Invoices are still coming in, but early indications are that we will match our 2025 donation to Bendigo Legacy of \$6,000, which they use for their support of veterans' widows and children.

Next month is Remembrance month, Remembrance Day being on Wednesday 11th. Details will be advised in the November newsletter.

LEST WE FORGET



B Grade runners-up Jasper Walsh & Brodie Grylls 67 3/4 net.



Winners of the Norm Lindhe Trophy: Jason Frankum, Chris Lindhe representing the Lindhe family & Jock Bailey 64 3/4 net.



B grade winners Graeme & Rhonda Porter 65 3/4 net, A grade winners Ric Walklate & Chris Mathews 64 net.

Charlton Hockey Premiers

The Charlton Women's Hockey team won the North Central Hockey Association Premiership with a thrilling 3-2 win over Wedderburn. It was a tight, end-to-end contest, with both teams matching each other goal for goal in the scorching conditions. Neither side gave an inch, making for a fantastic game of hockey right through to the final whistle.

This comes after a successful year for the Charlton Hockey Club with the Underage team playing in the Grand Final against St Arnaud, losing 4 to 1. The Under 12s made it to the Preliminary Finals but didn't win their game against Birchip-Watchem.

In football, the U14s made it to the Prelims but lost their game against Birchip-Watchem.

In the North Central Awards Murphy Fitzpatrick was Joint B & F Runner-Up in the Football Under17s. In hockey, Elise Fitzpatrick was the Joint Women's B & F Runner-up, Rosie Fitzpatrick was the Underage B & F and Henry Bourke was the Men's B & F.



L to R: Stacy Thompson, Kylie Fitzpatrick (Team Manager), Kelly Wright, Jo Southcombe, Hannah Thompson, Rosie Fitzpatrick, Neve Nisbet, Julie Bourke (Coach), Annie Olive, Elise Fitzpatrick (Captain), Poppy Fitzpatrick, Tessa Fitzpatrick (Captain), Laura Van Boven, Naomi Fitzpatrick (Goalie), Brooke Thompson, Sheena Fitzpatrick, Amali Fitzpatrick, Henry Bourke, Jacey Ferguson, Mary-Anne Sait.

Charlton Forum News

The Charlton Community Forum has been working steadily for our town this year and is pleased to give an update on several recently, or soon to be completed projects.

Residents may have noticed the wonderful addition to Gordon Park with an amazing sculpture at one of the entrances. This was funded by a grant from the Harold and Francis Abbott Foundation. Designed by Joel Thiesz and mentor, Robbie Rowlands, it was created by Joel with assistance from Joe Durie. Thank you to the Buloke Shire for installing the artwork.

We were pleased to have the many years of service by Dr Walklate recognised with the service road along the Avoca River renamed Walklate Lane. Thanks go to Buloke Shire for their assistance with this project.

Speed signage is currently being installed

along High Street and Mildura Way that will see a reduction in speed to 40 KPH. This has been a long time coming, but we are pleased that action is finally being taken.

This year the Charlton Community Forum decided to form several sub-groups to cover important aspects of our town. These range from tourism to the environment. We are constantly on the lookout for new members with a passion for Charlton to join our Forum. If you are interested please call the secretary Markus on 0413129216.

Other important information to note is regarding the 2027 Citizen of the Year and Community Event Awards. Submission forms are available from the Charlton Neighbourhood House, Charlton Post Office, or by contacting the secretary on the number above. Entries close on October 30.



Joe Durie & Joel Thiesz

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Golden Grains Museum

Welcome to another monthly catch up from your local Charlton Golden Grains Museum, and the very busy month of October. Check out the story and notice about the very special anniversary celebration of the Charlton Band Rotunda on October 18. Do you have any memories or old pictures of the rotunda? If so please contact one of the people listed below to pass these on. If you haven't visited us lately this day will give you the opportunity to drop in and have a look around prior to the formalities and entertainment. Otherwise we open every Sunday from 11:00am until 3:00pm, with individual and group bookings most welcome, or even private viewings by prior arrangements with one of the members listed below.

Would you like to become involved 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.

Bills' Water Trough

Our special feature this month takes a look at an important feature that is located a little out of the way here in town. You are probably familiar with the concrete troughs that are located in many towns and inner city suburbs of Melbourne. Charlton has its own historic Bills Water Trough located at the side of the Charlton Traffic Education Centre in Kaye Street. If travelling along the Calder Highway from Melbourne you would pass one in Bridgewater and Inglewood, along with one at Wedderburn.

For those unfamiliar with the story, Bills horse troughs are watering troughs that were manufactured in Australia and installed to provide relief for working horses in the first half of the twentieth century. The troughs were financed by a trust fund established through the will of George Bills. A total of around 700 troughs were distributed by the trust in Australia and 50 in several other countries.

George and Annis had no children, and following the death of George in 1927, a trust fund was set up, believed to be around £70-80,000, administered by Bills' executors, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crook of Auburn, Victoria. One of the purposes of the trust, as set out in George Bills' will, was to: "...construct and erect and pay for horse troughs wherever they

may be of the opinion that such horse troughs are desirable for the relief of horses and other dumb animals either in Australasia, in the British Islands or in any other part of the world subject to the consent of the proper authorities being obtained." Each trough cost £13 plus transport and installation. The majority of the troughs were installed in Victoria and New South Wales between 1930 and 1939.

Bingo!

Why not join us on one of our regular trips across to Donald for Bingo. It raises significant funds for the museum. If you are keen to join in the fun, again, contact one of the volunteers listed below.

Check out our Facebook Page or search on your browser 'Charlton Golden Grains Museum'.

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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Charlton Bills' Trough, built by local contractor Sam O'Brien, when it was located on the corner of High & Learmonth Streets. (Bottom right corner of photo)

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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COMMUNITY GRANTS – ROUND 1 NOW OPEN

Buloke Shire Council's Community Grants Program is now accepting applications for Round 1, with grants of up to \$5,000 available to support community-led projects across the Shire.

Funding is available for a range of projects, including community programs and activities, equipment purchases and facility improvements. Projects should respond to an identified community need, increase participation, improve community facilities or deliver a broad benefit to the community.

Applications close: Tuesday, 13 October 2026

Applicants notified: By 30 November 2026

Community groups considering applying are encouraged to get their applications underway and review the Community Grants Guidelines before submitting.

For more information, guidelines and to apply, visit: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/community-grants

For assistance, contact Council's Grants Team on 1300 520 520 or email grants@buloke.vic.gov.au.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S DRAFT FINANCIAL AND ASSET PLANS

Community members are invited to have their say on two important long-term planning documents now on public exhibition: Council's **Draft Financial Plan 2026-2036** and **Draft Asset Plan 2026-2036**.

The plans will help guide Council's long-term financial sustainability and future investment in infrastructure and community assets over the next 10 years.

Both plans can be downloaded from the Have Your Say section of Council's website at www.buloke.vic.gov.au. Hard copies can also be viewed at the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof. Written submissions can be made by email to buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au, delivered in person to the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre, or mailed to Buloke Shire Council - Submissions, PO Box 1, Wycheproof VIC 3527. Submissions must be received by **5pm Monday, 19 October 2026**.

CELEBRATE SENIORS FESTIVAL WITH A COUNTRY CONCERT

Buloke Shire Council is celebrating Victorian Seniors Festival with a free afternoon of classic country music at the Wycheproof Shire Hall.

Acclaimed Australian country performer Amber Joy Poulton and The Holy Two will present Honky Tonk Queens, featuring timeless songs from country music legends including Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn and Tammy Wynette.

Date: Wednesday, 14 October 2026

Time: 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Location: Wycheproof Shire Hall, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof

The event is free, with afternoon tea and free bus transport available.

Bookings are required. To book your ticket and bus seat, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yw9fcr9>

Alternatively, call Council on **1300 520 520** for assistance with your booking.

For more Victorian Seniors Festival events, visit: www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/victorian-seniors-festival



POP-UP PLAYGROUP COMING TO SEA LAKE

Families with young children are invited to join Council's Supported Playgroup team for a special Pop-Up Playgroup at Sea Lake these school holidays.

Come along for a relaxed morning of play, songs, stories and smiles at Apex Park Playground. It's a great opportunity for little ones to have fun and for local families to connect.

Date: Thursday, 1 October 2026

Time: 10.30am to 12pm

Location: Apex Park Playground, Sea Lake

Families are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

FIVE FOR FIRE SEASON – FREE GREEN WASTE STARTS SATURDAY

Buloke Shire Council's **Five for Fire Season** free green waste period begins this Saturday, helping residents prepare their properties ahead of the upcoming fire season.

From **Saturday, 3 October to Sunday, 1 November 2026**, residents can dispose of green waste free of charge at Council landfill and transfer stations during their regular opening hours.

Following positive feedback last year, the period has again been scheduled to include **five full weekends**, giving residents more opportunities to undertake fire season preparation and dispose of green waste.

Free green waste disposal will also be available during regular weekday opening hours throughout the period.

Residents are encouraged to make use of the service and prepare their properties early.

For opening hours for all Council waste sites, visit the **Waste and Recycling** page at www.buloke.vic.gov.au.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH BULOKE

Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific, and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. For more information on equal opportunity, call People and Culture on 1300 520 520.

You can find all current employment opportunities at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment

Applications can be lodged by:
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→ **Applications close 5:00 PM, 4th October 2026.**



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St Joseph's School News

September has been another busy and exciting month at St Joseph's, filled with opportunities for learning, connection, creativity and plenty of fun!

A very special celebration for Father's Day kicked off the first week in September. Many fathers, grandfathers and significant males in the lives of our students enjoyed a delicious breakfast, a trivia quiz organised by Mrs Armstrong and the senior students and some special gifts prepared by the students. This was a beautiful celebration of love and joy and such a special reminder of the positive impact these relationships have on our students.

The next special viewing was the **Regional Arts Victoria** puppet show, *A Little Bit of Blue*. We are very grateful to **Mallee Creatives** and **Charlton Neighbourhood House** for providing on-going wonderful cultural opportunities for our students. The children were invited to help solve the mystery and stay one step ahead of the detective as they worked to discover the thief — a sneaky Australian Satin Bowerbird with a deep fascination for the colour blue! It was a wonderful way for our students to engage with the arts while enjoying an entertaining and interactive performance, which especially appealed to our junior students.

Members from the **Men's Shed** also helped us welcome the Melbourne Cup to town by providing hobby horses for students to add some wonderful decorations to. This created a fun and exciting opportunity for our students, and it was fantastic to see them racing their hobby horses down the street while also getting to see the real **Melbourne Cup**, valued at more than \$1 million!

Wellbeing continues to be an important focus at St Joseph's. **Karina Johnston**, wellbeing leader, spent two days in Melbourne undertaking training in the **Peaceful Kids** program. This is an amazing program designed to help children develop

strategies to manage anxiety, stress and worries before they become issues that impact their lives. We are looking forward to putting this valuable learning into action at St Joseph's and supporting our students with their wellbeing. During September, staff and students also prioritised RUOK? Day. A number of activities focused on the message of this important day — senior students modelled the four steps to check in on our friends; colourings were completed; students received Kit-Kats with a special message and gathered together to explore the theme of the day.

September also provided many opportunities to strengthen our connections with the wider community. We welcomed **Dakota Willey**, a work experience student from Leopold, who spent a week working in our senior room. Dakota was a valued and engaged member of our school community, and it was wonderful to see the positive interactions she had with everyone.

Our junior room also enjoyed a visit from the kindergarten children and their leaders and carers. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to interact and become familiar with one another ahead of the **four-year-old transition program** in Term Four.

We have also enjoyed several visits with our friends at the local nursing home. On one occasion, we joined them for a celebration of Mass and shared a couple of songs together. We then returned during the final week of term to share songs and some entertainment from our school production. These visits are always special and provide wonderful opportunities for our students to connect with and brighten the day of members of our wider community.

The major highlight of the term was undoubtedly the culmination of a term's hard work — our school production, **** Rocktopus the Musical! ****

Rocktopus tells the uplifting story of determination and soul-searching as the lead octopus and his band of invertebrates dream of making it big in the underwater music industry. Of course, it isn't all fame and fortune, as they encounter some pesky and sneaky sharks, jeering turtles, stingrays and a host of other underwater creatures along the way!

What a wonderful production it was! Directed by LSO staff Naomi Fitzpatrick and Emily Lanyon, the performance was supported wholeheartedly by all staff members. As always, our dedicated staff gave 100 per cent to every aspect of the production, from stage setting and props to costumes and rehearsals, helping our students produce an entertaining and memorable performance. We are incredibly proud of the students and all they achieved.

We finished the term with a **Footy Colours Day**, complete with a delicious hot dog lunch. It was a fun way to finish a very busy and productive term, and all our students certainly earned their well-deserved break over the holidays!

Looking Ahead to Term Four

We are very excited to welcome **Holly McAdie** to the teaching staff at St Joseph's as Term Four begins. Holly will be leading our Year 2/3 Room, and we look forward to welcoming her into our school community. **Welcome, Holly!**

There is certainly plenty happening in Term Four, with STOMP Dancing, sports days, school camps and excursions, transition programs from kindergarten to school and primary to secondary, along with all the usual fun and excitement that makes Term Four such a special time of the school year.

We look forward to welcoming staff and students back for Term Four on the 5th of October.



A Little Bit of Blue: Samantha Revell, Ivy Sexton, Amelie Hellard & William Donaldson.



A Little Bit of Blue Puppet Show.



St Joseph's School



Franklin Holmes-Brown and Dad Matt.



Jake, Lila & Maddie Lanyon.



Jarrah & Shepherd Mills with dad, Darren and Grandfather, Brendan Byrne.



Eadie Ash & Maddie Lanyon ask RUOK?



Flynn Zagame & Edwin Jince greet residents at the nursing home.



Students gather to welcome the Melbourne Cup.



Kinda Visit.

CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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

Another busy month has just passed

We are pleased to report a terrific response to all recent activities hosted through the Neighbourhood House. It is great to see so many locals take advantage of the courses we host and the services we provide. Check our recent flyer for some great opportunities to get involved.

Bookworms very active

Children across the Shire were engaged in a terrific initiative to encourage reading, and Charlton was no exception. With the lead taken by the Mallee Network of Neighbourhood Houses and funding provided by LOFTG



Melbourne Cup fever

The Charlton Neighbourhood House was pleased to be involved engaging the town's younger children with the visit of the prized Melbourne Cup trophy. With generous funding support from the Bendigo Bank, and the Men's Shed providing expertise in creating horses and cups, the decorations the children did was amazing. Well done to Julie McGrath and all involved.



Little Locals Art Club

Yet another fun-filled activity hosted by Poppy saw the children do craft projects based on Imagination Wonderland.



Carers Lunch

Wednesday September 9th saw a wonderful lunch enjoyed at the Cricket Club Hotel for our local Carers Group. This month's guest speaker was Neighbourhood House staff member Markus coming along to discuss his and wife Jo's volunteering work at orphanages in rural China. Do you care for someone in our community? Enquire today about getting involved with our regular monthly get togethers, and subsidised lunches.



Castlemaine bus trip a hit

A recent day excursion to Castlemaine's Old Mill Precinct organised by the Charlton Club was made possible with support from the Charlton Neighbourhood House. A lovely lunch was enjoyed at the various venues on site, followed by time to explore the bazaar and boutique shops. A stop for a miniature train ride at Harcourt on the way home finished the day off perfectly.



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OCTOBER

Each Monday

Yarning² Social Group

Where: Cricket Club Hotel

Time: 10.30 am-12 pm

FREE, bring your own yarn project



Each Wednesday school term

Let's Play Pickleball

Where: Charlton Stadium (Davies St)

Time: 11am -1pm

Cost: Free



Each Tuesday

Community Craft Group

Where: Lions Lodge

Time: 10.00 am-12 pm

\$3, bring your own craft project



Each Tuesday school term

Let's Play Pickleball

Where: Charlton Stadium (Davies St)

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Cost: Free



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Mallee Creatives Celebration

Where: 9A High Street,

Time: 10:00am - 4.00pm

Help celebrate our anniversary



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Celebration of Greek Music

Where: The Charlton Club

Time: Doors open 5:30. Show 7:30pm

Cost: FREE EVENT Featuring- Popular Melbourne artist Con Kalamaris

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Come 'n' Try Bowls

Where: Charlton Bowling Club

Time: 5.00pm onwards

COST: FREE. Everyone welcome.



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Little Locals Art Club

Where: Mallee Creatives

Time: 3.30-4.15pm

Cost: \$5 with free coffee

Activity- Celebration of Birds



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Carers & Co Lunch - Seniors Week

Where: Wycheproof Shire Venue

Time: Bus from Charlton 12.50pm

COST: Free event from Buloke Shire



11

Carers & Co Lunch

Where: Charlton Cricket Club Hotel

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30 pm

COST: Lunch at subsidised price



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Buloke Book Club

Where: Charlton Library

Time: 10:30am -12pm

COST: FREE. Host: Chris Binney



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Buloke Book Club

Where: Charlton Library

Time: 10:30am -12pm

COST: FREE. Host Chris Binney



COMING UP IN NOVEMBER



FREE

THE CHARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PROUDLY PRESENTS A CELEBRATION OF

GREEK MUSIC

Well known Melbourne performer

Con Kalamaris

presenting a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the sounds and stories of the Hellenic music scene in Charlton. This engaging Greek legend and more will continue the Hellenic celebration for a night out to rave.

When: Tuesday, October 30

Time: 7.30pm

Where: The Charlton Club

Cost: \$10.00 with booking

There is a limited number of tickets available for this event. Bookings are essential. Bookings are available at the Charlton Neighbourhood House, 9A High Street, Charlton, SA 5206. Bookings can also be made online at www.charltonnh.org.au. Bookings close on the day of the event.

Enquiries & Bookings: 0473 759 456

Charlton Badminton Club

Celebrating a fantastic season of junior badminton

Charlton Junior Badminton has enjoyed a wonderful 2026 season, with 23 juniors taking part. Although junior numbers were down on last year, there was plenty of great badminton played throughout the season, and it was fantastic to see the juniors improving their skills and enjoying the game.

The juniors played 16 weeks using a ladder system, with five players missing only one week of the competition. A special congratulations goes to Toby Bourke, Chace Dixon, Megg Fitzpatrick, Jon Markos.

Six juniors managed the incredible achievement of not missing a single week of the 16-week competition which included: Franklin Holmes-Brown, Lily Lane, Nate Lane, Hudson McGrath, Darcy Olive and Sophie Roberts. Well done to all six players, who each received a medal in recognition of their commitment.

Special Thanks

A special thank you was extended to everyone who supported junior badminton throughout 2026. A sincere thank you goes to Janette Wain, who only missed three weeks, and Jacinta Holmes-Brown, who only missed one week and helped run the table each week.

Thank you also to Naomi Fitzpatrick, who came every second week, as well as Sue Walsh, Donna Sexton and Val Bourke, who helped out when needed. A special thank you goes to Bernadette Zagame, who came to the rescue on many occasions when parents couldn't attend, and to all the parents who came along and did their duties when rostered on. Your support is very much appreciated.

The junior committee and organisers also extended their thanks to Emily and Daniel Lane, Donna and Peter Sexton, and Bernadette and Steve Zagame for their generous donations towards the trophies and breakup.

2026 Junior Awards

- Most Improved Award – Lily Lane
- Most Improved Award – Darcy Olive
- All-Rounder Girls Award – Sophie Roberts
- All-Rounder Boys Award – Hudson McGrath
- Rising Star Award – Flynn Zagame

Section Winners

- Sharks: Winner: Toby Bourke; Runner-up: Andrei Acantilado
- Stingrays: Winner: Archie Smyth; Runner-up: Sophie Roberts
- Jellyfish: Winner: N/A
- Seals: Winner: Oliver Lane; Runner-up: Franklin Holmes-Brown

Girls Ladder Aggregate

Winner – Alodia Acantilado. Runner-up – Megg Fitzpatrick.

Boys Ladder Aggregate

Winner – Toby Bourke. Runner-up – Archie Smyth.

Beginners Ladder Aggregate

Winner – Oliver Lane. Runner-up – Franklin Holmes-Brown.

Congratulations to all our junior players on a fantastic 2026 season!

Friday Morning Ladies Badminton

On Friday 18 September, the Friday Morning Ladies Badminton group concluded a fantastic 16 weeks of winter competition.

There were 16 ladies on the list throughout the season, with most weeks averaging around 12 players. It was a great season of competition, friendship and plenty of fun on the courts.

Section Winners

The Section 1 winner: Rae Heenan, with Donna Sexton finishing as runner-up.

The Section 2 winner: Kaye Blanchard, with Sue Walsh finishing as runner-up.

Aggregate Winners

The overall Aggregate Winner was Kaye Blanchard, with Rae Heenan named as runner-up.

The ladies are now on holidays before the summer competition gets underway. The Summer Competition will commence on Friday 9 October at 9:15am at the Stadium.

Everyone is welcome to come along, and children are welcome too. We look forward to seeing plenty of familiar faces and welcoming some new players for the summer season!

Wednesday Night Badminton

Wednesday Night Badminton held its End of Season Presentation Night at The Vale on Wednesday 16 September. Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal, and the evening was made even more enjoyable with lucky door prizes and quizzes.

The 2026 season was a great success, with plenty of fun and some amazing badminton played throughout the year. It was wonderful to celebrate the achievements of our players and recognise everyone who contributed to another fantastic season.

The winners of all our Championships were presented with their trophies on the night. In addition to their trophies, each winner and runner-up received a voucher to be spent in Charlton.

This would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship from Teys Australia Charlton Feedlot. We are extremely thankful for their support and sincerely appreciate their contribution to our club and our players.

Aggregate Winners

- Ladies' Aggregate Winner – Rae Heenan
- Men's Aggregate Winner – Troy Heenan

Section Winners

- Section 1 – Troy Heenan
- Section 2 – Sandra Fanning
- Section 3 – Bernadette Zagame

Thank you to everyone who took part in Wednesday Night Badminton throughout 2026. We look forward to an even better 2027 season and hope to see you all back on the court!



Aggregate winners: Rae Heenan and Troy Heenan.



Section Winners: Troy Heenan, Sandra Fanning & Bernadette Zagame.

Ben Green Memorial Rotunda Centenary

One of Charlton's most recognisable landmarks will be celebrated when the community gathers to mark the centenary of the Ben Green Memorial Rotunda.

The free event will be held on Sunday 18 October, hosted by the Charlton Golden Grains Museum and the Charlton Club, with funding support from Charlton Neighbourhood House.

The afternoon will begin with music from the Charlton/Wycheproof Brass Band from 1.30pm, ahead of the official ceremony at 2pm. The ceremony will include the unveiling of a commemorative plaque followed by music by the Jeruk River Band and afternoon tea. The museum will also be open.

The rotunda has stood at the heart of Charlton for a century, serving as both a public gathering place and a memorial to Benjamin Green, one of the town's most respected early citizens. Green died in 1923, when plans were already underway for a band rotunda for public recitals. After his death, the project became a memorial, and a fund was established in his honour.

Benjamin Green arrived in Charlton as a solicitor in 1895 and became closely involved in many aspects of town life. He helped establish the Charlton Club in 1900 and remained its president until his death. He was

also active in the Mechanics Institute, supported education in the town, served as solicitor for the Water Trust, and contributed £100 towards Charlton's War Memorial.

By 1926, the Charlton Band Rotunda Committee had been formed. Plans were prepared by local builder and businessman Foll Gilmore, and work began in June that year, with gravel, sand and cement supplied by the committee.

The rotunda was officially opened on Sunday 17 October 1926, as part of Charlton's Centenary Back-to celebrations. It was a major occasion for the town, with women's organisations decorating the rotunda, bridge and approaches to Charlton with thousands of handmade paper flowers. A large crowd gathered, and the Charlton Band opened the afternoon's program.

Music has remained part of the rotunda's story across the decades. The Charlton/Wycheproof Brass Band has performed there many times, continuing the tradition for which the rotunda was first created.

The centenary celebration will be an opportunity to reflect on the rotunda's place in Charlton's history, honour Benjamin Green's contribution, and recognise the generations of community life that have gathered around this much-loved landmark.



Ben Green



Opening of the Ben Green Memorial Rotunda, 17 October 1926.



Charlton Harness Racing

PROBUS COMES TO THE TROTS!

It was a great pleasure to welcome back to the Charlton Harness Racing Club Probus members from Charlton, Swan Hill and Donald. Mondays are a notoriously difficult day to attract on course patrons so we were so pleased to see a room full of people enjoying a day at the trots.

A big thanks goes out to Sandra Patton who coordinated the day ensuring that the spirit of Probus permeated throughout the event! It was especially important given that it was a celebration of 50 years of Probus in Australia.

Thank you to Abby Sanderson who spoke so well about her life in harness racing and what has evolved in her career since leaving Charlton and relocating to a property in Murchison with the rest of the family. She and all the Sandersons are still very much a part of our club story so it is always a pleasure to see them back here.

Special mention to Kathy Mulquiny and Marg McGrath who gave so much time to make sure that the catering all came together and no one went hungry! Members like this are invaluable to our club, especially on big days like this. Thanks ladies!

As a vibrant social group in our town we hope that all had a great day together at Charlton Park – Happy 50th Probus!

THE CUP IN SAFE HANDS!

Not sure if the Racing Victoria Melbourne Cup security team were 100 % convinced that letting Zac Steenhuis take off down the back St. Arnaud Road with Dance Dance Dance in one hand and the magnificent Melbourne Cup in the other was the greatest idea, but it turns

out he can after all multi skill and all ended well.

What a great opportunity for so many in Charlton to see the cup and to be a part of what is a fantastic time of the year in Victoria.

Thanks to Leanne and Greg at the Cricket Club Hotel for instigating this event!

WALKATHON SUNDAY OCT 25TH

With no racing here throughout the month of October the main focus of the club will be our major fundraiser 'Walk for a Walker' to be held on Sunday 25th. Beginning at the Training Centre and concluding at Charlton Park we are encouraging all of our members and those locals interested in supporting our participants to take part.

The aim is to raise \$10 000 to help secure a vital piece of infrastructure for the training centre in a horse walker.

In order for Charlton to maintain its number of meetings (currently 13) in a period of great change for the industry state wide, we need to grow horse numbers locally and continue to attract trainers to base themselves here. The installation of a horse walker is a major step forward in the development of this precinct which is vital for the sustainability and future of our club.

So get those walking shoes on!

There will be a BBQ for all at the conclusion of the walk at Charlton Park.

All details and forms can be accessed on Facebook or on our website: charltonharnessracing.com.au

Call 0499701322 for any details or to register your name as a walker. (For catering purposes)

CHARLTON WELCOMES REAGAN CLARKE

The number of youngsters continues to grow at the Training Centre with the arrival of Reagan Clarke, younger sister of Connor. Reagan is also a driver making her way in the industry and it was great to see her get a recent win at Melton on her dad's horse Soho Amaryllis. All the best Reagan – we hope you have a very happy time here in Charlton.

PRETTY IN PINK HIGH TEA – MONDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

Plans are well underway for our spring carnival Pretty in Pink High Tea at the Trots.

Call 0499701322 if you are planning on joining in this fun day – lots of prizes and giveaways for all.

\$40 per person with a glass of bubbles.

Lets hope those roses start blooming soon around Charlton!!

NEXT RAFFLE NIGHT SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER – Cup Theme STALL SPONSORSHIP

If anyone would like to sponsor a stall call the club on 0499701322. \$50 for 2027 and 2028 racing seasons.



Reagan & Connor Clarke.



Sandra Patton from Probus thanking the cooks at Probus Day.



John Tormey and Driver, Jack Laugher – winners at Charlton with Owen The Saints.



Zac Steenhuis & Dance Dance Dance with the Melbourne Cup.



Charlton Probus

At the September meeting, Probus members enjoyed Kerrie Soulsby's interesting account of her career path over the years.

Kerrie's passion for travel began at the very early age of 11.

A birthday wish was roller skates, however on opening the parcel inside the box of chocolates there was an airline ticket from Melbourne to Heathrow, England. The roller skates didn't matter any more.

That trip just gave her the desire to travel – the airports, the different countries, the food and the excitement of different types accommodation in all sorts of places. She was impressed by the five-star hotels which sowed the seed for her career.

A Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism was the path she took, as well as working in restaurants, that stood her in good stead with food service and customer relations.

Working for Spotless Catering she was involved in the biggest events that the city of Melbourne is well known for e.g. Grand Prix, Racing Carnival at Flemington and meeting some celebrities as well.

Her first full-time job came from an ad in the Herald Sun at the Carlton Crest Hotel that was her real break.

Coordinating the Collingwood Football Club Grand Final Breakfast for 1,400 guests, showed that working on an event of that scale certainly makes team work essential.

A 23 year career with Starwood Hotels followed. Moving to Brisbane the Sheraton provided memorable occasions including meeting Earl Spencer.

Kerrie moved back to Melbourne still working at the Sheraton, now the Langham, with many memorable moments there including meeting Jamie Oliver and John Howard.

Kerrie then moved to Sydney joining Starwood Global Sales Office. This had an international energy and from a career point of view it opened up a world of opportunities. Kerrie's role meant working with large corporate and conference clients showing them what our hotels could do. She travelled to Hawaii, Fiji, New Zealand, Bali, Thailand, India, Malaysia and China.

Eventually Kerrie moved to Singapore which was a wonderful time – so many other destinations were right on the door step. Sales and Marketing was her role, supporting the new hotel opening in Australia and overseas.

Moving back to Melbourne became a leadership chapter being involved in opening other business, along with a team of 20 or more.

Kerrie has been fortunate to work with some amazing people along the way.

Meeting and marrying Jamey Soulsby and moving to the farm at Buckrabanyule has enabled Kerrie to use her skills working with the Buloke Shire Tourism and Economic Development.

Community involvement has become important to Kerrie.

She is Secretary of the Community Bank Charlton and District.

Currently Kerrie has the best of both worlds working from her own desk for an American founded global company taking care of clients, sourcing venues conferences, events etc.

Looking back Kerrie said her life has taken her to many places and she has met many people on the way.

"So, from roller skates to airline tickets, five star hotels to canola crops is where I am today enjoying this wonderful community."

Probus Australia Celebrates 50 Years

To celebrate 50 years of Probus in Australia, the Charlton Probus Club invited members from Castle Donnington, Donald, and Wycheproof for a day of friendship, fellowship and fun at the Charlton Harness Club race meeting. The room was decorated for the auspicious occasion.

Charlton Harness Racing Club President, Andrea O'Gorman, welcomed the group and gave a brief history of the club speaking about the very popular training centre, with 60 to 70 horses along with 4 trainers and 4 well-known drivers to steer the horses home to the finish line.

Andrea also promoted the major fundraiser for the club, that being Walk for A Walker to raise funds for the installation of a walker to keep up with the needs of trainers. That will be in October watch out for that.

Charlton Probus President, Sandra Patton, welcomed members and wished them all an enjoyable day.

The very talented Abby Sanderson, who is now in Murchison working with the family in the industry, addressed the room explaining what her work entails over a day as well as driving at the various tracks throughout the state and interstate.

The nine-race card had good fields and the day was a huge success for all involved.

A delicious two-course luncheon was prepared by the harness racing committee with servings of delectable desserts.

The Travellers Tale was read by Lois Lockhart, President of Castle Donnington.

Special thanks to Andrea and her team for a great day.



Wheels on 79 Show & Shine

A Great Community Day

Wheels on A79, now in its third year of operation, held its second annual **Show and Shine** on Sunday, September 27, at Charlton Park, with perfect conditions for exhibitors and spectators alike.

Over 200 people came from far and wide to enjoy the event, with exhibitors travelling from Melbourne, Echuca and Swan Hill, as well as from surrounding communities. It was a fantastic day of motoring, memories and good old-fashioned fun.

Something for Every Motoring Enthusiast

The event featured an impressive collection of vehicles, from beautifully restored classics and vintage cars to eye-catching modern vehicles, each with its own unique story. Car enthusiasts and curious visitors enjoyed wandering through the displays, admiring the attention to detail and chatting with owners about their pride and joy.

Following feedback from last year's event, the club expanded the judging categories to cater for an even wider range of vehicles. There were a total of 22 categories with trophies presented across cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles.

For many, however, the day was about much more than the vehicles. It was an opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new people and enjoy a relaxed day together.

The atmosphere was friendly and welcoming, with something to interest visitors of all ages. Young car fans enjoyed getting a

close look at the vehicles, while long-time enthusiasts appreciated the craftsmanship, history and stories behind them.

The 2026 event was entirely self-funded by Wheels on A79. The club would welcome the opportunity to speak with local businesses and organisations interested in supporting future events through sponsorship.

A big thank you goes to everyone who entered a vehicle, volunteered their time, assisted with judging, helped organise the event or simply came along to support the day. We also greatly appreciate the support of those who provided catering, including **Charlton College, The Good Meat Company, The Coffee Mafia Van and The Whipped Ice Cream Van.**

Section Winners

- **Champion Truck – Pre 1950**
Anthony – 1928 Chev
- **Champion Truck – Pre 1980**
Wayne – 1969 Ford F8000
- **Champion Truck – Post 1980**
Wayne – 2005 Kenworth T904
- **Champion Tractor**
John - 1965 International A554
- **Best Entry – Motorcycles Pre 1985**
Greg – 1981 Suzuki Drag Bike
- **Best 3 Entries – Motorcycles Post 1985**
Luke – 2017 Harley Breakout
Michael – 2017 Harley Street Glide
Bruce – 2025 Indian Dark Horse Bobber
- **Best Original Car**
Steven – 1970 Jaguar 420G

- **Best Modified Car**
Andrew – 1972 Holden Monaro
- **Best 3 Entries – Steel Bumper**
Mark – 1974 Plymouth Road Runner
Gary – 1970 Rambler Rebel
Scott – 1951 Holden FX Ute
- **Best 3 Entries – Plastic Bumper**
Kristy – 1984 VK Commodore
Ron – 2017 HSV GTSR
Michael – 2003 Ford Fairlane
- **Members' Choice – Any Vehicle**
Scott – 1951 Holden FX Ute
- **Members' Choice – Most Appealing**
Ken – 1974 Holden Panel Van
- **Members' Choice – Encouragement Award**
Ian – 1971 XY Falcon Ute
- **People's Choice**
Andrew – 1972 HQ Monaro

Thank You, Community!

Wheels on A79 sincerely thanks everyone who attended and supported the event. The fantastic turnout from near and far demonstrated the strong enthusiasm for motoring throughout our community.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the same weekend next year for another great day.

The club continues to grow and welcomes new members, exhibitors and supporters. To learn more about our club or keep up to date with news, events and future activities, follow Wheels on A79 on Facebook. Email us with any enquiries to wheelsona79@gmail.com



Best Modified Car (Andrew) 1972 Holden Monaro.



Best Original Car (Steven) 1970 Jaguar 420G.



Best steel bumper (Mark) 1974 Plymouth Road Runner.



Champion Tractor (John) 1965 International A554.



Exhibitor.



Best plastic bumper (Kristy) 1984 VK commodore.



Club President Derek and exhibitor Darren 1968 Pontiac.



Best Motorcycle Post 1985 (Bruce) 2025 Indian Dark Horse Bobber.



Best Motorcycle Pre 1985 (Greg) 1981 Suzuki Drag Bike.



Best Original Car (Steven) 1970 Jaguar 420G.



Members' choice Most Appealing (Ken) 1974 Holden Panel Van.



Members' choice Any vehicle and Best steel bumper (Scott) 1951 Holden FX Ute.



Jack with his Ford Fairlane.



Best Motorcycle Post 1985 (Luke) Harley Breakout.



Exhibit.



Truck Exhibits.



Trophy Winners.

Get Ready for the 2026 Charlton Show!

The countdown is on for the **2026 Charlton Show**, and this year's event is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever, with exciting entertainment, competitions, delicious food, and something for all ages.

One of the highlights of this year's show will be **Randy's Junk Yard Action Show**, proudly sponsored by the Sketa Grimshaw Tourers Motorcycle Club. This thrilling performance promises jaw-dropping motorcycle and bicycle stunts, hilarious comedy, and non-stop family entertainment throughout the day. Visitors can also enjoy the ever-popular **Sheep Dog Trials** (sponsored by Charlton & District Community Bank), a fantastic showcase of the skill, precision, and teamwork involved in stock handling. This year, the event will be known as the Joe Thompson Memorial Sheep Dog Trials, honouring Joe's significant contribution to this event and the community.

Adding to the entertainment lineup will be live music from Boort local **Elias Lanyon**, who is set to bring his popular tunes to the stage. Thanks to the generous sponsorship from Teys (Charlton Feedlot) we look forward to crowd-pleasing performances by world-class variety entertainer **Chris Morant** – he will keep families mesmerised with his unique blend of magic, comedy, and circus skills. Why not test your strength and aim in the

highly anticipated, friendly competition of the Boot Hurl contest. Families can also enjoy classic show attractions including dodgem cars, clowns, market stalls, food vendors, and a spectacular **fireworks** display to conclude the day.

Food lovers will be spoiled for choice, with a fantastic range of vendors including hot potatoes, dumplings, ice cream, coffee, Crazy Floss, The Vales Pizza, Little Sangria, and the CWA's famous afternoon teas. Visitors can also relax and enjoy local refreshments from Lake Meran Brewery.

Pavilion Entries Opening Soon

The Charlton Show Committee encourages everyone to get involved by entering exhibits in the Pavilion. Whether your talents lie in photography, art, crafts, needlework, creative writing, baking, or junior sections, now is the perfect time to start preparing your entries. Children are especially encouraged to get creative during the school holidays and showcase their talents. Find a copy of the schedule online <https://showday.online/show/charlton> or pick up a printed copy from the community newsletter stands.

Important Dates to Remember

1 October – Pavilion entries open.

12 October – Show office opens, operating Monday to Friday from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

14 October, 5.00 pm – All photography entries and exhibits must be received at the Show Office.

15 October, 5.00 pm – Pavilion entries close. Exhibits for Needlecraft, Craft, Creative Writing, Art, Junior Craft & Art, and Junior Creative Writing & Handwriting must also be received by this time.

Important Change for Exhibitors

Exhibitors are reminded that there has been a change to exhibit delivery days. Physical exhibits in the Junior sections must now be delivered to the Show Office by 5.00 pm on Thursday for judging on Friday, so please plan ahead to ensure your entries are received on time.

The Charlton Show Committee would also like to acknowledge and thank the many local businesses, community groups and individuals whose generous sponsorship and support help make the show possible each year. The Show simply would not go on without this support.

With exciting attractions, community spirit, friendly competition and entertainment for all ages, the 2026 Charlton Show is set to be a fantastic celebration of our region.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 Charlton Show!

Charlton Bowling Club News

Charlton Bowling Club Inc has Opened the 2026/2027 season.

In cooler conditions than normal for bowls, eighteen members braved the conditions to get our season started on Saturday September 12th. With New President, Doug Finlay, at the helm, the

season was opened with current Ladies' Champion Lynne Southwell rolling the first kitty, followed by the current Men's Champion Wayne Southwell playing the first bowl (seems he hasn't lost his touch being around 30mm from the kitty).

With the cards done by the match

committee, a game of Triples was organised to play fifteen ends.

Winners on the day were Steve Harper, Cher Brian and Mark Hamley winning 17 shots to 7

Memberships are due now. Keep an eye on the board for State Events and Tournaments.



Lynne Southwell rolling the first kitty.



Wayne Southwell playing the first bowl.

North Central Garden Club

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the NCGC, Julie Sweatman, was elected to lead the Garden Club into the 2026/2027 year. Sue Walsh is Secretary with Jenny Mead continuing as the Treasurer.

Member, Elaine Ison Ritchie, demonstrated the art of Ikebana arrangement (Japanese art of flower arranging). This was very interesting and we thank Elaine for sharing her wonderful skills in floral art.

Members are busy preparing for Open Gardens which has been moved to the first weekend in October which will be Sunday the 4th, 11am till 4pm. There is a selection of gardens in town open with lots of intriguing and interesting layouts. A rural setting just out of town will delight any keen gardener, featuring rustic farm pieces with lots of bird life.

The North Central Garden Club was established some 40 odd years ago with members from Birchip, Nullawil, Wycheproof, and Charlton. Now we have members from Wycheproof coming along to our meetings. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the Lions Lodge in Camp Street, or other arrangements will be advertised. We welcome new members.

There will be a coach trip to Daylesford, Wednesday 28th October, departing Travellers Rest at 7.30am – visiting the Spring Park Nursery, morning tea and talk, Wombat Gardens, lunch at your own cost at Wombat House followed by a visit to a Castlemaine Garden. Please register with Jenny on 0418 531 219 or Sue on 0407 140 336. We welcome you to join us on this outing that will be \$35 per person.

Right: President, Julie Sweatman presenting a gift to demonstrator, Elaine Ison Ritchie.



Charlton Croquet News

Charlton Croquet Club held their Open Day for the 2026-27 season on 3rd September. Club members gathered around Barbara Dalrymple as she played the first hoop for the season.

Barbara has been a member of the club for over 40 years. She has held executive positions for the club and has been a valuable player. She has won many events at club level but has also represented Charlton at Regional and State level. Barbara has been a referee for many years too.

Players enjoyed an afternoon of play with afternoon tea to follow.



L to R: Pat Mathews, Anne Kenny, Naomi Patullo, Val Bourke, Moira Sheahan, Ena Green, Marie Fitzpatrick, Margaret Bowen, Marj Bartlett and Barb Dalrymple playing the first hoop.

Charlton Art & Photography Exhibition

Charlton Arts Inc. is proud to present the annual Charlton Art & Photography Exhibition 2026 to be held on Friday 2nd - Monday 5th October. It is a special community event celebrating the wonderful talents of artists and photographers from Charlton and beyond.

The Exhibition will be held at Charlton Park, providing the perfect setting for a weekend of art, photography and community connection.

Opening Night: Friday 2nd Oct. doors open at 6.30pm and the Official Opening is at 7.30 pm .

Come along and enjoy an evening celebration of the artists and photographers whose work will be on display and for sale.

There will also be student artwork from Charlton and surrounding schools. Everyone is welcome so bring your family along to celebrate art & photography in the region. It promises to be a wonderful social occasion and the perfect way to begin the weekend.

The Exhibition opening times: Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday 10am - 4pm and Monday 10 am - 1pm .

Visitors will have the opportunity to admire a diverse selection of artworks and photography, meet fellow art enthusiasts and support the talented creatives of our region.

Kate Giakimis, who is an accomplished artist, will have her works on display.

Lynette Fagan, a proud Wadawurrung woman and self-taught artist, will also have her works on display. Lynette's art practice is versatile, usually mixing realism western style with traditional techniques to tell a story with each piece.



Charlton Swap Meet broadens appeal with expanded Vehicle Display

The Charlton Lions Club Swap Meet is set to offer visitors an even greater variety of attractions this year, with an expanded Vehicle Display expected to draw motoring enthusiasts from across the district and surrounding regions.

The event will be held at Charlton Park on Sunday, October 11, with gates opening to the public at 7am.

The former Static Car Display has been renamed the Vehicle Display to encourage a wider range of entries, including restored classics, modified vehicles and enthusiast-owned vehicles.

Display coordinator, Garry Larmour, said the change would provide greater opportunities for enthusiasts to showcase their vehicles.

"The name change means we can welcome a wider range of vehicles and give more enthusiasts the opportunity to showcase their work," Mr Larmour said.

The expanded display will recognise the work, skill and dedication involved in preserving, restoring, maintaining and modifying motorised vehicles.

To encourage participation, the Lions have contacted every known car club within a 150-kilometre

radius of Charlton, inviting members to bring their vehicles and take part in the display.

The organisers hope the expanded Vehicle Display will appeal not only to dedicated motoring enthusiasts, but also to families and members of the wider community who simply enjoy seeing interesting and unusual vehicles.

Event coordinator, Lion Kevin Willey, said early bookings had been encouraging, with many previous stallholders already confirming their return.

Last year's swap meet attracted a record 62 stalls, and early registrations indicate another diverse selection of goods this year, including car components, tools, collectable signage, plants, LED automotive lighting and general merchandise.

Adding to the attraction, the Organising Committee will award two \$100 prizes for the Best Presented Vehicles, recognising entries that demonstrate a high standard of presentation and attention to detail.

Stallholder bookings will remain open until the morning of the event.



ANNUAL LIONS CLUB SWAP MEET & MARKET Sunday 11th Oct, 2026 7am - 1pm

CHARLTON PARK, CALDER HIGHWAY, CHARLTON

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Site Fee: \$15 Trestles: \$5

Entry Fee: \$5 Children U16: Free

Ph: Kevin on 0428 911 830 or Garry on 0409 023 875

Charlton Golf Closing Day

A good field of 40 players turned out for the closing event of 2026 golf season held on Sunday September 20th to mark a very successful year.

The day also attracted a good number of eager junior players competing in the 'come and try day' in the morning's play.

Scores were very even in the main event, the

4 person Ambrose which ended in a tie. The team of Anthony and Wendy Hargreaves, Brian and Troy Heenan with a net 58 was matched by the younger team of Jasper Walsh, Caileb and Xavier Good, and Charlie Zagame also on net 58. Next best was the team of Trevor and Chris McGurk, John and Alison Tormey net 60 1/2.

Nearest the pins: 2nd J. Walsh, 7th Wendy

Hargreaves 14th J. Soulsby.

Winner of the 2026 matchplay knockout final was John Headon who won on the 18th hole in a close match against last year's winner Wayne Southwell.

Troy Heenan was announced the winner of the Eclectic competition held throughout the season.



Equal winning teams on closing day. (Left) Anthony and Wendy Hargreaves, Brian and Troy Heenan.



Caileb and Xavier Good, Jasper Walsh.

Charlton Men's Shed IN APPRECIATION

Charlton Men's Shed kindly thanks the late Bronwyn Fisher and Family for the Most Generous Donation of her Tools and Handyman Materials. As an active Charlton community contributor, Bronwyn valued Health, Wellbeing and Creativity.

In her Honour, We have made up the "Bronwyn Fisher Tool Library" This tool kit of hand tools and box of power tools will be available for LOAN to the Women of Charlton who need tools to do a DIY Project.

We are Truly Grateful for this wonderful donation.

Contact Lloyd 0418 562 144 or Kevin 0428 911 830 for more information.

DONATION THANK YOU

Charlton Men's Shed acknowledges the contribution of an inaugural past member in Joseph Briffa, and we would like to express our Gratitude to Margaret and Family for their Very Kind Donation of Joe's Tools and workshop materials recently. We are forever grateful for having known Joseph.

Brad Chester is a Champion

For two years in a row Brad has won the North Central Indoor Carpet Bowls Singles Championship. Carpet Bowls is played during Winter in Charlton, but on Monday nights all year round, Brad and others from Charlton travel to Wedderburn to play Carpet Bowls.

Brad has been a Member of Charlton Bowling Club since October 2015 playing Lawn Bowls in Club Championships and Saturday Pennant. In a Handicap Event when he has Four Bowls "Look Out", he can hold his own.

Congratulations Brad, from your friends at Charlton Bowling Club.

Brad pictured with his Charlton Singles and North Central Trophies.



THE REX THEATRE

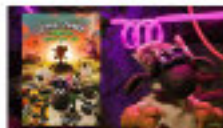


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SHAUN THE SHEEP: THE BEAST OF MOSSY BOTTOM

G | 81 mins | Animation | Comedy | Family

The residents of Mossy Bottom Farm looking forward to Halloween – until the clumsy Farmer mashes the flock's beloved pumpkin patch! When Shaun turns MAD SCIENTIST to fix the problem, things rapidly spiral out of control. With The Farmer missing and a wild beast roosting the woods of Mossingham, all the ingredients are in place for a monstrously fun family adventure.

*Thur 1 OCT 2pm
Sat 3 OCT 8pm
Sun 4 OCT 2pm
Tue 6 OCT 8pm



PRACTICAL MAGIC 2

M | Mature Themes and Occasional Language
130 mins | Fantasy | Romance

*No Sat screening due to live event

Practical Magic 2 returns to a world steeped in moonlit mischief and powerful ancestral magic, as the Owens sisters must confront the dark curse that threatens to unravel their family once and for all in a must-see cinematic event of fun, magic and mayhem.

*Fri 9 OCT 8pm
Sun 11 OCT 2pm
Tue 13 OCT 8pm



The Spirit of Poland

Charlton
A classical music concert

Live on Stage | Free Admission

Saturday, 10 October 2026 - 5:00 pm

Free Admission

Box 1000/10, 20-21 High Street, Charlton VIC 3525



ST. KILDA FILM FESTIVAL *No Sat screening due to Charlton Show

The St Kilda Film Festival Regional Tour takes the best of the 2026 festival program on the road! Don't miss this special encore presentation of 13 of Australia's Top Short Films, selected from this year's super-sized program. The films are presented across two sessions in the one screening: 'Award Winners', and 'Director's Choice'.

Sun 18 OCT 2pm
Tue 20 OCT 8pm



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THE SPIRIT OF POLAND
Saturday 10 October | 5pm
FREE Event

The Spirit of Poland – Charlton is a special classical concert celebrating the richness and diversity of Polish musical culture.

Presented as part of the PolMusicA Concert Series 2026, the concert brings together three accomplished performers: internationally active Polish pianist and educator Professor Paweł Zawadzki, Sydney-based soprano Marta Nowicka and Melbourne violinist and educator Adam Piechociński.

The programme will combine solo piano music, Polish art songs and violin repertoire. It is expected to include works by Fryderyk Chopin and Ignacy Jan Paderewski, songs by Stanisław Moniuszko and Mieczysław Karłowicz, and violin music by Aleksander Zarzycki. The final selection of individual works will be confirmed closer to the performance.

Audiences can expect an expressive and accessible programme filled with lyricism, colour and the distinctive spirit of Polish music.

The concert reflects PolMusicA's broader cultural and educational mission: to promote Polish composers, introduce their music to new audiences and create meaningful connections between artists, young musicians and communities across Australia.

THE ARTISTS

Professor Paweł Zawadzki – piano

Paweł Zawadzki is a distinguished Polish pianist, educator and Professor at the Karol Lipiński Academy of Music in Wrocław, where he serves as Head of the Piano Department. He has performed extensively across Europe, Asia and Australia, appeared with numerous orchestras and recorded works by Chopin and Liszt. He is also a highly respected teacher whose students have received awards at major national and international competitions.

Marta Nowicka – soprano

Marta Nowicka is a Polish soprano and vocal educator based in Sydney. A graduate of the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna, she has performed leading operatic roles and appeared on concert and opera stages across Europe. Her repertoire includes roles such as Vitellia in *La clemenza di Tito*, Violetta in *La Traviata* and Roxana in *King Roger*. Alongside her performing career, Marta is deeply committed to teaching and mentoring young singers.

Adam Piechociński – violin

Adam Piechociński is a Polish-born violinist, conductor and experienced music educator. After completing his musical education in Poland, he continued his studies at the Queensland Conservatorium and performed with the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra. His playing can also be heard on ARIA Award-winning recordings for ABC Classics. Based in Melbourne, he performs as a soloist and orchestral musician and has appeared as concertmaster with the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Orchestra.

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When: Sunday 18th October 2026.

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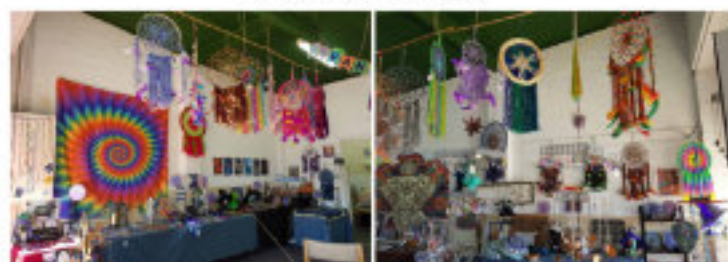
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