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For the Shire of Buloke, and the districts of Birchip, Charlton, Donald, St. Arnaud, Watchem and Wycheproof

Free Energy Efficiency Workshop for Wycheproof

The Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit (LMPHU) is launching a free community workshop in Wycheproof to help residents improve home energy efficiency, lower bills, and improve their health and wellbeing.

Funded by La Trobe University's Violet Vines Marshman Centre for Rural Health and delivered in partnership with Enviroshop, the workshop offers practical advice on reducing energy use, choosing better-value providers, and making low or no-cost home improvements.

The initiative supports illness prevention by helping people stay warm in winter and cool in summer and better understand the health impacts of extreme weather events.

An Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) Heat Health survey in 2024 highlighted the serious health impacts of inadequate cooling, heat stress, stroke, depression, respiratory issues, sleep disruption, and reduced ability to work from home.

Nearly half of respondents to the survey said they couldn't afford essentials like food and medicine after paying energy bills.

"We know there is a direct correlation to extreme weather events and illness, whether its dehydration and heatstroke in the summer to respiratory and cardiac issues in the winter," LMPHU Director Emma Vains said.

"The workshop will give participants practical tips on cutting energy costs, finding better providers, and making simple changes that enhance their health and wellbeing.

"Participants will also better understand the health impacts of extreme weather conditions. This improved health literacy, combined with the financial benefit of reduced power bills, will boost the health and wellbeing of Wycheproof residents."

Wycheproof Community Resource Centre Manager Marney Durie added: "Everyone deserves to live their best life, warm in winter, cool in summer, and free from the stress of rising costs. This workshop is a valuable opportunity to take control of your home comfort and finances."

The workshop will take place at Wycheproof Community Resource Centre, 280 Broadway, at 2.30 p.m.-4.00 p.m. on October 22. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Community members can register by calling Wycheproof Community Resource Centre on (03) 5493 7455 or emailing info@wycheproofcfc.com.au.



When Eric Met Big Bertha

Among the many features proving popular on the lawns at Donald's two-day show, particularly with children, were Professor Wallace's Puppets (in the background of this photograph), and "Fair Dinkum Fauna Wildlife and Education Displays".

Presenting the Fauna "Family" exhibit, Michael Lloyd and Neve Lawson were pictured introducing six-year-old Eric Fritsch to the very friendly Darwin carpet python, Big Bertha, who measures an impressive 2.6 metres in length.

Michael and Neve are both from the Horsham area, Eric Fritsch is the son of Sami and Matthew, of Donald, and grandson of Maureen and James, also of Donald.

• Show report and more photographs elsewhere in today's "Times", and Pavilion and horse results on Friday.

Changing of the Tyres: End of an Era

After 40 years of outstanding service to the Birchip community, Leo (George) and Sue Noonan have handed over the keys of LP & SM Noonan Tyres to Tristan James, who will expand his successful Boort-based North Central Tyres business into Birchip.

Tristan said he is excited to build on the strong reputation the Noonans have established, continuing to provide the same reliable and friendly service while reintroducing a call-out service and adding a new wheel alignment machine to offer customers even greater convenience.

Leo and Sue first took over the tyre and fuel business from Bentleys in 1986, operating from the Campbell Street premises where petrol, diesel and gas were also sold. Sue had already worked in

the Bentleys' office for four years after marrying Leo in 1978, before he joined the business himself.

Racing History

In 2015, they moved into their purpose-built shed in Abbott Street.

Leo said "I remember the day, it was on Melbourne Cup Day, and the same day Darren Weir's Prince of Penzance made racing history.

"It has been great working with the local farmers and community members over the

years, although I won't miss the scorching 40-degree days spent under headers surrounded by flies, dust and farmers in a rush."

Sue added that their modern workshop with drive-through access for large machinery, undercover facilities and advanced equipment has made the business much more efficient in recent years with Tristan agreeing, "it's the perfect space to expand a growing operation."

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• Leo and Sue Noonan hand over the reins to Tristan James.

At SES Training Day: M.P. Scales Heights

The Nationals’ Member for Mildura, Jade Benham, recently joined the State Emergency Service (SES) Mildura Unit at its weekly training session, witnessing firsthand the amazing work our local volunteers do.

During the session, Ms Benham tried her hand at a range of emergency rescue drills, including working at heights, rope tying, and other skills the SES uses to keep our community safe.

“SES volunteers respond to a wide variety of emergencies, from rescuing people trapped in vehicles and flooded areas to assisting during storms, search and rescue operations, and other urgent incidents,” Ms Benham said. “The training I saw during the session reflects just how prepared they need to be for anything that comes their way.

“Always There”

“Our SES volunteers are always there for us, whether it’s during fires, floods, or other emergencies. Spending time with the team really shows the commitment and training it takes to be a SES volunteer.”

Ms Benham says the biggest emergency facing the Mildura’s SES is rundown facilities and outdated equipment. The existing facilities are aging and no longer meet the demands of the growing community. Upgrades to these facilities, beginning with an extension to the current shed, are urgently needed.

“If the Labor Government is serious about serving all Victorians, it needs to start directing funds into providing our emergency services with fit-for-purpose facilities,” she said. “We were promised increased support for emer-



• The Nationals’ Member for Mildura, Jade Benham, is shown the ropes at Mildura Unit SES training.

gency services, so the government needs to put its money where its mouth is.

“The Labor Government’s Emergency Volunteers and Services Fund was sold to us as a way to increase funding for emergency services, but we now know that only 5

cents in every dollar is being delivered to the SES.

“Premier Allan promised all of the \$3 billion collected would go to emergency services. That’s simply not happening, and Victorians are paying the price for Labor’s financial mismanagement.”

Show-Time Break For Rex

The Rex Theatre will be taking a break this coming weekend as the Charlton Agricultural Show kicks off with locals and volunteers offering their commitments to a range of activities.

There will be no Rex screenings on Saturday, Sunday, or Tuesday, October 18, 19 and 21.

However . . . “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” screens for Halloween! On Friday, October 31, when ghosts, ghouls and all things weird make an appearance, the Rex is presenting a screening of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” in celebration of its 50th anniversary. Yes – can you believe it’s 50 years old?

Originally titled “They Came from Denton High” the most successful cult movie of all time – written by out-of-

work actor Richard O’Brien (who plays “Riff Raff” in the movie) – was created as a homage to the science fiction “B” grade movies which he loved. What began as a small experimental piece on stage grew in popularity, with Twentieth Century soon picking up the rights to transfer it into a big screen movie.

Although classed as a dismal flop when first released in 1975, “Rocky Horror” assumed its cult-like status thanks to the inspired idea of running midnight screenings, tapping into the cultural shift of the times the subversive

energy of the original still resonates strongly with today’s audiences.

This gender-bending horror story/musical romantic comedy is a sure-fire excuse for a night of hilarious campy song and dance filled fun, so why not make a date with “Brad and Janet”? Turn up in your most outrageous “Rocky Horror” outfit (yes, come on all you Frank ‘n’ Furters and Magentas) and “Time Warp” your way to the Rex for a Halloween night to remember!

“The Rocky Horror Picture Show” (M 100 mins) screens: Friday, October 31, at 8 p.m..

Opportunities for Rural Students

Rural and regional young people are encouraged to apply for the 2025 Rural Chances Vocational Scholarship, which offers up to \$5,000 to help cover the costs of training, travel, tools or relocation.

The scholarship, run by You thrive Victoria, supports country students aged between 16 and 24 who are undertaking or planning to start an apprenticeship, traineeship or Certificate III or higher qualification next year.

The Rural Chances program recognises that many young people in rural Victoria face challenges such as long travel distances, the need to relocate, or the expense of tools, uniforms and course materials.

To help reduce these barriers, You thrive Victoria offers

a number of major scholarships worth \$5,000 each, along with smaller grants of up to \$2,000 for specific needs. Recipients also benefit from mentoring, leadership opportunities and connection to a supportive statewide network.

Applications

Applications are now open and close at midnight on October 20, 2025. Applicants can choose to submit a written or video application, outlining their goals, training plans and the costs they face.

Full details, eligibility criteria and application forms are available on the You thrive Victoria website under the Rural Chances Vocational Scholarships section at www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/rural-chances/

This scholarship provides an important opportunity for rural young people to pursue their chosen trade or training pathway without being held back by financial barriers. Students are encouraged to apply early and make the most of this chance to invest in their future.

One Hundred Years Ago

From the “Birchip Advertiser”, October 14, 1925.

Local and General Departure

Mr. J. P. Lovat, manager of the Railway Refreshment Rooms, Birchip, has been transferred to Castlemaine. During his three months here, he and Mrs. Lovat made many friends all of whom wish them well in their new location. The rooms were very satisfactorily managed during his term and the business showed a good increase.

Football Shield

The shield, which was won by the Birchip Football club, and presented to the club at a recent social evening, is on view in J. Lockwood’s window. The shield, is a very handsome one, is the gift of Messrs. James Rowe and Sons, St Arnaud. It has to be won three times before becoming the property of the winning team. The window is very tastefully decorated with colours of the Birchip club and looks quite unique. On each side of the shield there is a decorated football with kewpies and horse shoes expressing good luck.

Birchip Telephone Exchange

The growth of the Birchip Telephone Exchange continues rapidly. In the last three years the number connected

has grown from 15 to 171. The additional 20-line switchboard recently installed has only 4 vacant numbers left. Intending applicants should apply now to avoid disappointment. Each additional subscriber increases the usefulness of the service to all others connected, in addition to securing a great personal convenience, those who join up are performing useful community service by enhancing value of every other line. All information to terms, conditions etc., will be gladly given by the local Postmaster, Mr. Rankin.

United School Picnic At Tchum Lake

The Birchip united schools’ picnic was held at Tchum lake on Wednesday afternoon in ideal weather. Fully 150 children were transported to the picnic ground by car during the morning. After lunch, foot races were run until late in the afternoon. There were fully 600 present in the afternoon including about 200 adults.

Keen interest was established in the many races and at times amusing incidents happened, especially in the sack races. The handicapping was well ordered as contestants in the manner as events hastily arrived at the tape in

bunches. Two swings were kept busily in action throughout the day and were a source of great pleasure to many children, and judging by the waiting list, it would be advisable to erect more swings for future picnics. A number of the children enjoyed the novelty of paddling in the lake. Two wireless sets attracted attention throughout the afternoon and in addition to musical items, fashion stalls, etc., the latest sporting results were received at regular intervals. A number of young men had a hit at cricket but found the patch a bit bumpy. A high jump for men was keenly contested and won by Mr. Con. Hogan.

At 3 o’clock the children lined up and received an orange each. At 5 o’clock an appetizing tea was provided for the whole gathering.

Members of the committee deserve praise for the well-organized day.



Letter to the Editor



Feeling the Pinch

(The Editor, “The Times”)

Dear Editor.— Farmers across our region are feeling the pinch like never before. Lack of September rain, ever increasing overheads, endless audits and administration, and what seems like a new tax every other month; meanwhile, their produce continues to fetch less and less on the market. For many, it is becoming harder to see a future for their family in farming on the same land that has supported them and our communities for generations.

These are the very farms that our region was built on, and even now, everything in our region is connected to the agriculture industry. We wouldn’t exist without it.

Our small family farmers are the same families that feed families across the state, country and across the world, yet our farmers are being pushed to the edge and instead of lending a hand, the Labor Government keeps piling on more pressure.

Higher taxes, more red tape and a lack of real, tangible support are pushing many to the brink. Our farmers are

not just statistics, they are hardworking people who put food on our tables and drive our local economy.

Given the relentless pressures on farmers, it is no wonder nine in ten say they feel ignored and disrespected by the Allan Labor Government.

Instead of treating primary producers as a cash cow, the Allan Labor Government should be backing them and delivering the support needed to strengthen Victoria’s world-class food and fibre industry.

Most are too proud to ever take a cent from the Government, but the Labor Government, both State and Federal needs to start listening and take immediate action to support regional Victorians and protect our farming future. We need practical support, not more talk, task forces, taxes and barriers in the way.

Despite everything being thrown at them, our farmers continue to show the resilience they’re famous for. You are the backbone of our region, and I’ll keep standing up for you every step of the way.

Warm regards,
Jade Benham, MP.

End of an Era

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Trusted Service

Tristan said: “I am looking forward to meeting local customers and continuing to provide the trusted service that has been synonymous with the Noonan Tyre business name.”

During their time in business, Leo and Sue have had help from their family, relieving staff member Roger Blencowe, and some part-time

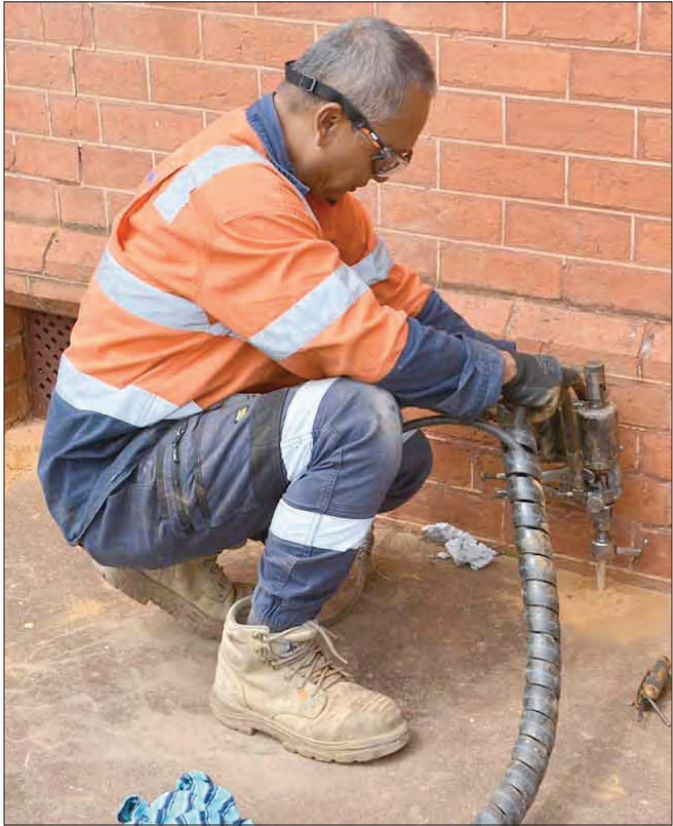
staff after school. Many local students got their first taste of employment under Leo and Sue’s guidance, and it was always a prized after-school job.

The Birchip community sincerely thanks Leo and Sue for their four decades of dedicated service and welcome Tristan and his family to Birchip.

Congratulations to Leo and Sue on a well-earned retirement.



• Pressure being applied to St. Mary's Church brickwork.



• Teretek being injected into the base.

Church Service

Maintenance to Donald's Catholic Church was undertaken last week.

A team of workers from Melbourne based company "MainMark" spent two days attempting to close cracks which have developed over decades, particularly due to dry weather.

A resin, named Teretek, was injected into areas as a liquid which takes around twelve seconds to dry and pressure is applied to the brick work to close up gaps. Depending on the outcome, pins may also be required.

Resources Page to Help Farmers

A new resources page has been launched to help farmers make critical decisions with spring failing to deliver as expected.

Feed Central has developed the resource to support farmers making hard decisions around harvesting grain or cutting for hay.

Managing Director, Tim Ford, said farmers were now at a critical point in their decision making after the predicted wet spring failed to eventuate.

Mr Ford said the page had been developed in response to concerns raised by farmers about how to cope with the dryer-than-anticipated season.

Phone Calls

"We've had a lot of phone calls, especially from the southern states, because farmers aren't having the spring they were expecting.

"It's turning very dry and a lot of crops are not going to finish so it's knife-edge decision time for farmers who are running out of moisture and looking for help with crops failing to finish."

The resources page "Tools and Resources for Hay Season Decision-Making" includes a Hay versus Grain Calculator, Tips for a Profitable Hay Season magazine, a market update and other video resources.

Mr Ford said farmers were starting to worry about the best way forward. "Farmers want to know their options if their crops are not going to get through," he said.

"Hay is a good option but you must manage the product. Stacking outside is a very short-term option, but if you use a good contractor, make it right and store it in a good shed, you will realise a good profit.

Not Always Best

"Selling it off the paddock just after the baler is not always the best way to sell because of soft prices and we're seeing that now in this drying-off time. Winter is the best



market for selling hay but it must be done right."

The Hay versus Grain – Gross Margin Calculator helps farmers to independently weigh up options as the season unfolds and compare hay and grain side by side to see which will deliver the stronger return.

Tips for a Profitable Hay Season magazine is an annual resource brings together expert advice, industry insights, and grower information to support a successful season ahead.

"Having the numbers can help guide your decisions this season," Mr Ford said. "The goal of the resources page is to support farmers with information to make the decision that's best for them."

Letter to the Editor



Salvation Army
(The Editor, "The Times")

Dear Editor.— Summer is almost upon us. Across the country, we are beginning to notice the temperature getting warmer, the days getting longer and even the Christmas decorations starting to be put up at the shops.

However, summer also brings a higher risk to our weather season in Australia, with the summer season responsible for some of the most damaging natural disasters that we see throughout the year, like extreme heat waves, bushfires, floods, cyclones, drought and more.

The Salvation Army wants to remind Aussies to not be alarmed, but to be prepared of the potential risks that this season can bring.

A few simple, practical steps can get you, your family

and your home ready for whatever this season will throw at you. This could be preparing a "go bag" with key personal documents, or having cash and three days of supplies spare in case a disaster affects ATM/EFTPOS machines – applying these tips will leave you in good stead as we enter this higher risk season.

And as you prepare for this summer, we also encourage you to look out for one another. Check in with your friends and neighbours to see if they are prepared or need support heading into this disaster season. Natural disasters are a major source of stress and trauma for many who experience it, but knowing that there are people checking in on you can make a huge difference.

The Salvos have a long history with natural disasters. For over 130 years, we have been there for the long haul helping those impacted by natural disasters around the country. Right now, our Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES) teams are stationed at locations across the country, ready to spring into action if a disaster strikes and provide practical support (like meals and refreshments) and emotional support to anyone impacted.

The Salvos have developed a number of resources to help you prepare for a natural disaster this year. To see these resources, or to find out more about the work of the SAES, visit: salvationarmy.org.au/emergency-services

Bindy Lupis,
Salvation Army Emergency Services.

Charlton 100 Years Ago

(Information from "East Charlton Tribune")

October 10 to 14, 1925.

I.O.R. Tent: The members of the Wycheproof branch of the I.O.R. paid a visit to Charlton. The original object of the visit was to participate in a debate, but owing to the number of lady members among the visitors, a social evening was held instead. The entertainment took the form of different games and songs, and concluded with supper. The visitors numbered about 20, and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Wedding Bells: Edward Albert Jenkins and Winnie Taylor Paterson, of Scotland, were united in matrimonial bonds. The ceremony took place at St Martin's Church of England at 7 p.m.. The best man, Mr L. Mays, displayed some nervousness in carrying out his duties. Miss Elsie Wandell was bridesmaid. The bride wore a beautiful ivory silk frock, with silver lace sleeves and trimmed with silver lace ribbons. She carried a bouquet of double pink stocks. The popularity of the couple was shown by the large crowd of young people. Showers of rice and confetti greeted the bridal pair as they emerged from the church.

Buckrabanyule: A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent at the Buckrabanyule Hall when the friends of Miss Elsie Watt entertained her at a kitchen tea on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage. She was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. Mr W. Hindson thanked the donors on behalf of Miss Watt in the absence of the bridegroom elect, Mr C. J. Greenwood. Dancing was carried on until the small hours of the morning. Mr J. O'Donnell officiated as MC. At the conclusion, the company joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

St. Joseph's Tennis Club: The annual meeting was held in the School Supper Room. The following officers were elected – president, Rev. Father Kelly; vice president, Rev. Father O'Shannassy;

secretary, Mr P. Spencer; Ladies' Committee, Misses L. Soding, E. Dillon and M. Lazarus; gent's committee, T. Fanning, D. McAuliffe and R. Kendall. Father Kelly in reference to the success of last season said that a great deal of the success had been due to the efforts of Mr Killeen as secretary. The membership fees are to be the same as last year, i.e. gents 7/6, ladies 3/6. A tournament will be held on opening day.

Harriers Club: In the recreation reserve the Club held a 130 yards handicap race. After the race Cr Williams presented the trophies won by members of the club since its inception. The following were the prize winners. D. Vickers received in place of a trophy three open money orders. A. McIntosh, N. Jenkins and J. Foxwell – gold medals; E. Lander – pair of running shoes; E. Arundell – tennis racquet; R. Curnow – gold wristlet watch; E. Owen – open money order; R. Curnow – set of afternoon tea spoons. Cr Williams thought athletic clubs were the best way to develop the minds and bodies of young men.

Thoroughly Enjoyable: The wind up social of the Jeffcott Football Club was held at Mr M. Donnellon's residence, Jeffcott North. Many visitors were present from Charlton, Donald, Wycheproof and other nearby districts.

Altogether there were approximately 300 people present at the social. The weather was excellent for dancing which took place in the barn. The older people played cards in the private residence. After supper all assembled in the barn to witness the presentation of medals to members of the team who again won the premiership this year. The president (Mr R. Clements) presented the first medal to the captain, Mr E. Coats.

Letter to the Editor: Dear Sir, Now that Charlton has its magnificent bridge open for traffic, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that its privileges are being abused. Quite a number of motor cars and motor cycles exceed their privileges with their speeding and ear splitting din. I would also like to point out the danger of driving stock over this structure to pedestrians. Only recently a number of cattle were driven over the bridge at a busy part of the day. What with galloping horses, cracking whips, shouting stockmen and half mad cattle, the luckless pedestrian has an anxious and dangerous time. If the imitation "Tom Mixe's" would drive their cattle over the bridge in the early hours of the morning, the humble pedestrian would have no need for anxiety.

Yours, etc, CONCRETE



• 1929-30 St Joseph's tennis premiers.

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DEATH

WELLS.— Peter Morley
Passed away
on October 8, 2025
at the Johnson-Goodwin
Village, Donald

Much loved husband of
Ann Maree, and brother to
Maureen.

Loved father of Catherine,
Allastair and Nicholas,
father-in-law to Anthony,
Stacey and Elizabeth.

Proud Poppy to 11 grand-
children and 4 great-
grandchildren.

A treasured Australian
father to John and Patricia
Moutray.

We would like to extend
our gratitude to Dr. Oleg
Rachinsky, Dr. Josef Merkel,
Mrs Lynne Walsh and her
caring staff of the John-
son-Goodwin Village.

Rest in Peace

A private cremation has
been held.

DEATH

WELLS.— Peter

Wonderful memories of
Peter and the Wells and
Lory families together.

Condolences to Ann Maree
and family.

—Love from

June Lory and family.

DEATH

MITCHELL.—

Wesley James "Wes"
Passed away 07/10/2025

It's hard to find the words
to say goodbye to my dear
brother, Wes.

Wes was a man of quiet
strength and deep faith; a
true gentleman. He would
often tear up at a song or
when we'd talk about the
days of old.

Wes, you've been there for
me through everything, I
feel so blessed to share a
lifetime of memories with
you.

You'll be forever loved and
deeply missed.

*Reunited with
loved ones*

—Pam

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Landholders'
Botanical Survey**
BCG Meeting Room

TONIGHT

**Tuesday, Oct.14
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the Botanist.
*All interested
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MONDAY, OCT. 20

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- Oct. 15, Kerry Davidson
- Oct. 15, Jess Dixon
- Oct. 15, Tim Letts
- Oct. 16, Patsy Dunstan
- Oct. 16, Lynne Gowlett
- Oct. 16, Evan Murray
- Oct. 16, Colin Sommerville
- Oct. 17, Ronnie Dempsey
- Oct. 17, Robyn Sheridan
- Oct. 18, Matthew Berry
- Oct. 18, Janice French

- Oct. 20, Colby Anderson
- Oct. 20, Glenda Kay
- Oct. 20, Joyce Letts (93)
- Oct. 21, Ronda Reither

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**Sat 18 Oct
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Tue 21 Oct**

**Charlton Show
Weekend**

COMING: KANGAROO ISLAND 111mins | Comedy | Drama

In the recent art exhibition in Donald and
on display at the Donald High School foyer,
Year 7 Art students enjoyed exploring a
variety of multimedia options.

These are some of the
students whose work was in progress.

Erin Clark

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The Buloke Shire Council invites Tenders from competent and experienced Contractors for Flood Recovery Reinstatement Works with works involving the reinstatement of seal, pavement and subgrade to pre flood condition on Nullawil North Road, Nullawil, Nullawil South Road Nullawil and Renney's Road Berriwillock.

Further details are available at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/tenders. Tender documents are available for downloading from <https://portal.tenderlink.com/bulokeshire>. Tenders close **2.00pm AEDT Wednesday 5 November 2025.**



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HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

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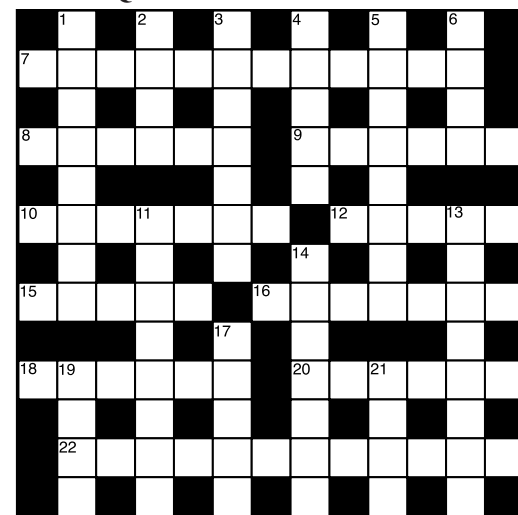
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Resplendent Visions at the

(By Jenny Pollard)

It was a case of visual diversity at last weekend's Charlton Arts annual Art and Photography Show as an increase in entries contributed to the creative feast curated by the small, but enthusiastic organizing committee.

A collection of resplendent images filled the exhibition space as Charlton Arts stepped up and made a showcase of creativity in the new location at the Charlton Park Complex.

Thanks to their dedication and adaptability (a change of venue, due to the Charlton Hall closure) the event slotted seamlessly into the main conference room, allowing patrons to browse the long corridors of display screens at their leisure and utilize the casual seating arrangements near the track-side viewing windows for socializing after the formalities.

The 41st running of the event (and the 3rd presentation by Charlton Arts), last Friday night's opening offered an array of artistic techniques along with a diverse range of subject matter. Birds were a popular choice with numerous wrens, native avians and domestic chooks and ducks being prominent. Landscapes were also strongly represented, and viewers were able to appreciate distinctive styles of realism, abstracts and experimental creations in close proximity.

Welcoming a number of new exhibitors to the 2025 show saw an injection of youth with a fresh vision brought into the mix. Exhibitors came from across the region with representation from Ballarat, Castlemaine, Wangaratta, Bendigo and St. Arnaud amongst others.

Event co-ordinators, Sue Stokes and Sue Walsh had been ably assisted by Carol Bennett (co-ordinator for student work) and Carolyn Olive who attended to the many and varied behind-the-scenes jobs. In all the presentation was a credit to the team and hardworking Charlton Arts members who had to navigate the complexities of setting up in a new venue.

Opening Night

The opening night was also enhanced thanks to Serpentine musician, Lou Green, who provided gentle background music with her sweet singing voice and guitar playing.

Emcee Anthony Judd gave a welcoming address to the large crowd, acknowledging the artists' contributions, the support of the many sponsors and work of the committee in bringing the event to fruition. The flowering of Charlton as a creative arts hub was also highlighted, as Anthony related his own family's experiences of bringing up youngsters in the township.

Councillor Bruce Stafford undertook the formal opening following a breakdown of the art styles and galleries which he and his wife, Shirleen, have encountered during their travels around Australia. He also referenced the impact of indigenous street art in locations such as Alice Springs, Katherine and Darwin.

With the introduction of judge, Joy Tatt, anticipation built as the announcement of winners was revealed. (See list below). An eminent Australian artist/illustrator and educator, Joy outlined her criteria for judging, revealing the difficulty in not being able to give more awards and saying "It is gratifying to see such a high standard of work". Joy also congratulated all involved with the presentation and curation of the exhibition.

While the event's main focus is on the exhibitors, this is complemented by the addition of school student work and youth entries, providing a platform for the image-makers of the future to share their talents.

Displays and demonstration work by Charlton patchworker, Maria Perger and your scribe (a cross section of my many art and graphics pieces) also rounded out the creative content at the exhibition.

Winners

Best Exhibit (Any Media): Glenice McCarthy, "Glass Vase and Pink Roses" (acrylic) – (sponsored by Walsh Motors); Best Oil/Acrylic: Jenny Lester-Smith, "Spring" (oil) – (sponsored by Charlton Lions Club); Best Watercolour: Lyn Cooke, "The Family Tree" – (sponsored Bendigo Bank); Best Drawing: Karen Garrat, "Venus Fly Trap" (colour pencil) – (sponsored by TEYS Charlton Feedlot); Best other Media: Jan Reyne, "Bee 6/8" (hand coloured dry point) – (sponsored Appleby Funerals); Best Photograph: Jodie Drake, "Watchem Sunrise" – (sponsored by Holmes-Brown Floor & Window Coverings); Best Photograph (Manipulated): Stuart Giles, "Supperb Fairy Wren" – (sponsored by Charlton Op Shop, Start's Buses & Getley's Real Estate); Local Artist/Photographer: Anna Beamish, "Under & Over" (acrylic) – (sponsored by Charlton Op Shop); Best Secondary School Exhibit (Art): Brayden Lopurd-snathan "Warisan" (Heritage) – (sponsored by Charlton Medical); Best Secondary School Exhibit, Margeit (Drawing): Matilda Davey, "My Inspiration" – (sponsored by Charlton Medical); Highly Commended (Art): Jon Crawley, "Spring at Dairy Farm" (watercolour) – (sponsored by Charlton Pharmacy, Charlton Ag Supplies, Australia Post Charlton); Highly Commended (Photography): Noreen Kellett, "My Happy Place" – (sponsored by Fitzpatrick's Transport, Charlton Caravan Park, Taxworld); Student Encouragement Award (Art): Kaylah Carrington, "Untitled" (sponsored by Carol Bennett); Student Encouragement Award (Split): Ebony Barker, "The Ominous Misty Forest of Doom & Despair", and Dalyys Trinchi, "Marge Simpson" – (sponsored by Carol Bennett).



• Pictured with the Best Exhibit – "Glass Vase and Pink Roses" by Glenice McCarthy are (left to right) Craig Walsh and Sue Walsh (prize sponsor and event co-ordinator), Joy Tatt (judge) and Sue Stokes (event co-ordinator).



• School art work also made for a colourful display which was appreciated by the large crowd which attended last Friday night's opening.



• A striking example of artistic skill was Jane Reyne's small image, entitled "Bee 6/8" which caught the judge's eye for the Best Other Media prize.



• Emcee Anthony Judd welcomed the opening night crowd to the 2025 Art Exhibition at the Charlton Park Complex.

Arts and Photography Show



• Guest exhibitors, patchworker Maria Perger (seated) and myself had both demonstrations and displays of work on hand for visitors to peruse. Maria's beautiful quilting work showcased a lifetime's passion for the craft, which in more recent years, has become a therapy outlet for her. My art display included a selection of works which were recently featured in the "Retrospective" exhibition held at the Charlton Courthouse Gallery.



• Proud "Nan", Aileen Allan is pictured with her granddaughter, Matilda Davey's prize-winning drawing of her brother Charlie.



• Musician, Lou Green from Serpentine provided a soothing musical backdrop to the evening with her singing and guitar accompaniment.

Charlton Probud October Report

Although October is officially Probud Month, Charlton Probud celebrated a little early this year to coincide with the Charlton Harness Racing Meeting.

Members from Castle Donnington, Donald, and Wycheproof joined in, bringing the total attendance to 54. Attendees enjoyed a lively luncheon, a fun tipping competition, and great hospitality from the Harness Racing Club — many thanks to them for their excellent organisation.

The event was hosted by Frank McGrath, who interviewed Bendigo-based book-maker Anthony Jupp and local driver Luke Dunne. Barman Mick Coates added to the atmosphere by pulling out his guitar for a few songs. The event was such a hit that one of the visiting clubs has already asked for an invite next year!

At the October meeting, three new members were inducted: Marj and Bevan Olive, and Doug Gretgrix. Pat Clifford introduced the Olives, with Bevan sharing an entertaining look at his life, including his time in the Pony Club, Golf Club (especially the 19th hole!), and Rotary. Marj shared her long connection with Charlton. She first came to Charlton when she was 10 years old, then 6-7 years later she moved to Melbourne. Until recently moving into Charlton she had lived in Yeungroon for 61 years. Her sporting interests included tennis and golf.

Doug Gretgrix was introduced by Garry Larmour. Doug, a lifelong Charlton local, has worn many hats — farmer, shoe shop owner, "egologist" and long-time Harness Racing starter — truly living a full and varied life.

There were 40 members in attendance, along with 2 guests and 6 apologies.

The guest speaker, Janis Hobbs, gave an inspiring presentation on the Equine Touch. Janis was born and grew up in Charlton. She has been a High School teacher of Japanese and worked for a Japanese bank in Melbourne. In 1999 Janis returned to Charlton.

Janis originally did an intensive 7-day course in Texas, with people from all over the world, to become a practitioner of the Equine Touch in order to take better care of her own horses. The Equine Touch is a unique, gentle holistic system of bodywork for horses composed of an organised series of unique gentle, vibrational moves over soft tissue. Later, when an opportunity to train to become an instructor came up, Janis

leapt at the chance. There were 30 people world wide with 6 from Australia. Janis is the only remaining Equine Touch Instructor in Australia. Despite the challenges Covid posed to the industry, she has taught across the country and continues to advocate for equine well-being. Janis has taught all over Australia.

In recognition of World Mental Health Day (October 10th), Pat Saunders gave a thoughtful 2-minute talk, drawing on her own experience in the mental health field. She outlined three categories of mental ill-health and emphasised the importance of understanding and compassion. Pat described her career in mental health as immensely rewarding



• Induction Doug Gretgrix, Garry Larmour (left)



• Induction Mary and Bevan Olive, Pat Clifford (middle).



• Guest Speaker, Janis Hobbs.



• Harness racing crowd.

Another High Standard Donald Carnival

The 2025 Donald Show opened in fine style on Friday night, drawing an eager crowd for music, food, and the official start to one of Victoria's favourite country gatherings.

Outside, the showgrounds buzzed early as families wandered between food stalls and rides. The band at the main gate, "Roadhouse" — Leo Tellefson, Steve Parry, Peter McGennissen and Sammy James — set the tone with country and rock favourites. WrestleMania proved a hit with young and old, its athletic timing keeping the kids in hysterics. And all the while the smell of chips and wood-fired pizza filled the air.

By 7 p.m., attention turned to the Blue Room for the official opening. Many took a moment first to admire the impressive photography section before Show president Nicole Nunn welcomed the crowd.

"It's so good to see locals, visitors, families, kids with fairy floss in hand — all here to celebrate everything that makes our town and community special," she said.

Nicole proudly noted that the Donald Show is now ranked the third most popular show in Victoria, thanking the "small but mighty" committee, her "rockstars," whose dedication brings the event to life each year.

"What you see around you tonight," she continued, "every attraction, every event, every tiny detail — started around a table with this passionate group of people who give their time, energy, and creativity purely because they love this community."

The Junior Show Ambassador Award followed, presented to Kaillie Krause, whose behind-the-scenes efforts were described as "the quiet driving force behind so many of the things that make our show shine".

Life Membership
Next came a very special presentation for Peter Russell, who received Life Membership of the Donald and District Pastoral and Agricultural Society after more than 50 years of service.

Show representative, Carey Brennan recalled Peter's decades of quiet commitment, his efforts ranging from marking out the arena and cleaning pavilions to helping run the grand parade and even manning the Friday night gate.



• Donald A & P Life Member Peter Russell, with Carey Brennan.

"Pete's never been in it for accolades," she said. "He just gets things done. Without people like him, the Donald Show wouldn't happen."

Speaker
Guest speaker Kristy Kellie then took the microphone and held the Blue Room in quiet attention. A former Donald local and past Junior Ambassador herself, Kristy shared her journey as a paramedic and as an advocate for mental health, following the loss of her husband, John, to mental illness.

"It's okay not to be okay," she told the hushed room. "If someone's brave enough to reach out, just listen — and don't stop checking in."

Her courage and honesty drew emotional thanks from the room.

Competitions
From there, the mood lifted again as MC Lisa Woods introduced the much-anticipated Iron Man and Iron Woman competitions. Competitors Cameron Pearce, Kalon Green and Sam Beavis tackled the ironing boards to a running stream of puns from Lisa. Technical troubles and accusations of sabotage only added to the fun. Judges Margie Hollis, Kate Clark and Jodie Hollis awarded Kalon the win "by a steam puff".

The women's round — Jo Beavis, Stacey Morris and Kellie Petrie — was fiercely contested, with Kellie crowned champion. A final iron-off between Kellie and Kalon ended in a draw.

Fireworks
Back outside, the evening closed with a substantial fireworks display that lit up the showgrounds.

From the kids gathered around the puppet show to friends catching up over food, Friday night at the Donald Show had it all — ensuring it remains one of the most-loved events on Donald's calendar.

Day Two
The second day of festivities proved to be just as enjoyable as the first, with Saturday having fair, albeit a little windy, weather.

With the sounds of cheer and excitement being heard blocks away from the show itself, one could not help but be

enthralled by the magic that is a community festival. The music once again filled the food court, however those on stage were now Darryn Wardle and Jeff Woodward.

The pavilion with all of its incredible community donated items was in many ways the perfect showcasing of the Donald Show but on a smaller scale. With a variety of entries from the poultry side, which was amusingly close to the food stalls, to incredible Lego builds and everything in between. A big congratulations to all the winners, and to everyone who contributed.

Sheep shearing was also a big hit, with a large and persistent crowd the whole show-day with the final presentations only happening after the parade had gone. With regular cheers and aforementioned crowd always present, the energy around was electric.

Winners: Open shear, Brandon Bone; Senior shear, Ben Lloyd; Intermediate shear, Keenan Rox; Novice shear, Sophie Rox; Novice shear, Sophie Parish; Ladies shear, Maxi Armisead; Open wool, Kirsty Bone; Novice wool, Karleisha Anderson.

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all who helped bring this event together.

From the competitors to the judges, community involvement in these events means everything, and what a community the sheep shearers have!

Tractor Pull
The tractor pull also attracted quite the crowd as well, with a variety of beautiful old machines showcasing the ingenuity of those who built them as well as those who have either maintained or added a little extra.

For those looking to learn a little more about the fabulous reptiles that live in this beautiful country around us, Fair Dinkum Fauna gave an educational and entertaining

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• Iron Man competition left to right: Judges Jodie Hollis, Margie Hollis, and Kate Clark, MC Lisa Woods, competitors Jo Beavis, Stacey Morris, and Kelly Petrie show their work to the judges.



• Donald Show president Nicole Nunn (right) introduces guest speaker Kristy Kelly.



• "Roadhouse": Leo Tellefson (keyboard), Steve Parry (drums), Peter McGennissen (lead guitar) and Sammy James (bass).



• Ruby Talty, Millie Smulders and Lacey Talty seeing the world from new heights on the ferris wheel!



• Iron man competition finalists Kelly Petrie and Kalon Green.

— A Big Day Out for All the Family

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workshop with a beautiful Darwin Carpet Python affectionately named “Big Bertha”. This 2.6 metre python was certainly the focal point of the show, happily hanging off one of the staff members, Neve Lawson, while Michael Lloyd spoke to the audience all about these wonderful creatures.

Just like the first day, there were a million-and-one different activities for kids, including some that had also been on the first night.

Puppets

The puppet show made a return, delighting children with amusing voices and energetic puppets. As well as a myriad of stalls, from face painting to even a little sand pit to play in.

Inside the building itself was also an incredible amount of games and crafts. With kids of all ages enjoying the cartoon portraits and assortment of toys.

For the older kids there was also a game room, just across from the Blue Room there were a bunch of electronics set up for all to enjoy. Watching someone play a game in virtual reality is almost as entertaining as playing it yourself!

Grand Parade

Around 4 o’clock the sirens began to ring out from the emergency vehicles; not for an emergency but rather as a celebration, the parade had begun! Many of the old vehicles that had shown of their stuff in the tractor pull, as well as what seemed like every emergency vehicle the entire shire and beyond have

available, starting driving the field. As they went by one could see beautifully restored cars, old tractors, every kind of emergency vehicle, and gargantuan farm equipment. The only thing louder than the cheers from the crowd was the sirens!

The variety in the parade was a great ending example to the show and community at large. Smaller country events like this are only possible with the help of so many people. Not just the volunteers, or the committee who organise it all, but just as importantly the people who come to the show.

A big thank you goes to all who participated in the show, be it however big or small, for this memorable showcase of community spirit over this incredible Donald Show weekend.



• Shearing winners: Open shear, Brandon Bone; Senior shear, Ben Lloyd; Intermediate shear, Keenan Rox; Novice shear, Sophie Rox; Novice shear, Sophie Parish; Ladies shear, Maxi Armisead; Open wool, Kirsty Bone; Novice wool, Karleisha Anderson.



• Joharie (standing right), Killian Bates (middle), Matty Hain (laying down), and Nate Hunter.



• A bird’s eye view of all the action. – Photo by Jodie Drake.



• The beautiful fireworks display was the perfect way to end the first day.



• James Fritsch in action in the tractor pull, getting plenty of traction with his Anders Grips wheels on Saturday afternoon.

Super Sunday in Charlton:

(By Jenny Pollard)

It's the crazy month of October and Charlton had a full quota of activities last weekend, with Sunday especially crammed with things to do and places to go.

From the Charlton Arts and Photography Show, to the Lions Club Swap Meet; the Charlton Campdraft weekend, to the North Central Garden Club "Open Gardens" day, along with the PolMusicA Polish concert presentation at the Rex, Stuart Giles "Birds In Focus" photography exhibition at the Courthouse Gallery, and the Lions Skin Check van providing medical outreach to small communities, it was a case of prioritizing or going all in!

Lions Swap Meet

Overcast skies did nothing to deter the crowds as 66 stall holders came together (some arriving on Saturday to set up for Sunday's event) to showcase their wares and continue to build the event from year to year.

"Exceeding all expectations" was how Lions President, Ross Lane expressed it, as the mid-morning crowd searched for that elusive "treasure" or came to peruse the extensive number of vehicles in the Show and Shine – some of which had come from Ararat, Bendigo, Warracknabeal and surrounding local towns.

With more food having to be purchased to deal with the influx of visitors, Ross said they had had a great response to this year's event with many compliments about the location and the layout. Stallholders also expressed their delight about the affordability of the site fees, and commented on the ease of working with the club.

There were also plenty of "man's/woman's best friends" accompanying their owners, with one lucky dog getting to share a morning ice cream snack!

Lions Skin Check Van

While the "Times" recently ran an extensive coverage of this important outreach, the van made its home in Charlton last weekend and like in Donald, was extremely well patronized.

With a total of 117 attendees (59 Saturday) and (58 Sunday) resulting in 37 referrals, the importance of this mobile screening initiative was made clear.

Administrator Raelene Hadden, working in tandem with Lions co-ordinator for this area, Harry Brindley, said there was a desperate shortage of dermoscopists (practitioners who conduct a noninvasive skin imaging technique which aids in the diagnosis of skin lesions). In this respect the Lions project is invaluable. Bringing qualified personnel (medical professionals who must undergo a final assessment through the Peter McCallum Cancer Centre) to country regions where services are limited, not only helps to identify potential issues, but also lightens the load on local GPs who can then quickly refer clients for further investigation.

The strong take-up rate for this initiative was pleasing to see, especially in this region where sun damage can develop insidious outcomes.

PolMusicA

The Polish concert series which showcases the talents of young instrumentalists saw three performers excel at the Rex last Sunday – stunning the small, but appreciative audience with their accomplishments and virtuosity.

Opening with former laureate, Konrad Olszewski, other soloists included Leo Liu, a young man who has received multiple national awards for excellence in performance and is admired for his refined technique and phrasing.

The third performer was 11 year-old Sarita Warne, who received a Distinction in Group A (11 years and under) of the PolMusicA Competition this year for her sensitive and expressive playing.

A Year 5 student at Ivanhoe Girls Grammar, Sarita began playing the piano at 5 years of age and has weekly lessons to keep her skills in top shape. Currently studying for her AMusA exams, Sarita loves performing and regularly plays at school and at the Grace Villa Aged Care facility in Greensborough during school holidays. With aspirations of becoming a concert pianist Sarita is well on the way to achieving this goal.

The Rex acknowledges the association with PolMusicA Director Greg Machnacki for the continued alliance in bringing these exceptional artists to our region.

Open Gardens Day

While an extended coverage of the day will appear in a



• Above: Nine-year-old Amelie Hellard loves her fairy garden in Charlton and was eager to show it to visitors during the North Central Garden Club's Open Gardens Day last weekend.

coming edition of the paper, suffice to say that the lure of visiting other people's patch is as strong as ever and provides great inspiration for all of us green thumbs who aspire to greatness, but just can't quite make it happen!

And yes, there really are fairies at the bottom of the garden as the photo of young Amelie Hellard shows.

Keep an eye open for more about the North Central Garden Club's big day, and in the meantime reflect on the benefits which the gardening experience offers!



• Lions President, Ross Lane (right) shares a laugh with club member Neville Sinapius (left) as the crowd swelled during the morning.



• Only 11 years old and an already accomplished performer, young Sarita Warne captivated the audience with her nuanced musicality at the Rex.



• Paul Richardson of Charlton shares an ice cream with his best mate "Gilbert" – the confectionary-loving canine at last Sunday's Lions Club Swap Meet. Plenty of owners brought their pooches along to the event which was hailed as a great success by the club.

Things to Do, Places to See



• The Lions Skin Check van was well patronized during its two-day visit to Charlton. Pictured preparing for a busy Sunday is local co-ordinator Harry Brindley with van administrator, Raelene Hadden.

The MCG's Biggest Crowd

The 2025 AFL football grand final has just taken place at the MCG, one of the biggest sports stadiums in the world.

The MCG located in Yarra Park, Melbourne, has been the centre of some great sporting events over the years, not only AFL football, but also international cricket events, the 1956 Olympic Games and 2006 Commonwealth Games. Currently the stadium holds just over 100,000 people at full capacity.

I well remember attending an ANZAC day football match with Collingwood and Essendon playing at the MCG with 80,000-plus people present, the enthusiasm of the crowd and good footy produced a great occasion.

Highest Attendance

What is the highest attendance figure for any event at the MCG? Some might be surprised to learn that the record attendance was not set at an AFL final or the Olympic games, but at the final meeting of the Billy Graham crusade back in 1959. On that occasion not only every one of the seats was filled, but people flowed over on to the playing surface to hear the presentations from Dr Billy Graham. The attendance was recorded at 143,750. Fifteen hundred churches across Melbourne and rural Victoria worked together to help this event take place



• Bruce Stewart

Billy Graham spoke at a series of meetings for three months in Australia and New Zealand, and at each meeting, hundreds of people streamed forward to commit their lives to Jesus, including Robert Coles who later became a Coles Myer Director. Robert spoke of his experience when at the age of 24, he attended the Crusade and after hearing a second appeal from Dr. Graham he ran down to the front where he was counselled and prayed a prayer of commitment to Christ, which he described as the most important decision in his life.

The "Good News"

A while ago now I was thinking about this event and rang up a friend from a farming community who made a commitment to Christ at the 1959 final meeting at the MCG. Billy Graham was a great evangelist and at the centre of his message was a presentation of the Gospel, the "Good News" that our Creator God loves us, but our sin separates us from Him and in response God sent His only

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• A former winner of the PolMusica National competition, Konrad Olszewski brought Beethoven's stunning music to life at the Rex during Sunday's concert.



Billy Graham sharing the Good News of Jesus with around 143,000 people at the MCG in 1959

Son Jesus Christ on a rescue mission to planet earth culminating in His sacrificial death on the cross and resurrection from the dead requiring us to.

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord" (Acts 3:19). Graeme prayed the "sinners prayer" and received Jesus as Saviour and Lord and such was his joy in receiving forgiveness, hope and purpose in life that he purchased plane tickets so that he could take a friend to hear Billy Graham as he started a new series of meetings at Randwick in Sydney with attendances of up to 150,000 people.

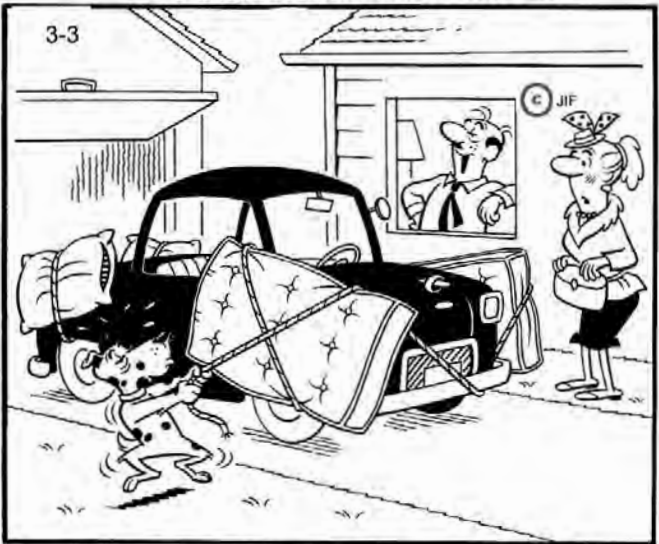
Stories of transformation, forgiveness and hope reverberated around the nations of Australia and New Zealand during and after the 1959 visit of Dr Billy Graham. Jesus

said 2000-plus years ago, "If the Son (Jesus) sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). Australia now

more than ever needs to hear the Good News of Jesus as was the case in 1959. **Bruce Stewart.**

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Field-Testing Pre-emergent Herbicide Packages

(By Cindy Benjamin, WeedSmart)

The “mix-and-rotate herbicides” strategy is central to sustainable herbicide use on Australian grain farms, it is the opposite of the “silver-bullet” approach, which has repeatedly failed and resulted in the loss of valuable chemistry in many farming systems.

For the last four years, private research and extension group, SLR has conducted Showpiece Project evaluation trials comparing the best pre-emergent and early post-emergent herbicide strategies against annual ryegrass (ARG) and wild radish at field sites in Western Australia. The project connects crop protection companies with agronomists and growers, showcasing products side by side in real farm conditions. Growers see product performance first-hand, and the trials create valuable discussion across the industry.

In 2024, SLR research agronomist Louise Fraser led the trials hosted on farms at Dalwallinu, Goomalling and Kellerberrin, comparing a wide range of commonly-used herbicides in a variety of treatments with pre-emergent herbicide incorporated by sowing (IBS) either on its own or followed by (fb) pre-emergent herbicide applied early post-emergent (EPE).

SLR’s CEO research agronomist, Michael Lamond, says that the trial sites have a range of weed control mixtures with both weed efficacy and crop safety notes taken during the growing season to generate a benefit matrix of dollars-return and cost.

“This matrix shows the benefit of weed control versus the cost of the various herbicide mode of action combinations,” he says. “The grower

can then weigh up the options that best suit their individual paddocks, giving thought to weed density and herbicide resistance profile, potential yield and future crops in the rotation.”

WeedSmart’s western extension agronomist, Peter Newman, says these trials demonstrate the benefit of applying mixes of multiple modes of action to control a cohort of weeds. He says the tactic is so valuable that herbicide companies are increasingly investing in bringing proprietary mixes to market.

“We generally want to see at least 97 per cent control of annual ryegrass to drive down the weed seed bank and maintain low weed numbers,” he says. “Pre-emergent herbicides are an important part of achieving this high-level control, and growers are investing heavily in early-season weed control, backed up with strong crop competition and effective control of survivors at the end of the season.”

Peter says that the main take-home messages from these trial results are:

- Paddocks with lower weed seed banks can be maintained with mixes that include two or three pre-emergent actives applied at sowing, provided the crop is competitive and survivors are controlled.
- Paddocks with higher weed seed bank numbers will



• SLR research agronomist Louise Fraser led the trials hosted on farms at Dalwallinu, Goomalling and Kellerberrin, comparing a wide range of commonly-used herbicides in a variety of treatments with pre-emergent herbicide incorporated by sowing (IBS) either on its own or followed by (fb) pre-emergent herbicide applied early post-emergent (EPE). (Photo: SLR)

most likely need a more complex mix of pre-emergent herbicides, potentially applied both at sowing and post-crop emergence.

- A reminder that pre-emergent herbicide efficacy can vary considerably, due to numerous application effects and environmental factors, and must not be relied on too heavily.
- Products that offer early post emergent (EPE) use pattern extend the length of residual control of annual ryegrass, improving the overall level of control.

Effective management of the weed seed bank demands the use of multiple tactics implemented throughout the cropping season. Use the WeedSmart Big 6 strategy to build a sustainable and responsive weed management program.

The Kellerberrin site provides an insight to the importance of robust pre-emergent herbicide packages in high weed pressure paddocks. The weed seed bank at Kellerberrin was the highest of the three 2024 season trial sites, based on the number of annual ryegrass plants present in the untreated control plots at the end of the season. At this site, Calibre wheat was sown at a rate of 65 kg/ha into gravelly sand with moisture at 10 mm depth, on 13 May, 2024 along with IBS applications of pre-emergent herbicide treatments.

Three weeks after planting, annual ryegrass (ARG) numbers were assessed, with 27 ARG/m² present in the untreated control (UTC). All the pre-emergent treatments applied at sowing made a significant difference to the weed density compared to the control, keeping the ryegrass numbers to less than 5 ARG/m², with no significant differences between herbicide treatments. This indicates the pre-emergence herbicide treatments applied at sowing reduced ARG emergence by around 82 per cent at this early crop growth stage. On the same day, June 5, the early-post-emergent (EPE) treatments were applied.

Fifteen days after the EPE treatments were applied, all treatments were assessed for ARG density. The UTC had

146 ARG/m², and all herbicide treatments had 45 ARG/m² or less (at least 70% control). Trifluralin IBS fb Mateno Complete EPE (98% control) and Boxer Gold IBS fb Mateno Complete EPE (97% control) were the best performers, followed by Terrain Flow IBS fb Mateno Complete EPE (96% control). Next were Overwatch + Trifluralin IBS fb Boxer Gold EPE and Overwatch IBS fb Mateno Complete EPE at 93 and 92 per cent control, respectively. Visual crop phytotoxicity effects were observed in most EPE treatments and a few IBS-only treatments at this crop stage.

ARG numbers were assessed again 46 days after the EPE treatments were applied. At this stage (9.5 weeks after planting), the UTC had 110.22 ARG plants/m² as crop competition began to take effect. All herbicide treatments continued to provide some control, with the top-performing treatments maintaining 95 to 99 per cent control.

At this stage, crop safety was assessed by measuring biomass reduction, which ranged from zero to 11 per cent. The IBS Villian treatment caused the greatest reduction in crop biomass. Most of the top-performing treatments for weed control also caused some reduction in crop biomass, around 3 to 8 per

cent, except Overwatch + Trifluralin IBS fb Boxer Gold EPE, which did not cause any reduction in crop biomass, even though visual phytotoxicity effects were observed.

The final round of ARG counts was done 17 weeks after planting. In the UTC the ARG population had increased to 201 plants/m². All herbicide treatments provided at least 70 per cent control. The IBS fb Mateno Complete EPE treatments provided the best control, ranging from 95 to 99 per cent. The 3-way IBS Overwatch + Trifluralin mix fb Boxer Gold EPE provided 90 per cent control. Villian IBS continued to cause biomass reduction of 11 per cent, while all other treatments had grown through any crop safety effects.

All treatments provided high-level control of the wild radish.

The trial was harvested in mid-November. All herbicide treatments significantly improved yield by 0.7 to 1.7 t/ha or 22 to 55 per cent over the UTC yield (3.08 t/ha).

Similar results were recorded at the Dalwallinu and Goomalling sites.

For more information about the mix and rotate tactic, visit the WeedSmart website: www.weedsmart.org.au

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• SLR’s CEO Michael Lamond says growers can visit the trials then weigh up the options that best suit their individual paddocks, giving thought to weed density and herbicide resistance profile, potential yield and future crops in the rotation. (Photo: SLR)

Cash Back into the Pockets of Drought-affected Farmers

The Victorian Government is driving down business costs for Victorian primary producers and providing critical cash flow help for drought affected farmers.

The Duties and Fees Relief Package is helping to reduce the cost of doing business for Victoria’s primary producers affected by drought. The package includes measures to waive a raft of livestock biosecurity duties, plant biosecurity fees, beekeeper registration fees, food safety fees and other service charges, delivering more than \$10 million in relief to Victorian producers.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence recently announced the rollout of the Duties and Fees Relief Package, which will waive fees for farmers over the next financial year and deliver more than \$10 million in relief to Victorian producers.

Visit the Agriculture Victoria’s website: <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/drought-support/grants-and-financial-support/duties-and-fees-relief-package>

What's On

Field Crop Disease Identification and Management Workshop Horsham

Description: Last run in 2022, this training is for junior and experienced agronomists. In hands-on practical sessions there will be more than 20 crop diseases to work with. Speakers will provide an introduction to disease identification and management along with the latest research findings.

Topics covered include: Introduction to Field Crop Diseases, Soil-borne Diseases, Cereal Foliar Diseases, Viruses of Field Crops, Pulse Diseases, Canola Diseases, Fungicide Resistance.

October 15, 2025, 8:30 a.m. at Horsham Smart Farm, 110 Natimuk Road, Horsham, VIC 3400.

Contact: Luise Fanning. Email: luise.fanning@agriculture.vic.gov.au or phone 0425 625 236.

Cost: \$150. Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1441408>

Blowflies Buzz Off!

With rain and warmer temperatures heading into spring, sheep producers will need to keep fly-strike prevention front of mind.

Agriculture Victoria Livestock Extension Officer Britany Price said producers should plan ahead to implement flystrike prevention and control programs to assist in managing the disease.

FlyBoss is a free website resource that provides producers with specific tools for flystrike control.

Ms Price said these controls include shearing or crutching, breech modification, selective breeding, dag management, and preventative chemical treatment.

“The FlyBoss website allows producers to compare their current management system with an alternative system taking into account their location,” she said.

“This can help inform decision making in relation to the dates of shearing and crutching, and preventative treatment application.

“During high-risk periods producers must inspect their stock regularly to identify and treat any fly struck sheep.”

Flystrike in sheep can show up as restlessness, loss of appetite, a strong smell, and visible maggots in the wool.

The following treatment method is recommended for fly struck sheep:

1. Shear struck wool and a 5 cm barrier of clean wool around the strike close to the skin to remove maggots.

2. Collect the maggot-infested wool into a maggot-proof (plastic) bag and leave the bag in the sun for a couple of days to kill all maggots.

3. Apply a registered fly-strike dressing to the shorn area to prevent re-strike.

4. Remove struck sheep from the mob and place in an isolation paddock and monitor (stuck sheep attract more blowflies).

5. Cull struck sheep from breeding programs.

Ms Price said if treatment is not a viable option, humane euthanasia must be carried out.

“As with all veterinary treatments, it is essential to observe the withholding period and keep accurate records of any treatments administered.”

For further information on the management and treatment of flystrike please visit: www.flyboss.com.au

To find information about available drought support visit www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or call 136 186.

Being Sun Smart

Excessive and prolonged exposure to the sun is a major cause of skin cancer. Skin cancers account for 80% of all cancers diagnosed in Australia each year. So, it's important to protect your skin from the sun's harmful rays.

Skin damage may occur after 12 to 20 minutes exposure to sunlight. This 12 to 20 minutes can add up by just hanging out the washing or walking to the shops. So all day outdoors gardening or engaging in leisure activities obviously means greater exposure to the sun.

It is essential to protect all exposed skin, and especially your face, whenever you are out-of-doors in the sun by wearing appropriate clothing, a wide-brimmed hat and a suitable sun screen. Re-apply frequently if you intend to

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spend all day outside; paying particular attention to your nose. A lip balm that will help to block UV rays should also be applied frequently to the lips. The nose, the lips, and the delicate skin around the eyes are particularly vulnerable.

Sun glasses are also a must when out in the sun. Without them, not only do you risk the possibility of eye strain in bright sunlight; the delicate skin surrounding the eyes is prone to damage and eventual wrinkles. Select sun glasses that protect and fit over the eyes without leaving white areas. Remember, if you can see your eyes when looking in the mirror with your sun glasses on, they do not give proper protection.

Sun Block

To prevent uncovered skin from dehydrating and drying out it is important to use a moisturiser prior to the application of a sun block.

The following natural moisturiser is ideal for nourishing the skin and in helping to prevent it from drying out: melt 10 grams of beeswax and five grams of anhydrous lanolin (wool fat) – both available from chemists or health food stores – in a double enamel or stainless steel saucepan over a medium heat. When completely liquid, stir in 60 millilitres of almond oil, five millilitres of wheat germ oil, and 20 millilitres each of Aloe Vera juice and distilled water,



until well blended. Remove from the stove, stir in one teaspoon of clear honey and pour into a ceramic bowl. Beat gently until cool and of a creamy texture, adding 12 drops of lemon juice and six drops of tincture of benzoin (friar's balsam) once the mixture begins to cool. Store in a sterilised glass jar with a tight-fitting lid and use with two months. Apply the moisturiser to the skin and gently rub it in.

Soothing Lotion

Even when you are taking precautions, a day outdoors in the sun can still leave your skin feeling hot and sticky. This natural soothing lotion will cool and refresh the skin

and help to counteract the dehydrating effects of the sun. Blend 50 millilitre each of rose water and witch hazel (both available from the chemist) with 100 millilitre of distilled water and store in purse-size spray-mist bottle. Spray on to skin as desired, avoiding contact with the eyes.

A fresh cucumber can also be used to cool hot and sticky skin. Cut a large cucumber into chunks, process in a food blender, wash affected body skin, and then gently apply the cucumber lotion.

Cold chamomile tea or elder flower tea is also an



• Alan Hayes

effective remedy for soothing and cooling the skin.

Visit Alan on the Net – www.itssonatural.com

YOUR THREE-DAY TV GUIDE

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Upgrade for Donald Archives

The Archives building at 56 Woods Street has been painted inside and out over the last few months.

Local tradesman, Travis Hickmott, has been very busy doing the main office, the passage and two other rooms over the last three weeks.

Archives volunteers got a week’s holiday and this was well timed as the photocopier decided to play up at the same time. The freshly painted rooms look as-new and it is to Travis’s credit that they were done with minimum disruption.

The September enquiries will appear on the November newsletter.

Blasts from the Past. October 1925

October 1. Personal. Mr. H. J. Onley sustained painful injuries while attending to the Water Trust windmill at the commencement of the week. The front portion of his foot became momentarily caught between moving portions of the mechanism. Although the injury proved painful at the time, Mr. Onley completed his job, but found on examining his foot, a few minutes later, that the big toe had been badly crushed. Medical attention was necessary, and he is now able to get about with the aid of a stick. He counts himself extremely fortunate in not having his whole foot injured.

October 6. Heard in Donald. On Saturday last a description of the final football match between Collingwood and Melbourne was broadcasted by 3LO direct from the Melbourne Cricket Ground. “Jumbo” Sharland, who was one of Geelong’s star

footballers a couple of seasons ago, was in front of the microphone, and gave a vivid description of the play and the scene at the cricket ground. The transmission was splendid and excellent reception was obtained on the “Western Electric” Receiver at Green’s Garage where an interested crowd soon gathered round the Speaker. The band playing in the members’ reserve, the voices of the barrackers, the time bells, and even the umpire’s whistle could be plainly heard. The game was not as thrilling as those of the previous two Saturdays and Collingwood won by a handy margin of 8.15 to 3.8. However Melbourne were unfortunate to have three good men injured. Undoubtedly the broadcast companies are showing commendable enterprise, and missing few opportunities of broadcasting anything worthwhile. Consequently, “listeners-in” who have efficient sets feel that they are getting good value for the money spent on “radio”. (This match was the Preliminary Final. Collingwood was beaten by Geelong in the grand final).

October 9. Old Colonist Passes. Mrs. Bridget Sweeney. On Tuesday last the district lost another of its old and respected residents in the person of Mrs. Bridget Sweeney, wife of Mr. John Sweeney, of Litchfield. The deceased lady was a colonist of 53 years standing, and the story of her journey to this country affords some idea of the spirit and hardiness of those who left their native land in the days of slow and dangerous travel. The late Mrs. Sweeney was the sixth daughter of the late James and Mary Aherne and was born at Templemore, County Tipperary,

Ireland, on April 2, 1858. Losing her parents at an early age she set sail to Australia aboard the S.S. Strato. She was accompanied by her brother and two sisters, and the voyage was commenced on September 5, 1872. Three times the vessel broke down, the first mishap occurring when the four fans were washed away a few hours after leaving Plymouth. She put back into port and subsequently set sail again, this time reaching the island of Madeira, when the main shaft broke. This time it took four weeks to return to Plymouth, a great storm breaking over the vessel on the return journey and two sailors and the mate being washed overboard. The ship remained in Plymouth for twelve weeks, when she set sail for Australia for the third time, on the 22nd of December. On March 1, 1873 the landing was made in Australia, and the strange story of the unfortunate Strato came to an end when she was lost on the return voyage to England. The deceased lady spent the first few years of her life in this country at Geelong, Charlton and St Arnaud, she being married at the last-named town some 46 years ago. She then came to reside at Litchfield, where she remained until the time of her death. For the past seven years she had borne her sufferings with patient fortitude and thirteen weeks ago was forced to take to her bed. The late Mrs. Sweeney was known and respected throughout the length and breadth of the district as a loving wife, a devoted and affectionate mother and a valued member of the old band of early residents who watched this and neighbouring districts grow from bush areas peopled by struggling settlers to cultivated lands held by well-established farmers. She was the mother of a family of six, Bridget, Mary, James, Patrick and

William, and the deepest sympathy is extended to them and to her sorrowing husband in their bereavement. The deceased lady was the youngest of a family of nine, the three surviving members being Mr. M. Aherne (Mildura), Mrs. J. Feeney Snr. (Swanwater), and Mrs. J. Grogan (Litchfield). The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, the remains being laid to rest in the Donald Cemetery.

October 13. Jeffcott Picnic and Concert. Readers are reminded that the annual Jeffcott picnic will take place tomorrow as advertised, commencing at 2 p.m. It is worthy of note that the Jumble Stall, which will be erected on the ground, will carry a large and serviceable supply of children’s and ladies’ clothes, Christmas boxes, and other articles, in addition to the usual stock. The concert in the evening promises to be a splendid entertainment. One of the principal items will be a farce-comedy entitled “The Playgoers”, the characters being taken by Mesdames E. Coats, A. Beckham, E. Pearse, Misses Sellick, M. Coats and A. Bailey and Messrs. G. Pearse and C. Gooden.

October 16. Fire at Jeffcott. On Tuesday last a fire broke out in the camp of the men employed by the Council at the Jeffcott quarry. Their tent, which was shared by Messrs. Shaw and T. Jones was, with all the material therein, completely destroyed.

October 20. Rifle Shooting. W. Sproat of Donald, when in the final stage of the Sydney “Kings” last week, had the misfortune to fire on the wrong target on two occasions. At 800 yards he placed a central “bull” on the next target, and at 900 yards a “magpie” was registered in the same manner. The Donald captain had shot consistently all through, and, had he been able to count the above scoring shots, he would have tied with J.H. Williams for second place in the big event. As it was, he notched up 17th place.

October 23, Health Officer’s Report. The monthly report of the district Health Officer (Dr. W. J. Flanagan) to the Donald Shire Council contained, inter alia, the following passages: “No cases of notifiable diseases have been notified during the month. During the past month, at the request of the school committee, I inspected the Corack North-East State School, where there was an outbreak of whooping cough. As there were 9 out of 12 children absent from school with the complaint, I advised that the school be closed and fumigated. Complaint had been made to me regarding the condition of the boys’ conveniences at the Donald H.E. and State school. In consequence of my inspection, I found it necessary to request the shire secretary to communicate with the Education Department to have the matter righted at once, more particularly as summer is approaching. The Council should insist on immediate action in the interests of the health of the scholars. On the motion of Cr. G. Coats, the secretary was instructed to communicate with the Education department at once, asking that the complaint regarding the Donald school be immediately attended to.

October 27. The Mill Crossing. Some time ago the council wrote to the management of the Burnley Flour Mills asking that, if rebuilding operations or alterations were undertaken at the Donald mill, the storeroom which at present blocks the view northwards should be built back from Hammill Street, in order to make it easier for traffic to obtain greater warning of the approach of trains. The following reply has been received: “ We wish to inform you that the directors have not decided whether we will re-build at Donald, but, in the event of their doing so, we will certainly give your suggestion every consideration.”

COMMUNITY UPDATE Buloke.

NEW LOCATION AND OPENING TIMES FOR CHARLTON LIBRARY

The Charlton Library service will be operating from its new location at the Charlton Senior Citizens Building every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm, commencing on 15 October 2025.

The relocation of the library service is due to the recent closure of the Charlton Hall and Supper Room in response to the presence of Amosite asbestos being identified.

All of our other library services remain unchanged.

To celebrate the new library space at the Charlton Senior Citizens Building, a morning tea will be held on Wednesday 22 October 2025 from 11am to 12noon as part of Children’s Week with a special storytime session being held at 11.15am.

For more information email buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au or call 1300 520 520.

FREE GREEN WASTE PERIOD

A reminder that Council’s Free Green Waste period is now open and running until Sunday 2 November 2025 at all our Landfill’s and Transfer Stations during regular operating times:

Birchip		
Corack Road	Monday & Friday	1:30pm-4:30pm
	Wednesday	9:30am-12:30pm
	Sunday	10:00am-1:00pm
Charlton		
St Arnaud Road	Monday, Wednesday & Friday	1:30pm-5:30pm
	Sunday	9:00am-5:00pm
Donald		
Depot Road (off Stawell Road)	Monday & Thursday	9:00am-1:30pm
	Tuesday & Friday	1:00pm-5:30pm
	Sunday	10:00am-5:00pm
Sea Lake		
Robinvale Road	Monday & Friday	9:30am-12:30pm
	Wednesday	1:30pm-4:30pm
	Sunday	2:00pm-5:00pm
Watchem		
Morton Street (Recycling Only)	Wednesday	4:00pm-5:00pm
	Sunday	4:00pm-5:00pm
Wycheproof		
Mackies Road	Monday & Friday	2:30pm-5:30pm
	Wednesday	9:00am-12noon
	Sunday	12noon-5:00pm

Now is the perfect time to take advantage of this great opportunity and prepare your property for this coming fire season.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **39 Mildura WAY, Charlton VIC 3525.**

The application is for a permit for the **development of a double sided, non-illuminated, major promotion sign (2 x 18.53 square metre display faces).**

The application reference number is **PA25028.**

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

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

An objection must be made to the Responsible Authority in writing, include the objectors name and contact details, include reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected. An online submission form is available on the Planning page of the Buloke Shire Council website.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before: **30 October 2025.**

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

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **1 Lundy STREET, Charlton VIC 3525.**

The application is for a permit to construct a building or **construct or carry out works (a dwelling and associated earthworks) in an Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO1) and a Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO).**

The application reference number is **PA25023.**

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

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Birchip and Wirrim Visit St. Arnaud

Tennis is back for another exciting season, with the first round of the 2025/2026 North Central Lawn Tennis Association season played on Saturday afternoon.

Birchip and Wirrim teams travelled to St Arnaud to face Kara Kara and St Arnaud respectively.

While both Birchip women's teams claimed victory in their sections, it was the home sides which came away with the overall wins. Kara Kara defeated Birchip 138 to 122,

while St Arnaud overcame Wirrim 125 to 76. Despite the final scores, both contests featured skilful and enjoyable tennis, showcasing sportsmanship and strong rallies across the courts.

Congratulations to the standout three-set winners: Steph Coffey, Sandie Richmond, and Sienna Richmond

for Birchip, and Kelly Haslam for Wirrim.

In junior tennis, the Bullants, the reigning triple premiers in the Sea Lake Saturday morning competition, picked up right where they left off, opening their season with a convincing win over Nandaly. The Bullants continue to demonstrate why they've been the team to beat in recent years.

Off the court, cardio tennis and junior coaching also resumed this week. Sam Tozer from Ace Tennis Academy is once again making the weekly trip from Swan Hill to deliver engaging and high-quality sessions for players of all ages and skill levels.

Looking ahead, both Birchip and Wirrim will enjoy home games this coming Saturday, taking on Nullawil and Wycheproof. In preparation, a working bee is scheduled for Thursday afternoon to ensure the courts are in top condition and all help will be appreciated.

With competitive matches, junior development, and community involvement in full swing, it's shaping up to be another fantastic season of tennis across the district.



• Sienna Richmond, Archie Tyler, Sebastian Conti and Xanthe Fitzpatrick made their NCLTA senior debuts for the two Birchip teams.

Win for Nullawil Tennis

Last weekend saw the return of tennis for the '25-'26 season.

The club welcomed a couple of new faces to start the season; Laura Sheahan, Liam Wayman and Logan Pollington. As the cricket season is yet to start, Logan put his hand up to help with numbers. Thanks Logan! It was his first time playing with the club. He shared sets with his grandma (Marg Pollington) coming away with 2 wins from 2 sets. The day had 3 generations of Pollingtons playing. Not sure if this has been done before at Nullawil.

Liam has been away for a few years and is now back. It is hoped to have him around for the season.

The men only dropped 1 set, coming away with a comfortable win in the men's section and taking the points.

The women dropped 2 sets but were still able to come away with the win and points for the section.

Finally came the mixed where Nullawil won 5 out of 6 sets. The only set to go down was in a tie breaker.

The final score: Nullawil 131 d. Wycheproof 81.

The day finished with dinner at the Royal Mail Hotel as our '24/'25 season break-up, since players never got

around to do something at the end of last season.

The following awards were presented:

- Club Aggregate – Lana Fawcett.
- Club Championship winners:
- Junior Boys Club Champion – Max Fawcett.
- Junior Girls Club Champion – Tessa Sheahan.
- Men Champion – David Watts.
- Ladies Champion – tbc.

“Tough as Nails”

There was a special award presented at the night. Tony Bartram presented Ella Sheahan with the “Tough as Nails” award. This was for playing a couple of days after having her wisdom teeth removed. This was then combined with another award for Ella, and this was the “Bogged to the Arse” award. Bones had to help Ella out of a “bog” when she got rather stuck near the tennis courts!

It's Show Time as Bowls Begin to Roll

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In their round 2 fixture, Boort scraped home by just 2 shots over Charlton, but in the process bagged 10 of the 12 points on offer. Greg Smith gave host Boort a handy lead after beating Gary Bateson by 12 shots, to which Joan Earl added another 9, her winning margin over Cher Brien. John Headon almost spoilt the party for Boort when he outscored Tony Matley by 19 shots, ensuring an exciting finished to round out an enjoyable day of bowls.

Details:

Wycheproof 69-10 d. St. Arnaud 57-2.

Grant Allan 23 d. Laurie Goodwin 20, Donald Denney 27 d. Kerryn Dyke 14, Alan

Jones 19 lost to Lloyd Goddard 23.

Donald Golf 91-12 d Donald 40-0.

Lindsay Borden 32 d. Margaret Quick 15, George Wood 23 d. Beryl Milne 13, Shane O'Shea 36 d. David Romeo 12.

Charlton 47-0 lost to Wedderburn 77-12.

Gary Bateson 12 lost to Geoff Burnside 28, Cher O'Brien 17 lost to Lance Standfield 25, John Headon 18 lost to John Grant 24.

St. Arnaud Country Club 58-2 lost to Boort 63-10.

Round 2, Boort 65-10 d. Charlton 63-2.

Greg Smith 29 d. Gary Bateson 17, Joan Earl 25 d. Cher Brien 16, Tony Matley 11 lost to John Headon 30.



Donald Students at Athletics Carnival

On Thursday, October 9, Charlie Burke, Evie Donnellon, Layla Griffiths, Hugo Funcke, Jam Borden and Mrs Griffiths travelled to Bendigo to compete in the Loddon Mallee Regional Athletics Carnival.

The conditions were almost perfect for athletics, although it was a little chilly whenever the sun went behind the clouds.

Layla Griffiths finished second in the 14 Girls' 400m, Hugo Funcke placed third in

the 15 Boys' High Jump, and Charlie Burke came third in the 16 Boys' Javelin event.

All students did a fantastic job reaching this level and represented the school admirably.



• Layla (left) and Evie.



• Charlie, shot putt.



• Jam, long jump.



• From left: Evie, Layla, Charlie, and Hugo.



• Hugo in the middle of a high jump.

It's Show Time as Bowls Begin to Roll

North Central Playing Area's 2025-'26 pennant season was in full swing at the weekend, with clubs co-operating to enable bowls commitments to be met and communities to celebrate their respective annual shows.

From Division 1 results, it is clear that the pressure to perform will again be paramount, as teams strive for the ultimate team goal.

Defending title holder, St. Arnaud, may still be emerging from the hazy celebrations following last season's premiership win, finding Wycheproof in good early form and emerging with a 10-shot victory, banking 10 points to St. Arnaud's 2, thanks to Jono Grylls and Dale Groves, who enjoyed wins over Terry McSwain and Steve Zsigmond respectively. Ashley Dyke's rink was St. Arnaud's only winner, over Aaron Mead.

Runner-up from last season, Donald Golf, had to work overtime to subdue a determined Donald, which held a slender lead well into the business end of their encounter.

Wins to Peter Hibberd over Graeme Euvrard (yes, he's back again) and Daniel Pettifer over Hunter Wingfield more than compensated for Geoff Rigby's loss to Norm Hollis.

Charlton was on the receiving end of another Wedderburn

master class, as skips Laurie Witham, Neale Holt and Alan Jackson guided their rinks to victories over Kevin Willey, Ken North and Wayne Southwell respectively.

St. Arnaud Country Club started its new season on a positive note, albeit by just 3 shots over the visiting Boort, which won one of the three rinks when Kelvin "Darkie" Ritchie saluted the judge against Jason Abbott by a healthy margin of 19 shots.

Unfortunately for Boort, Bill Rodger cancelled out the lead with a 19-shot win over Boort's Kevin Depiazza, and with Trevor McDonald finishing 3 shots to the better of Shayne Morris, the bulk of the day's points went to Country Club.

To avoid a clash with Charlton's show next Saturday, Boort has already hosted Charlton in their round 2 encounter, with Boort emerging with an all-the-way win, by 50 shots, skips Kevin Depiazza, Shayne Morris and Kelvin Ritchie all enjoying comfortable wins over Kevin Willey, Ken North and Wayne Southwell respectively.

Details:

Donald Golf 79-10 d. Donald 63-2.

Geoff Rigby 12 lost to Norm Hollis 18, Peter Hibberd 27 d. Graeme Euvrard 26, Daniel Pettifer 40 d. Hunter Wingfield 19.

Wycheproof 76-10 d. St. Arnaud 66-2.

Aaron Mead 20 lost to Ashley Dyke 21, Jono Grylls 35 d. Terry McSwain 26, Dale Groves 21 d. Steve Zsigmond 19.

Charlton 47-0 lost to Wedderburn 110-12.

Kevin Willey 22 lost to Laurie Witham 27, Ken North 14 lost to Neale Holt 47, Wayne Southwell 11 lost to Alan Jackson 36.

St. Arnaud Country Club 77-10 d. Boort 74-2.

Round 2, Boort 91-12 d. Charlton 41-0.

Kevin Depiazza 28 d. Kevin Willey 13, Shayne Morris 36 d. Ken North 8, Kelvin Ritchie 27 d. Wayne Southwell 20.

Division 2

Wycheproof started its Div. 2 title defence with a hard fought 12-shot victory over St. Arnaud, with Grant

	P	W	L	D	Bye	F	A	SD	%	Pts
Boort	2	1	1	0	0	165	118	47	140	14
Wedderburn	1	1	0	0	0	110	47	63	234	12
Donald Golf	1	1	0	0	0	79	63	16	125	10
Wycheproof	1	1	0	0	0	76	66	10	115	10
St. Arnaud CC	1	0	1	0	0	58	63	-5	92	2
St. Arnaud	1	0	1	0	0	66	76	-10	87	2
Donald	1	0	1	0	0	63	79	-16	80	2
Charlton	2	0	2	0	0	88	201	-113	44	2

• Division 1: Positions of Teams, after round 1.

	P	W	L	D	Bye	F	A	SD	%	Pts
Boort	2	2	0	0	0	128	121	7	106	20
Donald Golf	1	1	0	0	0	91	40	51	227	12
Wedderburn	1	1	0	0	0	77	47	30	164	12
Wycheproof	1	1	0	0	0	69	57	12	121	10
St. Arnaud CC	1	0	1	0	0	58	63	-5	92	2
St. Arnaud	1	0	1	0	0	57	69	-12	83	2
Charlton	2	0	2	0	0	110	142	-32	77	2
Donald	1	0	0	1	0	40	91	-51	44	0

• Division 2: Positions of Teams, after round 1.

Allan and Donald Denney securing wins over Laurie Goodwin and Kerryn Dyke respectively, their margins more than making up for Alan Jones's loss to a rampaging Lloyd Goddard.

Donald Golf started its season with a comfortable win over cross town rival Donald, skippers Lindsay Borden, George Wood and Shane O'Shea piloting their charges to victory over Mar-

garet Quick, Beryl Milne and David Romeo respectively.

Wedderburn bounced out of the blocks with a sizeable 30-shot win over Charlton, Geoff Burnside accounting for Gary Bateson, Lance Standfield outpointing Cher Brien, and John Grant edging out John Headon.

Boort reversed the result of the Div. 1 clash against host St. Arnaud Country Club, winning 2 rinks by a com-

bined margin of 5 shots, in a very close contest.

Joan Earl and Yvonne Cashen provided the inspiration for Boort's win, defeating Chris Webb and Graham Shaw respectively, by a combined margin of 15 shots.

This more than compensated for Greg Smith's 10-shot loss to John Needs, Boort banking 10 points to 2.

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