

HARCOURT NEWS THE CORE

October 2016

HARCOURT NEWS - Edition 32

<http://harcourt.vic.au/news>

Harcourt Progress Association Inc



Harcourt Railway Station A New Community Space?



Harcourt Railway Station is no longer occupied and has recently been vandalised. Is this an opportunity for the community to claim this important building? see page 2

INSIDE

- 2017 Applefest Launch
- Volunteers Needed
- Community Group gets answers on Mountain Bike Park
- Tour de Bress
- Twilight on the Green
- Preschool Open Day
- Harcourtian
- CFA
- CWA
- Garden and Tree Care
- Bowls
- Crossword
- Community Notices



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.



Railway Station Opportunity



Boarded up to protect it from further damage, the Harcourt Railway Station is in need of restoration and use. Can the community secure it?



While Harcourt Railway Station is currently deserted and damaged, an opportunity has presented itself for this community to claim this important asset. Jacqueline Brodie Hanns, Secretary of the HPA, has written to the Transport Minister, Jacinta Allan, requesting a meeting to discuss options for community use of the building. Much interest was shown at the recent HPA meeting when it was suggested that it could be used as a Community House. This aspiration was originally outlined in the 2013 Harcourt Community Plan.

The Railway Station is large and very sound apart from the superficial damage inflicted by recent vandalism.

Community activity at the railway station would help stave off more destruction. At the HPA meeting it was also pointed out that the former goods yards and crane are deteriorating and suffering from vandalism.

Our local state MP, Maree Edwards, gave an undertaking to talk with the Minister and report back to the Progress Association.

HPA have convened a working group to progress this opportunity to secure the Harcourt Railway Station for community use. For more information or to get involved, contact Jacqueline on email: takandjak@bigpond.com



Harcourt Progress Association

Community Playground

Ben Grounds from Mount Alexander Shire Council attended the last HPA to provide an update on the proposed Community Playground. Unfortunately there has been very little progress made in pursuit of this long desired community ambition. On a positive note, Ben did confirm that the preferred location of Stanley Park North has been formally adopted by the Council and this information was met with a cheer from the meeting's attendees.

Ben indicated that it will take about 18 months to clear the planning issues around the site, and proposed that a budget submission be made for the 2018 budget. HPA believes this is overly protracts the process and will delay the comple-

Harcourt Progress Association (cont)

tion until beyond 2021. HPA will continue to press Council to prioritise the playground and to work in partnership with the community so that together we can realise a playground that delivers on our vision and serves our community for many years to come. A working group is being formed to research design options and to prepare a community fundraising plan. This group will seek a further meeting with Ben and other council representatives.

Harmony Way Pedestrian Crossing

The Pedestrian Crossing is proving contentious as the community has asked for one, but currently vehicle traffic and pedestrian traffic has been deemed insufficient to warrant one. While we have a couple of pedestrian refuge-type crossings, people seem to cross the road at random points. HPA will continue to press the Shire about the crossing, especially with ongoing development and events being held in the centre of town.

Volunteers wanted

HPA are once again hosting the annual Twilight on the Green community celebration at James Park on the evening of Friday 11th November. We need volunteers to assist in setting up the site, preparing and serving food on the evening. If you can assist for even an hour on the night, please contact Jacqueline on email: takandjak@bigpond.com.au or telephone 0425 323 005.

Food safety and food handling information session

In the lead up to the warmer months and increasing community events, HPA will be hosting a Safe Food Handling information session for community groups and volunteers who run catering and food based fundraisers. This session will answer all your food safety queries and help streamline the process for conducting food events including sausage sizzles and cake stalls. The date is TBC but will take place early November; more information will be available in the next edition of the Core.

Applefest 2017 Launched



Maree Edwards, Member for Bendigo West, presents a \$3,000 cheque from the Harcourt Progress Association to mark the launch of the 2017 Applefest. Neil Charter and George Milford from the Heritage and Tourism Committee which runs the Applefest were delighted with the cheque, the money for which was raised by HPA at this year's festival from gate takings.



**steve
macqueen**
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

Electrical Maintenance Specialist
Commercial – Domestic - Healthcare - Solar
Phone: 0410 921 018 REC. 20896



**HARCOURT
Auto Wreckers**

Anthony Burns
Owner
harcourt wreckers@bigpond.com

03 5474 2432
Wrecking most makes and models
Used Car Sales, \$500-\$10 000
Towing & car body removals

Midland Hwy
Barkers Creek
Vic 3452
www.harcourt wreckers.com

Harcourt Lions Netball Winners



***Congratulations to the Harcourt Lions Netball teams who were successful in the finals.
Left: the Under15's; Right: C Grade Ladies.***

Harcourt Tennis Club

The new tennis season begins on October the 8th for the Harcourt Tennis Club. We are once again playing in the Marong District Tennis Association with competition against Marong, Lockwood, Lockwood South, Derby, Newbridge, Woodstock on Loddon, Wilsons Reef and Leichardt.

Our first home game is on October the 8th against Lockwood South. Our club has a team in A Grade, B Grade and this is our first year of entering a C Grade team. Each week we field a team comprising of 16 Harcourt members. The competition is played on a home and away format. On our home games 16 opposition team members and their families travel to our wonderful Harcourt.

The Harcourt Tennis Club has wonderful numbers in the Junior grades. We have been able to enter three Junior teams which play their competition through the Castlemaine District Tennis Association.

Thursday night social tennis will begin on October 6th at 7pm. The social tennis is a weekly Thursday event, during the tennis season. This is a social evening for the mature player to have a hit and giggle, BYO own refreshment.

If you would like further information, please contact Sharon Blake 54 742680 or Email: micblake@bigpond.net.au or Faye Hards: 54 742580.

Harcourt Lions Cricket

If you or someone you know is interested in playing cricket this season then the Harcourt Lions would love to hear from you!

Pop over to the clubrooms at the Harcourt oval from 5pm 29 September and grab a registration form, or alternatively if you are keen but can't make it, ***please contact our President Scott Berry on 0402363685 or our Secretary Chris Bloomfield on 0499409350.***

We look forward to welcoming new players and members. Go Lions! ***Tammy Simmins***

Harcourt Valley Primary School Fundraiser

BBQ at Castlemaine Newsagent's
Saturday 15th October, 9am-1pm
*Support our wonderful school by popping in
to buy a sausage,
a cupcake or a raffle ticket!*



Federal Member for Bendigo
LISA CHESTERS MP

PO Box 338 Bendigo 3552
Cnr. Williamson & Myers Sts, Bendigo 3550
T: 03 5443 9055 • F: 03 5443 9736
E: Lisa.Chesters.MP@aph.gov.au
@LMChesters • /LisaChestersBendigo



Community Action on Bike Park Gets Answers



Annette Rae, the organiser of the Community Group which has sought up-to-date information about the Mountain Bike Park.

Following the recent HPA Economic Forum, Harcourt resident, Annette Rae, called a community meeting of residents seeking further information about the proposed Mountain Bike Park. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the issues and concerns that residents had about the proposal.

About thirty people attended the community meeting held on Monday 5th September. At the meeting

it was clear that many people felt that they had no information or knowledge about the progress of the Park. Attendees were concerned that there had been insufficient consultation on specific issues, and not enough up-to-date information made available to the community. Annette led the discussion and after examination of the issues raised, a list of questions was drawn up to be sent to the Mountain Bike Reference Group. Members of the Reference Group and

the Progress Association were there. These representatives later conveyed the concerns to the Mountain Bike Park Reference Group which met in the same week. In addition, a working group was formed at the community meeting and this group will be meeting in early October.

Some of the prime issues identified include consultation with neighbouring properties; usage by walkers and horse riders, traffic management, protection of the environment, fire management and infrastructure and facilities.

In order to answer the questions comprehensively, the Mountain Bike Reference Group requested input from Shire and government representatives from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, (DELWP). A final document has been produced which addresses the questions put to the Reference Group. A copy of this is available at the Harcourt General Store and will shortly be online on the Mountain Bike Park BlogSpot website when it goes live. The best outcome is that later this month DELWP will conduct a community consultation program which includes sessions for affected land owners. Those who are immediate neighbours should contact the DELWP Project Officer Amanda Johnson on 5430 4626 or email at: amanda.johnson@delwp.vic.gov.au. Annette Rae can be contacted on: 0430 302 763 or at annettefie@bigpond.com



Di Selwood
Sales Consultant
Castlemaine & Harcourt



Mobile: 0488 148 358
Phone: 03 5474 2807
Fax: 03 8677 9033
Email: di@bendigopropertyplus.com.au

148 - 152 High Street,
Kangaroo Flat Vic 3555



Women in Business Morning Tea

GOLDFIELDS TRACK CAFE, HARCOURT

Meet other women in business over coffee...
Entry includes a hot drink plus a selection of
cakes, slices, scones, jam & cream

Friday 14 October
10 am - 12 pm
\$10 BMA Members
\$15 Non-members

92 Harmony Way
Harcourt, Victoria
Queries: 0409 070 930
gen@businessmountalexander.org.au

Bookings:
<https://www.trybooking.com/NILP>



Tour de Bress

Friday 11th November

Harcourt



The Ride

The Tour de Bress is an annual bike riding event designed to bring together a bunch of like-minded people of varying cycling abilities as a means of raising funds for children in desperate need of financial assistance. All monies raised for the Tour de Bress are donated to the Mirabel Foundation (www.mirabelfoundation.org.au).

On Friday 11th November, 100 riders will take to the Central Victorian Goldfields country roads for the 120km bike ride to Bress Winery in Harcourt. Our riders are many and varied including Olympians, doctors, lawyers, accountants, AFL footballers, restaurant owners, company directors, bankers, builders, pub owners, police men, wine makers, photographers, entrepreneurs, and many more...

2016 is the 6th instalment of the Tour de Bress, which has raised in excess of \$235,000 in its first five years.

The Mirabel Foundation

Mirabel assists children who have been orphaned or abandoned due to parental illicit drug use and are now in the care of extended family (kinship care).

Established in 1998, the Mirabel Foundation is the only organisation in Australia specifically addressing the needs of children who have been orphaned or abandoned due to parental drug use.

Mirabel is currently supporting over 1,500 children and young people – the most profoundly overlooked casualties of substance abuse in our society.

The Mega Crit

At the conclusion of the ride from Melbourne,

a Mega Crit, endorsed by Cycling Victoria, and staged by the Castlemaine Cycling Club is held in Harcourt.

The twilight Tour de Bress Mega Crit is one of the highest prize money criteriums in Australia. Australian champions, grand tour riders, professional bike riders, Olympians, local legends, club racers, and Tour de Bress riders fight it out for the prize money and fame associated with winning this crit, supported by Castlemaine Cycling Club, local council, and many professional and amateur riders throughout the country and overseas.

Riders in the past have included Peta Mullens, Shannon Johnson, Zak Dempster & Darren Laphorne. As well, we have had competitors from Ireland, South Africa, Singapore and England. The entire Drapac racing team has also made an appearance, and in 2016 the Maap State of Matter Pro Team will be making an appearance.

Maap has a combined social media following in excess of 70,000 people, so we expect a huge increase in exposure and interest of the crit in 2016.

The MegaCrit will see a B Grade event, as well as Elite Women and Elite Men compete around the town of Harcourt– it is a great atmosphere, and an amazing bike racing spectacle, well supported by the Harcourt Progress Association, which conducts a festival type atmosphere with the accompany Twilight on the Green event.

\$8,000 in cash will be on offer as prize money across the 3 races, with equal prizemoney for the elite men and elite women.



Twilight on the Green

A Harcourt
Happening

Friday 11th November
6.00pm–9.00pm

Featuring live music from KING STONE,
a free jumping castle, gourmet BBQ,
curry stall, licenced bar.

Join us on the lawns of James Park, next to the ANA Hall,
High Street Harcourt, for a night of community celebration.
Catch the Castlemaine Cycling Club's Tour De Bress Criterium
whilst relaxing with family and friends. Bring a picnic rug
or chair and enjoy another Harcourt Happening.

Presented by the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. raising
funds for the installation of irrigation in Stanley Park north -
help us create Harcourt's own green oasis!

Wonderland

By Scarlett Berger

Inhale and exhale
Stay calm Alice
You're only going to wonderland.
I am a time traveller
But there is no time
Only space.
So much space
To sing and to dance
To travel and explore.
Traipsing through the bushland of my mind
Thick trees touching my vision and filling my senses
Through a tunnel to wonderland.
A gnarled branch twisting out to me
Splattered with voluptuous green leaves
Brushing against my skin.
Sunshine violently sending warm rays to my ocean eyes
Blinding me
Trying to steal my vision.
And so many strange creatures
Making so much noise
Talking with no words.
Glowing eyes watching me
Trying to reach out
Beckoning me over.
The eyes have a pull over me
Something twists inside my stomach
And all control is lost.
Fear igniting
Overdosing in wonderland
Trapped in this forest.
Darkness shattering the image of this place
Like a looking glass in pieces
Broken at my feet.
Tripping and stumbling my way around
Finding my way
And losing it.
How far can this path go
How deep can this rabbit hole be
Where are you Alice



Harcourt CWA

Greetings to one and all from the ladies of Harcourt CWA.

September has been a busy month as we are currently preparing to wow the community with our Rhapsody in Blue event in October. The day will be an extravaganza of entertainment and displays. Our ladies are working hard on the play "The Great Blueness" which I'm told will be a sight to remember. All are welcome to attend.

We have also been busily crafting away as our annual creative arts exhibition is on next month. Saturday the 15th of October from 9am to 4pm at St Mary's Church Hall, 193 High Street, Kangaroo Flat. Admission is \$5, and it promises to be a display full of beautiful goods made by the lovely ladies of the Central Victorian Group. Some of the items will be for sale; these will be identified by a red dot.

We hope everyone has been keeping themselves healthy and safe during the past month. And if anyone wishes to attend a meeting our General Meetings, they are held on the first Thursday of every month at 1:30pm and our craft meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 1:30pm at the Harcourt Leisure Centre.

Dani Kent
Publicity Officer

Harcourt CWA Presents

Rhapsody in Blue

Thursday 20th October at 1.30pm

Harcourt Leisure Centre

Entry \$8.00

Trading Table!!

Lucky Door Prize!!

Delicious Afternoon Tea!!

RSVP: Marie Twyford 5472 5450 by October 13th

Harcourt CFA - Being Prepared



I wish to share with you a recent "Letter to the Editor" that appeared in Victorian national and regional papers written by Penny Harrison, Red Cross Director, Victoria which reiterates the need and reasons for being prepared. Please take the time to read what she has to say.

Floods a timely reminder to be prepared

A staggering one in three of people reading this letter will face at least one natural disaster in their lifetime. And after the disaster hits, sadly there's one thing most will also experience: regret about not being prepared.

In Emergency Preparedness Week, Red Cross is calling on all Australians to take action before it's too late. We want all Australians to be prepared for an emergency, whether it's large as a flood or bushfire, or as personal as a family crisis.

Too many conversations after an emergency begin with "I wish I had..." People wish they'd taken the kid's baby photographs; kept their passports safe; upped their insurance; looked in on their neighbours.

For decades, we've seen firsthand the trauma, stress and hardship that disasters bring; things many of us just aren't prepared for like anxiety, grief and loss, relationship problems, and hardship that can go on for many years.

You can't get back what you've lost after an emergency. But you can plan to protect what matters most. And that's the difference for everyone... Our free guide can spare people the avoidable grief and trauma because we know that the better you are prepared, the better you will cope.

Download your RediPlan at redcross.org.au/prepare and get prepared.

This is a very relevant insight to what Red Cross see post disasters and emergencies, during the recovery phase. The CFA has a responsibility to Prevent, Suppress and assist with Recovery from fire and other incidents. Suppression has always been at the forefront of the CFA and in recent years we have improved greatly in the area of prevention with education of the public and providing relevant information. Prevention is where you as an individual can assist us and also yourself the most. If there is

no fire to start with, then there is no problem to deal with. The recovery phase is an area where we are still learning lots but making good progress. The interesting part with recovery is that it can start when the first appliance arrives at a fire or incident and does not have to wait until the suppression phase has been completed. But foremost is the need to prevent as much as possible in the first place.

The recent flood events throughout various parts of Victoria saw significant rainfall in a short period of time. Barkers Creek was inundated with a large amount of water and localised flooding occurred as well as soil erosion and numerous trees falling over. While the brigade was not directly called out to any emergencies, some members assisted the Castlemaine SES in the filling of sandbags for flooding events throughout the shire. The one benefit is that the numerous dams throughout the Harcourt Valley

are now full. We just need to be prepared for the ongoing grass growth through spring.

Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) has released the Victorian Bushfire Outlook. It states that Victoria can expect an increased risk of grassfire this season while

late spring drying has the potential to escalate bushfire behaviour in forested areas in late summer. The highest risk will be across central and western Victoria in both grass and bush areas. Emergency management Commissioner Craig Lapsley has said fire preparedness would need to focus on western and central Victoria including the urban interface areas. That includes us, so now is the time to start being prepared, have a fire plan and make those decisions that will reduce or remove the regret that Penny Harrison of Red Cross mentions above.

The FireReady app is getting a much needed upgrade which will be available to download in November. The new VicEmergency app will be able to send you alerts about fires, floods, storms and even shark sightings on those hot summer days at the beach. The address is www.emergency.vic.gov.au/app. This is another tool to assist you in being prepared.

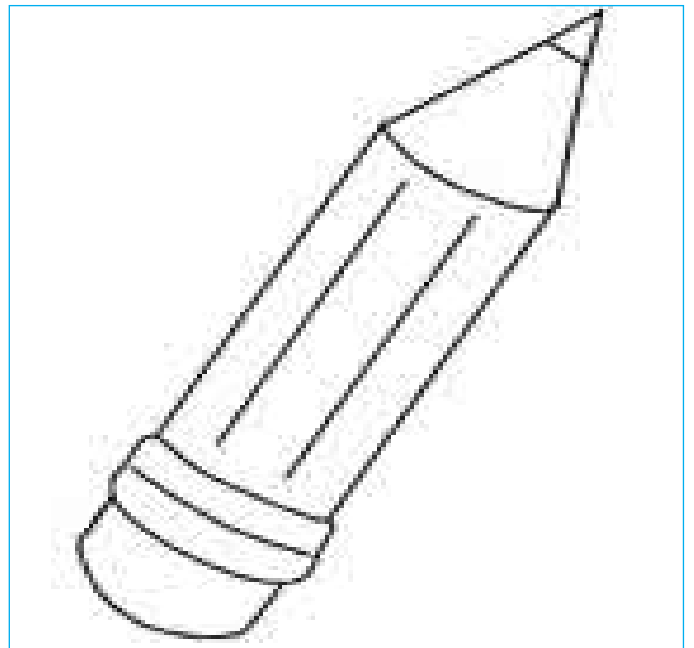
Be prepared now and stay safe this summer.

*Tyrone Rice
Captain*



Teacher Lisa Gray with the 3 year old and 4 year old students at the Harcourt Preschool.

Colour Me In!





OPEN AFTERNOON

We invite all prospective families to come and look around our lovely rural Preschool in Harcourt on

Wednesday 19th October from 2.30pm.

We offer an individualized approach to early learning with emphasis on creative play promoting simple joy within the environment.

Come and talk with our experienced and passionate staff.



Ryah enjoying one of the resident guinea pigs!

When The Core visited the pre-school it was the end of a session and it had been a rainy day. The children were sitting quietly with their teacher saying goodbye to each other.

It was clear there had been lots of play and learning; there were paintings drying in the racks and projects on display.

Parents began to arrive to collect their children; there was happy chatter as the adults caught up with each other and the children packed and collected their bags, ready to go home. A number of the children hid under a table, one by one. As one child was “found” another one took their place as parents searched for them. It seems it’s a regular game at home time.

This year the Preschool has run sessions three days a week with groups of three and four year olds.

The Preschool places importance on working closely with children and families. Children’s interests, needs and abilities provide the basis for a strength based program where each child can build self esteem and worth. The setting is homely and aesthetically pleasing with the use of natural materials to set up imaginative play spaces. Gardening, cooking, art, games and literacy are incorporated across the week.

Prospective parents and children are invited to the pre-school Open Day on Wednesday 19 October to see the facilities and get a feel for the activities. This is an opportunity to learn about the aims and workings of the centre and to ask questions.

Enrolments for 2017 are welcome and parents should book early to secure a place for their child.

Harcourtian – Jacq Cue



Jacq and Rob.

A passionate cook, maker and creator, with an eye for photography and a love of the outdoors, Jacq settled in Harcourt 13 years ago. She has influenced the making of a major change in the school lunch menu at the local primary school, participated in craft stalls at Applefest and is now contributing her skills to the newly established Goldfields Café. She has done all this whilst being a devoted Mum to Griffin, Avalon and Zara and working in a number of jobs.



A young Jacq.

‘We lived a bit of a gypsy life when I was a kid so being settled in Harcourt for thirteen years and having given birth to my children in the same room at Castlemaine Hospital has given me a sense of place and continuity. That’s not to say I didn’t do my own bit of moving around when I was a teenager. I followed a boy, Matt, to Melbourne when I fifteen – yes I was a bit rebellious - and stayed with him there until I was twenty when we both moved back to Castlemaine and then to a home in Harcourt. The house was destined for knock down for the freeway but we were told we could have it for 18 months. We’d moved in but hadn’t yet unpacked when we received a notice saying we needed to move out. We sent only six weeks there! Luckily we found a place in Reservoir Road. Matt and I eventually parted company but remain good friends. I live in town now with Rob, just down from the Servo.

‘Since coming here I have worked mainly at the Harcourt Kinder and in hospitality. Being at the kinder

and having my own kids has enabled me to meet people and make connections in the community. Food is my thing really. I saw a person make bread when I was a young and marvelled at the magic of the process, and was hooked. My love of food connected nicely with my work at The Dove Café in Castlemaine and now at the Goldfields Café. I love cooking, baking and experimenting with flavours. Thankfully my kids are willing to go along with me in my culinary adventures, especially Griffin who when he became a teenager would eat everything.

‘I like making meals from scratch. I try to get local ingredients if I can. I like it that people have put love and time into what I buy for my cooking. I believe those ingredients make the food taste better.

‘One of the things I believe I helped achieve during my time on the Harcourt Primary School Committee and as School Council President was the successful

change from the traditional school lunches of pies, pasties and rolls to homemade hot food that stretched the children’s taste buds. I loved my work on the School Council. I did a couple of stints on the council eventually retiring from the Presidency last year.

‘When I have spare time I love to make and create things. I sew cloth dolls, often knitting and crocheting their accessories.

I sell them mostly online but have also made them for Applefest.

‘Activities that take me outdoors are also important to me. Photography does that. I recently photographed a series featuring fungi and had Rob trooping around with me locating specimens. I edit my own photos and have some printed on canvasses. There are examples of my work hanging in the Goldfields Café.



The magic of making bread



Pinky, one of Jacq’s cloth dolls.

Harcourtian –Jacq Cue (cont)

I love camping too. We have a campervan and often free camp around Mansfield with my brother's family. It is just another life, quiet, relaxing and free and gives me the opportunity to connect with the environment.



Camp food is a whole other ball game; I love it. And yes, I am an occasional bikie. I had always wanted to get my bike licence but it was tricky to find time when the kids were little. Now, when time allows, riding is something Rod and I enjoy. I have just sold my Harley and am thinking about what to get next.

'I can't see us leaving Harcourt. Living here has been so great for the kids. They can walk to school, to visit friends and go to the pool. It is ideal really. I have noticed the place change over time though. Our street is now very busy. Progress is a mixed blessing. It improves the value of your assets and helps business but changes your lifestyle. I think if we moved it would be out of town, that's all. We certainly would stay around Harcourt. I have met some great friends here and would hate to move away from them.'

*Jenny McKenry,
Dandura Alpacas*

All photos for this article supplied by Jacq Cue.

Alpaca Shearing at Dandura



Above: Shearer Mike Snow in action. The alpacas have their legs tied for their safety and the safety of the handlers. Below: Jenny McKenry skirting fleece.



**Sound genetics
An asset to your
herd**

Jenny & Keith McKenry

03 54396525
0428 479 050
Harcourt North, Victoria
alpacas@dandura.com
www.dandura.com



- Stud services
- Breeding females
- Pets/Herd Guards



- Packages for New Breeders
- After-sale quality support



- Alpaca yarn
- Member of Q-Alpaca



Harcourt Bowling Club

Bowls Season is Officially Open at Harcourt

Harcourt Bowling Club Official Opening of the 2016-2017 bowling season was well attended on Sunday 25th September with bowlers from Castlemaine and Bendigo East and new members Brian, John and Janet also joining in. Upon welcoming everyone President John Starbuck noted that the strength of the club is within the members and how we work together and look after each other.

Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards delivered the first bowl and wished the club well in the upcoming Pennant competition. Maree also joined in the social game of 16 ends and put down some impressive bowls. (*See photo below*)

Winners were: Ditch to Ditch Vinka Maltby, Malcolm Grant; nearest the spider John Grant. The social bowls winning team was Grahame Hill, Ken Tribe, Mick Evans and Graeme Blease.

The New Deck

Following the delicious afternoon tea members and guests were treated to the Official Opening of the new covered deck with cutting of the ribbon by Russell Timmins and a couple of emotive tunes from our resident piper Grahame Pogue. Russell carried out a lot of the works and was instrumental in co-ordinating the job and seeing it to its completion. At the cutting of the ribbon Russell paid tribute to the many other volunteers who contributed to the working bees and who spent long hours in the hot sun to see the job finished.

WHAT'S ON

Social Bowls and Pennant practise is held on Wednesdays at 1pm (until pennant then at 10.00am) and Wednesdays and Fridays from 4pm. All welcome.

October is Play Bowls Month

Harcourt is on board with the Bowls Victoria nominated Play Bowls Month and is encouraging people of all ages to come and join us for our fun events. Bowls is not just for oldies! You will see the posters around town.

Come and Try Day Sunday October 9th 1pm – 3.00pm

If you have wondered what it is all about or if you want to just have a go, come and join us on Sunday 9th October from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. We are a small friendly club extending a warm welcome to everyone. Members will be on hand to guide you through the joys of bowling. We will provide the bowls, you just need to wear flat shoes or bare feet and we will finish with a sausage sizzle.

Social Bowls for Beginners – Tuesday October 11th, 18th & 25th 6pm – 8.00pm

As a follow on from the Sunday, another opportunity for some fun and light hearted bowling for beginners. Members will be available to assist. Bring your friends and have some fun while you hone your bowling skills. Gold Coin donation – Supper and Bowls provided - Drinks at bar prices.

Pennant Season

This year Harcourt will again field 2 Midweek Pennant sides and 3 Weekend Pennant sides. The Pennant Season will commence on Monday 17th October (Midweek) and Saturday October 22nd (Weekend). The Bendigo Bowls Division draw is being redone and will be available on the Bendigo Division website shortly.

*Christine Anderson
Publicity Officer*



Maree Edwards MP

State Member for Bendigo West

Putting Community First

If you have any State or Local Government issue please contact my office for assistance

8 Pantan Street (PO Box 326)
Golden Square VIC 3555
Tel: (03) 5444 4125 Fax: (03) 5441 8140
maree.edwards@parliament.vic.gov.au
@mareeedwardsm
www.mareeedwards.com.au



Life Under Canvas in Harcourt

A Third Visit to Dr Young



During the years 1859-1862 Doctor Young lived and practised in Harcourt. The doctor had been stationed

here by the railway construction contractors, Messrs Cornish & Bruce. Doctor Young's name frequently appeared in the columns of the "Mount Alexander Mail" - sometimes under controversial circumstances.

The work of the railway surgeon would have been very routine stuff and we can be sure that such matters as *'opening the bowels of the constipated and setting the broken legs of the rascally young fellows'* was carried on without being written up in the newspapers. Some of the news reports give an insight into living conditions of the 'navvies'. To suffer an accident or an illness was a disaster for these men, as stated in a report at the time:

"The majority of men working on the line are healthy, and what is most to be feared for them are accidents arising from the work. In such cases, it is but little that any doctor could do for men lying miserably in a tent. Besides this, very many of them are hard up, and depend upon their daily work for their daily bread, therefore they require something more than mere medical attendance; they require their food also."

An incident at Porcupine in December 1861 provides us with a graphic description of life under canvas. Dennis Donovan was attended by Dr Young who stitched up stab wounds in Dennis' lower left back. The stabbing occurred in the course of a fight that started when Dennis wanted to get his 'missus' (Mrs. O'Hara) from the tent of John and Elizabeth Carey. He picked up half a brick and threatened to tear the place down if they did not send his wife out. When Carey squared up to Donovan there was a scuffle and both men fell to the ground, with Elizabeth Carey striking Donovan with a stick about two feet long and an inch and a half thick. During this thrashing Donovan received the stab wounds. .

It can be deduced from various news reports that Dr Young's home was on a hill, about 200 yards from the Midland Highway and Barkers Creek bridges and ten minutes from the Talbot Inn.

An article in the "Mail" of 30 June 1863 entitled 'The Harcourt Rush' describes a gold-rush to *"...crown land, not alienated, where there is a house and garden standing at the summit of the hill now being worked, formerly occupied by Dr Young"*. This places the home west of Bingham's Road near Harcourt Valley Primary School. The last mention of Dr Young in the "Mail" is in March 1862 when James Baker was convicted of stealing a saddle and bridle, the property of Dr Young, and was awarded a six-month term of imprisonment. Cornish and Bruce's works were nearing completion, the navvies folded their tents and went away and Dr Young left the district.

Daniel Young was born in Ireland in 1820. It could be that he came to Australia as a "ship's surgeon", where training and qualifications varied from 'very little' to 'well recognised'. There was little in the way of regulation at the time. We note that Dr Young appended the letters: MD to his signature.

Daniel Young died on 23rd August 1871 aged 51 years, leaving his wife and five children living at Pitt St, Carlton. Two of his sons had died when they were but toddlers. Dr Young's death certificate, signed by Dr Edward Barker, gave, as cause of death, *"disease of liver, 4 years."* We are reminded of his failure to attend at the sick bed of three infants, and of his censure by the coroner's jury on three occasions. Perhaps he had been emotionally scarred by the deaths of his own children. Perhaps his liver was scarred by too much alcohol. What do you think? Draw your own conclusion.

George Milford

LIMERICK by The Bard of North Harcourt

*A copper was cautioned for speeding.
A baker for speeding when kneading.
An author of note
Was told that he wrote
Too quickly, so took up speed reading.*

No Election in Calder Ward

Some community members may be expecting to receive postal voting packs for the upcoming Council elections, however, as our current Councillor Tony Cordy was the only candidate to stand, Tony continues as our representative.

The Core on behalf of the Harcourt Progress Association extends congratulations to Tony and looks forward to continuing our good working relationship.



run, rabbit, run...

Espresso Bar & Gallery

Comfortable, cozy & familiar

DOWNSTAIRS CAFE / UPSTAIRS GALLERY

Open Weds - Sun

8.30am - 4.00pm

Find us on Facebook

24 Hargraves Street

Castlemaine, Victoria

03 5470 5712

3 doors down from Theatre Royal



Nicola Pilon
Healing Well

Naturopath

Ph 0433 048 430

nicolafpilon@gmail.com

www.nicola-pilon-naturopath.com

147 Mostyn Street, Castlemaine Vic. 3450.

KN210028

Save the date!

Sunday 27th November

**Barkers Creek Cricket Club
present
their second annual**

BARKERS CREEK BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

**Showcasing local cider and craft
beer with food stalls, live enter-
tainment, and kids activities**

*A great day out for the whole
family*

**At the Barkers Creek Cricket
Club Reserve in
Specimen Gully Road**



SJK EXCAVATIONS
Commercial, Industrial and Domestic Earthworks

Stuart King
Owner/Operator
sjkexcavations@yahoo.com.au

0407 514 797

ABN: 63708909386

Harcourt Native Orchids Walking Tour a Success

Whoops of joy were heard at the recent native orchid walking tour, when a rare crimson spider orchid was discovered at the Flora Reserve in Harcourt. The group of 23 participants spotted many other orchids, including green spider orchids, and three varieties of greenhoods. Tour leader Wendy Barron predicts many more of the native orchids to appear after some sunnier weather.

Wendy Barron is also a leader of the Harcourt Walking Group. This group meets at 9.30am on Mondays at the Harcourt ANA Hall and Museum. Attending the walk in early October may be an orchid spotting opportunity for those who missed the walk. This weekly walk is free, but a small donation is collected for the cuppa after the walk.

To find out more about the Harcourt walking group, please call Castlemaine District Community Health on 5479 1000.

Liza Shaw

Castlemaine Group Fitness Classes

'Come and join us at the Old Castlemaine Gaol'



Affordable – Relaxed – Friendly

Tue	9:30am-10.30am	Power Bar
Wed	6:05pm-7:05pm	Power Bar
Thurs	6:15am-7:15am	Power Bar
Fri	9:30am-10.30am	Aerobics
Sat	9:30am-10.30am	Power Bar

\$10 per class – All fitness levels welcome
Children welcome under parent supervision
Classes run during school terms

Mandy Chilcott 0409 866 279

mandchilcott@gmail.com



Official Opening of Respite House Friday October 7th

We invite everyone to come to the Official Opening on Friday Oct 7th of the Mount Alexander Shire Accommodation and Respite Group (MASARG) Respite House at Melissa Court 11am -3pm with the official ceremony at 12noon. MASARG commenced building its Respite House in 2015 and we are excited to say that we have built a beautiful five bedroom home (which includes a staff bedroom) and furnished it to make it a home rather than an institution. We estimate that the final cost is \$1.8 million including all the furnishings and landscaping and we're very proud of our achievement.

The history of the MASARG Respite House started in 2007 when a group of parents with disabled "children" met to discuss the need for a purpose built Respite House in our area. At the time any respite available was either in the home or at the hospital. Respite can be thought of as a rest from caring (for the parents/carers) and a chance for those we care for to have a break (from parents/carers) in a safe, familiar place, where they experience some semi- independent living skills amongst their friends with qualified carers.


We began looking for land but the prices were daunting. We were then approached by Bob and Eileen McDonald offering to donate a beautiful block of land at McKenzie Hill – part of their farm they were sub-dividing. We couldn't believe what they were offering – now we had an address: 2 Melissa Court McKenzie Hill.

We held a "Day on the Hill" to celebrate the turning of the 1st sod – mind you we had to pre-dig the sod as the land was rock hard! When the contractor levelled the site he said it was one of the hardest sites he'd ever dug – what a reputation! We received a report that the cost to build would be \$1.2 million so we took a deep breath and the fundraising began in earnest.

We have been humbled by the wonderful support from so many community organisations and individuals who have given financial and practical donations to our cause. We received some Government grants as well as very generous donations from the Castlemaine Lions Club, The Maldon Community Bank, The Felix Cappy Estate, Castlemaine Mitsubishi (a car to raffle) and the wonderful Castlemaniacs who rode the Murray to Moyne bike ride and organized an 80's night.

Further information can be found on our up to date website:
www.masarg.org

Jan Jenkin



PLUMBER

24 Hour
Emergency
Service

Bruce A. Rae

Covering all Aspects of Plumbing

Mobile: 0408 371 885 Email: brucer3@bigpond.com



WARRICK HARWOOD CONTRACTING

Grass Slashing – 7' to 5' cut
Pasture Renovation & Direct Seeding
Ploughing & Power Harrowing

109hp Deutz-Fahr Tractor with
4 in 1 Loader
(Will fit through 12' gates)

WATER DELIVERIES

13,000 litre tanker for
Town Water & Civil Works

*Servicing Harcourt and surrounds
Competitive rates
30 years experience*

Call Warrick
0417 036 059
warricka@bigpond.net.au

Grow Great Fruit

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 and some nutrients, 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 (or if you don't fancy eating weeds you can 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 instead, be aware that it's just as effective at stopping water soaking into the soil as preventing evaporation – though this is not too much of a problem this year with the excessive rainfall we've been having! 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 couple of words of warning: use straw rather than hay, because straw should be relatively free of seed, and don't mulch until after any frost risk has passed.

Katie and Hugh Finlay own Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens, an organic mixed orchard in Harcourt. They also run an online home-study organic fruit growing course called Grow Great Fruit, and teach a range of workshops. They offer a free weekly email called Weekly Fruit Tips to help people get the most out of their fruit trees (sign up at <http://www.opt-in.mafg.com.au/>). They'll also be offering a free webinar (online workshop) for the next few Wednesdays called The 10 Key Steps to Growing Great Fruit - sign up at <http://growgreatfruitprogram.com/webinars-landing/>



**Rob's
Yard
Maintenance**

0407 666 791

Police Checked & Insured

- Lawn mowing
- Garden maintenance
- Pruning
- Weed control
- Rubbish removal
- Clean-ups
- Gutter cleaning
- General handyman



✓ RURAL
✓ INDUSTRIAL
✓ STOCK YARDS

For all your fencing & yarding needs!




Contact
0417 104 491 | info@lewinfencing.com.au

Pips 'n' All

Hello Garden lovers,

We have had so much rain in the past two months that it is important to consider and protect your soil structure. When the soil is so wet, it is easy for it to become compacted. This creates issues for soil health and therefore plant health. It is best to be gentle with the soil and to disturb your garden beds as little as possible. This means little or no digging until the soil dries out a bit.

Being gentle with soil doesn't stop us from preparing for spring. It is a great time to fertilise garden beds and lawns in preparation for spring growth. It is also the perfect time to feed bulbs that are finishing flowering. Adding composted manure or compost at this time, allows bulbs to take up all those good nutrients to store energy for next year's growth and flowering before they become dormant.

If you haven't already done so, it is still a good time to stake or label your bulbs to help you locate them after they have died down. While small stakes are quite subtle, it is not always pleasant to have labels floating around the garden. They can detract from the display and can also get lost and displaced. It is helpful to know where and what your plants are though. So, an alternative to labels is to keep a record of what you plant.

I know that I struggle to remember all of the plant names, so I keep a record. This is usually a list or a simple sketch for each garden bed. Having information available helps us when it is time to make decisions about infill planting or garden bed renewal. We can refer to our records to help remember the names of plants that are thriving so that we can buy more of the same or similar and avoid others that have not been so successful.

The garden is just flourishing at present with so much rain and a few warm days. The soil is yet to warm up but it won't be long now. It is a wonderful time for gardening.

This month we are:

- Infill planting;
- Planting early spring vegetables; and
- Covering frost tender plants.

This month in the woodland:

- Hoary Sunrays are starting to flower (*Leucochrysum albicans*)
- Chocolate Lilys (*Arthropodium strictum*), Austral Crane's-bill (*Geranium solanderi*), Scented Sundew (*Drosera whittakeri*) and Slender Rice-flower (*Pimelea linifolia*) are flowering.
- Magenta Stork's-bill (*Pelargonium rodneyanum*) is shooting.
- Lots of annual grass weeds are growing.

Happy Gardening
Janyce



Regional
ENVIROSENSE

Janyce McMurtrie

Mobile 0429 968 782

Email info@regionalenvirosense.com.au

For small business sustainability, garden planning, revegetation plans or asset management needs.

Skydancers for gifts

Open seven days a week and there's always something new! Find that perfect gift, or just treat yourself!



www.asq.net.au | Where your great outdoors begin!

a Cnr Blackjack Rd and Midland Hwy, Harcourt

p 03 5474 3800 | e skydancers@asq.net.au

ASQ Plant of the Month

Tree Ferns

Tree ferns are a gorgeous ornamental plant species, possessing an exceptional architectural quality. Slow growing plants and wonderfully low in maintenance, they have long spreading fronds with a thick trunk.

They prefer plenty of moisture and will thrive in a sheltered, shaded environment, making them a perfect addition to your shady outdoor area.



MT ALEXANDER
Fruit Gardens

Want to Grow Your Own Fruit?



The Grow Great Fruit Program is a year-long organic fruit growing course teaching how to grow a year's supply of organic fruit in your own backyard. It covers pruning, pest and disease control, grafting, preserving and more!
www.growgreatfruitprogram.com

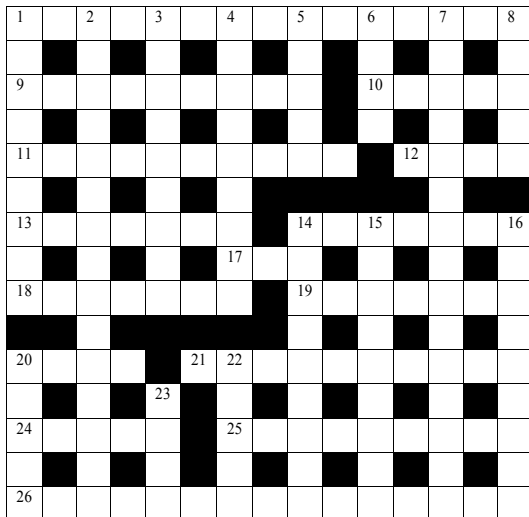
FREE STUFF:

Weekly Fruit Tips newsletter:
www.opt-in.mafg.com.au

Online Workshops (Webinars):
www.howtogrowfruit.com

October Xword 2016

©McW Aug '15



Across:

1. Half-hearted attempt to neither let your discrimination be your tooter nor use those discs in supermarket trolleys... (5,10)
9. Primary element resides in cripple. (9)
10. After bandage has been this around, it covers this under... (5)
11. I cure latte set by dividing them into a network. (10)
12. Tell how to get the bird around? (4)
13. Looking this way, one could partially clean up. (7)

14. First part of 20dn also goes into making these domes. (7)
17. Where I go when my sweetheart smiles at me? (3)
18. Second-rate versions of these farms would be top-of-tree or bank components. (7)
19. Spotless mother goes to embrace prisoner. (7)
20. What to do with a Choo-Choo Bar? (4)

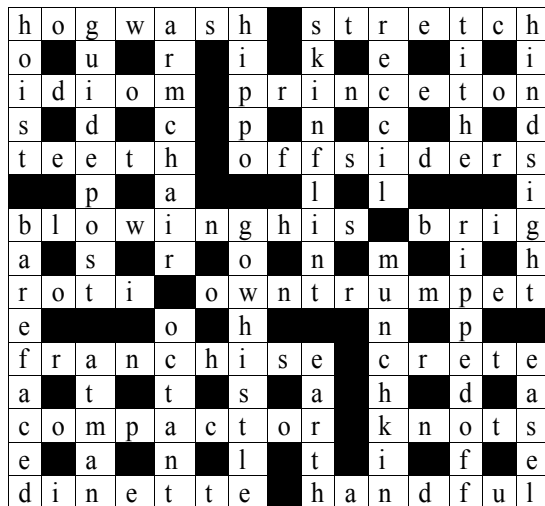
21. Strength of working-class short black? (10)
24. The only silent structure remixed to bear the current. (5)
25. DLP chap mixes it with bride for army chap. (9)
26. Amend, in gentlest way, this nested alignment when you've smelt neat ending. (And lo! You will have achieved it!) (15)

Down:

1. Upper-crust Leonardo? (3,6 or 3-6)
2. For purl and curettage once—that's plain. (8,7)
3. Dapper? Then clock the cravat! (4-5)
4. Please, sir, make a couple of frames for me to train plants on. (9)
5. To collect and refine ptomaine to poison the PM would be butterfingering at heart... (5)
6. Road junction to possess small city. (4)
7. New French Kitchen Rules? (8,7)
8. Long rule and study ship. (5)
14. Put gnomonic question to IT staff—it won't be solved by this! (9)
15. One way to enter a pet (Neater pet, perhaps)? (9)
16. Let's alarm the Australian public—will they see through it? (5,1,3)
20. Drinking vessel and the dark part of the soul are redolent of love's arrows and their source. (5)
22. Back precursor to IVF and yeasty item under the Aswan dams. (5)
23. First man on reference list, or first woman? Let's be non-sexist and say 'author'... (4)

September Xword 2016 SOLUTION

©McW March '15



Across:

1. Porcine ablation? Rot! [Well?]
- 5, 18. What to do to Indian bread to make pizza? [sorry...]
9. Dark Freudian force has me coming back from Chartres [moi...] with their characteristic form of expression. (5)
10. Phil the Greek a heavyweight at uni [Well?]
11. What corruption commission lacks [Well?]

12. Helpers to dress FIFO workers. (9)
- 13, 19. Poser now "humbling" (twit!) is just self-promoting... (7,3,3,7)
15. ...and removed from robber in wild terrain, leaving prison on board. (4)
18. (see 5)
19. (see 13)
21. I ran chefs at a chain of restaurants. (9)

24. When Con emigrated to Athens, it left the island less specific and definite. (5)
26. Machine might cramp cool, or any other bird trapped inside. (9)
27. Tied by Ronnie? [Well? R D Laing...]
28. Not the full monty for diner? [Well?]
29. Bunch of fives in one's grasp? [Well?]

Down:

1. I shot vehicle inspection device haphazardly. (5)
2. Only a pseudo git with a stupid ego would disregard this semiotic help. (5-4)
3. Hands-off sort of philosopher? [Well?]
4. Where the hidebound churchman came from? [Well? Augustine of...]
5. Mean hide to strike sparks? [Well?]
6. Snake may revert to tight posture from effect of firearm. [Well?]
7. The 10% that bind, by the sound of it [Well?]
8. Reflected wisdom? [Well?]
13. Brazen and shaven... [Well?]
14. Not a lot weighs on it for me, so you can proceed tunelessly for all I care... (2,7)
16. Taxpayer forcibly removed by Bronnie's chopper? [Well? A bit late...]
17. Chew rellies and steal game. (8)
20. Five plus three of these to get all the way round. [Well? Eight parts of the circle...]
22. Where the Real Self should be aimed? [Well?]
23. Ground a near thing, poles apart and lacking a small amount [Ig]. (5)
24. Please locate something I can use to paint. (5)

Business Update - Granite House Bed & Breakfast



When Robyn Miller retired from a rewarding career in education, she decided to convert the family's historical cottage on their property into a bed and breakfast. Robyn and her husband, Nick Quirk opened Granite House Bed and Breakfast in May this year after spending a couple of years doing it up. Let's go back to where it all began...

The construction of Granite House Bed and Breakfast started in 1954 when Nick's dad, Trevor Quirk, a stone mason at one of the local quarries, decided to try his hand at building with granite. Trevor and his wife Joan treasured their 2.2 hectare property and lived in the main house which was originally a tiny weatherboard cottage called the 'Apple House'. This was replaced with the current house where Nick and Robyn live today, and was also built by Trevor using granite. How this was done is quite a story and you can read about the house in the book, *Granite Houses of Harcourt and Faraday*, published by the Heritage Centre.

When it was proposed that Robyn and Nick's family move into the principal house, Trevor began building again and finished what is now Granite House Bed and Breakfast when he was sixty-eight years old. As an extended family they shared the property for twenty happy years.

Nick and Robyn have put a lot of effort into preparing their B&B for guests to enjoy a comfortable country stay. There's a completely new bathroom and every effort has been spent on rendering, painting and furnishing the cottage with a mix of new and refurbished furniture. There's an eclectic mix of old and new – gathered little treasures, including artworks by Nick's family members and local artists.

Granite House B&B is situated in the ideal rural setting of Harcourt, close to apple orchards, wineries and cideries. Robyn describes it as, "The perfect stepping off place for visitors to enjoy the arts scene and other tourist attractions in nearby towns - Castlemaine, Maldon and Bendigo."

"It's lovely to meet people from all around Victoria.



They have so many options for places to visit and things to do nearby." Just 2 km away is the newly opened Goldfields Track Café serving breakfast, lunch or coffee and cake. There are also plenty of outdoor activities with Mount Alexander at their doorstep for bushwalks and sightseeing.

The cottage is self-contained and very private. It has a lovely wood heater for those cosy winter nights. Robyn is having air conditioning installed in time for summer as well.

The kitchen is well stocked for a leisurely breakfast with provisions including local free-range eggs, cereals, breads, jams and honey, fresh fruit and fruit compote, leaf tea and plunger coffee. Sounds like the perfect weekend retreat!

Find out more about Granite House Bed & Breakfast:

188 Reservoir Road, Harcourt | 0467 670 271

<https://www.facebook.com/GraniteHouseBandB>

<https://www.stayz.com.au/accommodation/vic/the-goldfields/castlemaine/190890>

Denise Howes Grief and Loss Counsellor

Counselling in times of grief, loss and change

M: 0412 051 387

E: denise.howes@bigpond.com

W: www.denisehowescounselling.com

Rooms in Trentham and Castlemaine



The
Good
Life
Careers

Get that Job!

Resumes
Job applications
Interview coaching

Genevieve Ward
0409 070 930



October Cactus Field Day Maldon

Our October field day will be on Sunday 30th, starting at 10 am and ending 12–12.30 with a tasty BBQ lunch. Equipment will be provided for the morning as well as mentoring in the techniques of cactus killing for newcomers. It's out of doors, it's friendly and there's lunch and a cuppa at the end. It can be addictive. Wear stout shoes and a hat.

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



Beekeeping Field Day

9th October

Harcourt Leisure Centre

25 Bingham's Road

Time: 9.30 - 3pm

- Practical open hive demonstrations - BYO your own protective gear or buy it there
- Bee equipment/honey sales
- Beginners corner, extracting honey, bee goods and much more
- Refreshments available to purchase

Gate entry \$10pp, \$7 concession, children under 16 free

Contact: Rob 0477 489 889 or Marie 0428 723 988

Bendigo Branch of the Victorian Apiarists Association Inc.



Community Diary Dates

October 7th: 11am -3pm Official Opening of MASARG Respite House at Melissa Court, Castlemaine, with the official ceremony at 12noon. See story page 16

October 13th: 1.30pm CWA Fundraising Concert, "Rhapsody in Blue", Harcourt Leisure Centre

October 13th: 7.30pm Landcare Meeting, ANAHall

October 15th: 9am-1pm Harcourt Valley Primary School Fundraiser, BBQ at Castlemaine Newsagent's.

October 23rd: 10am - 12midday Landcare Working Bee and morning tea. Contact 0467 670 271 for details.

October 26th: 7.30pm Harcourt Progress Association meeting at Goldfields Track Café

November 27th: Barkers Creek Beer and Cider Festival

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

Bowls Club Dates: See page 14

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

Newstead Then and Now Exhibition

Arts Hub, Newstead Railway Station

Opening times 10.00 am – 4.00 pm on:

Saturday 29 October, Sunday 30 October,
Monday 31 October

Tuesday 1 November, Saturday 5 November,
Sunday 6 November

The official opening will be 5 pm on Saturday 29 October. Don Garden President of RHSV will speak on the role of historical societies in our community.

The Newstead and District Historical Society have put this exhibition together. See what Newstead used to look like compared to what it is today.

Members will be available on all opening days to answer questions about the history of the area.

Booklets of the exhibition will be on sale.

Cherie Lawton
Newstead & District Historical Society

Building Castlemaine

The Red Brick Legacy of H.D. McBean

by

Robyn Lewis

Graphics by David Jeffries

Henry Darling McBean built over 20 substantial Castlemaine buildings from 1893, including the Castlemaine Town Hall. This new local history book brings them all together with information on the houses, families and turn of the century Castlemaine.

BOOK LAUNCH

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER 2pm

@Castlemaine Historical Society

7 Goldsmith Crescent Castlemaine

All Welcome

The Harcourt News/The Core is Published by the Harcourt Progress Association Inc.

For inclusion in Harcourt News/The Core contact the Editor Robyn Miller 0467 670 271 or email:

news@harcourt.vic.au. Contributions of news items, articles, photos and letters are welcome as are advertisements which help to cover production costs. For placement of advertising please contact Genevieve Ward via email at: advertising@harcourt.vic.au or phone 0409 070 930.

Circulation is currently 450 and copies can be obtained at the Harcourt General Store, The Harcourt Post Office, the Harcourt Service Station, Harcourt Valley Primary School, ASQ Skydancers, The Little Red Apple and in Castlemaine: Run Rabbit Run, Castlemaine Library, Castlemaine Hospital, Castlemaine Community Information Centre and Castlemaine Visitors' Centre plus a number of other sites.

A full colour version of *Harcourt News: The Core* is available on the Harcourt Community website: <http://harcourt.vic.au/news>

Harcourt News/The Core is printed with the assistance of the Harcourt Primary School and Mount Alexander Shire.

The views or remarks expressed in this publication are not necessarily the views of the Editor, nor of the Steering Committee of the Harcourt Progress Association. No endorsement of service is implied by the listing of advertisers, sponsors or contributors.



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.

-----✂-----

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 135, HARCOURT, VIC 3453 **OR**

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

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

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