

***Charlton Community Plan***

***2017***

***Charlton Forum Inc***

**Group 1: Major projects (limited participation by community):**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>
1.1	Flood Mitigation	<p>Levee Bank and/or other flood mitigation works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed levee plan draft was made available for public comment &amp; submissions.</li> <li>Road works have/will be undertaken on St. Arnaud &amp; back St. Arnaud Road.</li> </ul>	\$8-10M	State Gov't/Buloke Shire
1.2	Drainage of the Charlton Township	<p>Charlton has a drainage problem that will require a staged comprehensive approach over a period of time to rectify.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drainage Plans drawn up and adopted by Council;</li> <li>Planned stages to be costed and listed on the Council Budget;</li> <li>Funding sources to be determined and applications drafted.</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire
1.3	Industrial Estate	<p>Existing areas for Industrial development are limited; there is a need to plan for future development and to encourage new businesses into town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source further land for an Industrial Estate to attract new businesses to Charlton;</li> <li>Develop plans for subdivision and development of the area;</li> <li>Source funding and draft applications.</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire

**Group 2: Community Infrastructure:**

2.1	The Charlton Community Complex at Charlton Park	<p>There is a perceived need in the Charlton community that the facilities at Charlton Park are fragmented and do not adequately meet the needs of the community, this project seeks to provide multi-purpose facilities that will meet these needs well into the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community support obtained;</li> <li>• The Community Bank have committed 500k to the project.</li> <li>• The Buloke Shire have committed \$775, 000 to the project.</li> <li>• A fundraising campaign is currently underway to raise additional funds.</li> <li>• State government funding is likely (RDV &amp; Minister of Racing).</li> <li>• A tender has been advertised to produce drawings for the tender process.</li> </ul>	\$4.2M	Charlton 2020 Committee/Buloke Shire
2.2	Rex Theatre – Stage One – New toilets & back-of-stage development.	<p>The Rex needs to upgrade the theatre toilet facilities which are sub-standard and in urgent need of improved disabled access. There is also a need for back-of-stage development which will include a change room for performers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept drawings have been developed &amp; costed.</li> </ul>	\$0.5M	Rex Theatre Committee
2.2	Upgrade of the Shire Hall Chairs & Tables	<p>The chairs and tables at the Shire Hall are passed their use-by date, repairing is a stop gap approach at best; an upgrade is an urgent requirement for this facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment source to be identified and prices obtained;</li> <li>• Application for Council approval to be developed and submitted;</li> <li>• Funding sources to be identified and applications prepared.</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire/Shire Hall Committee

2.3	Rex Theatre – Stage Two – Museum	<p>The planned museum complex at the rear of the building will house the collection of films, movie memorabilia, projection equipment and other associated paraphernalia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concept drawings have been developed &amp; costed.</li></ul>	\$0.5M	Rex Theatre Committee
2.4	Charlton Cemetery	<p>Looking to undertake thermal imaging of the oldest section of the Cemetery to establish the location of old burials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding being sought.</li></ul>		Charlton Cemetery Trust

**Group 3: Economic Development & Tourism Type Projects:**

3.1	Travellers Rest – Development of east side near Bourke’s Butchers.	<p>Develop this area to add another eating/seating area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept plans have been developed.</li> <li>• Some funding has been secured</li> <li>• Volunteer labour used where possible</li> </ul>	\$15,000	Travellers Rest Committee
3.2	Charlton Weir	<p>An improved weir structure is required to both stop leakage and also raise the height of the weir. This will assist in creating a more aesthetically pleasing and useful body of water in the river precinct of the town. Ideally an automated system would be desired but is cost prohibitive. Removable aluminium boards are the more likely option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traveller’s Rest committee pursuing options &amp; quotes.</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire/Traveller’s Rest
3.3	Charlton Streetscape Development	<p>The Charlton Streetscape, including High Street &amp; the town entrances, are extremely important as the attractiveness of our streets is essential in making a good first impression on the travelling public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans have been prepared after community consultation;</li> <li>• Rubbish bins and town entrances prioritised Mildura Way &amp; Donald Road tree plantings taking place.</li> <li>• Other aspects will be implemented when funding is available</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire/Charlton Forum/Chamber of Commerce
3.4	Town Promotion and the creation of a town image/brand	<p>Town promotion &amp; branding is essential in our ability to attract visitors, new residents &amp; new businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CCCI recently took part in an advertising campaign with Win TV.</li> <li>• The need for a butcher shop in town is a community priority. The Buloke Shire economic officer is currently working on a project highlighting the types of businesses currently lacking in Buloke Shire towns and a plan to facilitate filling these voids.</li> </ul>		Charlton Forum, Charlton Chamber of Commerce & Industry/Charlton Forum & Tourism Committee

3.5	Avoca River Boardwalk	<p>Further development the Avoca River precinct should be ongoing. The extension of the current viewing platform as a boardwalk extending around the bend to the west would create an additional viewing and dining area. By turning the back lane into a one-way lane, this area along the river could also be further developed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This idea is in its infancy and no major discussions or preliminary planning has taken place.</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire/Traveller's Rest/Charlton Forum
3.6	Charlton Golden Grains Museum Repairs	<p>Due to extensive white-ant damage in the ceiling. The museum now requires major repairs to a portion of its roof &amp; ceiling structure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White being treated and quotes obtained.</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire/Charlton Golden Grains Museum
3.7	Charlton Golden Grains Museum Expansion	<p>The museum still has a large number of historical items not currently on display and they have a severe shortage of storage room. Therefore, expansion of the museum into additional buildings (Uniting Church small chapel &amp; Sunday School) will rectify this and also secure the future of Charlton's historical buildings. (Uniting Church).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineers report has been completed</li> <li>Proposal to use Sunday School building currently being assessed by Uniting Church (Head Office);</li> <li>Buildings will require repairs;</li> <li>Some funding already available &amp; additional funding will be required.</li> </ul>	\$40,000	Charlton Golden Grains Museum/Uniting Church
3.8	Walking Track – Stage 2	<p>The first stage of the walking track is complete with 500 metres of sealed track laid from the swing bridge to Lundy Street. Rotary have installed several interpretive signs detailing local birds along the track. Stage 2 would entail placing gravel along the informal track that travels around Charlton Park to the Weir. The old slaughter house/yards could be incorporated into the plan for added interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No planning or costing done to date.</li> <li>First step – create plan of proposed track</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire/Charlton Forum/Charlton Tourism

3.9	Walking Track – Outside Gymnastic Equipment	<p>This project seeks to add value to the walking track along the river and further enhance recreational activity at the same time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application for Council approval to be developed and submitted;</li> <li>• Funding sources to be identified and applications prepared.</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire/Charlton Forum/Charlton Forum Tourism Committee/Traveller's Rest
3.10	Mt. Dooboobetic Lookout (Klunder's Hill)	<p>This project aims to upgrade the road to the lookout and also provide seating and interpretive signage at the lookout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of road &amp; costing to upgrade to all weather road.</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire/Charlton Forum Tourism Committee
3.11	Charlton Community Forest	<p>Redevelopment of the Charlton Community Forest first planted in 1947. Plans include replanting some areas &amp; installation of interpretive panels about the flora &amp; fauna.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecology survey completed</li> <li>• Fencing completed</li> <li>• New plantings underway</li> <li>• Interpretive signage underway</li> <li>• Funding received from Landcare, DELWP &amp; NRCL</li> </ul>		Charlton Landcare & Community Forest Planning Group.
3.12	Charlton Fire Station	<p>Charlton will receive a new fire station in the next 2 years. The old station, which is part of our heritage precinct, is an important historical building. Its location to Rotary Park and the museum make it perfect for use as a community building for the museum, or a library, resource centre or community hub. Its value as a potential dining/wine venue has also been mentioned. It is advisable that we consider its potential uses and our ability to purchase it when the building is made available.</p>		Charlton Forum/Charlton Golden Grains Museum/Buloke Shire.

**Group 4: Education & Community Resources**

4.1	Community Resource Centre	<p>With the closure of the CIRCLE, Charlton is now without a community resource centre. The community has expressed their desire that Charlton should have a resource centre/community hub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charlton Forum to whilst not actively pursuing this project endeavour to remain aware of opportunities if they arise.</li> </ul>		Charlton Forum
4.2	Community Transport	<p>Charlton no longer has a community bus or access to a community car. This has been highlighted as a real need within the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various questionnaires have been undertaken.</li> <li>• A working group has been formed to pursue purchasing a community car.</li> <li>• A funding application is being prepared.</li> </ul>		Buloke Shire/Charlton Forum
4.3	Driver Education Facility	<p>The facility is in need of a student toilet block &amp; another class room. Approximately 700 students use the facility each year from 35 different schools. They have been invited to participate in a government pilot program (Unsafe Driver Program). As most of the students don't have their Learner's Permits most actual driving has to take place off-road. The facility could handle about 1500 more students per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop plans and specifications for a new toilet block;</li> <li>• Source funding opportunities available.</li> </ul>	\$100,000	Education Department, Buloke Shire, Charlton P-12 College.
4.4	Hydrotherapy Pool	<p>The community questionnaire undertaken in 2016 highlighted the desire of many community members for a hydrotherapy pool. This facility would not only cater for the local community but those from other towns. Currently they travel to Bendigo or Kerang. This option would probably be more beneficial than heating the Charlton Swimming Pool.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess possible sites for the facility (e.g.) EWHS, Charlton Park or Charlton Stadium.</li> <li>• Research requirements, permits and costs.</li> </ul>		Charlton Forum



4.5	Charlton Swimming Pool Surrounds	<p>With the re-development of the Pool facilities there is now a need to develop landscaping to improve the surrounds and make the pool more attracting for users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Landscaping plans have been developed and put on display;</li><li>• Evaluate comments received;</li><li>• Establish the funding sources available.</li></ul>		Buloke Shire/Swimming Pool Committee
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