

# HARCOURT NEWS THE CORE

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## Progress at last for the Harcourt Community Playground

*Imagine...*



*McIndoe Park in Leongatha - one review says:  
"It's the best...heaps of great stuff to play on."*

*After many months of lobbying and discussions with Council officers, the Harcourt Progress Association has received an undertaking from Council to progress work on the Harcourt Community Playground. See page 2...*

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### DEADLINES & PUBLICATION DATES

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





# Harcourt Progress Association

## *Progress on Playground (from page 1)*

Last year the HPA secured funds to install an irrigation system within Stanley Park North.

The project ran into a number of obstacles and is set to be delayed for an unreasonable length of time. Earlier this year the HPA were informed by Council that no work would be undertaken on the Harcourt Community Playground until the 2018/2019 financial year at the earliest. After years of procrastination around the playground, the HPA felt any further delay was unacceptable and the decision was made to re-purpose the irrigation funding to advance the design and planning for the Harcourt Community Playground.

HPA Secretary, Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns met with Council's CEO Darren Fuzzard and ward Councillor Tony Cordy to discuss the proposal. "I was extremely happy with how open and receptive they both were to the suggestion that we need to progress work on the playground sooner rather than later," reports Jacqueline. Subject to approval from the federal funding body, the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, grant money will now be used to employ a landscape designer to work with the community to develop a concept plan and playground design. Once these plans are in place, HPA and Council can look to secure the necessary money to bring the plans to fruition and make the long held dream of a new playground a reality.

In the meantime, HPA is kicking off a number of community fundraisers to contribute to the costs of the playground. This year's Giant Easter Egg Hunt in the Harcourt Oak Forest will direct all profits raised towards the playground. Book your tickets now and stay tuned for further ways to support the Harcourt Community Playground.

If you would like to join a Working Group being formed to progress the playground or to offer your support and assistance in other ways, please contact Jacqueline by email on [takandjak@bigpond.com](mailto:takandjak@bigpond.com)

## **STOP PRESS: Harcourt pedestrian crossing to improve road safety.**

As we go to press, the HPA have learnt that their recent petition to Council, calling on improved pedestrian crossings on Harmony Way, has been supported by elected Councillors. With movement to progress the Harcourt Community Playground, improving road safety for pedestrians crossing this central road is paramount. The final decision on the type of crossing, and location have not yet been determined. We thank the 130 local residents who signed the petition and our elected representatives for listening to the voice of the people.

## **Improving our town entrances**

Representatives from the HPA recently met with a senior manager from Vic Roads to discuss what can be done to improve the Calder Highway exits which negatively impact on the appearance of one of Harcourt's major town entrances. VicRoads have identified a potential funding source that we can access to undertake an overhaul of the exit / entrance points. HPA will be meeting with Council in coming weeks to progress this opportunity which will see new landscaping and tree plantings in and around the roundabout and road centre dividers. Consideration will be given towards the illegal car park at the town entrance which is a magnet for rubbish dumping and represents a danger to vehicles entering the roundabout.

HPA are also establishing a Clean-Up working group to provide hands on assistance with weed and rubbish removal at the town entrances and surrounding roads. If you are interested in assisting with this group please contact Sha Cordingley on [cord-free@hotmail.com](mailto:cord-free@hotmail.com)

## **Join us on a Harcourt visit to Forrest**

Visit the Otway community of Forrest where their mountain bike park has stimulated huge economic growth. Forrest has recently enjoyed increased school enrolments, a revitalized local pub, new stores & cafes, the establishment of a local brewery and new B&B & other accommodation providers. Local employment is up in this small rural country town. There are many similarities between Forrest and Harcourt - lets learn how to harness the "good" and learn from the "bad".

The HPA are organising buses to travel to Forrest on Sunday, 30th April, departing at 9am from the Goldfields Track Café. We will meet with community members in Forrest, visit the mountain bike park, enjoy lunch at the local brewery and observe first-hand what cycling visitation to this small rural town looks like. There will be a small cost towards bus hire and petrol costs (approx \$25 tbc). To book your seat on the bus, please email Robyn Miller on [robynmiller46@gmail.com](mailto:robynmiller46@gmail.com)

## **Next HPA meeting**

Join us at the Goldfields Track Café on Wednesday 19th April. Dinner served from 7pm, please book directly with the café via email [donna@gtcafe.com.au](mailto:donna@gtcafe.com.au)

Meeting commences at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Topics for discussion include community feedback from the recent pool season, evaluation of the 2017 Applefest, work towards the Railway Community Hub and the Harcourt Community Playground.





# Easter Egg Hunt in the Harcourt Oak Forest

**Sunday 16th April 10am-1pm**

- **Massive Easter Egg Hunt**  
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## CWA - Another Amazing Applefest

I would like to congratulate the Harcourt CWA on their wonderful stall at Applefest and all of the hard work that went into making this the best Applefest ever. Many of our ladies spent hours cooking, preserving, planting, knitting, and sewing for the big day. And what a big day it was.

It was no surprise to any of our members to hear that Marie Twyford won first prize for her Apple Cake while Judi Kent received a Highly Commended award for her Apple Cake in the Applefest Baking Competition. Well done ladies



Thanks Marlene Bell for organising these eye catching tea pots which received many compliments. They were a great drawcard to our stall full of preserves and cakes. *(above)*



From tea towels and footy jumpers to succulents and cookery books. The variety and colour of our stall was so appreciated by our many visitors. Judi Kent waits to help our next customer. *(above)*

Decisions, decisions! With so many delights to choose from, the choices were made easier with the help of Joy Robertson and Helen Hand. *(photo top right)*

We always have a raffle at Applefest, and this year we decided to have a change from the popular food hamper of previous years. Thanks to Robyn McConville's suggestion and her magnificent quilt, our raffle this year was



a huge success. Many thanks Robyn, a real winner in every respect, and congratulations to the winner of the quilt, Rob Farley.

The rest area organised by Samantha Rowe of the Mount Alexander CWA also proved very popular with parents and children alike. *A particular favourite was the apple-bobbing which caused a great deal of hilarity for the children when their parents had a go. (below)*



And look who came riding by to check out our stall and admire our beautiful quilt. What a wonderful day.

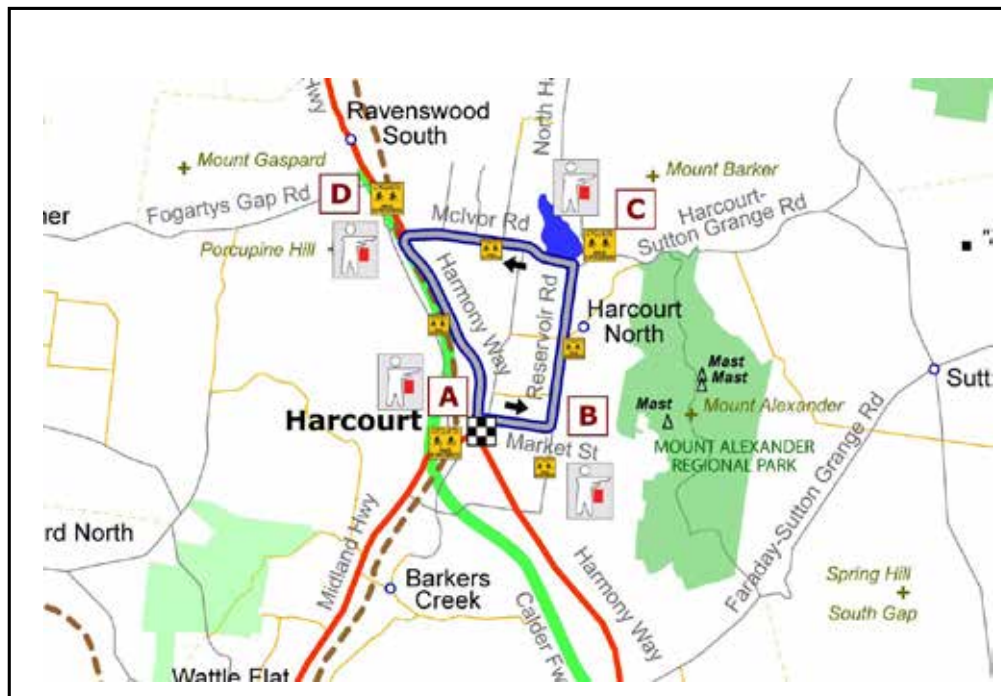


*Lyn Rule  
Publicity Officer*

# Vic Country & Metro Cycling Championships

## May 20 & 21

Central Harcourt Route - no road closures  
(for 56km Route see page 25)



Castlemaine Cycling Club will once again be hosting the Vic Country and Metro Road Cycling Championships on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May 2017. Racing will commence at 9.00am on both days and finished by about 4.30pm. The 2 courses being used (above and page 27) are the same as used previously for these events. The 12km loop goes from Market St to Reservoir Rd, McIvor Rd and back to Harcourt via Harmony Way. The 56 km loop will take riders South on Harmony Way to Elphinstone, left over the freeway then North through Sutton Grange to Sedgewick, left onto Nth Harcourt Rd back onto McIvor Rd returning to Harcourt via Harmony Way. There will be no road closures for this weekend; however road users may encounter an increased presence of cyclists in the area at time, requiring extra caution.

Cyclists from Under 11 to Elite and Masters Divisions will compete for Championship Medals, with performances taken into consideration for future team selections. As always, riders will come from across the Victorian Clubs to enjoy the challenging racing in the Harcourt area and the wonderful attractions of Mt Alexander Shire. The Club thanks the community, organisations and businesses for your continued support.

### Castlemaine Group Fitness Classes

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<b>Sat</b>	<b>9:30am-10.30am</b>	<b>Power Bar</b>

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# Applefest Competitions were Crowd Pleasers

## Show'n'shine



The inaugural Applefest 'Show'n'Shine' attracted twenty-three vehicles to James Park, with plenty of variety to interest the Applefest crowds from Jeff Gartside's 1932 Ford Coupe through a range of Mustang sedans to a 1949 Mark VI Bentley that had once been owned by Enid Blyton. The judges had a difficult time selecting the best five. All of the vehicles showed the result of hours of devoted attention and were a wonderful sight to behold.

However, choices had to be made and the winners were:

Ken James' 1926 Chevrolet truck

David Baillie's 1937 Rolls Royce sedan

Geoff Pollard's 1941 Buick coupe

Keith White's 1948 215 Holden FX sedan

Adam Birch's 1961 Ford Ranch Wagon

The Show'n'Shine was a very congenial event with a lot of friendly rivalry and plenty of folk wandering amongst the cars. Thanks to Charles Scott for his work as Marshall for this inaugural event. It was a great opportunity to talk to the various owners and it was good to see their pride in their work.

## Pet Parade

Dogs and guinea pigs dominated this year's Applefest Pet Parade to compete for prizes donated by Midland Pet Supplies of Mostyn Street, Castlemaine.

Parade judges Bob Egan and Robyn Yeoward who had plenty to attract their attention, awarding the following prizes:-

Best Dressed Pet: 'Roxy' – a dog

Most Unusual Pet: 'Cheeky' the guinea pig

Cutest Pet: This was a draw, the winners being guinea pigs 'Goldie' and 'Sunshine'

Most Obedient Pet: 'Soxie' Your correspondent has lost his notes and does not remember whether 'Soxie' was a dog or a guinea pig. There was a lot going on and the crowds were milling around.

Pet with Most Character: 'Doug the Pug' was the clear winner in this category.





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## LIMERICK by The Bard of North Harcourt

*A priest ate his lunch in the cloister  
A sandwich of crabmeat and oyster.  
With a tear in his eye  
He said this is dry  
I really do wish it was moister!*

# Applefest Competitions were Crowd Pleasers (cont)

## Applefest Art Show

There was increased participation by artists in this year's Applefest Art Show and Sale. It was pleasing to see many new names, particularly from Bendigo, among the list of entrants. A record number of 145 'smaller' works were on offer plus 18 junior and senior students' pieces. Approximately ten percent of the works were sold and total value of sales was twenty percent higher than last year; while attendances through the door were up by 14%. All funds raised help the Harcourt Heritage Centre in its day-to-day operations. The awards were judged by Ben Winspear, who has since left to travel to Florence, Italy, on a travelling scholarship.

Best in Show was Brian Harding's *"Butterflies"*, The Cameron Lang Memorial Award was given for Catherine Tait's depiction of Ricky Townsends's *"Take-*

*Away"* coffee van. The Shirley Stewart Memorial Award was made for a delicate watercolour *"Morning Light"* by Heather McKean while Robyn Yeoward took out the Best Local Subject category with *"Old Stone Cottage, Reservoir Rd"*.

*"Ducks"* was the title of Micah Meadows' pastel and *"Highland Cow"* the title of Karli Showell's pencil drawing. Micah and Karli were the award winners in the Junior and Senior Student sections, respectively. Winner of the People's Choice award was Samantha Frye's pencil work entitled *"An apple a day keeps the fox away"*. Many visitors commented on the high quality of the works. Once again the Applefest Art Show has helped to put Harcourt firmly 'on the map' in the world of creative talent throughout the region.

George Milford

## Some of the Art Show Winners



Above: Robyn Yeoward's *"Old Stone Cottage, Reservoir Road"* won the Best Local Subject category.

Karli Showell receiving her prize from George, with her Senior Student category winning picture, *Highland Cow* in the background. (below)



Below: Micah Meadows *"Ducks"* won the Junior Student Section



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# Harcourt Mountain Bike Park

## Project Update

March 2017

Situated on a former pine plantation next to Mount Alexander Regional Park, the Harcourt mountain bike park will offer up to 34 kilometres of dedicated trails and magnificent views alongside a natural forest setting.

Once fully operational the park is expected to inject substantial funds into the local economy, attracting thousands of visitors each year and generate local jobs.

Built to International Mountain Bicycling Association standards, the park will be consistent with future development plans for the Harcourt area while improving the site's environmental value.

### 'Apple of my eye'

It is not hard to see why Harcourt Valley is adored, not just by the loyal local community, but the thousands of visitors each year to the beautiful Central Highlands. This was obvious at this year's successful Harcourt Applefest, which pulled one of the biggest crowds to what is still known as the 'apple centre' of Australia.

DELWP was proud to be a part of Applefest and to connect with the community to hear what people think about the project and what it means to them. Project Manager, Russell Manning, was in his element, engaging with more than 200 people on the day, listening to their comments and answering questions about this exciting new project for the region. Since then Russell has been out and about holding face-to-face meetings with landholders and residents adjoining the project site.

Over the last few months it has been important for us to make connections with everyone who is interested in the project and to hear from them, share information and keep them up to date with the next steps. We should know the outcome of the tender process for the design and construction of the trails very soon and be ready to announce the successful contractor in April. The tender process has been rigorous and there will further opportunity for community consultation once the contractor is appointed and the design phase commences.



Russell Manning guiding visitors through the plans while apple royalty looks on

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# Harcourt Mountain Bike Park

## Movement on the mountain

While the tender process and contractor appointment gets sorted, DELWP has been coordinating essential works to improve the site's amenity, safety and environmental value.

Soon after Easter, work will commence on upgrading a fire access track. Our partners, the Dja Dja Wurrung Corporation is rolling out a much needed blackberry control program and they are also developing a strategy so weeds can be effectively controlled.

Behind the scenes, the Community Reference Group is working with the Dja Dja Wurrung Corporation on the design of signs for the park and possible names for the trails as well as the name of the park. If you've got any ideas, by all means let us know.

In response to questions raised at community engagement sessions, we're also working with VicRoads, and Mount Alexander Shire on options for the best access to the mountain bike park from the Harcourt Township. We'll keep you posted on this as part of future community information sessions.

## Time is ticking ...

While we are on track to deliver a world-class destination for Harcourt, it's important to keep in mind that project timelines are always dependent on the progress of various approvals. We will keep you up to date with any changes so that everyone has the latest information.

March	April	May	June	July 2017	August – November
Trail tenderer evaluation.	Contractor appointed.  Preliminary design out for public comment and community consultation.	Community feedback included in final trail design.  Trail design completed and submitted for Federal and State environmental planning approvals.	Federal and State environmental planning approvals underway.	Trail design approved.  Construction begins, weather permitting.	Construction to be undertaken and completed.

## We want to hear from you

It's important to us that we are talking to you and giving you the opportunity to become involved in future consultation and engagement opportunities.

Register your interest at [harcourtmbp@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:harcourtmbp@delwp.vic.gov.au) or call us on 136 186.

There's also our website: [delwp.vic.gov.au/harcourt-mbp](http://delwp.vic.gov.au/harcourt-mbp)

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# Camp Out on the Mount April 1 & 2



***Trent Nelson begins the Welcome to Country Ceremony at Leanganook.***

***Nicki and mother Krista are delighted to be able to handle the blotchy lizard at the Wildlife display.***

2017's Camp Out began as the haunting sound of the clap sticks rang out. The crowd that had been chatting and milling about fell silent. Local Dja Dja Wurrung and Yorta Yorta man, Trent Nelson, wrapped in a possum skin cloak welcomed those present on behalf of his ancestors. He explained that Leanganook means "his teeth" and that the entire top of Leanganook (Mount Alexander) was once a male initiation site, used by all the Dja Dja Wurrung tribes in Victoria. Everyone present took a leaf and stood in the smoke of the fire made with Black Wattle and Cherry Ballart. He assured everyone that now the ancestors knew that the visitors were welcome on country.

Councillor Bronwen Machin then responded to Trent's welcome and declared the 2017 Camp Out open, by cutting a ceremonial "ribbon" printed with pine trees. Asha Bannon, Mount Alexander Region Landcare Facilitator thanked sponsors, Connecting Country funded by the Australian Government, and Friends of the Box Ironbark Forests. She also thanked partners the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, and Nalderun, Parks Vic-

toria, the Harcourt Lions and the Harcourt Valley Landcare Group.

Part of the Camp Out is devoted to killing wild pines which have spread from the pine plantation which once stood at the foot of the mount. A dedicated group of adults headed off to a site to kill pines while the children's activities began. The children were divided into three groups. The activities included a native animal display by Dingo Conservation Australia and Jirrahlinga Koala & Wildlife Sanctuary, indigenous games with Auntie Julie McHale and a workshop on the importance of soils with Brendan Smith of Parks Victoria. The children's excitement and interest was plain to see as they actively participated in each activity.

Other features of the weekend included historical story telling by George Milford, an indigenous culture talk by elder, Auntie Julie McHale, an evening barbecue cooked by Harcourt Lions, a night walk on Saturday evening with Brendan Smith and a bird and nature observation walk with Tanya Loos of Connecting Country on the Sunday morning.



# Camp Out on the Mount April 1 & 2



*The Pine Assassins are raring to go!*



*Tanya Loos and Banjo examine a black wattle sapling. During the bird and nature walk members of the group found beetles, galls, caterpillars and spotted a number of birds.*



## Harcourt Valley Landcare

It's good to re-vegetate a site, but it's very important to do follow up watering. After a summer which has finished with a dry period, Harcourt Valley Landcare watered last year's plantings along Barkers Creek on the Old Calder Highway side, on Sunday March 26.

Richie put the whipper-snipper to good use as many of the

plants were overgrown as a result of last winter's rains. One satisfying discovery was a huge dead willow which was poisoned last year – so that's another clearing up job to do!

Jarrood Coote and Terry Willis organised a cube of water with a long hose and the group spent a happy couple of hours watering and weeding followed by a delicious morning tea.

*Landcare is fun for young children, there is always something they can do to help. Sunny Willis took charge of filling the buckets.*



*From left to right: Trevor McKay, Richie Powney and Bonnie Humphreys begin to tackle the removal of a poisoned willow beside Barkers Creek.*



# CFA- Fire Restrictions Still in Force



## APPLEFEST DISPLAY

We had a very successful display at this year's Applefest that was well supported by the public.

We were fortunate to be able to have the new Heavy Tanker on display beside the two existing tankers. Along with the Community Education information table, the very popular mini fire truck, Captain Koala and the well supported wood raffle, Brigade members we keep very busy. We even had King Jonathon and Granny Smith pop in for an inspection. Congratulations to our wood raffle winner, Neil from Reservoir Road in Harcourt.

## FIRE SEASON UPDATE

Summer weather conditions have continued into March with warm/hot days with varying wind conditions. We have been fortunate to have a very quiet month for turnouts and hopefully this will continue as we move into April. At the time of writing, the Harcourt Valley has received some autumn rain indicating a changing of weather conditions as the daylight hours get shorter. There is no indication at the moment of a date for the lifting of fire restrictions - but once they are lifted, don't forget to register any burning off and ensure that you are properly prepared. This is the time of year when we get call outs to fires that have escaped. Keep an eye out in the media for notification of the lifting of fire restrictions.

## SMOKE ALARMS

The end of daylight saving is the time to change smoke alarm batteries as well as giving them a clean with a vacuum cleaner or brush to remove any build-up of dust. Part of CFA statistical data involving building fires shows the analysis of those that had working smoke alarms and those that didn't. These figures highlight the importance of having working smoke alarms which ensure that occupants are notified of any fire in the early stages; they enable a safe exit especially during the night hours.

**Tyrone Rice**  
Captain



*What is it about fire trucks? Grown ups and little ones are attracted to them, that's for sure.*

*Granny Smith and King Jonathon were impressed with the new truck, while the smaller devotees crammed into one more their size.*



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## Harcourt Walking Group

*Add a Thursday walk to your week*

Castlemaine District Community Health's walking group here in Harcourt is now walking twice weekly; on Monday and Thursday mornings. Meet at the Harcourt ANA Hall and Museum at 9.30am to walk at a pace that is suitable for all ages and abilities. What a wonderful opportunity to enjoy these autumn days!

Walking group participants also enjoy the opportunity to socialise and meet others in their neighbourhood. Many are at a time of their lives where fewer commitments to children provide fewer opportunities to meet others. Walks end with a cuppa at the ANA Hall and Museum.

The Harcourt Walking Group welcomes all to join them. There is no need to book your attendance, just turn up on a Monday or Thursday at 9.30am.

Phone Castlemaine District Community Health on 5479 1000 for more information.



*Marilyn Nuske* BA,LLB

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## Carpet Bowls - Come and Try

If you are looking for a social night out in a safe warm environment during winter, then **Carpet Bowls** may just be the activity you will enjoy. **Carpet Bowls** suits individuals or family groups.

*Are you:*

- Looking for an activity where you can play in a team and meet new people?
- Looking for a family activity that won't cost you the earth?
- Looking for a family activity where there is a great social get together for both children and adults?
- Looking for a family activity where all children from 8 years old up can join in and play the game?

Competition will recommence in early May – the date will be notified in notices in The Core and on the notice boards at the Harcourt Store, Heritage Centre, and Bowling Club.

So it's time to start thinking about getting a team together. If you have not played before, find out what **Carpet Bowls** is all about. Join a team on games night or have a go at our **Come and Try** night next month.

**Carpet Bowls** is inexpensive. We play on a Wednesday night, starting at 7.30pm and finishing at 9.00pm, in a heated hall. There is no need to buy expensive equipment as everything is provided to play **Carpet Bowls**.

For the competitive person we have a Singles game night and the winners, Lady, Gent and Junior, are able to attend the State Championships held in September along with team members to represent Harcourt.

Currently Tyrone Rice is the Runner-up Singles State Champion!!

If you are interested in learning more about the game of **Carpet Bowls** or you are already a player who would like to play again this year, but are unable to attend the AGM please contact - Secretary Loretta 54742453 or Tyrone 54742126 and advise your intention to play so we can gauge numbers interested.

***So come along, join in the fun and enjoy a night out playing Carpet Bowls, it may just be the game for you!!***

**Loretta Rice**

# Loving the Country - a Welcome for Refugees



"I really loved seeing the country we came through on the bus", a young mother told one of the organisers as we walked over to the picnic. She had arrived in Castlemaine with a group of people who are currently seeking asylum in Australia, having fled from dangerous conditions – war, persecution, oppression – in their home countries.

The picnic was held in the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens, and funded by a Council Community Grant. It is the third Community Picnic Welcoming Refugees to take place in the beautifully maintained Gardens.

"We coordinated with members of Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR), and with Chewton CWA" said Solway, Elder for the Harcourt Church. "It was an exciting and successful collaboration, which we hope will continue for future events welcoming refugees."

In keeping with the sense of welcome, Jaara elder Uncle Rick Nelson reminded us that traditionally visitors would wait to be invited to come onto Country. He conducted a tanderrum ceremony to welcome us, inviting people to scoop up smoke to cleanse themselves, including the soles of their feet. It was a heart-warming start to our time together.

We were honoured that Uncle Rick and Uncle Glenn Braybrook made time in their busy Festival schedule to attend the picnic. Uncle Glenn commented "It was great to see the Muslim women and the Sudanese couple go through the smoke".

Darren Fuzzard, CEO of Mount Alexander Shire, spoke, welcoming all our guests. The Shire is a Refugee Welcome Zone, as are over 150 other Shire Councils.

Representing Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Servic-

es, Linto Thomas spoke of his work with refugees and people seeking asylum who live in the area and around Bendigo. It was great that some of them chose to attend the picnic.

Many local people, including a good few migrants from other countries, managed to share their time between the picnic and Festival events as well. This added to the multicultural experience!

Music was a great feature this year. Two local singer-songwriters performed for us and some of our young visitors also took the mic. We were enraptured by the soulful voice of Kavisha Mazzella, herself a daughter of refugees, singing some beautiful old songs and several she wrote herself. We were delighted by Rohan Souter's witty songs, and his entertaining patter.

Two more highlights were the petting zoo and the tug-of-peace. Farm animals from Animals2U were there from early afternoon. They were a great hit with the city children, who don't often have the opportunity to sit quietly with a rabbit, guineapig or cat on their lap. There were chickens, geese, goats and a llama too!

A very long rope was provided for the tug-of-peace. Grownups and children pulled enthusiastically, with the southern end dominating in the first trial, and the northern in the second. Why try a third time, when each side had already had a win! It wasn't a tug of war.

Of course the children found plenty to occupy themselves, using equipment borrowed from the Toy Library or making up their own activities. They enjoyed twisting balloons and chasing bubbles. Businesses in the region had generously contributed prizes for a raffle, and the children somewhat solemnly drew out the winning tickets. The proceeds will fund the work of RAR supporting people who need asylum here and in Melbourne.

For lunch there was a wonderful array of food shared by the picnickers, donated by local folk and businesses or prepared by generous cooks from the church and CWA. It was shared by everyone except the European wasps, which were not invited in to the Tea Rooms!

We were blessed with near-perfect weather and shade for when the afternoon heated up. An enjoyable and memorable time was had by all.

As she left, the young woman commented "I loved every moment. I want my husband to bring us to the country again soon. The children have had a really happy time."

"When she and her family do come" says Solway, "I will be there to greet them and show them more of our remarkable town and its vibrant community."

*Solway Nutting*



# 2017 Applefest Moments



*Darren Fuzzard, CEO of Mount Alexander Shire declares the 2017 Applefest open. Watching on are Lisa Chesters Federal MP for Bendigo and George Milford one of the key members of the Applefest Committee.*

*Photos supplied by Suzanne Dwyer.*

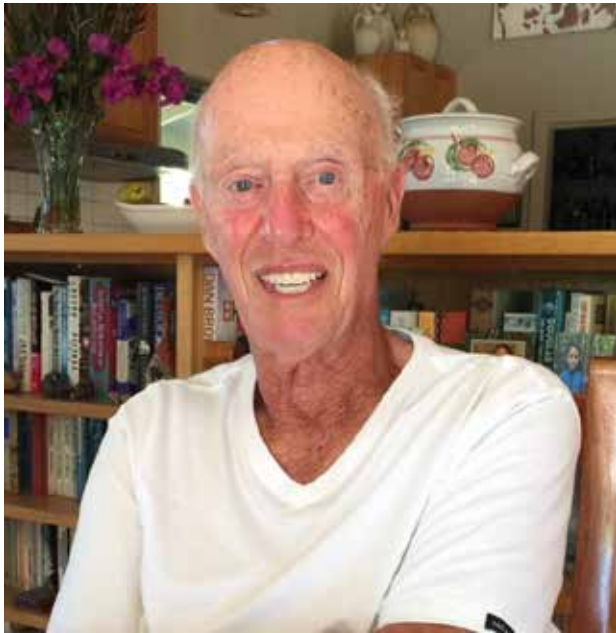
*An amazing array of apples was displayed in the Apple Grower's tent.*



*The Ferret Races were as popular as ever. Here the contestants ready their ferrets for the race.*



## Harcourtian - Charles Scott



The community of Harcourt and its outer regions boasts many talented and skilled people. There are those that grow produce to feed our nation, and those that teach, keep us safe, guard our history, attend to our spiritual needs, provide the utilities that help the area function and keep it attractive. And then there are artists in many guises who awaken our senses.

One such artist, known to readers of *The Core*, as The Bard of Harcourt North, communicates his stories through verse, including a play on words called the limerick. A softly spoken, gentle man Charles Scott has a twinkle in his eye when talks about his recently published *Gnomes of Harcourt North*. The book, illustrated by Sue Rogers, is an entertaining and timeless tale of the joys, challenges and ultimate sadness of a group of gnomes trying to peacefully co-exist with the residents of Harcourt North.

'I learned to love verse and the limericks when I was home during my school holidays. We didn't have TV so we entertained each other. Some evenings we would play music. My mother would sing, while my dad played the piano. My sister Jennifer played the flute, my other sister Sally played the cello and I played the clarinet. Other nights we would play limericks. The idea was that we would each write a line of verse on a piece of paper and pass it to the next person to add a line and so on. There were five of us which was ideal for the five line limerick. For the verse game we would start with two ideas, for example *What's Up?* and *Beethoven's sonata*. From that came the verse:

What's up? I cried to Richard Spratt  
In April 53,  
This B sonata's played in F,  
I wanted it in G.



*Charles in rugby uniform at Prep School.*

'Limericks or verses come to me naturally now when I'm slashing the paddocks or cleaning the floors.

'I was born in London in 1936; the middle child to Hillary Scott and Margery nee Garrad. My sister Jennifer was two years older and Sally was two years younger than

me. Sally became a well-known and respected painter and architectural glass engraver. Her work is featured in many cathedrals in England. Apparently she has immortalised me in one of her glass works.

'During the war we were sent to stay with my maternal grandparents in Yorkshire. It was considered a lot safer than having us in London. My grandfather was a Canon in the Anglican Church and we lived in this old rambling rectory in Low Betham. I remember my grandmother as kind but very strict.

'At the age of six I was sent to board at a prep school called Stone House. The school had been relocated from Broadstairs to Yorkshire for the duration of the war. Mum would often come to visit me on weekend but I was lonely in my early years at prep school.



*Charles, mum Marg and Sally at Betham.*

'After prep school, at the age of 14, I was sent to Sedbergh. It was a school attended by my father and his brother and had been established in 1528 during the reign of King Henry VIII. It was over 300 miles from our home in Croydon so I didn't see my family very much during the school term. They did visit occasionally. On one visit my house master met my sister Jennifer. They fell in love and married. He eventually became the Headmaster of the school. I became a school prefect. In the tradition of the day, as prefect, I dined at the high table. I referred to my brother-in-law as Headmaster and he and my sister referred to me as Scott!



## Harcourtian - Charles Scott (cont)



*Jennifer and Sally with Charles in his silver pedal car, 1940.*

'I left school at 18 and did my two years of National Service in the Royal Navy. My father enlisted in the Navy during the war. I became a gunner on HMS Birmingham and was posted to Malta for a year.

'Back in London at 20 in 1956, I was at a bit of a loose end. Dad was in Law and I think would have loved me to follow in his footsteps. He eventually became President of the Law Society of the UK. He was knighted for his contribution to the Law Society, became Sir Hillary Scott and mum Lady Scott. When I came to Australia I would send her the infamous Lady Scott toilet tissue which she thought was very funny.

'I got a job as an insurance broker, a career I eventually had all my working life. I met a lovely Australian girl called Janet who was at Art College with my sister. We married in 1960 and had three beautiful children – Zoe in 1961, Jason in 1962 and Ben in 1964.

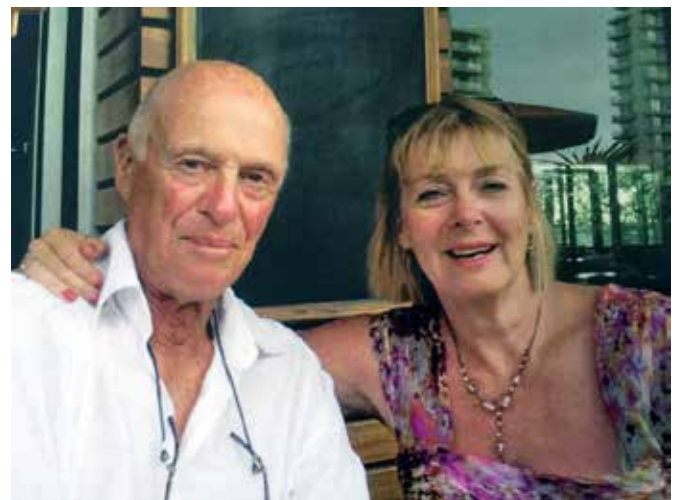
'By 1964 our house in Greenwich had become cramped and I had had enough of the English climate and the long train commutes to work. (My attempts to paddle to work against the tide on the Thames, in my home made canoe, lengthened rather than shortened my journey.) I saw a picture of sunny Bondi and decided to come to Australia. Janet had an aunt living in Mitcham who was happy to put us up until we found our feet. So we became some of the first £10 Poms to fly to Australia.

'Work wise I was lucky. The firm I worked for in London had a client in Melbourne who wanted to establish an insurance division in his company. I was employed to do

that. I worked there for 10 years before moving on to 3 other firms before I eventually retired in 1990.

'Janet and I separated in 1970 and eventually divorced. After the divorce, I started a friendship with Diana Cork. In 1975, we decided to travel and went to England. I took time off work and we spent one year in Europe. We also visited my Uncle in the south of France. He had bought a chateau after the war when they were going cheaply. Actually my daughter Zoe married one of his sons, Alexander. Zoe now lives very happily in France, but is no longer married to Alexander.

'On our return to Australia, Diana and I married. *(photo of Charles and Diana below)* We lived in Bentleigh but after seeing and experiencing a friend's rural property in the Adelaide Hills I began to yearn for a life away from the city. We started reading the country property section of the paper and saw an ad for 40 acres in the Harcourt hills. We liked the place, bought the land and built our house during the first six months of 1993. We called the place Yarragar. I was listening to Macca one Sunday morning on the ABC and he happened to say that yarragar meant distant views. I thought that suited the place. On further research however, it turns out the meaning might refer to a person who was far sighted! *(continues to page 18)*



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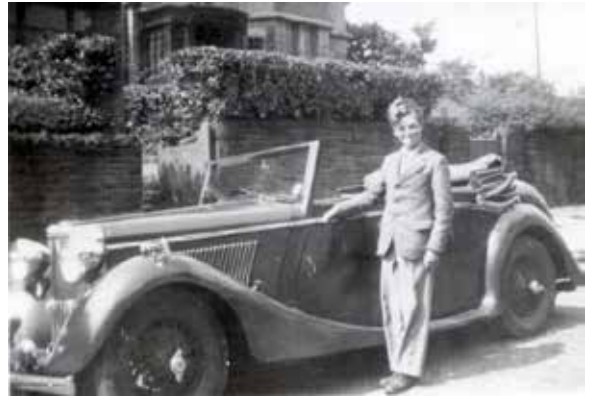
## Harcourtian - Charles Scott (cont from page 17)

'Diana and I have never looked back. We love the place. We both got involved with the community when we arrived.

Diana does more of that now, volunteering at the Harcourt Heritage Centre. These days I tend to keep myself fit playing tennis three times a week. It is much gentler on my body than the soccer, rugby union and cricket I used to play in my youth.

'I also indulge in my other passion which is classic cars. I always say that my first car was a pedal car that I was given when I lived in Betham. However my first real classic car was a 1936 Jaguar SS90. It needed a reasonable amount of work. Over the years I have had a number of cars including brands such as Austin, MG, Triumph, Renault, Holden and Chrysler. Currently I have and drive a 1968 E Type Jaguar and a 2005 Mazda MX5.'

*Jenny McKenry, Dandura Alpacas*



*Charles with his favourite brand of car, the Jaguar.*

### The Gnomes of North Harcourt



Words: Charles Scott  
Drawings: Sue Rogers

Gnomes on the granite,  
Now Gnomes in a tree;  
They're silently watching  
And looking at me

And looking at you;  
They're looking at us.  
There's no need to worry  
There's no need to fuss.

They're silently looking at  
Our letter boxes,  
And scaring off vermin  
Like rabbits and foxes.

How do they get there?  
How will we know?  
(I'm told that at night time  
Their beady eyes glow)

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## Councillor Comment

Hi all, Thank you to all the people who signed the petition for an improved pedestrian crossing at the general store. Council has approved this so it will be good to see it put into effect. Also thanks to Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns for meeting with the CEO and myself to discuss the plans for the playground at Stanley Park and also the pedestrian crossing.

There is more good news for local sport in the Council budget!! Watch this space - the Council Plan and the budget will be out for public comment in coming weeks.

I congratulate those doing something about junior football at a local level. Please let me know if I can assist with that. It is a while ago, but I have many good memories of being involved with junior sport at Harcourt. In my era Max Allen was our cricket coach and Graeme Hill was the junior football coach. We had some successes along the way and a lot of fun. Max, Graeme and the parents involved were the real champions.

Watching the latest cyclone do its damage in Queensland makes me appreciate how good we have it here. Who would want to live anywhere else?

On the positive side, look out for the Council Plan and budget when they are out for comment. The more input we get from the community the better.

**Best regards to all, Tony**

AG Cordy 0439 742 434



## Harcourt Valley Primary WALA - The Spirit of Ghana

On Thursday March 30, WALA - The Spirit of Ghana visited Harcourt Valley Primary School. WALA is a dynamic fusion of drumming, dance percussion and vocal harmonies. Three passionate exuberant and talented performers presented the children and staff an exciting display of Ghanaian culture.

*Staff get into the act with the performers of WALA*



## Footy Players Under 11½ years Wanted



- The Harcourt Football Netball Club will be fielding an under 11½ side for 2017 in the Castlemaine/Maryborough League. Games will be played on a Saturday morning. (Times to be confirmed)
- Training will be held at the Harcourt Football Ground on a Tuesday night. (Times to be confirmed)
- We are looking for any 9, 10 or 11 year old boys or girls who are interested in playing.
- Registration is free for 2017! The club and junior sponsor will be meeting associated costs.
- Contact Harcourt Junior Football Manager - Phil Hawkes Tel: 0437 354 230

## Harcourt Lions Club

The Harcourt Lions Club has had a very busy month.

The Harcourt Lions Club and the Castlemaine Rotary Club jointly acquired the two Mount Alexander Shire Council 9m X 6m Marquees. We completed the first set ups of the Marquees at Applefest and the Castlemaine State Festival. The Marquees are available for hire through the Castlemaine Rotary Club and the cost includes setting them up and taking them down. They can be hired individually or together. We will be sending out an advice to all the regular users to make their booking via the Rotary Club website in due course. For now anyone interested in hiring them for an event can contact Gary McClure from the Rotary Club at: <http://rotarycastlemaine.org.au/office-bearer/5747/immediate-past-president>



The Harcourt Lions Club assisted the Harcourt Valley Vineyard to provide bar services throughout the 10 days of the Castlemaine State Festival. During this time the Club had up to 5 members rostered on at 4 separate locations to service the Festival patrons. This culminated in the Sunday Festival Finale at the Botanical gardens.

This weekend the Harcourt Lions Club will be supporting Connecting Country and Harcourt Valley Landcare Group by providing a BBQ dinner to all the volunteers and attendees at the Camp Out on the Mount on Saturday April 1.

Next week the Club will be assisting the Castlemaine Lions Club by setting up one of the Marquees for the Castlemaine Swap Meet.

**Grant Victor-Gordon**

# Harcourt Bowling Club - Pennant Challenge



A great effort by all of the Harcourt Bowling Club pennant teams this year saw four of the five teams in the finals and one each of the Midweek and Weekend Pennant teams playing off in the Grand Final. Although we weren't successful in our bid for a flag, the Club was well represented by the efforts of all of the pennant teams.

Our thanks go to the Selection Committees for the unenviable tasks they carried out all year in ensuring that sides were filled.

Special thanks go to the team of volunteers led by Green Keeper Ron Douglas, who prepared and maintained our green so that we had a quality surface to play on.

## PENNANT RESULTS

### Midweek Pennant Grand Final Results

Division 4 - Campbell's Creek 14/70 Defeated Harcourt 2/59; Joan Bath 17/30; Moira Straw 15/22; Heather Braid 27/18 *(photo below)*

### Weekend Pennant Grand Final Results

Division 6 – Dingee 15/112 defeated Harcourt 3/77: Ron Douglas 22/21; Daryl Gale 12/42; Brian Buchanan 20/20; Ken Tribe 23/29. *(photo above)*



## CLUB COMPETITIONS

**Women's Drawn Pairs** Club competition was held on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> with a strong field competing. The outright winners with 3 winning games were Kaye Grant and Frances Collins. Congratulations to them both. *(photo page 17, Frances left Kaye on right)*

### Men's Gough (drawn) Pairs

A strong field of club members vied for the winning place in this annual event on 6<sup>th</sup> March. The outright winners on the night were Leo Moloney and David Jeffries. Congratulations to them both.

### Rice Memorial Triples (Mixed)

The Rice Triples tournament will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Members are encouraged to get their teams together for this annual event held in memory of Ben and Amy Rice, much

loved and respected Harcourtians and former members of the Club.

## SPONSOR'S CHALLENGE- Final Round

The winners of the third and final round of the Sponsor's Challenge were Chaplin Orchards/Signs with 42 points ahead of runners up Barkers Creek Auto making a fine effort with 27.

The over- all winners of the Sponsors Challenge with a late run was Chaplin's Orchards/Signs on 102 points and runner up was Top Meats on 96. On accepting their prize, the Chaplin's donated it back to the club in the memory of Rob Chaplin. The club will decide on an appropriate use for the prize.

President John Starbuck once again thanked the



## Bowling Club (cont)



**Winners of the Women's Drawn Pairs:**  
*Frances Collins (left) and Kaye Grant (right)*

Sponsors for their support of the Club and for their participation in this annual event.

### BBQ Barefoot/Social Bowls

The last of these nights for this season was held on Tuesday 28th March. It is always great to see some locals and new faces around the club joining in these fun nights. We will resume the barbeques again when daylight savings starts again in October.

### Club Presentation Night Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

The club Presentation Night and dinner will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April following the Rice Triples Club tournament. All the news from these two events will be in the May edition of the Core.

### Harcourt Bowling Club Annual General Meeting

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 11.00am followed by BBQ and social bowls

*Happy Easter to all our supporters!*



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## Castlemaine Health Community Consultation in Harcourt

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# Prevent Fruit Fly

If you've finished picking your fruit for the year, now's the time to put away your nets if you used them on your fruit trees over summer, because they degrade much faster if they're left out in the weather. They seem to slip off more easily if you remove them while your tree still has leaves, so don't wait too long. Of course if your apple or pear tree still has fruit, leave the nets in place for now, because the cockies are out in force this year!

If you've used drape netting (as opposed to having put up some sort of frame to hold the net off the tree) a handy tip is to use a broomstick – or a very tall friend – to help you push the nets off the tree, being careful not to damage the ends of the growing tips if possible. Disentangle any twigs or rotten fruit before you pack them away, and if you can store them so they're rat-proof, you'll thank yourself next summer when you go to put them out again!

On another note, if you're noticing some of your fruit trees flowering (despite the fact that it's not spring and we'll soon be descending into winter) don't panic. It's not uncommon for fruit trees to have a last ditch attempt to produce some fruit, and though it might be an indication of a sick or stressed tree, it can also happen in perfectly healthy trees - it's just the genetic drive to reproduce. The flowers will most likely just drop off as the weather cools down.

One last thing - we all need to stay alert to the risk of fruit fly, and our orchardists are asking that everyone do their bit to prevent it by cleaning up all the fruit from your garden. Fruit fly (and lots of other pests and diseases) use waste fruit as their refuge to survive over winter, so by cleaning up your fruit (yes, ALL of it), you're helping to break the pest's life cycle. Go to <http://preventfruitfly.com.au/> for lots of useful tips and strategies.

***Hugh and Katie Finlay run free online workshops about organic fruit growing called The 10 Key Steps to Growing Great Fruit, go to <https://growgreatfruitprogram.com/webinar-landing/> to register, or [www.mafg.com.au](http://www.mafg.com.au) to find out more.***

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## Pips 'n' all

Hello Garden lovers,

The other day, I heard the weatherman announce that the hot weather is almost over and we can look forward to autumnal weather in the coming weeks. This means it is time to tidy up the remains of our summer gardens and start preparing for autumn and winter. It is time to trim back summer perennials, removing spent flowers and flowering stems. Deadheading and feeding roses may also result in a last burst of colour before the winter dormancy.

Autumn is a great time to rejuvenate or modify your garden. We went to visit Mica Grange on the weekend and this beautiful and cheerful garden is a great reminder that a garden is not just about plants. There are many other elements that can add colour, style and character to a garden. A little creativity with metal art, timber, stonework, sculptures, paint and water can enhance your garden and give different areas individual characters and purposes. Hard and soft elements can also assist with tackling difficult areas where you have trouble growing plants. For example; building a stone or timber wall can change the feel, height and shape of an area but it can also provide an opportunity to introduce additional topsoil. Introducing large or colourful pots can have the same multiple benefits. Other artistic structures such as climbing frames and pergolas can add height, as well as adding shade, style and colour. Who knows, maybe even a fence to keep a dog off the garden could also be an art piece to add value.

Autumn is also a good time to weed and feed lawns. For summer grasses such as Couch and Kikuyu this will capitalise on the last of summer with a burst of growth and extension. For winter grasses such as Rye, this will give them a head start as they start to grow.

This month we are:

- Deadheading the roses and feeding them with Sulphate of Potash;
- Pruning back summer Raspberries; and
- Making plans for our back corner garden.
- Considering sculptures.

**Happy Gardening**

**Janyce**



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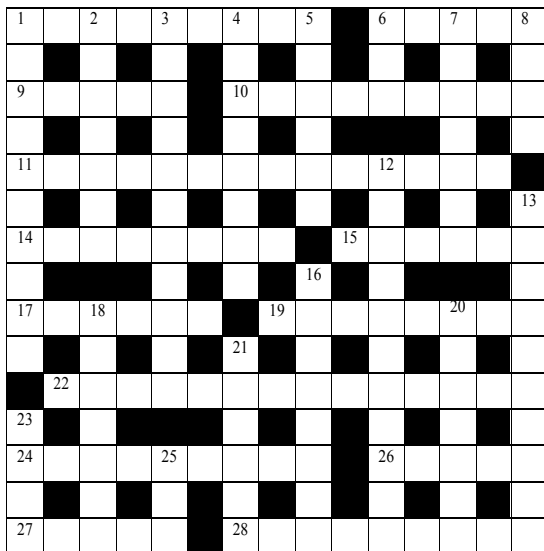
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**Down:**

1. Lighten up with an ego whistle! (4,6)
2. Come, it'd hardly be formal speech now, would it? (7)
3. What dummies enrol in? (5,6)
4. At the club, there are often few if hot. We hit off, and the colour of the ball sums it up twice. (3-5)
5. Spell Madam to make waves? (6)
6. Ultimate degree? (3)
7. Just the merest sound of the first course boiling... (7)
8. A big box entraps these animals. (4)
12. Enrolee, whose movements are enough to panic tip-rat, or even to trip captain... (11)
13. How the rumble pays is taken for granted. (10)
16. Rub white coffee out and supply argument-stopper. (8)
18. (see 25) (7)
20. Mythic beast in daggy Monash revue. (7)
21. Starboard space... (1,1,4)
23. Possess pointless close one? Phew! (4)
- 25, 18. VI SUCKS HERE? (3,7)

**Across:**

1. Those loud curs I mix with are quite ridiculous. (9)
6. Partly pear-shaped conscript? (5)
9. Butler gets Aust. honour in the Pacific. (5)
10. No room in winning hand. (4,5)
11. Train telescopes on area between Jupiter and Saturn, and await developments. (5,4,5)
14. Short measure, nothing consumed—half-formed or formless. (8)
15. Currency on discombobulated G-G. (6)
17. Shirl drops half a double to risk it. (6)
19. Ensure it has more than one following. (8)
22. "I'm such a vile man!" all the chicks lament—they pin this on me! (4,10)
24. A profit debatable once more? (5,4)
26. Robert with a degree makes this old banger hold together differently. (1-4)
27. Stop someone being in debt by removing the last three. (5)
28. Bellicosity pushed green-blue limit anyhow. (9)

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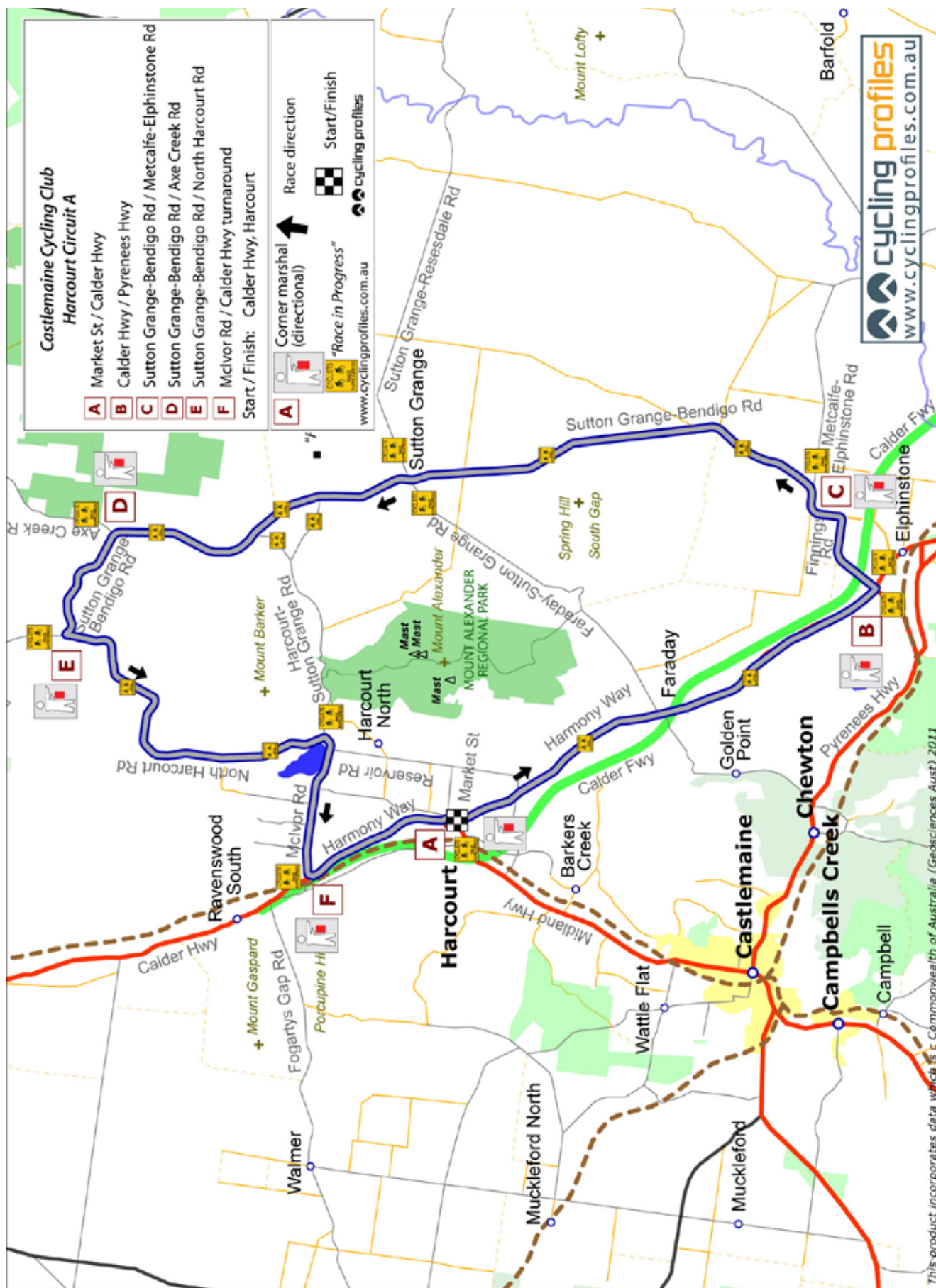
1. Give me a back-rub, Mother Ma...!, and I'll give you a country. (5)
2. One of the flowers of English poetry—for the vain rove no more. (5,4)
3. How to lay out a family? [Well?]
4. Go over cheap tyre again. [Well?]
5. My "Man Riot" is my main rot in this state... (9)
6. Cruise feline? [Well?]
7. Casting aside his dread, he risked it... (5)
8. Nun ardour, if put under pressure, might cause sister to give this to Mother Superior. (3-6)
13. It is cruel, Di, the way he gets a lucid rise out of you... (9)
14. Why? To beer here—why not? (3,6)
16. A cute oval decoration graces this tough vessel; this gives a clue to Ava, the chemist using it. (9)
17. New Eng. I student required by Elizabeth Taylor after a short stint of 5... [Well? 5dn]
20. Idle [Eric] swallowing bulk of Bible [O.T.] to glibly describe Solomon's song? (6)
22. Novel breaker in le film is rather hazy. (5) Nouvelle Vague...
23. [Spraint] otter droppings for small fry.
25. Tarnish 19, 21, 12 x 2 and 25. [Well? A'B²...]

**Across:**

1. He plies his trade in what is (now) rural UK, but was much greater then [i.e. GB]. (7)
5. It certainly wouldn't be Hemingway who says "You're a toad, Mj!" to this performer. (7)
9. Never more a black bird... [Well? Poe...]
10. A lynx [cat], a human [man], and the right to be hulled twice in the bay. (9)
11. They ought to give rise to an important network (in Oz, they say). [Let stalk Strine...]
12. Royal couple to play around? [Well?]
13. Spin a Beatles' song. [Well?]
15. Bombs here turned into a huge escalation of WWII. (4)
18. Gave a lift on a bike in a dark cold condition? [Well? "Dinked" is so...naff!]
19. Best way to transport swimming pools across the Nullarbor Plain? [Well?]
21. Poor Joe uncovers a trick if the budget hole is not this? (9)
24. Bags of sherry? [Well?]
26. A very long way, but welcome after a heavy 365 [days...] (5,4)
27. Bad creek for locals in NSW. [Well?]
28. Draw unsubstantial alternative to Brand X. (7)
29. Hides solarium? [Well?]



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Cafe. Return by 5pm

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# Community Diary Dates

**April 14:** 9.00 am Good Friday service, Harcourt Uniting Church with Rev Jim Foley

**April 19:** HPA General Meeting.

**April 16:** 8.00 am Easter dawn Service at Stanley Park with Rev Michele Lees, followed by BYO breakfast.

**April 16:** 10am - 1pm. Easter Egg Hunt, Fundraiser for the Harcourt Community Playground. Oak Forest. See page 3 for details.

**April 19:** 7pm Dinner; 7.30pm HPA Meeting, Goldfields Track. See page 2 for details

**April 23:** 1.30 pm Heritage Centre outing; "Some Harcourt Homes". Meet at Heritage Centre. Afternoon tea to follow.

**April 25:** 3.30 pm ANZAC Day Commemorative Service at Stanley Park. Preceded by afternoon tea at Heritage Centre at 2.30 pm

**April 30:** Combined Parish Service at Harcourt Uniting Church 9am followed by a special morning tea for Frontier Services.

**April 30:** Community Bus Trip to Forrest to see the Mountain Bike Park.

**May 7:** 6-8.30pm, Vocal Nosh at Newstead Community

Centre, Fay 0447 576 642

**May 17: 6pm** Castlemaine Health Round Table - possible new location of Hospital; 7pm Dinner; 7.30pm HPA Meeting. Goldfields Track Cafe.

**May 20 & 21:** Country and Metro Cycling Championships in Harcourt.

**May 21:** 1.30 pm Heritage Festival event, "Giving the people a voice" at ANA Hall.

**June 17:** 9am - 12pm. Little Habitat Heroes Planting Day. At the Silk Worm Farm historic site.

**Bowls Club Dates:** See pages 20 & 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.

a social evening for mature players to have a.

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

## HARCOURT CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC.

Annual General Meeting

19 April 2017, 7.30pm

Harcourt District Leisure Centre,  
Bingham's Road, Harcourt

*Old and New Members Welcome*

## Maldon Cactus Warriors are Back

**April 30th 10am - BBQ Lunch**

The Cactus Warriors will hold their first field day for 2017 on Sunday 30th, starting at 10.30 am with a demo and ending with our usual delicious BBQ lunch, a cuppa and a chat. Equipment and cactus-killing knowhow will be provided.

For this month's venue or for any other information, please visit our website [www.cactuswarriors.org](http://www.cactuswarriors.org), or ring Ian Grenda on 0412 015 807.

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