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Harcourt Celebrates Great Grant Successes



Congratulations! These happy people are representatives of groups in Harcourt which have been successful in getting funding in the recent round of Mount Alexander Shire Grants and...

LtoR: Peter Smith, Harcourt Lions Football and Netball Club; George Milford, Heritage Centre, Melva Graham and Lyn Rule, CWA; Solway Nutting, Uniting Church; Neil Charter, Heritage Centre; Andrea Brasher (with toddler), Pre-school; David Ling and Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns, Harcourt Progress Association. For details on the grants, see page 9

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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.



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by David J Ling, Phd

Hands up if you've ever used Google Maps...

For those whose hands are down, Google Maps is a super-useful 21st century tool for finding your way around quickly and easily. Whether looking something up on your computer at home, or getting instant directions on your phone, it's a real time saver. It's not infallible, but it's pretty darn reliable. Unless, that is, you tried to use it to find the Harcourt Post Office over the last few years.

For some reason, Google has been telling people that our post office was in the wrong place. For at least a couple of years, anyone trusting Google's directions to find it would have ended up in the vacant lot that is the natural extension of Wright Street. It's a nice block, but there's no Bernie and the birds won't deliver your mail.

There have been other local Maps inaccuracies too. Last year, when helping Brian with the Milo Cricket sessions for youngsters, some parents told me it'd been hard to find the Recreation Reserve: apparently, their phone had given them wrong directions.

Recently, while working on harcourt.vic.au, I embedded a map to show how to get to the ANA Hall when I again noted Google Map's misplacement of the post office marker. I had to do something about it.

I clicked on the incorrect marker for the Post Office and discovered that the Maps interface includes a 'Suggest an Edit' link. So, suggest I did. I dragged the pin down to that correct corner location and hit submit.

The change wasn't immediately visible online: some Google-bot somewhere took some time to evaluate my suggestion. I was pleasantly surprised to find that this process was quite quick. In fact, the fix was up online on the same evening that I submitted the suggestion.

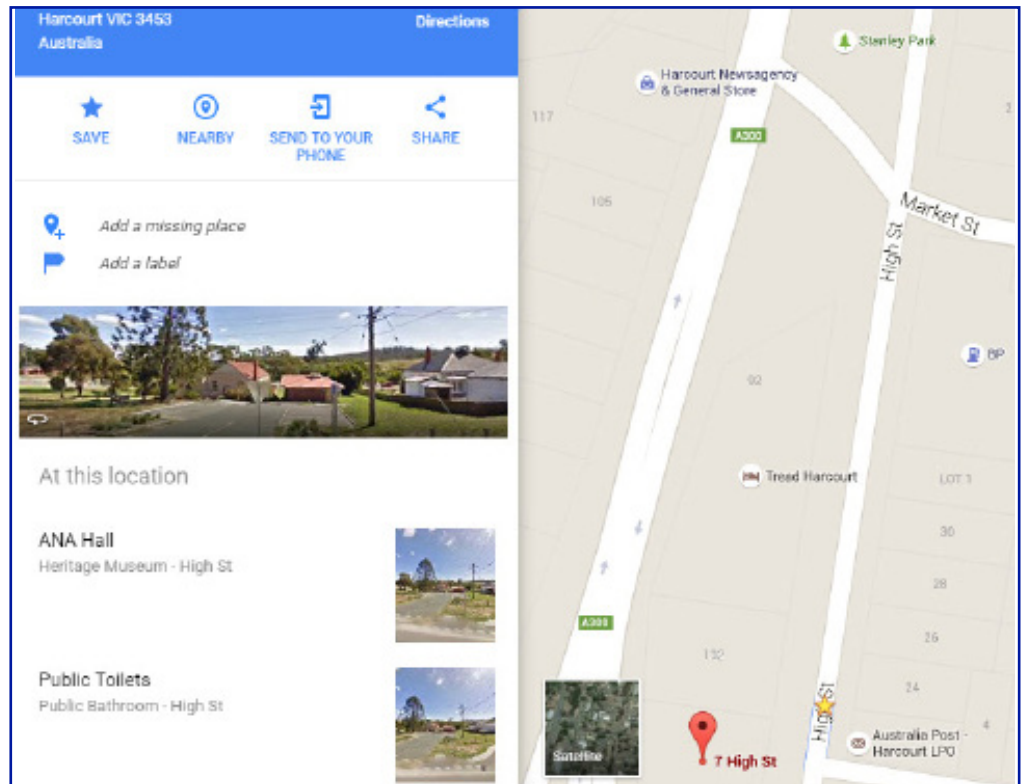


Image: central-Harcourt-on-Google-Maps

Spurred on by a sense of success, I typed 'ANA Hall, Harcourt, 3453' into the search bar. Lo, Google Maps didn't know anything about it. How would it? I guess nobody had yet told it.

That's when I noticed a subtle link appear on the page: 'Add a missing place to Google Maps'. So, add it I did—along with the times that it's open to the public.

Things seemed to be going well. I wondered what other landmarks weren't yet on there. In a short time, I got Google to recognise each of the following:

- [The Post Office](#)
- [ANA Hall, High Street](#)
- [Harcourt Recreation Reserve](#)
- [Harcourt Leisure Centre](#)
- [Harcourt Preschool](#)
- [Public Toilets](#)
- [Harcourt Swimming Pool](#)
- [Stanley Park.](#)

These Harcourt landmarks can now be found via Google Maps search. Before, they were literally not on the map. Hopefully, people can now get accurate directions around our town. (cont Page 9)

Council Works Begin on Harcourt Landscape Master Plan

The Council is moving swiftly to establish important plantings outlined in the Harcourt Landscape Master Plan.



Above: Planting around the scar tree.

Below: Now you see them. Now you don't! Turkey Oaks will be installed in the centre island with underplantings.



Top : The sign in Stanley Park outlining the main works to be carried out in this stage of the Master Plan.

Bottom: Work has commenced on planting the centre island of the school crossing.



Heritage Award



*Diana Cork and George Milford proudly display the book on local Granite Houses and the Heritage Award.
The book is available from the Heritage Centre and the General Store.*

The Harcourt Heritage Centre is proud to announce it has won an award in the Shire's Heritage Awards which were presented last week. The award for Heritage Advocacy (Publications) was for the book produced in 2015, "Granite Houses of Harcourt & Faraday."

The citation for the Award says: "Harcourt Heritage Committee has researched written, designed and published a 42 page illustrated book cataloguing the Granite Houses of Harcourt and Faraday. The research started twenty years ago during the 150 year celebration of Dr Barker settling in the Harcourt valley. The research and advocacy was intensified when the group became aware that some of the granite homes were threatened by the proposed new Calder Freeway alignment. This project serves to emphasise the value of these heritage homes to their owners. It also highlights the variety of building techniques available utilising this locally available stone. Launched in a limited edition the first print run has sold out, demonstrating that the project has addressed a great local need."

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Nostalgic Fruit Box Labels

On 7th June Australia Post is releasing four stamps featuring colourful fruit box labels from the 1920s. The four labels chosen for the nostalgic stamp issue derive from orange and grape boxes, as well as from Western Australian and Tasmanian apple boxes. Such labels were in common use until made redundant by the use of cardboard cartons.

In the first half of the twentieth century Harcourt apples were exported in huge quantities. Harcourt had its own colourful labels – the “Doctor Apple” label and, before that, the “Peak Pack”. Both were used on fruit sent for export. An early means of identifying fruit for market was by branding wooden fruit cases using metal stencils brushed with black paint. By the 1920s it became common for fruit destined for export to be identified by colourful paper labels, pasted onto the end of the wooden boxes. In a competitive market it was important to establish a ‘brand’. The Harcourt Fruit Supply exported fruit to the UK and Europe under the “Doctor Apple” brand from 1923 to 1937. In 1931 the company received a letter from its London agent. *“We worked all out to work up the ‘Doctor Apple’ brand, and having the Harcourt district behind us with the general consistency of grading. Buyers under these circumstances will pay a shilling more for fruit they can rely on. They can purchase (‘Doctor Apple’ branded apples) without coming to London from the suburban towns to inspect, than when they do not know the brand or are doubtful of it”** The major exporting agents had labels of their own. These included F R Mellor, Blue Moon, Craig Mostyn & Co., Jeftomson and A J Stewart whose labels demonstrate eye-catching commercial art. Individual growers had their own, plainer, labels. In 2004 two enthusiasts, Christopher Cowles and David Walker, published a handsome 218 page volume entitled “The Art of Apple Branding” which is the definitive text on this fascinating subject.

The Heritage Centre has a collection of labels. The collection has an interesting history itself. Peter Wilson pasted many colourful labels onto the ‘masonite’ inner walls of his father’s shed in Gaasch’s Road, Harcourt. After the property was sold, the new owner, Brian Milton, loaned the ‘masonite’ panels to a ‘Harcourt Past and Present’ display in the ANA Hall. This display was a fundraiser for the Harcourt and District Leisure Centre. The ‘masonite’ panels were then stored, by Trevor Peeler, at the Harcourt Co-operative Coolstores, until the fire of 2001. When Coolstore Director Cameron Lang retrieved the panels from the ashes he found that they had not been damaged by the fire but had



been saturated by water. The ‘masonite’ panels were left to dry on the floor of the ANA Hall for several months before being set up as a backdrop in the museum display. The fifteen panels have orange, apple and pear box labels from many places.

There is a large mural in Market Street which derives from such a label. Maybe other properties in Harcourt could find a wall space on which to display similar large murals of fruit case labels. It would be consistent with the Valley’s horticultural heritage. If tourists could see fruit box label murals on some shed walls, and on some colorbond fences....maybe even the wall of the Coolstore or on the stadium at Harcourt Valley Primary School, these would be a great attraction. We can find plenty of colourful designs!

It may be possible to engage university art students to give modern interpretations of the historic labels. Issues to be considered include copyright, Council’s public arts’ policy, agreement with property owners, selection of materials, choice of artists, funding for production and, ultimately, production of a tourist guide. It would be a big step up for our promotion of the Harcourt ‘brand’ if the blank walls of the valley could be beautified in this way. A series of apple and pear–related murals, randomly scattered around Harcourt would create a feeling of identity for our community. Think about it when you see one of the new postage stamps!

George Milford

*Castlemaine Mail 7th July 1931

Core Editing News

Young Writers and The Core

Our new young writer, Scarlett Berger

The Core recently contacted Castlemaine Secondary College through local resident Steve Carroll. Steve arranged an advertisement in the student bulletin for students interested in being involved with The Core.

Scarlett hopes to write a piece once a month on matters that interest her. We look forward to next month, Scarlett!

Cadet Journalist Wanted

We are on the look-out for a young person who would like a start in “grass roots” journalism with The Core. The person would preferably be living in Harcourt and would arrange interviews and write stories on matters of interest to young people. Or the person might have a keen interest, for example, sport or cooking, which they would like to write about.

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

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

Robyn Miller

Editor

Harcourt News/The Core

Email: news@harcourt.vic.au

New Contact for The Core: news@harcourt.vic.au

David Ling—site administrator for harcourt.vic.au—has created two new ways to directly communicate with The Core: a dedicated email address and an online contact form.

Our new email address is news@harcourt.vic.au. Please send your submissions, and general queries to this new address. It's not necessarily the only address we'll use, but it should certainly be the first point of contact. This centralisation will help us compile The Core efficiently and keep track of things over the long term.

You can also send us a message via the 'News' web page on harcourt.vic.au.

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Our advertising representative Genevieve Ward will be pleased to receive and respond to your advertising requests from this email address.

Regards
Robyn Miller
Editor

Viticulture Workshop



Greg Walton of Muirs introduces the workshop and guest speakers: Bruce Scott of Campbell's Fertilizers and Roger Loveless of AgNova Technologies.

On Wednesday 1st June 2016 the Harcourt District

Fruitgrowers Association (HDFGA) held the first of its Viticulture workshops at Harcourt Valley Vineyards and was assisted by Greg Walton of E.E Muir and Sons in presenting the workshop. The Viticulture workshops will be held quarterly as will Horticulture and Cider/Winemaking workshops.

Scott Harrington, Secretary of the Fruitgrowers group said, “The HDFGA has re-invigorated as an organisation and an area that required significant support was to provide a service and point of contact in the Harcourt region for Horticulture/Viticulture and Cider/Winemaking industries and its members, new horticulture / viticulture enterprises and associated industries along with the local community. The importance of having access to technology, industry experience and current best practice initiatives and operations were the catalyst to introducing these orchard workshops and tool box talks.

With the support of associated service industries we look forward to delivering a programme where all Viticulture operators can gain knowledge and expertise to consider the application of the information presented. The workshops will be supported by relevant industries experts and provide an opportunity to seek out mentorship and direction in order to sustain the culture and heritage established in the Harcourt district by Horticulture and Viticulture.”

The next workshop will be a new programme focused on Cider and Winemaking and will be held on Wednesday 6th July 2016 with a venue to be announced.

If anyone requires further information and is interested in attending the workshops please contact Scott Harrington, Secretary of the HDFGA on 0427 041 552 or email: scott_harrington@bigpond.com

Business Update - Mount Alexander Fruit Gardens

Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens is run by Katie and Hugh Finlay in Harcourt at the foot of Mount Alexander. This is where Katie grew up, on her family farm before heading off to university in Melbourne. After a number of years running a business and raising a family Katie decided to return to Central Victoria, settling in Castlemaine. Her Dad wanted to retire and sell the farm around this time and



she explains, “The timing was perfect, we had a family meeting and I decided to come home and learn how to be a farmer”.

Katie did her three year farming apprenticeship with her Dad and once her partner Hugh came along, her Dad handed over complete management of the farm and this was the beginning of Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens (MAFG). Katie says “The orchard was already there, but we’ve changed it a lot since then.”

MAFG attained their official certification as an organic farm in 2008. They grow and sell organic fruit through local markets and at their farm shop (currently closed) as well as online sales via Facebook. They teach organic fruit growing, mostly through an online membership program called Grow Great Fruit and their online and farm workshops.

“I love the fact that we run two businesses that are so related but so different. For the farm business what I love is being outside – doing physical, practical and useful work is enjoyable.”

Their online business gives Katie an excuse to stay inside when it’s raining or too cold. She says, “It’s incredibly satisfying helping other people grow their own food organically by sharing our learnings with practical tips.”

“Because we are organic and small we have had to come up with a lot of our solutions, and with the climate changing so rapidly, we have had to deal with so many big issues – we’ve gone through a massive

drought, floods, hail, plus pest and disease outbreaks. It’s hard when you lose stuff and we are learning so much every time.”

Last year was a big year for Katie, when she was the Victorian winner of the RIRDC Rural Women’s Award 2015. This honour led to amazing opportunities – such as partaking in the Company Directors course and Katie has since joined the board of the Maldon and Com-

munity District Bank. Katie reports that, “With the increase in public speaking requests it’s a good opportunity to talk to people about the things I’m really passionate about including farmers’ markets, how small businesses in the country can use social media to increase their connectivity and leadership opportunities for rural women.”

MAFG are also thrilled to have won the Mount Alexander Business of the Year Award 2015. The prize money, funded by Maldon and Community District Bank, went towards setting up their farm shop where they had a successful first summer/autumn season.

Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens is now running a series of Winter workshops about pruning, soils, worms, composting and of course, growing great fruit. You can find information about the sessions, cost and location via the Workshops tab on their website:

www.mafg.com.au

They also produce a Weekly Fruit Tips newsletter which is free and to receive this email you can sign up via <http://www.opt-in.mafg.com.au/>

To find out more, contact Katie and Hugh Finlay at Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens on:

03 5474-2808 or 0409 012 090 | 69 Danns Road, Harcourt | www.mafg.com.au

Genevieve Ward



Harcourt Carpet Bowls

DID YOU MISS THE DATE???
NOT A PROBLEM!!

If you were unable to get to the Come & Try Night run by the Harcourt Carpet Bowls Association then it is not too late.

If you want to have a trial run or join the Club you will be made Welcome.

You can come along any Wednesday night to the Harcourt Leisure Centre, Bingham's Road Harcourt by 7.30pm and we will include you in a team.

It is a Social Night with a Competition running to keep you on your toes.

Cost is very minimal -

Registration fee; Adults \$5.00 U/17 \$2.50 (Covers Insurance etc)

Nightly game fee; Adult \$4.00 U/17 \$2.00 (Covers hall hire, and other expenses.)

Any person 8 years old and up can play.

We start at 7.30pm and finish by 9pm so it's not a late night for Juniors.

SO WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO??
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

For further information contact:
Tyrone 5474 2126



Harcourt CWA

Greetings to our CWA friends: both those in CWA and those who are looking in from outside.

May was an very busy month for the CWA. Mother's Day, was a special celebration for many of us as there are many members who are mothers in the CWA. There was also the Biggest Morning Tea to support the Cancer Council; the official date for this was 26th May. And then there are the fun and games we like to call the "State Conference".

If you'd like to hear the reports from any of the events that we have, our meetings start at 1pm on the first Thursday of the month and our craft day is at 1pm - not the 1:30pm I stated last month - on the 3rd Thursday of the month

Please come along!

Dani Kent,
Publicity Officer



Harcourt Walking Group Members Get Great Benefits

Castlemaine District Community Health was surprised with the results of their annual survey of the Harcourt Walking Group. Most people walk in the group to lose weight, improve their heart health or help their arthritis. What surprised Castlemaine District Community Health was that every walker surveyed said the group supported them to be both physically active, and 75% were supported to be more socially active.

There were lots of other benefits too; 75% percent were better able to do daily activities and 75% had more confidence to be physically active as a result of the group. It is no surprise then that the surveyed walkers were 100% happy with the program. Who would have thought that a one hour walk only once a week would be so helpful?

"We have mainly women aged 65 to 75 years attending, mostly from Harcourt and surrounds. Some travel from as far as Castlemaine to walk with the group", says Allied Health Promotion Team Leader Sam Peavey.

"There is no need to book if you want to attend this group; you may simply decide to come on the morning. What most people find however is that they look forward to coming weekly for both the social and physical benefits," says Sam.

Walkers meet for their leisurely social walk on Mondays, 9.30am at the Harcourt ANA Hall and Museum. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call Castlemaine District Community Health by phone 5479 1000.

Liza Shaw,
Castlemaine District Community Health

Harcourt Celebrates Great Grant Successes *(from Page 1)*

Seven local community groups have shared the spoils in the recently announced Mount Alexander Community Grants Scheme and the Federal Government's Volunteer grants. In total the Harcourt community received in excess of \$25,000 which will deliver a wide variety of resources, opportunities and benefits to our community.

Harcourt Progress Association received funds from both schemes towards its proposed Community Catering Kit. The Catering Kit seeks to provide a fully equipped trailer with BBQs, gas burners, a hot water unit, refrigeration, and all the catering requirements that community groups might need to conduct catering and food based fundraising. The project came in direct response to a community member who suggested that shared resources would benefit many local groups.

The Harcourt Heritage Centre received a Federal Volunteer grant to purchase a PA and broadcast equipment to use during the Applefest and also secured money from the Council grants to publish a new tourism map for Harcourt. The HPA have also chipped in \$500 towards realis-

ing this project.

Harcourt CWA received a grant to help meet their basic communication costs including postage and printing whilst the Harcourt Kinder secured funds to help with their on-going fundraising drive. Council also funded the Harcourt Football Netball Club to help purchase equipment, the Harcourt Uniting Church to support their annual Community Picnic Welcoming Asylum Seekers and the Barkers Creek Cricket Club's new Beer and Cider festival to buy festival marquees and shelters.

Congratulations to all successful groups.

Stay tuned for the next great funding opportunity with the BIG GIVE: 24 hours of regional crowdfunding taking place on 1st September. Find out more at an information session on Wednesday 16th June, 6pm at the Castlemaine Goodshed. Find out more on the HPA facebook page.

Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns
Harcourt Progress Association

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by David J Ling, PhD

Hapless tourists in desperate need of a stamp will get one without driving into a ditch. Parents of screaming seven year olds can find the Rec Reserve without going around in circles.

Stanley Park has even been awarded its own little marker on the map, which is nice. That listing for Stanley Park—could be particularly helpful when *Applefest 2017* comes around.

So, if you know a landmark around Harcourt that Google Maps should be showing, have a go at getting it listed. Start by searching to see if they're already on there—if it's not,

find the link that lets you submit your suggestion. If you succeed, let me know via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) or the [contact page](#) on [harcourt.vic.au](#).

Of course, no matter what we do, Google Maps may still occasionally tell people that the nearest toilets are in Kyneton. Who knows why... Google Maps is super-useful and pretty darn reliable—but it is not infallible.

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Harcourtian - John Graham



The card John Graham hands me describes him as a Chartered Engineer, a Member of the Institute of Production Engineers and an Associate of the Australian Institute of Management. However spending time with John tells me this 90 year old has had more experience than his card reveals.

Born in 1925 at 261 Brunswick St, Fitzroy in the family home above his parents John and Henrietta's newsagency, John was the third of three children. His Mum thought she was through with child bearing and was suffering from gallstones (her youngest daughter was 15 and eldest 20) when her pregnancy with John was confirmed.

'Effectively I grew up as an only child. My sisters didn't really want to have much to do with a kid brother. They were too busy with their own lives.



John with parents Henrietta and John Graham in the late 1930s.

I was three when my parents decided to leave Fitzroy and move to Castlemaine to run the Goldsmith Hotel. The Goldsmith was in Moyston St where the chemist is now, adjacent to the Bendigo Bank. If you look at the French windows above the chemist, the one on the left was the window to my bedroom.

'I went to South Castlemaine State School and later Castlemaine Tech. I was interested in sport; loved swimming and long distance bike touring and did a bit of boxing.

When I was older I rode my bike from Melbourne to Castlemaine. I left Castlemaine Tech with my Intermediate Certifi-

cate and a Letter of Introduction saying that I would make a good Draftsman. I was 16, still in short pants and known as Jacky.

'It was 1941 and Dad took me to my first job at the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation in Melbourne. The place was secure with restricted access so Dad had to wait outside while they sorted out where I would work. I was assigned to the Tool Design Department and became part of the civilian war effort. The first thing that changed was my name. My supervisors called me John.

'You can imagine what it was like for me, a kid from Castlemaine, to walk into a huge aircraft factory. I loved it. I took to the work and knew what I had to do. The factory assembled a range of piston engine planes - fighters, airtrainers, bombers, mustangs and boomerangs. My job was designing tools for plane assembly. I worked there for 5 years and although I was called up for military service and wanted to join the Airforce I was told the military couldn't take me because my job at the aircraft factory was important to the war effort.

'Being in Melbourne I took the opportunity to study and over the next 11 years went to night school at RMIT where I completed three qualifications. I had to sacrifice my sport to do this but I still had some time on the weekends. I took time to develop an interest in classical music and Dixieland Jazz and made a point of going to the art gallery once a month. The latter stimulated my interest in doing my own paintings - mainly abstracts and some portraits. I also took time to return to Castlemaine and visit Bendigo where my parents had relocated.

'On one of these occasions I caught up with Yvonne Ford, from Campbell's Creek. She was someone I knew from around Castlemaine. Yvonne became a teacher. She and I decided we liked seeing each other and after her teaching placement in Geelong we married in Castlemaine in 1952. Yvonne taught



John and Yvonne out on the town.

in Castlemaine, Bendigo and around Melbourne finishing as a primary school principal before she retired. We had two children, Paul and Julie. My grandson Justin, Julie's boy has my car, now that I can no longer drive.

'With the war over, the work at the Aircraft Factory scaled down. Rather than make planes, we built prefabricated homes that were sold through Myers. But that eventually stopped and I went to work for Malcolm Moore who made earth moving equipment and locomotives. There I did the tooling for a diesel locomotive engine. While I was at Moore the Government Aircraft Factory called me to offer me a job designing tools for the fuselage on the new Canberra Bomber. I took it and later moved to the Department of Navy Ordnance and Underwater Weapons making torpedos, depth charges and underwater mortars. The barracks was at Albert Park but when the work was

moved to Canberra I couldn't relocate as at that time we were caring for my Mum.

'Dunlop Aviation took me on as Officer in Command of Tool Design. I stayed there nearly 12 years and then spent three years as

Head of Research and Development Engineering at National Radiators. When my department in that company was closed I moved to Swinburne Technical Institute as a Support Staff Services Supervisor, a Technical Education Planning Officer and Registry Officer before Yvonne and I decided to retire back in Central Victoria.

'In 1987 we moved into a home we had found in Harcourt. Yvonne was 60 and I was 61. My idea was that I would retire and paint. However Yvonne and I got involved with the community and I decided to put painting aside. Yvonne played a major role in the formation of the Harcourt Valley Heritage Museum and I was foundation President of the Castlemaine Probus Club. I also served as a councillor on the Metcalfe Shire Council, leaving the Council for health reasons three months short of Council Amalgamations.

'Yvonne and I also decided to go travelling, and we loved it. We did trips to China followed by Cambodia and then England, Wales, Scotland and Scandinavia. It was on a trip to Canada, the Inland Passage to Alaska and Niagara Falls that one of Yvonne's former students recognised her at the Falls. She'd taught him in Primary School. We also toured the Pacific including Hawaii, Lord Howe Island the Cook Islands and New Zealand. We saw a fair bit of Australia as well. Our last trip, just after we renewed our wedding vows at our 50th Anniversary was to Broome via Perth and back to Melbourne. We returned from Melbourne to Harcourt in a stretch Limo.

'It was obvious before our final trip, that all was not well with



John and his Dad behind the pub bar

Yvonne. She was in the early stages of dementia. She was eventually hospitalised and died three years ago.

'I have been alone in our home for six years. My friend Bernie visits every day and takes me to the Harcourt General Store for the newspapers and a coffee. On the way home we collect the mail. I have lots of other help including a cleaning lady and gardener and go out for lunch each week. Life is a lot slower but not too bad.'

John is looking forward to his 91st birthday on July 21st this year.

Jenny McKenry, Dandura Alpacas



The Graham Clansmen's Crest. Legend has it that this clan goes back before the 12th Century and contains many a gallant and brave John Graham. The first being John Graham of Dundaff, the 'right hand man' of Sir Wallace, who was killed at the battle of Falkirk in 1298. A member of the Graham Clan was created Earl of Montrose in 1504 and in 1644 the title of Marquis of Montrose entered the clan.



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A Picnic in the Country

One of the guests at the refugee picnic took a final look at the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens in their autumn splendour and said to one of the local folk “This is the best day I’ve had since arriving in Australia”.

The comment was music to the ears of the team of people from churches and community groups including Rural Australians for Refugees. Coordinated by Solway Nutting of Harcourt Uniting Church, they had staged a large picnic for refugees living in Melbourne who have come to Australia mainly from Iran, Tanzania and Pakistan.

Josh Lourensz, from the Social and Recreational Development Office of the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre, Lentara Uniting Care, said recreational events like the Castlemaine picnic provided a welcome distraction for refugees from their daily struggles of housing, employment and keeping in contact with families overseas. “Events like this give participants a few hours of fun and a chance to meet people outside their immediate circles.”

Josh said other “days out” had included visits to Anglesea, a magic show and the Melbourne Zoo.

suggested Mrs Nutting.

Two IGA supermarkets in Castlemaine donated snacks and icy poles that augmented the delicious country cooking prepared by the locals. One picnic organiser said “I felt like Father Christmas as I handed the icy poles out. They were a real hit with everyone and helped our visitors feel even more welcome here.”

Solway Nutting described the day as “Just lovely. The animals in the petting zoo were a terrific attraction, food was abundant, and face painting, balloon twisting and origami-



folding absorbed many kids.

“The team winning the tug-of-peace needed to win two out of three but it was more peaceful to stop when the score was even. Anyway, we were all too winded to do another pull!”

“Our guests were delightful and there were lots of local people making them welcome.”

“Thanks to a Mount Alexander Shire Council Community Grant, we can hold a similar picnic again next year. Keep Saturday 25 March, 2017 clear, and join us in the Gardens then for another happy and all-inclusive event.”

Rev Jim Foley and Solway Nutting



“These occasions are particularly appreciated by people seeking asylum, who may feel isolated and face significant challenges. The Castlemaine people who put the event together said they enjoyed the time with their visitors, particularly playing games like soccer and taking part in a tug-of-war. The contest should be renamed a “tug-of-peace”,



Maree Edwards MP
State Member for Bendigo West

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Harcourt Valley Primary School

May was a busy month for the school in many ways. NAPLAN and testing were the parts that both the students and teachers wanted to get out of the way. These are now done and the teachers have moved onto report writing and getting student portfolios ready for the end of the semester.

The big event in early May was our Mother's Day breakfast which we celebrated on the Friday before. We were delighted to have 53 of our 57 mums as well as quite a few grandmas for a yummy breakfast of pancakes, cereal, toast and fruit. The children were encouraged to serve their own mum breakfast on this morning before enjoying their own breakfast.

Grade 1-2 had a very successful camp to Bendigo on 12/13 May. They enjoyed visiting the Art Gallery, walking around Rosalind Park, doing clay play the Bendigo Pottery and seeing Confectionery Capers at Junortoun. Having the whole of the Discovery Centre to themselves was pretty special as well as sleeping there overnight.

In Education Week, we had a very successful Book Fair which sold \$1521 worth of books which raised just over \$300 in commission for the school. We were also delighted to invite some new and current families into the school for an Open Morning to see what happens on a normal school day.

Our big event of the week was the launch of our Family Maths Kit. The Harcourt Lions Club kindly donated \$500 so that we could create a Maths kit for each of our school families to do Maths at home. This is an area that has been identified as a focus for improvement in our school and we appreciate greatly the kind donation of the Lions Club to make this happen. On Thursday 19th May, we provided a roast dinner for all the families who attended, followed by the launch of the Maths Kit, which included playing some of the games contained in the kit. It was a very successful night with 40 of our families joining us for food, fun and games.

Annette Smith

Principal

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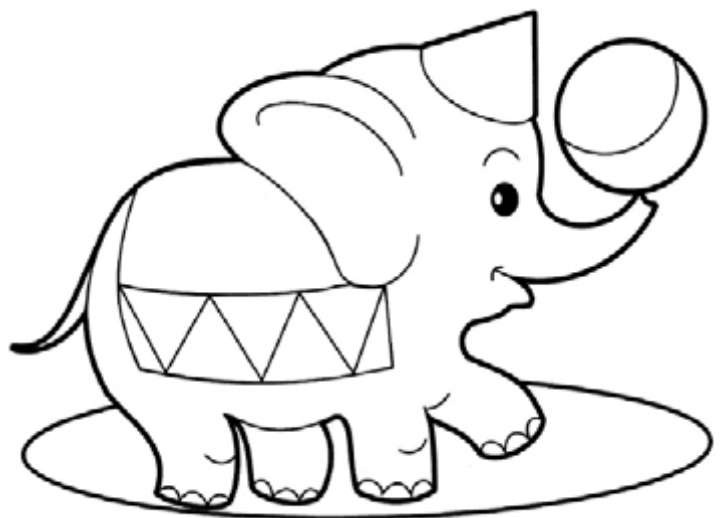
*An old man who thought that he would
Impersonate old Robin Hood,
Got dressed up in green
But then was not seen
Again, which quite frankly was good.*



Above: Parents and students test the Maths kit with some of the games included. Below: Staff prepare the dinner for the families who attended for the launch of the Maths kit.



Colour Me In!



Revised Community Plan



Retiring HPA Chair, David Heath, outlined his vision for the installation of irrigation at Stanley Park North.

The Revised Harcourt Community Plan was launched on 5th May at the Harcourt Progress Association's AGM. An enthusiastic crowd of 30 people attended to hear from guest speaker Lucy Mayes of the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program talking about the power of local leaders. A number of graduates and currently participants of the program attended including Harcourt residents David Heath, Peter Church, Steve Carroll and Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns.

The Revised Harcourt Community Plan updates the original document which was presented in December 2013. Consultation for the 2016 Revised Community Plan involved in person and online surveys and a public meeting. The pressing priorities which emerged from this consultation process overwhelmingly focused on an all-ages, all-abilities playground and outdoor gym equipment, and improving the town centre through tree plantings, beautification and providing more community facilities such as BBQs, picnic tables, shelters, improved pedestrian safety, walking and cycling tracks. Big aspirations which will see the HPA hard at work for years to come!

Update - Let's Get Eva to Europe!

Donate at: www.pozible.com/playforaustralia



Above: Eva in action playing indoor soccer. Supporters have pledged \$580 so far to Eva's campaign, with 21 days to go to reach her goal of \$6,000

Can you help Eva Harrington in her goal to raise funds? Eva has been selected to represent Australia with the Australian Futsal Association (AFA - indoor soccer) 2016 Australian Tour of the UK and Spain in November and December.

Eva says: "I need to raise the funds by the end of July to confirm my place on the tour. Any local support would be so awesome. I will do my best to acknowledge and keep informed all those people and business that donate. It is an amazing, exciting and massive challenge".

Donations can be made online though the Pozible link at: www.pozible.com/playforaustralia

Also, donations of goods or services are being sought from local businesses to assist in compiling a major fundraising raffle.

If you are able to assist, please contact Scott Harrington on 0427 042 552.



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Harcourt Bowling Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Harcourt Bowling Club held on Sunday 22nd May was well attended. President John Starbuck thanked the members for showing their support to the Club.

In presenting the Annual Report Mr Starbuck congratulated members on the success of the Club both on and off the green.

He noted that many of the items in the Strategic Plan have been achieved and others in process. The priority this coming year will be for the upgrading of seating and shading around the green and the upgrading of kitchen facilities. Also a priority will be an emphasis on engagement with the community and the increase in membership, particularly playing members.

John thanked the many volunteers who gave of their time and expertise to the building of the entertainment deck noting the many, many hours contributed. Particular thanks were extended to Russell Timmins and to Peter Douglass and Brian Nunn for the use of their equipment.

There were five nominations received to fill the five Board vacancies this year.

Retiring Board members Heather Braid and Grahame Pogue were thanked for their valuable input to the deliberations of the Board over a number of years. Both Heather and Grahame will still offer their expertise around the club in other capacities.

Ratification of nominees was passed and President John Starbuck congratulated Robert Chaplin and Allan Nicholls on their new appointment and thanked them for accepting nominations to join the members on the Board. Other nominees were Chris Anderson, Russell Maltby and John Starbuck.

Members were treated to a barbeque lunch on the deck

and an opportunity for some social time together.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, nominations and votes were taken for the Board Executive positions, the results are:

President John Starbuck; Vice Presidents Moira Straw and Russell Maltby; Treasurer Joan Jenkin; Secretary John Grant; Delegates Allan Nicholls and Chris Anderson.

Greens Café

The **Greens Café** is back in operation offering delicious affordable meals once a month on Fridays: June 17th, July 15th and August 26th.

The themes will be June – Curry; July – Roast (Christmas in July); August – Italian

To book you can text or phone Kay on 0429 427785 or leave your name at the club.

As well as the meals the Fish and Chip Fridays are being offered on the first Friday of the month and are cooked to order from 6.30pm

So come and join us, over the cool winter months; the clubhouse is well heated.

Social Bowls and Jackpot Pairs

Social bowls will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays while the green is running.

Jackpot Pairs are being offered on Sundays from 12.30pm weather permitting. Please have your name on the board at the club by Friday night.

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Landcare News

Learn to Recognise Weeds!

Bluebell Creeper (*Billardiera heterophylla*)

Introduced from Western Australia as a garden plant, this vigorous scrambling woody climber has blue, white or pink flowers. Its fleshy 2-4 cm pods are dispersed by animals such as birds and foxes. Similar native plants – Apple Berry.



Get your copy of the local weed guide produced by Harcourt Valley Landcare and Friends of the Box Ironbark Forests. Please download as you need from: fobif.org.au or you can pick up a hard copy from Room 14 in the Connecting Country office.



You're Invited
to the
20th Anniversary of the
Barkers Creek Landcare & Wildlife Group
Sunday 19th June 2016
12pm – 3pm
(please come a bit earlier to help with set up)
Barkers Creek Cricket Club



Lamb Spit Roast
(vegetarian options available)
and drinks provided
Please bring either a salad or
dessert to share
Photographic display of our various
working bees and projects



Join us for a
fun day with
past and
present members



Oak Forest Improvements



The Green Army team have cleaned up in Picnic Gully Creek in the Oak Forest



George Milford, Neil Charter and Trevor McKay view the granite deposited for the proposed stone circle



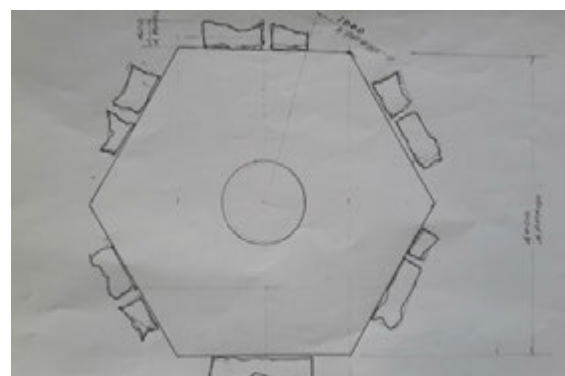
Harcourt Valley Landcare members Sue Albert and Jarrod Coote tend a fire at a working bee following the Green Army efforts.



Harcourt Valley Landcare members, Neil, George and Trevor have the stones cordoned off.

Harcourt Valley Landcare has done its best over the years to contribute to the amenity of the Oak Forest. This year the Green Army has completed work spraying broome and willows in Picnic Gully Creek and in the surrounds of the main picnic area. The group now has a job on its hands to dispose of the dead weeds, which will take some time.

Landcare has recently realised a dream to construct a stone circle, with the help of residents Art van Dyk and Troy West, who have donated and delivered the stone. They have also offered to assist with the placement of the stones. Landcare will then commission a special brazier to sit at its centre. The group is delighted and grateful with this wonderful gift from Art and Troy. ***Our resident designer Trevor McKay has two alternative plans shown below:***



Grow Great Fruit

“Are you thinking about what fruit trees to plant this year? If you’re short of space, consider either a multigraft (more than one variety on the same tree, e.g. a Mariposa blood plum and an Autumn Giant plum) or putting two trees in the same hole. This not only provides a wider range of fruit in a compact space, but means you can make sure your pollination requirements are taken care of if you choose compatible varieties. The disadvantage is that one variety is often more dominant, but that can usually be managed with some detailed pruning.

Winter is also a good time to reflect on the past season, and do some planning for your garden. As a guiding principle, try to add more diversity to your garden each year—different varieties of fruit trees, different understorey plants, and even different microbes in your soil. Biodiversity is one of our best defences against the risks we face from the weather!

If you’re noticing some of your fruit trees flowering, despite the fact that it’s not spring and in fact were descending into winter, don’t panic! It’s not uncommon for fruit trees to have a last ditch attempt to produce some fruit, and though it might be an indication of a sick or stressed tree, it can also happen in perfectly healthy trees - it’s just the genetic drive to reproduce.

And finally, if you used nets on your fruit trees over summer it’s a good idea to put them away over winter, because they degrade faster if they’re left out in the weather. They seem to slip off more easily if you remove them while your tree still has leaves, so don’t wait too long. If you had the net draped over your tree (as opposed to on a frame) use a broomstick – or a very tall friend – to help you push the nets off the tree, being careful not to damage the ends of the limbs if possible. Disentangle any twigs or rotten fruit before you pack them away, and if you can store them so they’re rat-proof, you’ll thank yourself next summer when you go to put them out again!”

Hugh and Katie Finlay run Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens, an organic orchard in Harcourt. They also run the online Grow Great Fruit membership program (www.growgreat-fruitprogram.com), for gardeners interested in learning how to grow their own organic fruit.

They have bare-rooted fruit trees for sale (orders through their website here: <http://www.mafg.com.au/trees>). Orders must be in by June 30, for pick-up from the farm on July 9 or 10. Book in for winter workshops (on Pruning, Soil, worms & compost tea, Grafting, or Organic pest and disease control) here: <http://www.mafg.com.au/workshops>.



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Fruit Gardens

WINTER WORKSHOPS

Sun 12 June: Pruning (10am-1pm)
Sat 9 July: Soil, Worms & Compost Tea (1pm-4pm)
Sun 10 July: Pruning (1pm-4pm)
Sun 14 Aug: Grafting (9.30am-12.30pm),
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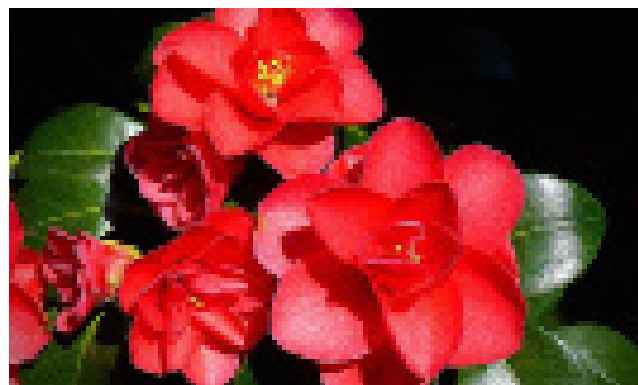
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ASQ Plant of the Month

Camellias are hardy, versatile, flowering plants with an attractive glossy green foliage. They create a fabulous display in the cooler months of the year, adding a touch of class and beauty when many of the other plants in your garden are looking dull and bare. There are many styles and colours to choose from and they grow really well either in garden beds or feature pots.





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Pips 'n' All

Hello Garden lovers,

The recent rain and warm temperatures have been wonderful for gardeners; greening lawns, reviving garden beds and refreshing our spirits. While it has been a dry Autumn, the recent rain has helped return moisture to the topsoil and water to the dams. I have been surprised and delighted to see Roses still flowering prolifically. The grass is growing at a rapid rate and weeds are growing as well but that is a small negative compared with a revitalised garden.

Our ongoing and recent work building up organic matter in our soil has certainly helped this rain soak into and hold in the soil. We can almost watch the plants soaking it up. This is a task that we will continue, to improve the quality of our tired, granitic soil.

Another joy in the garden is autumn foliage colour. Although finishing now, it has been a good year for the Claret Ash and Golden Ash around Castlemaine and our Pistachio was a lovely scarlet and Crepe Myrtles a subtle Burgundy. Deciduous trees are a wonderful addition to a garden. They add autumn colour, the fresh greenness of new leaves in spring and the drama and structure of bare branches in winter. An added bonus is the light they let through into the house and garden in winter. Both Evergreen and Deciduous trees are wonderful for the protection their canopies provide during the heat of summer and a combination of both types adds variety to the garden.

While talking about trees, it is worth noting the many benefits they provide us. Besides shade and cooling, their canopies assist with capturing and slowing rain so that it has greater potential to soak into the soil. It is well known that trees absorb carbon dioxide but they also remove pollutants from the air, reduce glare, provide shelter from wind and screen unpleasant views.

If you are considering planting trees around your garden, give some thought to colour, shape, size, morning and afternoon shade requirements, the impact of wind on your

property and your views. It is important to consider the potential growth of a tree with regard to your space. It is also worthwhile speaking to an expert before you make your selections, because while you can read a plant label to find out the mature size of a tree it is also important to know the potential spread of their root systems. The last thing you want to worry about is tree roots damaging your walls and drainage.

Trees are a wonderful asset and an important part of the garden. They provide a framework or structure to a garden and can also add important height and scale, colour and variety. There is such a wide selection available; small, medium and large, narrow or broad, fruiting, flowering or foliage, rounded, pyramidal, vase-shaped or conical and deciduous or evergreen. There is a tree for every location.

This month we are:

- Renovating lawns;
- Planting Garden beds;
- Pruning spent annuals;
- Planting winter vegetables; and
- Covering frost tender plants.

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Down:

1. The most eminent at party with Alice? (3,3)
2. Currency shield? (6)
3. Image-wrecker turns cool antics. (10)
4. Throw in the avenue, i.e. chuck it! (5)
5. Murdoch around student? (4)
6. Take the wine out of a bottle of smelling-salts, and be left with a spray of gems... (8)
7. Our rates are best London/Paris, or as true as we say... (8)
10. Fateful musical? (6)
13. How mutton perambulates to dinner? (4,2,4)
15. Island could make it a hit? (6)
16. Jung's rotten in California cavern. (8)
17. How 27ac unfolds over a week? (3,2,3)
19. Fuel it like a circle used as a compass? (6)
20. After Plan B fails, much closer to the end comes a mean swindle. (6)
23. Desperately non-PC term loses weight back in Africa (5)
24. One of the binding states of Asia? (4)

Across:

1. Origin not the railway station? (3,5,7)
8. Later, cop this musculature. (8)
9. Rogers group snap? Or perhaps cat root beer? (6)
11. Maleness gives a nicer gonad. Germs might prefer it gone rancid! (10)
12. Nazi might have taken on the East to become a poet, but didn't... (4)
14. Mourning became her issue. (12)
18. The number of people who won't remember? (12)
21. Taking back this yank singer about the setter's age and wolf (much older) wouldn't get you much in Greece. (4)
22. Rock gay for nectarines. (5, 5)
25. Obliquely a character in a book by what 12 might have become. (6)
26. Arraign a farmer? (8)
27. Committed by 1ac as we pay for their gold plating? (8,7)

MAY Xword 2016 SOLUTION

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Down:

1. Clever ploy puts layers [*strata*] the jewel [*gem*]
2. [*Am I bent*] to suggest that *this* is the temperature my cup of tea must eventually cool to? [*Well?* —A Gimme!]
- 3 & 22ac. *Where* you would hear 11 after an 18dn? [*Well?*]
4. *He's* in the [*ep*]isode doing his [*duty*] all around. (6)
5. Dependent dag? [*Well?*]
6. Seeing it as [*distinct*], I have no problem distinguishing it as *characteristic*... (11)
7. Without *hard evidence*, you haven't a leg to stand on, or a wing [*pinion*] to fly with... (7)
8. Tony's transition from Opposition attack-dog to PM attack-dog? [*Well?* Sorry...]
12. Cynically characterised as wanting equal misery for all... [*Well?*]
15. How shepherds used to rustle sheep? [*Well?*]
16. *Strict disciplinarian* sounds like a little Heidegger. [*Well?*]
18. Sanitise winning a bundle? [*Well?*]
20. *Monk's cape* loses the *r* to shoulder [*Well?*]
21. *For the iron* in potatoes? [*Well?*]
22. *Entice*, but *not at* the first try [*attempt*])
24. *Pace of sheep station?* [*Well?*]

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Across:

1. The way a naval hospital looks? [*Well?*]
5. N.I.C.E type of *strength* to be had in sci-fi trilogy. [*C S Lewis...*]
9. By first putting it in the middle of the spool [*reel*], we know *who* Marlon is playing. (5)
10. Gun in ship is giving the enemy curry! (9)
11. What can be heard on the 3dn 22ac route? [*Well?* "*Laughter is the best med...*"]
13. San Franciscan cake? [*Au**** Gate...?*]
14. Luther was incendiary, but the Calvin Co. -mpany could erupt at any time! (8)
17. Chiming a little haphazardly around the lake district. (8)
19. Sofia's company suffers humiliating rout in the middle of things. (6)
22. (see 3dn)
23. My French [*mon...*] semiotic [*sign*] alternative for distinguished clergyman. (9)
24. Canon for 3 shaped like first 7. (5)
25. Winning double-overhead granny for pigeon's headgear. [*Well?*]
26. [*Gary*] Cooper may or may not have played the [*Hun*] here, but Magyars, Turks, the Habsburgs and the Russians have all been through. (7)



Harcourt CFA Report

Product Safety Recall

Fire safety concerns have led to a recall of the **Target Essential Fan**

Heater by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission at the start of May.

The product model is TEFANH16, which was available for sale from 1 March – 28 April 2016. If you or someone you know purchased this heater, ensure it is returned to your local Target or Target Country store as soon as possible for a full refund.

Home fire safety is everyone's responsibility.

With winter approaching, it's more important than ever to regularly monitor and act on safety recalls issued on the [ACCC website](http://www.accc.gov.au) to make sure heating and other electrical devices you have purchased are fire safe.

There are also other ways you can reduce the fire risk of a house fire.

This winter, check your heating systems to ensure they are properly installed and maintained, purchase power boards with overload safety switches, ensure you have working smoke alarms installed in your home and if you use electric blankets, ensure that they are in good condition.

*Home fire safety
is everyone's
responsibility*

The Brigade is now on Facebook

We have recently joined the social media circle with the creation of the Harcourt Fire Brigade Facebook page. The aim is to provide regular items of interest and updated local and fire safety information. Note that official emergency information will NOT be provided on our page. The CFA has its own Facebook page as another avenue for disseminating information to the public. This is a reminder of how important it is to not rely on a single source for information, so by liking the CFA, (and the Harcourt Fire Brigade) Facebook page this will give you another stream for information.

It is good to be counting some millilitres in the rain gauge and see that the rain is generating some run off into local dams and creeks. The weather

experts tell us that El Nino has gone for the moment; but with weather it is always important to be prepared for the unexpected, as the recent mini tornado that recently passed through parts of the Harcourt Valley highlighted. While the Brigade was not required to assist, the local SES members attended to a number of calls. Hopefully now the kangaroos will move back into the bush for food rather than choosing to spend time crossing the roads chasing green grass.

Stay warm and safe this winter and take care on the roads.

*Tyrone Rice
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CDCH Urges Women to Check Their Breasts

Castlemaine District Community Health is organising a free bus to support Castlemaine women access breast screen in Bendigo in late July. This free BreastScreen Victoria service is for women aged 50-74.

BreastScreen Victoria assures women that although having a mammogram can be daunting, the two X-rays of each breast will be done by a female radiographer, with each X-ray taking only a few seconds. "The radiographer will work with you to make sure that the mammogram is as comfortable as possible," advised BreastScreen Victoria.

BreastScreen client; Mary-Anne 'Daisy' Horgan, is publicly encouraging other women to look after their health after putting off her breast screen until her diagnosis of breast cancer in 2013. "I'm just like every other woman in country Victoria. We look after our kids, we look after the home; our last priority is ourselves".

To register your interest or find out more, please call Castlemaine District Community Health on 5479 1000 or visit www.cdchcastlemaine.com.au.

June Maldon Wheel Cactus Kill

This month the Cactus Warriors Field Day will be on Sunday 26th, meeting from 10 am to 12.30. It is a friendly occasion, with a free BBQ lunch at midday. Equipment will be provided for the morning and any newcomers will learn the nitty-gritty about getting rid of this very invasive and resourceful weed.

For this month's venue or any other queries, please visit our website www.cactuswarriors.org or ring Ian Grenda on 0412 015 807.



Maldon Market in winter.



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Maldon Market – Keeping Everyone Warm this June

Maldon over the Queen's Birthday long weekend will be a hive of activity. As well as the Maldon Swap met being held, the Maldon Market is on Sunday 12th of June 9am til 2pm.

Maldon accommodation providers are gearing up for this popular weekend, with visitors enticed from far afield to enjoy the fine offerings Maldon provides so well at this time of year.

Winter is a wonderful time for locals to visit the Maldon Market because seasonal produce, such as apples from Pollard's Orchards and potatoes from Bernie's Spuds, are in abundance. Maldon Market Coordinator, Kirsten McKay, said, 'Bernie does not dig up his potatoes until just before each market so they remain fresh.'

To warm those cold extremities, Maldon Market goers are encouraged to seek out the wonderful number of stalls who offer winter woollies, including Carol Woolhouse, Wendy Farley and Rhonda Botten Harris.

New to the Maldon Market is Arthur n Martha with their distinctive 'arm' knitted items. Kirsten described how, 'They are unique because no set pattern is followed allowing scarves and neck cuffs to be worn in a variety of ways through pins to fastened to suit the wearer.'

Kirsten also revealed that the entertainment this month will be provided by Ovation, which is back by popular demand. 'Their wide selection of songs will be warmly received throughout the whole market this June' she said.

Kirsten hopes to see you at the next Maldon Market on Sunday 12th of June.

For more information, please contact the Market Coordinator Kirsten McKay market@maldonnc.org.au or 0477 201 654.

The Maldon Market is an initiative of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

Community Diary Dates

June 5th: 6-8.30pm, Vocal Nosh at Newstead Community Centre, Led by Polly Christie, Bookings: Fay 5461 5471

June 9th: 7.30pm. Harcourt Valley Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall.

June 12th: 1pm, Pine Assassins/Landcare meet at Dog Rocks on Mount Alexander.

June 19th: 12pm - 3pm, Barkers Creek Cricket Club, 20 Years Celebration for Barkers Creek Landcare and Wildlife Group

June 19th: Heritage Centre 1.30 pm Talk, Our Indigenous Heritage.

June 23rd: Harcourt Progress Association, Meeting, 7pm at Harcourt Valley Primary School.

June 26th: 10am to 12, Harcourt Valley Landcare, Planting on Barkers Creek, meet opposite the CFA.

July 3rd Vocal Nosh at NCC 6-8.30pm, Bookings: Fay 0447 576 642.

July 6th: Cider and Winemaking Workshop, Harcourt and District Fruit Growers.

What's on at the Bowling Club? See Page 15

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

Harcourt Lions Football & Netball games:

Round 7 Sat June 4 v Navarre (A)

Round 8 Sun June 19 v Dunolly (A)

Round 9 Sat June 25 v Royal Park (A)

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HARCOURT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Harcourt Progress Association Inc. aims to:

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

Membership of the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. is open to all residents and landowners within a 20kms radius of the Harcourt township - some exceptions apply - do enquire. There is no joining fee for the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. but an annual subscription of \$20 per person / \$10 concession is payable to become a financial member who is then able to formally vote and join the Steering Committee. Annual subscriptions fall due on 1st July each year. Any renewals or new memberships paid in 2016 will be valid until the end of June 2017.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

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

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

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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

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

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

Please mail this completed form and payment to HPA Inc, PO Box 132, HARCOURT, VIC 3453 **OR**

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

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

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