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*Scenes from  
last year's  
very successful  
Applefest*



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## DEADLINES & PUBLICATION DATES

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

## It's all happening in Harcourt!

This year's Harcourt Applefest takes place on Saturday March 7th with activities occurring throughout Harcourt. You can enjoy the Harcourt Art Show, the Applefest Market, the Street Parade and new in 2015, the Applefest Kids Karnival.

The main festival activities take place in and around Stanley Park which will be festooned with bunting hand-crafted by the Harcourt CWA. Local community groups are vital to the success of Applefest with groups as varied as the Harcourt Valley Primary School, the CWA, Harcourt Football Netball Club, Landcare, Harcourt Lions, CFA, Harcourt Progress Association and the Heritage and Tourism Centre all actively involved. Applefest is a great chance to celebrate Harcourt – its food, its people, its community - whilst also raising invaluable funds to support local clubs and service organisations.

The Festival Market is your go-to place for food, produce, local ciders, handmade crafts and of course, to enjoy apples tantalizingly presented in a myriad of dishes. It's also where you'll find the centre stage entertainment. Enjoy a spot of live music whilst feasting on local produce. It's a mixed line up of entertainment featuring traditional Applefest performers such as the Thompson Foundry Band alongside headline act, talented songstress Tracey Candy. *(continued page 3)*



*See Page 3 for Australia Day  
Celebration*



# Harcourt Applefest **KIDS KARNIVAL**

Saturday 7th March  
from 10am to 3pm

Rides, Entertainment,  
Workshop and Activities  
for Kids 2 to 22!

## Enjoy:

Castlemaine Circus,  
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A new addition, the Harcourt Applefest Kids Carnival, is bound to be a great hit for all families. It's an action-packed zone of entertainment, activities, rides and workshops for young people aged 2 to 22. A highlight is the inclusion of Specky Events, dynamic sports based activities which revolve around giant inflatable structures. Think jumping castles on steroids! Speaking of jumping castles, there will be two of those: a small one for the juniors and a giant slide for all bigger kids. There are also pedal-powered slot cars, a miniature railway, climbing wall, petting zoo and face painting.

In a change from prior years the Harcourt Applefest Art Show will open on Thursday night, rather than on the Friday before the big day. So mark your calendar, to attend the Art Show opening night at the ANA Hall on Thursday March 5th from 7.30 pm.

Bikes will play a key role at the Applefest and kids are encouraged to bring their peddlies along to learn a trick or two about bike maintenance. You can join a workshop to pimp-up your bike, decorate it and join the Applefest Street Parade. The Castlemaine Circus will take a star turn with circus performers conducting workshops, undertaking performances and creating mayhem and magic as they rove throughout the festival. You can purchase an all-day access-all-areas pass to the Kids Carnival and enjoy 5 hours of quality entertainment. Pre-purchase before the event and save at [www.trybooking.com/GSSP](http://www.trybooking.com/GSSP)

In a change from previous years, the Annual Harcourt Art Show will open a day earlier on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Join us at 7.30 pm at the Harcourt ANA Hall to enjoy quality art and meet some local artists. Artists who wish to provide works for the show need to complete the entry form, found on the website (see below), by 20 February.

Applefest is a great community event set in a great community. Join us in celebrating this year's 2015 Applefest in downtown Harcourt on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 9am. For more information visit the website at

[www.harcourtapplefest.org.au](http://www.harcourtapplefest.org.au)

*George Milford and  
Jacqueline Brodie-Hans*



## Australia Day Celebration Harcourt

A fine and cool morning greeted those attending the Australia Day Breakfast in Stanley Park. The Harcourt Lions provided a delicious hot breakfast, cereals and drinks.

Lion, Scott Victor-Gordon as MC opened the proceedings with Acknowledgement of Country and President, Grant Victor-Gordon, Councillor Tony Cordy and George Milford also participated in the program.

George led the crowd in the Australia Day Prayer after thanking the Lions for organising the event, and also spoke of their community involvement since they reformed in 2014.

Councillor Cordy made the presentations to Youth of the Year, Will Oliver and Community Member of the Year, Robyn Miller.



Will featured on the front of The Core in 2014 after returning from Rotterdam as the World BMX Champion in his class. Will also holds a number of Australian titles. Robyn was recognised for her work with Landcare and with The Core.

In closing Grant Victor-Gordon invited anyone interested in becoming a member to the next club meeting at the Harcourt Scout Hall on Friday February 13 at 6pm for a barbecue. Please call 0410 261 338 to confirm attendance. Meat will be provided; please bring a salad or dessert to share.



*Left: George addressing the crowd.  
Above: Enjoying the sunshine.*

## Business Update

### Warrick Harwood Contracting

Warrick Harwood began working in the earth moving and slashing business 30 years ago and has lived in Harcourt for 25 years on Gaasch's Road. Born in Western Victoria, Warrick's early years were spent in Mortlake, Cobden and Geelong. He lived in Melbourne for a while playing guitar in The Goanna Band (flashback 1980s "Solid Rock") before retiring from the music industry to make some money in earth moving up Harcourt way.

Warrick Harwood Contracting is his business which specialises in grass slashing, running trucks for domestic supply of water as well as civil work for earth moving companies. Warrick also drives the water trucks for road stabilisation and he worked on the reconstruction of roads after the floods in the Mount Alexander shire.

His work is somewhat seasonal and his busiest times are Spring when paddocks need slashing, Summer for delivering water when there's not been much rain, then in Autumn working to renovate pastures. He also digs dams and runs ploughing and power harrowing equipment.

Warrick and his partner Kerry both enjoy being a part of the Harcourt community, having met a lot of people in the town over the years. Warrick particularly looks forward to grabbing a coffee at the Harcourt General Store which he calls a "local gather point" and having a friendly catch up with the locals.

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## Council Meeting in Harcourt Tuesday 24th February

The Mount Alexander Shire is committed to providing the public with access to council meetings and the democratic process of decision making. To achieve this they hold a number of their Council meetings in smaller communities throughout the Shire. On Tuesday 24th February, it's Harcourt's turn to host a fortnightly meeting of the Mount Alexander Shire Council at 7.30pm.

Come along to the Harcourt Leisure Centre to see democracy in action! Council meetings provide an allocation for Public Question Time when members of the public can make comments, give feedback, raise concerns and ask questions of our Councillors and Council officers. Check Council's website for the rules and regulations of matters suitable to be raised.



## Reflections on the impact of Mountain Biking on the town of Forrest.

My partner Gen and I took a short holiday in Forrest between Christmas and New Year's Day. As well as being an opportunity to visit the coast and other Otway's attractions, we were very curious to see how mountain biking had effected the town.

Forrest is really small, 170 people in the 2006 census, but amazingly vibrant with some lovely guest houses, cafés, a pub, caravan park and even a small brewery. The town is very attractive and the houses and other infrastructure seem well cared for. Forrest is a town enjoying good times and to that extent it runs counter to the trend of small Victorian towns that have lost their principal economic driver (logging in the case of Forrest).

I'm sure I've driven through Forrest in the past many years ago but I have no recollection. I suspect it was a pretty unremarkable place fairly close to shutting down permanently. Tourism is clearly the new economic engine and whilst the town is pretty with a nice lake and forests nearby, it is obvious that the mountain bike trails underpin Forrest's economic revival. A quick look around town reveals car racks loaded with bikes, plenty of diners at the cafes and brewery, and families off for a cycle or walk around town.

I chatted to a few of the business owners who confirmed the same; the bike park has been a godsend for Forrest. It provides the baseline of visitation which the town has built upon with improved facilities, especially the brewery which is very popular.

As I looked around, I couldn't help but see the obvious parallels with Harcourt. A shrinking (though not lost) principal industry in orcharding and huge tourism potential with the mountain, the reservoir, wineries, cideries and other draw cards just requiring a critical mass of visitation to become viable.

What are some of the other possible opportunities? A bakery? A new pub? Interesting jobs for local youth? A brighter future for our shops and other existing businesses? The new mountain bike park would lift our baseline visitation and make all this possible.

I would encourage anyone who is interested or concerned about the impact of mountain biking to make the trip to Forrest and have a look around and chat to the locals. I was really impressed.

As to the trails themselves, Gen and I did venture forth to try a few of them. We headed off to the Yaugher trails a little out of town and were exhausted by the time we reached the trailhead. Not to be discouraged, we plunged onto the intermediate J2 trail which was only 4 kms long. 4 kms of deadly turns, jumps and endless obstacles. We half rode, half walked the trail and another to get us back to the trailhead. The scenery was lovely and it was a lot of fun but on the way back, we were tossing up who would go to fetch the car and mount a rescue.

*David Heath*



*Get the car, David,  
I'm puffed out!*

### Thank you Judy and Moira!

Our call for volunteers to assist with collating and distributing copies of The Core did not fall on deaf ears.

New members of the team are Judy Foster and Moira McLennan.

Thank you ladies and welcome aboard for coffee, cake and some team work.

*Robyn Miller*

# Economic Development in Harcourt

## The Harcourt Company

The Harcourt Company was incorporated in January, 2014 and is an outcome of the Harcourt Consortium, formed to investigate and promote the possibilities of value adding to horticultural production in the Harcourt Valley.

The Core can report that a bottling line, capable of producing sparkling wine and soft drinks is nearly complete- see picture. The bottling line is located at the Harcourt Coolstore. As reported in December's Core, there is intense interest in the project from all sides of politics.

The aims of the Harcourt Company include increasing investment and building partnerships in the district (as demonstrated by the placing of the bottling line at the Coolstore), taking advantage of the \$40M investment by Coliban Water into a sustainable water supply, supporting local innovation in horticulture and tapping into wine and cider market trends nationally and internationally. There are further infrastructure projects proposed by the company which is investigating and lobbying governments about integrated transport possibilities for Harcourt.



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***Cider is just the beginning!***



*This month we begin a series about artists of all kinds, contributed by Doug Falconer.*

## No. 1: Robert Jacks

We know Harcourt is a place with hidden treasures, but perhaps not many of its residents would necessarily name the arts among them. Yet we have among us a significant – and increasing – number of talented, often successful, occasionally illustrious, practitioners from across the spectrum of the art world.

None of these is more celebrated than Robert Jacks, who passed away only last year after a protracted illness and on the eve of a major retrospective at the National Gallery of Victoria, which is on now and which he helped curate.

Never having directly crossed paths with Robert, I feel I missed an opportunity to meet and maybe even get to know someone who clearly revolutionised the Australian visual art scene. And who lived right here in Harcourt with his wife Julianne and family for more than twenty years.

Robert was just 23 at time of his first solo exhibition in 1966, at the influential Gallery A in Melbourne. Director of Gallery A at the time was none other than James Mollison, future inaugural director of the National Gallery of Australia. Eric Westbrook, first director of the modern era of the National Gallery of Victoria bought several pieces, both for himself and for the NGV. Robert clearly had the attention of the art elite of Melbourne.

The works at Robert's 1966 show were unfashionably but unashamedly abstract and, in response to Mollison's dismay at the number of untitled works, each was named with a phrase from James Joyce's *Ulysses* – this device was to be repeated many times over the years. Comprising 25 paintings, works on paper and related sculptures, the show was a knockout, a sellout, and widely regarded as the most modern and exciting in Melbourne in years. Patrick McCaughey, himself later yet another NGV director, even declared it "the arrival of the Sixties in Australia".

Only two years later Robert's second solo show, equally successful, featured more enigmatic, minimal works featuring arcs and other geometric lines and shapes giving a taste of things to come. Not long after this second solo show, at the ripe old age of 25, Robert left Australian shores for Canada and the USA, especially New York City, where he resided for a decade and became a prolific producer of compelling and original work. The work was often based on strict grids and geometry, fused with a dash of mathematics (as a bit of a geek I especially appreciated

several series based on mathematical progressions and subtle linear variations of shape and texture). He also experimented further with sculpture and other three-dimensional pieces using textiles, often exploring the same geometric themes as his paintings, and printed work exploring mass production.

Before returning to Australia in 1978, Robert undertook a residency in Texas, where his geometric work from New York took on a new dimension of angles – apparently anything *other* than grids. This approach formed the basis of new work back in Australia, after the family acquired and occupied the Harcourt property. This work exploded with dynamism and colour, marking a whole new phase of his career.

Robert continued to make important and influential work in Harcourt right up until his illness prevented him. He died in August 2014, surrounded by his wife Julianne and family.

The retrospective exhibition at the Ian Potter Centre at NGV Fed Square, entitled *Order & Variation*, is huge and comprehensive. When you see it, and you should, allow plenty of time. And hurry - it finishes on February 15.

A few personal highlights:

Timbrel and Harp Soothe (1965) (below) – the piece Eric Westbrook bought for the NGV in 1966 – is beautifully composed and at the same time quiet and sober, playful and light-hearted. In common with the other early works in the exhibition, it demonstrates extraordinary maturity and confidence for a 22 year old.



Red Painting (1968) – huge and a little forbidding at first but gradually warming and gaining depth.

The rubber stamp books, so effortlessly and deceptively simple.

The Metropolis series – painted in the early 80s back in Australia, inspired by the Fritz Lang silent movie made way back in 1927.

Fascinating blend of line, angle, monochrome and minimal colour.

*Doug Falconer*



# Harcourt Mountain Bike Park set to take off in 2015

The Harcourt Mountain Bike Park is set to continue on its path to development in 2015. Following a successful planning process in 2014, that resulted in a design for the 34km of looped track park, and a feasibility study. With the commitment from the recently elected Labor Government of \$1,000,000 towards the project it is hoped that 2015 will see significant progress.



*Jacinta Allan and Maree Edwards with Peter Skilbeck, Chair Goldfields Tourism, and members of the Castlemaine Rocky Riders Mountain Bike Club and the Bendigo Mountain Bike Club on site at the pre-election announcement of funding of the park by Labor.*

There is still much to be done in the way of planning and preparation, including developing various reports and reviews in conjunction with the land owner, the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI), and an updated membership of the Steering Committee. The committee update follows a discussion at the Harcourt Community meeting held back in July 2014. At this meeting it was agreed when the Park was to become a reality the Committee would be re-established with an updated membership to ensure appropriate representation from the local and relevant wider community, and the necessary skills to develop the park.

Finally to fully realise the Park additional funds will be required, and the Goldfields Tourism team with assistance from existing Steering Committee meeting members was progressing this area in later 2014. Come February and all businesses are fully open after the Christmas and school holiday hiatus, discussions will recommence.

We'll continue to keep the local community updated via The Core and the Harcourt Progress Association.

*Goldfields Tourism Inc. and the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park Steering Committee.  
January, 2015*



It's nice to be back with you all again.

Now with Applefest fast approaching and finding Apple Pies are on my mind, I have decided the time has come for me, as a Harcourt CWA member, to be brave enough to enter a pie in this years Apple Pie Competition. You see I did not inherit any of my mother's cooking genes, I think I got more of my dad's bricklaying ones, as I have never baked an apple pie, but I have built a lovely stone wall or two.

So I have been going through a few old recipe books, checking out Apple pie recipes and I came upon this recipe first published back in 1381:

“For To Make Tartys in Applis

Tak gode Applys and gode Spryeis and Figys and reyfons and Perys and wan they are wel ybrayed co-lourd wyth Safron wel and do yt in a cofyn and do yt forth to bake wel”

Translated it means get hold of some good apples and figs and raisins and pears and chop them up finely, add saffron for a bit of colour and put into a coffin, oops I mean pastry, and bake well.

Now that looked pretty good and I think I could manage that as Harcourt is the place to get hold of a few good apples, but I decided to look at a more modern recipe as I wasn't too sure of the coffin, oops pastry, and came up with one that said how to make Apple Pies from scratch, and with pictures and easy steps to follow. Now this looks like my kind of recipe. Wish me luck.

And I encourage all other non Apple Pie makers to make this the year you make your first ever Apple Pie too.

Application forms will be available from the Harcourt Store and Service Station, ASQ and from the Harcourt Applefest website.

Entries are to be delivered by 10am on Saturday 7th March to the Fruit Growers Tent ready for judging.

I hope to see you there with your Apple Pie.

Happy Baking.

*Lyn Rule  
Harcourt CWA, Publicity Officer  
And soon to be Apple Pie Maker.*



# Harcourt Pool News

Hello all and welcome to 2015! Notwithstanding the recent cooler weather, it's been a great summer at the Harcourt Swimming Pool. The grass is green, grounds are clean, the water is sparkling and we have had the luxury of two lifeguards employed on most summer days. This is a great improvement and has created employment for 3 local Harcourt residents.

**VOLUNTEERS** - The plan to engage volunteers at the pool has proved more difficult than expected with the Bendigo YMCA requiring strict regulative compliance including a current police check, Working with Children Check and Child First safety training (conducted online). It's been a frustrating process but we are still encouraging people who are interested in assisting with the long term direction of the pool, to register their interest in volunteering. You can do so by letting me know by email and I will pass your details on to the YMCA.

**COUNCIL FEEDBACK** - any comments, concerns, complaints, compliments, suggestions or otherwise should be directed to [pools@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:pools@mountalexander.vic.gov.au) If you have comments about anything to do with the YMCA or the pool operations please send them to my email address so that it's recorded and appropriately actioned.

**COMMUNITY LISTENING POST** - One was conducted on 21 January at the pool. Council are inviting people to come along and provide direct one-on-one feedback - another session will be held in February at a later time.

**NEW POOL EQUIPMENT** - Thanks to the Castlemaine Lion Club, the Harcourt Progress Association secured funds to improve equipment at the Pool. We've bought pool toys and diving equipment, some pool chairs, a new stereo with dual outdoor speakers and a selection of fun summer CDs and are exploring options to repair /replace the BBQ at pool. These actions are designed to give the community an even better poolside experience. Hope you enjoy it!

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↑ Llewellyn and Einon enjoyed the new pool toys.  
↓ Tamara (second right) and Jacinta (centre) from the Shire, gather some feed-back from Jodie (left rear,) Katrina (left) and Grant (right).



## Harcourt Bowling Club Badge History Re-discovered

It was only recently that David Paton from Broadford, discovered the original drawings, and a badge for a project for the Harcourt Bowls Club he had way back in 1960.

He wondered whether the Harcourt Bowling Club was still in existence. After making contact with the club, David and his wife Meryle met with club members and handed over the original hand coloured drawings and one of the first badges produced to Club President John Starbuck (picture below).



For over half a century the drawings, together with one of the first badges produced has survived amongst old papers in David's files.

A search of the club minute books shows that back in the 1959 a sub-committee of the club had the task of having an appropriate badge made. They prepared a design brief that included the apple, pear and cherry to reflect the local industry, as well as bowls. The Art Department at Castlemaine Tech was asked to help in the design, and students were asked to sketch up some ideas.

One of these students was David Paton. He was 23 at the time and a teacher at Winters Flat School undertaking night-classes in Certificate of Art at Castlemaine Tech. His lecturer, Mr Brisbane, asked him to carefully draw up, using black ink, the type of design chosen by the club, and allowing the club to choose the colours. David coloured the design accordingly and again submitted to the club which then sought quotes for the manufacture of badges.



Following a meeting of the "badge committee" on 15th October 1960, an initial order was placed with Swan and Hudson Pty Ltd for 250 badges, 50 spoons, 50 bottle openers and 50 tie bars. The total cost was £14 (pounds) and 1 shilling. The photo above shows the items still held at the club.

Over 50 years later the badge design layout is still used at the club, most recently on club uniforms as the logo.

## News from Harcourt Bowling Club

The Christmas breakup was a great success with the clubrooms filled to capacity. President John Starbuck gave a moving speech in which he said he was particularly proud of the strong band of volunteers who work hard at Harcourt, and paid tribute to the women who provide the catering on Saturdays and at club functions.

John congratulated all of the Saturday teams for having a win and wished all of the members a safe and happy Christmas. **Men's and Women's Champion of Champion Singles**

The finals of the Club Championships for the men was played on Sunday 14th between Terry Chisholm and



Tony Olssen. After a close start the scores were even at 10 all, before Tony took control, running out winner 25-10 *Left: Vice president Allan Nicholls presenting the pin to Tony with Terry looking on.*

Tony Olssen progressed to the Men's Semi Finals

which were played on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at Eaglehawk. Despite a good effort and a great display of skilled bowling Tony was beaten by Kevin Shuttleworth 25/11. The Grand Final winner was Ken Rusbridge over Kevin Shuttleworth 25/19.

The Club is proud of Tony's effort to get to the Semi final playoff.

The final of the Club Championships for the Women was played out on Wednesday 16th between Kaye Grant and Lorna Davey. The game started off with Lorna and Kaye having a close battle swapping shots, until they got to 8 all. With nerves settled, Kaye then took control and won 25 -12. Members were pleased to see a very entertaining game from these two who have previously not progressed to the finals.



*Above: Kaye Grant(right) & Lorna Davey (left)*

Kaye Grant was narrowly beaten by A Bruggy in the Women's Singles Championship at Eaglehawk on Sunday 14th January. Kaye was able to stay with her opponent for most of the match and was just pipped on the last few ends with a final score of 20/26 - a good effort Kaye.

### The Pennant teams

The Pennant Teams have had some mixed results since returning from the Christmas break. The success story



so far is the Weekend Division 3 side which is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder.

The excitement is building with just 3 weeks until the finals.

The social bowls and barbeque is back - until the end of daylight saving- each alternate Tuesday night starting at 6pm from 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

A great fun night is guaranteed for little outlay. You can enjoy the barbeque and delicious array of salads then have a social game of bowls – bring a group of friends. Beginners are always welcome to this family friendly night. We can arrange bowls for those who need them. Please put your name down at the club for catering purposes if you are attending

Friday social nights are in full swing again after the Christmas break as are Wednesday practice sessions.

#### February Dates

3/02/2015	Tuesday	BBQ and Bowls – Names in at the club by Monday
12/02/2015	Thursday	Ladies Fours Tournament
15/02/2015	Sunday	Grant Pairs Tournament – places still available
17/02/2015	Tuesday	BBQ and Bowls Names in at the club by Monday
24/02/2015	Tuesday	Final Sponsors Night
3/03/2015	Tuesday	Final BBQ and Bowls for the year Names in at the club by Monday



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## Harcourt Bowling Club Looking forward – Looking back

The recent return of our badge drawings and connecting with the creator David Paton brought many people together to reminisce and share stories. This also reaffirmed the foresight and strength of the founding members in providing a lasting viable legacy for the community – the Harcourt Bowling Club.

Community based clubs such as ours are run by volunteers, how we all work together in that role to maintain and develop the resource we have determines the success of the club.

With guidance from a Bowling Australia representative the Board are developing a Strategic Plan to carry the club into the future.

A survey was sent to all members asking for their input and feedback. The information from the surveys is being collated, along with previous forward planning information, to formulate the Strategic Plan.

The Harcourt Bowling Club is embracing the future and respecting the past.

We have already taken some steps in this direction by creating a website – [www.harcourtbowlingclub.com.au](http://www.harcourtbowlingclub.com.au) courtesy of David Jeffries of Pommegraphics - and will be looking at other ways we can engage each club member and our broader community. – so check out our site!

*Christine Anderson  
Publicity Officer*

# Harcourt Tennis Club

## Competition

The Harcourt Tennis Club will resume competition within the Castlemaine District Tennis Association on Jan 31st. The Harcourt Club has 5 representative teams which play in different sections of the CDTA. The Harcourt Section 1 team is equal 1<sup>st</sup> on the ladder, the Section 2 team is 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Junior 1 team is 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder. The club has two Junior 2 teams which play on a Friday night in a competition to teach and introduce children to the game of tennis. Finals will be played for all sections on March 14 and March 21.

## Social Night Tennis

The Harcourt Tennis Club will resume the Twilight social night on Thursday nights on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. The night session starts at 7pm and this is a social night which caters for all abilities. New players are very welcome.

## Juniors- Beginners

The Harcourt Tennis Club has a Junior 4 week program starting on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March for primary school students. Ages 5 -7 @ 3-45pm to 4.15pm. Ages 8 onwards @ 4.20pm to 5.00 pm

The Harcourt Tennis Club is situated at the Harcourt Recreation Reserve. If you would like any further information on any activity please contact Sharon Blake 54 742680 or Faye Hards 54 742580 or email [micblake@bigpond.net.au](mailto:micblake@bigpond.net.au)



Prior to Christmas we had a Tennis BBQ night which involved our beginners group, Junior 1 players, Section 1 and 2 members and the Social night group. This group picture is some of our Section 2 players, Junior 1 players and our beginners group.

*Sharon Blake*



## CFA

Summer has been a busy time once again for the Harcourt Fire Brigade having 21 turnouts at the time of writing for December and January. We have assisted our fellow brigades at significant fires at

Metcalf, McKenzies Hill, Pastoria, Mia Mia, Kyneton, Taradale and Sutton Grange as well as the fire on Mt Prospect off Barker Road Harcourt North as a result of lightning strikes in our own brigade area. Prompt detection of this fire as well as a short shower of rain assisted in being able to extinguish this fire before it became too large.

The cooler weather and rain in mid January has given us all a bit of respite from the heat, but this does not mean any change to the regulations regarding fire restrictions. If you are unaware of what you can and cannot do during the fire danger period, then as I mentioned in the last edition of The Core, drop into the fire station of a Sunday morning and get yourself a copy of the CFA's "Can I, Can't I" brochure or go onto the CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au). We have had some inquiries and reports of campfires recently. While campfires are allowed for cooking and warmth during the fire danger period unless it is a Total Fire ban Day, there are strict regulations that must be adhered to. Once again if you do not know what they are, pick up a copy of the "Can I, Can't I" brochure.

There has been an increase in the number of fires started in our region by mowing and slashing operations this fire season. It is a timely reminder of the heightened risk associated with this type of work, so if you still have long dry grass to deal with, it is important that you carry out this work very carefully. Some suggestions to assist in minimising the risk is to carry out this work earlier in the morning while it is cool and if we are lucky enough after a rain period. Also the less wind the better. Make sure that your mower and equipment is in good working order especially the exhaust. Ensure that there are no stones and rocks in the area to be mown and have a second person as a fire spotter ready with water to react at the first sign of smoke. Most people when working alone have said that by the time they realise that they have started a fire and then react to put out the fire, it is too late and the fire has taken off.

The Brigade recently received a cheque from ASQ as part of their community support program. Thank you to those of you that have the Harcourt fire brigade as your chosen community group.

Just a reminder that February and March will continue to have significant fire risk, so do not let your guard down. Maintain your awareness and preparedness, especially on the higher fire danger days.

*Tyrone Rice*  
*Captain*



## Roll the Dice Charity Run

The American Motorcycle Club rumbled into Harcourt On Saturday 17 January on their Annual Roll the Dice Run which raises money for prostate cancer and some local charities.

I spoke with Matrix the Captain and the Secretary, Alfie (left) from the Central Victorian Chapter. Alfie said, "There are about 110 people here today on 100 bikes and they come from our local chapter and the Goldfields, Mansfield and Adelaide chapters."

The American Motorcycle Club is primarily for Harley owners but on charity runs, owners of other makes of bike are welcome to join in. The club has existed in Australia for nearly twenty years, with the head chapter based in New South Wales on the central coast. The club has monthly runs which are organised by the Road Captain. There is also a National Meet which moves from state to state each year.

*Robyn Miller*



*Bikes en masse, including some very special ones*



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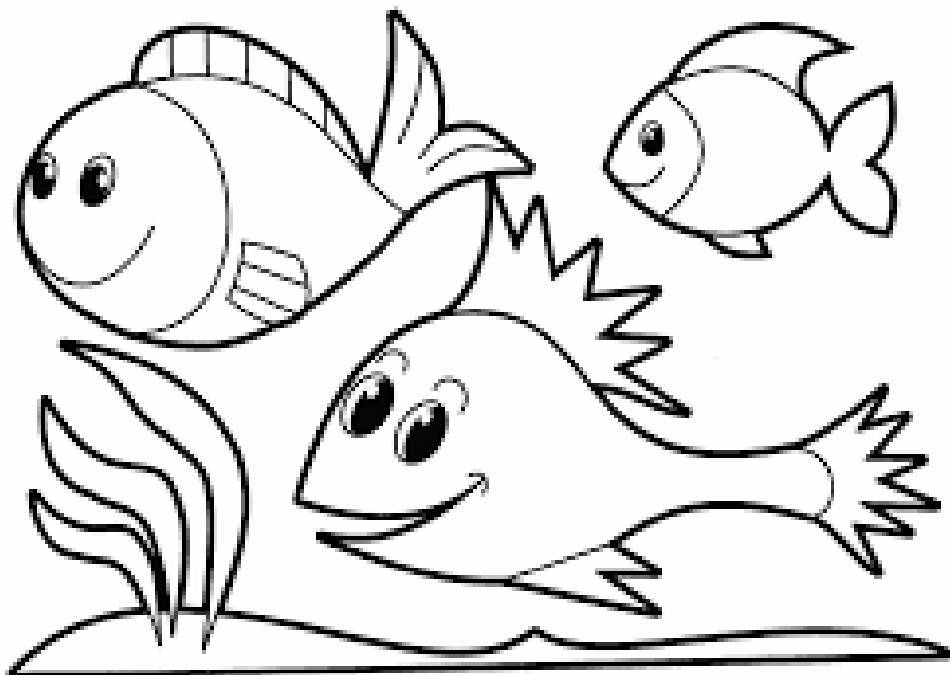
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## Harcourt Valley Primary School-Grades 5 & 6

It's the second day at school for 2015 and Grades 5 & 6 are excited to be back



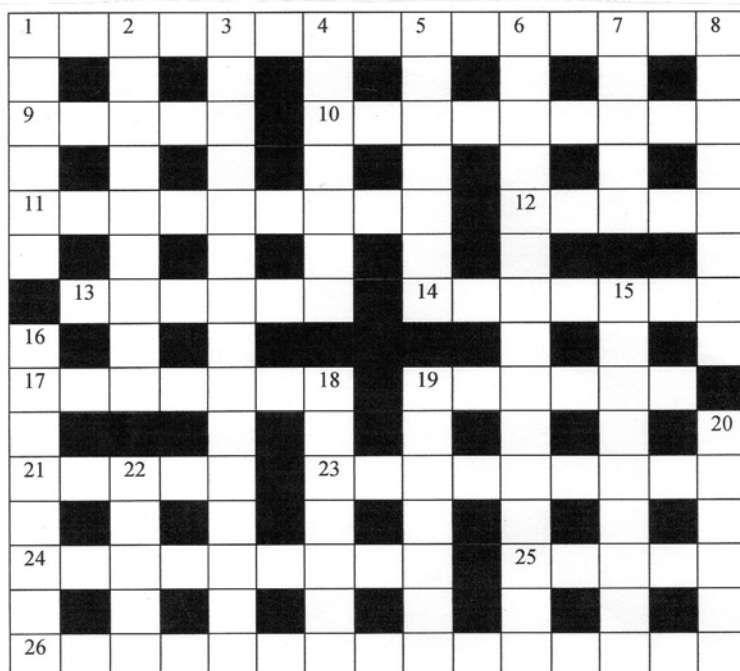
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# January 2015 X-word

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## Across:

- 1 Closer than my ken, but outside it. (3,2,3,2,1,4)
- 9 A gift of a clue for a gift of a solution... (5)
- 10 Actual air is back into it for auditing purposes. (9)
- 11 Long shot, perhaps at one who is 24. (9)
- 12 Attempt local thoroughfare for meeting lover. (5)
- 13 Blurred image of anti-insect & frost fire. (6)
- 14 Retain Ned's brother mixed up in comfortable prayer or garden helper. (4-3)
- 17 Brutus' nemesis' name on the roll makes its opposite. (7)
- 19 Edgar, and a facial contraction, written in verse. (6)
- 21 The 22<sup>nd</sup> fine-print clause to keep pilots flying more missions? (5)
- 23 Pseudo-philosophical economist dashes to drive turbines, etc. (9, or 4-5)
- 24 At a distance, producing, and well-suited for the box. (9)
- 25 Witch Tony? (5)
- 26 Patient out of his wits coping with multiple editions of files may be given this? (8,7)

## Down:

- 1 Entrance at seven-and-a-half minutes past to nullify. (6)
- 2 Absolute outer boundary for Dr Who... (4,5)
- 3 Accelerated, while walking across fracking site in US. (7,2,3,3)
- 4 Short antibody by itself in mollusc. (7)
- 5 Clever op? The manifestation thereof... (3,4)
- 6 The virile banter of this fourth got Kazan and Siberia... (4,3,8)
- 7 I intervene loudly in parker description. (5)
- 8 Waterhole and daily list are doing quite nicely, thank you... (4-2-2)
- 15 Showy red flowers could coin a pain, perhaps. (7)
- 16 Tactual century has a really dark hole. (8)
- 18 Old hard-copy email has Tolkien's slow one to remember by. (7)
- 19 N-S feline. (7)
- 20 Absolutely enormous hunted animal, and the bird that might do it. (6)
- 22 Well-ploughed paddock sound needed over one Spanish Mr. (5)

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## Across:

1 Without rhyme or reason, this clue merely deems neatness OK (could denote sneak mess, too). (6,4,5)

9 Stave off in order to reveal indigenes. (7)

10 Dog who drills? Not one who lingers.

DRILL, YE TARRIERS, DRILL!

11 Classic bee can be got at. (10)

12 Small one could 22. [Well?]

14 Poet lads grow legs a while after being produced. (8)

15 David's a blessing [Boon], and it makes a fish. (6)

17 Evoke legality [licit] on-line? [e-...]

19 Could Dion vote for this sort of commitment? (8)

22 Unlucky Russian horse's gait? [Well?]

23 Loud-voiced heart hardware [stent], alternatively [or...] Fleming... (10)

25 High-ranking hole in the ground [mine] in a much warmer 2. [Well?—no ice...] (7)

26 South American capital [Rio] and adroitness in emotional situations [tact...] can be read to warn those who protest. (4,3)

27 Could she bequeath sheen of gold in the Middle East? (3,5,2,5)

## Down:

1 Talented tart men make into session with number. (6,9)

2 Tolkien's slowest character [Ent] apparently froze and seduced. (7)

3 So, vacation here on the SE peninsula. (4,6)

4 Sounds as though girl shot, but didn't [Well?]

5 Often described as black, a different one may contain fish. [Well?]

6 Littorally certain sound? (4)

7 Locust tree [Robinia] deconstructed in Africa. (7)

8 Premature smoko may be an oily arrangement. (5,7,3)

13 Unvaried sounds one-speakered [mono] to Greek mind [Nous]. (10)

16 Top drawer on the Titanic? [Well?]

18 Worship hero that is (i.e.) solid. (7)

20 I'm Jacques [Tati] with an 'e', and dance to ape. (7)

21 Is dat you, David? [Sorry...]

24 Bill o' fare for us? [Sorry...]



## Bella Mizzi's Blog Post - Year 12, 2013 and first year out of school 2014

**Bella has kindly agreed to share her blog with readers of The Core - this is the first instalment - to follow Bella's blog go to:** <https://missbellamizzi.wordpress.com/2014/12/02/the-first-one-missbellamizzi/>

### The First One

Posted on December 2, 2014 by missbellamizzi

So, as I've come to the end of my first year at university, and as this year as a whole winds to an end, I have decided to look back. I'm not going to lie, and I'm not going to shy away from honesty, which is what I like about this blog, I use it as a place to be real.

It was posted on my Wix blog site, which I'm in half a mind to change back to, as it is much easier to operate than wordpress, and much less expensive to get going. Let me know what you guys prefer. Would you look at my blog if it was carried on wix? Have a look at the site here, and comment your thoughts.

So here it is!

Enjoy!

June 18, 2014

Off topic, non-coherent, does not make sense; poorly put together, D minus.

The first essay of my first year 12 class of my biggest schooling year, which was destined to be the catapult into my career as a fashion journalist, and I had received a D minus grade. I broke down into colossal tears.


Now, I'll let you in on why this was such a catalyst into my utterly embarrassing crying session with the responsible teacher and my one of my best friends who inconveniently had not left the class before the water works began. Never being a consistently 'A-Grade' student, I don't normally place such an amount of care into the outcome of my grades. Sure, I would be disappointed when I received a low grade, but never in my life had I actually succumbed to the physical humiliation of bursting out into a pool of tears and wailing. I'm telling you, this display could have far outshone Kim Kardashian after she had lost her diamond earring in the waters of the Barbados

seas, (how unfortunate). The reason that I burst into this horrifying display of water works, was due to the fact that I had set myself on the mental path of becoming a fashion journalist in my future career. A career that I believed was not only attainable, but distinctly the path perfectly set for me, due to the fact that for the entire year prior to this, I had not received a below B grade on a single piece of my English school work. That's right, the average scoring, dyslexic country girl who had never listed English as a strength in her life, pulled off a near perfect first VCE year in English. Trust me, the shock was intense at first, but the sudden discovery of said 'strength' in any part of my academic schooling life was so much more than welcomed. I had gone from a year of praise and encouragement of a hidden talent, into an unwelcomed reality that I was not prepared for. An entire year of encouragement from a subject I had struggled with my whole life. A year that cemented my longed for but previously put aside career goal to become a fashion journalist, all because I struggled with writing.

To me, the poor grade meant I would never amount to becoming a journalist of any kind. That this poor grade would carry on for the rest of my VCE and I would end up with the world's worst ATAR (university entry mark) and I would lose any hope of being accepted into any university. I assumed I would never make it past year 12 English, never get into a university, never become a fashion journalist, and spend my life as a failed stripper, only then to remember that I like pasta too much and can't dance. I thought that this one awful mark was the end of my career and life.


### What happens to Bella next?

Read next month's instalment in The Core, or read Bella's blog for the complete story.

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## ***Harcourtians*** **– Drew Henry**

Spend a few hours with Drew Henry and you know that he is passionate about the fruit he grows, its history and its origins. He'll tell you it is a member of the rose family first grown in Central Asia - a rose bush with flowers

resembling apple blossom grows outside Henry's tasting area; and he'll tell you why some apples are suitable for cider making and some are not. It is a passion based on extensive research, world travel and lots of tastings.

It is hard to know what five generations of Henry Irish boot makers would have made of Drew Henry's decision to become a cider maker.

Born in 1948, Drew grew up in Melbourne. 'My grandfather, Albert George Henry, had a business in Preston making high end fashion shoes. He had an amazing ability to design a shoe and then convert his 3-D concept into a flat pattern. The shoes were made from Australian leather sourced from the nearby Preston tanneries. Dad worked with him and Mum retailed some of the stock through her shoe outlets. However most of the factory output went to other retailers - Myers, Buckley and Nunn and just about every other shoe shop in Melbourne and country Victoria.'

Drew moved away from Henry male family tradition. He went to Melbourne University and graduated in 1969 as a geologist. It was a profession that would take him around the world before he settled under Mt Alexander.

'My first job was in Fiji, I then went to Marble Bar in WA. The main thrust of my work, as with most of my geology jobs, was to look at what lay in the ground and the feasibility of mining it.

'In 1973 I had my first trip to PNG working on Manus Is. Irene and I were married by then and went together. I met Irene after she called on Mum after work one

night to get Mum's signature on a cheque that Mum had forgotten to sign in the store in which Irene worked.

'We stayed in PNG for 18 months leaving after I was a passenger in a chopper crash. It shook me up a bit and we decided to return to Australia.

'I got a job teaching in Toowoomba at the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education, now the University of Southern Queensland. We enjoyed our time there and the boys, Russell an engineer in Darwin and Michael, who now works with us at Henry, were born. But after six years in academia I decided I would rather be outside doing rather than inside teaching.

'In 1979, Irene and I moved back to PNG with the boys. I worked on two big projects exploring the feasibility of mining at Freda River and later at Porgera. We lived in Madang. Irene ran a trade store there and the boys went to the International Primary School.

'We returned to Melbourne for the boys' secondary schooling and from 1988 to 1994 I worked for another mining company. The job took me around the world - Eastern Russia, the Americas, Africa and Asia. Irene at this stage was working as a consultant for Triumph, but we weren't really enjoying Melbourne.

'I set up Henry Consulting Pty Ltd and decided to go solo. It was on one of my consulting jobs for Wattle Gully Gold Mine in Chewton that I decided to look for a small property in the area. Bill Cassidy told me about a place in Harcourt below Mt Alexander. It was a 100 acres and bigger than Irene and I had talked about. It had 5 acres of orchard - pears and red and golden delicious apples - but the rest was unoccupied. When I described it to Irene she thought I was mad. She changed her mind though when she saw it and the gentle rise of the property up the hill. I thought the place was fairly drought proof - hadn't counted on a 9 year drought- so we bought it in 1994.

'We started on a completely new journey. For a while we lived in both Melbourne and Harcourt. I continued to do some consulting. Irene left her job in Melbourne and focussed on the property. When our last son finished his education we moved here permanently.

'Our challenge was what to do with the remaining acres. We did lots of research, thought about wine but came back to apples. We planted fuji and pink ladies and



*Drew and Irene relaxing with family and some of the produce.*



expanded the orchard to 15 acres. And we made lots of mistakes! The McLeans gave us lots of help and became firm friends.

'We entered the apple business at an interesting time. It was obvious that growing eating apples was not going to give us returns on our costs. The wisdom was, get big or get out. I saw people get out and I saw people get big and then get out.' Drew reflects that when they arrived in Harcourt there were 36 growers in the Fruit Growers Association and now there are 11.

'We decided we would get different. From my travels in France and England I knew a little about cider, mainly from the drinking aspect.' Drew smiles. 'We borrowed some equipment from Neil Norris and in 1997 juiced up red delicious to make cider. It was horrible. Then we tried pink ladies and the cider wasn't too bad.

'We started researching cider in earnest. We went to the UK to talk to cider makers and bought cider apple stock from an apple enthusiast, Clive Windmill, in Chewton whose 300 apple varieties included what we were after.

'We grew, pressed, fermented, bottled and evaluated, but mostly with an appreciative family audience. We put development on hold until the freeway proposals were resolved. One option would have had the road come along Reservoir Road.' Drew reflects that the whole Freeway exercise was very divisive for the area. 'It was handled poorly by the authorities and took little account of social impact and upheaval.

'In 2001 we started building our cider shed. Russell came down from Darwin to help. We opened *Henry of Harcourt* at Easter in 2003. It has grown and is now a full-time job for almost all of us. It is a challenge and annoying having

to share our precious crop with bats and kangaroos but I wouldn't trade life in this soft, gentle landscape with a comfortable community and good friends. This is a great horticultural area. It has so much potential. Hopefully people will take up the opportunities it offers and the council will have the vision to support them.

'When visitors to *Henry* ask me if we make French or English style cider, I reply that we make Australian cider for adult pallets from varieties of apples sourced to suit our soils and conditions.'

*Jenny McKenry,*

*Dandura Alpacas*



Drew with granddaughters and the ever watchful canine Jessica.

## News Flash: Henry of Harcourt has won Best in Show and a Gold with its Kingston Black Cider 2013 at the Australian Fruit Wine Awards!!



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## Tai Chi Classes

Ease into 2015 with a gentle low-impact form of exercise that can benefit the whole body.

Castlemaine District Community Health runs low cost Tai Chi classes at Barfold, Castlemaine, Fryerstown, Guilford, Maldon, Newstead and Taradale.

“Classes resume on the first week in February. For Tai Chi beginners, it is easier to start at the beginning of the year so you can learn the moves with others”, says Physiotherapist Janine Truscott.

“Practicing Tai Chi will improve your movement, flexibility, strength and balance”, says Janine. It also helps general health, especially relaxation and posture, and reduces your risk of falls”.

Castlemaine District Community Health Tai Chi groups are suitable for all ages and abilities. All are welcome. Phone 54791000 for more information.

Photo: Castlemaine District Community Health Tai Chi instructors lead a group in Victory Park



## Get moving Mount Alexander, and lose weight

Overweight and obesity is increasing nationally, and is now a bigger cause of death than smoking. Almost six out of every ten men in Mount Alexander are either Overweight or Obese. Mount Alexander also has a higher percentage of women who are obese than Victoria in general. We as a community need to get moving and lose weight. “We urge Mount Alexander to get moving, so that they can prevent chronic conditions such as heart disease and cancers and also to feel good about themselves. When you exercise, your body makes chemicals that can make your mood and your body feel great,” says Sam Peavey from Castlemaine District Community Health.

*(continued next column)*



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“We have a variety of exercise groups to get people active, including Heartmoves, walking groups, and tai chi,” says Sam. “Exercise, together with a diet which has been planned for you by our accredited Dietitian, will help you to lose weight.”

February 16 – 22<sup>nd</sup> is National Healthy Weight Week and dietitians from Castlemaine District Community Health and Castlemaine Health are together promoting community awareness of dietitian services available.

“Castlemaine is really lucky to have so many dietitians in such a small town, yet many are unaware of our availability,” says Dietitian Lorna Reynolds. “Many are also unaware that a dietitian can help with a range of conditions including diabetes and high blood cholesterol.”

Dietitians will be available at the Castlemaine Amcal from 12 to 1pm, and also at the larger Castlemaine Chemmart from 1 – 2pm on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Find out about services provided by dietitians in Castlemaine and whether your condition can be managed by what you eat.

Further information about Castlemaine District Community Health exercise groups and dietetic services is available by calling 54791000.

*Liza Shaw  
Health Promotion Officer*

## Orienteering - Confidence in the Bush

Orienteering is a low cost organised pastime or sport for all ages and genders either in groups or for solo participants. Bendigo leads Australia in this friendly, unique sport. It is a pleasant pastime to learn hands on, the skills and attitude to be a route finder, even though the territory may be unfamiliar. Interested people could organise themselves into a group of up to 6 and I will give them hands on experience at a leisurely pace at a site close to ASQ/ Skydancers at 7am or 7pm in summer time to avoid the worst heat. Ring 5474 2317 or for a more organised free experience, at any local event, find [www.bendigo-orienteers.com.au](http://www.bendigo-orienteers.com.au)

*Ian Johnson*



## Pips 'n' all

*Hello Garden lovers,*

At this time of year, it is difficult to go past a discussion about watering. The poor water holding capacity of the soil and the hot weather make efficient watering critical. When watering, think about large droplet size to reduce drift and evaporation, deep watering to ensure that water penetrates into the soil and watering early in the morning when evaporation is low. It can also be beneficial to water once and do a follow up shortly after while the soil surface is still moist and open to penetration.

Summer is a good time to prune fruit trees to remove vigorous new growth and focus a tree's energy on fruit production. In addition to pruning to promote fruit production, pruning is also important to maintain fruit trees to the height and shape suitable for you and your garden. Pruning for height and shape can help you to net your trees and reach your fruit for picking.

This month we are:

- Feeding the tomatoes with a couple of tablespoons of Sulphate of Potash to encourage flowering and fruiting;
- Deadheading the roses;

Watering:

- Summer pruning some fruit trees; and
- Putting bird net on the peaches and apples.

*Happy Gardening  
Janyce*



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## Plant of the month

### January – Crepe Myrtle

This tree is one of the best flowering trees you can buy! The crepe myrtle is a hardy tree with petals that are ruffled, with a crepe like texture. In autumn, depending on the variety, the mid-green leaves will turn red, orange or yellow, before they fall. Ask the team at ASQ Skydancers about the best crepe myrtle for your garden.



**This month we welcome Ian Johnson - Ian has a series of garden columns planned for 2015, come with Ian on a journey through a year of our local climate...**

## Future Decorative Gardens

Humankind has always regarded flowers as special; they are given and used as signs of love for those who have died or for the living especially on Valentine's day, birthdays and anniversaries. Flower gardens are prized for many reasons whether they are complex and expensive or developed on a modest budget- they give much pleasure- whether the garden surrounds a mansion or a grass hut.

Climate change has made garden maintenance and survival difficult and understanding their environment and strengths weaknesses, gardens of all sizes are possible at little or no cost. Later articles will expand on this idea covering soils, ideal plants for this area, "stick on gardens", sun, shade and water and other topics.

*Ian Johnson*



# Community Diary Dates

**5th February:** 6.00pm, Landscape Plan Information Session, Harcourt Bowls Club

**7th February:** XtremeInc Youth Projects Comedy Fundraiser, Old Castlemaine Gaol

**12th February:** 7.30pm, Harcourt Valley Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall

**13th February:** 6.00 pm Harcourt Lions Barbecue, Scout Hall

**14th February:** 8.00pm Castlemaine Circus, Valentine's Day Fund Raiser, The Scout Hall, Victoria Road

**15th February:** 1.30pm, Heritage Centre Tour to Bendigo Town Hall and Historic Post Office

**24th February:** 7.30pm, Mount Alexander Shire Council Meeting, Harcourt Leisure Centre

**5th - 9th March:** 7.30pm, Applefest Art Show opens on Thursday evening and runs until Monday, ANA Hall

**7th March:** Applefest - Stanley Park and surrounds

**13th - 22nd March:** 10am to 4 pm, Castlemaine State Festival Exhibition at Harcourt Heritage Centre, Richard Baxter Artist

**25th March:** 6pm, ANZAC Centenary Commemoration, Harcourt Leisure Centre

**5th April:** 7.30am, Easter Dawn Service, Stanley Park, conducted by Harcourt Uniting Church. Breakfast provided following service.

**5th April:** Easter Egg Hunt, 10am to 2pm

**19th April:** 1.30pm, Heritage Centre visit to The Great Stupa

**25th April:** 2.30pm, ANZAC commemoration, commences at the Heritage Centre, ceremony in Stanley Park

## Castlemaine State Festival Art Exhibition at Harcourt

Locals will soon have the opportunity to view some spectacular art work by Richard Baxter, a Harcourt-based artist. Richard's large canvas "Memory Drift" was short-listed for the prestigious Sulman Prize, hosted in 2014 by the Art Gallery of NSW. Richard, who paints with oil on canvas, also undertakes photographic assignments, and works with digital imaging and animation. Richard describes his work as 'beautiful, tragic, mysterious, magical and elusive,

hinting at a story that is never-ending.' The painting "Memory Drift" will be the feature work in Richard Baxter's forth-coming solo exhibition at Harcourt Heritage Centre. The exhibition, which is being staged in conjunction with the Castlemaine State Festival, will be open 10 am to 4 pm from Friday March 13th to Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*George Milford*

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## Valentine's Day Fund Raiser Saturday, February 14 at 8.00 pm

The Circus comes to Harcourt!

The circus will be at the Applefest Kids Karnival in March but you can see them first at their Valentine's Day fundraiser.

Money raised helps fit out a new, dedicated Circus venue in Castlemaine.

\$50 Waged; \$30 Unwaged

NB - this is the FORMER Castlemaine Scout Hall now in Harcourt and NOT the Harcourt Scout Hall which is now the Lions Club Rooms.

More bends than a circus contortionist!



Hello Harcourt Community! The not-for-profit group **XtremeInc Youth Projects** is having a major fundraiser Comedy To The Xtreme + a Silent Auction next Saturday 7th Feb Old Castlemaine Gaol This will be a fantastic event featuring 3 Melbourne comedians and local goods by generous businesses up for Auction. If you are looking for something fun to do, please jump online and book a seat or you can book tables of 6 with some friends for \$200 (\$33 per ticket). Check out more details by joining the FB event.

## Harcourt Progress Association Events

### HARCOURT APPLEFEST -

Saturday 7th March

This year's Applefest has the exciting addition of a **KIDS KARNIVAL** - an action packed zone of entertainment, activities, rides and workshops for kids aged 2 to 22. Discounted tickets are available for pre-purchase and allow you all day access all areas. Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/events/686462971470136/> or book your tickets now at <http://www.trybooking.com/GSSP>

### ANZAC CENTENARY COMMEMORATION -

Wednesday 25th March, 6pm

As part of our plan to attract more events and activities to Harcourt we have secured a government commissioned ANZAC commemoration, an

innovative presentation combining video, theatre and narrative to explore the Anzac story. The event will be at the Harcourt Leisure Centre, and attendees receive ANZAC Centenary Commemoration Memorial Packs. Gold coin donation with supper provided. Save the date now.

### EASTER EGG HUNT -

Sunday 5th April, 10am- 2pm

After the success of last year's inaugural event, this year's Easter Egg Hunt will be even bigger and better! Stay tuned for more information.

It's shaping up for a busy year! Cheers

*Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns*

*Secretary, Harcourt Progress Association*

# HPA MEMBER JOINING / RENEWAL FORM

The Harcourt Progress Association was created to support and progress the objectives of the Harcourt Community Plan. The Plan was prepared in 2013 with contributions by members of the Harcourt community and reflects the goals, vision and aspirations for our town and surrounding region.

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

Harcourt Progress Association Inc. aims to:

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

Membership of the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. is open to all residents and landowners within a 20 kms radius of the Harcourt township (some exceptions apply so do ask!) There is no joining fee for the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. but an annual subscription of \$20 per person / \$10 concession is payable to become a financial member who is able to formally vote. Annual subscriptions full due on 1st July each year. The Harcourt Progress Association is facilitated by a Steering Committee elected by the members annually.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

I request to become a member or renew my membership of the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. (please circle one)

I agree to be bound by its Rules of Association and Codes of Conduct. I understand that only financial members have voting rights.

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

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

☐ I enclose the sum of \$20 / \$10 concession for Annual Membership **OR**

☐ I have deposited \$20 into BSB 633-000, account 151796620 – Harcourt Progress Association Inc.  
Please indicate your name and state "membership" when paying online.

Please mail this completed form and cheque (if paying by mail) to: HPA, PO Box 132, Harcourt, VIC 3453

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