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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.



Drew's loss has been keenly felt in the Harcourt Community. In response to community sentiment, the Harcourt Fruit Growers Association is organising a Wake in honour of Drew; the details are on Page 13. See inside for a repeat of the Harcourtian, published in 2015, featuring Drew and family.








**Harcourt Progress Association &
the Harcourt Heritage & Tourism Centre invite you to**

HARCOURT
2018
APPLEFEST
LAUNCH

Wednesday 16th August, 7pm – 8.30pm
ANA Hall, High Street, Harcourt

-  Join us to celebrate the launch of the 2018 Harcourt Applefest with special guests and a surprise performance.
-  Hear about exciting plans for next year's community celebration.
-  Share your ideas and inspirations to make this a sensational event.
-  Find out how you can get involved and help make this Applefest the best celebration ever.

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Celebrate the launch of the 2018 Applefest

Join us on Wednesday 16th August for the launch of the 2018 Harcourt Applefest. Hear from special guests, enjoy live music and help shape the exciting future of next year's community celebration.

We are keen to hear your ideas and inspirations. Come along and help shape next year's event and find out how to get involved to make this sensational event!

Wednesday 16th August from 7 pm to 8.30 pm at the ANA Hall, High Street, Harcourt. Supper provided.

The evening is hosted by the Harcourt Progress Association and the Harcourt Heritage & Tourism Centre.

Movement at the Roundabout

Harcourt residents and members of the HPA have spent years lobbying Council and VicRoads about the state of the roundabout and Harcourt freeway exits. Maintenance is sporadic, overgrown grass is a danger to motorists' visibility and the weeds and rubbish are an eye sore, presenting an unattractive entrance to our town and our Shire. The illegal carpark at the side of the roundabout is regularly used as a rubbish dump and the dangerous manner in which car, trucks and buses enter this area poses a very high risk to other road users.

GOOD NEWS.....VicRoads has offered HPA funding to upgrade and re-landscape the roundabout and surrounding freeway exits. We will be consulting with the community and road users to obtain their thoughts, ideas and suggestions as to how we improve this area with an eye to minimising on-going maintenance whilst beautifying the entrance. We are on a very tight time frame with VicRoads which is keen to see design works completed by the end of the year in order to undertake works and any plantings next April-May.

Stay tuned for community consultation over coming months and please share your ideas for improving the town entrances.

To get involved and to find out more, please contact Paula on: paula@treadharcourt.com.au

Playground Update

So close...and yet, still so frustratingly far away!

The HPA recently made the decision to allocate \$18,000 in funding towards the design of a proposed community playground for Harcourt. We met with Council and we briefed local landscape designers who specialise in community lead play spaces. Everyone was very excited and keen to see the project progress.

But we hit a roadblock. The Federal body who provided the funding has insisted it be spent on infrastructure, and not on design and planning. Back to the drawing board...

Fortunately, Council and the designers are both so enthusiastic and supportive of helping to progress Harcourt's long held dream for an improved community playground that we are continuing to discuss and push for advancement with this joint approach.

The HPA is keen to ensure that the necessary design and scoping works happen sooner, rather than later, because once we have a site and concept plan, we are in a better position to shop around for funding. Our funding opportunities will only be enhanced by the establishment of the Mountain Bike Park and the increased visitors to our region that this facility will attract.

The delays are frustrating, but we are not giving up any time soon. Watch this space...

Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns

HPA Secretary



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Harcourt Valley Primary School's biannual concert is on again this term. The students are working hard learning their songs and dance routines to make sure it is an enjoyable night for all. This year's theme is "OUT OF THIS WORLD" which is supporting the topics that are being studied in the grades. There is something for everyone including One Republic's "Counting Stars", Duran Duran's "Planet Earth" and even a little Frank Sinatra's "Fly Me to the Moon". The date for the concert will be announced soon.

The night will be one that will create lasting memories with a live band to support the kids, sound and lights and hopefully some great costumes.

CAN YOU HELP? We need some wonderful community members to help put together some simple costumes such as elastic waisted trousers and netball bib style tunics.

If you have some spare time and some level of skill sewing, cutting or measuring, PLEASE contact the school to help us make the experience as amazing as we can for the children of our community.


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New Term, New Principal at Harcourt Valley Primary



Andrew Blake, the new Primary School Principal is flanked by the School Vice Captains to the left and School Captains to the right.



Andrew Blake, new Principal at Harcourt Valley spent much of his youth in Castlemaine and moved away to pursue his career but has now returned to head our local primary school. He is passionate about high quality learning for all students, irrespective of learning styles. He believes the school should be the place where students can achieve their very best, with an emphasis on developing students as leaders and confident learners.

“Our school places importance on inclusion and respect between students and we encourage them to see themselves as important within the school community. The school also wants to interact with the wider community as we did today on the Landcare planting excursion. Not only can the students learn practical skills, they can apply all their subjects to the excursion activities when they return to class. And importantly

they learn they are part of the wider community. To increase students’ understanding of the entire community, I believe the school should also have a focus on local indigenous cultural awareness within the curriculum. Strong and inclusive partnerships with home and community are vital to the school in order to improve the learning of all students.” he concluded.

Andrew’s special interests are in science, maths and technology and he would like to see all students enjoy these subjects. He believes that mastery of these subjects is important for students’ future success in secondary school and life. “I am delighted to be leading Harcourt Valley Primary School. We are fortunate to have excellent facilities and highly professional staff at Harcourt Valley; we are well set up for students to achieve their full potential now and in the future.”

LIMERICK by The Bard of North Harcourt

*For breakfast it's prunes with no pips.
For lunch it is fish and some chips.
To try and stay thinner
For tea and for dinner
No food then must pass by my lips.*



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Harcourt Mountain Bike Park

July 2017 Project Update



The Victorian Government is building a world class mountain bike park in Harcourt. Built on a former pine plantation and alongside Mount Alexander Regional Park, the bike park will boost tourism and the health and wellbeing of locals and visitors.

Planning Permit Approved

Great news! Mount Alexander Shire Council granted a planning permit for the project at its meeting on Tuesday 18 July.

Councillors commented on the positive benefits the mountain bike park will bring to the Harcourt community, particularly in terms of attracting more visitors to the town.

Dirt Art, the contractors building the park, are on-site from Monday 24 July. In the first week or so they will undertake inductions, pre-start meetings and start moving equipment onto the site.

The Cultural Heritage Plan has started being implemented on-site. Dirt Art staff received a cultural heritage briefing from Dja Dja Wurrung on Monday 24 July at The Oaks.

Right: Members of Dirt Art receive a cultural heritage briefing at The Oaks.



Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning



Above: The Oaks will remain open throughout construction.

Access During Construction

Members of the community will still be able to access The Oaks Picnic area and Mount Alexander Regional Park while the mountain bike trails are under construction. There will be no vehicle access to the mountain bike park area during construction.



Community Reference Group

The Community Reference Group met with Project Manager Russell Manning on Tuesday 25 July. Before it got too dark and cold, the Group did a site visit to the works underway along Picnic Gully Road. They also checked out the area at the top of Picnic Gully Road, which will be the starting point for all the trails. There was much discussion about the project including:

- The off-road pathway along Picnic Gully Road
- The trail-head in Harcourt township
- Park and trail naming



Above: The Community Reference Group inspecting the site of the start of the trails with project manager Russell.

Work on Picnic Gully Roadside

Environmental improvement work is currently underway alongside Picnic Gully Road. Weeds are being removed and more than 2,000 trees will be planted. The project is a partnership between DELWP, Harcourt Valley Landcare Group and Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA).

Not only will the removal of invasive species and the planting of natives improve the environment but these works will also improve local amenity.

Thank you to Annette and Bruce Rae as well as the volunteers from Landcare and CVA for your work on this project.



Emergency Access Upgrades

Over the past few weeks, Forest Fire Management Victoria crews have been removing overgrown vegetation from the emergency access tracks that run through the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park area.

There'll be more work on these emergency access tracks in September.



Above: Removing overgrown vegetation from emergency access tracks

Keeping in Touch

It's important to us that we are talking with you and keeping you up-to-date with information about the Harcourt Mountain bike Project. There are several ways we can keep in touch.

- Get on our mailing list and receive regular updates. Email harcourtmbp@delwp.vic.gov.au
- Call us on 136 186
- Like us on Facebook @DELWPLoddonMallee
- Like us on Twitter @DELWP_Vic
- Like us on Instagram [delwp_vic](https://www.instagram.com/delwp_vic)

Left: DELWP and contractors are removing large woody weeds alongside Picnic Gully Road.

Reparation for Past Wrongs

Opportunities arising from the Mountain Bike Park

The members of the Mountain Bike Park Reference Group have had the privilege of working through the practical implications of the 2013 Recognition and Settlement Agreement between the Dja Dja Wurrung people and the State of Victoria. Several aspects of this Agreement have come into play.

The State has undertaken to purchase environmental services from Dja Dja Wurrung Enterprises. This group has been spraying noxious weeds, clearing blackberry and gorse infestations from Mount Alexander. They have been working in the Mountain Bike Park site. You may see for yourself that the work parties have been very effective.

The Dja Dja Wurrung has a voice when the State considers proposed activities on so-called "Crown Land". Thus, in the course of the Mountain Bike consultations there have been in-depth discussions with the Dja Dja Wurrung, who have given many admirable and creative suggestions for signage and for naming of the park and of individual trails.

When the park is opened the Dja Dja Wurrung will nominate a representative to the committee of management. After the initial five years it is intended that the Dja Dja Wurrung will jointly manage the entirety of Mount Alexander alongside DELWP in perpetuity.

There is plenty of evidence of the indigenous occupation of Lanjanuc (Mount Alexander.) There are clearings of up to four hectares in which no gum trees grow because the seed bank has been exhausted by, say, 800 generations of the first peoples' small-

scale burns, every two or three years, to promote green grass to attract kangaroos which were then speared for food. There are scarred trees from which bark was removed for shelter or for the creation of utensils. On the neighbouring hills there are stone arrangements – the largest yet found in Victoria – which were once ceremonial or initiation grounds.

It is appropriate to remember these words from the 2013 Recognition and Settlement Agreement:

"The Victorian State Government acknowledges that over time the policies and practices of successive governments and their agencies substantially obstructed the ability of Dja Dja Wurrung to practice their traditional law and customs and to access their country and its resources. The dispossession of the Dja Dja Wurrung from their country prevented Dja Dja Wurrung from maintaining well-being and from generating and passing down wealth from that country."

It is fitting that Mount Alexander is the venue and focus of some of the reparation for past wrongs. Mount Alexander is a great landmark, a great place for recreation. Now it may symbolize the great advances in understanding between the first and second people who inhabit this land.

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Harcourt Lions Wood Sale!

The Harcourt Lions Club still has a few metres of cut and split red gum and yellow box for sale. The price is \$120 per metre, delivered. Delivery options 1 or 2 available (see pics) hee hee! We appreciate your support for the Club and if you are interested in purchasing the final few metres of firewood we have for this season, then please call:

Gary Selwood on: 0400 156 660.

The Lions Club continues to seek new members to help with funding raising activities to support the Harcourt Community. The Club meets once a month on a Friday evening and is very family orientated. It currently has 16 members with six or more children/grandchildren regularly attending. So if you are interested in learning more about the Club, please contact the Club Secretary, Sue Nash on 0418 372 336 and make arrangements with Sue to come along one Friday.

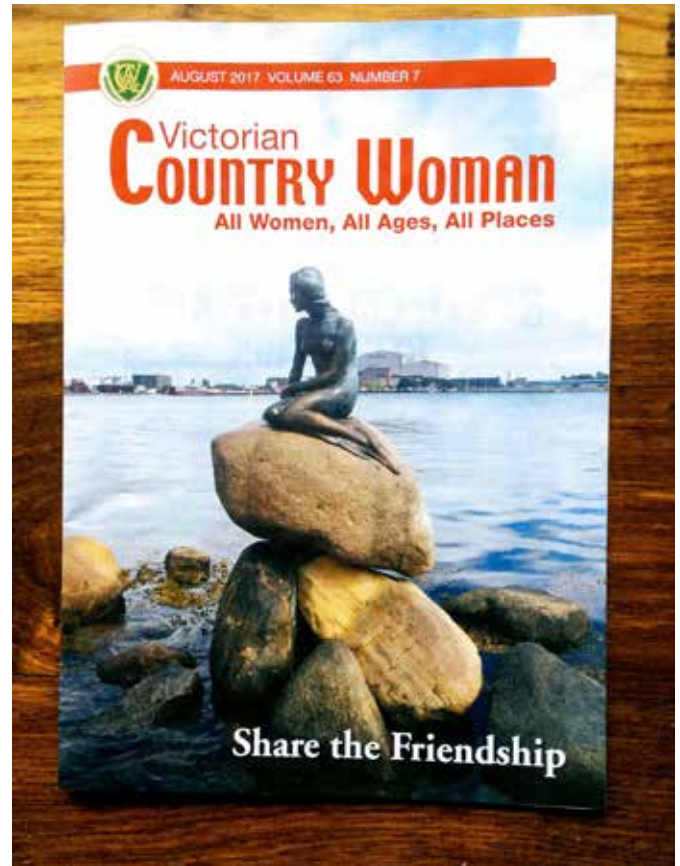
Finally, The Harcourt Lions Club in conjunction with Castlemaine Rotary Club has two 6m x 9m white Marquees for hire at a cost of \$350 each. Bookings are essential for Spring & Summer events, so call the Lions Club secretary, Sue Nash on 0418 372 336.

Grant Victor-Gordon

How would you like your wood delivered?



Harcourt CWA Denmark Country of Study



I thought I would show you the front page of our monthly magazine showing The Little Mermaid sitting on her rock and gazing longingly out to sea.

The Little Mermaid symbolises the fairy tale by Danish author and poet Hans Christian Andersen, the story of a young mermaid who fell in love with a prince who lived on land, and often came up to the edge of the water to look for her love.

The Little Mermaid statue was a present from brewer Carl Jacobsen (The Carlsberg Breweries) to the city of Copenhagen, made by a then little known sculptor called Edvard Erichsen. The Little Mermaid was unveiled at Langelinje in 1913, as part of a general trend in Copenhagen in those days, selecting classical and historical figures to be used as decorations in the city's parks and public areas.

In 1909, brewer Carl Jacobsen saw solo dancer Ellen Price dance in Fini Henriques' ballet "The Little Mermaid" at the Royal Theatre. He was so taken with her that he asked her if she would pose for a statue. She agreed in principle, but was not very interested in posing without any clothes on, when she found out just how public the statue would be. Instead sculptor Edvard Erichsen's wife stepped in and modeled for the body. On September 14, 1912, the Little Mermaid statue was first placed at a test location, and on August 23, 1913, at its current and permanent site. Throughout the year, 75% of all tourists visiting Copenhagen go to see The Little Mermaid.

Lyn Rule

Bernie Retires from Harcourt Post Office



Co-workers and friends gathered at the end of July to wish Bernie Schultz a happy retirement. Jacq Cue organised the send-off. She said, "Bernie was a stalwart in the Post Office. He was so reliable and I wanted to thank him for his excellent customer service." A sum of money was also raised for his favourite charity, "Love Your Sister" and this was sent off on the day. The new Post Office Manager, Kate Sexton also attended.

The Core was there and conducted the following interview:

- I understand that you worked in schools for 15 years and then 12 years in Adult/Ed TAFE – was all that experience in Tasmania or did you move around?

I started teaching in the early 70s and did stints in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sale, Bendigo (at Marist Brothers College now known as Catholic College, Bendigo), teaching Maths, Physics and Biology at Year 11 and 12 level. Then the highlight was a four year spell in Papua New Guinea from 1981-1984. It was at a fairly new school just south of Wewak called Passam National High School. It catered for only years 11 and 12, but the students were quite mature. It was a real community with students from all over the country and staff from all over the world living on site.

In the nineties I moved to Tassie and started as a volunteer worker in Adult Education, helping adults with Maths. This turned into working for Adult Education in a section called ALBE which published small readers for adults with literacy difficulties. This turned into working for TAFE Tasmania in their Learning Media Services section developing educational resources for the 'new' online environment.

That all took about 12 years and I moved back to Victoria to be closer to Dad as he got older, and nearer to my two brothers and three sisters who all have families in Vic. I searched around for work and found a job at Legion Office Works in Castlemaine. After three years of that I was

searching around again and, at the age I was, I would take what I could get, and fortunately I found the Harcourt Post Office.

- What are your best and worst memories of teaching?

My first year of teaching was in Adelaide at a small school in the inner suburban of Thebarton. I had Year 11 Maths - all three of them - General Maths, Maths 1 and Maths 2 (from memory) - at the same time. The best memories of teaching are those when you see a struggling student 'get it'. Sometimes it's a slow process but sometimes a student just suddenly understands. Obviously the worst memories involve the recalcitrant student. Fortunately there weren't many of them. But, two in a class can cause so much distraction and time wasting that it impacts on every other student. That's why I eventually gave up teaching young people and inflicted myself on adults. Grown ups are there because they want to be.

- What attracted you to work in a small Post Office?

See above. I wasn't so much attracted as I saw an ad in the paper and knew I could do the work.

- What did you enjoy best about working at the Harcourt Post Office? Least?

The least enjoyable part about working is the work. I believe I'm allergic to it.

The best thing about the Harcourt Post Office is the people. Some would come in, pay a bill, send a parcel, whatever and go. Then there were others who would start chatting and I looked forward to them coming in. No names, you know who you are.

- What plans do you have for retirement?

I want to try my hand at more book layout, editing and proofreading. So far I've done three books for Ian Braybrook and Marilyn Bennet. So, if anyone wants their book made into a professional layout for either print or as an eBook, don't hesitate to get in touch - novels, short stories, poems, family histories, non-fiction. I can even do indexing. I'm thinking of marketing myself as the second best editor in town ... 'cos you can't afford the best. That means I'll be cheap - but professional.

- Do you have any advice for Kate? (Bernie's replacement)

Don't get flustered. That's the big advantage of a quiet office - you have time to do everything.



CFA - *Take care when charging electronic devices*

While the Brigade continues to remain quiet in regard to call outs, recent articles in the media highlight various events which cause fire and that could easily happen to anyone. Managing the risks associated with modern appliances is an important step in ensuring that one of these does not start a fire at your place.

The first was in Melbourne's inner east where a laptop left on a charger had exploded and caused spot-fires in a home in Canterbury. The female resident was hurt from the incident. The cause was a result of the laptop being left on continuous charge, causing it to overheat. The other factor was that the original battery had been replaced with an after-market battery that was bought online and was not to the standard of quality as the original battery.

The second incident resulted in scorched bed sheets when a teenager had her mobile phone on charge in her bed with her and fell asleep. This also overheated but fortunately did not get to the flames stage.

The important lessons from these two incidents is to ensure that electronic devices that have a battery are unplugged from chargers once they have been fully charged and to ensure if buying replacement batteries that they meet Australian standards and are a reputable brand. All other electrical appliances should be turned off at the power point when finished with and not left plugged in for long periods of time. Ensuring there is good airflow around them and they are not in confined spaces or covered also assists. This also reiterates how im-

portant it is to have working smoke alarms. The MFB and CFA recommend using photoelectric smoke alarms with a 10 year lithium battery in a tamper proof chamber. And remember that smoke alarms have an expiry date after 10 years and need to be replaced.

The brigade was called out to support the Walmer brigade to an early morning house fire in late July. The house was vacant and was well alight before being reported which resulted in it being fully engulfed when the first brigades arrived on the scene. While smoke alarms would not have helped in this situation as the neighbours were not close by, it does highlight the importance of early detection and reporting of fires. Do you know what to do in case of fire? When was the last time you checked your fire plan? Do you have someone who can check on your place while you are away on holiday?

The brigade has procured a defibrillator after a successful grant application to the Mount Alexander Shire and has received the important training associated with its use. It is currently carried in Harcourt Tanker One and is primarily there in case it is needed on the fireground. This is the third defibrillator in the town; the other two being at the Harcourt Bowling Club and the Harcourt Leisure Centre.

So as we enter into the last month of Winter, keep an eye on your flues and chimneys if you have solid fuel heating and remember that summer is getting closer so start to prepare a list of jobs you need to do to clean up your property in spring before the heat arrives.

Stay safe and stay warm. Watch out for each other on our roads.

Tyrone Rice

Brigade Community Safety Coordinator

Welcome to Kate Our new Post Office Manager

Kate Sexton is no stranger to Post Offices. Her father owns and works in the Huntly Post Office and Kate has recently worked at the Bendigo North Post Office. Welcome Kate!



In 2015 The Core published this story on Drew Henry and his family, and their business.

Harcourtians – Drew Henry



Spend a few hours with Drew Henry and you know that he is passionate about the fruit he grows, its history and its origins. He'll tell you it is a member of the rose family first grown in Central Asia - a rose bush with flowers resembling apple blossom grows outside Henry's tasting area; and he'll tell you why some apples are suitable for cider making and some are not. It is a passion based on extensive research, world travel and lots of tastings. It is hard to know what

five generations of Henry Irish boot makers would have made of Drew Henry's decision to become a cider maker.

Born in 1948, Drew grew up in Melbourne. 'My grandfather, Albert George Henry, had a business in Preston making high end fashion shoes. He had an amazing ability to design a shoe and then convert his 3-D concept into a flat pattern. The shoes were made from Australian leather sourced from the nearby Preston tanneries. Dad worked with him and Mum retailed some of the stock through her shoe outlets. However most of the factory output went to other retailers - Myers, Buckley and Nunn and just about every other shoe shop in Melbourne and country Victoria.'

Drew moved away from Henry male family tradition. He went to Melbourne University and graduated in 1969 as a geologist. It was a profession that would take him around the world before he settled at the foot of Mt Alexander.

'My first job was in Fiji, I then went to Marble Bar in WA. The main thrust of my work, as with most of my geology jobs, was to look at what lay in the ground and the feasibility of mining it.

'In 1973 I had my first trip to PNG working on Manus Is. Irene and I were married by then and went together. I met Irene after she called on Mum after work one night to get Mum's signa-

ture on a cheque that Mum had forgotten to sign in the store in which Irene worked.

'We stayed in PNG for 18 months leaving after I was a passenger in a chopper crash. It shook me up a bit and we decided to return to Australia.

'I got a job teaching in Toowoomba at the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education, now the University of Southern Queensland. We enjoyed our time there and the boys, Russell an engineer in Darwin and Michael, who now works with us at Henry, were born. But after six years in academia I decided I would rather be outside doing rather than inside teaching.

'In 1979, Irene and I moved back to PNG with the boys. I worked on two big projects exploring the feasibility of mining at Freda River and later at Porgera. We lived in Madang. Irene ran a trade store there and the boys went to the International Primary School.

'We returned to Melbourne for the boys' secondary schooling and from 1988 to 1994 I worked for another mining company. The job took me around the world - Eastern Russia, the Americas, Africa and Asia. Irene at this stage was working as a consultant for Triumph, but we weren't really enjoying Melbourne.

'I set up Henry Consulting Pty Ltd and decided to go solo. It was on one of my consulting jobs for Wattle Gully Gold Mine in Chewton that I decided to look for a small property in the area. Bill Cassidy told me about a place in Harcourt below Mt Alexander. It was a 100 acres and bigger than Irene and I had talked about. It had 5 acres of orchard - pears and red and golden delicious apples - but the rest was unoccupied. When I described it to Irene she thought I was mad. She changed her mind though when she saw it and the gentle rise of the property up the hill. I thought the place was fairly drought proof - hadn't counted on a 9 year drought - so we bought it in 1994.

'We started on a completely new journey. For a while we lived in both Melbourne and Harcourt. I continued to do some consulting. Irene left her job in Melbourne



Drew and Irene relaxing with family and enjoying some of the produce.



Harcourt Fruit Growers Association

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and focussed on the property. When our last son finished his education we moved here permanently.

'Our challenge was what to do with the remaining acres. We did lots of research, thought about wine but came back to apples. We planted fuji and pink ladies and expanded the orchard to 15 acres. And we made lots of mistakes! The McLeans gave us lots of help and became firm friends.

'We entered the apple business at an interesting time. It was obvious that growing eating apples was not going to give us returns on our costs. The wisdom was, get big or get out. I saw people get out and I saw people get big and then get out.' Drew reflects that when they arrived in Harcourt there were 36 growers in the Fruit Growers Association and now there are 11.

'We decided we would get different. From my travels in France and England I knew a little about cider, mainly from the drinking aspect.' Drew smiles. 'We borrowed some equipment from Neil Norris and in 1997 juiced up red delicious to make cider. It was horrible. Then we tried pink ladies and the cider wasn't too bad.

'We started researching cider in earnest. We went to the UK to talk to cider makers and bought cider apple stock from an apple enthusiast, Clive Windmill, in Chewton whose 300 apple varieties included what we were after.

'We grew, pressed, fermented, bottled and evaluated, but mostly with an appreciative family audience. We put development on hold until the freeway proposals were resolved. One option would have had the road come along Reservoir Road.' Drew reflects that the whole Freeway exercise was very divisive for the area. 'It was handled poorly by the authorities and took little account of social impact and upheaval.

'In 2001 we started building our cider shed. Russell came down from Darwin to help. We opened *Henry of Harcourt* at Easter in 2003. It has grown and is now a full-time job for almost all of us. It is a challenge and annoying having to share our precious crop with bats and kangaroos but I wouldn't trade life in this soft, gentle landscape with a comfortable community and good friends. This is a great horticultural area. It has so much potential. Hopefully people will take up the opportunities it offers and the council will have the vision to support them.

'When visitors to *Henry* ask me if we make French or English style cider, I reply that we make Australian cider for adult palates from varieties of apples sourced to suit our soils and conditions.'

*Jenny McKenry,
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Get involved in the Regional Centre for Culture



Local artists and creatives are invited to come along to an information session and learn how they can benefit from Mount Alexander Shire's participation in the Regional Centre for Culture.

Mount Alexander Shire is one of four local government areas on Dja Dja Wurrung country to host the Regional Centre of Culture (RCC) in 2018 – a year-long celebration of culture in its broadest sense: people, produce and place.

The inaugural festival will shine a spotlight on local creativity, culture and events. The program will also include specially commissioned artworks, activities and community-based projects by local artists, as well as leading Victorian creative practitioners.

The sessions are a chance to chat and find out more about how you may like to be involved. Sessions include:

- Briefing from a representative of the Dja Dja Wurrung people - traditional owners of the land where the RCC will take place
- Introductions and briefings with RCC producer
- Briefing by Creative Victoria on funding programs available for RCC 2018
- Time for chatting about ideas.

"This is a fantastic chance to meet the Producers, Jo Porter and Elizabeth Walsh, and learn more about the vision, grant funding options and next steps for the RCC," said Kara Finlay, Cultural Development Officer, Mount Alexander Shire Council.

"I urge everyone from our creative and cultural community to attend," said Ms Finlay.

Event details

What: Information and Discussion Session – Regional Centre for Culture

When: 10.30 am – 12.00 noon, Tuesday 8 August

Where: Maldon Band Hall, Maldon Community Centre, 6 Francis Street

Venues are wheelchair accessible.

The Regional Centre for Culture 2018 is an initiative of the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria in partnership with the Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Clans Corporation, Mount Alexander Shire Council, Central Goldfields Shire, City of Greater Bendigo and Hepburn Shire. Find out more at www.creative.vic.gov.au/about/key-initiatives.

Councillor Comment



Hi all,

Thanks again to the team at the Core. What a great job they are doing.

Watch this space! Council comes to Harcourt on Tues-

day 8th August for a catch up with the community. The venue is the ANA Hall from 5 to 6 pm.

It seems that there are a lot of issues in the broader community at present. Of particular note:

The RSPCA decision to close the animal shelter in Castlemaine.

The Castlemaine Art Museum set to close.

As you would expect Council is very concerned about both these issues and is working to provide support as appropriate. Hopefully there will be a

solution to keep these important organisations running.

On the positive side work is set to commence on the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park at 10 am on Thursday 3rd August. That's great news for all those bike nuts!

I was very sorry to hear of the death of Drew Henry. Drew was well known to most of you and well known for his passion for cider production. I know his family will be feeling his loss and it is a blow to lose a valued community member.

On that note I will close. Best regards to all.

AG (Tony) Cordy

0439 742434

Councillor and Community Forum. Have your say!



As part of Council's ongoing commitment to community engagement, we invite you to a one-hour community forum in Harcourt.

This is your opportunity to raise questions and provide feedback on any of Council's activities across the shire.

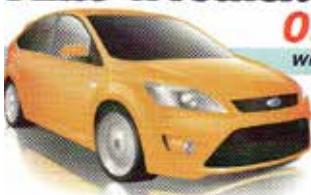
Date: Tuesday, 8 August 2017
Time: 5.00pm to 6.00pm
Venue: ANA Hall, Harcourt
RSVP: By phone on 5471 1705 or email
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Three more community forums have been scheduled for other locations throughout 2017.

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Landcare/School Planting Day *Full on fun*

Landcare and the Primary School are continuing activities at the Wetland Project located near the freeway roundabout.

On July 25, the whole school walked down to the wetland, accompanied, by staff, parents and Landcare volunteers.

There was a large number of local species to be planted including many wetland grasses. Nicole Howie, the project educator explained to the planting process to the children.

Then it was on for young and old. Each adult had six children to supervise.

Now the paddock and the sides of the creek are dotted with tiny plants.

And believe it or not, nobody fell in the creek!



New Plantings in Picnic Gully Road



Conservation Volunteers were busy planting on the north side of Picnic Gully Road in the first week of August. Nearly 2,000 trees were planted. The project is a result of a partnership between Harcourt Valley Landcare, DWELP and Conservation Australia.

As part of the preparation for the Mountain Bike Park at the foot of Mount Alexander, the need for more screening and bio-diversity in the local landscape was recognised. Local landowner Annette Rae has been an organising force behind the planting.



Uniting Church - Active as always

Harcourt congregation continues to worship and witness in our community despite the very heavy frosts we are experiencing at 9 am each Sunday morning! We certainly appreciate having heating in our Church and Hall.

An interesting fact was brought to my attention recently – the Bible readings we hear each week at Harcourt Uniting Church are from a Lectionary (a set list of readings) which is followed by the Uniting Church, the Catholic Church and the Anglican Church. So despite some differences we all read from the same passages in the same book – the Bible.

Members attended the Parish Service in Castlemaine to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Uniting Church.

The UCAF enjoyed a lunch at President's Brenda's home where we were treated to a wonderful talk by Rev Jim Foley on his time as a journalist.

We were saddened to hear that Olive Milford had passed away at the grand age of 101 years and 9 months. Olive was an early resident of Harcourt. What a wonderful lady who had such a long and interesting life – her positive attitude

made it such a pleasure for our UCAF members to visit each month.

We celebrated Dave Chaplin's 90th birthday last week with a large gathering of friends and relations at the Harcourt Leisure Centre. Dave is a true icon of Harcourt both within our Church and in the Harcourt / Harcourt North community.

Thank you to Solway Nutting and Jim and Gwynn Henderson for providing music for our worship at Harcourt while Jan enjoyed 9 weeks caravanning up through the Centre and down the West coast of Australia. What a great country we live in.

We appreciate all the work being done by George Milford in preparation for the sale of land behind our Church.


Thanks also to all who lead worship at Harcourt and to our members who so willingly participate in many ways.

We always welcome anyone who would like to join us at 9 am each Sunday in our granite Church in Buckley Street Harcourt.

Jan Jenkin

90 years young! Dave Chaplin with his wife Alma, clearly enjoyed his birthday celebration.





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try our new
winter menu!**

ASQ *Plant of the Month* **Edible Flowers**

We often think of flowers as beautiful things to rest our eyes on in the garden, but flowers have been used for pollination, medicines and to repel and attract insects for hundreds of years. Now, we are seeing many well-known restaurants serve dishes adorned with flowers which not only look good, but also taste delicious! If you're looking to add flowers to your cooking, make sure you visit ASQ Skydancers in Harcourt to see their range of edible flowers!



Borage is decorative and edible

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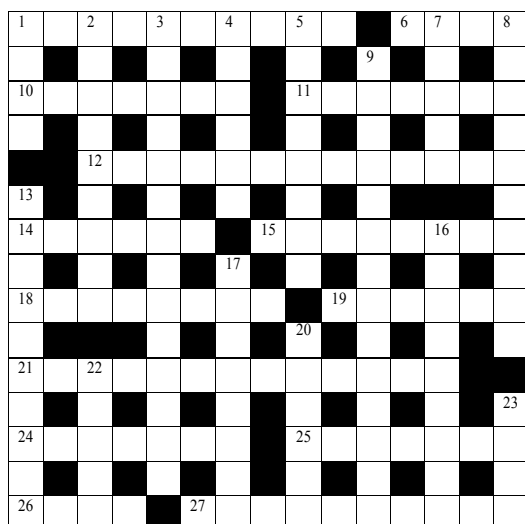
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- Lawn mowing
- Garden maintenance
- Pruning
- Weed control
- Rubbish removal
- Clean-ups
- Gutter cleaning
- General handyman

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Down:

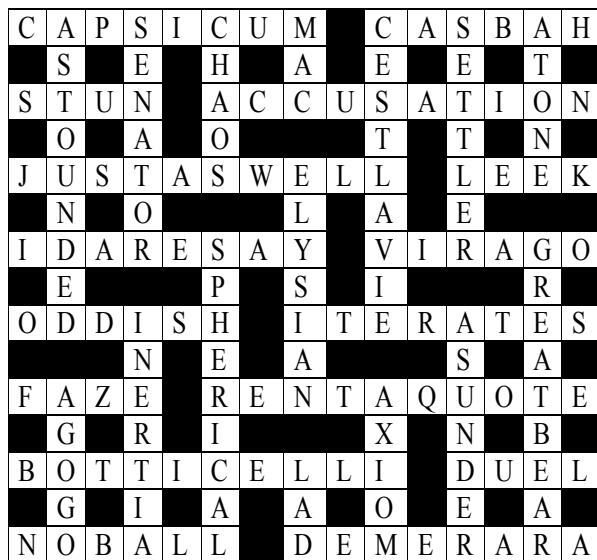
1. Mischievous rubber disc. (4)
2. By which means four tells it? (9)
3. After Adams, Flanagan, Crabb and Sheridan, a journo who works for the opposition... (5,9)
4. What two can do to refer to tardiness? (6)
5. Trainees remain scattered in the empty storey of their college. (8)
7. Sphere of action can be a near thing. (5)
8. Allow dark force into close one to put the frighteners on... (10)
9. No discord for this north-eastern Yank... (3,11)
13. Spell out kiwi land in salty water for amphetamine. (10)
16. County to split ground on North Sea coast, we hear. (9)
17. (see 20dn) (8)
- 20 and 17dn. Off smoked beef has IRA stamp, acrid 'n all over the place... (6,8)
- 22 and 23dn. I'm a grouch to disrupt 60 minutes with wizard. (5,4)
23. (see 22dn)

Across:

1. Do conifers long for an end to daylight saving? (4,6)
6. Thank the side for a ride... (4)
10. 3dn needs to adopt this sort of modus operandi to avoid being sprung. (7)
11. Lifesaver knockers? (3,4)
12. Hi! Tam O'Shanter here—I'm a mess, but I'll give you a real stimulus! (1,4,2,3,3)
14. 15 year-old US telegraph operator on side, later famous (6)
15. Needs to dig cream to ameliorate how she pulled that face. (8)
18. Possible Babel sounds a fag? (8)
19. A whiff of a climb? (6)
21. Gusher likely to make a strident move. (13)
24. Things taken for fun, say? (7)
25. Coming from here, could ride a 1cc Hog, or drive a Yank tank... (7)
26. Sort of ache for every single one... (4)
27. PA who anticipates the boss' every whim? (4-6)

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SOLUTION
[Diploma level]



Down:

2. The Anti-Bellum Dust Fairy came out of the desert and stopped all arms sales, so how we felt was due to sand! (9)
3. Pale brown [tan] flower [rose] assembles an MP. (7)
4. Hard to order theory. [Well?]
5. Small word often big over the counter. [Well?]
6. Tours fatalism? [Well? Or Parisian? Etc...]
7. Red dog accommodates starter [L] to annoy Arabs. (7) [Well?]
8. A sound to expiate. [Well?]
12. Descriptive of the champs in the avenue? [Well?]
15. Shape often opposite 29ac. [Well?]
17. Very large hooP rotates in the sky. (5,4)
19. The sort of selling that continues in a straight line until you do something... (7)
21. Apart, like [as...] that below. (8)
23. All fired up [agog] over nothing [0] at the '60s disco... (1-2-2)
25. Crucial principle for a law, in, say, 10ac. (5)
27. Boy from Mali is the end of His reversing Holiness=Dali Lama (=a Mali lad)

Across:

1. Small hat [cap] as written [sic] hesitation [um...] for miscreant spray. (8)
6. Money [cash] holds graduate [BA] in Arab quarter. (6)
9. Pacify crazy [nuts...] back. (4)
10. A hundred [C] years of physical and logical laws [causation] holding, albeit raggedly (pace Hume), puts together the basis for a lawsuit. (10)
11. Only a toff could be this fortuitous. (4,2,4 or 4,1,5?) [sorry-worse than Astle's clues!]
13. Alliaceous emblem makes [L] squeal. [Eek!]
14. Gamely, I voice what I imagine is the case... (1,4,3)
16. Hester [Prynne]'s letter [A] enters 6th house, rendering her fiercely abusive. (6)
18. **Over-Dimensional** TV reception equipment is rather strange. (6)
20. States, "again 're' is redundant"—according to OzOED [check entries for "iterate" and "reiterate" in OzOED—same def. given there...]
22. Sound of distinct period in development [phase] wouldn't do this to the laid-back... (4)
24. Hire me if you want—frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn. [Well?]
26. Fowler's Vacola sound of painter? [bottled cherry...]
28. They say it takes two to fight. (4)
29. Call for XI castrati? (2,4)
30. A sweet dreamer? (8)

Castlemaine Bus Lines

Harcourt Services Monday to Friday

From Harcourt to Castlemaine			
	Monday to Friday		
Morning (am) / Afternoon (pm)	am	pm	pm
Market St/Harmony Way (Harcourt)	8:55	12:10	2:25
Coolstore Rd/ Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:56	12:11	2:26
Blackjack Rd/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:57	12:12	2:27
Halford St/Barker St (Castlemaine)	9:03	12:18	2:33
Castlemaine RSL/Mostyn St (Castlemaine)	9:05	12:20	2:35
From Castlemaine to Harcourt			
	Monday to Friday		
Morning (am)/Afternoon (pm)	am	pm	pm
Castlemaine RSL/Mostyn St (Castlemaine)	8:45	12:00	2:15
Wimble St/Barker St (Castlemaine)	8:48	12:03	2:18
Blackjack Rd/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:53	12:08	2:23
Coolstore Rd/ Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:54	12:09	2:24
Market St/Harmony Way (Harcourt)	8:55	12:10	2:25



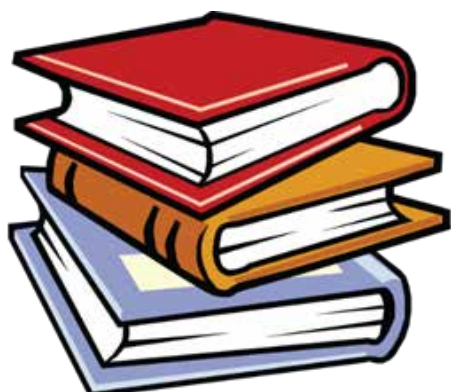
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Harcourt's Little Library

Harcourt now has its own
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or take a book to keep,
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Community Diary Dates

4th August: 1 pm Launch of "Sarah's Search - A Silk Odyssey" at the Heritage Centre, ANA Hall, Harcourt.

6th August: Vocal Nosh at Newstead Community Centre, 6-8.30 pm. Fay: 0447 576 642

8th August: 5 - 6 pm Council Forum, ANA Hall, High Street, Harcourt

10th August: 7.30 pm Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall

16th August: 7 - 8.30 pm, Launch of 2018 Applefest, ANA Hall.

20th August: 1.30 pm; Heritage Talk: Hotels of Harcourt, ANA Hall

27th August: 10 am 12 pm, Landcare Working Bee, Barkers Creek. Ph: 0467 670271

Heritage Centre: Open every Wednesday at the ANA Hall from 10 am to 4 pm or by appointment. Call : 0400 916 527

Pony Club: Second and fourth Sundays of the month from 9.30 am to 12 midday.

Uniting Church: Every Sunday at 9 am in the Uniting Church, Buckley Street Harcourt, followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Walking Group: Every Monday and Thursday at 9.30 am. Meet at the ANA Hall.

Cactus Warriors Field Day Maldon area, 27 August

On 27 August the Cactus Warriors will be coming together for another morning of therapeutic cactus-killing. It's fun and all are welcome.

We will start at 10.30 am with a talk and a demo. Hoes and/or injection equipment will be provided for the day as well as mentoring for newcomers. This will be especially useful for new property owners.

The morning's activities will end with a luscious free BBQ lunch, a friendly cuppa and a chance to socialise. Just wear a hat, good outdoor footwear and suitable clothing – long sleeves and pants are recommended. For this month's venue or for any other information, please visit our website www.cactuswarriors.org, or ring Ian Grenda on 0412 015 807.



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Survey - Harcourt's Proposed Community Hub

The Harcourt Progress Association is working with VicTrack (who manage state government rail properties) to restore the Harcourt Railway Station to use the facility as a Community Hub. We are keen to know what sorts of activities Harcourt residents and visitors would like to see occur in this community space. We would love your ideas, and – if you are able – your time and assistance in making this community dream a reality! Please note that using the train station as a community hub DOES NOT prevent the return of a Harcourt train service and we hope to assist in pursuing this aspiration as well.

1. What sorts of activities would you like to see conducted at a Harcourt Community Hub?

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2. Which of the following activities would you be interested in?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Shed and Repair Shed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training and workshops including skills development, hobbies, languages, qualification, information sessions etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Art classes and exhibitions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting rooms for visiting allied health practitioners such as natural health, counselling physiotherapists, etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing groups and choirs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga/Pilates/exercise groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike repairs, bike hire and bike service centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community library service/toy library | <input type="checkbox"/> Public computers, Wi-Fi, printing and copying services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Op Shop/trading groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Homework club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting rooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's and families services |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Club activities |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Toastmasters |

3. Do you have any skills you could contribute to assist the Harcourt Community Hub?

4. Would you consider volunteering at the Harcourt Community Hub?

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes occasionally at working bees | <input type="checkbox"/> no cost to help behind the scenes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I can assist once a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, for specific one off projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I can assist on a weekly basis for a few hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time, but please keep me informed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I can share my professional skills at | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I can assist every couple of weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to help |

5. Do you have any other suggestions comments or feedback that you can share with us about the proposed Harcourt Community Hub?.....

.....

6. Your contact information: Name:.....

Address (including Post Code).....

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Email address:.....

Phone number:.....

Return your Survey to: Goldfields Track Café, High Street, Harcourt 3453. This survey is also available on line via the HPA Facebook Page.

HARCOURT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Harcourt Progress Association is an incorporated association, governed by Rules which comply with the Victorian Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. It is a member based organisation which encourages active participation and contribution and conducts regular public meetings to further a variety of goals and projects. Members are able to join working groups and sub-committees and pursue specific areas of interest or initiate projects which align with the organisation's goals.

Harcourt Progress Association Inc. aims to:

- Support and encourage initiatives which benefit and strengthen the Harcourt community.
- Strengthen community connections by promoting local sporting, educational, recreational and cultural activities.
- Encourage, support and acknowledge the role and contribution of volunteers within Harcourt.

Membership of the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. is open to all residents and landowners within a 20kms radius of the Harcourt township - some exceptions apply - do enquire. There is no joining fee for the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. but an annual subscription of \$20 per person / \$10 concession is payable to become a financial member who is then able to formally vote and join the Steering Committee. Annual subscriptions fall due on 1st July each year. Any renewals or new memberships paid in 2017 will be valid until the end of June 2018.

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