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## Harcourt Winners



Maya Pearson receives the Battle of the Bands winner's cheque. Photo supplied by Katherine Seppings

Harcourt residents are making their mark in the Shire. Maya Pearson won the Battle of the Bands and Gary Grant of The Bike Vault won



Gary Grant at The Bike Vault with Business Award for Retail, Hospitality and Tourism and the Judges Award.

two awards in the Shire Business Awards. For their stories, turn to pages 12 and 13.

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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.

### Harcourt's Economic Future

Come along to hear a variety of speakers talking about future planning and opportunities for the Harcourt area. See page 3 for details.



### Castlemaine Cycling Club

#### The Ken Maddern Senior Memorial Handicap

Saturday 9 September

(see maps - page 23)

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## Harcourt Valley Landcare

### Coming Events for September

#### Annual General Meeting

Thursday September 14th

**Guest Speaker: Andrew Mierisch**

of Victorian Miniature Railways

6pm – Dinner, 6.30pm – Meeting

All Welcome

Please book for dinner

with Terry Willis on 0403 898 866

by 12th September.

#### Bird Walk with Tanya Loos of Connecting Country – 9.30 am Sunday 17th September

Please join Barkers Creek Landcare & Wildlife Group and Harcourt Valley Landcare for an enjoyable and insightful bird walk on Sunday 17th September at the Harcourt Bushland Reserve.

Meet at the corner of the Reserve at 9.30 am. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Ring 0467 670 271 for further information.

### Harcourt Valley Primary/Landcare Barkers Creek Wetland Project Planting and photo monitoring

On Sunday 27 August, Harcourt Valley Landcare members planted 200 sedges and water plants in the wetland. This completes this year's plantings just in time before the weather warms up.

Grades 3–6 went to Barkers Creek on Tuesday August 29th to continue to monitor and improve the site. The children completed photo monitoring and a habitat survey. The children had a great day learning about native plants and what a healthy river and habitat looks like.



## Weed Workshop Sutton Grange and Surrounds

**When:** Saturday 23rd September, 10am – 12.30pm

**Where:** Sutton Grange Hall

**What:** Learn how to identify and manage noxious weeds on your property, and meet your local Landcare groups.

Bring along photos of weeds or native plants for a botanist to identify.

Morning tea provided.

RSVP: [asha@connectingcountry.org.au](mailto:asha@connectingcountry.org.au)



*Grades 3–6 monitor habitat features at the wetland*



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## Harcourt Progress Association

### Applefest 2018 – Onwards and upwards

The 2018 Applefest was successfully launched on August 16. The Applefest Committee and members of Harcourt Progress Association invited those present to present new ideas and feedback for next year's festival.

Attendees appreciated guest speaker Rosemary Sorenson's insights into running the Bendigo Writers Festival. The main message was "Onwards and upwards – try new things, learn and change when things go wrong, and don't give up."

Local musicians Georgia Spain and Oscar Lush entertained the crowd; supper and drinks were provided and a large amount of butcher's paper was filled with great suggestions by the end of the night.

Preparations for the 2018 Applefest will begin later this year. As always, volunteers for the event are needed and will be called for. Can you help?

### Update and coming events

HPA continues to focus on the following – the refurbishment of the Harcourt Railway Station, the freeway roundabout and entrances to the town, the pedestrian crossing on Harmony Way and the playground in Stanley Park North.

**September 20th:** Economic Opportunities Forum

**October 18th:** Planning session for the pool season with Bendigo YMCA and general meeting

**November 15th:** Annual General Meeting

**December:** Christmas Celebration – date to be confirmed.

## Economic Opportunities Forum

September 20

7pm for 7.30, Harcourt Bowling Club

Harcourt has the opportunity for some exciting economic developments as a result of the construction of the Mountain Bike Park. The speakers for the Forum on September 20th have been chosen because of their experience and knowledge of the positive impacts brought about by similar projects.

The Forum will be opened by the Acting CEO of Mount Alexander Shire Council Jason Taylor, who will provide a welcome and introduction to the evening.

Speakers include:

- **Simon French** – Managing Director, DirtArt Pty Ltd (Harcourt MTB Park Construction Firm). DirtArt is providing trail design, trail construction, operational planning and consultancy for the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park
- **Richard Wadsworth** - Statewide Recreation and Tourism Coordinator, DELWP
- **Emma Ashton** – proprietor of Forrest Guesthouse and Bespoke Harvest restaurant in Forrest

These three speakers will outline the opportunities and types of visitor markets that mountain bike parks have generated across Australia. Emma will also speak from the direct perspective of an operator starting up businesses in both the accommodation and restaurant sectors.

In addition a representative of the Maldon & District Community Bank will outline the role they play to support local communities and local business.

So if you are in business or thinking of opening a business in Harcourt, or simply want to learn more about the expected economic benefits of the Mountain Bike Park, come along for a stimulating and informative evening.

The evening has been organised by Mount Alexander Shire with the assistance of Harcourt Progress Association.

Enquiries should be direct to: David Leatham, Manager Economy and Culture, Mount Alexander Shire Council. Telephone: 5471 1729.

### FREE Mountain Bike 'Come & Try' Day – Sunday 8 October

With construction of the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park underway, are you getting curious about mountain biking and wondering whether it might be something you and your family would enjoy? Then why not come along to a special 'Come & Try' day hosted by the Castlemaine Rocky Riders Mountain Bike Club, and supported by the Bike Vault and Tread Harcourt.

This session is designed for newcomers to the sport and will be conducted on easy, beginner-level trails in Castlemaine (while Harcourt's trails are under construction). So, no matter what your age or fitness level, if you can ride a bike then you have all the skills you need to come and try this fun and exciting off-road version of cycling.

Don't have a suitable bike? Don't let that stop you; the Bike Vault

is generously offering up their fleet of MTB bikes and helmets for use on the day. There are 12 Bike Vault bikes available so if you'd like to reserve one, make sure you register early to avoid disappointment.

This is a free activity, however, if you're interested in attending, please register by emailing [info@rockyriders.com](mailto:info@rockyriders.com). This will enable us to arrange enough leaders to ensure a good leader/rider ratio on the day. Directions will be issued to registered participants and insurance will be provided through Mountain Bike Australia, the sport's national governing body.

For further information, questions about the suitability of your bike, or for assistance getting your bike into town, please phone Paula Ewing on 0405 680 516.



## A Hotel on Every Corner?

In the pioneering era there seemed to be a hotel on every corner in Harcourt. Certainly there was the Harcourt Hotel (at the corner of High and Bridge Streets) Talbot Hotel (corner of High and Market Streets) Royal Hotel (corner High and Wright Streets) the Prince Patrick (corner Bagshaw and Buckley Streets). Then there was the Live and Let Live (at the corner of what are now called Coolstore and Peelers Roads) The Sportsman's Arms, the Porcupine Inn, the Old England Hotel, the Union Hotel, Mortons Hotel and Platt's Specimen Gully Hotel. Many anecdotes about these 'watering holes' were accumulated by Harcourt historian, the late Hedley James, and a comprehensive index of licensing transactions was compiled by the late Malcolm Blume. Both of these men were thorough and systematic researchers who worked in the pre-computer era. Their work has now been verified and augmented by reference to the National Library 'Trove' website where we can search and read digitised copies of nineteenth century newspapers.

The Porcupine Inn was opened 1846 by retired Sergeant-Major Samuel Hawkings. In 1847 it was the starting point for all district Surveys. It soon attained renown for its exorbitant pricing and the notoriety of its clients. In the gold-rush era it was the only licensed house in a radius of twenty-five miles whilst, within that circle of twenty-five miles there was a population variously estimated at from fifty to seventy thousand – a monopoly! No wonder it charged high prices!

Harcourt Hotel was ideally sited on the main road at the Toll Gate, by the creek crossing next to the great drover's encampment. During John Slattery's time as licensee it was *the* hotel in Harcourt; every meeting of the residents was held there.

The Talbot Hotel had a very enterprising landlord who went so far as to promote 'A game of Boulders' as New Year's Day sports at the foot of Mount Alexander. The Talbot Hotel was the stopping place for Cobb & Co. It won fame of a different sort in 1883 when the new owner, Hugh McLean drew the bungs on all the kegs, allowing the liquor to run down the gutter. Harcourt gained a state-wide reputation as a Temperance district over the next hundred years by this single act.

Year after year snippets like these are revealed in the winter 'Fireside Chats' at Harcourt Heritage Centre. Using the accumulation of photos, family trees, inquests, newspaper articles, minutes books, school files and business records we can put together Harcourt's story.

This month's Fireside Chat is to be held on Sunday September 17th, at 1.30pm. The topic is "The School Paper and Victorian Readers" and we will learn how our national identity has been shaped, from a people who believed that England was 'home' into folk who are truly 'at home' in this harsh and willful land, while developing our literacy along the way. As always there is a bit of humour in the story! Plus, of course, a very sociable afternoon spent with your neighbours.

*George Milford.*




*Live and Let Live Hotel about 1910 (cnr of what are now Black Jack Rd and Peelers Rd).*



*The Porcupine Inn, just before demolition. Located west of the old highway, a little south of the Fogarty's Rd intersection.*



*A scene from about 1926 depicting the Harcourt Hotel (left) and Talbot Inn (far right) from the old Bendigo Road, before the Calder bridge was opened.*



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# Kelly Women Exhibition Success

Harcourt painter Janet Goodchild Cuffley's exhibition "Furious Riding – The Kelly Women Narratives" was a great hit with the public.

The show at Art Space Wodonga drew excellent crowds. Enthralled patrons listened as Janet explained the stories and research behind several paintings on two Saturday afternoons of the exhibition.

Janet sold ten paintings during the exhibition; enquiries about paintings for sale can be made via Janet's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/JanetGoodchildCuffley](http://www.facebook.com/JanetGoodchildCuffley)



Janet explains the symbolism and setting of "Ann Jones Plays Her Cards" (Ann Jones was the Innkeeper of the Glenrowan Hotel where the famous siege took place).

## New Web Page for Landcare Groups

There is a new "Working Together" web page on Connecting Country's website. The page contains information on the Land Use Activity Agreement process for Landcare groups, as well as links to relevant contacts and information on cultural heritage.

Any feedback you have on the page would be very much appreciated:  
([asha@connectingcountry.org.au](mailto:asha@connectingcountry.org.au) or 5472 1594)

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## Core Editorial News

Dear Readers

The BIG news for the team at The Core is that we have a new member – Bernie Schultz. At Bernie's retirement lunch I found out that, not only was he an editor and proof reader, but that he uses the program InDesign, which is the computer application used for The Core. When I asked Bernie would he consider assisting with The Core and he said "Yes", I was elated. Welcome Bernie – this is the first edition which Bernie and I have worked on together and he has already proved that he's a great team member.

Serenity Campbell our Book Reviewer is sending her articles from Adelaide where she has found full-time work. We are grateful to Serenity for keeping up her interest in The Core. This month we have a page devoted to books and reading – see page 17. Next month Bron Willis will join us as a contributor too. Thank you to all our regular writers. As I have often said, The Core could not exist without you.

Other members of our team, Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns, Genevieve Ward and David Ling, continue their valuable work in the background and without them The Core would not be a reality.

The Country Newspaper Association of Victoria (CNAV) awards and conference are coming up in October and we will once again be nominating our writers for awards. One or two of the team will attend the Conference, which this year is in Traralgon.

Robyn Miller



Federal Member for Bendigo

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# Harcourt Mountain Bike Park

August 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.

## Construction Begins!

Construction of the mountain bike park at Harcourt started in early August.

On Thursday 3 August, Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards MP marked the start of construction on-site. Ms Edwards was joined by Councillor Tony Cordy from Mount Alexander Shire Council, members of the community reference group, officers from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Council, Regional Development Victoria (RDV) and contractors Dirt Art.

Ms Edwards said the start of construction is an exciting time for Harcourt and the Mount Alexander Region as it signals the beginning of a great opportunity to grow tourism in the area as well as being a terrific facility for locals to enjoy.



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# Harcourt Mountain Bike Park

## Work So Far...

More than 5 kilometres of trails have already been constructed. Dirt Art have been constructing Trails 3, 5 and 6. Despite some rain, the trails are still on track for the park to be open in early 2018.



## Committee of Management

In the next community update we'll provide details of how you can help manage the mountain bike park in the future. DELWP will be seeking nominations for volunteers to be part of a committee of management in late September.



## Access During Construction

Despite the wintery weather, there are still plenty of people enjoying The Oaks and surrounds. Members of the community can still access The Oaks Picnic area and Mount Alexander Regional Park while the mountain bike trails are under construction. However, there is no vehicle access to the mountain bike park area during construction.

## Keeping in Touch

Project Manager Russell Manning met with Castlemaine Rotary Club in August to talk to members about the Project. If you would like Russell to talk to your service group or community club, please email [harcourtmbp@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:harcourtmbp@delwp.vic.gov.au)

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](mailto:harcourtmbp@delwp.vic.gov.au)
- Call us on 136 186
- Like us on Facebook @DELWPLoddonMallee
- Like us on Twitter @DELWP\_Vic
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## Uniting Church

Recently we celebrated the 152nd Anniversary of our Harcourt Uniting Church.

George Milford told how in 1865 the congregation resolved to build a church in brick, however a local farmer, Isaac James, pointed out that it could be built of granite. In early 1865, using donated stone & free cartage from the quarry, the church was built in 4 months. The Rev William Hill opened the Harcourt Methodist Church in August 1865 in the presence of 400 people.

At our special morning tea on August 13th (complete with a birthday cake) George reminded us how unique our granite Church is. There were 3 granite churches built in this area at the time but ours is the only one left standing. We may not attract congregations of 400 at our weekly service however we are still a very enthusiastic group of people making sure that the Church is still alive in Harcourt.

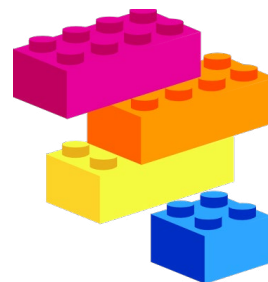
*Jan Jenkin*



## Harcourt CWA

### Annual Concert - Danish Theme

Did you enjoy reading my article about The Little Mermaid in last month's Core? Maybe some of you have been photographed standing by this Danish icon. Here is another Danish icon, the wonderful Lego blocks that have sparked the imagination of our children since the 1960s.



Because our country of study this year is Denmark I thought these two icons would set the scene for what I have to tell you. Each year we have a concert, it's the main fund raiser for our Branch and nothing pleases us more than to stand on the stage and look out on a sea of smiling faces.

This year our concert is titled Hans Christian Andersen - Delightfully Danish.

Rehearsals are under way for a musical afternoon of singing and dancing to his well loved fairy tales, and I have it on good authority that the Emperor is going to parade once again in his beautiful new clothes.

This concert will be a lot of fun and is something not to be missed, so put a big red circle around the date, ask a friend or two to join you, and come and relive those childhood stories as never before.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces on:

**Thursday 5 October at 1.30pm at  
The Harcourt Leisure Centre.**

**Entry is \$8.00 which includes a magnificent  
afternoon tea. There will be a raffle and a  
Trading Table for you to  
check out, and you might even win  
the Lucky Door Prize.**

How are you enjoying this beautiful cold, frosty winter? I am loving every day but I know not everyone shares my joy of winter. There are bulbs getting ready to show what they are made of, and buds appearing on fruit trees, so hang in there, not much longer.

*Lyn Rule  
Publicity Officer  
Harcourt CWA.*



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### RECALLS ... RECALLS ... AND MORE RECALLS

Once again I wish to bring your attention to some of the recent or ongoing recalls. The first is a Target brand toaster sold from May 18<sup>th</sup> 2017. The recall is for the TARGET 4 SLICE TOASTER TART1704 with the KeyCode of 60024374 and sold for \$35. This toaster may spark and start a fire or give off an electrical shock. If you have purchased one of these toasters, take it back to a Target store.

An older one is a national recall on INFINITY CABLE also with a risk of fire and /or electrocution. This recall commenced in August 2013 but only 54% of the 4,313 kilometres of cable has been captured so far.

There are two types of cable in this recall, the WHITE TPS (Thermoplastic Sheathed) and the ORANGE ROUND MAINS POWER CABLE branded either INFINITY or OLSENT. If you had electrical wiring work carried out in Victoria in 2012 or 2013, contact your electrician to check what cable was used. If your electrician used this cable, then you are entitled to ask for rectification work to be carried out under the cable suppliers recall program.

The third recall I wish to mention is on the TAKATA AIRBAG which has been installed in many of the brands of cars sold in Australia. Some of the installed airbags can projectile shards of metal when activated which has caused injury and death to the occupants of the car. To check if your vehicle is on the comprehensive list of vehicles, type in AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION in your search engine, and locate PRODUCT RECALLS 2017. This will also list the many recalls active at the moment. I recommend that you check it out. The number of recalls may scare you but awareness is better than the alternative.

## Wye River Findings

I recently attended the CFA Community Safety Forum for North West Area in Bendigo. One of the presentations was by Justin Lenard of the CSIRO who had conducted extensive investigation into the wildfire damage done to the homes in the in the Wye River fire in 2015. One of the most important points from his investigation was that the way that the numerous retaining walls built out of treated pine timber contributed significantly to the burning down of the houses. While there were newer homes built to BELL 29 rating, retaining walls built later on against the homes became the wick for the fire to spread and ignite the homes. Of the 7 homes built to the 2009 regulations, 3 did survive with no active protection. The main fire spotted into the town and then actually burnt back out to the fire front, and while no actual fire front had direct impact on the town, 80% of homes were lost. Due to early evacuation warnings and people leaving early, there were no lives lost.

Indications from the CFA Chief Officer is that the fire season could be less than 8 weeks away (Mid to late October). What this means is that you need to start Summer preparation and planning now even though we are currently experiencing some heavy rain, but this will only lead to extra grass growth and extra work for the motor mower.

## In Case of Emergency (ICE App)

If you are into Apps for your phone, one that was highlighted at the Community Safety Forum was the "ICE" App (In Case of Emergency). This App on your phone appears as a wallpaper even if your phone is locked and can provide Emergency Services Responders details of your Emergency Contact person, medical conditions, medications and allergies you have. You can put in as much or as little information as you like, but considering the circumstances that it will be used for, more is better. Two others that were mentioned were CPR HELPER and CPR TIMER. I have not checked these out yet, but they were suggested as assistance apps if you found yourself in the situation of being one of the first people available to render assistance and lacked knowledge or confidence. Doing something is generally better than doing nothing and most importantly, do not forget to call 000 in an emergency.

## New Tanker Update

Unfortunately we are still waiting for our new tanker to be signed off for operational purposes. There have been more issues with the quality of the build, with more faults being found and requiring rectification. At this stage it is planned that it will be operational before the coming fire season.

*Tyrone Rice  
Brigade Community Safety Coordinator*



# Harcourt Valley Primary School

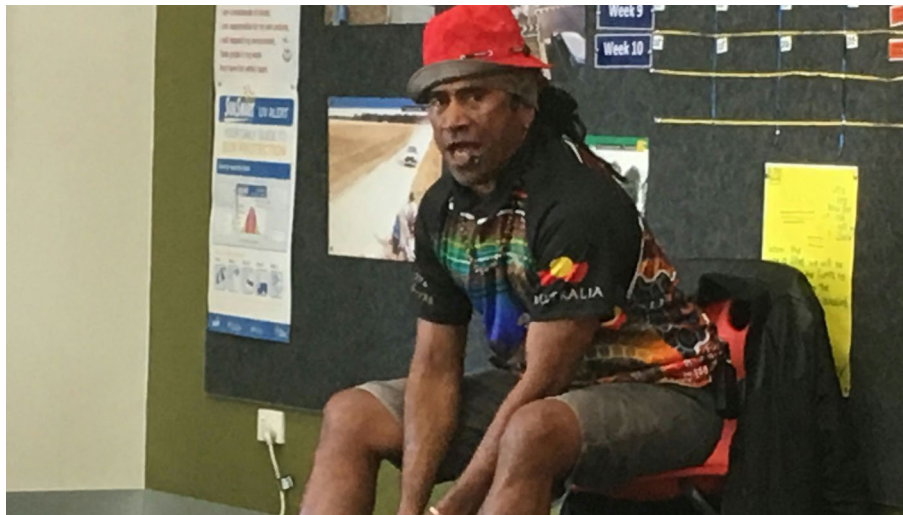
## Indigenous Performance

Dion Drummond's Aboriginal name is 'Moogera', meaning storm. He is of Torres Strait Islander descent on his mother's side, and Aboriginal from his father's side. Dion was born in Mossman (Kuku-Yalangi Tribal area), 80km north of Cairns, Queensland. Dion is one of Australia's most experienced Indigenous performers, covering both Mainland and Islander culture as a dancer, singer and storyteller.

On Monday afternoon, Dion performed for the students, staff and families of Harcourt Valley Primary School. The school hosts performers, authors, illustrators and other artistic people from time-to-time as part of the school's impressive performing arts program. "Whenever we have visiting performers or artists we encourage families to

come along too – parents, siblings, grandparents, they are welcome to come to the school and watch the performance for free" said Principal Andrew Blake.

Dion Drummond has toured internationally with Descendance Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dance Co. and Jose Calarco for many years, as far away as Moscow, Qatar, Spain, and recently Hong Kong. This week Dion was in Harcourt for a couple of hours and spent some of his time performing for the children, but much of his time teaching them some of his dances and songs. Dion even got the teaching staff up to perform for a very special dance that he and his relatives perform when they score a try playing rugby!



*Dion Drummond at Harcourt Valley Primary School*



*Dion Drummond performs with HVPS students*



# **VMR**

## **Victorian Miniature Railway**

The Victorian Miniature Railway (VMR) is currently consolidating its process in making 2 kilometres of track. Permission from the council has been received to build and lay track while some other larger scale permit requirements are being worked on. Continual maintenance on the site is needed to move tree stumps and fallen trees, collect loose rocks and maintain the ever growing grass. Fencing for privacy is ongoing, as is ground works to prepare areas for

train movements. The VMR held its AGM recently and combined this with the Cultural Heritage Induction by a Dja Dja Wurrung representative who briefed us on the history of the area and his ancestors. We finished off with a club night out at the Goldfields Track Cafe.

Invitations will be issued shortly to clubs and interested parties in the area. This will expand our community partners and allow prospective members to attend and gather more information on the workings of the club and where we are headed. With stage one of the railway's plan to lay 2 km of track, many hands are needed for the intensive man-hours required. This will keep us on track to be open to the public in late 2018 and working towards becoming Australia's longest miniature railway.

*Andrew Mierisch*



*One of VMR's trains running at Wagga Wagga NSW*

## **Councillor Comment**



Hi all,

It is great to be in Central Victoria at this time of year. A little bit of rain and some sunshine is about as good as it gets.

On the regional level we have seen the dismissal of the Goldfields (Maryborough) Shire Council. Last week I read the detailed report on why this has happened. Anyone operating in the public arena or running any sort of business would do well to read the report.

On the federal level we see the problems for our federal politicians who have not followed the rules around dual citizenship. I was interested to hear the various commentators including the PM trying to predict what the High Court might do. This, of course, is very difficult to judge but I suspect we may be back to the polling booth

sooner than expected.

On the local level there is good progress on the Wesley Hill junior sports complex, and construction is underway on our Harcourt Mountain Bike Park. (State funded). It will be great to see these projects completed and in operation. Another major project in the pipeline is the capping of landfill cells at the Castlemaine tip. The handling of municipal waste is something that we need to do more work on as more of the waste could be recycled or used to generate energy on the local level.

Wishing you all the best until the next edition of the Core. For all the football fans, enjoy the finals. My team's season is done with Buddy kicking 10 against us last week – we know where we stand. Sydney seem to be the form team going into the finals.

*Best regards to all, Tony  
AG Cordy*



## Congratulations Business Award Winners

Seven local businesses have been recognised for excellence in their field at a gala event to announce winners of the 2017 Mount Alexander Business Awards.

Congratulations to Mount Alexander Business Award winners:

- Business of the Year – Kowelec Electrical Contractors
- Judges' Award – The Bike Vault
- Professional Services Award – We Push Buttons and Healing Well (joint winners)
- Agribusiness Award – Oxley Feed Mill
- Micro business Award – Tori's Pooch Parlour
- Creative and Cultural Award – Theatre Royal
- Manufacturing, Construction and Trade Award – Kowelec Electrical Contractors
- Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Award – The Bike Vault

Kowelec Electrical Contractors won the coveted Business of the Year Award and \$2,000 prize money.

Judges praised 33-year-old business owner Adrian Kowal's hard work, innovative processes and eye on the future. Many people in Harcourt will know Adrian as he grew up here.

Business award judge and Founder of the Lost Trades Fair Lisa Rundell said The Bike Vault was an easy choice for the Judges' Award. The owner of the Bike Vault, Gary Grant is a Harcourt resident.

Mayor of Mount Alexander Shire Sharon Telford congratulated all nominees, finalists and winners of the business awards.

"Thank you to our judges: Lisa Rundell of Lost Trades Fair and Tomahawk Marketing + PR, Jason and Belinda Hagan



of McIvor Farm Foods, and Frances Macdonald and Paul Goudie from Regional Development Victoria.

Thank you also to MC Tracee Hutchison, guest speaker Katie Finlay from Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens and Margot Spalding who shared her own experiences in business, after establishing Jimmy Possum Furniture."

The Mount Alexander Business Awards were proudly run by Council in partnership with gold sponsor Maldon & District Community Bank® and media partner Elliott Midland Express/Castlemaine Mail. The awards were supported by Regional Development Victoria, Workspace Australia, Business Mount Alexander and Maldon Inc. as award sponsors.

## Maya Pearson wins Battle of the Bands

Singer and keyboardist Maya Pearson has taken out the local heat of Battle of the Bands at last Friday's event in Castlemaine.

Nearly 500 people turned up to the Theatre Royal to see eight young local acts battle it out, with 18-year-old Ms Pearson from Harcourt winning a cash prize of \$500 and entry into the regional finals.

"Maya is not only incredibly talented, she also has a fantastic stage presence," said Jodie Hearn, Youth Activities Officer, Mount Alexander Shire Council.

"We are really excited to see her compete in the Battle of the Bands regional finals, with the chance of progressing and playing at the St Kilda Festival in February," said Ms Hearn.

Castlemaine solo artist Lilly Betts took out second place and \$200 prize money, with band Stop that Mammoth! in third place with \$100 prize money.

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“We had such a diverse and supportive audience – from young babies to grandparents – and everyone had a great time,” said Ms Hearn.

“The headline act The Seduceaphones had everyone up and dancing,” she said.

The Castlemaine FReeZa Committee – Eight Metre Speaker – organised the event.

The committee thank event sponsors Theatre Royal and Record Low along with FReeZa Push Start, Council’s Youth Development Team, Daniel Rogers, Lifon Henderson and the judges – Declan Kennedy, Tara Flynn and Drew Thorpe.

FReeZA is a Victorian Government funded program that supports music and cultural events run by and for young people aged 12-25 years. All events are drug and alcohol free.



Maya Pearson performing at the Castlemaine Battle of the Bands. Photos by Denali Norsen Media



## Promote your event

Are you organising a public event and need help with a low cost way to promote it?

Mount Alexander Shire Council is running its annual Event Exhibition and is inviting event organisers to sign up and participate.

The exhibition features art boards with event information, photos and posters, displayed throughout the historic Market Building in Castlemaine.

An art wall costs only \$45.

“With around 13,000 people visiting the Market building in September and October, this is an incredibly low cost way to promote your event and boost attendance,” said Mr Leathem (Manager Economy and Culture, Mount Alexander Shire Council).

The exhibition showcases events in Mount Alexander Shire in 2017/2018. It runs from Monday 11 September until Monday 16 October.

For more information or to book contact Claire Baker, Tourism Marketing Officer, via [c.baker@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:c.baker@mountalexander.vic.gov.au) or 5471 1727.

## Walk to school this October

Grab your walking shoes and get moving this October as part of Walk to School Month.

Mount Alexander Shire Council is a proud supporter of the VicHealth initiative, which is a free, easy and fun way to get primary school kids and their families active.

At a recent Council held forum students shared ideas about how to get more kids involved. Suggestions included:

- Hold fun events to promote the program like dress up days, walking with a buddy.
- Give prizes to schools whose students get active and walk to school.
- Promote and explain the health and environmental benefits of walking, riding or scooting over driving.
- Create drop off points or car-free zones so kids that are usually driven to school can walk at least some of the way.

Eight primary schools in the shire have already signed up to participate in Walk to School Month including Winters Flat, Maldon, Harcourt Valley, Guildford, Chewton, Castlemaine Steiner, Castlemaine and Castlemaine North. Speak to your school about registering at [www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au).



## Super Amazing Giant Girl School Holiday Fun



For something really fun to do over the school holidays, join the action-packed and interactive theatre show Super Amazing Giant Girl.

This kids' theatre show is a hilarious story of strength, fragility and triumph, which explores the challenges of fitting in when you are a Super Amazing Giant!

Super Amazing Giant Girl combines thrilling circus, absurd comedy and ingenious physical theatre with hula hoops, roller skates, bananas and really awesome dancing.

Entertainer Anna Lumb has performed for kids of all ages with companies such as Strange Fruit and Strut & Fret.

She is a circus and hula hoop dynamo famed for her hilarious physical comedy and wildly entertaining theatrics. Anna is also a regular favourite at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival's 'Very Big Laugh Out' and 'Comedy Club for Kids'.

"Adorable retro shtick" ★★★★★ – The Age

"A treat to watch" ★★★★★ – Herald Sun

### Event details

What: Super Amazing Giant Girl  
(ideal for 4–10 years of age)

When: 2.00pm on Friday 29 September

Where: Phee Broadway Theatre, Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine

Cost: \$10 (2 years and under free).

Tickets are available at the door prior to the show, at the Castlemaine Visitor Information Centre in the Market Building in Mostyn Street, over the phone on 5471 1795, or online at [www.pheebroadwaytheatre.com.au](http://www.pheebroadwaytheatre.com.au). Mini-amazing ones must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

## Thompson's Orchards – New Manager

What's the attraction of working in an orchard? Milo Bilton had never intended to work in the fruit industry. As a young man he was at university studying for a Bachelor of Arts and a Dip Ed when he took a year off and began to pick fruit. He discovered a new calling and never went back. Forty years later he is still in the orchard industry. Milo Bilton and his wife Averil have recently moved to Harcourt for Milo to take up the Manager's position at Thompson's Orchards. Averil works in Melbourne and Milo is spending his time mostly in Harcourt, but also travels regularly to Shepparton to the head office.

While Milo has had some breaks from orcharding, the "breaks" have always been in agriculture – he has owned his own nursery specialising in tomatoes and worked on various crops including citrus, grapes and field crops across Australia. He has worked in family-run small orchards and for large companies, such as the largest mango grower in Australia, on one of their farms in the Northern Territory.

Milo is pleased to be in Harcourt as he is overseeing the expansion of the orchard. He said, "There are 20,000 trees to be planted on world standard post and wire supports. The Red Delicious will be replaced on the eastern side of Reservoir road and further expansion is being considered. The company is in here for the long haul; I am keen to identify opportunities for the company and see what can be achieved."



Milo and Averil Bilton



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# Harcourt Bowling Club

## New Season Opens in September

As we make our way into the warmer weather of Spring planning and preparation for the upcoming Bowling season is well underway.

While many members headed north to warmer climes during the cold of the winter months many remained to undertake maintenance and building works, and some beavered away before heading north.

Our new Solar system has been installed and will reduce the Club energy costs and carbon footprint.

The seating has been upgraded and painted, a new equipment shed completed and the upgrading of kitchen facilities completed.

The Club extends our thanks to the many volunteers who band together to maintain and improve our Green and Club rooms.

The delay in receiving the Shade Grant funds has further stalled the installation of our new shade systems, we are hopeful this will be finalised in September.

### Congratulations Lorna

Congratulations to Lorna Davey on reaching Bowls Veteran tatus. Members held an afternoon tea to celebrate Lorna's special birthday.

### Bowls Season Opening Day

Harcourt Bowling Club Season Opening Day will be held on Sunday 17th September. All bowlers and interested persons are invited to join the Club to mark the Opening of the 2017- 2018 Bowling Season. Bowlers are to wear full uniform.

The day will commence with mixed bowls at 1.00pm followed by afternoon tea. Please advise the club if you are attending to assist with catering.

### OCTOBER IS PLAY BOWLS MONTH

Harcourt will again be promoting the game of bowls by participating in the Play Bowls Month initiative of Bowls Australia.

WATCH OUT FOR OUR POSTERS AROUND TOWN LATER.

## LIMERICK *by The Bard of North Harcourt*

*I like to have cheese with my dinner.  
I think it's an absolute winner.  
But sadly for me  
Eating cheeses like brie  
Will make me much fatter, not thinner.*

### Come And Try Bowls

On Sunday 8th October between 1.00pm and 3.00pm anyone interested in having a go, or learning about bowls is warmly invited to come to the club and try bowls. The Club have the bowls and people to help you, just wear flat soled shoes or thongs.

### Barefoot Bowls

Tuesday October 10th, 17th and 24th you can have a game of Barefoot Bowls from 6.00pm to 8.00pm for just \$5. Drinks available at bar prices. More about this in the October edition of *The Core*.

### Pennant

The commencement of the Midweek Pennant Season is Monday 16th October with Weekend Pennant starting on Saturday 21st October.

The draws for the season have been completed and are available on the website ([www.harcourtbowlingclub.com.au](http://www.harcourtbowlingclub.com.au)) and at the Club.

*Christine Anderson  
Publicity Officer*

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<b>Thurs</b>	<b>6:15am-7:15am</b>	<b>Power Bar</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9:30am-10.30am</b>	<b>Aerobics</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9:30am-10.30am</b>	<b>Power Bar</b>

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# Nicki Renfrey – Community Leader

The best learning happens when you are challenged, according to Nicki Renfrey who has spent a good part of this year in the Loddon Murray Community Leadership program. Having met the challenge Nicki is now excited to be working on her chosen project and is letting others know about the potential of the program.

There are nine shires in the Loddon Murray region from which participants are selected. In previous years Harcourt has been well represented: David Heath, Garry Holmes, Donna Petrusma, Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns, Katie Petrusma and Steve Carrol have all completed the program. This year 28 people are expected to graduate in November. The program features leadership training and visits to regional communities, with workshop topics like health and wellbeing, local economics, social justice and innovative communities. There is even a trip to Canberra with comprehensive briefing from parliamentary members and heads of national bodies.

Nicki thanks her employers, the Harcourt Valley Primary School and the Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership in Castlemaine for their support. The support from employers comes firstly in a positive response to participation of their employee, which translates into time away from work to complete the program. In turn, participants are able to develop skills which benefit their workplace and their communities.

Nicki has always been involved in the local community including 25 years with the Barkers Creek Cricket Club. She was the first Lady William in the 1994 Applefest, with Gavin MacDougall as King Jonathon. She has been involved

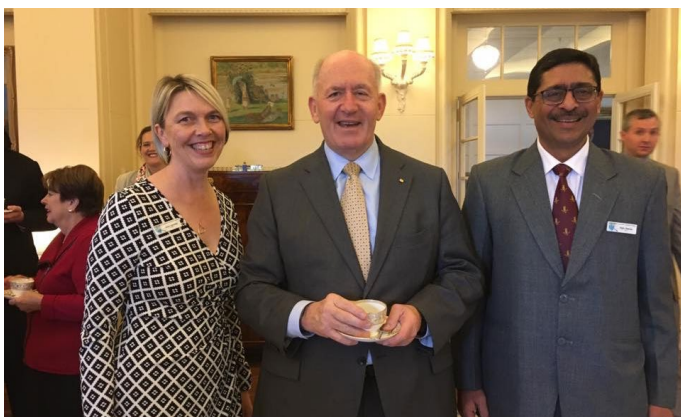
with Castlemaine's Relay for Life for 7 or 8 years and has seen her Derby Day fund-raiser go from a backyard event with 17 people to over 100 people attending, with \$7,000 raised.

Her community project, as part of the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program, is on gender equity with a focus on women's cricket. She is planning a women's social match in the New Year between Muckleford and Barkers Creek clubs. She wants to encourage women to come and enjoy a game and there may be a speaker on the day. While Nicki regards this as a small step, she is sure she will see more opportunities to pursue around gender equity in the community.

Nicki says, "I feel I have developed leadership qualities and a better understanding of regional and national issues. I have learnt as much from the participants as from the presenters and speakers. The group is diverse and we have become close-knit. The experience has challenged my unconscious biases and given me a better understanding about social issues like racism and homelessness. Every participant has a mentor and I would be thrilled to be considered to be a mentor in the future."

***Are you up for the challenge? The Loddon Murray Community Leadership program is seeking applications from September 1, 2017 and online applications can be made at: [www.clm.org.au](http://www.clm.org.au)***

***To find out more, contact Lucy Mayes at the Community Leadership Loddon Murray Inc office on: 5472 4554.***



Nicki with with the Governor-General, Sir Peter Cosgrove and on the right, another team member Rajiv Patney from Swan Hill



The group on the steps of old Parliament House with Nicki at front left.



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## Book Review

### Love With a Chance of Drowning by Torre De Roche

My most recent read has been *Love with a Chance of Drowning*, a memoir written by Torre De Roche, which I picked up from my local library after around an hour of searching the biographies section. You could say I 'settled' for this book, and I am glad that I did

Torre's memoir is of her very own experience sailing the world with a man she met at a cocktail bar in San Francisco. As a city girl with a busy life and no experience with boats, her hesitation to make a worldwide sailing trip with a man she had just met, was no doubt understandable. However, she courageously chooses to go ahead with the trip, despite warnings from friends and family. Torre talks of her struggles and frustrations along the journey such as engine failure and mouldy food, along with her moments of gratitude as she watches whales dance. She notices how her perspective changes as she is exposed to new cultures and lifestyles. Ultimately, Torre's story is about choosing love over fear and allowing somebody to show you their world, the world in a different light

*Love with a Chance of Drowning* is a must read – and will leave you yearning for adventure

*Serenity Campbell*



You are invited to the launch of  
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#### How Bright Are All Things Here

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## Book Launch

### Sarah's Search: A Silk Odyssey

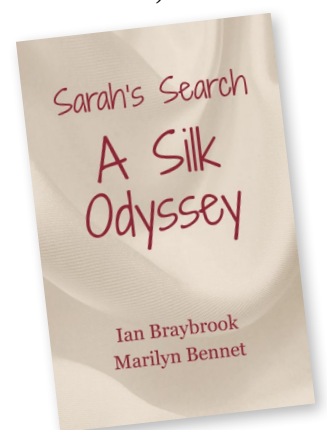
On August 4, Jaala Pulford, Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Regional Development launched *Sarah's Search* at the Harcourt heritage Centre. Harcourt was chosen for its connection with the subject of the book, Sarah Florentia Bladen Neill, a remarkable pioneer woman.

Sarah and her high ranking military husband came from the upper echelons of English society. He was posted to Australia in the 1850s and Sarah came with him. Her husband died when he was thrown from his horse, and the widowed Sarah set out to establish a silk industry in Australia. She it was who established the short-lived silk farm on the slopes of Mount Alexander. The book tells of Sarah's heroic efforts.

The book is available from the Harcourt Heritage Centre, Stoneman's Bookroom and Aesop Attic and is \$20



Author's Ian Braybrook and Marilyn Bennet with Jaala Pulford, Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Regional Development at the book launch. (Photo courtesy Castlemaine mail).



This is the only known photo of Sarah Bladen Neill. She is wearing a gown made from silk produced in Corowa. The gown was adorned with green beetle wings.

## WWI Remembrance: knitting red poppies

An installation at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra in 2018 to mark the end of WWI is being planned.

62,000 poppies on stems in honour of the fallen in WWI are to be planted in Canberra on Remembrance Day 2018

*It will be a spectacularly fitting tribute to those who served and sacrificed, their families, their communities and, in a way, the whole nation.*

This wonderful community led, community driven project has been a testament to the depth of feeling we have for our ANZACS.

Harcourt Heritage would like to contribute to this installation; many past Harcourtians died in this conflict.

Most families reading this will have had ancestors involved in WWI, so maybe you might like to knit a poppy for that person.

**Come along to the ANA Hall on any Wednesday from 11am–2pm with a ball of RED 8 PLY WOOL & 2 X 3.25 NEEDLES. For information OR for the knitting patterns go to the website and start knitting.**

Website:

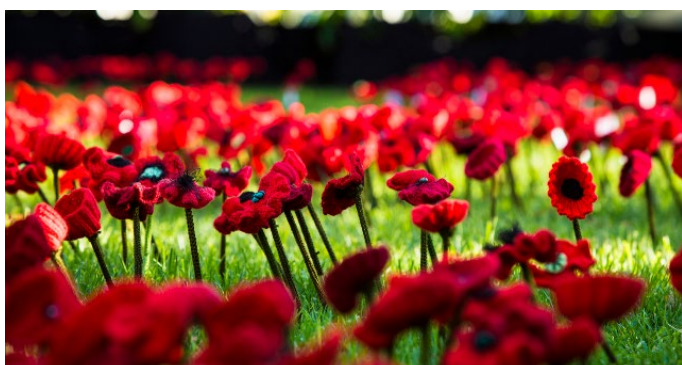
<https://5000poppies.wordpress.com/poppy-patterns/>

If you would like to knit but are a little rusty on your technique, please come; help will be cheerfully given.

Harcourt Heritage Centre will post your poppies next year.

<https://5000poppies.wordpress.com/>

Happy Knitting  
Diana  
0427 396 211  
Harcourt Heritage



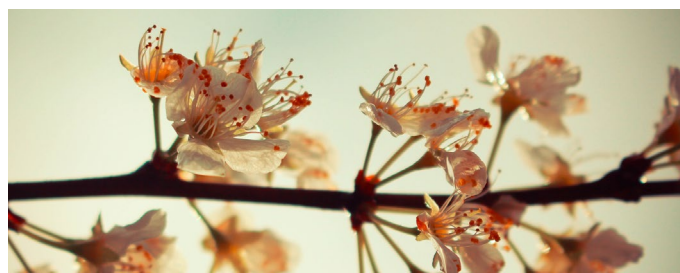
## Spring is Here Get Your Fruit Trees Ready

With spring bursting all around us, it's important to pay close attention both to our fruit trees and the weather, because a rainy spring is not the friend of the fruit grower! Rain can increase the chances of your trees getting a fungal disease, which can be quite devastating. Peaches and nectarines are prone to leaf curl, and a bad case of the disease can set back a tree's growth significantly, and even destroy the fruit. Luckily it's quite preventable by using an organic fungicide on the trees at bud swell. Bordeaux (a mixture of 50g each of copper sulphate and builders' lime in 5 litres of water) is an easy spray to mix and use at home. A Bordeaux spray on your apricot trees can also help to prevent the dreaded blossom blight, a fungal disease that can cause the blossoms to rot on the tree and destroy any chances of an apricot crop. For extra security, follow up the first spray with another one 10 days later, and unless we get a downpour of more than about 25 mm of rain, that should be enough to keep the trees healthy and fruitful.

Here's a couple of other tips for your fruit trees at this time of year:

- If you've just planted new fruit trees, make sure you protect the trunks from being nibbled by rabbits, hares, kangaroos or wallabies; tree guards, fencing or dogs can all be effective.
- If you planted new trees this winter but haven't pruned them yet, prune now so they grow into a useful shape right from the get-go.
- Once the soil has started to warm up a bit, mulch young trees. Fruit trees prefer a woody mulch like sawdust or wood chips, or use old straw. It's a good idea to put a layer of compost or worm castings under the mulch to make sure you're still feeding your soil microbes.
- Make sure you've got your irrigation system set up and ready to go, because it's not unusual to get a sudden hot spell in spring. If you've mulched, make sure you can either deliver the water under the mulch, or leave the irrigation on for long enough to be sure the mulch is really soaked and the water is getting through it to the soil below.

*Hugh and Katie Finlay run Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens, an organic orchard in Harcourt. They also offer two different online courses for gardeners interested in learning how to grow their own organic fruit. Go to [www.growgreatfruit.com](http://www.growgreatfruit.com) for details. For regular free tips about how to look after your fruit trees, and to hear about upcoming workshops, join the Weekly Fruit Tips newsletter at [www.mafg.com.au](http://www.mafg.com.au).*







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## **ASQ** *Plant of the Month* Indoor Plants

Now is the perfect time to bring the outdoors in and instantly lift your space with indoor plants! Not only does adding greenery to your home look great, but it can also reduce stress, boost creativity and improve air quality. For many years indoor plants were considered 'outdated', but recently we have seen the trend make a bold return. If you're searching for the perfect plants to brighten your home, make sure you visit ASQ Skydancers in Harcourt to see their range of hand-picked plants which thrive indoors!

## Maldon Cactus Warriors Field Day 24 September

The Wheel Cactus Warriors will be out in force again on the last Sunday of the month, starting at 10.30am. All are welcome.

We always start with a talk and a demo for newcomers. Hoes and/or injection equipment will be provided for the morning as well as a tasty BBQ lunch and a chance to mingle and chat.

Wear a hat, good outdoor footwear and suitable clothing – long sleeves and pants are recommended. Safety goggles and gloves will be available. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by at least one parent.

For this month's venue or for any other information, please visit our website [www.cactuswarriors.org](http://www.cactuswarriors.org), or ring Ian Grenda on 0412 015 807.



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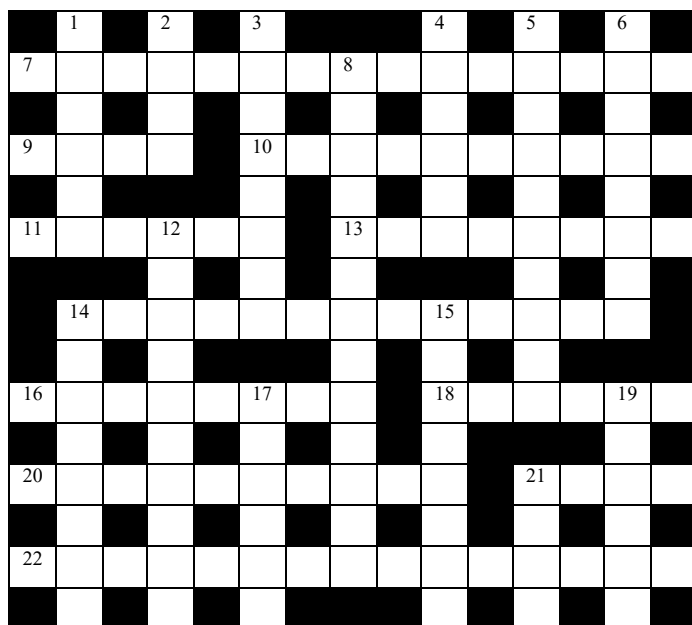


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## Down:

1. Goose addresses mate in Africa. [6]
2. Motivation for unfashionable camping equipment? [4]
3. Leo tried to look innocent as he waited by the corner... [8]
4. Elects to choose. [6]
5. No idiot man would offer this advice. [10]
6. Turn needle aperture to pass cord through. [5-3]
8. Taste me—I am the essence of simultaneity! [2,3,4,4]
12. An elite nut gets commission, plays innate lute (lute in a net!). [10]
14. Go in, liar! You're the first! [8]
15. No Canada snake, this. [8]
17. Shove nitres in. [6]
19. A gardener has a laze; a flower emerges. [6]
21. A hundred dinars back flash old Bogan. [4]

## Across:

7. After one barrister overacted in rage, the coverage trained on him from the press gallery caused him (on greater advice), to come to terms with the prosecution. [5,2,1,7]
9. Can you remember an inn, Miranda? The bloody insect brings back the last note of the guitar... [4]
10. Headliners' parts? [5,5]
11. Dead loss all at sea for some tarts! [6]
13. Tolkien's tree grog curls around. [8]
14. Avid smearer to exaggerate the potential for tragedy. [4-9]
16. Revoke help for early group in polemic. [8]
18. Queen, et al. put the heat on to toughen up... [6]
20. I impassion the piece, but softly... [10]
21. Lo! First two of five carry the burden. [4]
22. Bland, inane—here's to those that shout from papers' opening pages! [6,9]

# August 2017 Xword

## SOLUTION

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## Down:

1. Mischievous rubber disc. [Well?]
2. By which means 4dn tells it? (9)
3. After Adams<sup>1</sup>, Flanagan<sup>2</sup>, Crabb<sup>3</sup> and Sheridan<sup>4</sup>, a journos<sup>5</sup> who works for the opposition... [Well?]
4. What 2dn can do to refer to tardiness? (6)
5. Trainees remain scattered in the empty s(tore)y of their college. (8)
7. Sphere of action can be a near thing. (7)
8. Allow dark force [Id] into close one [intimate] to put the frighteners on... (10)
9. No discord [Well? **Concord**, perhaps?] for this north-eastern Yank... (3,11)
13. Spell out kiwi land [En Zed...] in salty water for amphetamine. (10)
16. County to split [cleave...?] 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... (6,7)
- 22 and 23dn. I'm a grouch to disrupt 60 minutes with wizard. (5)
23. (see 22dn) (4)

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## Across:

1. Do conifers long for an end to daylight saving? [pine for Eastern Standard Time.]
6. Thank the side [XI] for a ride... [Well?]
10. 3dn needs to adopt this sort of modus operandi to avoid being sprung. [Well?]
11. Lifesaver knockers? [Well? Sorry...]
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? [Well?]
19. A whiff of a climb? [Well?]
21. Gusher likely to make a strident move
24. Something taken for fun, say? [Well?]
25. Coming from here, could ride a 1cc Hog...
26. Sort of ache for every single one... (4)
27. PA who anticipates the boss' every whim? [Well?]



# Castlemaine Bus Lines

## Harcourt Services Monday to Friday

	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



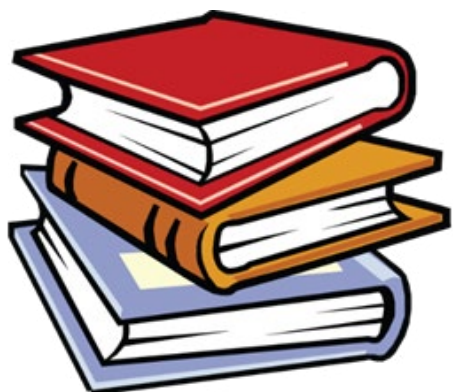
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## Harcourt's Little Library

Harcourt now has its own  
Little Library based at the  
Heritage Centre.

*Leave a book, borrow  
or take a book to keep,  
on Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm.*

# Community Diary Dates

**14th September:** 6pm Dinner, 6.30pm Landcare AGM, Goldfields Track Café. Bookings necessary for dinner

**17th September:** 9.30am Bird Walk with Tanya Loos, Harcourt Bushland Reserve, Peelers Road. Call: 0467 670 271 for details.

**17th September:** 1.30pm Heritage Talk: The School Paper & Victorian Readers, Heritage Centre, High Street. \$5 per adult, \$3 if you bring a plate of afternoon tea, children are free.

**19th September:** 7pm School Concert, Leisure Centre.

**20th September:** 10am Native Orchids Walking Tour with Harcourt Walking Group. Meet outside Harcourt Leisure Centre.

**20th September:** 7pm for 7.30pm Economic Forum, Council and Harcourt Progress Association, Bowling Club

**1st October:** 6 - 8.30pm Vocal Nosh Nosh at Newstead Community Centre, Fay: 0447 576 642

**5th October:** 1.30pm CWA Concert at The Harcourt Leisure Centre

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

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

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

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

**Bowling club dates:** see page 15



## Harcourt Native Orchids Walking Tour

Castlemaine District Community Health organise monthly walking tours throughout the Mount Alexander Shire. On Wednesday 20th September, walkers will meet outside the Harcourt Leisure Centre for a tour of native orchids growing in the nearby Flora Reserve.

Participants at last year's walk were lucky to discover a rare crimson spider, as well as green spider orchids, and three varieties of greenhoods. Harcourt local Wendy Barron is excited to be leading the tour again this year.

All are welcome to join this free event, and bookings are not required. Meet outside Harcourt Leisure Centre at 10am on Wednesday September 20.

To find out more about this event or future walks, please call Castlemaine District Community Health on 5479 1000.



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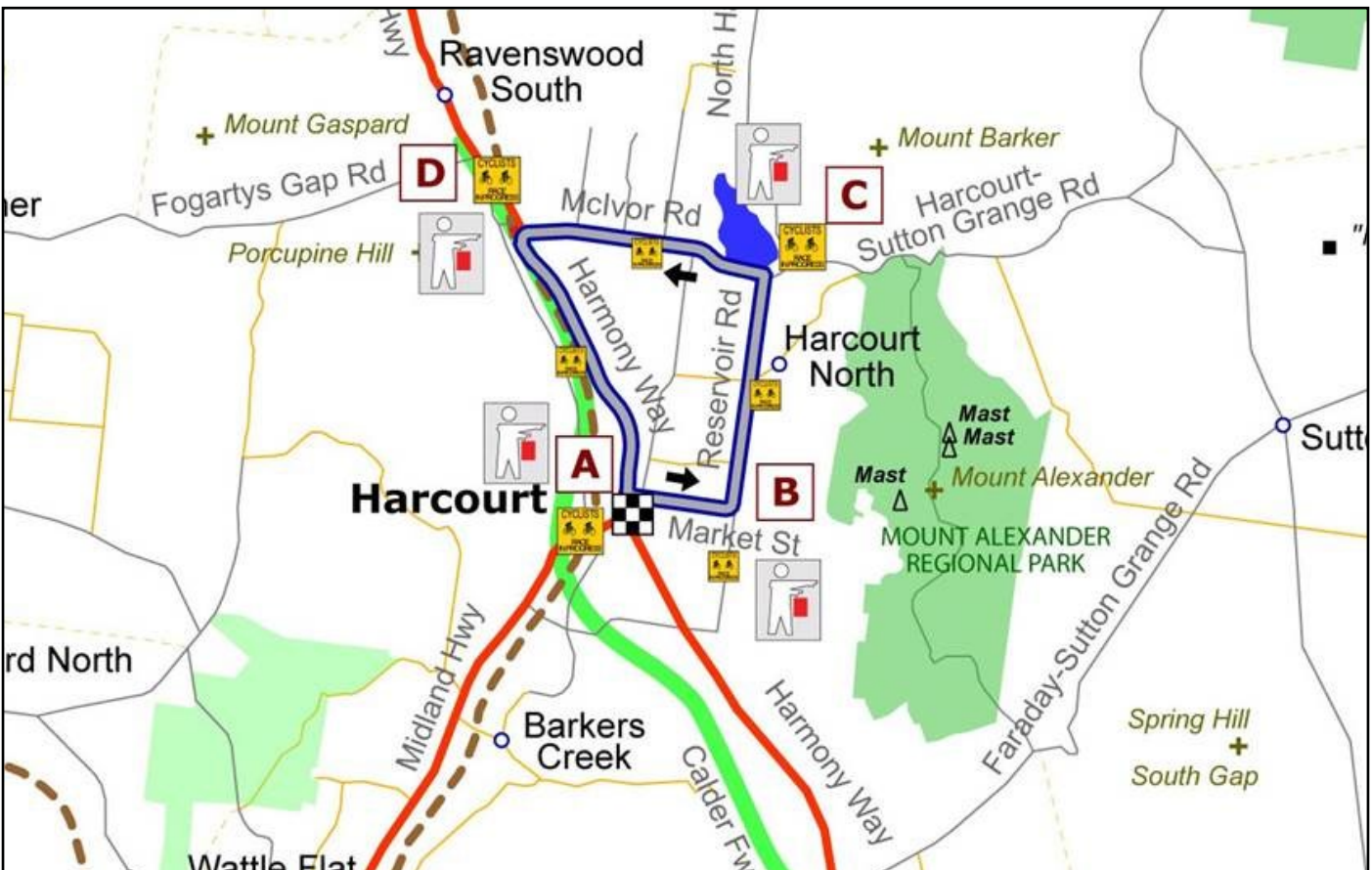
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# Ken Maddern Senior Memorial Handicap cycling routes for September 9th.



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> July each year. Any renewals or new memberships paid in 2017 will be valid until the end of June 2018.

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I request to become or renew my membership of the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. (please circle one). I agree to be bound by its Rules of Association and Codes of Conduct. I understand that only financial members have voting rights.

☐ Financial member: full fee \$20   ☐ Financial member: concession fee \$10   ☐ Non-financial member: no charge

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

TELEPHONE:.....EMAIL:.....

SIGNED:.....DATED:.....

☐ I enclose the sum of \$20/\$10 Concession for Annual Membership

Please mail this completed form and payment to HPA Inc, PO Box 135, HARCOURT, VIC 3453   **OR**

☐ I have deposited \$20/\$10 Concession into BSB 633-000, Account: 151337409.

Please indicate your name and state "Membership" when paying online.

*This application will be submitted for determination by the Harcourt Progress Association Steering Committee and the applicant will be advised of the outcome of their application pursuant to the Rules of the Association.*