

# Charlton

## Get to know Charlton

- Charlton is located approximately 247 km northwest of Melbourne.
- Charlton's original inhabitants of the region were the Dja Dja Wurrung people.
- The first European settlers, Robert Cay and William Kaye, established the West Charlton Station in 1844 and the East Charlton Station in 1845.
- The town was originally named East Charlton because the township was on the eastern side of the river, originally another town in Victoria was named Charlton.
- The first bridge crossing the Avoca River in Charlton was erected in 1867.
- The Charlton Weir is 1 km north of the CBD, while Wooroonook Lakes is located 14 km to the west.
- A bronze bust and audio history of former Charlton resident Prime Minister John Curtin is in the main street.
- Major General Harold 'Pompey' Elliott was one of WWI's most famous and loved generals and was born and raised in West Charlton. Elliott Gardens is dedicated to his memory.
- General Sir John Monash designed the Charlton Water Tower in 1913. It is situated in the Sir John Monash Tribute Park.
- Charlton is typically noted for growing wheat, barley and oats and for producing wool and prime lambs.
- Charlton is fast becoming the cultural hub on the Calder with the Art Deco Rex Theatre, sculptures, murals, and Nyernila - a First Peoples Art Trail

## Events

## There's always something happening in Charlton

- Annual Australia Day Tennis Tournament – January Long Weekend
- Charlton Film Festival
- Redback Motorcycle Rally
- Charlton Harness Racing Cup
- Lions Club Easter Market
- Jazz in July
- Annual Art Show
- Charlton A & P Society Annual Show
- Monthly harness race meetings
- Open Garden Day
- Charlton regularly hosts live music, entertainment and performances

For all events in Charlton check out [charlton.vic.au](http://charlton.vic.au).



[visitbuloke.com.au](http://visitbuloke.com.au)

[charlton.vic.au](http://charlton.vic.au)

[visitwimmeramallee.com.au](http://visitwimmeramallee.com.au)

#visitcharlton #visitbuloke #roomtogrow

**Buloke.**  
ROOM TO GROW





## Welcome

### Stay and play in Charlton

Charlton is a pretty little town on the banks of the Avoca River, about 247 km northwest of Melbourne. The idyllic tree-lined town is home to a vibrant community of more than 1,200 people vested mainly in broadacre farming and local business.

The natural beauty of the Avoca River defines Charlton. The Traveller's Rest stopover in the centre of town is the home base for visitors to meander around town, or along the river walk amongst the red gums and native birdlife.

Whether you're passing through, stopping for a couple of hours, or staying for a few days, enjoy the river's natural beauty, the town's heritage buildings, vibrant shopping precinct, and friendly hospitality.

Travellers are not only welcome but catered for with plenty of activities and amenities. In fact many people who visit the town often stay longer than intended. Travellers can expect plenty of hospitality, with a host of accommodation services including hotels, motels, a caravan park, RV park, bed and breakfast and apartments.

Take some time to check out the open-air galleries, soak up the town's history, or let the kids explore in one of the many parks and playgrounds.

Be sure to take in a film at the impressive Art Deco Rex Theatre. History buffs can get their fix at the Sir John Monash Tribute Park which also has an amazing view, or the Golden Grains Museum in the former Mechanics' Institute (1882).

If time permits, Wooroonook Lakes is just 14 km west and is popular with the locals and ideal for swimming, fishing (trout and redfin) and boating.



## Experiences

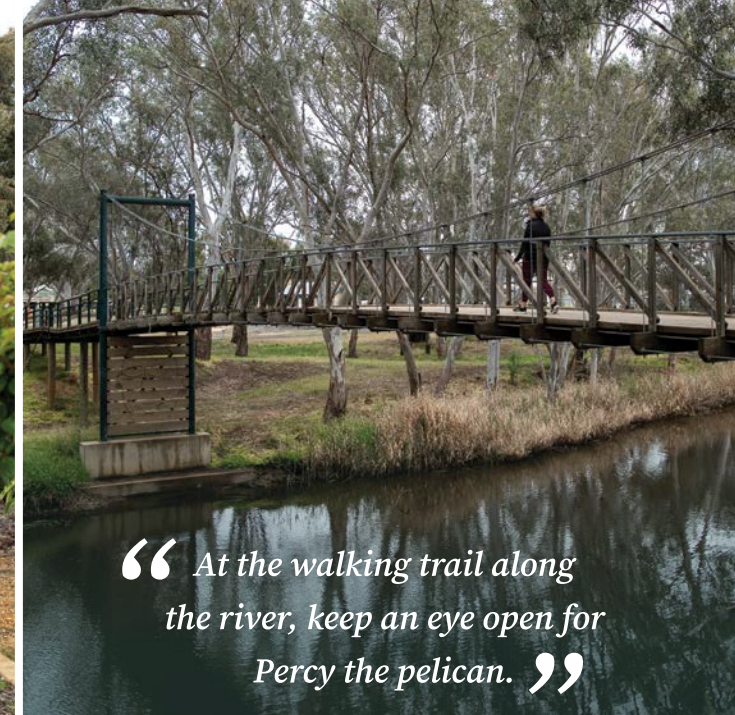
### See, do and experience Charlton

There is so much to do in Charlton, whether you're settling in for just a few hours or are planning an extended visit.

Park yourself at the Traveller's Rest in the centre of town. The purpose-designed resting place entices travellers with picnic facilities, a wishing well, gazebo, views of the stunning Avoca River, and a footbridge across the river. Wander a little further and you'll find the Traveller's Rest Caravan Park, catering for cars, RVs, caravans and buses, and including excellent ensuite facilities for caravanners. Freshen up and wander along the river walking track featuring the Rotary Bird Walk and Nyernila First Peoples Art Trail.

The town prides itself on its many historic and Art Deco buildings. Be sure to drop in to the iconic Rex Theatre for a film, a show, or live entertainment. The award winning Golden Grains Museum has many impressive displays and the beautifully restored Charlton Courthouse Gallery features the judge's bench and a crazed ceiling. It's now a gallery with a semi-permanent exhibition of photographs and periodic exhibitions by visiting artists.

Explore the town and discover busts of famous Aussies. The Sir John Monash Tribute Park located on a high point



“ At the walking trail along the river, keep an eye open for Percy the pelican. ”

in town features storyboards, artworks, native plantings, picnic tables and an impressive view of the district.

Charlton is home to a 230-seat conference function centre and sporting facility at Charlton Park.

There's a huge range of eateries, including pubs, cafés, roadhouses, and a bakery. Or why not create a picnic from the local supermarket and visit one of the many local parks?

If you or the kids are feeling active, there are parks and playgrounds to explore. Visit the local swimming pool and the incredible skate park – both of which are centrally located. For even more aquatic experiences, Wooroonook Lakes is 14 km away and popular with the locals for swimming, fishing and boating. There are powered camping sites, picnic facilities and a new amenities block catering for all needs, while the lake is plentiful with redfin and trout, and perfect for kayaking, and skiing.

Closer to home, try fishing or canoeing on the Avoca River or bushwalking at Mt Dooboobetic Reserve. If sports are your thing, Charlton welcomes visitors to their local bowls club, golf course and racecourse. And there's always a park available at the footy oval to cheer on the local football, netball and hockey leagues in winter.

