

Welcome to **CHARLTON**

The Friendly River Town



Things to see & do

The Rex Theatre

This beautifully renovated 1938 art deco theatre has seating for nearly 350 people. It is still a working theatre which in addition to regular movie screenings also has plenty of live shows as well. For further details visit: www.rextheatre.org.au.



Charlton Golden Grains Museum



Housed in the 1882 Mechanics Institute, this award winning museum has over 3000 local artefacts and photos on display. There is a vast collection of local family history resources as well and if you think you have a long

lost relative who may have lived here once, just ask the volunteer on duty to have a look. Open 11-3 on Sundays or by appointment.

Ph. 0418 361 971. Entry is \$5.

Charlton Courthouse Gallery

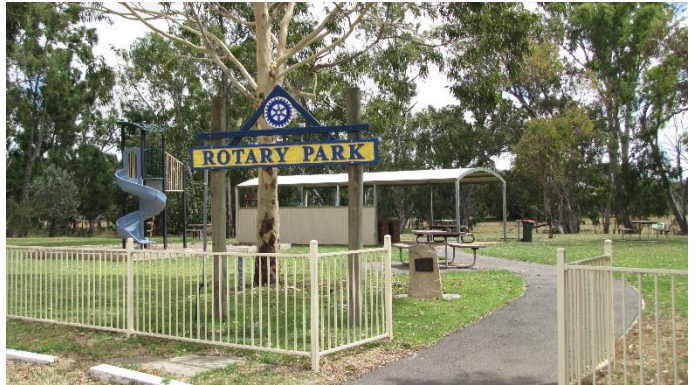
Located in the historic Charlton Courthouse in Camp Street. View a wonderful photographic display in this lovely old building which still has the judge's bench in situ. Open by appointment Ph: 0418 361 971. Entry is \$3.



Charlton Parks

Charlton has many parks that will cater for all your playground and picnic needs.

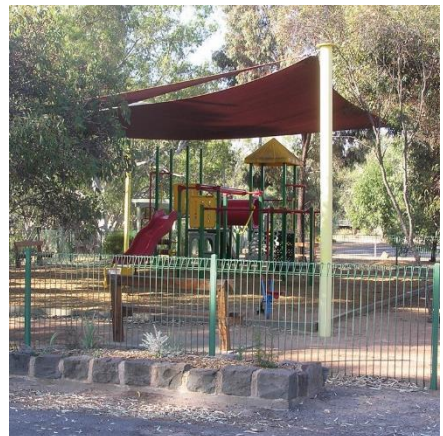
Rotary Park is located by the Avoca River. It has public toilets, a free electric BBQ & a children's spiral slide. Located in our heritage precinct, you will find it near the Fire Station.



Gordon Park is Charlton's oldest park. Originally the location of early Chinese market gardens, it now hosts a terrific children's playground & skate park.



Traveller's Rest playground is located just over the swing bridge from Gordon Park or it can be accessed from the main street. It is close to public toilets, BBQ's with shade provided by gazebos and inviting vistas of the river.



Avoca River Walk

The newly created Avoca River Walk begins just near the swing bridge. The first 500 metres is sealed for easy access and takes you along the river's edge to Lundy Street, which leads you to Charlton Park. The walk continues on an informal path for 2kms to the Charlton Weir. Along the path are several interpretive signs with images and information on the local birdlife.



Charlton Cemetery

You will see that the Charlton Cemetery has had a thriving trade over the years with burials dating back to the late 1870's. There are over 3000 recorded burials. The population of Charlton at its peak was over 3000.

There is a wealth of information for anyone looking for long lost relatives. Charlton Rotary has established a board containing details of all recorded burials. The Charlton Cemetery Trust maintains and administers the site.

It is located a couple of km down the Borung Hwy towards Donald on the right hand side.



Charlton Bowls & Croquet Clubs

Next to the Traveller's Rest Nth Caravan Park is the combined complex of the Bowling and Croquet clubs.

Visitors are welcome, so if you're staying at the park and would like a game just wander over to see if someone is about.

It's usually offered at the exorbitant fee of..... nil.

In fact, there are spare bowls if you haven't brought yours and the croquet club has lots of spare mallets.



Bendigo Bank

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Charlton Community Forest

The Charlton Community Forest plantation of 1500 trees, located 1 km west on the Donald Road (Borong Highway), was planted in 1947 by 700 local Charlton citizens on a cold, wet August day. In an amazing feat of organisation, a siren sounded in the town at 2pm and a procession of people including local and country school children and local business people who had closed for the afternoon, marched out to the plantation site. Each group had their own section to plant and on the sound of a whistle everyone planted a tree. Part of the Save our Forests campaign, the event was filmed in colour along with other images of Charlton at the time.

After 70 years, the plantation has never been harvested and is now the home to a variety of native flora & fauna. Currently undergoing some conservation work, with plans for interpretive signage, this community forest is close enough to town for a short walk.



Mt Dooboobetic Bushland Reserve & Charlton Golf Club

Mt Dooboobetic, also known as Klunders Hill, (named after a local family who lived in the nearby homestead - Cobham Hall), is a great spot to overlook Charlton, the grain silos and the local surrounds, and is situated in the same reserve as the golf course.

To get to the lookout simply turn left into the Back Teddywaddy road (opposite the entrance to the Charlton Park, 1km from the town centre on the Calder Hwy). Continue for 2.5km (it becomes gravel about half way) until you see the small sign on the left hand side through a gate, then travel 600m, taking the left hand track (dry weather only).

The Mt Dooboobetic Bushland Reserve is home to loads of native flora and fauna. There are over 100 species of birds to be found including protected species such as the Hooded Robin, Brown Tree Creeper and Diamond Fire Tail. In spring, lovely native orchids plus other hidden treasures can be discovered.

The 18 hole sandscrape golf course is open from mid-April to mid-September. There is a large club house with a wood fire and bar facilities but this is not always open. Green fees apply.

The golf course and reserve is a five minute drive from town. Take the Borung Highway towards Donald and turn right up Golf Links Road. Although you are welcome to use the fairways to access the birdwatching woodland, it would be appreciated if you park in the golf club parking area and walk from there.



Glenloth

Approximately 6km from Charlton (at Fig Tree Corner) a road sign on the right hand side points to Glenloth, 10km away.

So, away we go, back in time when it was a busy grain silo railhead (which is still there, unused).

The photos show the old pub (no markings) and the old hall, still standing, but with no means of support.....

NOTE: PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ENTERING PRIVATE PROPERTY.



Wooroonook Lakes Charlton

A natural lake that used to dry up during poor rainfall years, it's now linked to the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline so it's kept to a good level for boating and swimming all year round.

The main lake features a floating jetty, toilets, showers and electric BBQs.

Powered sites are available along with general camping. Payment is made on an honesty system with a donation box next to the amenity block at the entrance.

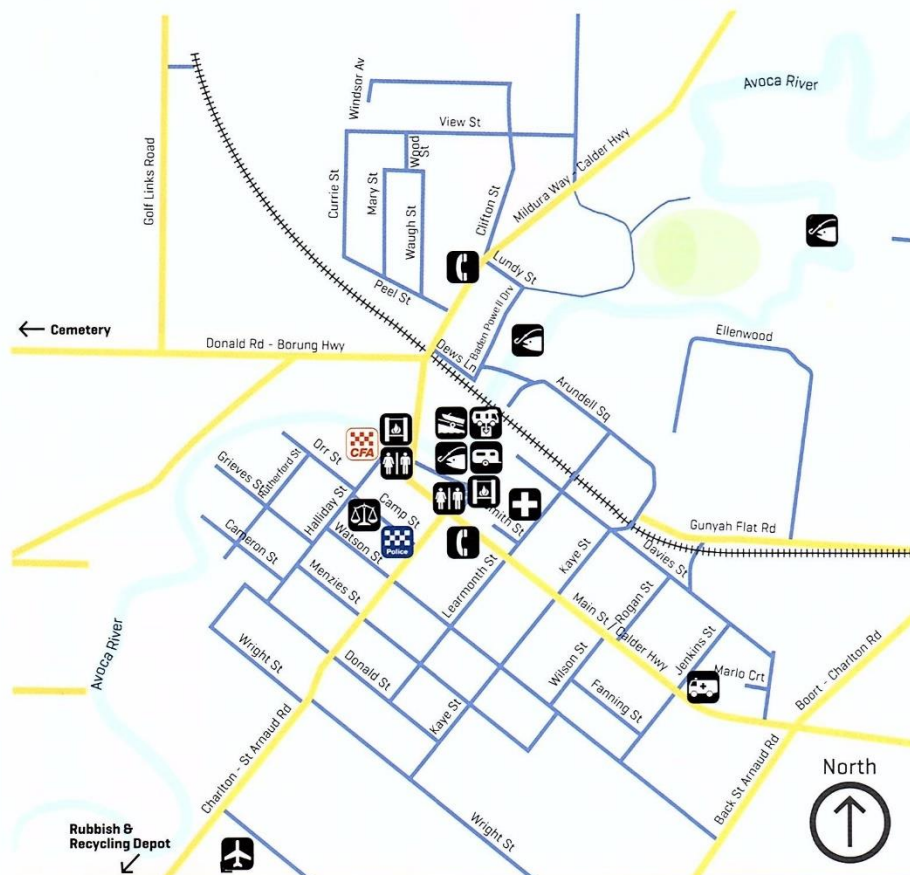
The lakes are located 14k from Charlton, on your left, along the Borung Hwy towards Donald.



Charlton Map

Charlton

www.charlton.vic.au



Aerodrome



Ambulance



BBQ



Boat Ramp



Camping



Court House



Fire Station



Fishing



Hospital



Police Station



Telephone

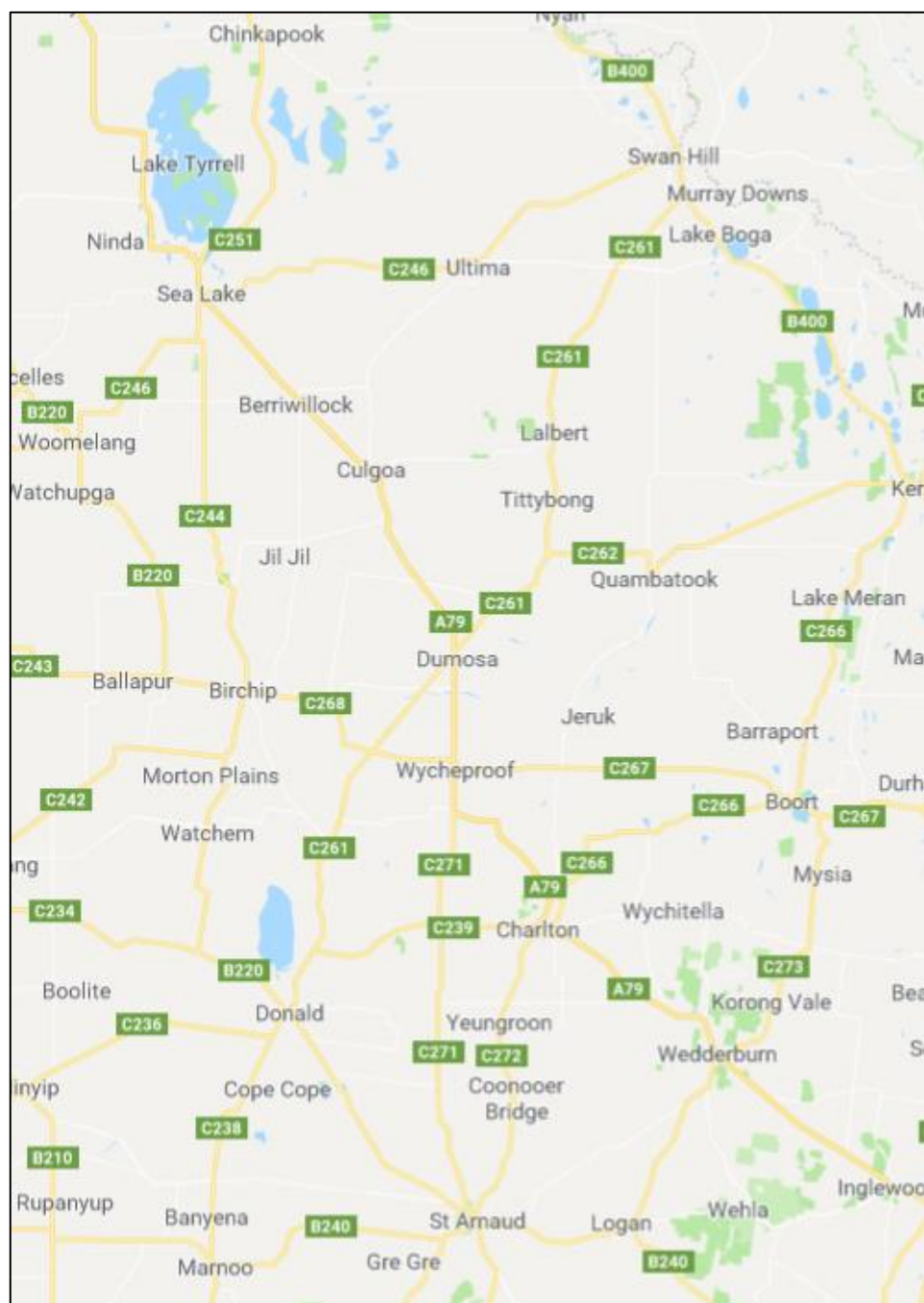


Toilets



RV Dump Point

District Map



Mt Jeffcott

Listed in most local tourist brochures as a must see location for local flora and fauna, the views are pretty special.

There is a lovely shed housing the BBQ, sink & tap, benches, seating and wall information situated at the base. But no toilets, just trees!

The drive up to the top of the mount is only about 1km but may require a 4WD depending on conditions.

It's easy to get there, just take the Borung Hwy towards Donald for 19.5km (you will pass the Wycheproof turnoff on your right at 14km, where the Wooroonook Lakes are on your left) and take the left hand turn into Cameron's Mail Road. Travel down this well maintained dirt road for 4.2km and you'll see the shelter on your left.

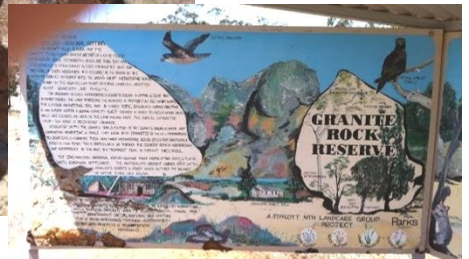
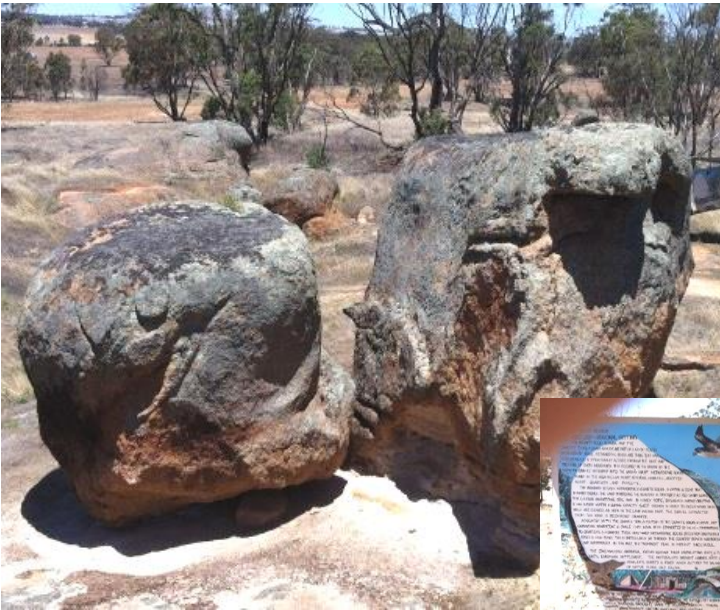


Granite Rocks Reserve

Travel along the Borung Highway towards Donald and at approx. 21km turn right into the Banenyong/Jeffcott Road, driving a further 3.9km, then turning right into Pinks Road (gravel). Continue for another 2.9km until you see the wooden sign post on your right. You'll see some of the rock formations at the top of the hill. It's approximately a 1km drive to the top but please note, the track is only a goat track and can contain long grass in summer – beware of creating a fire risk.

Alternatively instead of taking the Banenyong/Jeffcott Road you can continue along the Borung Highway towards Donald until you get to the signposted Pinks Road, turn right and travel 6.7km to the Reserve. This route is slightly longer but more straightforward.

PS, no BBQ, benches or toilets, but plenty of trees....



Yawong Weir

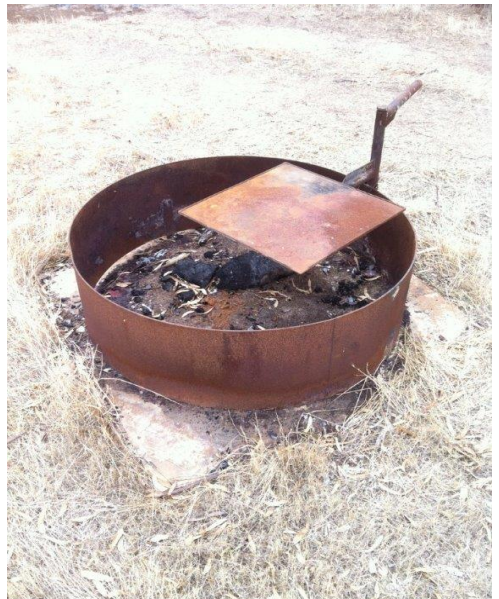
This weir was built to allow local authorities to gauge river levels on the Avoca River.

Floods periodically occur in Charlton but not normally as devastating as the 2011 flood. This flood was 0.5 metres higher than previously ever recorded and caused significant damage to farms and the town. There are many flood photos around town including in the Golden Grains Museum.

The weir has many seating areas, along with two BBQs in a lovely treed area beside the Avoca River.

It is approximately 20km south on the Charlton/St Arnaud Road, through a gate on the right hand side, with the weir only a couple of hundred metres in.

No toilets..... but big trees....



Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm

The Coonooer Bridge Windfarm has 6 turbines and was opened on the 15th April, 2016. It has some of the largest wind turbines in Australia and each turbine can power 2000 homes. The closest vantage point to the turbines is from Mt Gower but the track up the mount can be a challenge for anything other than a 4WD. To get to Mt Gower take the St. Arnaud Road just opposite the Bendigo Bank and travel approximately 27km to Westcott Road. Turn left and travel along this dirt road (dry weather only) for about 5km until you reach the entrance to the Mt Gower Reserve on your left. Follow this track to the top of the mount. This will bring you to within a couple of hundred meters of a turbine and also give you a spectacular view.

The alternative if you don't have a 4WD is to travel to the entrance of the windfarm at Yeungroon. You will be about 1km from the nearest turbine but it does allow you to get a feeling for their huge dimensions. Travel towards Bendigo on the Calder Highway and approximately 1km from the Caltex Roadhouse, turn right onto the Yeungroon Road. Travel south along this road for a total of 17.5 kms. Along the way as you come over a rise you will notice the 20,000 head Charlton Feedlot and its large silos off in the distance. Follow all the twists and turns this road takes following the directions to Yeungroon and keep heading south. You will also pass the new Yeungroon Fire Station and the 1892 Yeungroon Hall (no longer in use but still standing defiant). If you travel a little further you will reach the new Yawong wind farm.



Watchem

This small town of only 80 residents has lots of charm. Located about 60kms from Charlton, it's a bit of a trip but well worth it with plenty to see. Local highlights include the impressive Catholic Church which is over 130 years old and the quaint town hall which has a charming 1920s stage curtain. There is the local pool and the beautiful Watchem Lake. With a hotel and small general store, there is also somewhere to whet your whistle. The newly opened aquarium may also be worth a visit.

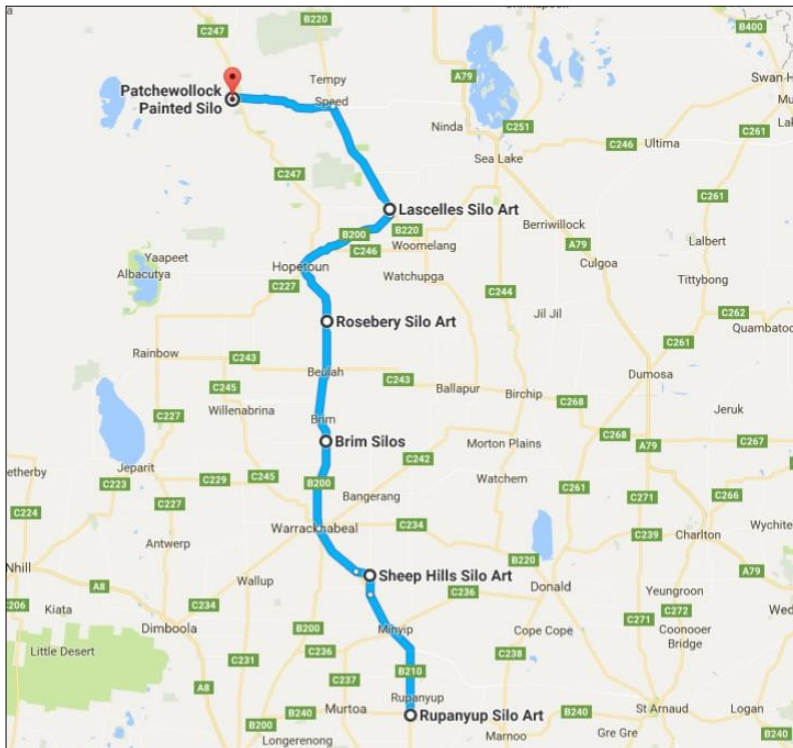
Getting there will take you through some lovely farming country. Take the Borung Highway towards Donald for 21km and turn right into the Banyenong-Jeffcott Road. It will veer left. Follow this road for 10km to a t-intersection and turn right into the Donald-Swan Hill Road. After 10.5km take a slight left into the Birchip-Corack Road then after 6km another slight left onto the Watchem Corack Road. There will be signposts directing you to Watchem.



Silo Art Trail

The Silo Art Trail is the largest outdoor gallery in Australia, stretching over 200 kilometers and linking six small Victorian towns – Rupanyup, Sheep Hills, Brim, Rosebery, Lascelles & Patchewollock. The small township of Nullawil is the newest addition to the trail and is located on the Calder Highway between Wycheproof & Sea Lake. The portraits are the work of world renowned Australian mural artists, Adnate, Kaff-eine, Fintan Magee, Rone and Guido van Helten, U.K. muralist, Snug and celebrated Russian street artist, Julia Volchkova. The first silo on the trail is Rupanyup, which is approximately 1hr from Charlton, via Donald.

Further details can be found at www.siloarttrail.com.



Lake Tyrell

Lake Tyrell is a unique salt lake located 7kms north of Sea Lake (approx. 105kms north of Charlton on the Calder Hwy). The Lake environment is host to Mallee reptiles, kangaroos, emus, white-faced chats, and an inland gullery. Lake Tyrell is dry most of the year, although at times it may be covered by shallow water.

Lake Tyrell is the site of some of the oldest known evidence of human habitation of Victoria and Tasmania. A site on the north of Lake Tyrell has revealed humans were in the vicinity of the lake over 40000 years ago. Lake Tyrell is part of the land of the Boorong clan of the Wergaia Language Group. The Boorong were famous astronomers, with their dreaming stories told in the skies reflected on the lake.

Lake Tyrell offers unique opportunities to view sunsets, sunrises and stars, however, ***visitors are warned not to drive on the lake bed***. Tours of the lake can be arranged. Visit <http://www.sealaketyrelltours.com.au/> for more information.



Spannerman

John Piccoli, located in Boort, is world renowned for his larger than life sized sculptures, constructed from spanners.

He and his wife Sonia have 2 acres of beautiful gardens including a wonderful array of birds such as the rare South American Macaw.

John's sculptures need to be seen to be believed.

Ring John or Sonia on 03 54554257 to book a visit. There is a small entrance fee.

Travel approximately 42km along the Charlton-Boort Road, turning off to Quambatook. Travel for 14km, and it's the gateway on your right. There's no initial signage but it's just past the Barraport sign also on your right.



Saluté Oliva

If visiting the Spannerman in Boort it is also worth visiting the two places below. Saluté Oliva is a family owned and operated business specialising in producing first class extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) and table olives for the connoisseur. Drop by for a visit and purchase some of their wonderful products.

Best to call first so you won't be disappointed. It's just near the Boort Lake off the Boort-Pyramid Hill Road.

5 Templeton Drive, Boort, 3537

Ph: 5455 2652

Mob: 0418 552 651 (Marlie)

www.saluteoliva.com.au



Simply Tomatoes

“What do you get when you combine woolly sheep with green tomatoes?” No idea? Well jump in the car and go and visit Simply Tomatoes! Take a tour, meet the menagerie, enjoy lunch or morning tea in the gorgeous 1890's homestead gardens and indulge in a little retail therapy!

If you'd like to visit with a group, check out their day tours. So whether you've got a car load or a coach load, give them a call and pop out to the farm. It's about 13 kms past Boort on the Boort Kerang Road.

479 Parkers Road, Boort.

Ph: 5455 4237

www.simplytomatoes.com



Other Nearby Places of Interest

St. Arnaud

If you love old buildings, then St. Arnaud has plenty on offer. This old gold mining town has plenty of history with a detailed history trail to explore. There is also the lovely Queen Mary Gardens and a Bible Museum with a collection of over 2000 bibles.



Wycheproof

Wycheproof is home to Mt Wycheproof, the world's smallest mountain. You can also find Yo-Yo Tourist Attraction and Collectibles in the main street. Owned and run by former scrap metal merchant, Jimmy Johnson, there is an amazing array of large sculptures to view.



Donald



Why not visit Kookas Country Cookies. Established in 1994, they started operation supplying biscuits to the town of Donald and surrounding districts. Now they supply millions of people. Drop in for a taste and pick up a bargain. They are located at 3622 Sunraysia Hwy, Donald 3480.

Charlton Directory

House to Home

A treasure trove overflowing with an exciting range of homewares, giftware, Manchester, baby goods, shoes, scarves, bags, jewellery, cards, garden décor & bedding.

Something for everyone. Enjoy exploring and discover what Greg and Marea have in store for you. 42 High Street. Ph: 5491 1691



Country Savers

Country Savers have a great range of products at fantastic prices including appliances, home and garden décor, workwear, fishing gear and general household goods. Pop in to say hello and see what Janine has to offer. 79 High Street. Ph: 5491 1131

Timeless Treasures & Tea Room

Situated near the James Paterson bridge, Timeless Treasures is a fantastic spot for a relaxing break. Fossick through their antiques and collectables then stay for a drink and a bite to eat. Bruce and Annette serve a fantastic selection of homemade cakes and light meals using fresh seasonal produce.

9A High St. Ph: 0411 203 255



Charlton Newsagency

Visit Troy and Rebecca for a terrific range of newspapers, magazines, toys, sporting goods, cards, giftware and all your stationary requirements. You can also buy your lotto tickets as well – this might be your lucky day! 69 High Street. Ph: 5491 1680



Charlton Mensland

Visit Peter for men's and women's clothing and all your work wear requirements. Peter also operates a professional embroidery service – no job too big or too small. 24 High Street. Ph: 5491 1680



Charlton Florist & Fashions

Drop in on Joan for a great range of women's and children's wear or to buy a bunch of flowers to freshen up your day. Shop 3, 9B High Street. Ph: 5491 2220.



Charlton Bakery Cafe

58-62 High Street, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 2277

The Boyz Cafe

27-29 High St, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1414

Charlton Takeaway

61 High Street, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1118

Lizard Roadhouse

39 Mildura Way, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1400

Charlton Truckstop

Calder Hwy, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1310

Charlton BP

91-93 High Street, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1772

Vale of Avoca Café

Cnr Mildura Way & Borung Hwy, 3525. Phone: 5491 1353

East Charlton Hotel & Oogies Cafe

53 High Street, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1613

The Cricket Club Hotel

92 High Street, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1604

IGA Supermarket

28 High Street, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1909

Charlton Supermarket

55 High Street, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1080

Charlton Pharmacy

23 High Street, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1521

Charlton Timber & Hardware

8-14 Mildura Way, Charlton, 3525. Phone: 5491 1204