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## Tyrone Rice Harcourt's Community Member of the Year



*Tyrone Rice received Australia Day recognition for his contributions to the Harcourt community. For more about Tyrone, see page 4. For photos of the Harcourt Lions Australia Day Celebration, see page 21.*

### Get Into Applefest

Applefest is made possible by extraordinary community volunteers. For 2017, we still need folks for pre-event and on the day.

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# Applefest King and Queen crowned on Australia Day



Applefest Royalty (Lady William & King Jonathon) were crowned at Harcourt's Australia Day breakfast in Stanley Park. Rosie and Neil Critchley have lived in Harcourt since 1997. They have three teenage children, (Thomas, Laura and James) which means that they have a busy life. Rosie has been heavily involved in community organizations including holding senior positions on the committees of Harcourt Valley Primary School, Harcourt Pool Committee and Castlemaine Junior Football. Neil has been a volunteer firefighter with Harcourt CFA. Rosie has volunteered at Applefest over a number of years and is a current member of the Applefest Organising Committee. Rosie's full-time profession is that of Leading Teacher at Bendigo Special Developmental School. This involves teaching for one day each week, with the rest of the week devoted to

coaching other staff and developing curricula. Neil is also involved in the education system, working as gardener at both campuses of Castlemaine Secondary College. Neil believes that a landscape can be softened and made people-friendly; the whole morale of a school –and the relationships between pupils - can be enhanced by good garden design. You are sure to meet Rosie and Neil in their roles as 2017 Lady William and King Jonathon. They are to be seen at the local markets and in the streets, resplendent in their robes, handing out Applefest publicity materials. You won't overlook them; they have the biggest smiles and will be wearing the royal robes! Rosie and Neil will play a crucial part in the build-up to what is going to be our biggest and best Harcourt Applefest.

*George Milford*

*(Photo imaging by Suzanne Dwyer)*

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# Mountain Bike Park Update

## Visit to Forrest

Come along to the information session on Wednesday February 8, from 4 to 8pm at the Leisure Centre. DELWP will also have a stall at the Applefest on Saturday March 11.

If you want to receive project updates or to be involved in future community consultation opportunities go to: [harcourtMBP@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:harcourtMBP@delwp.vic.gov.au) or call DELWP on 136 186.

On January 13 this year, a visit was made to the Forrest Mountain Bike Park. The visiting group included representatives from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Mount Alexander Shire and the Harcourt Community Reference Group.

The weather was as expected for the Otway's—cool with frequent drizzling rain. The purpose of the trip was to learn about the development of the bike trails in Forrest and the benefits and challenges experienced by this small town.

Forrest used to rely on the timber industry. Logging on public land ceased there in 2008 and all the timber mills closed. The town faced what seemed an inevitable decline.

However, opportunities were identified in relation to Forrest's location in the Otway's and near the Great Ocean Road. Studies and strategies by government bodies examined how to improve the economic viability of the region. Outcomes included the creation of the Great Otway National Park, The Great Ocean Walking Trail and The Otway Fly. There was a strong focus on tourism, including accommodation, product and experience.

Meanwhile in Forrest, a bike enthusiast had begun development of his own bike trails on his land. The seed was planted and in 2004 the trail construction began and finished in 2007.

Of course, when the Forrest mountain bike park was proposed, there were many discussions and meetings in the town with relevant authorities. They put forward many of the same questions Harcourt residents have now. Common issues include: safe access to the trails, shared use of trails, involvement of volunteers, risk management, trail maintenance and protection of the environment.

Forrest now has two sets of mountain bike tracks. The entry to one is 500 metres from Forrest on the main road to Colac. It has a moderately sized car

**A typical bush or "drop" toilet built by DELWP. If there is a toilet provided at the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park trail head, it will be a similar style.**



park and picnic shelter and drop toilets. The other is about 2.5 kilometres from town, accessible via a shared bike/walking track or by the main road. The trail head is marked with simple signage and there is a basic turn around with parking for about 12 cars, and a single drop toilet. On the day of the visit, riders were using both parks. There were a good number of cars parked in the centre of town.

How has Forrest changed since the bike trails went in? It is still a pleasant town with a welcoming aspect. The number of riders per year visiting Forrest is estimated at 22,000. With increased tourism, accommodation businesses have grown in number to 14. Prior to the bike parks, the pub was on its last legs—now the Wonky Donkey Pub is flourishing and there is a new brewery and Corner Store. Other new businesses include licensed tour operators which typically direct school groups, social clubs and bike riders around the area. There are three annual biking events and one monthly event.

***Harcourt community members can see for themselves what a Mountain Bike Park looks like by joining the forthcoming HPA bus trip to Forrest. Forrest community and business representatives will speak about the Park and its influence on the town. If interested, get in touch with Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns, Secretary of HPA on [takandjak@bigpond.com](mailto:takandjak@bigpond.com) or call 0425 323 005***

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# Australia Day Recognition Tyrone Rice

Tyrone Rice is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation member of the Rice family. His parents, Charlie and Lottie, were always involved in the community and were role models for Tyrone who has participated in many Harcourt organisations, with his wife Raewyn supporting him.

As a teenager he played football for Harcourt, tennis at Barker's Creek, carpet bowls at Harcourt and attended the Church of Christ at Barker's Creek where he also played the organ. He was a member of the Church Youth group and then helped lead the youth group in later years.

Tyrone became a junior member of the Harcourt Fire Brigade in the early seventies. He has served as a **very active** member of the Brigade for the last forty years and has held the position of Captain of the Brigade for twelve years. Within the Brigade Region Tyrone serves on the District 2 Competition Committee organising inter-Brigade competitions and is the Brigade Community Safety Coordinator. Tyrone writes a very informative monthly CFA article for "The Core".

Tyrone was a member of the Harcourt Valley Primary School Council for ten years and served as President of the School Council for several of those years. He has also served as President and currently is Treasurer of the Harcourt Carpet Bowls which meets at the Leisure Centre weekly in the winter months.

In 1986 a committee was formed to fundraise to build the Harcourt Leisure Centre. Markets were held monthly and Tyrone was one of the organisers of both the market and also two historical displays. He became one of the members of a small dedicated group of volunteers who built the hall. Tyrone continued as a committee member at working bees and fundraising activities – especially the tea dances held for more than ten years. He is still on this committee in 2017.

Tyrone and Raewyn are loyal members of the Church of Christ Castlemaine. Tyrone is a Board Member responsible for the administration of the Church, Coordinator of Property and Maintenance, a member of the music team which provides the music for Church each week and is the "sound system" desk operator. Over the recent school holidays a team from the church gave a wonderful makeover to the gardens at the Harcourt Primary School.

Much of what Tyrone does in the Harcourt community is not seen by the public. He could be described as a quiet, conscientious worker who is always willing to assist in any way, at many functions - without any "fanfare." *Taken from the Australia Day Nomination Form*



# HPA Community Update

## Harcourt Railway Station community meeting

The Harcourt Railway Station is being restored and made available for community access and use. As a community hub, the facility will support great opportunities and benefits to our town. Come along to a public meeting on Wednesday 15th February to discuss possibilities for the future use of this great community asset. See the poster on page 5 for details.

## Pedestrian crossing for Harmony Way

The HPA is calling on Mount Alexander Shire Council to install a pedestrian crossing on Harmony Way to improve pedestrian safety. You can lend your support by signing a petition located at the General Store, Service Station or at the Goldfields Track Café. The petition will be presented to Councillors at a February meeting.

## Harcourt Community Playground

The HPA continues to lobby for a new all-ages, all abilities, community playground. Council responses to date effectively delay construction by a further 3 to 4 years. We are calling on interested residents to attend a meeting with council officers to explore how we, the community, can contribute and assist progress on this crucial community project. Enough with the on-going delays and excuses: let's get some community action to help realise a great community aspiration. It's time for a new playground for Harcourt!

## Town entrance and freeway exits

The state of the roundabout at the Calder exit is an on-going source of angst and complaint for Harcourt residents. HPA are organising a meeting with representatives from VicRoads to help address concerns about weeds, rubbish and the general appearance of our town entrances. We have signed up for the Adopt-A-Roadside program and are keen to explore long-term opportunities for improved signage, public art and the creation of welcoming entrances to our town. If you would like to join us at a meeting or can participate on a Town Entrance Working Group, please contact Robyn on 5474 2754 or email [rmiller-harcourt@bigpond.com](mailto:rmiller-harcourt@bigpond.com)

Harcourt Progress Association Inc. invites you to a public meeting on Wednesday 15th February, 6pm at Goldfields Track Café to discuss

# A new community space for Harcourt



The Harcourt train station has become available for community use. Victrack have invited the Harcourt Progress Association to consider potential future uses for the space. We would like to hear YOUR THOUGHTS and ideas. Come along to the public meeting on Wednesday, 15th February to hear from VicTrack and consider possible uses for the space.

Dinner available: please RSVP for meals to [takandjak@bigpond.com](mailto:takandjak@bigpond.com) or tele: 5474 3172

# Prominent Artist to Judge Art Show

The Art Show organizers are excited to announce that this year's Art Show Judge is to be Ben Winspear. Ben resides at Harcourt North. Ben, who is a professional artist and art tutor, has been highly honoured with two recent awards: Artist of the Year 2016 (Victorian Artists Society) (worth \$10,000) and the AME Bale Travelling Scholarship for 2017, (worth \$50,000).

You may learn more about Ben at: [www.benwinspearart.com](http://www.benwinspearart.com) You can also read a profile on Ben by Doug Falconer written in March 2016 in The Core. Back copies of The Core can be accessed on line on the Harcourt Community Website: <http://harcourt.vic.a/news>

Entries are now open for the Applefest Art Show and Sale. Original art works in any medium may be submitted in the format "Small Works" (maximum dimensions of 40 cm by 40 cm including frame.)

The Art Show is an integral part of the Applefest. The committee has learned that many artists have already prepared their work for the Art Show. The annual Art Show presents artists with a creative challenge, a deadline to be met, and the chance to win an award plus the opportunity to offer their work for sale.

Entry forms and conditions are to be found at <http://applefest.harcourt.vic.au> Entries are to be submitted by 24th February. Art works are to be delivered to the Heritage Centre /ANA Hall on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>.



*2016 Best in Show by  
Jenny Morton, "French Street".*

## Live music galore at this year's Applefest

After captivating audiences at last year's Twilight on the Green, the big brassy ska sounds of KING STONE will make a welcome return to the Applefest stage.

King Stone appear on stage at 1pm on Saturday 11th March and are part of full day's line up of great quality entertainment. Other featured acts include Temple of Tunes and folk singer Khristian Mizzi, winner of this year's Troubadour Foundation Award. Traditional festival favourites the Thompson Foundry Band, Castlemaine Highland Pipe Band and Kashmiri Belly Dancers will return along with Harcourt Primary School Choir and local songstress Maya Seppings. The main entertainment stage in Stanley Park will be flanked by food trucks and beverage providers. Bring a rug and kick back and enjoy tasty replenishments and great entertainment.

After the Applefest, head over to Goldfields Track Café where the entertainment continues into the

evening with more live music and even more festivities.

This is an Applefest not to be missed! We've got cars, and circus, and food, and animals, and cider, and art, and entertainment for everyone. Tell your friends, bring your family, see you on Saturday 11th March at the Harcourt Applefest!

An advertisement for Lewin Fencing. It features a logo with a stylized fence and the text "LEWIN FENCING". To the right, it lists services: "RURAL", "INDUSTRIAL", and "STOCK YARDS" with checkmarks. Below this is the slogan "For all your fencing &amp; yarding needs!". At the bottom, it provides contact information: "Contact 0417 104 491 | info@lewinfencing.com.au". There are also small images of a fence and a horse in a paddock.



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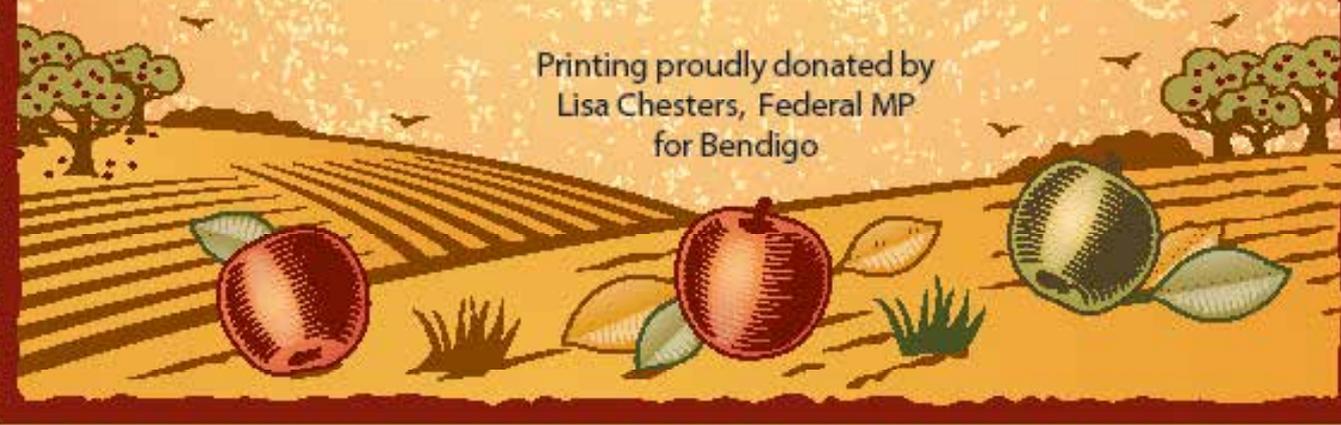
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-  Harcourt Art Show
-  All day entertainment
-  Kids' Karnival
-  Pet parade, ferret races

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March, from 9am**

Full program details and times online at:

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

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# Applefest fun!



## Applefest adds a Show and Shine to the program



The Harcourt Applefest is very excited by a new inclusion to this year's event with a Show and Shine of historic, vintage and veteran vehicles and hot rods converging at James' Park adjacent to the ANA Hall.

Car clubs and enthusiasts from around the region have been invited to display their beloved vehicles. Members of Castlemaine Historic Vehicle Club, Castlemaine Rods, Central Victorian Ford Mustang Group and Bendigo Morris Club will be in attendance on the day. The Show and Shine will take place from 9.00 am till 11.30 am on Saturday 11th March and the Applefest Committee will be awarding prizes in a range of categories, including 'People's Choice'.

Each year the Applefest attracts about 4,000 attendees, so the vehicles are guaranteed an appreciative audience. Refreshments will be available at the adjacent ANA Hall where visitors can also take in the Harcourt Art Show. There will be something for every age and interest in the festival, which will now stretch from James Park through Stanley Park and right up to the Bridge Street Reserve.



# APPLEFEST KIDS KARNIVAL now includes entertainment stage!



This year, in addition to rides and activities, the KIDS KARNIVAL will feature a dedicated stage of family entertainment. There will be performances and workshops from the Castlemaine Circus including special appearances from acclaimed circus professionals visiting the region ahead of the Castlemaine State Festival.

An absolute highlight will be the inclusion of Chris Humphrey's WILD ACTION. Chris and his team have just finished filming a new 13 part TV Series for the Animal Planet Channel and are keen to share their passion and love for Australia's native animals. You can meet Chris and his amazing menagerie including koalas, kookaburra, a dingo, barking owl, tawny frogmouth, echidna, red necked wallaby, grey headed flying fox, sugar gliding possum, salt water crocodile, lace monitor, a 40 year old green tree frog, black headed python, and a 4 metre long olive python!

Chris is a great performer and will provide interactive hands-on sessions where people can learn about each animal's amazing ecological story.

Rides and activities at this year's KIDS KARNIVAL feature 3 jumping castles including a wet water slide, the inflatable LASER TAG and inflatable WIPEOUT direct from the Zone action centre. We have the miniature train rides PLUS a display from the Victorian Miniature Railways and a return of the hugely popular Segway rides. Pedal powered slot cars are back along with mobile play zone for the little ones, face painting, plaster painting, and kids games.

You can purchase individual tickets for \$5 or save by buying an unlimited pass starting at \$15.

Avoid the queue by heading on line at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/256145>



# Walk Into 2017



Walk into a new routine for 2017 that your whole body will love.

Castlemaine District Community Health's walking group here in Harcourt is suitable for all ages and abilities. Meet at the Harcourt ANA Hall and Museum on Monday mornings at 9.30am. Walk at a pace suitable to you and discover a side of Harcourt that you don't see from a car window.

The group is led by Harcourt's part-time Historian Wendy Barron, whose knowledge and understanding of the area is particularly appreciated by those who are new to Harcourt. Participants also appreciate the opportunity to meet new

people. Many are at a time of their lives where fewer commitments to children means more time to socialise but also less opportunities to meet others. Walks always end with a cuppa at the ANA Hall and Museum in air-conditioned comfort.

The group welcomes all to join them. There is no need to book your attendance, just turn up on a Monday at 9.30am with walking shoes, hat and a water bottle.

Phone Castlemaine District Community Health on 5479 1000 for more information

## Harcourt Valley Landcare Oak Forest Stone Circle



Visitors to the Oak Forest during 2016 may have noticed a pile of large granite pieces.

In early December members assisted Ard Van Dijk and Troy West to place the rocks in a circle. It's the perfect place for a meeting, a barbecue or a sing along. Bring a cushion though!

Landcare sincerely thanks Ard and Troy for their time and for operating their red kubota tractor which made short work of placing the stones. The group also thanks Jai Baker who used his truck for the delivery of the granite.

*Marilyn Nuske* BA,LLB

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## Young people wanted to make a difference

If you're aged between 12 and 25 you are probably familiar with some of the events organised by the local Youth Advisory Group (YAG) and FReeZA Committee.

Events and activities such as Mondo Lounge, Battle of the Bands, Picture in the Park, Diversity Rave as well as a youth forum and leadership training were just some of the things developed and delivered by these dedicated young volunteers last year.

If you are keen to be involved in planning events and activities this year, or know someone who is, YAG and FReeZA are now recruiting for new members for 2017.

"FReeZA focuses on music and events and YAG focuses more on addressing local youth issues," said Jodie Hearn, Youth Activities Officer, Mount Alexander Shire Council, "The groups also often work together to assist Council to identify local activities and actions that benefit young people," said Ms Hearn.

The FReeZA Committee meets weekly and provides a great opportunity to gain hands-on music industry experience and learn about planning, developing and managing events.

"Our FReeZA Committee supports local musicians, artists and performers. Members get the chance to provide performance opportunities and run great gigs and events throughout the shire," said Ms Hearn.

The YAG Committee meets fortnightly. Members get the chance to provide input into Council decisions and strategies and develop local youth initiatives, as well as identify opportunities and solutions on matters relevant to young people.

Both committees are open to anyone aged 12 to 25.

"The YAG and FReeZA committees have delivered some very cool programs and events for young people in the shire," said Ms Hearn.

"It would be fantastic for new members to come forward and get involved this year," she said.

For more information on YAG or FReeZA, or to apply to the committees, go to the Young

People section of Council's website, visit the Civic Centre on the corner of Lyttleton and

Lloyds Streets in Castlemaine, or email youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

*From a Mount Alexander Shire Press Release*



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## Free Family Movie Night Saturday February 25th

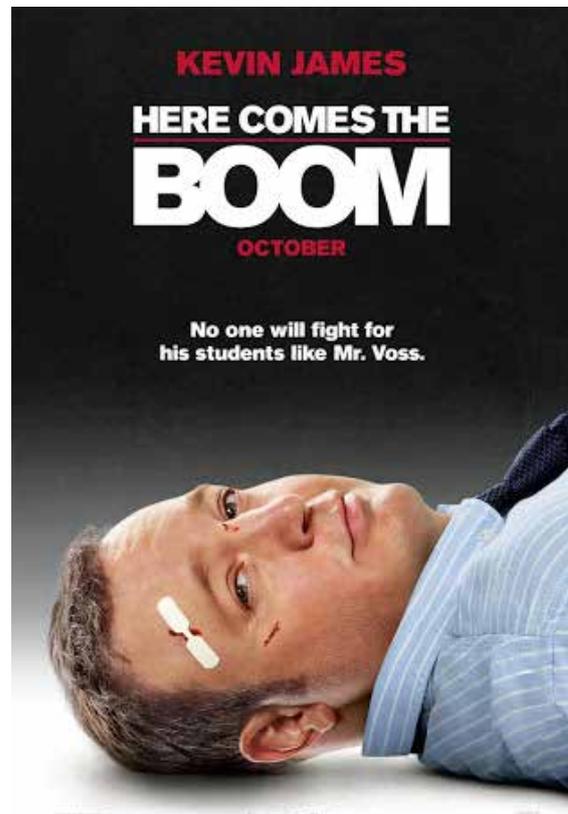
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# CFA- New tanker arrives for the Harcourt Brigade



The Harcourt Brigade has been patiently awaiting the arrival of our brand new CFA issued tanker.

After a day of driver training held in Bendigo on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> for six members of the Brigade, we were able to bring home the latest purpose built CFA Heavy Tanker that was allocated from the new heavy tanker build program of 40 vehicles. These were manufactured at Bell Environmental in Sunshine North last year.

Some of the relevant specifications for the cab chassis are: Iveco Eurocargo 4x4 Crew Cab Chassis with a 205kW 950Nm turbo-charged intercooled 6 cylinder diesel engine fitted with a six speed Tiptronic automated manual transmission. There is bucket seating for five crew members, all fitted with lap/sash seatbelts within a full cabin internal roll cage along with other safety features of thermaguard radiant heat protection curtains and vehicle/crew spray protection system. Nice additions include air conditioning, electric windows to front doors and a reversing camera.

Specifications for the firefighting capability are a 4000 litre tank (includes 750 litres for crew protection system) and a two stage GAAM Mk 300D pump, coupled to an Isuzu 4LE2 water cooled diesel engine. (The output is 1200l/m @ 700kPa). It has an electric priming pump with a permanently fitted suction hose and a front mounted monitor. The bonus with new vehicles is that they come fully stocked with all brand new equipment so everything has its place on the truck and fits perfectly.

Because this vehicle is different to our 28 year old Hino tanker, the brigade members need to undertake an extensive training and familiarization program over the next month before it will have a final check over and then officially become operational and the old one can be retired.

## TURNOUTS

Since the beginning of December up to the 25th January, the Brigade has had 18 turnouts. 12 of these were primary fires/incidents for the Brigade with the remaining six, supports to

neighbouring brigades and strike team responses to larger fires at Bridgewater, Ultima and Glenhope. It is interesting to note the different causes of these fires. The list includes a hot exhaust on a mini motor bike, a push motor mower in a dry paddock, a campfire not put out properly, misuse of a plumber's gas heat torch, recharging of cordless drill battery and a tractor slashing dry grass. These highlight some of the key messages the CFA publicise as activities that can cause fires easily in summer and that extra care/precautions need to be taken when carrying out these activities. Primarily people should consider safer timing for these undertakings.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Brigade held two successful community fire safety meetings, one at the Barkers Creek Cricket Ground and the other at the Harcourt Fire Station. If you missed these and require fire safety information call into the station of a Sunday morning between 9.00am and 9.30am for a chat.

We assisted the Sutton Grange Brigade with fire protection for "Rock in the Vines" at Sutton Grange Winery and were fortunate to be chosen to participate in the Bunnings Australia Day Emergency Services fundraising BBQ on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> January.

While February is the last month of summer, it is likely that hot weather will continue through March so we are probably half way through the fire season. Continue to be aware of your surroundings in regard to fire risk and have a check of your fire plan.

Stay safe and please take care if carrying out any activities that increase the risk of starting a fire.

The easiest fire to deal with is the one that does not start in the first place.

*Tyrone Rice  
Captain*



# Leave early

## THE REASONS ARE BLACK AND WHITE

Bushfires can start quickly and threaten lives within minutes. When it comes to fire, what you need to do is black and white. Check Fire Danger Ratings daily and monitor warnings.

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### Councillor Comment

Hi all

Council has had a quiet time over Christmas but is in full swing again now.

Priorities for the new Council four year plan and the next budget will be discussed over coming weeks.

Potential projects relating to Harcourt include: new playground, pedestrian crossing, shelter and change rooms at the netball courts to name a few. That brings us to the push to re-purpose the railway station as a community space and then there is the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park with its associated tourism opportunities.

In Castlemaine, Maldon and Newstead there is also huge demand for Council funds for projects.

Against the background of rate capping it will be interesting to see how the priorities get resolved.

From a broader perspective I look forward to seeing the games in the national women's football league. It is very historic and I wish all the players and teams every success. As you would expect I will be going for Carlton. We have been in the wilderness for so long in the men's competition maybe the women can turn it around.

With the Australia Day holiday, I had the opportunity to attend three local gatherings and then see some live music in Melbourne in the afternoon.

It is always nice to see the Citizenship Ceremony and welcome new members of our community.

Being an Australian citizen is something special. It has huge benefits as well as obligations.

We only have to look at what else is going on around the world to appreciate what we have here.

*Best regards to all,  
Tony  
0439 742434*

# Pool Party January 2017

It was a perfect Saturday afternoon for the January Pool Party hosted by the YMCA and assisted by the Harcourt Progress Association. The YMCA provided a games leader and games which used equipment in and out of the water; the Progress Association provided a sausage sizzle and the services of Tim Tim who proved a big hit especially with the kids.



*Tim Tim the Cowboy entertained those attending the Harcourt Pool Party with small and giant bubble blowing and balloons of many shapes and colours.*

*What can be made with balloons? Darcy has the giant redback on his head and a balloon "water pistol"; Maddison wears a flower bracelet made with balloons by Tim Tim.*



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# Harcourt Primary off to a good start in 2017



School is in again for another year and we have welcomed quite a number of new families right across the school. Grades 1-6 started on Tuesday and settled back into school very well and very quickly.

Prep students started today and were very keen and enthusiastic. We even had

two come by themselves on the bus. How brave! There were more tears from parents than children!

We are looking forward to a great year with increased numbers, up to 97, and additional classroom support in Literacy. We have welcomed Katrina Hood for four days, increased from her one day, to do this in addition to her Music program. New staff includes Hannah Vellacott in the Art room and Katie Kilgour will be our French teacher.

The gardens have had a major transformation in the holidays and look quite spectacular. Thank you so much to the Castlemaine Church of Christ for their wonderful work over the break. The whole school community is deeply appreciative of this work.

In the next three weeks, the children will participate in the "Building Our Learning Community" program, which is designed to embed our school expectations, values, rules and generally prepare for the year. This all runs beside a range of activities including the climbing wall, swimming and an excursion.

We will hold a welcome barbecue for all families on Tuesday 14th February from 6-8pm.

We are looking forward to another great year.

*Annette Smith  
Principal*



## Mt Alexander Family Day Care Scheme

Due to demand for Outside School Hours Care at Harcourt Primary School we are looking for a suitably qualified Educator to provide this program under the Mt Alexander Family Day Care "In Venue Program" in 2017.

Interested Educators **must have** a minimum qualification of Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

For all enquiries and further information please contact Julie London on 5472 3665, or email [julie@castlemainechildcare.com.au](mailto:julie@castlemainechildcare.com.au)

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**FRI 10 FEB @ 7PM - SUMMER RAIN  
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## LIMERICK by The Bard of North Harcourt

*Our friend with his one single dahlia  
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Many properties in the Harcourt area are already registered, please consider signing up as a volunteer or fruit tree owner, and join in the harvesting of Harcourt's own rich produce.

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## Harcourt CWA - Friendship Theme for 2017

Happy New Year everyone, it's good to be back with you all again.

Each year the CWA of Victoria decides on a Theme for the year, and each Branch has special days based around that theme.

This year the theme is Friendship. What a friendly year it is going to be too.

We have just had our first CWA meeting for the year, a meeting where we meet and greet each other, other family members come along, we reconnect again, and this first meeting is called Friendship Day.

Friendship Day is usually held under that magnificent oak tree in the Botanical Garden in Castlemaine, or if it's too hot we go to one of the many delightful cafes in town.

Just to sit and chat under the branches of this great oak is a wonderful way to start our CWA year.

And it's going to be a good one too. Our Country of Study is Denmark and our International Officer, Bev Orgill is looking forward to presenting her in-

formative monthly report to us all. It's not just all about Princess Mary and Danish Pastries you know, although I do hope the Danish Pastries play a significant part.

Then there is the Thanksgiving Fund, this year we raise money for the National Stroke Foundation, the Product/Resource study is Dairy, and our Social Issues Focus looks at Homelessness and Affordable Housing, something we are seeing more and more of each night on the weekly news.

And all this is where friendships are made, talking and chatting together about topics that interest us, educate us, and knowing there will always be a cuppa and a plateful of homemade goodies to follow.

***We meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Harcourt Leisure Centre at 1pm. Give Marie Twyford a ring for more details, or just be brave and pop in and say hello. We are a very friendly bunch. Marie's number is 5472 5450.***

*Lyn Rule*

***First meeting of 2017 and it's straight to the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens for the Harcourt CWA. Shown here are CWA members and canine friend under the large oak tree in the gardens.***



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## Harcourtian – Andrea Brasher



On a warm summer afternoon Andrea's house is abuzz with school holiday life. Her Mum and sister are visiting from out of town, two of her kids, with their cousins are bouncing on the trampoline before heading off, fully equipped with life jackets and floaties, with Andrea's

husband Brian to kayak in the nearby dam.

Born in Wangaratta and having spent the last of her childhood and her teenage years in Gippsland, the latter pulling out daffodil bulbs on her parents' beef and daffodil farm in Toora, she has called Harcourt home since 2008.

'I went to boarding school at MLC in Year 10. I made some good friends and got involved in sport and music. It seemed a natural progression that I would go to the Rusden Campus of Deakin University to do a Bachelor of Education (PE and Health) and train to be a Physical Education teacher. In the end though, I was attracted to teaching students with special needs and ended up doing a Graduate Diploma in that area. Most of my teaching in Australia has been with students with severe disabilities.

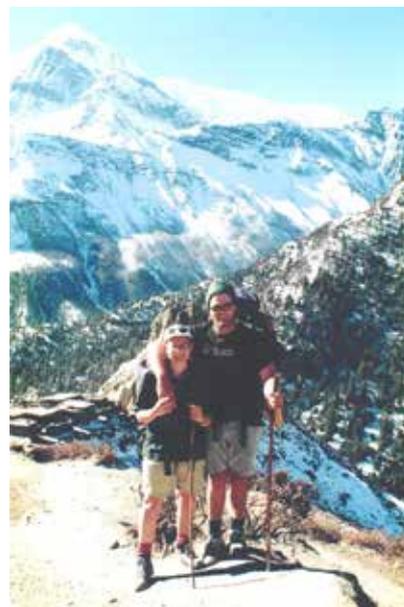
'After my studies I headed to London where I got a job teaching in various special schools. After seven months I started to miss Brian whom I'd met at a cricket club while I was still a student at Deakin and playing for a women's cricket team at Mt Waverley. My cricketing career never took off but Brian was pretty good at the sport. Some might say obsessed by it. I suggested he might want to visit England as it was good place to be. He did, stayed with me five days, proposed and then went off to play country cricket with my brother for most of his stay.

'When my teaching job was over we took twelve months to travel back to Australia going via Europe and Asia. We did some amazing trekking in Nepal and visited a school friend in Japan for a month. They had an apple and rice farm and we helped them with their apple harvest and attended their wedding. We were 24. While we were away my mother and mother in law to be were busy planning our wedding. We married in Mt Waverley.

'I worked at Irabina, a specialist autistic school, when I returned before moving to an ongoing position at Croydon Special Development School. I found this very challenging and rewarding at the same time! Working with students

with disabilities requires a lot of patience; however the delight on the students' faces when they achieve something new or have a new experience makes it all worthwhile.

'Meanwhile Brian had decided to enrol in University as a mature aged student and do a double degree in teaching and science. He left with a B Ed and B Sc from Deakin University in June 2003 and we had our first child



*Andrea and Brian trekking in Nepal.*

Alister around the same time.

'In July that year my brother Cameron decided to get married in England. Not having experienced babies before, we planned to travel to Europe with our 7-week old baby for three months. People thought we were mad! During the three months away we spent some time in England and Switzerland but we spent most of the time based in different areas of France – mainly Paris and a little village in the south where my brother-in-law Chris was living. It was a great family time. Brian turned 30 and my Mum turned 60 while we were away and we were able to celebrate the events overseas as a family.

'Brian returned to a job at Alphington Grammar and I became a full-time Mum. We had two more children, Owen and Samantha. By the time Sammy was born in 2007 we were living with three kids in a two bed unit in Forest Hill. It was cosy to say the least. I was a country girl at heart and yearned for the kids to have space to run around. We made a decision to move out of Melbourne. Brian applied for a job at Catholic College Bendigo and luckily he was successful.

'I thought the hard work of leaving the city was done but Brian had committed to taking students from Alphington College to Vietnam for a month at the end of the year so it fell to me to travel to Bendigo to find us a place to live. There were a few challenges house hunting with 3 young kids, one of whom was just 3 months old, in the heat of a Bendigo summer. There were also a few conversations with Brian in Vietnam asking why he wasn't here helping me! We got there in the end but we only stayed in Bendigo for seven months; to me it was just like living in the city. We went house hunting around Bendigo and finally found a place in Harcourt we thought we could make into a home. That was 2008.

'Over the following years we added to our family with Declan being born in 2011 and Paddy in 2013. I feel it is the kids that really help you to settle into a community. When

Al started Prep in Harcourt my involvement with Harcourt Community really started. I wanted to be involved where my kids were and as they have progressed through I have joined both the Kindergarten and Primary School Councils. I have also assumed the President's role at the Kindergarten several times. I love food and cooking so it was easy to be involved with the cooked school lunches project at Primary School.

'The big cooking event of the year for me is Applefest. I co-ordinate with another parent the cooking of the Apple Pies. Generously donated apples arrive and we take over the school kitchen for three weeks. We peel, chop and cook apples, roll out pastry, bake and freeze over one hundred pies. We also chat and have fun. It is a great way for people who are new to the area to get involved and get to know people. My challenge still is to produce a gluten free pie for all the coeliac and gluten intolerant people in our community.

'Looking ahead things will continue to change for us. I'll begin to get back into the education system over the next year or two as Paddy heads to kinder and school. Next year Brian will start teaching at his third school in the area, Marist College Bendigo, and the kids will continue to grow and change. I love it here in Harcourt. The kids are happy, healthy and having a lovely life with great friends. Because they are happy, we are happy. What started as a tip off in 2007 by a cricketing friend that there was a position open at the Catholic College in Bendigo has worked out well for us.

'You know when I reflect on it, a lot of our life has been and still is influenced by cricket. We met through the game.

It has given us opportunities to travel, meet and socialise with people and our children all love being involved in the game. All except Paddy play in local teams. There is nothing much else for the Brashers between Tuesday and Sunday during cricket season.'

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**Brasher family. L-R Back: Row Alister, Paddy, Andrea & Brian Front: Owen, Declan & Samantha**

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# Harcourt Bowling Club - Try Barefoot Bowls!

During the lead up to the Christmas period the Club was busy hosting various organisations' Christmas break-ups, our Club Christmas party and the Community Christmas celebrations in

partnership with the Harcourt Progress Association.

The Community Christmas party was well attended and we were lucky to have had beautiful weather on the day. Volunteers from the club prepared the salads and cooked the barbeque with food provided by the Progress Association. People were entertained with music by local group *Summer Rain* and many enjoyed the facility of our entertainment deck. A number of people even tried their hand at some barefoot bowling.

## Christmas Breakup Celebrations

The club house was packed for a fabulous Christmas break-up celebration. Tracy Candy provided an extravaganza of entertainment and with crowd participation there was lots of laughter and singing. Great music had most up dancing and joining in the conga line. It was a perfect way to kick off the Christmas season. Our sincere thanks to members Lyn and Howard Niklasson and Lisa and Stewart Breheny who donated their time and culinary skills to provide a sumptuous feast of traditional Christmas fare.



## Club Singles Champions

The club singles championships for the men and women playing members have been completed with the titles going to Heather Braid and John Morris. Runners up were Moira Straw and Rod Harris. Congratulations Heather and John! Heather Braid competed in the Champion of Champions Competition at Bendigo but despite a good effort was unable to overcome her opponent from White Hills. Unfortunately due to the late staging of the Men's

Championship the winner was not be eligible to compete in the region Champion of Champions.



**Heather Braid (centre) with runner -up Moira Straw (L)**



**John Morris (R) with Runner-Up Rod Harris & President John Starbuck**

## PENNANT

Wins to all Weekend and Midweek Pennant teams at the resumption of the competition heralded a great start to the second half of the season. Weekend Pennant Divisions 3, 6 and 8 enjoyed decisive wins over their opponents as did Midweek Division 4 and 5 at home. All Teams have put in good efforts so far this season and sitting within the top 4 on their respective ladders.

Results were:

### Weekend Pennant (Round 9)

**Division 3** - Harcourt 18/109 def Heathcote 0/77: Steven Douglas 22/20; Leo Moloney 36/14; Gary Maddern 25/21; Phil Clarke 26/22.

**Division 6** - Bendigo 4/86 Lost to Harcourt 14/116: Ron Douglas 19/32; Daryl Gale 24/27; Brian Buchanan 35/14; Ken Tribe 38/13.

**Division 8** - Campbell's Creek 0/38 lost to Harcourt 14/47: Alan Harris 22/21; Heather Braid 25/17.

### Midweek Pennant (Round 10)

**Division 4** -Harcourt 16/86 def Golden Square 0/45 - Moira Straw 25/14; Kaye Grant 34/13; Heather Braid 27/18; Next Monday Division four will travel to Calivil to play Calivil/Serpentine

**Division 5** - Harcourt 12/52 def Bendigo 2/46. Fairlie Harman 27/20; Joan Jenkin 25/26

# What's on at the Harcourt Bowls Club?

## BBQ Barefoot/Social Bowls

The fortnightly BBQ bowls resumed in January with good crowds attending despite the heat. Special thanks to BBQ cooks Ron and Brian who did a sterling job in soaring temperatures.

The winner of the first social bowls was Leo Moloney's Team with Graeme Blease, Judy Ewing and Janet Carr – well done.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is the date set for the next BBQ Bowls night. We start at 6.00pm with BBQ, salads and sweets, followed by 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. Harcourt Bowling Club extends a welcoming invitation to anyone interested in attending. To assist with catering please either put your name down at the club, leave a message on 5474 3494 or email [harcourtbowls@outlook.com](mailto:harcourtbowls@outlook.com)

## Club Tournaments

### Men's Fours Tournament

This major Tournament for the club will take place on Sun-

day 5<sup>th</sup> February. Results will be in the March issue of the Core.

### Ladies' Fours Tournament

The ladies major Tournament for the club will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Results will be in the March issue of the Core.

### Grant Pairs Tournament

The Annual Grant Mixed Pairs Tournament will be held on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Sponsor's Night Round 2

Round 2 of the Sponsor's Challenge will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. All our sponsors are encouraged to enter a team for this fun annual event.

The Harcourt Bowling Club extends our best wishes to our community for the New Year!

*Christine Anderson  
Publicity Officer*

# Seen at the Australia Day Breakfast



*Clockwise from above left: Scott Victor-Gordon of the Harcourt Lions was the MC; one of the groups enjoying the morning sun; all stand for the national anthem, Ian Johnson; "Where in the world is Harcourt?" George Milford told us: 37° South and 144.25° East!; Councillor Tony Cordy addresses the crowd.*



# Pips 'n' All Using water wisely

Hello Garden lovers,

Unexpectedly at this time of year, at the time of writing, we are still enjoying regular rain. This means that the garden is flourishing and moisture has not been too much of a problem so far this summer. It is still valuable to complement the rain with some supplementary watering. It is also important to be efficient with water so that we can conserve our water for when rain is less plentiful. Watering with low pressure and large droplet sizes will reduce drift and evaporation. Applying water less frequently for a longer period will allow water to penetrate deep into the soil where it can be most beneficial. For example, one bucket of water per tree once a week is better than five separate sprinkles with a hose. Soil rings around new trees can be useful to hold water so that it can slowly seep into the soil and root ball. Watering in the early morning or evening is also effective because less water is wasted to evaporation than during the heat of the day.

At this time of year, we are freshening up the perennials. We are removing dead flowers and pruning Salvias, daisies and Agastache. We are also deadheading roses to encourage further flowering. There is always weeding and edging to be done as well.

This year, our Catmint (*Nepeta* spp.) is flowering beautifully. It was planted in spring and has already trebled in size. *Nepeta* is a low shrub with delicate mauve flowers. There are a number of varieties that differ in height, width, rigidity and flower colour. Castlemaine Botanic Gardens has *Nepeta* planted as a low informal hedge around the rose gardens. It can also be used to line paths, to create an entrance or it can be interplanted as part of a mixed perennial garden.

Obviously, garden beds are an important part of any garden. Another central component is a lawn. Grass around a house can help create a cool microclimate. It also creates a fresh, green surface for activities that will stay cooler than paved and hard surfaces.

We continue to work on improving our lawns. We work outwards from healthy, well-covered Kikuyu areas, breaking up the soil, transplanting Kikuyu sprigs and watering to assist with establishment. Summer is the perfect time to establish lawn with warm season grasses such as Buffalo, Kikuyu and Couch. This year, the weather is assisting us by providing regular rain to help maintain soil moisture and keep the grass healthy and actively growing. Although Kikuyu can

be invasive, we will persist with it because it is tough and survives with limited water.

This month we are:

- Staking, tying and feeding the tomatoes;
- Deadheading the roses and feeding them with Sulphate of Potash;
- Summer pruning the apricots and cherries;
- Tying up the Raspberry canes; and
- Netting the peaches and apples.

This month in the woodland:

- Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*) is flowering.

Happy Gardening  
Janyce



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## ASQ Plant of the Month

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The colour and shape of the fruit make them a most attractive garnish and the flower buds can be cooked as a vegetable.

This is a great plant for pots and can be trained to climb on trellis or other garden structures.

# Grow Great Fruit

## Tree care in Harvest Season

Happy new year everyone! How's your harvest going? Hopefully it's completely problem free, and you're getting masses of healthy, delicious, unmolested fruit from your trees--you wish!

The nature of growing food in an environment where lots of other creatures live (birds, earwigs, beetles, possums, kangaroos ... just to name a few) is that we often end up sharing more of it than we would like. If you've lost fruit this season it might be completely obvious what's caused the problem, but if it's a mystery, then it's time to do some detective work. This time of year is a great time to really notice what's going on with individual fruit trees - and record it! Monitor closely, write it down, take photos - whatever it takes to help you get to the bottom of what might be causing fruit losses, so you can work towards solutions next year.

**Meanwhile, here are our top three tips for January:**

1. If you still have fruit on your trees, it's not too late to net - and even a simple drape net can really help prevent damage from birds, and provides at least some protection from hail damage. If small birds are a problem, make sure you secure the net firmly at the base, either to the trunk of the tree or peg it to the ground. Growing Abundance has affordable bird netting in various sizes available through their website at <http://www.growing-abundance.org.au/shop/>
2. Once a tree has been harvested, you can cut back the amount you're watering it to about half. Most of its work is done for the year, though early fruiting varieties should keep growing for a while after the fruit has been picked, so don't be too lousy with the water if you have plenty to spare.
3. Wind can be as drying for the soil and your fruit trees as very high temperatures, and the worst conditions are a combination of the two. In very windy weather, keep a close eye on how much water your fruit trees are getting, particularly in the 6-8 weeks before the fruit is ready, and be prepared to water a bit more often than usual.

**Happy harvests!**

*Hugh and Katie Finlay grow organic fruit at Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens, and open their Farm Shop during the fruit season from Wednesday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. They also teach an organic fruit growing home study course called Grow Great Fruit. They are running a Budding (Summer Grafting) workshop at the farm on Saturday 18th February at 3pm - 5pm. Book in to the workshop and sign up for the Weekly Fruit Tips newsletter at their website [www.mafg.com.au](http://www.mafg.com.au).*



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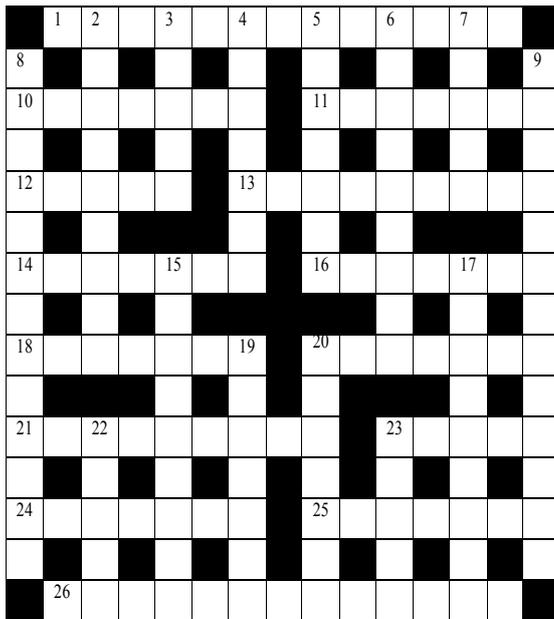
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**Down:**

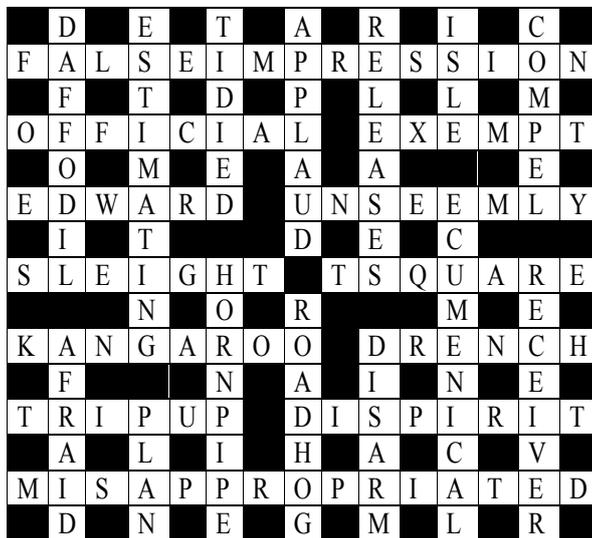
- 2 Between ready French I sort-of translate... (9)
- 3 She adds thanks to endless evil in the Americas. (5)
- 4 Poor hen doesn't have a show... (2-5)
- 5 Speakers for a conceptual scheme? (4-3)
- 6 After the Pole, was maternal to the point of asphyxiation... (9)
- 7 In Strine, arsenic comes close to the middle... (5)
- 8 Decision-time for kitchen utensil in bitumen? (4,2,3,4)
- 9 A finger in the dyke won't stop the flow from this outlet in the bank. (4,2,3,4)
- 15 Prim, shunted none-too-quietly into being rash. (9)
- 17 More Thomas than Thomas? (9)
- 19 At home, Friar eats with gusto. (5,2)
- 20 Some think we need one, but the shame is to have a false one... (7)
- 22 Hals's painting might suffer this from a vandal. (5)
- 23 Dark part of the psyche to the fore, it ran at less than 900 RPM. (5)

**Across:**

- 1 Form up one after the other on beach for a sticking point. Will furrow end in the snail? (4,2,3,4)
- 10 Wealthy drunk, discombobulated, heads into first across, finally. (7)
- 11 Same colour as girls watching him ride down the street in his opulent American car. (7)
- 12 Motor-Mum the sound of destiny? (5)
- 13 After the sudden alacrity comes the alacrity? (4-5)
- 14 More jumpy if Religious Instruction permeates the big no-no? (7)
- 16 Activates offspring through 90°. (5,2)
- 18 Take pot-shot at temperature concentration. (3,4)

- 20 Creature that burrows in the ooze, possibly in 18ac—humid SF indeed! (7)
- 21 About the origins of rivers, human ones are just humans... (9)
- 23 I won't be pulled, but I am! (2,3)
- 24 Aw... snake writhes and rouses. (7)
- 25 Grudge-bearing sick playwright. (3,4)
- 26 Photograph of Venus has to be guesswork... (4,2,3,4)

**December 2016 Xword** ©McW 25<sup>th</sup> Sept '15 **SOLUTION**



**Down:**

- 1. What you might come across wandering solo, like an overcast sky? [Well? "...lonely as a cloud"!]
- 2. [It isn't game] to be less than certain; [it isn't a gem], either, surveying thus. ([I'm a testing] routine, sometimes...) [10]
- 3. Made it respectable after [it died] and curled up. [6]
- 4. At least [clap] twice for [dual pap]. [7]
- 5. Lets go about [re:] rental agreements [note lack of apostrophe...]
- 6. Junior continent sounds between pews. [Well?]
- 7. Huns may [clomp] around [east] to make us do their bidding. [6]
- 13. [Lice] with [acumen] may present as representing everyone. [10]
- 15. Rip phone off the wall, put it [in hopper], and dance one of these! [8]
- 17. No longer needed for sender of mobile message when complete? [Hard for under-50s to remember what we put the phone back onto...]
- 18. Pig on wheels? [Well?]
- 20. The sound of a frayed rope makes me more than anxious! [6]
- 21. Charm [Vtr.] taken to extremes in Python film [The Holy Grail]. [6]
- 23. Concocted view? [Well? The side elevation was probably 'concocted' too!]

**Across:**

- 8. Printmaker gets the wrong idea? [Well?]
- 9. Has the imprimatur [if coal; if solar, it hasn't. [8]
- 10. Take one container from wobbly Mex-lean pet and not have to pay the fee. [6]
- 11. Third cause of Hundred Years' War [Sorry!]
- 12. Yum! Eels 'n gravy, with little boys on the side! Why do you take it amiss? You think it's this? [8]
- 14. Sounds not much, usually off-hand but missing a loud pedal (and if it were as it sounds, ['sight'], you'd take it amiss). [7]
- 16. Que? Rats! I need one of these to angle the drawings properly. [1-6]
- 19. Impromptu court for bloke hopping into a neighbour? [8]
- 21. Cloudburst might regularly medicate stock. [Well?]
- 22. Stumble on journey to Cairns (from Melbourne or Ballarat)? [or Sydney, even...]
- 24. Princess, [Di] gin [spirit], the works—it's enough to make you lose your mojo... [8]
- 25. What wharfies did to disappear import? [15]

## A Happy Ending...for Sue and Macca



In early December Sue Barker thought she had lost her beloved cockatiel Macca, but found to her joy that local networks really work.

Macca turned up in a neighbour's garage and the local website for Ford's Road area lit up asking who had lost a tame and very musical bird.

Sue asked The Core to pass on her thanks to Andrew Cairns for finding him and to Debbie Hamilton for caring for him.

Macca is back home and is "confined to barracks". He must be glad to be home because he is once again singing "Pop Goes the Weasel", the tune from "The Sting" and the opening bars of Beethoven's 5th.

## Looking Good... DELWP has made some improvements to the tracks into the Oak Forest.



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# Community Diary Dates

**February 8th:** 4 - 8pm, Mountain Bike Park Information Session from DELWP, Leisure Centre.

**February 14th:** 6-8pm, Welcome BBQ for all families at Harcourt Valley Primary School.

**February 14th:** 6.00pm BBQ & Barefoot Bowls night. Contact the Club; see page 21

**February 25th:** Free Movie Night hosted by the Harcourt Lions Club and Goldfields Track Café. From 5.30pm Food from Goldfields Track Cafe; 6.30pm Gourmet Barbecue; Movie starts at 8pm. See page 11

**March 9th:** 7.30 pm Art Show official opening and award announcements.

**March 11th:** Aplefest.

**Aqua Aerobics:** 6.00 to 6.45pm. Every Thursday in pool season.

**Bowls Club Dates:** See pages 20 and 21

**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. Call : 0400 916 527

**Pony Club:** Second and fourth Sundays of the month from 9.30am to 12 midday.

**Social tennis:** every Thursday at 7pm. This is a social evening for mature players to have a hit and giggle, BYO own refreshment. **Further information, contact Sharon Blake: 54 742680 or Faye Hards: 54 742580.**

**Walking Group:** Every Monday 9.30am. Meet at the ANA Hall.



  
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