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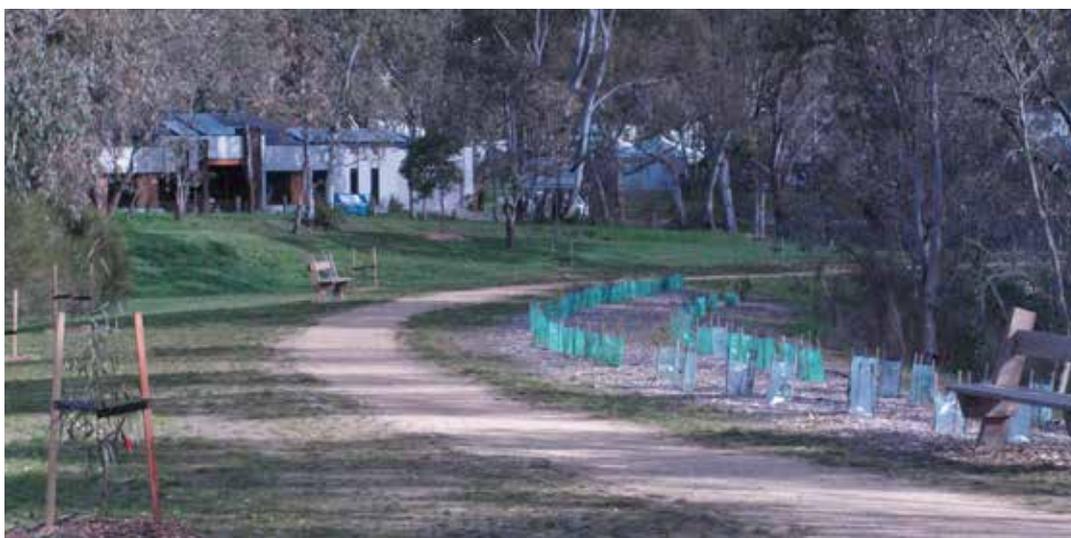
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*The appearance of the Harcourt town centre has been vastly improved since Council recently landscaped then planted 130 trees and 700 plants. Seats have also been located along the walking track by the creek from Victoria Road to Harmony Way. Read more on page 4.*



### 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.



*Special thanks to Council's Parks & Gardens Co-ordinator, Stewart Campbell, a Harcourt resident who oversaw this successful local tree planting.*



# Economic Forum 27 July

*A packed program at the recent economic forum organised by Harcourt Progress Association raised some issues and great opportunities for Harcourt.*

## Concerns Remain About Mountain Bike Proposal

Representatives from the Goldfields Track attended the Economic Forum to provide an update on progress towards the proposed Harcourt Mountain Bike Park. Planning has been protracted due to extensive investigations by the State Government, examining environmental, indigenous and cultural elements of the proposal.

Many questions were raised about the proposal by attendees. Residents in neighbouring properties raised their concerns about the impact of the proposal and a perceived lack of consultation. When Annette and Bruce Rae purchased their property they made specific enquiries with local council about any potential local developments and were not informed of the Mountain Bike Park. They are worried about the impact on their personal amenity and enjoyment of their property with large numbers of visitors forecast to the area. Questions were raised about how the local roads would cope with the demands of significant traffic increases.

Les Hough voiced concerns about the activities currently taking place on the site including illegal shooting, 4 wheel drives and unlicensed motor bikes creating risks and disturbances for residents. Tracey West expressed her frustration that when she sought to raise concerns with the Project Officer for the Goldfields Track she felt that her concerns were dismissed and not taken seriously.

Peter Skilbeck, representing the Goldfields Track, took on board the comments raised and remained after the meeting to discuss these issues directly with impacted residents. Several people who have been very outspoken during the meeting, left before its conclusion and did not take up to the opportunity to engage with representatives.

Despite two previous public meetings and a lot of information sharing through The Core and other media outlets about the project, there remains a lot of community concern and questions about the Mountain Bike Park. The Goldfields Track committee is now aware they need to provide more information and to allow more community consultation. The Harcourt Progress Association has requested further community meetings and will endeavour to provide wide reaching notice so that all members of the community can attend and be informed of what's proposed.

## Community Welcomes Mimiature Railway Park

Special guests at the Economic Forum, Karen and Andrew Mierisch outlined their plans to establish a Victorian Miniature Railway Park in Harcourt. Karen and Andrew have founded the Victorian Miniature Railway Inc., a club for enthusiasts of miniature trains, who are seeking to purchase a large land holding in the centre of Harcourt where they hope to establish what could be Australia's largest miniature railway park.

Karen and Andrew's presentation was well received by the Forum's attendees, although once again, questions were raised by neighbouring residents concerned about the impact the proposal would have on their rural amenity. Karen and Andrew acknowledged the role of the Harcourt Progress Association in providing them the opportunity to present to the Harcourt community and they look forward to providing further information. The HPA will continue to work with any proposed developments to ensure that local residents and the broader Harcourt community are informed and can maximise opportunities and benefits from local proposals.

*See page 8 for a profile of local organic vegie growers Gung Hoe Growers, who also presented at the Forum.*

*Below: Andrew Mierisch driving one of the VMR's miniature trains.*



# Economic Forum 27 July

## Future Bendigo Bank Services for Harcourt?

Newly appointed Maldon & District Community Bank board member, local orchardist and Harcourt resident Katie Finlay is using her position to advocate for opportunities to benefit our region. The Community Bank model operates under a franchise agreement with the Bendigo Bank and works to return profits to local communities and provide banking services in towns where commercial banking may not exist.

“The bank has recently identified the issue of Building Children’s Resilience as a top priority to support with a special stream of funding over three years, and relevant Harcourt organisations will be invited to a roundtable discussion to assist with establishing

a grants program to support the project, so I’d encourage people to get involved. I’m a huge fan of the community banking model - I figure the profits the bank makes from our money should be coming back into our community! I’d like to encourage everyone from the community to get in touch with the branch in Maldon and check out what the bank has to offer.” Katie said.

Maldon and District Community Bank provides a range of funding and sponsorship opportunities, particularly for those groups who do business with it. Katie said the bank would welcome a request from the Harcourt community to explore the possibilities of providing banking services within Harcourt.

## 2nd Annual Australian Network of Organic Orchardists (ANOO) Conference



*About twenty organic orchardists attended the 2nd ANOO Conference in Harcourt in the first week of August.*

*Shown here is Chris Ellery from the Soil Foodweb Institute, leading the Soils Workshop. Local organic orchardists, Hugh and Katie Finlay were there too of course! The venue for the conference was ASQ Skydancers.*

*See next month's Core for the full story.*



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# Tree Planting Completed

Mount Alexander Shire Council has finished planting more than 130 trees and 700 plants in and around Harcourt with the aim of improving the entry to the town and its, presentation and liveability.

“We worked closely with Harcourt residents on this project and the community had a direct say in most of the tree species planted,” said Stewart Campbell, Coordinator Parks and Gardens, Mount Alexander Shire Council.

“Deciduous Turkey Oaks (*Quercus cerris*) are now planted along the centre median strip of Harmony Way and Chinese pistachio on the nature strips,” said Mr Campbell.

“The Smooth-barked Apple (*Angophora costata*) trees will mature to provide an impressive line along Victoria Road and further enhance the town entrance,” he said. White flowering Natchez Crepe Myrtles have been planted as a feature near the General Store and opposite the Harcourt Bowling Club.

Additional Deodar Cedar trees have been planted to complete the Avenue of Honour in High Street.

“Residents have told us that the town entry and streets look so much more welcoming now, which has been great to hear,” said Mr Campbell.

“The Harcourt community has put a lot of time and effort into creating a sustainable future for their town and we would like to thank them and acknowledge their hard work and passion.”

As part of the planting program Council also landscaped several traffic islands and planted understory plants at the base of the scar tree located on Harmony Way.

Look out for the newly installed seats beside the creek path which face the newly planted River Red Gums in the open grassed area where the left hand slip lane used to be; these add to the amenity along the walking path into town beside Barkers Creek.



*Trees were well watered in after planting.*

# Attempted Robbery at Harcourt P.O.



On Friday 29 July in mid-afternoon, the Harcourt Post Office was burgled. Police were quick to arrive on the scene and advised concerned neighbours, "There's been an attempted robbery and no one is hurt".

Police had closed off the post office and were dusting for finger prints.

Post office manager, Roger says it's the second robbery in 25 years and this time was with a knife. Neighbours were mostly concerned for how Bernie the Customer Service Officer was faring. He was not hurt but undoubtedly a little shaken.

*Genevieve Ward*

*Post script: We heard on the grapevine that the suspect was arrested in New South Wales.*



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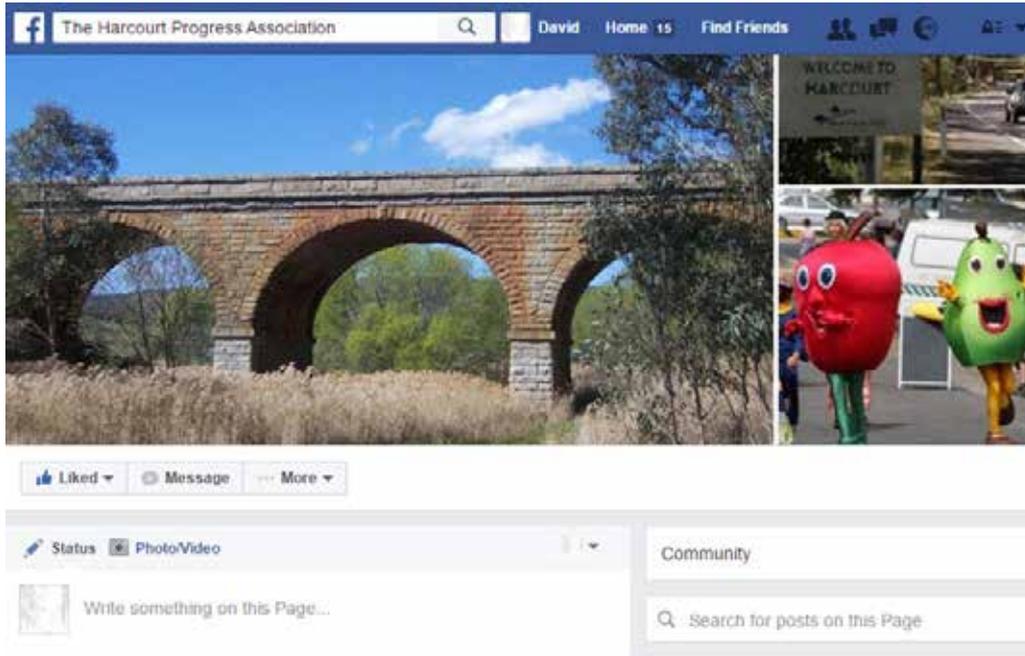
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by David J Ling, PhD



The above image is taken from Harcourt Progress Association's Facebook page.

## **Social media is mainstream media.**

Around the world, 2 billion people actively use social media, and that number is increasing at a rate of around 25% per year. To put it into perspective, about 1.5 billion households have a TV. This might be why online advertising has been booming, while network TV has been in decline.

Ever-fashionable, Harcourtians have proven themselves to be avid social media users.

Globally, *Facebook* and *YouTube* are the two platforms that currently have the greatest number of users. If you've got a phone, chances are you've got at least one of their apps installed, whether you know it or not.

About [1.55 billion people](#) use Facebook each month. As a company, Facebook also owns photo-sharing service *Instagram*, cross-platform mobile messaging app *WhatsApp*, and virtual reality tech developers *Oculus VR*.

One way that people connect through Facebook is to create and join [Groups](#). These virtual collectives let like-minded Facebook accounts discuss and discover things of common interest. For instance, you might join a Facebook Group about Harcourt...

Probably the most active Harcourt-based Group on Facebook is [Hardcore Harcourt](#). It's a forum for almost anything related to Harcourt. Today, the most recent posts are about upcoming musical performances, an incident that brought cops to town, an ad

for roosters (free-to-a-good-home) and a reflection on last week's Economic Forum. Hardcore Harcourt is a *closed* group, so you have to apply to become a member before you can see what's there. Created by Paul Mizzi in 2014, Hardcore Harcourt has quickly grown to 300 members. That's pretty huge considering the geographic region it covers has a [total population of 872](#). More than a third of Harcourt's population are in the loop.

Other locally relevant Facebook Groups and Pages that you should check out include:

[Business Mount Alexander](#)

[Harcourt Applefest](#)

[Harcourt Football Netball Club](#)

[Harcourt Lions Cricket Club](#)

[Harcourt Playgroup](#)

[Harcourt Progress Association](#)

[Mount Alexander CWA](#)

[Mount Alexander Local Produce Network](#).

YouTube is the other social giant of 2016, with [over a billion](#) regular users. Some people don't think of it as a social network, but it is. Users create profiles and channels, they follow, connect, like and comment upon each other's stuff, making it inherently social. YouTube is owned by *Google*, along with the ubiquitous Google search engine, the image organisation software *Picasa*, as well as the *Android* operating system that [powers 84% of the mobile phones](#) sold at the start of 2016. *(continued page 6)*

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(from page 5) Fewer Harcourtnians are using YouTube to express themselves than Facebook, but the brilliant countryside features in the videos of many.

Brendan Cherry captured a really nice aerial view of the Oak Forest, with a GoPro camera fitted to a drone: [Harcourt Oak Forest with DJI Phantom](#). Then there is Patrick Walsh's funky time-lapse photography of Harcourt landscapes, including [Vick's Viaduct](#), [Mt Alexander Sunset](#) and [Harcourt Clouds](#).

YouTube has a few good representations of Harcourt from tourists and travellers too. Juan Pablo Alvarez is a Chilean who has posted videos of his happy times on Harcourt farms, including [Hanging Out With The Pigs](#) and [Our Last Day of Apple Picking](#). Meanwhile, Italian YouTuber known as *A Piece of Cake* presents their Aussie adventures—heavily featuring Harcourt—including [So long Sydney...](#)

[Destination Harcourt!](#), [Postcards from Australia](#) and [Farm work in Australia](#). I don't speak Italian, so I can only presume that he's saying how awesome the place is, how great the apples are and how the community website is top notch.

If you know of an important Harcourt-based social media presence—or if you understand Italian and want to translate *A Piece of Cake*—hit me up on [Facebook](#) or via the [contact page](#) on [harcourt.vic.au](#).

*David does not endorse the accounts and pages linked above—he just found them and thought you might want to look. David is not a representative of Google or Facebook, he just uses both of them a lot in his work at brand agency [www.copytransmission.com](#). Copy Transmission handles promotions, reputations, websites and strategic communications for businesses that enjoy success.*

*David is also the site administrator for [harcourt.vic.au](#)—our community website.*

## LIMERICK by The Bard of North Harcourt

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# Solar Success in Harcourt



*Solar Town Grant Recipients: Solway Nutting (Harcourt Uniting Church), Lisa Mitchell, Jorga and Abraham (Harcourt Pre School), Rod Fletcher, (Castlemaine Bowling Club), Chris O'Connor (Windarring), Sally Kaptein (Castlemaine Tennis Club), Gerry Egan (MASG), Brian Cornish (Mount Alexander Golf Club), George Milford (Castlemaine Art Gallery, Buda Historic House and Garden.)*

Harcourt Preschool and the Harcourt Uniting Church were amongst a number of groups in the Shire to be successful in applications for solar panels to be installed.

The installation of solar photovoltaic panels to all the recipients is supported through funding from the Australian Government's Solar Town's Program.

Harcourt's own George Milford was instrumental in getting some grant applications across the line. George was involved in the successful applications which will see solar panels installed at the Harcourt Preschool, Buda Historic House and Garden and also the Castlemaine Art Gallery.

'It is pleasing to see the utilization of the roof space of public buildings for the generation of solar power. This will have lasting benefits to the environment. Our success has repaid the administrative effort in making the grant applications. This task was only

achieved with helpful and constructive assistance from MASG and the Hub Foundation,' said George.

The Mount Alexander Sustainability Group (MASG) and The Hub Foundation worked to support a number of local organisations in their applications, as the application process was quite involved.

'It is encouraging to see the federal government supporting not for profit organisations to go solar, and it's great that so many local groups have taken up this opportunity. MASG and the Hub Foundation wanted to assist to ensure that as many local groups as possible benefitted from the program,' says Gerry Egan from MASG.

Neil Barrett from the Hub Foundation said: 'This will see a huge injection into the solar and renewable energy economy across the region, boosting the activity of local providers, as well as supporting groups to move towards a carbon neutral future.'

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# Gung Hoe Growers

## Double or nothin' Campaign



*Mel Willard (in the wheelbarrow) and Sas Allardice are Harcourt's Gung Hoe Growers, they lease land on the organic orchard of Katie and Hugh Finlay.*

**The Core** spoke with Mel Willard, one half of Gung Hoe Growers about their recent crowd funding campaign to raise enough money to double their capacity. And then we spoke with Katie Finlay of Mount Alexander Fruit Gardens (MAFG) about having Gung Hoe working on their land.

**The Core:** What inspired you to start Gung Hoe Growers?

**Mel:** Both Sas and I had different life paths but discovered that we both wanted to be involved in creating a secure food system for ourselves and the community we landed in. We realised that we loved the work and if it was going to happen we would have to do it!

**The Core:** What has been your greatest achievement?

**Mel:** Turning up! Every week we pick and sell nutrient dense, beautiful food to our community...this is the beginning of our dream. Also, to remain friends, believe in what we are doing, and laugh at ourselves and realise all of life is learning; and to pay ourselves every week a token amount is pretty huge for us.

**The Core:** What have been your biggest challenges?

**Mel:** I hate to say it, but time and money. Having no capital we put every \$ back into the business, so slowly, slowly it builds. We both work multiple off farm jobs to pay our separate rents. So finding the balance of predominantly unpaid time we are able to spend at patch is tricky. In winter it's much easier than in summer that's for sure!

**The Core:** What do you love most of all about growing fresh produce?

**Mel:** There are so many things! Knowing its beautiful inside and out and hearing people's remarks after they eat it is amazing. Being able to work in the dirt every other day is also rad, we feel pretty lucky to be in such a gorgeous spot.

**The Core:** What's next?

**Mel:** After our *double or nothin'* campaign we want to double our production area so we can sell to households as well as businesses and work less off farm jobs!

**The Core:** How can people get behind you and find out more?

**Mel:** Check out our story, video and pics here:

<https://www.chuffed.org/project/gung-hoe-growers-double-or-nothin>

We are running that campaign for another 2 weeks.

We're also on Facebook under Gung Hoe Growers, and we're on the farm!! Come in and say giddyay!

**The Core:** Where and how can people buy your produce?

**Mel:** Currently we sell to Margot's, The Good Table, Honky Tonks, Growing Abundance in Castlemaine, and Red Beard Bakery in Trentham.

In summer we are hoping to set up a market stall or pickup location which we'll notify people of through social media... Or even at the farm... Stay tuned!

**The Core:** How and why are MAFG involved in this initiative?

**Katie:** We're keen to encourage young people into farming, but without capital, it can be very hard for them to get started, as land is so expensive. We had land we weren't using, so when Mel and Sas approached us looking for somewhere to start their business, we thought it would be a good fit. We've started thinking about succession planning, but we're not sure yet whether our kids will be interested in coming back to the farm, so in the meantime it just makes sense to be exploring other options for getting young people involved on our farm. For example we had our first farm intern last year, another young woman who was passionate about getting started in organic farming, and that also worked really well.

**The Core:** What sort of impact has it had on your operations?

**Katie:** Well it's pretty satisfying looking out the kitchen window and seeing them working away in their beautiful market garden - all this productive work being done and we don't have to do it! As their business has evolved we've had to become clearer about the business arrangement we have in place. We started with a lease agreement, and we're up to the third version now because we keep adding new clauses as different situations pop up, for example when we thought we would be on water restrictions this year we had to come up with a water policy so we could decide how we would pass the restrictions on to them. We also share infrastructure, for example they use our packing shed and coolroom, so we've had to accommodate each other there, but honestly, they're pretty easy to have around - any issues that come up we just discuss at our monthly meetings and sort it out. And it's given us a boost to have a whole new enterprise on the farm; we'd have to say that having lots of young people, enthusiasm and new energy around has had a positive impact on us.

**The Core:** Where do you see the future of agriculture in Harcourt?

**Katie:** With people like Mel and Sas, and Victoria (our ex-intern) wanting to become farmers, it really makes us feel optimistic about the future of farming in Harcourt. It's been pretty hard watching the apple industry shrink so quickly the last few years, we were worried for a while that we'd lose so many orchardists that the viability of the pipeline would be threatened, but it seems to have stabilised now which is good. We think there's loads of opportunity for an explosion of new farming enterprises in Harcourt, but it might look very different to the orchard industry of the past. We can grow pretty much anything here in Harcourt - we've got soil, we've got a great climate, we've got land, we're close to big population centres - and now we've got a bit more water security as well. We're expecting a boom!

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## No. 9: Rosemary Sorensen



*We know Harcourt is a place with hidden treasures, but perhaps not many of its residents would necessarily name the arts among them. Yet we have among us a significant – and increasing – number of talented, often successful, occasionally illustrious, practitioners from across the spectrum of the art world.*

The Bendigo Writers' Festival celebrates its fifth year this August 12-14 and Rosemary Sorensen, a Barkers Creek local, has been its director for all of those five years. An arts and literature editor in the state and national press for nearly 30 years, she thought a writers' festival would "join the dots" for a city such as Bendigo.

After serving on committees of several other writers' festivals, bringing the idea to Bendigo was a no-brainer. "It's an obvious place for one," she said. "Bendigo is a vibrant city on a growth trajectory, with a range of brilliant venues and an increasingly connected and mature community."

The growth of the Festival parallels the amazing changes at the Bendigo Gallery, which has hosted a number of blockbuster exhibitions in recent times, including the recent raging success of *Marilyn*. She applauds the success of the Castlemaine State Festival in the areas of visual and performing arts but observes that the writing community is less cohesive, and was in need of its own event.

An initial approach to Bendigo City Council

had a positive hearing and the first Festival in 2012 was extremely well received. In the five years since, the range and quality of offerings has steadily improved, as has the number and quality of venues. "The Capital Theatre was always our 'jewel in the crown', and now that Ulumbarra is completed and available, the sky is the limit." On Saturday this year, Ulumbarra will host a video link-up with Julian Assange, hosted by Robert Manne—a key feature of this year's Festival. The subject is not his bizarre accommodation situation in the Ecuadorian embassy in London but rather the impact that his organisation, WikiLeaks, has had on the global political landscape. It will not be recorded or broadcast in any form at any other time. Be there or miss out!

Rosemary is keenly aware that although steady improvement is 'expected', the Festival also needs to evolve and stay fresh. This year, she has organised over 50 sessions, including a free day for primary school kids on Sam the Tram on the Friday.

If there's any 'theme' to this year's Festival, it might be described as 'how to juggle ethics and politics in this modern world'. As well as Assange, the program features renowned ethicist Peter Singer, media icon Kerry O'Brien and commentator Hugh Mackay. Of course, it also stars a who's who of Australian fiction, non-fiction, poetry and song and playwriting. Maybe even a smattering of rap and comedy—literally (sic) something for everyone.

The Bendigo Writers' Festival runs from Friday August 12 to Sunday August 14. A headliner at last year's festival, Tariq Ali, described the audience at BWF as a "thinking audience"—there's no better compliment. Why not be counted amongst them this year?

**To find out more and buy passes or tickets go to [www.bendigowritersfestival.com.au](http://www.bendigowritersfestival.com.au).**

*Doug Falconer*

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# Harcourt CFA



*Brigade members work with the Domestic Prop designed to simulate domestic fires.*

## More Safety Recalls

There has been an electrical safety recall on BOSCH dishwashers sold in Australia between 2000 and 2006 because they pose a fire risk. Homeowners with affected models are advised to immediately cease using their dishwasher and call a Bosch repair team on 1300 369 744 to arrange a free in-home repair. The dishwashers were sold through various retailers and the model numbers involved are:

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SGS4332AU; SGS4352AU; SGS43A92AU;  
SGS43B22AU; SGS43B42AU; SGS4702AU;  
SGS4712AU; SGS5332AU; SGS53A52AU; SRI-  
43A05AU; SRS5302AU.

The second recall is for HP NOTEBOOK Computer Batteries. Some of the battery packs supplied with certain HP, Compaq, HP ProBook, HP Envy and HP Pavillion Notebook computers have the potential to overheat with the risk of fire and burn hazard. They were sold nationally from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015 through computer retailers. The first characters of the unique number of the potentially affected battery will be: 6CGFQ; 6DEMA; 6CGFK; 6CZMB; 6DEMH; 6BZLU or 6DGAL. The complete number will need to be verified if the battery is actually one that is affected. To do this, go to the HP Battery Recall website at: <http://www.HP.com/go/batteryprogram2016> to validate your battery. If the validation process indicates that your battery is affected, cease use of the battery immediately

and remove it from the notebook. HP will provide a replacement battery for each verified, affected battery at no cost. Note: You may continue to use your notebook without the battery installed by connecting the notebook to external power.

## Domestic Prop Training

The Domestic Prop was recently at the Castlemaine Fire Station for a period of three weeks. The prop is fitted out with a TV, couch and stove made out of steel and is used for simulating domestic type fires by burning LPG all housed in a shipping container. It was a good opportunity for brigade members to hone both offensive and defensive fire fighting techniques as well as direct and indirect attack methods.

## Winter Weather

It is pleasing to see that the recent rainfall has been producing run off and filling up dams after levels had diminished significantly over the summer period. While it would be great if this pattern continues through into spring, the downside of this is that spring growth will then produce higher fuel loads for the summer. This will then mean more work required in preparing your property for the summer fire season. And if the rain stops suddenly and we start receiving warmer temperatures similar to last year, then the Fire Danger Period (FDP) will commence earlier. If you are likely to have heaps to do, then it would be an advantage to start early.

The colder weather also means the risk of house fires started by heaters is greater. The importance of maintaining gas, electrical and wood heaters in good working order cannot be over emphasised as well as taking extra care if trying to get clothes dry near heaters.

*Tyrone Rice  
Captain*



# Harcourt CWA

Salutations CORE Readers,

In July the Harcourt CWA invited the community to come along and listen to local author Robyn Annear talk about her apron collection. To all accounts it was a very successful day and Robyn herself was a delight to hear. (Insert Photo "CWA July Photo 1" here please)

Next month we start gearing up for our October extravaganza! Rhapsody in Blue! Once again all are invited to come and see what we have in store. Entry is \$8, start time is 1:30pm at the Harcourt Leisure Centre on the 20th of October, please give Marie Twyford a ring and let her know numbers that are coming for catering purposes on 5472 5450 by the 13th of October.



The last thing we did in July was farewell a long-standing member, who is moving to England. Farewell Margaret Gaal, (*above, standing*) you will be sorely missed. Our next general meeting is on Thursday the 4th of August at 1pm at the Harcourt Leisure Centre, all are welcome to attend. If crafting is more your thing, come along on Thursday the 18th of August at 1pm again at the Harcourt Leisure Centre and have a cuppa with us.

Any inquiries about the Country Women's Association and membership can be directed to Marie Twyford on 5472 5450.

*Dani Kent  
Harcourt CWA Publicity Officer*



# Harcourt Bowling Club

## Toasty at the Bowling Club for Xmas in July

A lively crowd enjoyed the warmth of the Bowling Club and yummy Christmas in July offerings on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Although a few members have journeyed north to warmer climes it was pleasing to see so many other locals enjoying themselves at the Club.

Once the members draw was completed and all the raffle winners established President John welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked the organisers and Kay and Grahame Francis for once again presenting us with a sumptuous spread.

## Solar Funding

At the time of going to print we have not received the pledged funding for solar panels although we understand the action is in the pipeline.

*Christine Anderson, Publicity Officer*

## *Below: Happy faces at Christmas in July*




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# 100 Mile Lunch: Xtreme Inc Fundraiser

XtremeInc Youth Projects is a local community initiative which seeks to educate, empower and engage young people through the arts and youth projects. The Project recognizes that suicide amongst young people in rural Victoria is twice the rate than that of metropolitan areas. XtremeInc wants to create a region teeming with young people leading active, creative and healthy lives as valued members within their community.

To help fund these goals, XtremeInc are hosting a special 100 Mile Lunch at the Old Castlemaine Goal on Sunday 28th August. The fundraising event's theme is 'Mental Health Awareness' and the day actively involves the XtremeInc 'Youth Food Crew'. This crew of local youth have been mentored by community leaders working in food and events including Nikki Valentine (Growing Abundance) and Jane Grylls (food stylist) who have provided young people with basics skills in cooking using fresh local

produce sourced within 100 miles of Castlemaine. The 100 Mile Lunch will feature local wine and music by talented young musicians Lily Betts, Eve Morden and Aiya Goodrich. Guest speakers on the day include Jeremy Forbes from HALT AUSTRALIA and Sarah Day from Live.Life.Well, a community project with a focus on promoting positive mental health and wellbeing.

The lunch kicks off at 12pm with two delicious courses, including vegetarian and gluten free options. Tickets are only \$39.00 and can be purchased on line at [www.trybooking.com/MHEG](http://www.trybooking.com/MHEG) All the proceeds from this event will go towards XtremeInc Youth Projects not-for-profit organisation, supporting regional projects and working to strengthen the health and wellbeing and safety of our young people. For more information, please contact Sarah Cook on: 0402 087 949. Email: [info@xtremeinc.org](mailto:info@xtremeinc.org) or [www.xtremeinc.org](http://www.xtremeinc.org)

*Members of Xtreme Inc at a previous fundraiser.*



## Cadet Journalist Wanted

Are you a young writer who would like a start in "grass roots" journalism with The Core? The person would preferably be living in Harcourt and would arrange interviews and write stories on matters of interest to young people. Or the person might have a keen interest, for example, sport or cooking.

It is proposed that a small payment would be made each month to the cadet.

If that sounds like you and you like to write and would also be prepared to learn (as quickly or as slowly as you like) the InDesign program which used to set up the paper, then contact:

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# Does Social Media Wreck Young Lives?

*This month our young writer Scarlett Berger examines the influences of Social Media on young people.*

There is some truth in the statement that social media wrecks young lives, but social media also has many benefits. The social networks I use are Snapchat, Instagram, Pinterest and Tumblr. They all have different uses and are really fun to use. There are many other social platforms like Twitter and Facebook, which I don't use. Social media is very inspiring and it's a fun way to spend time, but also has its negatives. It's quite addictive, and dangerous because of stalkers, cyberbullies and inappropriate photos.

Social media can be scary. In 2018, it is estimated that there will be around 2.55 billion social network users around the world. That is a lot of people online that something could happen to. Social media holds a lot of inappropriate posts including pornography, and a lot of young people have complete access to it. So this is just a reminder to never post an inappropriate photo of yourself to the internet or send it to someone, because even if you delete it or send it to someone you think you can trust, it will always be on the internet. The social media Tumblr is great for many purposes, but myself and others have seen a lot inappropriate things that are 'normal' for Tumblr. Another thing that parents worry about with their children using social media is stalkers and strangers. Things don't happen very often but if you are worried about it, there are easy ways to make your account private. Also I strongly encourage you not to give away any information about your location, full name etc. Another thing that parents seem to worry about is having control over what their child sees and can access. You can put filters and block sites, but there are ways around them. Lastly there is the big problem of cyber-bullying. It is a lot easier to say something mean to someone when you can't see their face, like when you are on social media. There are so many ways of cyber-bullying and it happens too regularly.

Having said that, there are many wonderful things about social media. A lot of people have social media so there must be a reason why everyone wants it, right? Well yeah! Yes, it is addictive, but that's not the only reason why people like it. First of all, it is very inspiring! Personally, when I go onto my social networks especially Pinterest and Tumblr, I get inspired to be creative such as cooking, tidying my room or making/creating something! It's so fun scrolling

through a feed and seeing so many posts that create sparks of creativity in your brain, and inspire you to improve things in your everyday life. The social medias that I use to contact my friends are Instagram and Snapchat and they are easy to use. I use Instagram to text my friends, and also post photos and/or videos for my followers to see. You can either have a private account, where you have to accept followers before they can access your account, or you can have a public account which is where anyone can follow you and see your account. Snapchat is a bit different. You don't have a private or public account, people can add you, which is like 'following' or 'friending', and if you don't want them to access your Snapchat or you don't know them, you can just block them, like Instagram. On Snapchat you can send private messages, and there is also a feature where you can face-time or audio call! You can also take photos/videos and save them, send them privately or post them to your story, which is a Snapchat version of a feed!

The internet is a big place and has many dangers, but also it can be very inspirational and entertaining, and sometimes very useful. So I hope you get the best out of social media but also understand the dangers and stay safe!

I found the statistics here: <http://www.statista.com/statistics/278414/number-of-worldwide-social-network-users/>

Scarlett Berger

## Colour Me In!



# Exciting Weekly Events at Mondo Lounge Youth Space

*Mondo Lounge participants are shown here enjoying sharing the results of their Mexican cooking session.*



Young people are having fun and learning new skills each Friday afternoon at Mount Alexander Shire Council's Mondo Lounge - a youth space that offers free activities, workshops and training for people aged 12–25 years.

Council's Youth Activities Officer Jodie Hearn said the Mondo Lounge Youth Space has become a popular venue for young people of the shire.

"Mondo Lounge provides a space to meet with friends after school in a safe, supervised and supportive environment," said Ms Hearn.

"Our Youth Space Committee creates a program of activities for each term with something different every Friday afternoon," she said.

"It's been great to have new people coming along and joining in – we'd love to see more people popping in and learning something new!" she said.

In addition to hanging out, playing video games, accessing the free WiFi, young people can also participate in the following sessions offered in term three:

- 12 August: A parkour workshop, sports and a barbecue to celebrate National Youth Day at Castlemaine Botanical Gardens.

- 26 August: Satisfy your sweet tooth and learn how to bake.
- 2 September: Learn how to skateboard at Castlemaine Skate Park.
- 16 September: Join the Capture the Flag game at Castlemaine Botanical Gardens.

Mondo Lounge is open from 3.30pm to 6.00pm every Friday afternoon during the school term at Castlemaine Continuing Education on Templeton Street, Castlemaine (unless specified).

View the Mondo Lounge activity timetable on Mount Alexander Shire Council's Youth Facebook page or the Youth section of Council's website: [www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au).

For more information contact Jodie Hearn on: [j.hearn@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:j.hearn@mountalexander.vic.gov.au) or 5471 1743.

***Mondo Lounge is delivered in partnership with Castlemaine Continuing Education and funded by the Victorian Government's Engage! program.***



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## A Frontier Doctor in Harcourt

*Fireside Talk August 21*



Once upon a time Harcourt had a resident doctor. This was in the turbulent time when hundreds of railway construc-

tion workers were camped at Harcourt and at Porcupine Hill. Those were the years when the storekeeper and the hotel-keeper made a fortune, when the Mount Alexander Mail published full reports of every court case, (names included), the era when inquests were conducted promptly after every unexpected death with every gory detail reported in the press.

Dr Young did not have it easy. His appointment to the Harcourt role was contested and his first attempt to admit a man to hospital was stymied by the local medicos. But Dr Young persisted and ministered to sick and injured (and gave evidence at inquests) during what we would now call Harcourt's frontier era. Constantly mentioned in the press, the doctor, Daniel Young, had a fatal flaw. Others in the story had their faults also; one who had vigorously opposed Dr Young spectacularly fell from grace and earned himself a stint breaking stones for Her Majesty. This is a fascinating story of robust doings amid tough conditions.

Dr Young's Harcourt career will be the subject of the 'third-Sunday-in-the-month Fireside Talk' at Harcourt Heritage Centre, at 1.30 pm on August 21st (with afternoon tea to follow.) All welcome.

*George Milford*

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## Council Seeks Members for Health Advisory Committee

Mount Alexander Shire Council is calling for representatives to come together to work towards improving the health and wellbeing of the community.

Director for Sustainable Communities Vicky Mason said Council is seeking up to 16 volunteers from all areas of the shire to join a community health advisory committee.

"Committee members will advise Council on the development, review and implementation of the shire's Health and Wellbeing Plan and on new and emerging community issues that are likely to impact the health of our community," said Ms Mason.

"It's particularly important that we have involvement from all sections of the community so I encourage anyone who is active in the community and who understands local issues to put up their hand and nominate," she said.

Ms Mason said that Council recognises that health is more than being free from disease, but is a state of physical, mental and social wellbeing that allows people to live life to the fullest.

"It's well known that we are a generous community with a very high rate of 34 per cent of our community volunteering, compared with the state average of 18 per cent," said Ms Mason.

"We also perform well in fruit and vegetable consumption and regular exercise," she said. "However, some of our key challenges are high rates of smoking and alcohol and soft drink consumption, and high levels of psychological distress and child abuse compared with other Victorian towns."

"Protecting, improving and promoting health and wellbeing is one of the most significant ways Council can achieve the best outcomes for our community."

The Mount Alexander – A Healthy Shire: Community Advisory Committee will meet quarterly for the first twelve months, then twice a year during the four year term. Members will also participate in one of three working groups that meet twice a year. An induction will be provided for all members.

People interested in joining the committee should submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) which, along with the application form and Terms of Reference, is available on the Advisory Committee section of Council's website: [www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au).

***To find out more about the committee please contact Vicky Mason on 0428 410 575 or [v.mason@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:v.mason@mountalexander.vic.gov.au).***

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FRIDAY 19 AUGUST, 2016

# FARM FIELD DAY



## Showcasing the possibilities for viable, sustainable and biodiverse farms.

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- ▶ **Biodiversity** - Benefits, Aboriginal history, managing water and pest plant and animals.
- ▶ **Viability** - Business planning, financial management, compliance and employing staff.
- ▶ **Living by example** - Local producers sharing their stories including diversification and value adding.

This field day is supported by the North Central CMA, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and by Connecting Country, through funding from the Australian Government.





# Landcare

## Harcourt Valley Landcare July Working Bee



**Above: Trevor, Bonnie and Richie (with the crazy grin and the chainsaw) attack dead blackberries in Picnic Gully Creek at the Oak Forest. Eight members attended and a considerable area of the creek bed was cleared.**

### New Green Army Team

In early July a new Green Army team met with a number of local Landcare groups including Harcourt Valley Landcare, Maldon Cactus Warriors, Baringhup Landcare and Castlemaine Landcare at the Parks Office in Castlemaine. The team will be spraying, clearing weeds, planting, fencing, and killing pines and cactuses in the different Landcare areas of the Shire. Connect-

ing Country Castlemaine supported by the North Central Catchment Authority and Parks Victoria has been instrumental in organising the teams for work across the Shire. Shown here are L to R: Greg Barber (NCCMA); Asha Bannon (Connecting Country); Peter Barrow (Green Army Team Leader) and the young people of the team.



# Pips 'n' All

Hello Garden lovers,

In April, I wrote a little about colour. Colour is an important consideration when planning a garden. Colour is particularly important at this time of year, when the days are short, skies are grey and mood can be a little low. Colour in the garden is a great way to lift your spirits.

At this time of year, the white of Jonquils, the pink of Daphne, the purple of French Lavender or the yellow of early Daffodils add delight and joy to the garden and our lives. These bright colours can be used as highlights in the garden, around entrances and near the front door to cheer you as you leave and arrive home. Other winter flowering favourites include some Red Hot Pokers, white Marguerite Daisies, Bergenia, Camellia, Helleborus and some Wattles, Grevilleas and Banksia.

Another way of introducing colour is through foliage. Colourful leaves can provide year round colour as well providing a backdrop for your more exciting flower colour. We can't go past the bright silvery blue of Wormwood (*Artemisia 'Powis Castle'*). This little plant has turned out to be tough as well as compact and bright. We love it and are introducing it around the garden intermingled with flowering plants like Lavender, Rock Rose and Salvias. Other useful foliage plants are Sacred Bamboo (*Nandina domestica 'Blush'*), (*Euonymus japonicus 'Emerald Gold'*), Cotton Lavender (*Santolina chamaecyparissus*) and (*Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack Frost'*). These plants can add a boost of year round colour and some like the Euonymus and Brunnera are great for difficult dark, shady corners.

Another form of colour in the garden is fruit. It is easy to think that fruit trees should be separate to our ornamental gardens, but many can coexist and provide a wonderful highlight. Pomegranates and Lemons are good examples. Lemons don't like competition though, so it is worthwhile keeping the area around the trunk open.

It is handy to remember that bright and light colours will pop, feel closer and make a space feel smaller. Whereas, cooler colours such as blue, mauve and pink will sit back and help make a small area feel larger.

This month we are:

- Pruning roses;
- Planting winter vegetables; and
- Covering frost tender plants.

The wet winter sets us up for a wonderful spring in the woodland. This month:

- Milkmaids, Rabbits Ears and Chocolate Lilys are shooting.
- Riceflower, Diuris and Greenhood Orchids, Early Nancy and Sundews are flowering.
- Austral Crane's-bill and Magenta Stork's-bill and Scented Sundew are shooting.

Happy Gardening  
Janyce



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# Grow Great Fruit

If you've just planted new fruit trees, make sure you protect the trunks from being nibbled by rabbits, hares, kangaroos or wallabies, because if they eat the bark all the way around it can kill the tree. Tree guards, fencing or dogs can all be effective. If the problem is hares (common around Harcourt!) you can make an organic hare-deterrent paint to apply to the bark. This is made by mixing animal fat with any strong smelling stuff like peppermint oil, garlic, lavender, eucalyptus, tea tree etc. Hares are herbivores and don't like strong smells, so the combination works well to stop them eating the delicious tender bark on your baby trees. You may need to apply it more than once, so keep an eye on the trees.

Here are a couple of other tips to make sure your young trees get a good start in life:

- If you didn't prune them when you planted, prune now before spring so they grow into a useful shape right from the get-go (we recommend vase shaped fruit trees as practical for most backyards).
- Once the soil has started to warm up a bit, mulch the trees - fruit trees prefer a woody mulch like sawdust or wood chips, or use old straw. It's also a good idea to put a layer of compost or worm castings under the mulch to make sure you're feeding your soil microbes. Once the trees are established they're better with a living mulch (or even just weeds), but for the first year or two it's better to reduce any competition for water and nutrients.
- Fruit trees don't need watering in when you plant (particularly in this lovely wet winter we're having) but make sure you have the irrigation ready to go before the hot weather kicks in.

*Happy fruit growing!  
Hugh and Katie Finlay*

*Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens*

## Winter Workshops

**We have just two more workshops available this year, both on Sunday August 14:**

Grow Your Own Fruit Trees (Grafting), 9.30am-12.30pm,

Organic Pest and Disease Control, 1.30pm-4.30pm

Workshops are \$60 each or \$108 for two and a hot organic lunch is provided for those staying for the whole day. More information and workshop bookings at [www.mafg.com.au](http://www.mafg.com.au).



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## Skydancers for breakfast

Open from 7.30am Monday to Friday, Skydancers Café has a great range of breakfast options. Dine in, or grab 'n' go!



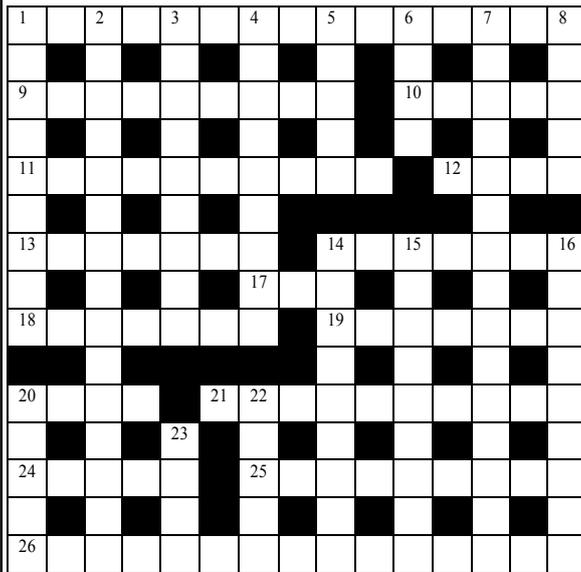
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## ASQ Plant of the Month

### Proteas and Leucadendrons

There are many different types of these hardy, low maintenance plants. Some are low growing, while others can reach heights suitable for hedging. They enjoy life in the sun, and prefer well-drained soil. Add a good bucket of water when planting, but after that, don't water too much as they don't like wet feet! They are drought tolerant and will produce a beautiful display in any garden.





**Down:**

1. After Alaska, coming here to balmy climes in the US might reset our circadian rhythms. (9)
2. Most men can't mend their ways even after hearing these. (3,12)
3. In poetic Oz I find animal version of mistletoe. (9)
4. Secure these, else chaos reigns at the bottom of things. (4-5)
5. Yo Bro! You mosh it up to form growing part of terra firma (just drop the Yo, Bro...) (5)
6. Good cape, Bob, no? (4)
7. Surgeon's evil arm entering the cranium dismembers bunch of three. (10,5)
8. Steady-state man on the cards? (5)
14. Can't see, hear or feel if knocked this way. Can't smell or taste, either... (9)
15. Fungus and magazine both sound like an overly possessive name for our sun. (5,4)
16. It's not a cheesy pad, the school gym, but a seedy chap might have cased hype here, as one hyped case after another was made from the platform on this occasion... (6,3)
20. The Pasha vocation contains the seeds of disorder. (5)
22. Early electronic bacterium? (1,4)
23. Tardy spirit component? (4)

**Across:**

1. Prepares Golf for roofing? Certainly closes it down... (7,3,5)
9. Shape of a hippie casserole dish? (9)
10. Dunny in the know? (5)
11. He thinks smashing statues and breaking windows are cool antics. (10)
12. Dole out flesh, they say. (4)
13. Car for lazy Australian wizard? (7)
14. Are they Darwin's type? (7)
17. Before the sound of Erin. (3)
18. Japanese martial arts weapons (nunchakus) lose snake with missing tail, but keep its head and regain tail for lost-ball boys... (7)
19. Tell story of past run rate going backwards half the time. (7)
20. Rope weed factor? (4)
21. One sure way to reach the ethnic Pole. (10)
24. I escape lesser sin for the money-grubbing one. (5)
25. Large rubber endowment of US beach buggy indicates that it's past its bedtime. (4-5)
26. Lipstick liposuction? (8,7)



**Down:**

1. Ya drop yer guard for a minute—it sends you up! (6)
2. Tell about [re...] punctuality policy.
3. Press allowance for hard tack. [Well?]
4. Do they fly to Honkers? [Well?]
5. We hear antique, but *no article* is made of this... (4)
6. The grey eminence of 14ac spends the production here. [Well?]
7. Orwell's V2s for dim-sims? [Nineteen Eighty-Four]
10. Cue man for business smarts? (6)
13. Grasp below members' seating. [Well?]
15. Add weight to a stroll? [amble] You bet!
16. Trees might play. Have elms been in this group? (8)
17. In favour [pro-] of Gair, but outside the capital. (8)
19. How the Michelin Man will die? [Well?]
20. *Sound of beverage [t...] in a spoon is exactly right.* (4,2)
23. Delft tea, mate... [Well?]
24. Lemon Lyre-bird solely in the midst of it?

**Across:**

1. Painstaking sort of task to find these places for cars. (7,8)
8. Give up on what to do with super? [Well?]
9. Many a CEO couldn't run this... [Well?]
11. Capital punishment will enter creed of some in this form, but only some... (10)
12. Minuscule boy cat. [Well?]
14. Cobb & Co. organiser often doubles as producer or director... [Well?]
18. Random rewind of those who are restricted in their thinking. (6-6)
21. Messenger [envoy] loses nothing for resentful longing. (4)
22. Relative in the barber's sounds [ba-ba...] beyond the pale. (5, 5)
25. Republican fruit? [Well? Keating...]
26. If an order-of-finishers table [list] is drawn up, it should show every one as this. (8)
27. Occasionally, but if you really think it through it means all the time! [Every single now, and every then, too... Well?]

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# HARCOURT GOLDFIELDS TRACK CAFÉ

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## *Goldfields Track Café Soon to Open in Harcourt*

Launching in early September, the Goldfields Track Café will fill the void left by the closure last year of the Tread Café. Tread will continue to focus on its accommodation offering while the café will open under independent management. Headed up by local café professional, Donna McMahon, the Goldfields Track Café will offer a small menu of tasty snacks, fresh brewed tea and coffee and some take-home meal options. The café will initially be open Saturday and Sunday with plans to gradually increase its operating hours.

Stay tuned for more details in the next edition of The Core.



## Another Successful Grant for Harcourt

Making 3 out of 3, the Harcourt Progress Association has received a grant from FRRR, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal. This grant is in addition to funds received from the Mount Alexander Shire and the Federal Volunteer Grants programme. The combined money goes towards constructing a Community Catering Kit designed to help local community groups with their catering and food based fundraising.

Congratulations HPA! Stay tuned for more information about this great new development for Harcourt and Mount Alexander.

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## Harcourt Consortium Growth Plan

The Harcourt Coolstore and associated Consortium are set to benefit from the State Government's \$6,333 investment in a Growth Plan that will outline strategies for increasing local fruit production and revitalising its export potential.

Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards announced the funding from the Government's \$20 million Food Source Victoria program, which supports food producers and businesses to work together to grow exports and create new jobs.

Agribusiness consultants, RMCG, will develop the Plan on behalf of the Harcourt Consortium; an apple growing alliance comprised of six apple growers and associated businesses.

The Plan will identify the competitive forces within the target market and analyse the primary strengths, weaknesses and challenges facing the apple industry in the area.

It will also include practical recommendations such as the potential to develop a transport and cold chain hub that will capitalise on Harcourt's strategic location near excellent road and rail logistic links with good access to air and sea ports.

Additional opportunities include the development of a small-run bottling facility to enable cider to be bottled with a longer shelf life capacity for export, temperature-controlled storage facilities for locally produced wine and a retail/tourism outlet.

The Growth Plan is an important step towards enhancing the Harcourt Consortium's production methods and ensuring continued growth into the future.

***Below: The small-run bottling line at the Coolstore with the capacity to bottle cider for longer shelf-life, which makes the product suitable for export.***



# Community Diary Dates

**August 11th:** 7.30pm Harcourt Valley Landcare Meeting, ANAHall

**August 21st:** 1.30 pm Heritage Centre Fireside Talk, "Dr Young's casebook"

August 24th: 7.30pm Harcourt Progress Association meeting. Venue TBA

**August 28th:** 1pm Pine Assassins meet at Dog Rocks for cutting and poisoning feral pine trees on Mt Alexander

**August 28th:** Cactus Kill at Maldon, 10 am and ending 12-12.30 with a BBQ. 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.

**September 4th:** Vocal Nosh at NCC 6-8.30pm Fay 0447 576 642

**CWA:** First and third Thursdays of the month, 1pm, Harcourt Leisure Centre

## Harcourt Lions Football & Netball games:

**Round 14:** Sat August 6 v Newstead (A)

**Round 15:** Sat August 13 v Maldon (H)

**Round 16:** Sat August 20 v Carisbrook(A)

**Heritage Centre:** Open every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm or by appointment



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# 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 2016 will be valid until the end of June 2017.

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

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 132, 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.*