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Harcourt Netballers, Six Teams in Finals



At the end of the home and away season, all six Harcourt netball teams from the Harcourt Football Netball Club made it through to the finals.

On the last day of the regular season, six teams of Harcourt netballers travelled to the Avoca Park. By the end of the day, they'd won four games, lost one and drawn one.

All six of the teams guaranteed themselves a place in the top three of their respective ladders. The three junior netball groups—under 13s, under 15s and under 17s—finished in 3rd, 2nd and 2nd respectively. The senior teams—A, B and C—ended the home and away season in 3rd, 1st and 2nd. This gives them a double-chance spot in the finals.

Qualifying finals were played on 29 August. Four of the six squads came out of the day with wins, earning preliminary finals berths.

The other two Harcourt teams didn't win their qualifiers, but will fight again for survival in the semi-finals at Princes Park, Maryborough, next week.

(More from the Harcourt Football Netball Club on page 4) Harcourt Progress Association Inc

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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.



Dinners @ The Greens a la Francis

Just over a year ago, Kay and Graeme Francis started up The Greens Café at the Harcourt Bowls Club. It's an occasional service—usually on Friday nights where top nosh is served up buffet style. Typically with a choice of three mains, salads, sweets and tea/ coffee—all for \$15!

Kay and Graeme enjoy planning the meals and theme nights. So far, popular favourites have included Curry Night, Outback Australia and Friday Fry Up. The latter was like high-quality fish & chips. Most recently, the theme was Christmas in July; it was a huge success.

The Greens Café started as a social night that was also intended to raise some funds for the bowls club. Kay and Graeme are both bowling club members and they enjoy giving back to the community, so they jumped at the chance to run the kitchen. As a retired couple with a background in catering, they are the perfect fit.

Their vision for The Greens Café was to create a regular place for people to come together, enjoy a delicious yet inexpensive meal and raise money to improve the club even further.

Kay says, 'It's a good night out for people who come along with their friends. The meals are cheap, there are drinks at the bar plus they have meat tray raffles.'

Graeme finds it really rewarding, especially when he sees that everything is eaten. Sometimes people will stick their head in the kitchen and say 'that's the best meal I've had in years!' Kay and Graeme have just returned from a three week road trip and are looking forward to planning the next social night feed.

Check out Dinner @ The Greens: Friday 11th September with an 'Asian Adventure' theme. These dinners are very popular so get in early! Bookings can be made by phoning the rooms on 5474 2494.



Community Diary Dates

5th September: Ken Maddern Snr Memorial cycling race, 2pm
6th September: Harcourt Cricket Club, Training, Registration & BBQ, 10am
6th September: Vocal Nosh, Newstead Community Centre, 6-8.30pm
9th September: Celebrate the Queen's big milestone, afternoon tea with cupcakes and fine china, ANA Hall, 2.30pm.
11 September: Dinner at The Greens Café, Asian Adventure, Harcourt Bowls Club
13th September: Lions Club Beyondblue Fundraiser Lunch, Harcourt Valley Vineyard, 12 Noon
13th September: Maldon Market, Fountain Street, Maldon
13th September: Landcare AGM & Lunch, 11am, Five Flags Hotel, Campbells Creek.
20th September: Kent Bates, Fireside Chat, : 'The Australian Flag', ANA Hall 1.30pm
1st October: CWA 85th Birthday Celebration, Harcourt Leisure Centre, 1.30 pm
17th October: Camp Out on the Mount with Landcare, Leanganook, Mt Alexander
18th October: Heritage Centre Tour to FitzGeorge Park & Faraday School. Meet 1:30pm at ANA Hall
22nd November: Heritage Centre, Visit to Elysium Garden, Taradale. Meet 1.30pm at ANA Hall.

Landcare Camp Out on the Mount 2015—It's On Again

The Landcare *Camp Out on The Mount* is back for its third year, and everyone's invited. The 2015 Camp Out will take place on Saturday 17th October.

In its short history, The Camp Out has earned a reputation for fun times and a family-friendly atmosphere. 'Kids get right into the activities,' explained Max Schlacter from Connecting Country. 'They also do some real good for the local area by removing the pines that invade the beautiful native forest on Mount Alexander.'

In 2014, The Camp Out started with more than 150 people joining forces to remove introduced pine trees from Mount Alexander (pictured below). The working bee was followed by a special activity for the kids, after which George Milford from Harcourt Heritage gave a talk about the history of Mount Alexander. Harcourt Lions Club cooked up a BBQ dinner before a Parks Victoria Ranger took explorers



out for a wildlife spotlight session. The evening concluded with an incredibly popular Campfire Dessert Banquet.

The Camp Out is a project of Harcourt Valley Landcare Group, supported by Parks Victoria and Connecting Country. It is organised by a group of volunteers from Harcourt and surrounding areas.

If you would like to attend this year's Camp Out, please register with Max Schlachter at Connecting Country – max@connectingcountry.org.au or 0422 130 055.





Home and Away Season Complete

The 2015 home and away season of the Maryborough and Castlemaine District Football Netball League (MCDFNL) has been a successful one for the Harcourt Football Netball Club.

Each active teams has qualified for the finals in their respective competitions; we've introduced Auskick for the first time ever and we are getting set to return to competitive junior football in 2016.

When the last games wrapped up on the 22nd August, all six Harcourt netball teams had finished in the top three out of fourteen in each of their respective ladders. This position earns them a second chance opportunity in the finals. In the footy, the boys too are into the finals, although they weren't quite as high-flying as the girls. The Seniors finished the season in 5th place while the Reserves were 6th on the ladder out of 14 teams. Of course, this still qualified them for the finals and their campaign is gaining momentum.

Into the Finals

The finals began on the 29th of August.

Four out of our six netball squads notched up wins. The Under-15s took out a nail-biter over Trentham, 25 to 24. Under-17s had a win over Royal Park, 26 to 18, while the C-grade squad beat Maldon 34 to 21. For the B-grade squad, Suzie Rinaldi scored 31 out of the 35 total, beating Natte Bealiba who could only net 26. Each of these teams has earned direct qualification into the preliminary finals to be played on the 12th or 13th of September.

Harcourt's A-grade and Under-13s squads went down in their qualifying finals, so now they get to cash in on the second-chance afforded by their great ladder position. Next week's semi-finals are now a matter of survival for them.

In the footy, the reserves bowed-out to Talbot and will turn their attention to 2015. The seniors kept the 2015 dream alve, dominating Campbell's Creek to win their elimination final and push in to the semi finals. They'll come up against Natte Bealiba next week. The grand final will take place on Sunday 20th September, at Princes Park in Maryborough. We hope to see you there.

HARCOURT AUSKICK

In 2015, Harcourt Football Netball Club launched our inaugural Auskick program.

22 possible future AFL stars took to the field, practising fundamentals and having plenty of good Aussie fun.

It was such successful program that the club is certain to run the program again in 2016.



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Tryouts and 2016

Junior football will return to Harcourt in 2016! The club has secured an Under 17.5s Football coach for next year.

Details of upcoming tryouts or information about 2016 Auskick, Senior Football and Junior Football will be announced on the Harcourt Football Netball Club Facebook page.

For netball, tryouts will take place in January 2016 over the course of 3 or 4 weeks. Anyone who wants to play should come along and join in.

Get Involved, Stay Up to Date

Harcourt Football Netball Club would like to invite everyone to join us on Team App. It's a simple app available for both Apple or Android. - simply download and search for Harcourt and join as a supporter to get updates on upcoming events at the club!

Lastly, anyone interested in getting involved at the Harcourt Football Netball Club is welcome to express their interest by contacting the President Kathie Teasdale on 0447 305 343.





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Harcourt CFA: Winter is over, Summer is not far away

First, a winter recap.

Following on from previous articles, CFA statistics show that there have been 308 *preventable* house fires across regional Victoria in June and July. More than a third of these started in the kitchen. Preventable



fires are those where simple measures would eliminate the fire starting in the first place.

Have you ever watched a fire take hold?

Fire & Rescue NSW partnered with the CSIRO to film a scenario wherein someone cooking a meal gets distracted by the phone. In just a few minutes, the pot on the stove bursts into flames that quickly engulf the whole kitchen. Note how the burning pot spreads first into the rangehood which highlights the need to ensure that fats and oils are not allowed to build up in the filters.

To see the video, go to www.vimeo.com and search for 'WFS burn footage'. It's compelling stuff.

These fires can reach 900 degrees Celsius. It is confronting stuff and makes you realise just how quickly a frying pan can become a catastrophe. In just three minutes, a kitchen fire can take hold. In just seconds, a kitchen fire can be prevented.

Here's three basics everyone should know and apply:

• Never leave cooking unattended.

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- Keep tea towels and pot holders away from the stove.
- Keep grills, fans and cooking surfaces free from grease and residue.

Now, prepare for summer.

August was the start of the grass growth and the familiar sound of lawn mowers can be heard throughout the Harcourt valley, which means that summer is not that far away. With the information that we have entered a phase of El Nino and with a lot of water storage dams not receiving run off and having lower than normal water levels, it is important that your summer preparation should start now rather than later. If we do not get sufficient spring rains, then the vegetation will dry out (cure) earlier leading to an earlier start to the fire season. For those of you that have been digging in the garden, you would have noticed how dry the soil is once you dig down only a couple of inches / centimetres. Taking simple steps now will reduce the last minute rush in preparing your property for summer, especially with the conditions that are being predicted.

As mentioned in my article in the July edition of 'The Core', interbrigade training was hosted by the Harcourt Brigade on the evening of Thursday 20th August. While the training was successful, we had one hiccup when the tanker from Campbells Creek was accidently sprayed with water in the cabin area when a door was left open. This led to an electrical short in the electrics resulting in the warning air horns going off around 9.00pm for a short time. Our apologies to our neighbours if you were startled by this sudden interruption to your peaceful evening.

With the warmer weather on the way, don't forget to check over your BBQ before lighting up.

Tyrone Rice, Captain

GUITARRA with 10 String Guitarist Matthew Fagan

Sunday 13th September, 2.30pm St Pauls Cathedral, Hall 8 Myers Street, Bendigo Matthew Fagan returns to Bendigo the place of his birth, for an afternoon for an afternoon of Spanish & Classical Guitar Highlights include Spanish favourites Rodrigo's Concierto De Aranjuez, Solearas, Alegrias, Sevillanas Vivaldi, Mozart, Paganini and more.

A portion of each ticket sold goes to the church restoration fund Tickets: \$25/ \$20 Conc Bookings: 0438 888 1985 Childern U16 free with adult Mathew has toured with Natalie Cole, Michael Crawford, The Buena Vista Social Club, Shirley Bassey and Billy Connolly



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HARCOURT CRICKET CLUB

When the sun starts to return and the grass starts to grow we know that it's time for cricket again.

For the 141st year players from the Harcourt Cricket Club will be playing in the Castlemaine District Cricket association. As in previous years the club will field a range of teams. For the kids in early primary school we have Milo cricket on a Wednesday afternoon, for those in grades 3 to grade 6 we have U/13s playing on a Friday night. Year 7 to year 9 kids can join in with C Grade on a Saturday morning and finally we will field 2 senior teams in A Reserve and B Reserve.

There have been a few changes within the association for the upcoming season. The B Reserve games will be all one-day matches with players to retire at 50 runs and return at the end of the innings to encourage more opportunities for everyone. The A Reserve games will now have the centre circle in the one day matches with field restrictions to encourage higher scoring.

Added to this, the club had its AGM early in the month and have formed a new committee keen to get more players from our local community. We especially acknowledge the new members Rod Watson (Vice President), Steve Carroll (Social Events Coordinator) and Brian O'Connor (Treasurer) and thank them for putting their hands up to help out. Steve has already concocted a list of possible events so keep an eye out in The Core during the season. We take the opportunity to also welcome back returning committee members Michael Simmins (President) and Brian Brasher (Secretary). In the new season we are altering the nets to be more spinner friendly and are looking to purchase a bowling machine over the coming weeks to improve our coaching & training opportunities. Senior & C grade training will be on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5.15pm. U/13 training will be on Wednesday nights at 4.30-5.30pm. Starting dates will be advised.

In preparation for the beginning of the season the club is having a Registration Day on Sunday the 6th of September. Everyone is welcome. Training will run from 10 am to 12 noon followed by a BBQ with a chance to welcome everyone to the new season. If you have never played before and are keen for a game or if watching the Australian team get bowled out for 60 made you think you could show them how it's done, make your way to the Harcourt Recreation Reserve on Sunday the 6th!

If you have any questions about training or playing at the club and want to speak to the coach please contact Brian on 0400 678 988. Look forward to seeing you there.

Brian Brasher, Secretary The Harcourt Cricket Club



Community Leaders Inside Canberra

Behind the scenes with the PM's Chief of Staff, Peta Credlin. A tour through the constitution with Serjeantat-Arms. Dinner in the Parliamentary Dining Room. Meeting Warren Truss and the Nationals. Some words of advice from Prime Minister Tony Abbott. These were a few of the highlights of an extraordinarily successful Canberra visit by participants of the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (LMCLP).

The LMCLP is open to anyone who wants to improve their leadership skills and knowledge with a focus on community development. I applied to help with my work on the Harcourt Progress Association. The other participants came from a range of backgrounds and from communities across our Victorian region.

Over 6 months, we've visited many towns to explore what builds and sustains resilient communities. The program has exposed us to inspiring examples of local leadership and also a broader political context. It culminated in a tremendous 5-day trip to Canberra.

To visit Canberra as part of the LMCLP was hugely enjoyable. Our political environment was made more transparent via enhanced access to politicians.

It started with a visit to the CSIRO and the Murray Darling Basin Authority. Then, we visited the Australian War Memorial and lay wreaths at the daily Last Post Ceremony. Dr Brendan Nelson regaled us with military history and background to the memorial. We spent the evening with local member Lisa Chesters who listened at least as much as she talked and was our generous host for dinner at the Parliamentary Dining Room.

Our second day was spent entirely at Parliament House. It provided us with access to people at the heart of the Australian political process. First, Serjeant at Arms Bronwyn Notzon presented-with great charm and humour-a forensic examination of parliament and the constitution; manna for the political wonks amongst us. Next, local hero Peta Credlin from Wycheproof offered some inspiring insights into how a woman from a small country town gets herself to the engine room of government and how she lives that life. Third, we met with Greens Leader Richard Di Natale for a perspective

from outside the two major parties and some discussion on principled versus tactical voting and leadership.

After lunch, we sat in on the theatre to witness the fury that is parliamentary question time.

We spent the afternoon with the Nationals: with a number of members present, we explored issue of beliefs and party affiliation; how a range of opinions can find a home within a single political party.

During the afternoon, we were honoured by a visit from Nationals leader, Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss. Finally, we were surprised by Prime Minister Tony Abbott, who spent some time with us to talk leadership and his famous exercise regime.

We finished the day with a discussion on independents in the parliament and on grass roots campaigning by Cathy McGowan MP from Indi.

Our third day in Canberra started on a high note with a tour of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander studies. Director John Paul Janke described the Institute as 'Canberra's best kept secret' and I must agree. Previously, I'd not been aware of the incredible collection housed at the Institute nor of their critical mission to digitise all their film and photos before time steals this history away.

We then toured the High Court and the National Portrait Gallery. Finally, in high style, we enjoyed afternoon tea at Yarralumla with Their Excellencies, The Governor General and Lady Cosgrove. Sir Peter gave us some insights into leadership from his distinguished career and entertained us with his relaxed and down to earth manner.

The LMCLP has been the best course that I have ever done. I encourage anyone with an interest in community to apply. Don't think you have to be a manager or in some senior role, you just need a desire to get involved.

Applications for next year's program are open now and the cost is very reasonable. If you are interested in the program, check out the website: http://cllm.org.au.

> David Heath Chairman of the Harcourt Progress Association



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150 Years of Harcourt Uniting Church

On Sunday 9th August, Harcourt Uniting Church celebrated 150 years of existence with a service led by the Rev Michele Lees.

A century-and-a-half earlier, on 13th August of 1865, the Rev William Hill opened the church with due solemnity. That took place in the presence of some four hundred people. In later years there were Methodist, Anglican, Plymouth Brethren and Church of Christ preaching places throughout the valley. All have closed, leaving the granite church as the only (the soul?) survivor.

A highlight of the celebration was a presentation of photographs of the building and snaps from special events. Pictures in the collection included Easter dawn services, harvest thanksgivings, children's after-school workshops, fellowship excursions, Share fundraisers, monster garage sales, a wedding and a kirkin'-othe-tartan—just a sample of the many and varied activities of the congregation. Of course, the cameras flashed during the luncheon which followed the anniversary service: more photos for the church photo album.

There is certainly a wealth of experience and a variety of viewpoints in the make-up of today's Harcourt church. This is demonstrated in the wide range of causes that the congregation supports. Causes include secondary school chaplaincy, overseas aid to third-world projects, refugee support, the Share Appeal (Australia's largest provider of non-government welfare services), MASARG, St Vincent-de-Paul and Bendigo Uniting Care.

Those chosen to cut the 150th birthday cake symbolized the special nature of the occasion. Carrie James and Joyce Harris have long-standing ties to the church; Carrie's family were numbered among the pioneers of 1865 while Joyce's family participated in the offshoot congregation at Harcourt North in the early twentieth century. The third member chosen for the honour of cutting the cake was David Chaplin who had the delight of seeing great-grandson Chet Chaplin baptized during the 150th Anniversary service, uniting in the one occasion a sense of looking forward to what life will bring for this infant and a sense of gratitude for the history and achievements of the past 150 years.



A chef with a penchant for custard Developed a taste for French mustard. When making a stew He mixed up the two And ended up feeling most flustered.

Where Did You Come From?

As we celebrated 150 years of history, each member of our Church was asked : "Where did you come from?"

It was interesting to see that some had been members of many different Churches, both in Aust & overseas. Others had been faithful members of the Harcourt area for their entire life time.

You may have noticed that we now have a sign on the corner of Market St/Buckley St. It shows the way to our Uniting Church in Buckley St. You are most welcome to join us there any Sunday from 9am.

Please note: On the 5th Sunday of the month we have a combined service where we gather in one of the four churches in our Parish—on 30th August we will be travelling to Newstead for our combined service.

Jan Jenkin



by George Milford



Harcourt Valley Kids Learn to Knit

The kids at Harcourt Valley Primary School are working with wool.

This month, art teacher, Suzan Redlande is teaching the senior classes to knit and weave. The younger classes have been making spider webs and pom poms.

Miss Redlande explains, 'A range of textile crafts are a regular part of the Visual Arts Program, ensuring the children all experience activities including finger knitting, knitting nancys, weaving, sewing, embroidery tapestry and felting.'

Miss Redlande proudly talks about the prize winning textile work the children have done. She reports, "The Insect Felting (pictured below) was entered in the 2013 Bendigo Wool Show and won first prize in the Schools section." The wool the children are using in the textile and knitting program was part of their prize. Miss Redlande adds, 'This followed a 2005 win in The Melbourne Wool Show Schools competition for a class Felting of *World Peace*. Both are on display in the school, as is a spring garden felting created by the children in 2014.

The Learn to Knit program is run every three or four years with the help of parents and local volunteers including CWA members, Danielle Kent and Ayron Teed (pictured right). The Grade 5/6 class have learnt garter stitch and look forward to turning their work into something useful such as a mobile phone cover—a Father's Day gift perhaps! The Grade 3/4 class have been doing paper plate loom weaving and will have the opportunity to learn to knit later in the year, once some helpers have been organised.



Above: CWA volunteers help Harcout kids learn to knit.



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Business Profile: The Good Life Careers

Genevieve Ward is a career coach who is passionate about helping people manage change and develop their job search skills. Through her business, The Good Life Careers, Gen has worked with many people throughout the shire with the skills they need to put their best foot forward when applying for work.

Whether they need a new resume, some interview practice or help with career decision making, Gen can provide the support people need to navigate a tough employment market in regional Victoria.

Gen and her family have lived in Harcourt for nearly four years, after moving up from Seddon in late 2010. They love the country lifestyle, especially having the land to grow fresh produce. Gen and her partner David, are looking forward to starting up a gourmet garlic business in the near future.

Gen also enjoys volunteering in the community and has helped out with Applefest, the HPA events plus is the Advertising Coordinator for the Core! Gen finds that, 'Volunteering has so many benefits. It gets you involved with the community, can make a difference to the lives of others, plus it can build valuable skills to put on your resume!' Gen loves meeting new people through her career coaching business and this year she has been networking with local small business owners through events with Business Mount Alexander, the Women in Business group at Cohoots Coworking, as well as the Bendigo Small Business Festival. Gen talks about the value of networking and explains, 'Whether you're in business or looking for work, you only have to have one good conversation with someone as you never know who they know or where it can lead.'

Coming up on 26th October is a Job Skills and Resume workshop that Gen will be running at the Castlemaine Community House (CCH). This three-hour workshop will give job seekers loads of practical and local career advice, plus participants will build a marketable resume and cover letter that can be sent off to potential employers with confidence.

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From Harcourt Leisure Centre to the Fields of France

My journey to the Western Front started late in 2014, when I received an email about a travelling ANZAC commemoration show. As part of the centenary of WW1, the Victorian government had commissioned a professional production company to present an audiovisual performance. Community groups were invited to register to host a production free of charge. I registered on behalf of the Harcourt Progress Association.

I could never have foreseen myself organising a WW1 commemoration. As a pacifist and a humanist, I am suspicious of overtly nationalistic commemorations of war. I am wary of the emotional manipulation, of confusing warfare with patriotism, of over-simplifying the past. I made repeated attempts to hand-ball the event to others who were more interested in the ANZAC story. There were no takers. I should have known, one always has to finish what one starts!

When the date of the event rolled around, I desperately hoped that it wouldn't be cringe-worthy. I wanted people to come along and to get something out of the experience. I had not anticipated that I would get so much out of it.

The production values themselves were very good for a compact travelling show. The content, though limited, wasn't overly cheesy. The stories and anecdotes were diverse and inclusive. It featured the rarely heard voices of women, indigenous soldiers and a multi-cultural perspective. I liked that they acknowledged the diversity of stories, not just a one-size-fits-all approach.

The over-arching message was that each and every one of us can connect, no matter how minimally or circuitously, to an ANZAC story.

Through this message and the accompanying support material, I was able to find my story and make my personal connection. The material promoted a research website on which the details of tens of thousands of soldiers are recorded. On this website, I located details of my maternal great-grandfather, who died in battle, as well as the man who later became my grandmother's step-father, who fought and died years later from wounds received at war. My boyfriend located two of his grandfathers who fought and returned safely home, both of them commemorated in history books for their accomplishments in battle. I pressed my father about his family's war history and discovered that his father—my paternal grandfather—had also fought at the Somme. Neither he nor my father had ever spoken of his war experience: my great uncle Ted had died in battle and my grandfather's family blamed my grandfather for this loss. This explained so much about our family's history; of my grandfather's relocation from northern NSW to Victoria, severing contact with his entire birth family.

From one website I made 6 family connections, including discovering an ancestor I never knew existed! But the links went even further: another military history site provided copies of the original documentation for each and every soldier: their enlistment papers, medical reports, discharge or death certificates, correspondence from or to the Department of Defence. Any official report or document which had been created and kept on file pertaining to an individual solider can now be downloaded and viewed online. The sheer volume of documents on there is staggering. Even more extraordinary was seeing my great-grandfather's signature, reading letters penned by my grandfather, registering the telegraph my great grandmother would have received notifying her of my great uncle's death.

This research played out during the final stages of a long planned family trip to Italy. My boyfriend and I had planned a 6 month trip when my mother announced she too would travel over and accompany my son. Before we knew it, a side visit from Italy to France was planned, to go to the Western Front so my mother could visit her grandfather's memorial stone.

So we found ourselves, 3 generations playing homage to 6 ancestors, in the middle of rural France at the Australian War Memorial, just outside Villers-Bretonneux. One killed but never found, now commemorated on the Memorial War. One killed, buried at Polygon Wood in Belgium but lost forever to his family. His brother, returned unharmed, but banished and damaged for the remainder of his life. One injured who survived, only to return and die before his time. And the lucky two, who did not know each other, but fought in neighbouring towns, who returned, were celebrated and through the marriage of their children became connected as family.

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My trip to the Western Front was poignant, it was strange and it was touching. It reinforced the futility of war but most importantly, my trip provided me with my own personal ANZAC story and a personal connection to our nation's war history. It connected me to my forebears and my family's ancestors and provided a tiny insight into my own family's past. The most powerful part of my visit was reading Paul Keating's "Tribute to an Unknown Soldier", transcribed on the side of the War Memorial, which acknowledges:

Because the Great War was a mad, brutal, awful struggle, distinguished more often than not by military and political incompetence; because the waste of human life was so terrible - we might think this Unknown Soldier died in vain.....But, in honouring our war dead....we declare that this is not true. For out of the war came a lesson which transcended the horror and tragedy and the inexcusable folly.

It was a lesson about ordinary people – and the lesson was that they were not ordinary.

Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns





Harcourtians—Cath Scott & John Munday

On Black Saturday 2009, massive bushfires swept across Victoria. They devoured towns, property and livestock. The fires claimed 173 lives and injured 414 people. The horrific experience brought survivors John Munday and Cath Scott together.

Cath with toddler Elwyn and 11 week old Freyja, had evacuated to Yea from Kinglake a short time before fire engulfed her home. 'I was told by a neighbour that it only took 15 minutes for my house to burn to the ground. We lost everything, but we didn't lose what was important.'

Cath who trained in drama and had used singing in her work as a Youth and Foster Care Worker decided to use her passion for singing to help people around Yea feel part of a community, gain some confidence and rebuild their lives. She started teaching singing in the Yea Community House. It was this activity and John's involvement in a post bush fire music group. The group was originally developed to give an outlet to people affected by fires, but eventually brought the couple together.

John had joined the CFA as a staff member after 27 years as a jeweller. 'I had followed the tradition of the male line in my family and become a jeweller and had a successful



John Munday and Cath Scott with her children Freyja and Elwyn.



business in Diamond Creek. I had been a volunteer firefighter and after I sold my business the CFA asked me to do some work for them. One thing led to another and I eventually became a CFA employee,' says John. By February 2009 John was CFA Captain at Acheron. He was with one of the trucks that entered Marysville moments before the fire engulfed the town. He had to make the heartbreaking decision to save the crew of volunteer firefighters knowing that in front of them lives and property were being taken by the flames. It was John who announced to the world, "Marysville doesn't exist anymore. Marysville is lost." His experience and that of many others was captured movingly in the ABC documentary, Inside the Firestorm, still available on You Tube

In the wake of those terrible times, the couple were keen to find somewhere where they and Cath's two children could make a fresh start. They wanted somewhere they could enjoy nature and live as sustainably as possible. The place they found was Harcourt.

In January this year they moved into a 25 acre property off Eagles Road. 'The home we chose ticked 25 out of 30 boxes on our wish list. It is like rural living in a friendly community, but close to a big town. Where I lived before, near Yea, it was an hour and a half one-way just to get to Bunnings. Harcourt offers lots of opportunities for my girls, Elwyn and Freyja. Harcourt Valley Primary School is larger than their previous 15 pupil school and offers them more choices. There are community facilities like the pool and when they are older, opportunities are a lot more accessible.

'When Cath and I met we hit it off musically. We also had a shared empathy. Both of us had been touched by the events of Black Saturday,' says John. 'We started seeing each other seriously two and a half years ago and in March 2013 we started a duo and called ourselves Summer Rain. Cath describes the name as 'reflecting the love of rain in summer; the rain that puts out the



Harry the celebrity cat bears the scars of the Black Saturday bushfires. He found fame after being filmed re-uniting with Cath after the fires.



... it only took 15 minutes for my house to burn to the ground -Cath Scott

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fires, bringing hope and coolness.'

'Since moving to Harcourt we have worked to establish ourselves musically,' says Cath. 'We've played at a number of Markets and done some gigs around town. We opened Applefest this year and are available to play at a range of venues and occasions including weddings, senior sing-alongs, gala dinners, cocktails, hotels and community events! We have also linked in with some of the other musicians in the area. Our style of music is probably folk/ pop, with tunes we like from the 50s to the present day. We have just recorded original tracks for our first CD titled 'Spark' which hopefully will be ready for release in the next month or two.'

John still works for the CFA and is in charge of the finances of around 120 volunteer Brigades in Victoria. The area he covers is large - from Seymour to Eildon, Narre Warren to Eltham and across to Heathcote. 'I spend a lot of time travelling,' says John. 'My office is virtually my car.' Cath does casual work as a teachers' aide at Kalianna School. 'I would also like to continue teaching beginners singing lessons, but need to work out something that will tie in with the girls' school hours', she says.

In between work and singing, they are both transforming their home and garden into a sustainable living space as well as planting berries which John hopes to sell down the track and when he retires. It is obvious the move to Harcourt has worked well for them. They talk with fondness of the friendly, welcoming community and how comfortable they feel here.

Jenny McKenry, Dandura Alpacas





lenny & Keith McKenry

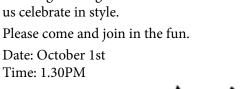
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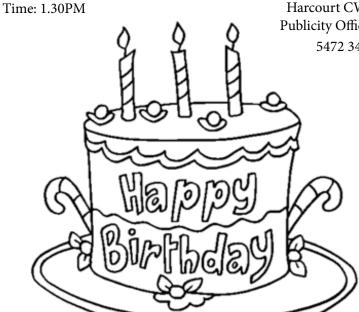
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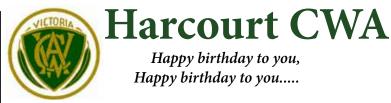
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Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you.....

Yes, Harcourt CWA is celebrating its 85th Birthday in October. You are hereby invited to come and celebrate with us at the Harcourt Leisure Centre.

Not only will you enjoy one of our famous afternoon teas, but you will be entertained with music and dancing and a display of Vintage Hats.

Now we don't expect any presents, but we do ask for a \$6.00 donation.

A lucky door prize, raffles, and a lovely Trading Table for you to rummage through will make this a wonderful day and will help us celebrate in style.

THE CORE

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Member of Q-Alpace

Pips 'n' all

Hello Garden lovers,

September is a lovely time for gardening. Mornings are fresh, everything is green and so many plants are flowering. Jonquils are perfuming the air and Daffodils are just starting to open up. Our Japanese Camellia (Camellia japonica) is slowly revealing a wonderful display of soft pink flowers that are long lasting and very attractive

There are many varieties of Camellia available to add some colour to your garden. They can be planted as a specimen plant, grown in a pot or grown as a formal or informal hedge as they respond well to pruning or shaping. They prefer protection from direct sun and are suitable for a variety of positions in your garden.

Japanese Camellias have dark, glossy foliage and a range of flower colours from pure white to deep red from winter to spring. Sasanqua Camellias (Camellia sasanqua) are generally known as more tolerant of sun than Camellia japonica. They also have attractive glossy green foliage, are faster growing and provide a beautiful flower display in autumn and early winter when the rest of your garden may be looking bare.

Whether you have sasanqua or Japanese camellias, now is the time to give them a feed, compost and mulch. They prefer a slightly acid soil so Camellia or azalea food would suit them well. Compost and mulch will help keep their root systems cool and protected in summer. Although generally Camellias require regular water, ours survives quite well with almost no additional water.

Bulbs are another wonderful addition to the garden. A fleshy bulb, winter dormancy and spring flowering make bulbs such as Daffodils (Narcissus spp) well-suited to our area with its cold winters and hot summers. Many species are dormant

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from Summer to late winter requiring a period of cold before flowering in spring. After the previous year's leaves die back, they are busy under the ground forming a flower stem and leaves inside the bulb ready to emerge after the frosts. The winter dormancy provides the plant with protection from winter's cold until warmer spring weather triggers growth.

Bulbs are very popular and a great asset to the garden. However, we need to treat bulbs with some care as many species adapt so well that they can escape from the garden and out into the paddocks and roadsides. Many bulbs can spread vegetatively as well as by seed through the production of daughter bulbs producing clumps. You may have seen Freesias tumbling out of a garden and down a paddock slope. This is one example. This doesn't mean that we can't still enjoy our Daffodils and Jonquills and many other bulbs. It just means that we need to take a few precautions such as:

- asking about potential to escape before purchase
- removing spent heads before seeding
- monitoring spread and digging up excess
- disposing of garden waste including bulbs by tying in a plastic bag in the rubbish bin, hot composting or burning.

This month we are:

- turning in our green manure crop
- preparing to plant potatoes
- fertilising garden beds
- covering frost tender plants.

This month in the woodland, chocolate lilies are shooting!

Happy Gardening Janyce



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Spring, Stone Fruit & Bordeaux

With spring bursting all around us, it's important to pay close attention to our fruit trees and to the weather.

A rainy spring is not the friend of the fruitgrower! Rain increases the chances of your trees getting a fungal disease, which can be quite devastating. Peaches and nectarines are prone to leaf curl, a bad case of which can set back a tree's growth and even destroy the fruit.

Luckily it's quite preventable by using a fungicide (organically allowed - of course!) on the trees at budswell.

Bordeaux is a mixture of 50g of copper sulphate, 50g of builders lime and 5 litres of water. It's 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.

Sun, Shade & Saturation

Sun and shade: Plants in general need a bit of both when they're growing. Saturation, not so much.

Bush Africans carefully constructed *tents* of grasses and foliage to limit sun and heat damage on hot days and as a shield on frosty days. These tents also helped to maintain water in the soil and to protect from heavy rain downpours that could lead to saturation.

Here, we can achieve a similar outcome by using the shade from trees and bigger plants. The younger, smaller ones will be shaded from passing sunlight and protected from frost.

If you have frost tender plants make sure they are planted on the highest part of your property and give them protection when young.

There are few methods of inhibiting saturation, as it often occurs on drainage lines from distant intake sources on higher land. It is best to identify these drain lines and simply put in plants that tolerate wet feet. Saturated soil drowns some plant roots; for example, woody plants like rosemary and lavandula prefer dry conditions. Saturated drainage lines can also cause erosion, so speak to your local Landcare group or native nursery to find plants that will cope in wet conditions and help to slow erosion.

Ian Johnson

Katie and Hugh Finlay own Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens, an organic mixed orchard in Harcourt. They also run a 12 month online organic fruit growing course called Grow Great Fruit, and teach a range of workshops.

The next Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens workshop is Worm Farms & Compost Tea— How to Supercharge Your Soil (\$44). Sun Sep 13, 10am-1pm.

All workshop bookings at www.mafg.com.au



ASQ Plants of the Month Spring blossom trees & flowering ornamentals

You can always tell when spring is just around the corner because the fruit and ornamental trees come into blossom.

A blossom is just another word for a flower. It also refers to the flowers of fruit trees such as peaches, nectarines, apples and pears.

One of the best ways to experience the seasonal transition from winter to spring is to include a blossom tree in your garden!









Beyondblue Fundraiser Lunch

Harcourt Valley Vineyard Sunday 13th September 2015



Guest Speaker - Angeline Cooper

Angeline is a volunteer speaker for *beyondblue*. She became a *beyondblue* speaker so she could share her story and share her new appreciation of mental health awareness and tips on how to sustain a happy and fulfilled life.



| WHERE: | Harcourt Valley Vineyard |
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| | 3339 Harmony Way, Harcourt |
| WHEN: | 12.00 noon for a 12:30 pm start |
| COST: | \$35.00 per person |
| NCLUSIVE: | Entrée, main, tea, coffee and slices |
| DRINKS: | Can be purchased at bar prices |
| DRESS: | Casual |



Join us for a fun filled afternoon of fine food, silent auctions and raffles. Prizes include a coffee machine, holiday packages, fire wood, catering packages, fine wines and spirit packages, \$400 worth of gift vouchers and much, much more!

> Bookings: Katrina Victor-Gordon Ph: 0407 835 705 Email: victorgordon.katrina.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Bookings are essential and close Monday 7th September



HARCOURT BOWLING CLUB

Welcome back to those who were lucky enough to head north to warmer climates. After the long cold Winter we are pleased to report that the greens are now open and ready for bowling. A big thank you to the Green's Committee for the care they have taken to ensure that the playing surface is in such good condition for the upcoming season.

The Harcourt Bowling Club season Open Day is on Sunday September 13th commencing at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. The day is open to Members and guests. Members are requested to wear their uniform. A fun afternoon is guaranteed with the usual country hospitality that Harcourt Bowling Club is renowned for. Please bring a plate to share and put your name on the board (outside the club) if you are attending.

Thanks to Graeme and Kay for a wonderful *Christmas in July* dinner from The Greens Café. It was an outstanding night, well-attended by the local community.

The club is keen to engage with our community of all ages and encourages locals to join us. The board is currently considering ways of introducing a junior program for younger members. Tuesday barefoot bowls and barbeque nights will begin again with daylight savings. Our clubhouse extensions and outdoor deck are heading to building permit stage and hope to be completed soon. The bar is open on Wednesdays and on Friday social evenings we also have a members draw as well as a generous raffle 'everyone's a winner' is the catchphrase.



What's on at Harcourt Bowling Club

- Green's Café—Friday 11th September the theme will be 'Asian adventure' limited numbers, bookings required 5474 2494
- Club season Opening Day—Sunday 13th September 1.00pm for 1.30pm start
- **Practice game with Marong**—Saturday 19th September all members encouraged to put their names down to play. Commencing 12.30pm

Check out www.harcourtbowlingclub.com.au for more news.

Members are saddened by the recent passing of Mal Button, he will be missed around the club and sharing his barbeque skills. We extend our sympathy to Mal's family and friends.

Chris Anderson, Publicity Officer



Castlemaine Artists' Market is a monthly showcase of predominantly Central Victorian artists and artisans.

Now in its 9th year, the Castlemaine Artists' Market is a vibrant market, based on a strong commitment to supporting individually designed handmade products by skilled artisans. Sustainable art and design practice, reusing and recycling are common ingredients.

With over 40 stalls and growing,



the market is a community event that provides an opportunity for people to talk directly with designers and makers about their work, what inspires them and the techniques and processes used.

It offers a venue for artists to promote and sell their work, to build networks and collaborate with other artists and to be part of an active community of makers.

It has gone from strength to strength and Castlemaine Artists' Market has outgrown the original space in the laneways surrounding the historic Theatre Royal. It has been on the hop for the past year trying out a couple of street locations. The Market believes to have found its new home in the lovely grounds of Castlemaine Primary School. It will trial this location until the end of the year with the view that the Farmers Market will operate along side the Artists Market there next year.

The Spring market will occur on Fathers' Day, Sunday 6th September. It will be a fabulous family-friendly event, in addition to the high-calibre artists and makers stalls, there will be delicious coffee and food stalls, a fundraising stall for the Castlemaine Primary School, and lots of entertainment. You'll find us on the corner of Forest St and Urquhart Street from 9-2pm.

If you can't make this one, the Castlemaine Artist's Market runs on the first Sunday of every month, except for January, from 9am-2pm. We also have a packed Christmas Twilight Market on Friday 18th December.

castlemaineartistsmarket.com.au info@castlemaineartistsmarket.com.au Market Coordinator: Jane 0437 186711



HPA MEMBER JOINING / RENEWAL FORM

The Harcourt Progress Association was created to support and progress the objectives of the Harcourt Community Plan. The Plan was prepared in 2013 with contributions by members of the Harcourt community and reflects the goals, vision and aspirations for our town and surrounding region.

The Harcourt Progress Association is an incorporated association and is governed by a set of 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 monthly 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 & encourage initiatives which benefit & 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 20 kms radius of the Harcourt township (some exceptions apply so do ask!) 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 able to formally vote. Annual subscriptions full due on 1st July each year. The Harcourt Progress Association is facilitated by a Steering Committee elected by the members annually.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

I request to become a member 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.

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Please mail this completed form and cheque (if paying by mail) to: HPA, PO Box 132, Harcourt, VIC 3453

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.



Harcourt Walking Group

Up to one hour leisurely walk, followed by a cuppa.
 Fitness not necessary
 Blood Pressure checks and health advice available from registered nurse

Where: Harcourt Museum and ANA Hall, 7 High St, Harcourt. When: 9.30am, Mondays

The walk will be cancelled in case of heavy rain.



Please contact Castlemaine District Community Health for further information: Phone 54791000

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Vocal Nosh!

A good sing & good food in convivial company Sunday 6th September at 6pm At Newstead Community Centre

Songs in the folk style, mostly a cappella No musical experience necessary. No need to read music. Singing for the pleasure of it.

Whole session including food \$15, concession \$12, children \$5, first hour only \$5

Bookings by email: faywhite.music@westnet.com. au or phone Fay 5461 5471

HARCOURT CARPET BOWLS

Competition season for The Harcourt Carpet Bowls Association is coming to an end. In September, we'll play the finals and hold a dinner and a presentation night. We made up four teams: Heroes, New Breed, Maine Four and Top Hats and at the time of writing that was the ladder. It has been a great Social event but at the same time very competitive between teams. Anyone interested in joining next year will be most welcome. On 31 August 2015, the Bendigo District Single Champion of Champions will be run by the Castlemaine Carpet Bowls Association at the Castlemaine Bowling Club. Singles players will come from a number of Clubs being - Bendigo VRI, Eaglehawk Men, Cal Gully, Borough of Eaglehawk Ladies, Maiden Gully, Harcourt and Castlemaine Club. This is played as a tournament to find the Champion Lady & Gent Singles player and for the prestige of representing your Club and winning the Perpetual trophy.

We have played one night to get our Singles champions: 1 Lady and 1 Gent to represent the Club. Tyrone Rice will represent Harcourt in the gents. Loretta Rice will represent the ladies competition. Good luck to our Reps. The Victorian Country Carpet Bowls Association Championships are held each year, and Harcourt has been a part of it for many years. It involves clubs from all around Victoria competing in sections for Teams, a Single Gent & Lady and also Junior U/17 Girls and Boys competitors. In the past our Club has been successful in all sections. This year, Bendigo VRI are hosting it in St. Laborius Catholic Primary School Gymnasium on 19 September at 12 noon. Anyone is welcome to drop in and watch.

Carpet bowls is a game for all ages, from 8 to 100+. Harcourt Carpet Bowls Assoc. meet each Wednesday night during the season at the Harcourt Leisure Centre in Binghams Road, Harcourt at 7.30pm to approx. 9pm so is not a late night for the younger ones. Our season usually starts early May with a Come & Try Night. Competition starts the following week, ending mid September with a dinner and presentation night. We play a singles night and one social Tournament night. The hall is heated and the atmosphere is friendly and social with a little competition thrown in.

The Harcourt Carpet Bowls Association has been running for 63 years. This year we have had a few new players join us but it'd be great to see more come along to learn and enjoy our game. We'd love for you to join us and keep the tradition going many years more. For more information, contact Secretary Loretta on 5474 2453 or Tyrone on 5474 2126.

Loretta Rice





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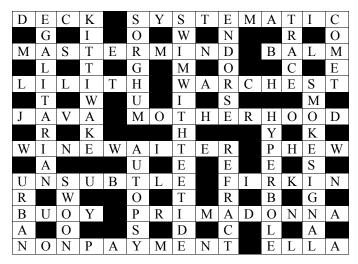
Now in its third year, the event provides cyclists of all abilities the opportunity to race competitively or ride socially alongside the historic Victorian Goldfields Railway locomotive, from Castlemaine to Maldon. The Race is on 15 November 2015. For more details, see www.racethetrain.com.au.

How to enter

Colour in this fantastic illustration, write your name and telephone number clearly on the back, and drop it in to Tread Harcourt or the Bike Vault.

The winner will be drawn randomly on Monday 28th September and announced in the October edition of The Core. Note, an additional colouring competition will be published in the Midland Express but this is a special competition reserved for readers of the Core!

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Across:

1. Take on board what must be done to halls in December? [Well?] 4. Complex whole that works by itself? [Well?] 9. Nous—a game conceived by Hitler, Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot? [Well?]

- 10. Barmy to the end is, as they say, soothing if it [i.e. the end...]'s left off... (4)
- 11. Diamond girl [Lil] is lisping [ith ...]-kill neonates
- 12. Guevara [Che] in messy hay [straw] has wherewithal to fight. (3-5)
- 14. Fossil hominid a short black? [Well?]
- 15. Robin's old girl has a statement for everyone. [Well?]
- 17. Perhaps sommelier is content to bide his time? [Well?]
- 20. Quiet [P], smelly way to shape timber? (4) 21. Blunt use? [Well?]
- 23. <u>About 401</u> for first word of crude expletive ending in 'L' we hear [*firkin' ell!*]
- 24. Male lifesaver? [Well?]
- 25. Let rip painted virgin [Madonna] for seeker. (5,5) attentior

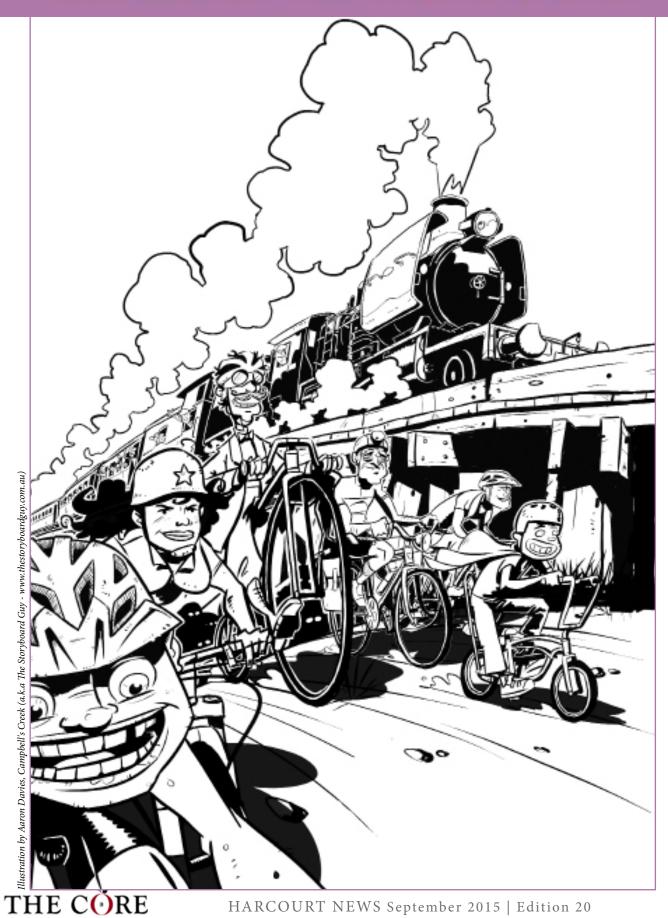
26. Certainly not a case of giving a penny to man. (3-7)

27. Fitzgerald in a parallel latitude? (4) Down:

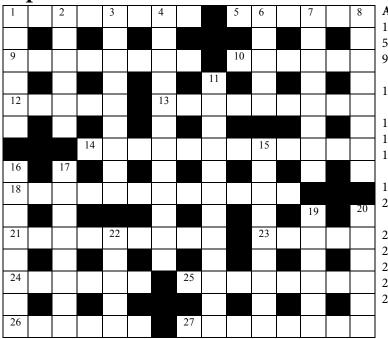
- 2. AA lite grain, fit for breakfast of equals? (11)
- 3. Seagull to rouse the cat? [Well?]
- 4. They say grass [sore gum?], after dental surgery... (7)
- 5. The white dimwits go with the flow, as the moon turns... (4,4,3,4)
- 6. Finish [end..] the gorse (in outer space = no
- gravity!) to say go to the polls, girl! (7) 7. Just a slight touch in the crate... (5)
- 8. Business [Co.] came in contact with celestial
- body. 13. Blanketed fire on and off for message. [Well?]
- 16. Elephantine statements are well over[hvper-] the trunk[of the tree!]! (9)
- 18. [psy-]Chiatry missing from self [auto-]analysis on those who passed. (7)
- 19. Deflect light over the coal-seam again (Re-) 21 Take steak [T-] off head-towel [Turban] for
- CBD environment. (5) 22. Three cardinals [S, W, N] and two phone-
- calls [00] bring about unconscious dive



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September Xword 2015



Down

- 1. On the BBC, IRA might talk of powder for bombs, but it's really for acid stomachs. (6)
- 2. Lights to the north, or a dis-United Arab Republic? (6)
- 3. What Abbott & Costello might have got through parliament? (6, 3)
- 4. Only a moron and gits would tolerate this at a rock concert. (8, 4)
- 6. No parts in late histories—they're indivisible? (5)
- They could be made running a fun store, but one won't be rendered unto serf. (8)



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Across

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- 1. Wave sword around breakfast roughage. (8)
- 5. We might slap bacon about loudly to converse. (6)
- 9. 'E' is replaced by a change of luggage delivery to drinking party. (8)
- If a woman in a boat draws near one of these, she might get an "Oi! Girl!" from it. (3, 3)
- 12. The only idiocy worth having away from Sydney. (5)
- 13. US counterpart of Qld only a pole apart... (4, 5)
- 14. Couturier sounds fit to separate Canada from USA. (5, 7)
- 18. Every repetition is fundamentally fine. (12)
- 21. Gondolier might make your oral brace fall out with this song... (9)
- 23. Tree that takes no prisoners? (5)
- 24. Not in the ring—that is, sold content. (6)
- 25. Dr Silver might catch these tyros on Silver Rd. (1-7)
- 26. Gee, you slow from a canter drinking this stuff! (3-3)
- 27. One after the other, perhaps—how to get through a Melway? (2, 6)
- 8. Bosses who fire the greatest number? (3, 5)
- 11. Anniversary of communist landlord? (3-6, 3)
- 15. Specialises in taking the piss without a hint of irony? (9)
- 16. Goes in a rambling way through expensive steak. (8)
- 17. Yell "Sack Tony!" (5, 3)
- The beer I'm drinking in this boat would be pre-Christian. (6)
- 20. In French I test the flying coterie. (3-3)
- 22. German car has nothing sound. (5)



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