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Barkers Creek Cricket Club Hosts Local Beer and Cider Festival

*Bec Henderson,
of Barkers Creek
Cricket Club with
local cider makers
Simon Frost of
Harcourt Apples
and Irene and Drew
Henry of Henry's
Cidery.*



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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.



Minister for Water Opens Multi-Million Dollar Harcourt Rural Modernisation Project



Water Minister, Lisa Neville MLA, declares the Coliban piped rural system open. Coliban Water Board Director, Bill O'Neil was MC for the event.



Geoffrey Thomson Orchards hosted the event. The orchard was a regional finalist in the Rural Water Awards. Harcourt Manager Adrian Clay was presented with a certificate acknowledging this achievement.



Representatives of the Fruit Growers and officials: Left to right: Adrian Clay, Local Manager Geoff Thomson Orchards; Michael Simmins, Manager Montague Orchards; Drew Henry, Henry's Cidery, Brent Reeve, Manager, Geoff Thomson Shepparton; Lisa Neville, Water Minister; Hugh Finlay, Mount Alexander Fruit Gardens and member of the Harcourt Water Services Committee and Jeff Rigby, Managing Director Coliban Water.

Raise a Glass for a Mighty Fine Cause!



Brad Isle, brewer for Castlemaine Brewing Company, Bec Henderson of the Barkers Creek Cricket Club and Doug Falconer, Castlemaine Brewing Company, celebrate their involvement with the festival.

Formed in 1855, the Barkers Creek Cricket Club has a long, proud history of participation in local - and international - cricket. The Club has female teams currently participating in the Castlemaine and District Cricket Association and has now set its sights on becoming a Female Friendly Sports Academy. In order for this vision to become a reality, the club needs to undertake a comprehensive upgrade to their historic facilities.

As part of their fundraising campaign, the Barkers Creek Cricket Club will once again host a BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL showcasing the region's acclaimed and award winning local cider and craft beer. The lush and fertile lands surrounding Barkers Creek are home to cider producers including Henry's of Harcourt, Bress Wine and Cider, Harcourt Cider and Blue Elephant. The cider producers will be joined at the Festival by craft brewers from the Castlemaine Brewing Company

and Bendigo's Brookes Beer along with True Brew, specialists in ginger beer.

The Beer and Cider Festival is being held on Sunday 27th November and will take place at the Club's home ground on the edges of the historic Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park on Specimen Gully Road.

Gourmet food and fresh coffee will also be available to purchase. The event is free for children who can enjoy the jumping castle and face painting whilst a diverse array of music will entertain visitors of all ages.

The event runs from 11am until 5pm and tickets are available at the gate or pre-purchase at www.trybooking.com/nkua.

For more information contact Rebecca Henderson on 0431 773 686.

A political campaign poster for Lisa Chesters MP. On the left, there is a red coat of arms. To its right, the text reads: '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', and social media handles '@LMChesters' and '/LisaChestersBendigo'. On the right side of the poster is a portrait of Lisa Chesters, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a pink shirt and a dark blazer.

Maap-Tour de Bress Twilight Criterium in Central Harcourt

On Friday November 11, the Maap Tour de Bress Criterium will again be held in conjunction with the Twilight on the Green festivities in James Park.

Already there are strong entries and this year's event is shaping up to be bigger and better than previous years. With \$8000 prize money over 3 events a high class field will be expected to line up. The Women and A Grade Men will be paid equal prize money with the winner's purse in these 2 divisions set at \$2300 each. This is great incentive and already there are National Champions and National Road Series winners who have nominated to ride. A couple of Castlemaine Club riders expected to "throw the hat into the ring" are Nic Simpson and Dylan McKenna.

Traffic Information and Road Closures

There will be some road closures and traffic diversions around the area with some minimal delays. The 800 metre circuit will have the Start/Finish line in High

Street near the Post Office and riders will race in a clockwise direction into Victoria St, turn right onto Harmony Way, then right onto one lane of Market Street then turn right into High Street. The approved Traffic Management Plan allows controlled two-way traffic on Harmony Way with one lane of Market Street open. Racing will get started at 5.30pm with B Grade Men to head up the program, followed by the Women's Event and finally the A Grade Men. All roads will be opened up at the completion of racing at approximately 8.30pm.

To see the map for the Bress Criterium: <https://maap.cc/pages/bress-criterium>

Members of the public are encouraged to bring picnic rugs and chairs and enjoy an evening of fast paced cycling, and community organised festivities, including food, refreshments and other entertainment.



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,
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!

Printing kindly donated by Lisa Chesters, Federal MP for Bendigo

DELWP - Mountain Bike Park Update

In response to residents' concerns at a lack of communication and information available to the community, members of the HPA, led by Harcourt resident Annette Rae, have organised a series of community meetings to outline their concerns and questions about the proposal. The Core received an update from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). DELWP has now completed the following investigations and assessments into:

- Historic Heritage Significance
- Botanical Investigation for Threatened Species
- Indigenous Cultural Heritage Assessment
- Bushfire Management Statement
- Land Capability Assessment
- Habitat Hectare Assessment

As a result of the previous investigations a Cultural Heritage Management Plan is being developed and targeted threatened species surveys (nationally listed species) are also being carried out.

Development of a tender for design and construction of the bike park is also underway with the tender process expected to begin by the end of the year.

DELWP is also finalising opportunities for community and stakeholder engagement so that the design of the park reflects the needs and interests of the greater community.

The Community Steering Committee will continue play an important role as the project moves through each stage. Membership of the committee will be broadened to ensure fair and inclusive representation across the community.

Community members are encouraged to register their interest to receive project updates and become involved in future consultation and engagement opportunities.

Register your interest at harcourtMBP@delwp.vic.gov.au or call DELWP on 136 186.

To contact Annette call 0430 302 763 or email: annettefie@bigpond.com

Make a Splash this Summer at the Harcourt Pool!

The Harcourt Pool opens for another summer season on Saturday 3rd December. It's a great community asset and one we should never take for granted. The saying "Use it or you lose it" applies here: the more people who use the pool, the more certain its future will be. Local governments make funding decisions based on patronage and community use so let's all make a splash at the Harcourt Pool this summer.

This year we are fortunate to have a new Operations Director at the Bendigo YMCA, Brodie Henderson, who started his working life with the Y as a lifeguard. Brodie has direct on the job knowledge of pool operations and was pleased to inform us that Harcourt has the most community spirit of all the local pools! No surprises there.

Great events coming up at the pool this season include:

AQUA AEROBICS returns this summer, commencing mid-December. Casual classes are held every Thursday from 6pm - 7pm and at \$10 a session, are great value and a lot of fun.

HARCOURT FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at the Pool on Friday 18th December from 4pm - 7pm. Join us for a festive BBQ with a special visit from Ice Cream Social.

LEARN TO SWIM classes commence mid-January. Designed for primary school aged students, 5 sessions run every day for 40 minutes each for a total cost of \$50 which includes a pair of swimming goggles.

The HPA will keep you posted over summer as more activities evolve. Follow us on facebook!



Harcourt Progress Association

Join us for the
HPA Annual General Meeting

Monday 5th December
**Celebrating International
Volunteer Day**
6pm - 7.30pm

Refreshments provided
Goldfields Track Cafe

CFA - Summer is Coming



Weather predictions and forecasts endorse a later start to this year's fire season and indicators still predict that Central and Western Victoria will have a high fire risk. The window for preparedness has started and if predictions are correct, the change to summer weather will happen fairly quickly. Due to the later spring rains, even DELWP have had to reduce their pre summer burn program.

The CFA's preparedness for the coming season is well advanced. Eleven members of the brigade attended one of two pre-season briefings. The first was held in Kyneton and the second in Bendigo during the last week of October. Topics covered included Managing Aircraft on the fire ground and where in the State they will be based for this summer, Evacuation Scenarios, and Weather and Fire Behaviour. In addition there will be an exercise held at our station (1 of 3 organised within the Bendigo region), on Thursday November 17th based on planning around the transition from a small locally controlled fire escalating to a larger fire with control moving to a larger control facility. This not only provides learning and training to Officers in Charge (OIC), but also tests systems and procedures.

It is good to see the increase in aircraft being assigned

to Pre-Determined Despatch (PPD) for the coming season. This was first trialled in our region a couple of years ago and was very successful in stopping fires before they got too big. This has now increased to having 26 aircraft on PDD in 19 locations around the state. PDD works by having air support on standby when the Fire Danger Index (FDI) gets above a set trigger point. If a grass fire is then reported, aircraft are paged to respond at the same time as the first brigades. Depending on the distance to the fire from Bendigo airport, a helicopter can be the first or second fire fighting appliance on scene.

The Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) is being replaced with the VIC EMERGENCY HOTLINE from 7 October, 2016. The new number is 1800 226 226 but any calls to the VBIL on the old number will be redirected for the 2016/17 fire season.

It is pleasing to report that the Brigade continues to be very quiet in the number of turnouts we are receiving. While there has been no official analysis into our activity compared to other years and other brigades, part of the reason has to be attributed to you, the residents of our community and brigade response area. Keep up the good work, continue to prepare for summer exercising care and safety at all times and remember to register your burn when doing any burning off on 1800 668 511.

*Tyrone Rice
Captain*

Be Fire Ready.

THE REASONS ARE BLACK AND WHITE.

Fire Action Week

The Right Time To Prepare

1. Plan what you'll do in the event of a fire, talk to your household and know where to access information on high risk days.
2. Keep grass short. Fire can ignite and travel quickly through long grass.
3. Get rid of dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark around your home.
4. Remove or prune shrubs near windows and well away from branches of mature trees.
5. Cut back overhanging tree branches close to property – no branches within 10 metres.
6. Keep gutters and roof areas clear of leaf litter (if you are physically able to).
7. Remove all materials from around the home that could burn, such as boxes, furniture and woodpiles.

emergency.vic.gov.au | VicEmergency app - launching November

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Term 4 Brings Change at Harcourt Valley Primary

We have had a busy few weeks at HVPS. The grade 5-6 children had a wonderful time at their camp in Melbourne, visiting some of Melbourne's iconic attractions such as the MCG, Eureka Sky-deck and the Vic Market. The Prep sleepover, their first school camping experience, happens this week and we have some very excited little people in our school.

BluGuru, the Bollywood specialists, was our Arts performance this week and the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn some moves.

Transition for 2017 Preps started last week and we had a good turn up of new Preps. We are expecting 18 Preps next year and our school numbers continue to grow. The next session is Tuesday 8th November.

Sadly at the end of the year, we will be losing several staff members. Madame Higgins our French teacher has accepted a larger time fraction at her other school so won't be returning next year. Our Art teacher Suzan Redlande has decided to retire after a long career in the Art room and we wish her well in her retirement pursuits which she is looking forward to. Also Vicki Coghill has decided to retire as well. Vicki has been at the school since before the school amalgamation and has been a key figure in all aspects of our school growth and development. We will all miss her greatly, but wish her well in her retirement too.

We still have lots of things planned for the rest of the year and are looking forward to our Christmas activities in December before we finish for the year on Tuesday 20th December.

Annette Smith, Principal



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Introducing Serenity Campbell New Journalist Writing for the Core



I have just spent five fascinating weeks travelling throughout the United Kingdom and Europe. My traveling experience was diverse, educational and a lot of fun! Each country I visited was unique; each had its own sense of culture and lifestyle.

I travelled from the United Kingdom where I spent time with family, to Croatia where I did a sailing trip around the islands with a small group of people. I then went on to Italy, where I visited Ancient Rome and its historical landmarks. From Italy, I made my way to Santorini, (*photo above*) an island off the coast of Greece, known for its blue roofs and white buildings. It was truly beautiful! After Santorini, my final stop in Europe was Amsterdam. Amsterdam quickly became my favourite place of all that I had visited. The city was so quirky and the kindness of the local people was overwhelming, giving me a sense of home while I was there. My holiday/experience was one I will never forget and I feel so privileged to have had the opportunity to spend some time 'on the other side of the world.'

Castlemaine Group Fitness Classes

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Sat	9:30am-10.30am	Power Bar

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

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Harcourt Pony Club - Open Day Sunday November 27th

Positive Changes at the Pony Club

If you haven't discovered Harcourt Pony Club yet, our grounds are nestled behind the pool in Bridge Street, Harcourt. The Harcourt Pony Club has been part of the local community for over 25 years with facilities built by many locals over that time.

We are hosting an Open Day on Sunday November, 27th and would love interested families to come and meet us. Our Club is small, family friendly and caters for riders of all ages; our youngest rider is just four!

Recently we have made some changes to our meeting dates and times. These new changes will see the Pony Club meet more frequently, for shorter hours. The Club has recognized the need to change with the times to cater for busier families and also changing weather patterns.

Firstly, everyone's busy. Busy lives mean that spending the best part of a day at Pony Club is a big commitment for families - a half day is much more manageable. Also, if there is a clash with other activities, skipping a Pony Club rally once in a while is not such a big deal if rallies are fortnightly.

Secondly, shorter more frequent rallies are a response to our changing weather conditions. It is generally acknowledged that our summers are getting hotter: it simply doesn't make sense to have kids riding in the burning midday sun. Additionally, more frequent rallies will also mean that cancelling a rally due to extreme weather will not result in a two-month gap in instruction for the kids.

Club president, Mark Ware, explains the changes, "The new rally format will better meet the needs of our families. We think that more frequent instruction is really positive and it gives us the opportunity to do

some extra activities, like trail riding, more often."

The new structure will see Harcourt Pony Club running on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, from 9.30 until 12.00.

The Open Day on Sunday November 27th will give people the opportunity to watch a lesson and meet members over morning tea. There will also be some presentations on horse ownership topics as well as a BBQ lunch.

Angela Sutton, the Club's Membership Officer sums up, "We would really love to grow our membership. We are a friendly, caring and welcoming Club. The focus is on the kids being safe and having fun with their ponies. If you're interested in joining Pony Club we'd love to meet you."

More information can be found on our Facebook page or you can email enquiries to: harcourtpc@gmail.com.



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State Member for Bendigo West

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Mondo Lounge: Mental Health Week Celebrations



Rose Bremmer with her tie dye creation!

More than 65 young people from Mount Alexander Shire enjoyed an afternoon in the sun with friends while learning some fun ways to keep good mental health and celebrate Mental Health Week.

The Youth Mental Health Wellbeing Expo was part of the activities program at the Mondo Lounge youth space and was delivered in partnership with Council's Youth Advisory Group and Castlemaine Continuing Education on Friday 14 October.

The expo delivered a range of activities to raise awareness around mental health and wellbeing through healthy eating, physical exercise and socialising. Activities included: yoga, vision board workshops, tie-dyeing, henna tattooing, massage and a smoothie station providing healthy treats.

"This is how we envisaged young people improving their mental wellbeing, by being engaged and sharing activities with friends," said Melissa Fowler, Council's Youth Development Officer.

"We are really excited by the large number of young people who attended and participated and hope that we see them all again at future Mondo Lounge events."

"This event was way better than I expected and there was a happy vibe with heaps of laughing," said Meaghan Ferguson from the Youth Advisory Group. "The tie dyeing station was awesome!"

The expo is one of a number of activities that Mount Alexander Shire Council has delivered this year to help create a greater awareness around youth mental health. Other projects have included the delivery of Youth Mental Health First Aid Training to students, teachers and parents at Castlemaine Secondary College, in partnership with Castlemaine District Community Health and a Youth Forum held in May.

Mondo Lounge is supported by Mount Alexander Shire Council in partnership with Castlemaine Continuing Education and is funded by the Victorian Government's Engage! program.

Mount Alexander Shire Council would like to thank Castlemaine Fresh, Over the Moon Yoga and Dance Education, Headspace and Akemi Beauty for contributing to the expo and supporting our local young people to celebrate Mental Health Week.

If you require assistance or support around your own mental health and wellbeing, or you are concerned about someone, call Castlemaine District Community Health on 5479 1000

for local advice or referral. You can also call Kids Help Line on 1800 551 800 or Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636. For 24/7 psychiatric triage (information, assessment and referral) call: 1300 363 788.

To find out more about managing or supporting someone with mental health problems visit:

- www.youthbeyondblue.com
- www.headspace.org.au
- www.ruok.org.au
- www.reachout.com.au
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From a Press Release from Mount Alexander Shire

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Rooms in Trentham and Castlemaine



CWA Rhapsody in Blue



Clockwise from above left: Lyn Rule was the narrator; Colleen with the sign she made, Melva Graham in full song, Joy with a Gershwin Album cover and LP record - the real thing!



Greetings from the CWA desk.

In October we at Harcourt CWA hosted our yearly extravaganza performance and afternoon tea. This year our theme was Rhapsody in Blue. From the photos I think you can see it was a definite success. With wonderful displays from Joy, a FANTASTIC sign made up by Colleen and our wonderfully talented ladies who made our play The Great Blueness such a success.

This is my last Core for you, next month someone else will be writing to you from the CWA desk. Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year (I know, but I won't be writing again this year!) and be kind to each other.

Dani Kent
Publicity Officer

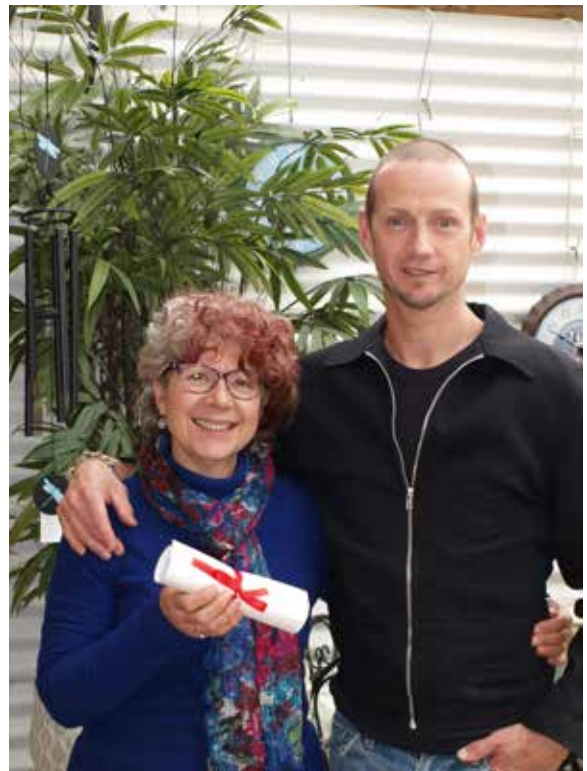
Behind the Scenes at The Core

Thank you team!



This is the team that ensures the 470 hard copies of The Core are delivered to sites in Harcourt, Castlemaine and Bendigo. Every month the team meets to fold, count and then deliver, so that our readership spreads far and wide. Many thanks to: (Lto R) Liz Ward, Moira McLennan, Judy Foster, Sha Cordingley and Liz Blini.

Writers for The Core Win Awards



Congratulations to Scarlett Berger and Jenny McKenry who were finalists at the Awards held at the recent Country Newspaper Association of Victoria Conference. Scarlett (left) was a finalist in the Category: Best Writing by a Person 18 Years or Younger and Jenny McKenry was a finalist in the Best Feature Story. Jenny is shown here with the subject of her story Troy West aka "Catman". Scarlett's piece on Social Media can be found in the August edition and Jenny's in the July edition. Back copies of The Core are on line at: <http://harcourt.vic.au/news>

Love and Death in Castlemaine



Poet Katherine Seppings with her new book. Photo courtesy of Maya Pearson.

Katherine Seppings of Harcourt has successfully launched her second poetry chapbook. The launch of *Love and Death in Castlemaine* took place at the Maurocco Bar during the inaugural Castlemaine Poetry Festival on Sunday 23rd October.

Sue King-Smith, who edited the collection, introduced the book saying it was a journey through big themes containing small intimate moments of love, tragedy and loss.

“These poems are embedded in place, culture and history and the physical and natural environment of Castlemaine,” she said. “The poems span several decades but have a sense of continuity. Stability is illusory, in relationships and life; even the very ground of Chewton and Castlemaine and surrounds is riddled beneath the surface. Katherine’s poems are a distilling of relational geography – that is they express the way people relate to each other in a particular landscape,” she concluded.

The book is published by Mark Time Books and is available from: <https://katherineseppings.com/purchase/>

The price is \$15 plus \$3 postage.

Winter Words

In this quiet space between
our bodies by the open fire,
the bitter cold outside,
rain, gentle as music falling about
our thoughts spill out
onto pieces of paper cut out
of old worlds
there is a magic land
of rolling hills and dreams
and lights appearing
in the purple-velvet dusk
where I love you
though I have not spoken the words.

Words and love have brought us together.
Not words of love.

I wish upon each flickering light
for this time to last,
for this quiet to resound.

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Harcourt Bowls Club - Try Social Bowls this Season



President's Day Winners:
*Graham Pogue's team of
Ron Frankling, Mick Evans
and Brian Buchanan*



President's Day Success

A successful President's Day was held on Sunday 16th with the weather staying fine for the event. The many bowlers in attendance contributed lots of laughter and good will to make for a happy social bowling day.

The winners on the day were Grahame Pogue's team of Ron Frankling, Mick Evans and Brian Buchanan. Runners-up were Leo Moloney's team of David Jefferies, Lorna Davey and Darrell Normington. Third placegetters were Ken Delmenico's team of Peter Thomas, Brian Leech and Wendy Chaplin. Grateful thanks are extended to **Workforce** and **Peter Douglass Excavations** for once again generously donating the prizemoney.

Come and Try Day well supported

The Club held a *Come and Try Bowls* event on Sunday 9th October and was pleased with the number of people who joined us for the afternoon. It is hoped to keep this event on our calendar each year in future.

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

The first two dates of the Social Bowls for beginners were unfortunately washed out. The last night is expected to be fine, and will be held after submission of this article.

Anyone interested in trying bowls at other times is most welcome. Just call the club on 54742494 or email harcourt-bowls@outlook.com to arrange a time, or join us for the BBQ and Social bowls nights below.

BBQ Social/Barefoot Bowls Nights

These fun nights will commence again on Tuesday 8th November and run each fortnight until December and then again after the Christmas break.

We start at 6.00pm with BBQ, salads and sweets then play a social game of bowls. People can choose whether to just bowl,

just eat or do both. Bowls can be provided and willing instructors are always at hand.

It is helpful for catering if you let the club know you are coming. Either have names on the list near the door, email harcourtbowls@outlook.com or phone 54742494

Come and join us for a fun night at the Club. All Welcome

PENNANT

Midweek Pennant

Division 4 started the season well in Round 1 with a decisive win over Golden Square 44/0 – 101/16 on their home turf. Results were H Braid(S) L Davey, M Frankling, D Normington, 29/15; M Straw (S) C Anderson, K Francis, W Chaplin, 30/14; J Bath(S) J Hall, A Nicholls, G Jenkin 42/15.

Division 5 played host to South Bendigo and despite a valiant effort were unable to get the better of them (45/2 – 56/14) Results were: J Jenkin (s) H Harris, C Foster, A Harris 25/24; F Harman(s) F Collins, C Wybar, R Jenkin 20/32

Round 2 (24th/10) Division 4 played host to Calivil Serpentine and although Kaye Grant's rink had a win they were outplayed overall on the day.

Division 5 had a Bye.

There will not be any Midweek Pennant on November 7th and Division 4 will have a bye on November 14th.

Weekend Pennant

Weekend Pennant commenced the season on a blustery and wet Saturday 22nd October and although there were some close games, only Division 8 was able to secure a win at Bendigo over VRI.

Results were:

Division 3 - Harcourt 78/1 lost to Serpentine 99/17 - Steve Douglas 19/25; Leo Moloney 22/23; Gary Mad-dern 17/31; Phil Clarke (draw)20/20

Division 6 - Bendigo East 16/92 def Harcourt 2/80 - Ken Tribe 24/20; Daryl Gale 21/26; Ron Douglas 18/21; Rob Chaplain 17/25

Division 8 - Bendigo VRI 0/30 lost to Harcourt 14/45 - Brian Buchanan 17/15; David Jeffries 28/15

There will be no Weekend Pennant played on 5th No- vember.

Club Championships

The Club Singles Championship and 100-Up are currently underway and will be hotly contested this year.

We have a number of new members who are keen to improve their skills and are expected to fiercely chal- lenge for the title of club champion.

WHAT'S ON ...

BBQ Barefoot/Social Bowls will commence again on November 8th (see first column for details)

Ladies 2 Bowl Triple Tournament will be held on Wednesday 9th November commencing at 12.30pm.

Sponsor's Challenge - Round 1 of the annual Spon- sor's Challenge will be held on Tuesday 15th Novem- ber. All of our sponsors are invited to enter a team for the first of three fun events. To add to the challenge only 1 registered bowler is allowed per team.

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

Kidman Fours Mixed Tournament - each year Wil- ma and Brian Kidman return to Harcourt to sponsor this Mixed Fours tournament. This year Sunday No- vember 20th will see the greens full as bowlers from around the district pitch their skills vying for the prize. Clubs are invited to enter teams of 2 men and 2 women.

Christine Anderson
Publicity Officer

LIMERICK by The Bard of North Harcourt

I clean all the floors on a Sunday.
And always I'm hoping that someday
I'll not be so mean,
I'll get someone to clean
All the floors while I bowl on a Monday.

Marilyn Nuske BA,LLB

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Harcourt Valley Landcare win \$10,000 NCCMA Grant for Wetland *The Challenge*



Do you recognise where this is? This section of Barkers Creek is to the north of the Freeway Roundabout and on the left as the road enters Harcourt. This is where the Creek develops a small temporary wetland after heavy rains. Many of us witnessed this area totally inundated a month ago. (*see below*)



An exciting challenge faces Harcourt Valley Landcare and its major partners: the landowner and the Harcourt Valley Primary School in this Wetland Project.

Harcourt Valley Landcare was successful gaining a grant from the North Central Catchment Authority and is ready to start the groundworks. The project aims to mitigate a range of threats including cattle grazing and weed invasion and to start to reinstate native vegetation and bird habitat at the site.

Jarrold Coote who with others wrote the grant ap-

plication said, "As with all waterways the site is extremely dynamic (always changing), this has never been more evident post recent large rainfall events. Most Harcourt locals would have noticed the large amounts of sand that have been deposited at the site. While this raises some logistic issues, such as the best places to fence and plant placement and selection, it also provides some exciting opportunities. During a recent site visit we identified several large pools that have recently formed that were teaming with a range of native flora and fauna species. These types of sites will make fantastic ongoing monitoring locations for Harcourt Primary School children who the Landcare group will start to work with us once the initial work is complete."

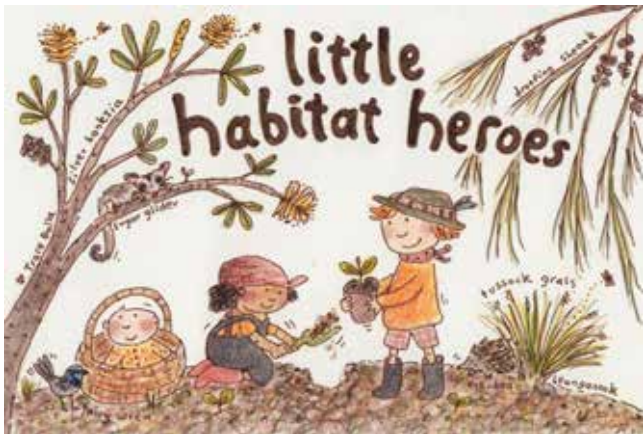
The project will provide a range of professional and volunteer support to assist the Harcourt Primary School develop and deliver a comprehensive citizen science program to monitor and evaluate environmental change at the project site throughout and beyond the life of this project. Students will also be included in delivering a range of restoration activities that includes the propagation of some native plants for the site and also planting of native revegetation in and around the wetland.

Extended Hours at Goldfields Track Café

After a fantastic response to the reopening of Harcourt's Goldfields Track Café, Donna and her team are extending their opening hours and are now open 9am till 4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call in for breakfast, lunch and delicious treats in between!

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All over the world, throughout history, trees have been planted to honour the birth of a child.

Inspired by tradition, a group of new mums in Castlemaine have started a project called Little Habitat Heroes. They decided to celebrate their babies' first year in the world by planting trees. They want to give their babies the gift of a personal connection with nature as well as contributing to the restoration of the local environment.

The mothers' group wants to share the gift of habitat with the whole community and is inviting everyone to get involved. Children of all ages can become Little Habitat Heroes and have trees planted in their honour. For your child's next special occasion you can invite your friends and family to donate to Little Habitat Heroes and have trees planted in their name.

The mothers aim to regenerate a 10 hectare site of the East side of Leanganook (Mt Alexander). Planting will take place on the Former Silkworm Farm in the Mt Alexander National Park. The group has joined forces with Connecting Country, Parks Victoria and the Harcourt Valley Landcare Group to achieve their aim.

By planting indigenous species, they aim to reduce erosion and improve biodiversity, encouraging a return of local wildlife. They also wish to foster an ongoing stewardship of the site with regular events to maintain and nurture the growing habitat.

Little Habitat Heroes has launched this week and by mid-November 2016 they are hoping to raise enough funds to order seedlings that will propagate in time for a community planting day in winter 2017. The invitation is open for all interested families to participate and help their children become 'little habitat heroes'. You can also support the project by donating, and joining the planting day.

For more information about Little Habitat Heroes and how you can support the project please check out their website: www.littlehabitatheroes.org

Article taken from Connecting Country website and Little Habitat Heroes website.



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ASQ Plant of the Month Clematis

Perfect for planting now in spring, Clematis can be grown either in your garden beds or in pots. They produce gorgeous showy flowers, so you can use them as a feature in your garden or outdoor area. They love fertile, well-draining soil, and the various varieties available will produce abundant flowers in pink, white and mauve colourings.

Pips 'n' All - Dealing with Heavy Spring Growth

Hello Garden lovers,

At this time last year, the weather was hot and we were experiencing an early start to summer. This year, we are fortunately still enjoying spring rains and a high moisture content in the soil. As a result, many gardens are responding with lush spring growth and prolific flowering.

Rapid plant growth may result in a few issues that can require a little bit of work at this time. Sometimes, new rapid growth can mean that branches or foliage are too heavy for their structure. We have noticed that our Iris are too heavy and starting to bend. A stake and some string can solve this little problem.

Some new shoots may become so long and heavy that they snap at the branch junction. This may be noticeable on plants such as roses or maples. If you see a branch starting to bend or sag under its weight, it can be shortened to a leaf node, tipped back or removed. It is healthier for the plant to have a clean cut rather than a tear that can encourage infection.

Another problem is strong and rapid sucker growth. Suckers can grow from roots at the base of a plant but may also emerge below the graft union on a standard or standard weeping plant. Examples are roses, standard roses, grafted weeping cherries, or standard maples. Sucker growth may be identified by its location, different leaf colour or form or by very vertical growth. If left untreated, suckers can overtake your preferred plant resulting in the growth of an inferior specimen. When removing unwanted growth, if it's very young and soft you may be able to rub the shoot off by hand. If a shoot is slightly larger and harder, make a clean cut as close to the stem or roots as possible.

It is a lovely time to be in the garden. Soil is still moist so it is still important to be gentle and to disturb your garden beds as little as possible. The soil and air are starting to warm up so it is a great time to add compost and to start planting your spring vegetables and flowering annuals.

This month we are:

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

This month in the woodland:

- Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*) is in bud
- Hoary Sunrays are flowering (*Leucochrysum al-bicans*)
- 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
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Growing Great Fruit in Harcourt

Why Fruit Trees Should be Thinned

Now that flowering is just about finished, it's time to think about thinning your fruit. Thinning is the process of pulling some of the tiny fruit off, and it's one of the most important jobs in the orchard in spring for all deciduous fruit types except cherries (i.e. apricots, peaches, nectarines, plums, apples and pears).

Home gardeners are often reluctant to thin their fruit, because it feels kind of wasteful to be throwing all that fruit on the ground, but rest assured, if you do it nice and early you won't reduce the overall size of your harvest (or not much anyway).

There are four good reasons to thin:

1. Most fruit trees have a natural biennial bearing cycle – a heavy crop one year, followed by a light crop the following year (familiar story?). Thinning tricks the tree into thinking this is its 'off' year, so it will set another full crop next year. Once you understand that, it's obvious why you have to do it every year!
2. Trees will often set more fruit than their branches can physically carry, and a branch will break. Thinning protects the structure of your tree.
3. You'll grow larger fruit; because the tree's energy is put into fewer pieces of fruit - you get more delicious juicy flesh and less core!
4. It helps control pests and diseases by allowing the fruit to dry faster after rain, and removing habitat for pests in the lovely dark spaces where fruit hangs in bunches.

Hugh and Katie Finlay from Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens grow organic cherries, apricots, peaches, nectarines, plums, apples and pears on their farm at Harcourt. They also run the Grow Great Fruit online home-study program for backyard fruit growers. During the fruit season you can buy direct from the farm at 69 Dann's Road, Harcourt. Farm Shop opening hours and days are advertised on their Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/MtAlexanderFruitGardens/>) and in the free Weekly Fruit Tips newsletter—sign up at <http://www.opt-in.mafg.com.au/>



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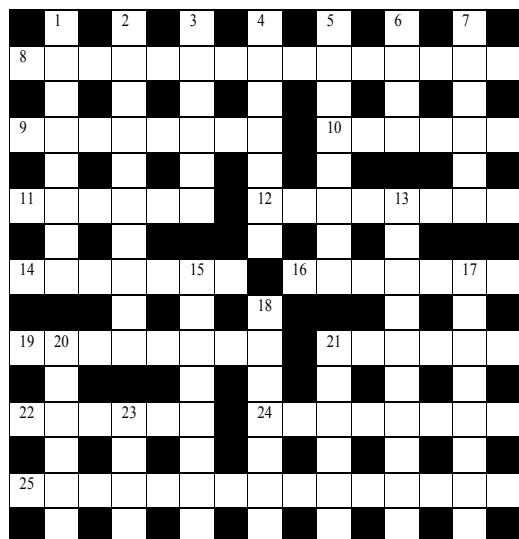
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**Down:**

1. A pre-game precaution might be to check that this is steady rather than fluctuating in this way. [8]
2. Recent maps don't show it (will publisher repent scam?) but we owe that man respect who found it and climbed it. [10]
3. Thing that's never about me? [6]
4. Redactive process not done in-house? [4,3]
5. About as deeply committed as is recklessly possible? [4-4]
6. Dragon gets rid of a central character and becomes complacent. [4]
7. We only catch a fragment of the chants. [6]
13. Outcome of heavy steam-engine standing in for combine harvester? [6,4]

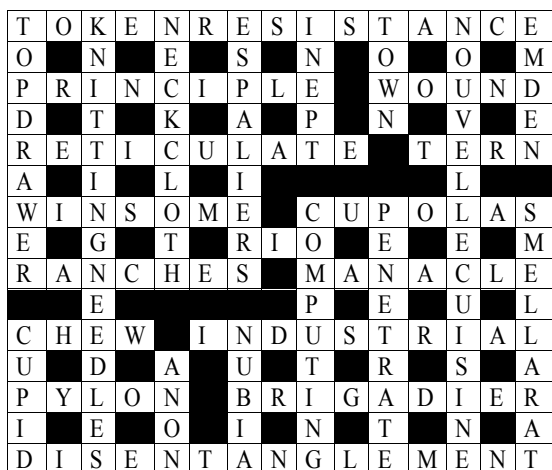
15. Not an arid bone in Biro dean's makeup, but there's an idea born that this rabid one could not do-in bear in a bed or be anything but cheerful and self-assured. [8]
17. At Red Hills, the drill he's been using often sounded like birds' stridulous calls. [8]
18. We could bag eats at the kiosk, and then come back and use these to make cheap drinks. [3-4]
20. A vegetable, or a cheese? Too green for cheese... [6]
21. Reed, MP (call me Fiona) went to Mr Deep Wave's hairdressing outfit, and came away like this. [6]
23. Online agent to see something... (4)

Across:

8. What state am I in if I want seven for the Camira (according to Kerrigan)? [1,4,2,8]
9. Ten years when Darwin is showing moral deterioration. [8]
10. Walk it to the tax office in a smooth, flowing manner... [6]
11. Even an earlobe could be one of those animals that sit on your knee... [6]
12. Spade is brought near: thus it discovers stuff. [8]
14. Noted for their great feet? [7]
16. Baffled beside fiscal hole? [2,1,4]
19. Schoolhouse for a snail? [8]
21. Use screwdriver as opener and get toe chopped in what could be averse! [6]
22. Surrendered in vain; e.g. donated after pestering? (4,2)
24. Birds to warn slob—all over the place, silently. [4-4]
25. The focal points of retail therapy? [8,7]

October 2016 Xword SOLUTION

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**Down:**

1. Upper-crust Leonardo? *Well?*
2. For purl and curettage once—that's plain. *Well? (sorry...)*
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 butterfingered at heart... (5)
6. Road junction T to possess small city. (4)
7. New French Kitchen Rules? *Well?*
8. Long rule /em-/ and study ship. (5)
14. Put gnomid 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 cup and the dark part of the soul are redolent of love's arrows and their source. (5)
22. Back precursor to IVF [AI] 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)

Across:

1. Half-hearted attempt to neither let your disc-ration be your tooter nor use those discs [tokens] in supermarket trolleys... (5,10)
[ref. Frank Muir or Denis Norden in "My Word"—1960s: "Let discretion be your tutor"]
9. Primary element resides in cripple. (9)
10. After bandage has been this around, it covers this under... [©...]
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. [*Well? Win some, lose some...*]
14. First part of 20dn also goes into making these domes. (7)
17. Where I go when my sweetheart (baby?) smiles at me? *Well?*
18. Second-rate [B-] versions of these farms would be top-of-tree or bank components.
19. Spotless mother [clean, ma] goes to embrace prisoner. (7)
20. What to do with a Choo-Choo Bar? *Well?*
21. Strength of working-class short black *Well?*
24. The only silent [IP] structure remixed to bear the current. (5)
25. DLP chap [Gair] mixes it with bride for army chap. (9)
26. Amend, in gentlest way, this nestled alignment when you've smelt neat ending. (And lo! You will have achieved it!) (15)

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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Community Diary Dates

November 10: 7.30pm, Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall.

November 11: 6 - 9pm, Tour de Bress Criterium - High Street & Harmony Way.

November 11: 6- 9pm, Twilight on the Green - James Park.

November 14th: 7.30 pm ANA Hall Applefest Committee.

November 20th: 1.30 pm Heritage Centre tour to Fryerstown.

November 27th: 9.30am Pony Club Open Day with barbecue.

November 27th: 10am - 12pm Landcare Working Bee, meet opposite CFA. 0467 670 271 for details.

November 27th: 11am - 5pm Barkers Creek Beer and Cider Festival, Barkers Creek Cricket Club.

December 3rd: Harcourt Swimming Pool opens.

December 5th: 7.30 pm Heritage Centre Christmas meeting and supper.

December 5th: 6 - 7.30pm, HPA AGM, Goldfields Track Cafe

December 12th: 7.30 pm ANA Hall Applefest Committee

December 16th: HPA Christmas Celebration

December 18th: 7.30 pm Christmas Carols in Stanley Park. (If wet, Uniting Church Hall).

Bowls Club Dates: See pages 14 & 15

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

Heritage Centre: Open every Wednesday at the ANA Hall from 10am to 4pm or by appointment.

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Field days will be in recess for the hot summer months and will resume on the last Sunday in April 2017.

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