

# HARCOURT NEWS THE CORE

November 2015

HARCOURT NEWS - Edition 22

Harcourt Progress Association Inc

<http://harcourt.vic.au/news>

## Playground Location Decision Soon



*(Left) Ruffey Lake Park is most impressive with two significant playgrounds on either side of vast, rolling parklands. The playgrounds have something for all ages, are interesting and have shade - Victoria Street in Doncaster.*

*(Right) Excellent park. Two playgrounds for variety and age, skate park, varying swings (inc hammock) and edible herb garden all next to soccer pitch and footy oval. Sunset Strip in Jan Juc*



Today's parents use Playground Finder on the Web to seek out the best playgrounds in their region and wherever they travel. Above are shown some examples of attractive, and innovative playgrounds in Victoria, with comments from users. Harcourt is earmarked to have a District Playground. The two proposed sites are: in James Park to the south of the ANA Hall and Stanley Park North - the high area of Stanley Park over the road from the ANZAC memorial. A recent report prepared for Council recommends James Park. Since 2014 the community feedback to Council has shown clear preference for the Stanley Park site. Where will our playground be? Read more on Page 4.

### INSIDE

- Tour de Bress
- Twilight on the Green
- Growers' Workshops
- CFA
- Pool
- New Farm Shop
- Pre-School
- Uniting Church
- Harcourt Valley Primary
- Harcourtian
- Lawn Bowls
- Business Mt Alexander
- CWA
- Crossword
- Events

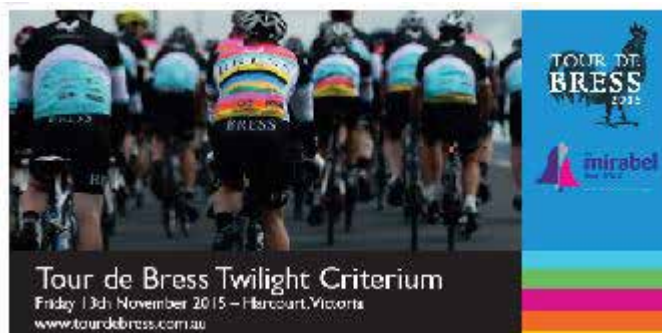


### DEADLINES & PUBLICATION DATES

We aim to publish by the 3rd of the month. The deadline for submissions is the 24th of the month prior. Advertisers and Community Groups will be sent reminder emails. There is no edition in January.



# Tour de Bress Criterium Road Closures



On Friday 13th Nov 2015, Castlemaine Cycling Club, under permit from; Mt Alexander Shire Council, Victoria Police and Cycle Sport Victoria, will be holding criterium cycle races in the centre of Harcourt.

## Road Closures

The event will require the temporary closure of the following streets between approx 4.00pm and 8.45 pm on that day.

- High St - south of Market Street
- Market Street (West bound traffic only) between Harmony Way and High Street
- Harmony Way, south bound between Market Street and Victoria Street
- Victoria Street between Harmony Way and High Street

The area will remain open to pedestrians at all times and as per the approved Traffic Management Plan,

diversions will direct traffic around this area.

The North bound lane of Harmony Way will be open to Nth and Sth bound traffic.

Diversions may commence at approximately 3.00pm. Access to the BP Service Station will be from Market St only.

In conjunction with the Tour de Bress Criteriums, there will be Twilight on the Green, with a festival atmosphere in James Park. Come on down and enjoy some spectacular cycling and the extra action in the park.

If you have any queries, or require further information, please contact:

Shirley Amy on 0418 899066 or at:  
[eventsec@castlemainecyclingclub.org.au](mailto:eventsec@castlemainecyclingclub.org.au)

## Extra Funding for Harcourt Pool

The Harcourt Progress Association continues to work with Mount Alexander Shire Council and the Bendigo YMCA to ensure the best possible outcomes for the Harcourt Pool.

Earlier this year we were alerted to funds managed by the federal regulator, ASIC, which belonged to the Harcourt Pool. These funds, totalling \$4500 had been raised by the former Harcourt Swimming Pool Committee of Management when the committee operated as an incorporated association. When the Committee wound up in 2010, the funds were overlooked and remained unclaimed in a local bank account.

HPA made contact with former members of the Committee and with a range of Council officers. As the facility owner, Council requested the release of the funds held on behalf of the former Committee. The HPA lobbied to ensure that the money raised by the Committee with support from the broader Harcourt community, would not be absorbed or consumed by Council's operating budget. The HPA feels very strongly that this money needs to be

spent on ADDITIONAL works at the pool, not works already covered by the existing Council budget.

We are pleased to report that Council have given us an undertaking that these funds will be spent on further improvements and will not be incorporated into existing budgeted expenses. This won't occur until the 2016 / 2017 season and the HPA will continue to advocate and lobby to ensure that the expenditure is on priorities which we, the community - the users and ultimately, the primary stakeholder of the pool - think are the most important works to be done.

The HPA thanks all former Swimming Pool Committee members for their hard work and determined efforts to maintain and improve the pool in past years. If it wasn't for that commitment, Harcourt would not have the great facility it has today. Thank you!

**Note:** The pool opens on December 5th. Council has spent considerable funds replacing the filtration system. Harcourt now has a salt water pool, making swimming a more pleasant experience.

# Business of the Year Award Revives Harcourt Farm Shop Industry



Hugh and Katie Finlay from Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens, winner of this year's "Business of the Year" award for the Mount Alexander Shire, are using their

winnings to open a farm-door shop for sales of their organic fruit, and at the same time reviving the traditional roadside farm shop that was part of Harcourt's history for many years.

"We were really pleased to win the \$2,000 prize, and decided the best way to use the money would be to put it into building a shop on the farm at our packing shed. We try to sell as much of our fruit locally as possible, to cut down the amount of transport between the farm and our customers, and now that our production is increasing, we preferred to open to the public and sell fruit direct from the farm, rather than sending more to Melbourne." Katie said.

The prize has allowed Hugh and Katie to create a beautiful edible garden and build a kids' play area at their new shop. "With the help of a fantastic local landscape designer Lucy Nairn, we made a small budget go a long way by re-purposing lots of farm "junk" to create a space that's both beautiful and functional, despite being part of a working farm. We think people are really going to enjoy visiting us." Katie said.

Harcourt's long history of roadside apple sales ended a couple of years ago when Peeler's Family Orchard closed their doors for the last time. "Harcourt's lucky enough to have some great cellar-doors that are open to the public, and of course Harcourt apples are still available at some of our excellent local retailers, but we're proud to revive the tradition of being able to buy fruit directly from the farm where it's produced." Katie continued.

Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens farm door shop will be launched in time for the beginning of the apricot season on Friday November 27, at 4pm. "We're inviting all the locals, all the lovely volunteers who helped us get the shop ready in time with donations of time and plants, and of course we'll be asking people from the Shire and the sponsors of the prize, Maldon and District Community Bank, to thank them for making it possible.

*Everyone's welcome." Katie concluded.*

## Fruitgrowers Workshops & AGM

The HDFGA (Harcourt District Fruit Growers Association) has re-invigorated as an organisation. The HDFGA meets identified needs of support and service provision, and is a point of contact in the Harcourt region for member Horticulture/Viticulture and associated industries, both established and new, along with the local community. The importance of having access to technology, industry experience and current best practice initiatives and operations was the catalyst for the introduction of orchard workshops and tool box talks.

With the support of Paul Selleck from E. E Muir we look forward to delivering a programme that all Horticulture and Viticulture operators can gain knowledge and expertise from, so they can consider the application of any such information presented. The workshops will be supported by relevant industry experts and provide an opportunity to seek out mentorship and direction, in order to sustain

the culture and heritage established in the Harcourt district by Horticulture and Viticulture."

The speaker at our first workshop was Rob Stanic the General manager of Oro Agri Australia. He presented on two new products based on natural orange oil: firstly, Transformer which is a new soil conditioner and secondly, Wetcit (wetting agent) – these products enhance growth and assist in irrigation and spraying distribution, amongst other features.

The AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 24th November 2015 to be held at the North Harcourt Community Hall, Chaplin's Road, and North Harcourt at 18:00.

As per usual a dinner will be held post the AGM with all members and interested persons welcome to attend. Please bring a plate or casserole and drinks.

**Scott Harrington**  
*Secretary*



# Councillor Update

Hi Core Readers,

It has been a busy time over the past few weeks.

Two daughters have moved house and we have had two cars bite the dust: one car from exhaustion and the other was crashed into while parked and it is a write off. I look forward to a couple of weddings so these jobs will pass to someone else!!



At Council we have seen the landfill finally open. Hopefully that chapter will be behind us for a while. I would like to see more resources go into recycling of our waste. When you think of how well the Pratt and Smorgon families have done with recycling there seems to be a huge opportunity there.

One of the big decisions facing Council is what to do about the replacement of the Castlemaine pool. It is at the end of its economic life and needs to be replaced. Two options seem to have emerged and I know this has been debated for many years. The first option is to replace the pool with a new 50m outdoor pool. The second option is for a 25m indoor heated pool. Both options to be considered will be at the existing site. Council will review the costs for these two options, both capital and recurrent and make a decision so the way forward is clear. The indoor heated pool is an expensive option and would require grant funding. To get the pool ready for the current season there is a package of works currently in progress.

On more local matters, it was great to see the interest in the proposed new Harcourt playground.

For me the discussion highlighted planning issues for Harcourt around roads and traffic flow. Do we really want traffic from Sedgwick racing along Reservoir Road, down Market Street and through Stanley Park to get to the Castlemaine Station? In my view Harcourt has had a poor deal from VicRoads since the 60's and what we are left with is at best poor planning - so much for Harcourt after the bypass.

On another matter it looks like we are headed for a long hot summer. Now is the time to deal with the long grass and make sure we are ready for the fire season. Our CFA do a great job and we are fortunate to have such a dedicated group.

**Regards Tony**

Cr. AG Cordy  
0439 742434

*PS Answer to last month's quiz. When I last checked, the number one export from Melbourne was Empty Shipping Containers.*

## Playground location (cont)

At a recent meeting where the report was presented to members of the Community, those present responded by explaining the reasons, as advanced in 2014, why it is felt that Stanley Park North is the better option. These arguments were registered by Council Officers present. While James Park is the cheapest and most quickly achieved option, feedback from the community has been for a more spacious and aspirational play area which is co-located closer to other youth based activities.

The Stanley Park site would take at least four years to achieve and would cost more. The meeting indicated that despite this, the community would rather get a better site with opportunity for expansion, and be prepared to fund raise and work with the Council to achieve this. Harcourt Progress Association has been the lead organisation in the organisation of meetings and discussions around this issue. At the conclusion of the meeting, Councillor Tony Cordy said, "Every person in the community who has spoken to me about this issue wants the playground in Stanley Park. North"

The comprehensive report prepared by SED Consulting will be presented to Council shortly. Have your say, give your feedback about the best place for the playground: contact your Ward Councillor or Sue Jones, Manager Liveable Communities, 5471 1700.

*Robyn Miller*

**REMEDIAL MASSAGE and NATURAL THERAPIES  
CLINIC HARCOURT**

Lara 0403 528 416

Remedial Massage  
Deep Tissue Massage  
Relaxation Massage  
Aromatherapy  
Reflexology  
Reiki



Michael 0447 338 088

Deep Tissue Massage  
Trigger Point Therapy  
Cupping  
Readings through  
bodywork  
Reiki



**Bendigo  
Property  
Plus**

**Di Selwood**  
Sales Consultant  
Castlemaine & Harcourt



Mobile: 0488 148 358  
Phone: 03 5474 2807  
Fax: 03 8677 9033  
Email: di@bendigopropertyplus.com.au

148 - 152 High Street,  
Kangaroo Flat Vic 3555

# Fire Danger Period Commences On November 9



The dates for the 2015 – 2016 fire danger period that affect our brigade area have been signed off by the Chief Officer of the CFA and are as follows for the following municipalities. The City of Greater Bendigo will

commence at 1.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November and for the Shire of Mount Alexander they will commence at 1.00am on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. Once they commence then restrictions on open air burning take affect and cannot take place unless a permit is obtained. There are also restrictions on other activities that may start a fire which is clearly explained on the CFA brochure “Can I, Can’t I”. If you do not have a copy, please obtain one for your reference by either going online

to the CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

, by contacting a brigade member or calling in at the fire station of a Sunday morning between 9.00 and 9.30.

The Total Fire Ban day that was declared on the 6<sup>th</sup> October was an indication to the early arrival of warmer summerlike weather and is the earliest declaration that I can recall. There have been a number of callouts by local brigades to escaped burnoffs and re-ignition of prior burnoff up to nearly two weeks later. This is a timely reminder to keep an eye on any burning off you may have done recently, especially if burning a heap of vegetation or burning in dry creek beds where the fire can sit in the ground smouldering for days on end just waiting for the right conditions to pop up and take off. On the day of the TFB, the brigade attended two callouts in the middle of the day before being called upon to assist with the Cobaws/Lancefield fire as part of the Metcalfe Group strike team later in the day. Harcourt tanker 1 remained at the fire until returning at the end of the day shift on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. During this period

we were required to supply personnel for the initial deployment along with five relief crews with assistance from the Sutton Grange brigade. This is a trial extension of previous composite crewing to not only share the load and manage personnel resources but also ensure there are sufficient resources left behind for any other fires or incidents.

## DO YOU UNDERSTAND FIRE WARNINGS?

Fire warnings have been around for a few years now, but are still an area of confusion.

There are three levels of warnings.

The first level is the ADVICE warning. This is issued when there is an incident occurring or has occurred in the area. What you should do is access information and monitor conditions.

The next level is WATCH AND ACT. This is an indication that an emergency is heading towards you. Conditions are changing and you need to take action now to protect yourself and your family.

The final level is the EMERGENCY WARNING. This means that you are in imminent danger and need to take action now. You will be impacted.

Note that if a major fire started close to where you are, then you may not get a warning before being impacted by the fire. Alternatively the first warning you may get is the Emergency Warning due to time constraints. Also when accessing information, it is important to utilise more than one source of information to get a more accurate picture of what is occurring. And remember to use your own eyes to assist in the decisions you make.

***Continue to prepare for fire, but take extra care to avoid starting a fire.***

*Tyrone Rice  
Captain*

**Do you  
understand fire  
warnings?**



Federal Member for Bendigo

**LISA CHESTERS MP**

PO Box 338 Bendigo 3552

Cnr. Williamson & Myers Sts, Bendigo 3550

T: 03 5443 9055 • F: 03 5443 9736

E: [Lisa.Chesters.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Chesters.MP@aph.gov.au)

Twitter: @LMChesters • Facebook: /LisaChestersBendigo



## LIMERICK<sub>by</sub> *The Bard of North Harcourt*

A German who lived in Westphalia  
Migrated one year to Australia.  
With a rake and a spade  
A nice garden he made  
But all he produced was one dahlia



## Kinder Happenings

Kinder has a busy few months approaching as we farewell the children of 2015 moving onto school and welcome new families into our Preschool community.

If you are still undecided about kinder choices in the area I encourage you to come and look at our lovely Preschool. We have worked hard this year to continue to make improvements and upgrade existing works. A big thank you to all involved. A recent working bee enabled the erection of bamboo screening enclosing one boundary fence to create privacy, tree planting, replenishing the sandpit and a general tidy up of our garden. We are fortunate to have a large outdoor area with lots of shade, running areas, vegetable gardens, places to quietly wander, a stage, and cubby house. The children also set up their own cooking, climbing and hide away spaces using lots of props. It's fantastic to see so much imaginative play amongst our 4 and 5 year olds when outside.

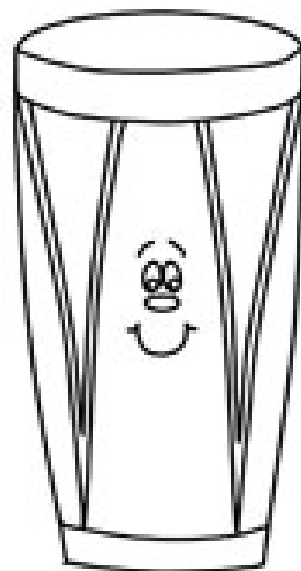


This Friday night sees the launch of our '**Ladies Pamper Night**'. Kari Aldridge has worked very hard to make this night into what I anticipate to be a huge success. We are opening this night up into the community so if you would like to be pampered, buy some beautiful handmade products or just have a relaxing night out with friends we invite you to come along and support our kinder. Tickets are \$15 or \$20 at the door. Please phone Kari 0402076340 or the kinder for further details.

Finally our AGM and Information Night will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All 2016 kinder families are encouraged to attend.

*Lisa Gray*  
(Educational Leader)

# Colour us in!



bass







# Harcourt CWA

## Hip Hip Hooray for Harcourt CWA

Reaching 85 years of age and still going strong is something we all hope to achieve and when the members at Harcourt CWA celebrated their 85th birthday recently it was very evident that the Branch was still going as strong now as it was when it was started in 1930.

A big thank you to all the wonderful ladies who have given of their time and friendship throughout these 85 years, and to the ladies of today who continue to promote what the core of the association is all about: friendship, support for each other, and to improve the welfare of women and children by community service and involvement.

Our afternoon of celebration was attended by over 100 guests who were entertained in true CWA fashion with singing and dancing and a display and modelling of vintage hats.

There is nothing quite as beautiful as the sound of the human voice so how fortunate to have the a Cappella group, The Blenders delight us with their harmonious tones and Jeanette Guillespie with her delightful folk songs.

One of our members, Helen Hand, invited members of her Line Dancing group to come along and give a demonstration, and Win and Bob Pratt from the Bendigo Rock and Rollers brought back many memories from our youth with their rock and roll dances.

Harcourt CWA is very fortunate to have two amazingly artistic women, Joy Robertson and Colleen Hall whose talents know no bounds. For our birthday treat these two ladies decided to put together a Vintage Hat display. Hats collected and lovingly cared for over the years with stories attached to each one, delighted our many visitors who remembered wearing something similar themselves in days gone by.

The hats were modelled by Lyn Rule and Dot Farley whilst Joy Robertson gave a brief history about each one. Colleen Hall's collections of men's hats had a showing too with Mike Rule joining the ladies and looking very dapper in a bowler hat.

Then it was time for President Lynette Carter to present Certificates to seven of our members whose years of service ranged from 10 to 44 years. What an amazing achievement ladies, well done and congratulations to you all.

And well done Harcourt CWA. Hip, hip hooray.

*Lyn Rule*



*Joy Robertson in her black straw hat, Mike Rule in a jaunty bowler hat.*



*Certificate of Service (above)*

*Left to Right Colleen Hall, Marie Twyford, Iris Howarth, Meryl Adams, Merle Westlake, Shirley Button (Group Secretary) Dot Farley, Sandra Webb, Lynette Carter (President)*



*Hats from Joy Robertson's collection.*

# Business News in the Shire

If you run your own business or work in business there are some great local forums where you can meet and network with like-minded people. Two such groups that I've been involved with include a women's business networking group in Castlemaine and more recently, Business Mount Alexander.

## Women in Cohoots

Women in Cohoots runs social nights at 1/40 Forest Street, Castlemaine and these are a terrific opportunity to informally network with women in business. Each session has a theme for discussion and learning and their next event on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm to 9pm is about "Tips & Tricks for Networking". Cost is \$10 and tea/coffee, wine and nibbles. Find out more via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/womenincohoots/>



Business Mount Alexander Inc. (BMA) is an incorporated association dedicated to supporting, connecting and promoting the business community in the Mount Alexander Shire. The network created by BMA supports members to fulfil their business objectives.

On Monday evening 26<sup>th</sup> October I attended their AGM to find out how being a member of Business Mount Alexander could benefit my business, plus I always enjoy an opportunity to meet new people. The formal part of the night kicked off with David King chairing the meeting which included an overview of events held over the year and some planned initiatives.

David asked for nominations for people interested to join the BMA Committee. I decided to put my hand up and was appointed and warmly welcomed alongside another new committee member – Tim Hurley. The committee is dedicated to growing its membership, putting on engaging events and linking into other business groups within Bendigo and the Macedon Ranges.

## Castlemaine Bus Lines

The meeting was followed by a fascinating talk about the history of the Castlemaine Bus Lines site by local architect Mandy Jean. Mandy outlined the history of

the Forest Street precinct from the 1850s to current day, covering the businesses, the people and developments of the bus lines site.

Mandy Jean recently worked on a *Heritage Assessment Report* called "Forest Street to Forest Creek" with Historian David Moloney which can be viewed online: [https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Files/Planning/Forest\\_Street\\_To\\_Forest\\_Creek\\_Heritage\\_Assessment\\_-\\_April\\_2015\\_-\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Files/Planning/Forest_Street_To_Forest_Creek_Heritage_Assessment_-_April_2015_-_FINAL.pdf)

*For those interested in finding out more about Business Mount Alexander and considering joining up, check out their website:*

<http://businessmountalexander.org.au>

**Genevieve Ward**  
**Advertising Coordinator**



*Mandy Jean (above) regales the Business Mount Alexander members and guests attending the AGM (below) with the history of the Castlemaine Bus Lines.*





**TREAD  
HARCOURT**

**CAFE OPEN  
SAT & SUN  
9AM - 4PM**

**ACCOMMODATION  
7 DAYS A WEEK**

92 CALDER HIGHWAY, HARCOURT VIC 3453  
T 03 5474 2211

## Get that job! Resume and job search skills Workshop

When: Mon 9th Nov 2015  
9.30am to 12.30pm

Where: Castlemaine Community House  
65 Templeton St, Castlemaine

Cost: \$50

To book, call CCH on 5472 4942  
[www.cch.org.au/workshops](http://www.cch.org.au/workshops)



**HARCOURT  
Auto Wreckers**

Anthony Burns

Owner

[harcourtwreckers@bigpond.com](mailto:harcourtwreckers@bigpond.com)



**03 5474 2432**

Wrecking most makes and models  
Used Car Sales, \$500-\$10 000  
Towing & car body removals

Midland Hwy  
Barkers Creek  
Vic 3453

[www.harcourtswreckers.com](http://www.harcourtswreckers.com)



24 Hour  
Emergency  
Service

**PLUMBER**

*Bruce A. Rae*

Covering all Aspects of Plumbing

Mobile: 0408 371 885

Email: [brucerae3@bigpond.com](mailto:brucerae3@bigpond.com)

 **Harcourt Progress Association**

**Harcourt Notice of Meeting**  
*A Growing Place*

7.00pm Wednesday 18 November

Harcourt Valley Primary School

ALL WELCOME

Secretary: Jacqueline Brodie-Hans  
[takandjak@bigpond.com](mailto:takandjak@bigpond.com)

# HVPS Nutrition Program

# Uniting Church



## Eat Up, Healthy Harcourt!

Earlier this year, Harcourt Valley Primary School received a grant from the Mount Alexander Shire Council to run a Nutrition program in the school to educate the children and families about the importance of healthy eating.

The first part of the program commenced with a visit from the local dietitian to the Grade 5-6 classroom to share her knowledge about health eating. They will be sharing this with the rest of the school in the coming weeks.

As part of this program and grant, the school will be providing snack, lunch and breakfast for all students for a period of five days beginning Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

The program will conclude with a Family Dinner for the Harcourt Valley school community on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 6pm.

*Photo shows Grades Prep and One enjoying their healthy lunch.*

**Annette Smith**  
*Principal*

As well as our weekly worship at Harcourt Uniting Church we also have a very active Adult Fellowship group with 18 members. We meet in the Church Hall each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues for a meeting and fellowship. This year our special project was to pack backpacks with pens, textas, books, scissors, interesting craft paper, lunch boxes etc to be sent to school children in the Pacific Islands.

We have also catered for funerals at our Church and joined with the Castlemaine Uniting Church Fellowship in a Coffee, Cake and Craft morning. At our AGM in November we donated money raised to local organisations such as the Secondary College Chaplaincy Committee and Frontier Services which provides support to families living in remote Australia. We also donate to many other worthy organisations both locally and overseas.

Frontier Services began as the Australian Inland Mission headed by the famous Reverend John Flynn who helped provide support to many remote families through visiting padres who visited properties to extend the hand of friendship & help build communities. Flynn also established the Aerial Medical Service – now well known as the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Staff are located all over remote Northern and Western Australia and provide services such as visits to remote stations, childcare and early childhood education, support to parents, Patrol Ministry, remote health services and sometimes just to provide a “listening ear.” Some visit by road whilst other fly. Frontier Services is “a charity and national agency of the Uniting Church...empowering communities in remote areas of Australia.”

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a special service acknowledging the work of Frontier Services followed by a special morning tea with a donation towards their work. Their work has been of even greater importance in recent years with many families facing endless drought and not only needing financial assistance but also someone just to talk to.

**Jan Jenkin**



## SJK EXCAVATIONS

Commercial, Industrial and Domestic Earthworks

**Stuart King**  
Owner/Operator  
sjkexcavations@yahoo.com.au

# 0407 514 797

ABN: 63708909386



## steve macqueen

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

Electrical Maintenance Specialist  
Commercial – Domestic - Healthcare - Solar  
**Phone: 0410 921 018** REC. 2009/6



# Pines Away!

For the third year in a row local volunteers have taken to the slopes of Mount Alexander armed with hand saws, loppers and abundant enthusiasm to tackle the problem of invasive pine trees in the Mount Alexander Regional Park.

A whopping 300 Pine trees were cut down at the big 'pine-purge' working bee as part of the annual Landcare Camp Out on The Mount, on Saturday 17th October. While volunteers concentrated on the smaller pines, Xavier and Stu from Mount Alexander Quality Tree Care came along with some more serious equipment and felled two of the large trees at the site. They came down with a

crash and a cheer from the spectators on the hill.

The organisers of the Camp Out are hoping to eventually eradicate invasive pine trees from the Park by 'drilling and filling' the larger pines that remain scattered over the mountain. They would also like to thank the Friends of the Box-Ironbark Forests for their support of this year's event.

Anyone interested in helping with the pine eradication work over the next few years is encouraged to contact Local Landcare Facilitator Max Schlachter on 5472 1594 or [max@connectingcountry.org.au](mailto:max@connectingcountry.org.au).

*Max Schlachter*



*(Left) Deanne Greenwood from the Friends of Campbells Creek Landcare Group. (right) Archer Coote doing his bit.*



## Alert - Wheel Cactus Sighted in Ravenswood

Since my article in *The Core* last month, I've learned that wheel cactus has spread to Ravenswood and has been sighted on the Calder Highway. This is alarming, but with some positive early action in getting these plants before they mature and produce fruit, their spread can be controlled.

Getting back to Harcourt: I can't stress this enough - if wheel cactus gets a foothold in the granite hills of Harcourt, it could become as huge an environmental and economic disaster as it is in Maldon's granite hills. It is a hard plant to kill - any small fragment can take root. However, there are ways.

If anyone finds wheel cactus plants we, the Tarrengower Cactus Control Group, will be very willing to help with advice by giving a demonstration to local Landcare groups. You can find out more about us and our methods for dealing with cactus on our website, [www.cactuswarriors.org](http://www.cactuswarriors.org).

You could also join us on any of our field days, which we hold on the last Sunday morning of every month (except the summer months), where you can learn more about killing cactus

and have some hands-on experience. Our gatherings are friendly and there's a free BBQ lunch at the end of the morning.

This month's field day (the last for 2015) is on the 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am till 12.30 am.

At the time of writing the location is still to be decided, but it will be posted on our website early this month, or you could ring Ian Grenda on 0412 015 8007.

*Frances Wade*



**Maree Edwards MP**  
State Member for Bendigo West

*Putting Community First*

If you have any State or Local Government issue  
please contact my office for assistance

8 Pantom Street (PO Box 326)  
Golden Square VIC 3555  
Tel: (03) 5444 4125 Fax: (03) 5441 8140  
[maree.edwards@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:maree.edwards@parliament.vic.gov.au)  
[f @mareeedwardsmpp](https://www.facebook.com/mareeedwardsmpp)  
[t @mareeedwardsmpp](https://www.twitter.com/mareeedwardsmpp)  
[www.mareeedwards.com.au](http://www.mareeedwards.com.au)





## Just a typical day at the ANA



The third-Sunday-of-the-month for October opened at 11.00 am with morning tea served to a tour group from the Werribee & District Collectible Vehicles Club. The Werribee folk were en-route

to lunch in Bendigo in a convoy of vehicles dating from the nineteen-sixties. I think there was a Leyland P-76 and several antique Holdens in the group.

Soon after the car club finished its tour of the Heritage Centre a group arrived from Powlett Plains, fresh from a picnic lunch in Stanley Park. As they toured the display, many of the people from the group wanted to tell about the Young Farmer's Club Dinners and Balls held at Harcourt. "We came here, to this ANA Hall, sixty years ago, for some really good times" they said. The picnic party then went on to 'Mica Grange', with the intention of finishing their afternoon with a visit to 'Skydancers' Café and Nursery.

In the meantime a father and son had wandered into the Heritage Centre, saying "We want to look at your rabbit traps." Noel and Jake are rabbit trap collectors from Gippsland. They were on their way home after buying traps at a clearing sale in Swan Hill. They inspected our museum collection of traps and went on their homeward way.

By this time the monthly third-Sunday-of-the-month tour group had assembled in the meeting room. At 2.00 pm our group travelled to Faraday to view the garden of 'FitzGeorge Park', with its wrought-iron work, the water feature and the quirky garden features. This garden, with its sixty varieties of roses, is a wonderful achievement for Judi and Denis Kent who have created ten-acres of garden, over four years from a blackberry-infested horse paddock.

The tour group went on to Faraday School to admire the renovations and display made by Jill Loorham. Jill has re-floored the schoolroom, reinstated the south facing windows (bricked up in 1908) and made a nice dwelling of the former centre of the Faraday community. Over afternoon tea we were treated to the reminiscences of Alma Chaplin, a former pupil at the school. "Remember the days of the old school yard? We used to laugh a lot...."

The list of the doings of Sunday 18th October gives just a sample of the many-faceted activities and interests of Harcourt Heritage Centre. Recent enquiries involved in-depth research into the pioneering Symes and Sutton families on behalf of visitors from distant parts. Both enquirers went away well satisfied with the wealth of information that they had gained. Harcourt Heritage Centre is open every Wednesday and conducts an activity on the third-Sunday of each month.

**George Milford**

## Harcourt Bowling Club



### President's Day success

A very happy President John Starbuck



(right) thanked all who attended to make the President's Day a success on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon commenced with novelty events followed by 3 by 6 games of 3 bowl triples and finished in style with a delicious afternoon tea provided by the members. Thank you to Peter Douglass Excavations and Richard Caribot's Workforce who were generous sponsors of the day. The winners of the prizes were: Leo Moloney's team with Peter Thomas and Judy Hall; runners up Grahame Pogue's team with Joan Bath and Jean Pogue; encouragement award went to Peter Douglass, Moira Straw and Russell Maltby; Bell ringer was Jean Pogue; Leo Moloney and John Grant won closest to the bar items.

The Harcourt Bowling Club Weekend Pennant teams started the first round of the season in a good position this week with all Divisions (3, 7 & 8) bringing home a win.

The results are:

**DIVISION 3**

Harcourt 18/121 D Bendigo 0/66

Garry Maddern 32/11; Leo Moloney 28/19; Phil Clarke

# MIGHTY ANNUAL SALE

2ND - 14TH NOVEMBER

STOREWIDE SAVINGS\*

**Dab Defender Fire Fighting Pump with Honda motor 5.5HP**

RRP \$715  
sale price \$395

\*some conditions apply, see in store for details

Phone: (03) 5422 0000 | 55a Edgecombe Rd, Kyneton | [www.midlandirrigation.com.au](http://www.midlandirrigation.com.au)

32/14; Rod Harris 29/22

#### DIVISION 7

White Hills 1/61 Lt Harcourt 15/79

Rob Chaplin 19/17; Ron Douglas 31/15; Daryl Gale 29/29

#### DIVISION 8

Harcourt 13/85 D Dingee 3/70

Alan Harris 27/30; Peter Douglass 34/16 Grahame Pogue 24/24

**The Midweek Pennant teams** started the new season on a positive note with Division 4 bringing home a narrow win over White Hills and a new look Division 5 showing some good promise after just being pipped by Bendigo. After a promising Round one, Midweek teams were not so lucky for the second round at home suffering narrow defeats. The results were:

#### DIVISION 4

Harcourt 2/66 Lt Woodbury 14/72

Moira Straw 19/22; Joan Bath 17/29; Kay Francis 30/21

#### DIVISION 5

Harcourt 2/37 Lt Inglewood 12/43

Joan Jenkin 15/23; Fairlie Harman 22/20

The club has also had Teams competing in district tournaments at White Hills, Castlemaine, and Campbell's Creek and had an exciting win at South Bendigo for Moira Straw's Team of Kaye Francis, Kay Grant and Chris Anderson.

#### Upcoming Events:

Every Friday Social Night - member's draw, raffles, friendly faces - **everyone's a winner**

Every Sunday Jackpot pairs - unless there is a tournament on; names in by Friday night

10<sup>th</sup> November Barbeque and barefoot/social bowls from 6.00pm; names/no's at the club

11<sup>th</sup> November Ladies Invitation Triples Tournament

17<sup>th</sup> November Sponsors Challenge - Round 1

20<sup>th</sup> November Green's Café - *Sumptuous Summer*

22<sup>nd</sup> November Kidman Invitation Fours Tournament

24<sup>th</sup> November Barbeque and barefoot/social bowls from 6.00pm; names/no's at the club

12<sup>th</sup> December Xmas Breakup

*Chris Anderson*



*(Top) Winners at President's Day: Leo, Judy & Peter, with President John and Sponsor, Peter.*

*(Below) Action at President's Day: "Who has the shot here?"*

**Automatic Pressure Pump**  
(XP45T)

RRP \$1190  
sale price \$630

**Bianco Pump**  
+ bonus filter (RRP \$143)  
[BIA-BHM3-4]

RRP \$774  
sale price \$450

**Fire hose kits**  
from \$160 when purchased with a Fire fighting pump

from \$160

landirrigation.com.au Find us on Facebook

ON-SITE PARKING



# Harcourtian - Judy Foster



In 1974 Judy and Ian Foster purchased their house in Harcourt which they named Warrawing, it was originally called Hillside Gardens.

“My great, great, great grandfather, Philip Trevean and his family lived in the house. When we bought it, it was derelict and there was no power or water connected.”

Judy has lived most of her life in Harcourt. “The Quirk

family first lived in a relocated house, which we called the “apple house”, which was moved from near Picnic Gully Creek. I am the third child of six. (*Judy is third from the left in the photo below*). In 1960, Dad began building a gran-



ite house around the “apple house”. He brought home a couple of blocks of granite from work each day and on the weekends he would tune in the radio to the ABC, make a batch of cement and begin laying the granite; and he did that for many years. When the granite house was near completion, the “apple house” was removed. As a child we used to eat a lot of food grown at home. As kids we used to catch yabbies in the dam and we also used to catch sparrows, by putting seed under a brick propped with a stick. We caught so many once that Mum made a sparrow pie.

Our family went to the Presbyterian Church in Castlemaine. Mum’s Dad was an elder and my father sang in the choir. Mum used to put the six of us in the car before Church, so we wouldn’t get dirty. We had a large car, a Ford Customline called Connie and we all fitted in. When the Methodist Church was built on the corner of Reservoir and McIvor Roads North Harcourt, the family went there. My eldest sister Sue was married there in 1967. As children we walked, often beside the road on bush

tracks, to North Harcourt Primary School. I got my first pair of glasses while at primary school. We used to do nature studies at the reservoir and the first day I wore my glasses I ran into a tree! I wouldn’t wear them after that. I went to Castlemaine High until Form 4 and then went to Castlemaine Tech for Form 5 to study Dressmaking and loved it. It was an Emily McPherson course taught by Mavis Kenny, who was a brilliant teacher. There were five of us girls in a school of all boys. I still enjoy sewing, it is my favourite hobby and I do alterations of clothing from home. I left school after Form 5, but returned and Matriculated as a mature age student, after I was married.

As a 12 year old, I had a part time job at the Harcourt Telephone Exchange. My first full time job was in Melbourne at Georges as a retail assistant in the Ladies Suit Department for \$16 a week. I wanted to work in the alterations department, but the pay was only \$8 a week. I worked at Georges for a year and then had a number of other jobs in Melbourne before I returned home. I saved up for my first motorbike when I was 16, it was a Honda Dream 205cc and cost \$305.

I then worked at the Castlemaine Telephone Exchange and I met Ian who was training as a motor mechanic at Cusack’s. My next bike was a BMW, and I planned to ride around Australia. I travelled to Adelaide, but Ian followed me and that’s as far as I got. We were married at the Presbyterian Church in Castlemaine in 1972. I bought my wedding dress for \$8 at Mrs Treadray’s Pawn Shop in Adelaide and I embroidered it around the hem. My shoes were second-hand, cream suede lace up boots. I made the shoe laces out of embroidery cotton plaited together with pearls on the end. On the morning of the wedding Mum and I went down to Ivy Douglas’ who gave me beautiful cream roses to carry. Our reception was at home. We rode away on our motorbike and went to Brisbane for our honeymoon and camped on the way.

After our marriage we purchased a house in Bendigo in Honeysuckle Street and then had the opportunity to buy Warrawing. The water and power were not connected for a good while. We got water from the race. By the time Emily was born in 1977 the power was on and I could use a washing machine. Before that I washed by hand using a copper, troughs, a hand ringer and a wash board. I trained as a State Enrolled Nurse in Castlemaine while Ian looked after Emily for a year; he had already completed his nursing training. William and Lucy were born in 1981 and 1985 respectively. When the children were teenaged, we lived in Glasgow for a year where Ian worked at a local hospital. Also, the family spent 12 months living in Launceston, Tasmania in 1988 whilst Ian trained as a midwife. When we came home we installed a septic tank. My clever husband also built our solar hot water panels, and he renovated a windmill that was used for many years



## Olive Milford's 100th Birthday

to pump water from the race. Another milestone we have achieved at our home is the Australian rotary clothes line erected just two years ago. It's been a lot of hard work improving and keeping this place.

Before William was born I had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Now my life has changed and I attend the Salvation Army Church in Castlemaine and I volunteer in the kitchen for the Friday Community Lunches and at the Op Shop. Our three children continue to be a blessing to us, along with two grandsons, and a granddaughter on the way. It is a bonus to have my friends from primary and secondary school and my siblings and their families living nearby."

*Robyn Miller*



*Judy on Ian's motorbike, a Honda 4.*



Olive Milford celebrated her 100th Birthday at the Castlemaine Golf Club, where she has been a member for 70 years! Over the years she has had many golfing achievements and gave service to the club by being President for seven years, Secretary for two years, member of the General Committee for nearly 40 years and Catering Manager for many years. She was Club Champion and lowered her handicap to 10. (Thanks to the Fairway October, 2015, Castlemaine Golf Club's magazine for this information.)



*Olive with Lily Seppings and baby, Rory Johansen*



**Sound genetics**  
**An asset to your herd**

Jenny & Keith McKenry

03 54396525  
0428 479 050  
Harcourt North, Victoria  
alpacos@dandura.com  
www.dandura.com



- Stud services
- Breeding females
- Pets/Herd Guards



- Packages for New Breeders
- After-sale quality support



- Alpaca yarn
- Member of Q-Alpaca



**Janyce McMurtrie**

**Mobile** 0429 968 782

**Email** [info@regionalenvirosense.com.au](mailto:info@regionalenvirosense.com.au)

For small business sustainability, garden planning, revegetation plans or asset management needs.



## **WARRICK HARWOOD CONTRACTING**

Grass Slashing – 7' to 5' cut  
Pasture Renovation & Direct Seeding  
Ploughing & Power Harrowing

109hp Deutz-Fahr Tractor with  
4 in 1 Loader  
(Will fit through 12' gates)

**WATER DELIVERIES**  
13,000 litre tanker for  
Town Water & Civil Works

*Servicing Harcourt and surrounds*  
*Competitive rates*  
*30 years experience*

Call Warrick  
0417 036 059  
[warricka@biqpond.net.au](mailto:warricka@biqpond.net.au)

## **Pips 'n' all**

Hello Garden lovers,

It feels like spring has raced by this year. Early hot weather and a lack of rain have dulled the bright spring flush. There has been almost no chance for moisture to build up in the soil so unless we get November rain, we will need irrigation to help the garden through the forecast long, hot, dry summer.

Our Camellias have finished flowering, so we are tipping them back to keep the foliage dense. If your Camellias flower later, wait until they have finished before tip pruning. November is a good time to prune off frost damage from any affected plants now that the chance of frost is low. It is also a good time to start removing dead flower heads from your roses and perennials to encourage longer and fuller flowering.

Our Daffodils have finished and are dying back. It will soon be time to lift and divide them if they have been in the ground for a few years, are crowded, in the wrong area or if they haven't flowered well. Lifting them with a fork will reduce damage to the bulbs and help you shake off the soil ready for storage. If they are flowering well then there is no need to lift them.

An unusual bulb in our garden is the Pineapple Lily or Eucomis. It is a wonderful plant that is suitable for many styles of garden. It comes from East Africa and has broad, dark green leaves. It has a tall flower spike in late summer and autumn before the foliage dies down in winter. It is relatively easy to look after, requiring only good drainage and some water over summer. It comes in a number of colours, has a beautiful, sweet perfume, makes a brilliant long-lasting cut flower and is really quite spectacular.

This month we are:

- Turning on the drip irrigation;
- Deep watering our new trees;
- Tip pruning Camellias; and
- Planting tomatoes.

This month in the woodland:

- Common Everlastings (*Chrysocephalum apiculatum*) are flowering; and
- Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*) is in bud.

Happy Gardening

Janyce



# Thinning Fruit Trees

Now that flowering is finished, it's time to think about thinning your fruit. Thinning is the process of pulling some of the tiny fruit off, and it's one of the most important jobs in the orchard in spring for all deciduous fruit types except cherries (i.e. apricots, peaches, nectarines, plums, apples and pears).

Home gardeners are often reluctant to thin their fruit, because it feels kind of wasteful to be throwing all that fruit on the ground, but rest assured, if you do it nice and early you won't reduce the overall size of your harvest (or not much anyway).

There are four good reasons to thin:

- Most fruit trees have a natural biennial bearing cycle – a heavy crop one year, followed by a light crop the following year, which is a very familiar story for many backyard fruit growers. Thinning tricks the tree into thinking this is it's 'off' year, so it will set another full crop next year. Once you understand that, it's immediately obvious why you have to do it every year!
- Trees will often set more fruit than their branches can physically carry, and a branch will break. Thinning is one of the most effective ways you can protect the structure of your tree.
- Thinning means you'll grow larger fruit, because the tree's energy is put into fewer pieces of fruit. Plus, you end up with more delicious juicy flesh and less core!
- Spacing the fruit out so they're not touching each other helps to control pests and diseases by allowing the fruit to dry faster after rain, but also by removing habitat for pests in the lovely dark spaces where fruit hangs in bunches."

**Hugh and Katie Finlay from Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens grow organic cherries, apricots, peaches, nectarines, plums, apples and pears on their farm at Harcourt. They also run the Grow Great Fruit program for home fruit growers. Sign up for their free Weekly Fruit Tips newsletter at <http://www.opt-in.mafg.com.au/>.**



**MT ALEXANDER**  
*Fruit Gardens*



**• Fresh Organic Fruit**

• Workshops

• E-books

• Bare-rooted fruit trees



• **Grow Great Fruit members' program—**  
includes discounts on all products

**[www.mafg.com.au](http://www.mafg.com.au)**

69 Dann's Rd, Harcourt  
VIC, 3453, (03) 5474 2808

MONTH OF MUSIC  
AT ASQ SKYDANCERS

Come and enjoy live music,  
a tapas menu, local wines, ciders  
& craft beer every Saturday  
in November, from 1pm-4pm  
**BOOK TODAY, NUMBERS ARE LIMITED!**

[www.asq.net.au](http://www.asq.net.au) | where your great outdoors begin!  
 n Cnr Blackjack Rd and Midland Hwy, Harcourt  
 p 03 5474 3800 | e skydancers@asq.net.au



## ASQ Plant of the Month Callistemon

The callistemon species are commonly referred to as bottlebrushes. Flower heads vary in colour with species; most are red, but some are yellow, green, orange or white. They are a fairly unfussy plant, growing in a wide range of soil conditions. Great for attracting birds and can be used as a fence line screening plant.

## The High Grass Month

By November grasses have grown high and mowers and slashers are roaring about, a few striking rocks and sparks may cause fires. The wet land near the races grows tall grasses, which will dry eventually. Yorkshire Fog does not prosper much anymore, and the winter grasses apart from a few are no problem. The hay grasses are common in these parts, but often they are the weedy ones: wild oats, brooms and vulpia that arrived here in imported horse feed in the Gold Rush times. Currie Coltsfoot is a good variety, widely eaten out in pastures. It is no problem as it remains greenish for much of the hot weather and the tussocks are insulation to Mother Earth. Other grasses are trampled flat by wildlife looking for smaller grass goodies: rabbits, rats, hares, wallabies, foxes and mystery beasts charging about. If grasses stay erect and there are no sow thistles, prickly lettuce and fireweeds and the like, brush cut fairly high, 10cm or even more. Don't remove insulation.

Ian Johnson



**• Rural Fencing – all types**

• Industrial

• Residential

• Livestock Yards

• Pet Enclosures

**Scrub Cleared & Mulched**

From repairs to new fencing, no job is too small  
**Phone Steph: 0417 496 332 or 0417 104 491**





Sustainability Victoria invites you to join the Castlemaine Climate Change Community Conversation event being held Wednesday, 11th November 2015

**Time:** 10.00 am – 1.00 pm (9.45 am registration and morning tea on arrival, and lunch)

**Venue:** Buda Historic Home & Garden, 42 Hunter Street, Castlemaine

**RSVP:** With numbers Monday 9 November OR

email: [SVEvents@sustainability.vic.gov.au](mailto:SVEvents@sustainability.vic.gov.au)

## Brilliant Barkers Creek: From Weed to Wonder Bus Tour

From Weed



to Wonder



ARE you curious about the Brilliant Barkers Creek project? Would you like to see what the project has achieved?

**Barkers Creek Landcare Network** invites you on a Bus Tour along Barkers Creek. Join Barkers Creek Landcare and Wildlife, Harcourt Valley and North Harcourt/Sedgwick Landcare groups for a fun and informative day visiting some local properties involved in the project.

**Finish** the day with a BBQ at the Oak Forest to celebrate a good year's work.

**Date:** Sunday 29th November

**Time:** 10:30-1pm

**Location:** The Oak Forest, Picnic Gully Road, Harcourt

**BYO:** Picnic rug, water bottle, sun hat and smiles

BBQ lunch, tea and coffee provided

**Numbers are Limited**

Please RSVP Janyce by 18 November

Mobile 0429968782 or Email

[info@regionalenvirose.com.au](mailto:info@regionalenvirose.com.au)



## Food At Christmas

Supporting the Salvos with food hampers for local families.

**Mostyn Street Stall:** Saturday November 28

Also donation basket in Castlemaine Bendigo Bank foyer for non-perishable food items

(last 2 weeks November)

Mt Alexander Community Enterprise

[www.communitygrants.com.au](http://www.communitygrants.com.au)



# Brilliant Barkers Creek – from weeds to wonder!

Time has flown and after a busy 18 months, this stage of the Brilliant Barkers Creek Project is drawing to a close. The project was well received by the communities of Barkers Creek, Harcourt and North Harcourt. It successfully supported 40 landholders to manage and enhance the biodiversity values of their creek frontage. It resulted in improvement of 11.2 kilometres of Barkers Creek and tributaries, including weed control on 30 properties, rabbit control on 200 hectares and the planting of over 6,800 tubestock.

To celebrate our success and share the results, we will be finalising the project with a bus tour on Sunday 29

November.

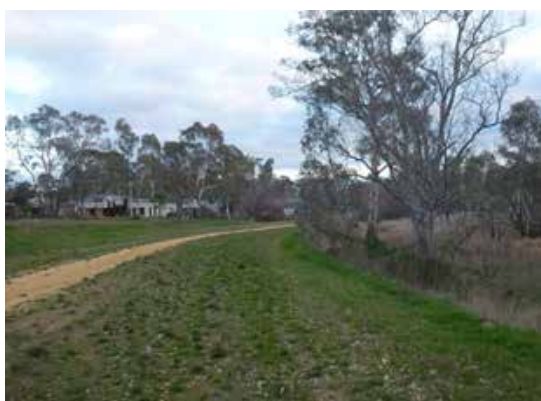
If you are interested, contact Janyce on 0429 968 782.

The Brilliant Barkers Creek Project was organised by an informal network of three Landcare groups; Barkers Creek Landcare and Wildlife, Harcourt Valley Landcare and North Harcourt/Sedgwick Landcare. The project was managed by Janyce McMurtrie of Regional EnviroSense on a consultancy basis. It aimed to manage and enhance biodiversity values of Barkers Creek and to support practical local action in the environment. The project was funded by the Victorian Government Communities for Nature program.

## Project Photographs

Before

After



Harcourt Town Centre



Harcourt BMX Track



Picnic Gully Creek



# Wayback's Footie Shed

(with apologies to Banjo for the metre)

This is a true story about a footie team in the Mallee area of South Australia in the early 1960's. You've got such luxury here in Harcourt, fellers!

For propriety reasons, only the name of the town has been disguised

There was mirth around the mallee for the word had got around

Of the new footie change rooms at Wayback.

For years the teams came dressed and just wandered on the ground,

As for toilets – bush a-plenty out the back.

As there were no showers and the blokes worked up a sweat,

And there always was a dance close by that night,

Water from a flagon was the best wash they could get;

A few splashes under arms soon put them right.

Then they'd take off to the mallee trees to go and change their gear,

And slick down their hair with a dab of brilliantine.

They'd come back all ready for the dance, and have themselves a beer,

No happier bunch of blokes were to be seen.

After the game the blokes would gather, as they were wont to do

Behind the vehicles parked around the ground.

There they'd discuss the game, and they'd share a drink or two;

From each vehicle some beers were always found.

Then they'd set up a barbie just outside the footie ground,

The women'd get the eats, as they always do.

The blokes'd cook the snags; there was enough to go around

With some left over for a hungry crow or two.

Then they'd clean up everything, and head off for the

dance,

Where the blokes'd eye off the talent from the door.

The women sat around the hall, all waiting for the chance  
To parade their charms and dance skills on the floor.

One season, though, a city umpire up to Wayback came;

He expected life to be a little raw,

But when he asked about a change room just before the game,

He wasn't quite prepared for what he saw.

The players said the change room was 'that clump of mallee trees,'

So he thought it was their idea of a joke.

He'd been told that country folk were sometimes prone to tease,

Still years later of this to his friends he spoke.

Now although the Waybacks laughed about the city umpire's plight,

They began to think that they should have a shed,

"We could easily knock one up ourselves; we'd do it in a night.

I've got a few sheets of iron," Bill Smith said.

So they set to work to build it, and each player did his bit,

Of their bush carpenter skills there was no doubt,

But after sheeting the top walls around, the builders had to quit,

Bill Smith's corrugated iron had run out.

Wayback's Footie Shed

They never did finish the bottom half of the shed,

But the Wayback team still used it all the same.

As they changed into their footie gear, you couldn't see a head,

Only bottom bits were visible in the frame.

So it became a great game for the women watching there,

And they chortled as they gazed upon the scene,

"Is that Tom?" "Oh, no, it's Harry, I can tell him

anywhere,"

"I think it's Dick," "No, No, it's not, it's Dean!"





## Community Diary Dates

29 October to 15 November, *Prepare to Change*, Exhibition by Richard Baxter, Ballarat

12th November, 7pm, *Harcourt Pre-School AGM* and Information Night

12th November: 7.30pm, *Harcourt Valley Landcare Meeting*, ANA Hall

13th November: *Bress Mega Twilight Criterium and Twilight on the Green*. Central Harcourt. Racing starts at 5.00pm.

15th November: *Special Service* with Focus on Frontier Services, Uniting Church, 11am.

18th November: 7pm, *Harcourt Progress Association Meeting*, Primary School

21st November: *Shopping Tour*, fundraiser for Harcourt Valley Primary School, departs Stanley Park, 6.30am

22nd November: Heritage Centre, *Visit to Elysium Garden*, Taradale. Meet 1.30pm at ANA Hall.

24th November: 6pm, *Harcourt District Fruit Growers AGM* and Dinner, North Harcourt Hall

27th November: 4pm, *Farm Shop opens* at Mount Alexander Fruit Gardens

29th November: 10.30am - 1pm, *Brilliant Barkers Creek Bus Tour*

29th November: 10am - 5pm, *Beer and Cider Fest*, Barkers Creek Cricket Club, cnr Specimen Gully and Peelers Road, Barkers Creek.

5th December: *Harcourt Pool Opens*

7th December: 7.30 pm, *Heritage Centre Christmas meeting* and supper at ANA Hall.

20th December: 7.30pm, *Christmas Carols*, Stanley Park, led by Thompsons Foundry Band. Items by local artists.

25th December: 8.00 am, *Christmas Service*, Harcourt Uniting Church, Buckley Street.



## Maldon Market Turns Two

November 8th is a special day for the now extremely popular Maldon Market – it's its second birthday. And like any two-year-old's party, there's going to be fun, presents and music to help celebrate. Even though it's only two years old, the Maldon Market has become one of the most popular kids on the block when



it comes to country markets. In its short but busy lifetime, it has given many community groups the opportunity to raise over \$30,000 in funds to go towards projects, making the market a much-loved member of the local family. In the lead-up to Christmas, November's market will be busy with a record number of stall holders. Along with the favourite stall holders who have a regular clientele, there will be craft and specialty stalls, tempting customers with their unique range of goodies (Christmas gift ideas? – you bet!) But it wouldn't be a party without a few special touches and surprises. Coordinator, Amy Atkinson is sure market-goers will be impressed. "There will be cake, a raffle and some great music provided by A Suitcase Full OF Blues. It will be a great party" The Maldon Market is an initiative of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

HARCOURT VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER



## Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Tour

Saturday 21st November, 2015

Great, fun day out, get your Christmas shopping done, pick up a bargain or two for yourself, includes a 2-course lunch, morning & afternoon tea, raffle prizes and a hostess who knows all the great spots to go!

Book your spot today with **Lorella on 0422 286 393**

\$65 per adult, \$32.50 per student U17

Bus Departs Stanley Park, Harcourt 6.30am

Pick up at Woodend Kinder 7.15am

8.15am Five star direct  
9.20am Azeta  
9.35am Siricco leather  
10.20am Home direct  
11.05am Converse  
12.00pm lunch at the  
Castle Hotel

1.05pm Diana Ferrari  
1.45pm Raglan fashion house  
2.30pm Ross's Quality Nuts  
3.10pm Candy Stripes  
4.00pm Natio  
4.50pm Toy Networkx

Harcourt Valley Primary School  
54742266

## October 2015 Xword

©McW Feb '15

## solution

A	N	O	T	H	E	R	M	I	S	T	A	K	E	
R		R		I		A		B		H		A		R
B	A	R	I	T	O	N	E	S		E	V	O	K	E
U		I		H		D		E		S		L		G
T	A	S	T	E		O	E	N	O	P	H	I	L	E
U					R		M					I		N
S	A	C	K		M	I	S	O	G	A	M	I	S	T
		H		A		S		E		N		S		
C	H	A	R	T	R	E	U	S	E		K	E	L	P
O		R		R					T		S			O
W	H	O	S	O	E	V	E	R		P	E	C	K	S
P		L		P		I		O		R		H		S
A	B	A	S	H		R	I	G	M	A	R	O	L	E
T		I		I		G		E		W		P		S
	P	S	Y	C	H	O	A	N	A	L	Y	S	I	S

### Down:

- An anti-Caesar [*a Brutus*] tree device?
- [*Morris*] Minor not long as [*an em-rule*] for the dancing root. (5)
- Come where from yon? [*Well?*]
- Sound of eyes all over the place to mix things up. [*Well?*]
- Thomas, social pariah, was his alter ego [*in An Enemy of the People*].
- [*The*] topsy-turvy land under France [*Spain*] does well enough for a board-treader... (8)
- Put white clay into the high hill? [*Oz OED p721*]

8 About [*re-*] the chap who administers for the kid. (6)

14 Lightly burn [*char*] a silo mix for cattle. (8)

16 Hormonally opposed to chap from western Ilium, hearsay has it. [*Not a west Trojan!*]

17 Waste of an adjective? [*Well?*]

18 Cat-stroke, dog ear-bur, lover caress, but beware the bovine booby trap! [*Well?*]

20 To have a group of vigilantes with the sheriff and 1925 German cops. [*SS*]

21 Beginner twists back to lie across sofa. [*L warps...*]

23 Intact star signifier... [*Well?*]

25 One could suffer smack in them; various people could be in for theirs... [*Well?*]

### Across:

- What was expected from the setter for a while, but [*I'm a hotter sneak*] than that! [*Well?*]
- Low sounds of Adriatic sea-port [*Bari*]
- Call to mind an 11 for a 12? [*Well?*]

11 What on the tongue does a 10 for 12 [*Well?*]

12 He/she uses 11 to 10 sweaty saddles, blackberry, cedar notes... [*Well?*]

13 Old drink to fire one up? (4)

18 Map [*char*] confused [*user*] and point [*E*] green stuff that 12 might sniff at. (10)

19 A dog might wade through it on a beach (*not, i.e. another dog*) [*Kelpie*].

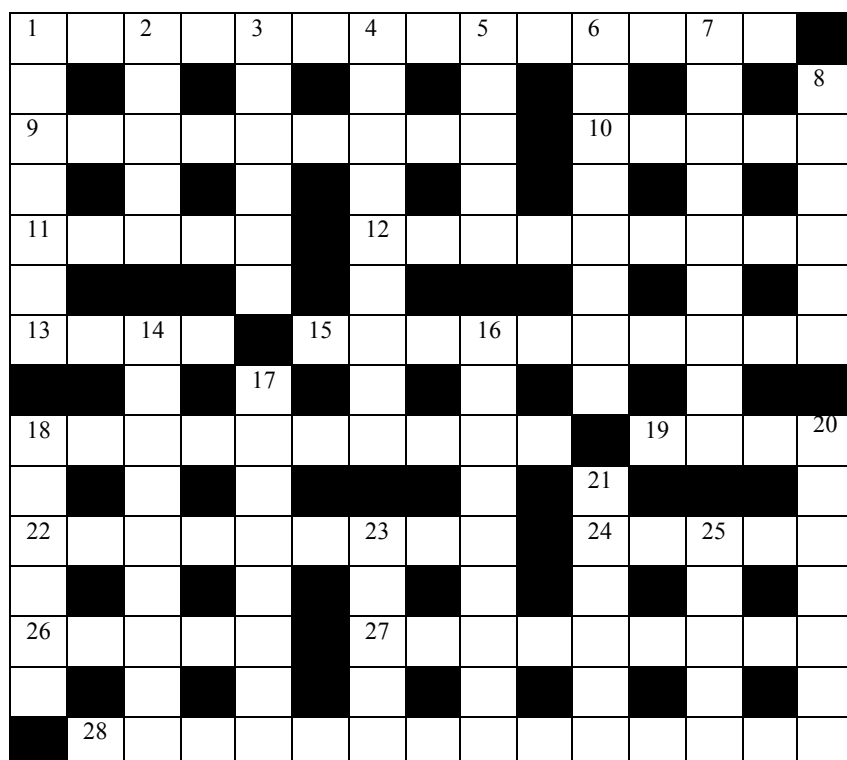
22 Whatsoever personally subjective [*Well?*]

24 How a chook measures dry goods? [*Well?*]

26 Embarrass a party [*bash...*]. (5)

27 Long & complicated procedure from [*marigold*—er... lose 500 [*D*]]. (9)

28 Years as a couch-potato in quest of self-knowledge? [*Well?*]



## Across:

- 1 Aux armes! Put terminals to work. (6,8)
- 9 & 16dn Stack super-appreciative audience in rows between seats. (3,4,2,3,6)
- 10 Kiss and a cuddle for high Turk. (5)
- 11 Back of the boot comes from the sunset to provide rotary invention. (5)
- 12 Road to lung? (9)
- 13 Fiscal responsibility of one coming out to a T. (4)
- 15 Footwear, and one who runs away from prohibition... (10)
- 18 Memo: anteater can't measure wind with a 't'... (10)
- 19 "Nakedly ursine". (4)
- 22 Dad and two singles stank in the sub-continent. (9)
- 24 Apportion the way illiterates spell much. (5)
- 26 When I talked through my hat I wasn't varied at random. (5)
- 27 Will take RN oil. (3,6)
- 28 Bad behaviour of senior lecturer? (14)

## Down:

- 1 Let news boss be permitted. (7)
- 2 Herb in space continuum? (5)
- 3 Second-lowest level in ship in abeyance? (2,4)
- 4 What you get when you stop sending smoke signals and just wave the blanket? (9)
- 5 Cancel once you drop a second yearly. (5)
- 6 Says one is squeaky-clean, but behaviour tells a different story... (8)
- 7 Giant also remembered sentimentally. (9)
- 8 Skid-marks before kangaroo, not before politician. Here's another non-skid road kill... (6)
- 14 Crack neck-and-neck for a neutral outcome. (5,4)
- 16 see 9ac.
- 17 Contemplate son head-over-heels in the scrumpy. (8)
- 18 Currently says he's the dad. (6)
- 20 What the prison octet might do? (7)
- 21 Condiment was a bit of a shock! (6)
- 23 Backing off in that manner won't fool a lot of us. (5)
- 25 Say something similar to moss? (5)



# Twilight on the Green

A Harcourt  
Happening

Friday 13th November  
5.30pm–8.30pm

Featuring live music, kids entertainment,  
local DJ, free jumping castle.

Gourmet BBQ and local wine, beer and  
cider available for purchase.

Join us on the lawns of James Park, next to the ANA Hall,  
for a night of community celebration.

Catch the Castlemaine Cycling Club's Tour De Bress Criterium races  
whilst relaxing with family and friends. Bring a picnic rug  
or chair and enjoy a Harcourt Happening.

Presented by the Harcourt Progress Association Inc.

Painting - Measuring The Beauty Of Light (detail)  
by Richard Baxter

## **The Harcourt News/The Core is Published by the Harcourt Progress Association Inc.**

For inclusion in Harcourt News/The Core contact the Editor Robyn Miller 0467 670 271 or email [rmillerharcourt@bigpond.com](mailto:rmillerharcourt@bigpond.com). Contributions of news items, articles, photos and letters are welcome as are advertisements which help to cover production costs. For placement of advertising please contact Genevieve Ward via email at: [gen\\_ward2@hotmail.com](mailto:gen_ward2@hotmail.com) or phone 0409 070 930.

Circulation is currently 450 and copies can be obtained at the Harcourt General Store, The Harcourt Post Office, Tread Harcourt, the Harcourt Service Station, Harcourt Valley Primary School, ASQ Skydancers, The Little Red Apple and in Castlemaine: Run Rabbit Run, Castlemaine Library, Castlemaine Hospital, Castlemaine Community Information Centre and Castlemaine Visitors' Centre.

A full colour version of *Harcourt News: The Core* is available on the Harcourt Community website: <http://harcourt.vic.au/news>

**Harcourt News/The Core is printed with the assistance of the Harcourt Primary School and Mount Alexander Shire.**

***The views or remarks expressed in this publication are not necessarily the views of the Editor, nor of the Steering Committee of the Harcourt Progress Association. No endorsement of service is implied by the listing of advertisers, sponsors or contributors.***

