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Harcourt Netballers Supreme



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DEADLINES & PUBLICATION DATES

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





Harcourt Netballers

Supreme (cont)



Above: The Harcourt Under 17's were successful in their grand final showdown against Natte Bealiba. The scores were level at quarter time and also at half time and with not long to go in the last quarter, the Lions were down by five goals but managed to fight their way back to win by two 32-30 in an absolute thriller. There were scenes of elation after the final whistle as the girls and their supporters celebrated the win.

B Grade Netball Team Win - Above: Coach Kathie Teasdale and Captain Suzie Rinaldi holding the premiership cup. The winning score against Avoca was 32 - 25

Bottom of Front Page: The B Grade Netball Team: At the back from the right is Jo Wells, Brooke Ginnivan, Suzie Rinaldi, Kathie Teasdale (Coach), Tegan Noonan (who also won best on court), Bec Waddington, Deb Ginnivan and front row Chris Curtis, Cheyenne Milani and Kylie Giddings holding the ball.

Top of Front Page: Under 17's girls back row from the right is Tailah Browne-Kerr, Shani Bassett, Alannah Rowland, Marla Neal, Darcy Nelson, Georgia Searle, Bella Keogh, front row Sarah Maddern (voted best on court), Meg Ginnivan (Coach) and Bepinna Marshall.

Jacqui Searle

And some important information repeated from our September edition:

2016 - Junior Football & Tryouts

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.

Fruitgrowers Organise to Tackle Fruit Fly

The Harcourt and District Fruit Growers Association (HDFGA) met last Tuesday night, and enjoyed a comprehensive presentation about Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) from expert Colin Bain.

QFF is known as one of the worst pests in Australia, and due to climate change its habitat is shifting.

Colin's take-home message was that it's coming to Harcourt, and we'd better be prepared!

This is a district-wide issue

that should be of concern both to fruit growers, and anyone with a garden, and Colin had some great ideas for how everyone can help to prevent and control this pest.

The HDFGA is holding a "toolbox" session focusing on how to prevent and treat QFF on the 21st October at Thompson's Orchard, Dann's Road, at 2pm. All welcome (not just fruit growers!)

Katie Finlay



Colin Bain discusses Fruit Fly issues with members of the Fruitgrowers Association at their September meeting.

Community Diary Dates

8th October: HALT Cricket Club, 7.30pm, Harcourt Leisure Centre, Bingham's Road

8th October: Landcare Meeting, 7.30pm, ANA Hall

9th October: Greens Café – Fish and Chips theme, Harcourt Bowling Club

10th October: Castlemaine Cannons Basketball 50th Anniversary, 11am - 8pm, War Memorial Stadium, Castlemaine

11th October: Water Channel Walk, 1.45pm, Faraday Community Association

14th October: Ride to Work Day, 7pm from Tread, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at The Good Table

17th October: Taradale Primary School Spring Spree, 10am - 4pm

17th October: Camp Out on the Mount with Landcare, Leanganook, Mt Alexander. Register with Max Schlachter - max@connectingcountry.org.au or 0422 130 055

18th October: Heritage Centre Tour to FitzGeorge Park & Faraday School. Meet 1:30pm at ANA Hall

21 October HPA Meeting, 7.00pm, Harcourt Valley Primary School

27th October: Kinder Open Day, 12.30 - 2.30pm, Buckley Street, Harcourt

31st October - 3rd November: Castlemaine Pioneers Exhibition, 10am - 4pm, Faulder Watson Hall and Old Telegraph Station

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

21st November: Bress Mega Twilight Criterium and Twilight on the Green. Central Harcourt. Racing starts at 5.00pm.

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

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

Councillor Update

Hi all,

It is great to be home again after my recent trip. The best part of being away is always getting home. My friend told me I should have left the



key in the mower and he would have mowed the grass for me. Maybe so, but then he may have broken the mower and created more work!

Travel is a great way to get a fresh perspective on things. The big positive for me was to see so many people of different nationalities religions and backgrounds going about their business in harmony.

Since arriving home I attended an auction of a local property. I was instructed to bid on behalf of my son in-law who could not attend. I did as I was told and bid on the property but I was outbid by a vendor bid. It appears that the Real Estate agents involved attempted to run the price up. I found the process a little strange and I have since checked the rules covering the conduct of property auctions in Victoria. It appears the real estate sector can just about do what they like. Rules on bidders are much more stringent. In view of this experience my advice to would-be property buyers, is avoid auctions. If you are considering buying at auction set your limit, and stick to it.

As you will all know it has been quite dry over the past year. Everything looks green at present but we will see it dry off very quickly as summer approaches. Our local farmers will need to make tough decisions about what stock to keep and what to send to market. Lower stock numbers makes management

in dry conditions a little easier. The problem created by this however, is that incomes will be down in the future.

In Australia we need to decide if we want any industry to survive and that includes agriculture. Manufacturing is almost gone; mining is in trouble and what does that leave?? How will we generate foreign exchange to buy imported goods?? What industry will our children and grandchildren work in???

For those of you who read this, can you tell me what the biggest export from Melbourne Port is? See the next issue for the correct answer.

Many of you will have received your rate notices. I have received mine and it is beyond me how to justify or deal with the increases we have experienced over the past ten years. The average rate rise has been approximately 7.5% per year. This means in real terms that rates have doubled. I have argued strongly against further rate rises. I look forward to rate capping. I have even been criticised by some for not supporting the current budget which includes a 4.5% rate rise.

For those of you that come into contact with my fellow Councillors please ask them. Where do they stand on rate rises?? Did they support the rate rises over the past ten years??

Best Regards Tony

AG Cordy

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Early start predicted for 2015-2016 fire season



Victoria is heading towards an early start to the fire season with an above normal fire risk predicted according to the Southern Australia Seasonal Outlook.

"In Victoria (and the Harcourt Valley), the temperature and

rainfall over the next few months will be crucial in determining the fire threat, fuel growth and conditions this summer," said CFA Chief Officer Euan Ferguson. While August to October is traditionally Victoria's wettest time of the year, a decade of below average rainfall means that the state remains quite dry.

Even if we get average rain through spring, we are unlikely to see the fire risk decrease. As temperatures rise leading into summer, soil moisture will continue to decrease and the fuel loads in the forests and grasslands are expected to dry quickly. So with the predicted early start to the fire season it means the time to start your preparation is now.

Just another reminder: if you are going to do any burning, please register this with Vicfire on **1800 668 511**.

A concern we have for the coming fire season is the lack of water currently in dams throughout the valley and around the state. A lot of them have water levels more in line with the end of summer rather than one month into spring. As part of our planning, more fire tankers will be called for earlier, to assist with supplying water. You can help out as well by identifying any water storages you will have over summer and erecting directional signage for our benefit.

Keep in mind that CFA tankers are quite large and need a minimum clearance of 3.5 metres horizontally and 3.5 metres vertically and any bridges will need to support a vehicle up to 13 tonne in weight. Under the CFA act, we are able to take any water available in an emergency but we try and avoid domestic supply as much as possible. There are procedures in place that if we take any water that is vital to your personal supply, this will be replaced when needed.

We are currently updating our Brigade risk profile which includes pre-plans for the larger structures within our Brigade area. If you are the owner/occupier of such a structure, we will be visiting you soon to update our information just in case the unfortunate happens.

Happy Spring mowing!

Tyrone Rice
Captain





OPEN DAY

Tuesday 27th October from 12.30-2.30pm



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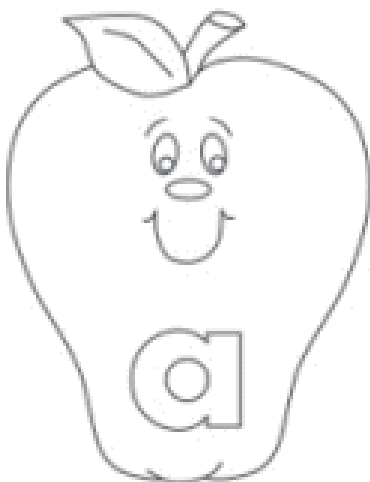


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Colour us in!





Harcourt CWA

85th Birthday Celebrations



The Blenders entertained the large crowd at the Leisure Centre at the 85th Birthday Celebrations of the Harcourt CWA. The theme of the day was Vintage Hats and many splendid creations were worn and were on display. For a full story see next month's edition.



The Harcourt Swimming Pool

A few days of warm weather and our thoughts are turning to the coming pool season! Harcourt Progress Association intend to meet with Council and the YMCA to put forth suggested activities and events that the community would like to see occur at the Harcourt Pool.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN?

- Maybe some aqua-aerobics?
- Regular BBQs which could act as fund-raisers for local clubs?
- A blue light disco for kids?
- Karaoke night for the whole family?
- Outdoor cinema screening?
- Community working bee?

**WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND INPUT.
ALL SUGGESTIONS WELCOME.**

If you'd like to be part of an ongoing pool sub-committee to help realise some of these ambitions and make the Harcourt Pool a fantastic community space, please contact: David Heath, HPA Chair on: davosity@gmail.com



Harcourt Progress Association

Notice of Meeting

7.00pm Wednesday 21 October

Harcourt Valley Primary School

ALL WELCOME

Secretary: Jacqueline Brodie-Hans
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015

INVITATION

Hope Assistance Local Tradies and the Harcourt Cricket Club invites you and a mate to our first 'Save Your Bacon' mental health night at the Harcourt Leisure Centre, East Room, Bingham Road, Harcourt, from 7.30pm.

Enjoy a free BBQ, a talk about mental health and grab a free HALT bag containing information on mental health well-being and support.

HALT works to reduce suicide and depression in the community by offering a pathway to local and national support services.

"Life can be physically, mentally and financially challenging and people need to know where and who they can turn to during tough times to gain the assistance needed to help themselves and their mates" *Jeremy Forbes*

To register your interest in the Save Your Bacon evening, call Jeremy Forbes on 0409 756 274, email Jeremyforbes@bchs.com.au, or Harcourt Cricket Club president Michael Simmins, 0408 750 839 or secretary Brian Brasher on 0439 144 092.

For more information about HALT visit

WWW.THEHALTBREKKY.COM



LIMERICK

by The Bard of North Harcourt

One day as I lay on my sofa,
My Dad said to me "You're a loafer.
T'is toil you are shirking
Get up and get working
On a film you could be a good goffa



Maree Edwards MP
State Member for Bendigo West

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HARCOURT CRICKET CLUB



Despite some mediocre on-field performances last year, things are looking bright for 2015-16 at the Harcourt Cricket Club.

Since early September, Sunday morning training sessions have seen both juniors and seniors working together to increase fitness and fine-tune skills that hopefully will translate into

improved on-field performances. Under the tutelage of Brian Brasher and local stalwart Mark Yench, a renewed sense of enthusiasm is sweeping through the club.

While many ideas are still in the planning stage, the club is keen this year to extend its influence to the broader community. Whether it's calling on locals to come out of retirement and don the whites, or inviting locals to drop down on a Saturday afternoon, switch off from the working week and enjoy watching a bit of cricket, or coming along to some of our social activities to meet some new friends, the Harcourt Cricket Club has its front door open.

The first activity is a presentation after training on Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm by Jeremy Forbes from HALT. Part of the story from the HALT web-site:

'.....In 2013 on a not so sunny day, a sad and tragic event affected the lives of two Castlemaine locals. A family lost a loved one, the community lost a valued member and we lost a friend. The ripple effect was huge.

*A house painter and a visual artist asked themselves, what can we do to support our mates, our families and our partners in the trade industry who just aren't coping? From that conversation began a community movement to support our men and women in the trades; to remind tradies they are valued by the community, and to help them to link into support services, for themselves and for their mates. **HALT** (Hope Assistance Local Tradies) was born with the support of a concerned community, and went on to host the first 'SAVE YOUR BACON' Brekky for those in the building industry in Castlemaine in November 2013. It all started early one morning in a timber yard of a local hardware store. Rotarians were busy behind the BBQ cooking a breakfast of bacon and eggs, hot coffee was brewing – all this thanks to the generosity of local companies and individuals.....'*

HALT founder Jeremy Forbes is excited to be able to spread the word about supporting men's mental health, and while HALT's target audience is tradies, Jeremy acknowledges that many of that cohort play cricket on a Saturday afternoon.

Forbes said: 'This is a great initiative, and hopefully we can do the rounds of all the clubs in the district a pass on some information that everyone can find useful, and HALT is grateful that Harcourt Cricket Club approached us with this initiative.'

All members of the Harcourt community are welcome to come along, have a snag and a drink and hopefully learn some skills about how to support a mate that might be doing it tough.

Come along, and feel free to bring a mate!

DATE: THURSDAY 8TH October 7.30pm

VENUE: Harcourt Cricket Club- Harcourt Leisure Centre Bingham's Rd Harcourt.

GOLD COIN DONATION: All proceeds to support HALT.

Find out more about HALT:

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HVPS Wins Great Vegie Challenge

From the School Newsletter...

It is with much excitement that I announce that our school was awarded 1st place in the Buda 2015 Great Schools Vegie Challenge. This was announced during the Buda Harvest Dinner last Friday night to a very shocked yet delighted Charlotte and Al, who were two of the many students to cook the Annual Harvest Dinner for their families and local community members using the produce grown in all the local schools. The school was commended for its involvement of the students and school

community in planting and using the garden and the implementation of novel growing techniques. As a result, the school has received \$300 in vouchers from ASQ which will be used for more gardening projects in the future. A big thank you and congratulations to staff, students and the school community for making this happen.

Katrina Victor-Gordon

Deputy Principal



Charlotte and Al accepting the Award at the Buda Harvest Dinner.



One of the Hydroponics beds for growing vegetables.



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Business Profile: Steve Macqueen

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Steve Macqueen works for himself as an Electrical Contractor and has been running his business since 2001 after completing his Apprenticeship with Watters Electrical in Shepparton. He provides electrical services for commercial, domestic and medical contracts, as well as solar installations and servicing.

Steve moved from Bendigo to Harcourt seven months ago with his partner Carla and two girls, Amelia and

Molly. He says, “We love the peace and quiet and enjoy the friendly community. Our girls love their schools and settled in straight away. They’ve made great friendships.”

Living in Harcourt makes it convenient for Steve to carry out electrical jobs throughout Central Victoria including Bendigo, Castlemaine and Kyneton. He enjoys the variety and typical jobs would include small domestic jobs, switchboard

upgrades and underground work. When asked about his point of difference, Steve reports, “I pride myself in quality work using quality products. Also I’m prompt and reliable.”

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Genevieve Ward



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Harcourt Lions

beyondblue Fundraiser

Sunday 13th September was a perfect Spring day for the beyondblue fundraiser lunch at the picturesque Harcourt Valley Vineyard. This successful afternoon was organised by the Harcourt Lion's Club where people came to socialise, enjoy the catering and take part in the raffles. Many of us were moved by Angeline Cooper's story where she shared her personal experience with mental illness.

Angeline (*shown below*) is a volunteer speaker for beyondblue and she helps raise awareness and understanding in the community of depression and anxiety. Lion's Club Treasurer, Di Selwood is pleased to report that "We raised \$1500 to donate to beyondblue which exceeded our expectations. Thank you to all who came along on the day."

For further information about beyondblue's resources and support services, please visit:

www.beyondblue.org.au or call 1300 22 4636.

Genevieve Ward



Harcourt Uniting Church

Have you ever sat listening to a sermon/speech or talk and found your mind "wandering off" and then afterwards thought "now what was all that about?" A few weeks ago one of our ministers told us of an email sent to him.

A church goer complained that it made no sense to go to Church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I've heard about 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the minister is wasting his time preaching to me."

On hearing this another Church member replied: "I've been married for 30 years now and in that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals for me but for the life of me I can't recall the menu for a single one of them. But I know this – those meals nourished me, gave me strength to work and I would be dead if I hadn't eaten them! Likewise if I hadn't gone to Church for some nourishment of the spiritual kind I would be spiritually dead today."

Talking of sermons – a little boy fell asleep in Church during a long winded sermon – when he woke he asked in a very loud voice: "Is it still Sunday Mummy?"

Then there was the young nervous minister who had a mental block half way through his sermon. He had been told that if this happened – "just repeat the last sentence until you remember where you're up to." So he said: "Behold I come, behold I come, behold I come" and each time he thumped the pulpit. All of a sudden the pulpit gave way and the minister fell onto the lap of an old lady in the front row. He apologised most profusely and the old lady replied: "Don't worry; you did warn me you were coming!"

Jan Jenkin.



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Mountain Bike Park Update

To prepare have a good plan.

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail;" so said Benjamin Franklin.

With the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park that is exactly what is going on right now. Working with DEWLP we need to make sure a range of assessments are delivered to ensure the best possible plans are in place to develop a great park for the local area. Since the last update a number of other assessments are underway, the list includes:

- Biodiversity Assessment,
- Bushfire Risk Assessment,
- Valuation of the land, and an unimproved value of the site
- Landscaping Assessment,
- Cultural Heritage Assessment, and
- Historic Heritage Assessment

It is hoped these will be finished by the end of October and the findings presented to the Project Steering Committee. Once the investigations phase is finalised it is anticipated that there will be significant activity, and detail such as the final layout of the tracks can be determined with any highly sensitive areas appropriately managed.

Some investigations can really only be done effectively at this time of the year, such as the Biodiversity Assessment. This is particularly important for the Mount Alexander Regional Park (MARP) as it is one of the last homes of the threatened species – Ballantinia antipoda, or Southern Shepherd's Purse. This Ballantinia is a tiny plant that grows on patches of moss on the granite outcrops. It once occurred in central and western Victoria and southern Tasmania; the MARP is its last remaining site. Given this limited area it is under threat on a number of fronts, and we need to ensure we do all we can to protect this vulnerable plant. One way to help protect this delicate species is to not venture off the track in search of it.

The other endangered plant that has a home in the MARP is Dianella amoena, or the Matted Flax Lily. This tufted, mat forming lily has star-shaped, nodding, sweetly fragrant flowers that can be anything from deep blue to pale violet. This lily is flowering now, so it's the time to identify the plant locations, and ensure the trail network will not affect their habitat; or if need be, and as appropriate, to arrange for plants to be moved to safer areas.

It is important that the development works with all aspect of the local culture, heritage and habitats, and the delivery of these assessments is an important process for the park development.

Goldfields Tourism Inc. and the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park Steering Committee.

September, 2015



The endangered Matted Flax Lily

Wheel Cactus

Wheel Cactus (*Opuntia robusta*), a declared Noxious Weed in Victoria, has reached Harcourt. It is closely related to Prickly Pear (*Opuntia stricta*). The seeds were very likely brought in from the Maldon area by foxes and ravens, which have learned that the fruit is good to eat.

This pest can start fruiting and flowering in about three years. The good news is – while the cacti are small they can easily be pulled out.

The Tarrengower Cactus Control Group (TCCG, aka Cactus Warriors) have been tackling severe infestations of Wheel Cactus in the Maldon area for about 10 years, and in the process we have developed some effective ways to kill these cacti. There is a very informative brochure about this, which can be accessed on the TCCG website: www.cactuswarriors.org.

Anyone is welcome to join us on our Field Days, which are held on the last Sunday morning of every month, except in the hotter, snakier summer months. The morning starts with a talk and a demonstration, and anyone new to cactus killing is introduced to the delights of this surprisingly addictive activity. We finish at midday with a free lunch (BBQ sausages/vegie burgers), a cuppa and an opportunity to socialise and have a chat.

You just need to wear sturdy shoes and a hat. Tools and chemicals are supplied for the morning.

Time: 10 a.m. to 12.30. The location is decided on the previous field day and announced in the Tarrengower Times and on the TCCG website. Or ring Ian Grenda on 0412 015 8007.

Francis Wade

Harcourtian - Bryce Quill



Bryce Quill was born in Castlemaine and has spent the majority of his life in Castlemaine and Harcourt. Known affectionately as Quilly by his students and friends alike, Bryce has had two careers, the longest as a primary school teacher for 37 years.

He has taught at many schools in the region but began teaching at Moreland Primary School in Brunswick for ten years, where he ran a popular music program at lunchtimes. His next position was as the Head Teacher at Laanecoorie for three years. "Moreland had 900 pupils; it was a big change to go from a school with 90% migrant students who were bilingual, to a country school with 15 students who were all Australian. After Laanecoorie I taught at Castlemaine North for 20 years. I have been retired for eight years, but I have continued to do relief teaching around the schools in Castlemaine and Bendigo.

When I started teaching, I bought my house in Harcourt for \$15,000. That seemed a lot of money at the time. When I came back to Castlemaine I was able to move into my own house. This was a big change for me; prior to this I had lived in share housing or teacher housing.

But I didn't start my working life as a teacher. As a boy I went to primary school at Castlemaine North and then I went to Castlemaine Technical School. From 15 to 19 years of age, during the school holidays I worked

at the Castlemaine Woollen Mill. Once I had to shovel coal by hand for a week, because the tractor which fed the coal to the boilers broke down. I earned about \$10 a week after tax at that job, which I thought was pretty good.

After completing Form 5 (Year 11) I continued at the Tech studying the Diploma of Mechanical Engineering for two years. I then took a job at the CSIRO, which meant a move to Melbourne. I started as a Technical Assistant and worked for them for four years and travelled to Western Australia frequently. My work was focussed on soil and rock testing. I took core samples in a mine at Cobar 2,500 feet underground; I also worked on the AMP building site in Perth. At the time that was the biggest concrete pour in the Southern Hemisphere. My job was to monitor pressure plates placed under the slab to record the stress caused on the ground and potentially on surrounding buildings. I also did soil testing when dam walls or roadways failed. While I was with the CSIRO, I completed a Civil Engineering Certificate at Swinburne and was promoted to Technical Officer.



Bryce at work with soil testing equipment at the CSIRO.

During this time I was conscripted and faced the prospect of fight-

ing in Vietnam. Being 20 years old, I thought this was all right, until I realised they might shoot back! My Dad wanted me to go, he had served in Malaya and Papua New Guinea in WWII and my Pop had fought at Gallipoli and the Somme in WWI. Fortunately for me, Gough Whitlam was elected and shortly after I received a letter saying I was permanently deferred from National Service.

I became curious about teaching when I had a girlfriend who was a primary teacher. I went to the school where she taught and realised this was potentially interesting work. At the time a friend said to me: "Bryce you are a people person, you'd make a great teacher!" I thought about it seriously and enrolled at the Melbourne State College to complete a Diploma of Primary Teaching. In one of the early sessions we had to sing *Old MacDonald Had a Farm* and the lecturer said 'I want you to quack like a duck'. I thought 'I'm outa here!' But I stuck it out and in a few weeks I was quacking along with the rest!

I still enjoy teaching and hope I can continue for some years. I really enjoy working with children and specialise in teaching Grades 5 and 6. I believe that literacy and numeracy is their right and I do my best to teach them these valuable skills. I aim to treat students who misbehave as small adults. I have them come with me on yard duty and talk to them. You have to keep your sense of humour while directing them about appropriate behaviour and you have to be patient. I must be getting through to some of them, because they call out to me and run up to me in the street. I have taught children of the students I taught at Castlemaine North which is a sign of a long career – I still get a surprise about that."

Bryce's main interests outside teaching are gardening, music, and vintage motor bikes and cars. "When I was in Grade 3 I developed an interest

Nth Harcourt Wins Winter Pool Comp 2015



North Harcourt's Captain, Col Iskov

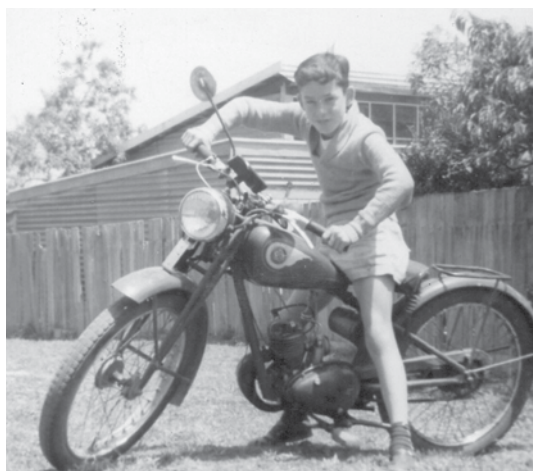
Castlemaine United Eightball (CUE) Grand Finals

September was Grand Finals Time again in the local C.U.E pool league for both divisions and some great skills were on show out at the Five Flags Hotel for both Grand Final nights. In Tier 1 defending champions Nth Harcourt were chasing back to back premierships against arch rivals from down south Kyneton Bowling Club 1, who having played in a Grand Final every season since entering the league wanted to taste that glory again. The 1st round started evenly with 2 wins apiece with Nth Harcourt's Paul "Brigade" McShanag and Taylor starting very nicely before KBC1's dangerous duo Gary Banfield and Paul Hinton settled the frames, with games getting tighter and tighter from the 2nd round, the more experienced Nth Harcourt stamped their authority winning 3 out of 4 frames leaving it 5 frames to 3 at the half way mark of the match. Round 3 started out much the same way as the 2nd with Nth Harcourt winning 3 out of 4 frames before Paul McShanag took out the 9th win in the 4th round to claim the winter 2015 Tier 1 Premiership for Nth Harcourt 9 frames to 4 against a very spirited KBC 1 team. Best players on the night for Nth Harcourt Paul McShanag with 4 wins, Paul Taylor with 3 wins and Betty Boar with 2 wins, Kyneton BC 1 best players were Gary Banfield with 2 wins and Rod Jones and Paul Hinton with one win apiece. After CAPA disbanded in 2010 and CUE was born there

had not been 2 divisions played in the local league for a long time, well 2015 changed that and what a cracker of a Grand Final it was in Tier 2 between Railway SES the team of local SES volunteers and Kyneton Bowling Clubs other team The KBC Allstars. Rail SES were hungry for the new silverware and started off rounds 1 and 2 with 3 wins in each leaving KBC Allstars with 2 wins. After a team consultation KBC (*see page 18*)

in motor bikes. My brothers, Glenn and Kriss, and I would ride Bantam motor bikes around the back yard endlessly. One of my first 'proper' bikes was a Royal Enfield 125cc Flying Flea. I guess my interest in bikes and music was influenced by my Dad. He played the banjo and the ukulele. I was taught to play the mandolin by Roger Corbett a member of the Bushwackers who I shared a house with in Fitzroy. I am a member of the Bendigo Historic Motorcycle Club and the Castlemaine Historic Car Club. The biggest and most wonderful thing that has happened in my life was the birth of my son Jesse. He is now a plumber and a strapping 25 year old and he is engaged to be married."

Robyn Miller



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Weeds!

The ground is warming up and weeds are well and truly growing. To decide how to manage weeds around your fruit trees, first you need to do a cost/benefit analysis. The 'cost' of weeds is that they compete with the tree for water, but the benefits are many!

Weeds help to increase the amount of carbon in your soil, they provide habitat for the all-important soil microbes, and they provide food for worms and other lovely underground garden helpers. Many weeds are edible (particularly if you replace them with herbs or vegies), or have medicinal uses, and they also help to keep the soil cool in summer, which can actually help to conserve water! Some weeds are also very good at 'mining' the soil for nutrients, and making them available to your fruit trees, particularly the ones with a deep tap-root. Flowering weeds also provide important habitat for insects in the garden (particularly yellow and white flowering plants).

Can you tell we like weeds? For all but the very youngest fruit trees, we reckon the balance is firmly in favour of having a living mulch under your fruit trees. However, they still need managing, and three good strategies to keep them under control are (1) mow them regularly (2)

plant the things you want to grow there – like legumes to pump nitrogen into your soil (e.g. clover or peas), herbs, or vegetables, or (3) use animals (geese, sheep, chooks, guinea pigs...) to mow them for you!

If you decide to mulch, be aware that it's just as effective at stopping water soaking into the soil as preventing evaporation, so make sure your irrigation (and any rainfall we're lucky enough to get) has a chance to soak the soil, not just the mulch. It's also a great idea to put some compost or worm castings underneath your mulch, to help kick-start the biology in your soil. And a word of warning – use straw rather than hay - because straw should be relatively free of seed."

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. Their next workshop is Building Healthy Soil on Friday 23 October, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Bookings at www.mafig.com.au/workshops. This workshop is being held as part of Fair Food Week (16-25 October, www.fairfoodweek.org.au).

Katie Finlay

ASQ Plant of the Month Grevillea

There are so many different species of grevillea, there's sure to be one to suit your garden!

Many grevilleas are adorned with a red flower, but they can also be found with pink, orange/apricot and even yellow blooms.

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Pips 'n' all

Hello Garden lovers,

We haven't had much spring rain, but everything is green and healthy for the moment. It is a wonderful time of year in the garden, with Camellias, Daphne and Daffodils flowering, a green lawn and many plants putting on fresh new growth. A few things have been hit by frost but with experience, our plant selection is improving and our losses are decreasing.

Spring is a good time to feed our gardens to make the most of this wonderful growing weather. There is still a chance of frost so it is too early for pruning but it won't be long before we can tip prune to remove frost damage and to improve plant shape where needed. It is also a good time to start preparing for summer. Adding compost and mulch will help improve the soil while also assisting with moisture retention.

All indications are that it is going to be a hot, dry summer. A dry summer makes maintaining a lawn difficult but if we can maintain a lawn then we benefit from a cooler microclimate around our house. Even on a hot day, grass will stay cooler than air temperature unlike paving and other hard surfaces. One example showed that when air temperature was 24°C, vegetation was 22°C and adjacent paving measured 35°C. Other studies show that grey coloured concrete pavers added 10 - 15°C to air temperature.

New drought tolerant lawn varieties make it easier to maintain a lawn through summer. Gardening Australia recommends Kenda Kikuyu. This is a male sterile Kikuyu that holds good winter colour and tolerates frost. It is a summer growing turf grass with a deep, dense root system. It has no viable seed so it reduces the risk of un-

wanted spread into neighbours lawns or natural areas that common Kikuyu is known for. Other species of drought tolerant grasses include Couch and Buffalo, with many new varieties to choose from.

Whichever grass you select there are some tips to prepare your lawn for summer.

- Manage broadleaf weeds now to encourage good grass spread.
- Core and feed your lawn now to promote growth.
- Deep water your lawn – longer but less often – to promote deeper root growth.
- Mow your lawn higher during summer to insulate the soil from evaporation.

This month in the garden we are:

- Checking and repairing drip irrigation;
- Tip pruning new hedges;
- Planting Potatoes; and
- Planting spring vegetables.

This month in the woodland:

- Chocolate Lilies are flowering;
- Hoary Sunrays are flowering (*Leucochrysum albianum*);
- Rice flower (*Pimelia* sp.) is in bud;
- Common Everlastings (*Chryscephalum apiculatum*) are budding; and
- Plain Sun-orchid (*Thelymitra megacalyptea*) is in bud.

Happy Gardening

Janyce

The Month of Open Gardens

Home gardens can be spectacular at this time of the year and often represent many years' work. The owners of Open Gardens welcome visitors who enjoy seeing what can be done within the particular landscape and weather conditions.

My garden is unmanaged and wild; the plants grow crowded together with seedlings of merit and cuttings marked. It attracts attention from walkers on the Leangnook Walking Track, with many people stopping to take photos of it.

In September and October the bush in this area puts on a display to rival tended gardens. The wildflowers to be found in the Goldfields Region are plentiful, colourful and even perfumed. The Harcourt Reserve behind the Leisure Centre is a good place to see wildflowers and indigenous food plants.

Ian Johnson



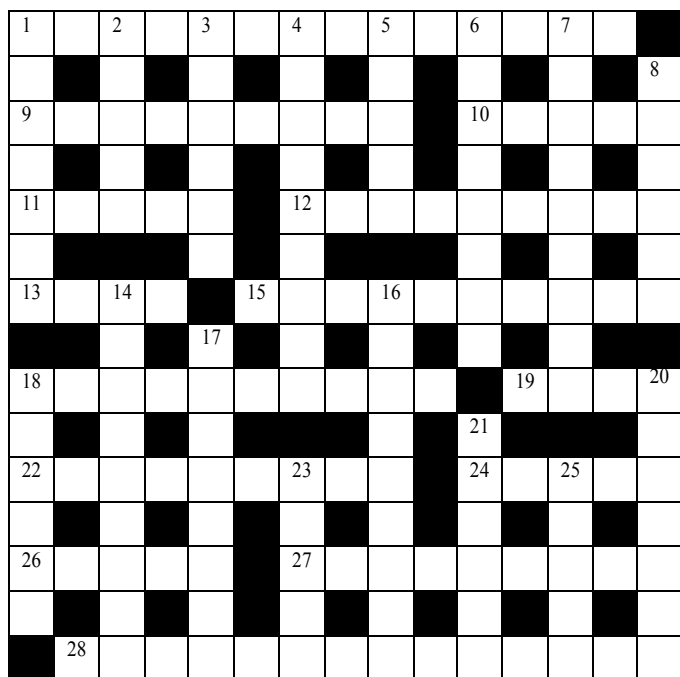
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Across:

- 1 What was expected from the setter for a while, but I'm a hotter sneak than that! (7,7)
- 9 Low sounds of Adriatic sea-port. (9)
- 10 Call to mind an 11 for a 12? (5)
- 11 What on the tongue does a 10 for 12? (5)
- 12 He/she uses 11 to 10 sweaty saddles, blackberry, cedar notes... (9)
- 13 Old drink to fire one up? (4)
- 18 Map confused user and point to green stuff that 12 might sniff at. (10)
- 19 A dog might wade through it on a beach (not, i.e., another dog). (4)
- 22 Whatsoever personally subjective... (9)
- 24 How a chook measures dry goods? (5)
- 26 Embarrass a party. (5)
- 27 Long & complicated procedure from marigold—er... lose 500. (9)
- 28 Years as a couch-potato in quest of self-knowledge? (14)

Down:

- 1 An anti-Caesar tree device? (7)
- 2 Minor not long as a rule for the dancing root. (5)
- 3 Come where from yon? (6)
- 4 Sound of eyes all over the place to mix things up. (9)
- 5 Thomas, social pariah, was his alter ego. (5)
- 6 The topsy-turvy land under France does well enough for a board-treader... (8)
- 7 Put white clay into the high hill? (9)
- 8 About the chap who administers for the kid. (6)
- 14 Lightly burn a silo mix for cattle. (8)
- 16 Hormonally opposed to chap from western Ilium, hearsay has it. (9)
- 17 Waste of an adjective? (8)
- 18 Cat-stroke, dog ear-rub, lover caress, but beware the bovine booby trap! (3-3)
- 20 To have a group of vigilantes with the sheriff and 1925 German cops. (7)
- 21 Beginner twists back to lie across sofa. (6)
- 23 Intact star signifier... (5)
- 25 One could suffer smack in them; various people could be in for theirs... (5)

September crossword solution on Page 23

Pool Results (cont) from Page 15

Allstars Captain Ben "Bushranger" Hall came out blasting balls in round 3 with his team close behind taking out 3 frames to 1 leaving it a lot closer for the final round 7 frames to 5 in Rail SES's favour, KBC Allstars Andrew "Ozzie" Austin won the 1st frame in round 4 getting the vocal crowd up from their seats as all frames played this night had been black ball tight matches and it was coming down to the wire, Darren "Chopper" Cutler scraped through his frame giving Rail SES 8 frames to 6,

Before SES Area Coordinator Robert "Bob" Pratt won the last frame in a thriller to claim Tier 2 Premiership for Railway SES for Winter 2015, Best players for Rail SES Robert Pratt with 4 wins, Adam Pratt with 2 wins, and Astrid Harris, Darren Cutler and Ben Gork with one win apiece, And after a torturous season KBC Allstars having lost their esteemed member with the passing away of Derek Neale held their heads high in continuing through to the Grand Final with a combined team effort, Ben Hall, Blake Outen, Andrew

Austin and Tommy Butler. Well done to all players in C.U.E pool league for a fantastic winter 2015 season and look forward to a bigger Summer 2015/2016 competition. Stay tuned for updates on the League's Facebook page, C.U.E website and Main FM 94.9 every Sunday Morning from 8am.

David Rynn

HARCOURT BOWLING CLUB



A warm and sunny day was perfect for the Harcourt Bowling Club season Open Day on 13th September.

Stephen Piercy

from the Bendigo Division of Bowls attended as Official Guest and joined the bowlers for an enjoyable day of social bowls. Mr Piercy wished the Club a successful season and commended the greens committee for the maintenance of the Green. After bowling the first bowl of the season Mr Piercy joined members for a social game of bowls. A delicious afternoon tea capped off a great start to the season.

The annual practice match with Marong was well attended on Saturday 19th September with all rinks occupied. The day began with a BBQ followed by 21 ends of play, breaking for a sumptuous afternoon tea after 11 ends. Despite some good bowling only 2 Harcourt teams had a win on the day. All agreed it was fantastic to have the opportunity for match practice before pennant begins.

The Championship and 100-Up draws have been completed and are on the noticeboards in the Club rooms. All players have been included in the draws and are to opt

out if not available or not interested in competing in these events.

Jackpot Pairs is in full swing and will be played each Sunday (unless there is a tournament on) commencing at 12.30pm sharp. Names must be on the board outside the club by Friday evening. All bowlers are welcome.

Thanks to Rod Harris for running a very successful Footy Tipping contest. A clear lead early in the season by Lorna Davey had the footy experts studying the teams and some willing competitiveness came to the fore. Di Jeffree took on the lead for the last half of the season coming out overall winner from Russell Maltby with a tie for third place between Mal Grant and Daryl Gale.

The club is keen to engage with people of all ages in our community and we encourage locals to join us. Currently the board is considering ways of introducing a junior program for younger members. Our clubhouse extensions and outdoor deck are at building permit stage and we hope it will be completed soon. The bar is open on Wednesdays and on Friday social evenings when 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

- Jackpot Pairs every Sunday at 12.30pm sharp. Names on the Board by Friday Night
- Social bowls and practise Mondays and Wednesdays at 1.00pm
- Club Championships draws on noticeboards
- Greens Café – Friday October 9th Fish and Chips theme. Bookings essential. Names on the Board at the Club or phone Kay on 0429 427785
- Tuesday barefoot bowls and barbeque nights will begin again on November 10th.
- Check out the website on www.harcourtbowlingclub.com.au for more news on what is happening at the club.
- Harcourt Bowling Club welcomes new experienced and novice players. We have a fully qualified coach and willing mentors for new players. If you are interested in joining us please contact the club on 54742494 or call in on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Christine Anderson

Vice President Russ Maltby welcomes Stephen Piercy, Official Guest at the season Open Day.



President John Starbuck welcomes players to the Practice Match with Marong



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:

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Ride to Work Day

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Breakfast: By The Good Table

Breakfast menu:

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How to get involved: Paula and Andy will be leaving Tread at 7am that morning for Castlemaine. This will allow plenty of time to get to Castlemaine, enjoy a beautiful breakfast and the Hub and still have enough time for people to get to work (or school!). If you'd like to complete the ride from Harcourt to Castlemaine please email info@treadharcourt.com.au to let us know you're coming.



HARCOURT CARPET BOWLS Inc

Tyrone Rice - Singles Champion for the State

Loretta Rice - Bendigo Championship Ladies Singles

The Harcourt Carpet Bowls playing season has come to an end and we have had our Breakup and Presentation Night in the form of a dinner for all our members and partners. This is always a fun night to end a successful season. This year's Grand Final was between Heroes (Harcourt) and Maine Four with Heroes coming out the winners. Congratulations go to Tyrone Rice, John Barty, Nathan Rice and Norm Jenkin on winning the Horrie Rice Perpetual Trophy for 2015.

As I reported in the previous "Core" we entered a lady and gent singles player in the Bendigo District Singles Champion of Champions. Loretta Rice won the Championship Ladies Singles Perpetual Trophy; unfortunately Tyrone was beaten by one point in his first game. But not to be outdone we went on to play in the Victorian Country Carpet Bowls Association Championships, on Saturday the 19th September in Bendigo, where Tyrone Rice became the Singles Champion for the State!! Teams came from all over the State - Horsham, Haven, Girgarre, Kyabram, Maryborough, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Geelong, Eaglehawk, and of course, Harcourt. Our team of four:

John Jenkin, Georgie Kontos, Kevin Earl and Mal Hammond and our ladies single player Loretta Rice were not successful on the day, but there is always next year. AND we will do it all again next year, so please think about coming and joining the Harcourt Carpet Bowls Association. WATCH THIS SPACE!

Our Annual meeting will take place in late April 2016 and we commence the season in early May with a "Come and Try Night" or a Tournament, to introduce all new comers to the game and to get to know each other. This night includes a cuppa and some supper for all to enjoy. Anyone from age 8 to 80+ can play Carpet Bowls why not give it a go!!!

Anyone interested in learning more about Harcourt Carpet Bowls Association, a game for all ages, is welcome to contact Loretta 54742453 or Tyrone 54742126

Finally I would like to thank the team from The Core. It's great to read our local news each month and The Core brings the town together. So, until next year Enjoy Life - Play Carpet Bowls!

Loretta Rice



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We'll be meeting at the back of a property on Harmony Way, through a driveway with ample parking, 1.3km south of the Golden Point Corner. Signage will be in place to indicate the driveway. The walk will finish at Dunstan's Flat where we will have afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share. The Association will provide tea and coffee.

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September Xword 2015 SOLUTION

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Across:

- Wave sword around breakfast roughage. (8)
- We might slap bacon about loudly [F] to converse. (6)
- E is replaced by a change of luggage delivery (CAROUSEL) to drinking party (CAROUSEL)
- If a woman in a boat draws near one of these, she might get an "Oil Girl!" from it.
- The only idiocy worth having away from Sydney. (WELL?)
- US counterpart of Qld only a pole apart... (WELL?)
- Couturier sounds fit to separate Canada from USA. (5,7)
- Every repetition (ITERATION) is fundamentally fine.
- Gondolier might make your oral brace fall out with this song... (9)
- Tree that takes no prisoners? (WELL? How many live?)
- Not in the ring—that is is, sold content.
- Dr Silver might catch these tyros on Silver Rd. (1-7)
- Gee, you [g-u...] slow from a canter [trout...] drinking this stuff! (3-3)
- One after the other, perhaps—how to get through a Melway? (WELL?)

Down:

- On the BBC, IRA might talk of powder for bombs, but it's really for acid stomachs. (6)
- Lights to the north, or a United Afab Republic? (6)
- What Abbott & Costello might have got through parliament? (WELL?)
- Only a moron and gits would tolerate this at a rock concert. (8,4)
- No parts (WELL? Bis...) in late histories—they're indivisible? (5)
- They could be made running a fun store, but one won't be rendered unto serf. (8)
- Bosses who do great firings? (WELL?)
- Anniversary of communist landlord? (WELL?)
- Specialises in taking the piss without a hint of irony? ☺
- Goes in a rambling way through expensive steak. (8)
- Yell "Sack Tony!" [Blair, not Abbott...]
- The beer I'm drinking in this boat would be pre-Christian. (6)
- In French I je... test the flying coterie.
- German car has nothing sound. (5)

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