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# Harcourt Landscape Master Plan

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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.



## Key Themes

On 5<sup>th</sup> February a public meeting was convened by the Mount Alexander Shire Council to discuss the draft proposal for the Harcourt Landscape Master Plan. Developed by Spiire Australia, landscape and infrastructure consultants, and informed by extensive community consultation the Landscape Master Plan seeks to enhance the unique character of Harcourt and improve the environmental and visual amenity of the town centre.

The meeting featured robust debate about key areas of the Plan, the most contentious and unresolved being the location of a significant proposed playground. President of the Harcourt Progress Association, David Heath, spoke strongly for the positioning of the playground (see page 2)



Improvements shown as dots - purple = improved town centre appearance, orange = improved recreation facilities, blue = improved accessibility and connectivity.





## Councillor Cordy's Update



Hi all,

It is a really busy time of year at Council. The staff are busy preparing the budget for the next year and the Councillors will be having their input over coming weeks. It is noted that while Harcourt residents are getting ready for the

Applefest many people around Castlemaine are getting ready for the State Festival.

The last Council meeting was held at Harcourt and we had a wonderful role up of residents raising issues and bringing things to the attention of the Councillors and Executive staff. Having the Council meeting at the football and cricket ground did bring back a lot of memories for me. In the late 60's we had Graeme Hill as our main coach for football and Max Allen was the cricket coach. Reflecting on those times makes me appreciate that we had a pretty good life growing up in Harcourt. It is a beautiful spot and people need to understand that all we want is a fair go.

Many people will be aware that the Councillors have been operating listening posts and all of the information received is being put together and discussed by the Councillors as a group. Items requiring attention by the works crews have been forwarded to the relevant staff.

There has been a lot of discussion about the location of the proposed new playground for Harcourt. The general consensus seems to be that the Northern part of Stanley Park is the preferred location. We have had a lot of discussion about the development of the Harcourt town centre. It will be great to see the ideas turned into physical works as funding becomes available.

There has also been a lot of discussion in the community about municipal rates being too high and I will be doing everything possible to limit further rate increases during the life of the present Council. The argument for rate increases revolves around service delivery. From my perspective, I will be pushing for a fair share of Council expenditure for residents of Calder Ward.

At the last Council meeting members of the farming community spoke about the high level of rates and that surrounding Shires offer a discounted or Farm Rate. Some residents that own properties in Melbourne tell me that they are paying more rates in our district than on Melbourne properties. Clearly continuing to raise rates is not the answer. We also need to look at Council expenditure and the services that are provided.

I do hope everyone has a safe and happy long weekend.

*Best regards Tony*

AG(Tony) Cordy

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### Landscape Plan

(from Page 1) in Stanley Park North. He said, "It is clear from the results of the survey that the northern location is the community's preference." It was agreed by Council that this issue needs to be revisited and alternative locations considered.

### Three key themes have emerged in the Landscape Plan which seek to:

- Improve the appearance of the town centre
- Improve the recreation facilities
- Improve accessibility and connectivity

### Improve the appearance of the town centre

A core component of the Landscape Master Plan is to improve the look and feel of the town centre. This will be achieved through the establishment of garden beds and feature planting at key locations such as entrance points and major intersections, improving the parks and extensive street tree planting to create a boulevard along Harmony Way.

Re-landscaping the median strip in Harmony Way that runs through the centre of town will improve the visual appeal and 'soften' the asphalt environment that currently dominates.

Providing entry statements in the form of sculptural signage and planting at appropriate locations will help to signal arrival into town and include an avenue of trees to welcome people to Harcourt. Entry statements should be a contemporary adaptation of Harcourt's unique character, referencing the agricultural production of the area, particularly apples and utilise local granite as a key material.

### Recommendations to assist achieve this include:

- Commission artist or designer to design feature entry statements to celebrate arrival, at four key town locations. Exact location to be determined with detailed design.
- Plant avenue of trees from town entrances all the way into the town centre.
- Improve nature strips throughout town centre with trees and planting at key locations.
- Investigate the integrity and remaining life span of existing Avenue of Honour. Develop (see page 4 & 5)



## Harcourt wows the Castlemaine Farmers Market



Members of the Harcourt Progress Association and the broader Harcourt community attended the Castlemaine Farmers Market on Sunday 1st March to promote the Applefest and raise funds for the Kids Karnival. A gourmet BBQ provided mouth watering treats for market-goers and dishes including pulled pork with appleslaw, haloumi with grilled vegies, kransky sausages with relish and egg & bacon rolls were devoured by hundreds. There were also delicious home baked goodies, home grown nashis and hand made jams and preserves.

Thanks go to Youvade Warren, Graeme Francis, Kay Francis, Michael Lane, Rosie Critchley, David Heath, Gen Ward, Nate McLoughlan and Doug Falconer for their hard work on the BBQ. Special mention to Donna McMahon and Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns who organised the day and ensured it was a great success. Our hard-working Harcourt crew raised over \$1500 and the BBQ was such a hit, they're preparing to do it all over again!! This time the gourmet goodness will be on sale during the Garden Party closing celebration for the Castlemaine State Festival in the Botanic Gardens on Sunday 22nd March. All offers of help gratefully appreciated.

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## Swimming pool season ends

After a mixed summer of varying temperatures, the Harcourt Swimming Pool is set to close on Monday 9th March. It's been a great summer at the pool with vastly improved operations thanks to the YMCA. The community has particularly benefited from their engagement of two lifeguards throughout most of the season and it's been nice to see local faces employed at our pool.

Council should be acknowledged for the efforts they have made to communicate with pool users, holding regular listening posts, circulating surveys and taking the time to encourage community feedback. We feel there is still plenty of room for improvement but are grateful that Council and the Y have made steps to listen and respond to community concerns. Next year's season is going to rock.

A special thanks goes to Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns and Dave Petrusma for tirelessly lobbying Council and attending Council meetings, advocating for a better outcome for our pool.

Finally, a big thank you to the Castlemaine Lions Club for their funding support which enabled us to buy new toys and equipment and a brand new stereo and thanks to Doug Falconer for installing new speakers.

Don't forget that your voice still counts and Council is keen to get further feedback on your experience at the pool this season. Email: [pools@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:pools@mountalexander.vic.gov.au) or get your hands on a copy of Council's pool survey.

# Harcourt Landscape Plan

(from page 2) strategy for replacement and/or infill planting with similar trees.

- Install kerb outstands to narrow road width, reduce traffic speeds and provide designated crossing points
- Re-landscape median strip: remove existing trees and replace with alternative species, replace gravel with feature paving and establish garden beds at ends of median and designated crossing points.
- Infill planting of trees in nature strip on either side of Harmony Way and High Street to augment existing trees and create consistent avenue.
- Infill planting of street trees to residential areas to complement existing trees.
- Establish garden beds and feature planting to front of



ANA hall to soften built form, use low growing plants to retain view lines.

## Improve the recreation facilities

The need for upgraded recreational facilities within the town centre came across strongly in the community survey. Harcourt has a number of designated parks and open spaces within the town centre including James Park, the Stanley Park and the area to the north of Market Street, referred to as Stanley Park North.

It is recommended that all three parks are re-developed in accordance with their intended uses. Stanley Park is currently cluttered with tired furniture and outdated play equipment. It is recommended that this all be removed, and the emphasis of the park refocused on the historical trees and the War Memorial. This should become a passive, reflective space.

The area described as Stanley Park North was one of several areas nominated by the community as a preferred location for a play space however this area is a combination of land controlled by Vic Roads, DEPI and Council. It is recommended that Council seek to acquire control from DEPI and further investigations into this strategy to need to be progressed.

James Park is currently underutilised despite having the advantage of formal parking and toilet facilities. It is recommended that this area be developed in to a

community park, consolidating the ANA Hall site as a community social and recreational hub. The park, once developed, with extensive landscaping and feature planting will serve as a welcoming attraction at one of the primary town entry points.

## Recommendations to assist achieve this include:

- De-clutter Stanley Park: remove shelter, BBQ and play equipment and re-landscape in sympathy with historic plan. Edge with garden beds to soften and provide defined entry points.
- Develop James Park as a community park and picnic area in close proximity to toilets.
- Determine location for new playground. Provide play opportunities for a broad range of ages, BBQ facilities, shelter, furniture and feature planting.
- Confirm extent of Council and Vic Roads land in Stanley Park North and investigate possibility of acquiring control from DEPI.

## Improve accessibility and connectivity

Harcourt lacks a safe connected pedestrian environment. The MASC Walking and Cycling Strategy recommends the provision of high quality footpaths to primary pedestrian routes and between key destinations within town centre zones to ensure towns are vibrant, attractive and utilised. It is recommended footpaths be installed on the primary pedestrian routes through the town centre connecting the key destinations such as the post office, bus stop, café, and general store and ensure footpaths connect into existing paths such as the asphalt path to the primary school.

It is also suggested that the feasibility of a shared path along Barker's Creek be explored to better connect this significant natural asset with the town.

Walking and cycling are important transport options and popular recreational activities within the Mount Alexander Shire and there is strong community support for more cycling and walking tracks within and around the town. It is recommended that MASC explore the feasibility of connecting Harcourt's pedestrian network with wider cycling and walking trails within the Shire.

Installation of directional, information and interpretive signage is also an important consideration to improve connectivity both within the town and the wider region.

## Recommendations to assist achieve this include:

- Install concrete footpath along primary pedestrian routes connecting key destinations with the town centre and connect with existing footpath to Primary School.
- Investigate potential to extend existing granitic sand path in old slip road area, along Barker's Creek to provide recreational opportunities and re-connect town centre with the natural landscape feature of the creek.



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- Investigate potential to develop walking track to Mount Alexander to better connect town with this significant landmark.
- Establish connection between existing footbridge over Barkers Creek and proposed new walking tracks and paths.
- Provide directional signage to key facilities and destinations within town and broader local area.
- Update historical and interpretive signage and install at key locations within town centre.
- Provide wayfinding signage to improve connectivity with local natural assets and key destinations



*Re-landscape  
median strip*



*Improve area  
of memorial in  
Stanley Park*



*Improve pathways  
and have better  
pedestrian  
connections*

## Democracy comes to Harcourt

On Tuesday 24th March, the Mount Alexander Shire Council convened their fortnightly public meeting in Harcourt, conducting council business from the Harcourt Leisure Centre. A representative of the Harcourt Progress Association formally welcomed the councillors, singling out our own councillor Tony Ward for providing assistance to community groups and residents within the ward. Thanks were also extended to the 30 residents who have given up their time during the working week to participate and bring matters of local concern to the attention of our elected representatives.

There was a good balance of issues raised, some concerning the town centre whilst others reflected the agricultural context of our ward. A number of farmers expressed their concerns about the increasing pressure of rate charges. Mayor Christine Henderson was very sympathetic and indicated they had a great champion in Councillor Cordy, himself a farmer. She also stressed that valuations were not determined by Council but by the state appointed valuer general and that, like income tax, they were designed to apply a consistent mechanism to raise funds to pay for council services.

Town issues touched on the contentious location for the proposed playground, the state of the roads following the recent re-routing of traffic and a request for Council to advocate to attract reticulated gas connection to Harcourt. As is Harcourt's way, the attendees were polite, respectful and grateful for the opportunity to speak directly to their elected Councillors. It was an excellent display of democracy in action.

To get a copy of the Harcourt Landscape Plan from the Shire contact: Mary Dunne, Economic Project Officer. Phone: 5471 1805



*The Central Victorian Group of the Country Womens Association*

*Cordially invites you to visit the CWA Rest Area  
situated under the magnificent sprawling oak trees in  
James Park, Harcourt on March 7th, 2015  
where you can put your feet up, sit and relax,  
feed the bub and change the nappy,  
have a chat and recharge the batteries.*

*RSVP by turning up on the day.*

## Harcourt Uniting Church

As it says on our website -The Harcourt Uniting Church is a small country Church with a very friendly, welcoming and accepting congregation. We enjoy trying new ideas and have a great love of music and singing.

Our weekly service is at 9am each Sunday followed by a cuppa accompanied by lots of chat!!

We would like to invite everyone to celebrate Easter with us at a service in the Church in Buckley St Harcourt on **Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9am.**

On **Easter Sunday April 5th 8am** we welcome you to an open air service in Stanley Park (opposite the shop) in the BBQ area. There will be a short service, so join us in the early morning as the birds awake and we remember the first Easter. If it rains we will be at the Church in Buckley St.

In recent years we have brought along a few flowers to create a cross as a symbol of Easter from the Church in Harcourt -so feel free to bring some garden flowers if you wish.

We look forward to welcoming you to this special day.

*Jan Jenkin*





It's been a wonderful start to our new year at Harcourt Preschool. During the end of year break we completed some major improvements at the kinder.

**Thank you** to the: *'Frances and Harold Abbott Foundation'*

Our successful grant application has enabled us to refurbish our interior with fresh paint and create a beautiful garden outside sympathetic to the natural environment. Our new garden now incorporates vegie boxes, pathways, sensory plants and quiet places to relax. The children are really enjoying the new area to explore and care for.

With 28 families enrolled this year and a positive group of parents we are looking forward to a happy and productive year.

**Welcome to our new executive committee:**

President: Helen Shuffell

Treasurer: Lynda Quinton

Secretary: Rebecca Coman

Thank you to these volunteers and others for fulfilling most valuable roles. Without the assistance of our parents and families the kinder would not operate.

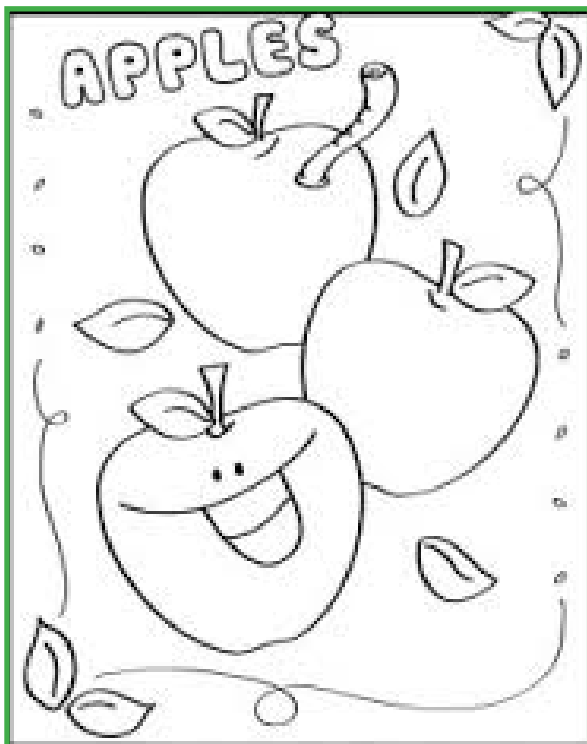
Currently we are busy preparing for 'Applefest' and look forward to the parade and many visitors passing by our stall on the day.

I'm proud to be associated with Harcourt Preschool and look forward to the year ahead.

*Lisa Gray (Educational Leader)*



## Colour us in!





## Great Britain Cycling Team Visit

In February, Harcourt played host to the “British Cycling under 23 Track Endurance Academy” led by their Coach Keith Lambert, who acts as Manager when the team is on tour. Young men from all over Great Britain are selected for the team, the purpose of which is ultimately to compete in the Olympics and at world level. Those selected for Olympic preparation go into the Podium Squad. “Historically only one or two move into this squad,” Keith said, “although many go on to successful road and track careers in other commercial teams.

The team stayed at Tread Café and Motel. Paula Ewing of Tread met Keith during the Herald Sun Tour a couple of years ago through Ross Harding of Harding’s cycles. The Victorian visit is built around the Jayco Herald Sun Tour.



*L-R: Scott Davies, Chris Lawless, Jake Kelly, Gabriel Cullaigh, Josh Edmonson, and Keith Lambert (manager)*

Warm weather and good training opportunities at this time of year allow the team to make the most of its visit by staying about five weeks. Road training in Melbourne, like any large city can be difficult, so Keith was keen to get the team out of the city. He has found Tread the ideal place for the team to stay. Part of their training is to learn about good nutrition so the boys are required to buy and prepare their own food. Paula told The Core “We have converted one of the rooms to a kitchen – we did this with groups like this one in mind.”

“In and around Harcourt, the training opportunities are excellent as there is a good mix of flat terrain and hills,” Keith said. “While the boys are predominantly ‘track riders’ a lot of road work to gain endurance is necessary, they ride four to five hours every day and rest and recovery time is also important.”

As in many sports, riders move through school and local teams and may be selected to train with elite squads either commercial or national. The squad is funded via lotteries with additional commercial funding; the amount of funding depends on the number of medals gained at Olympic level. “Medals keep the money coming in,” said Keith.

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In Melbourne, the boys, Josh, Chris, Gabriel, Scott, Jake and Grant had a good result in the Sun Tour, which Keith said was very encouraging as it was the first time they had raced together. The team as a whole came 4th out of 16 and Scott came 10<sup>th</sup> overall and was second in the under 23 category. He was also ‘King of the Mountain’ on Mount Alexander with a time of 11 minutes and 13 seconds and is National Time Trial Champion on the flat. Not to be outdone, Josh finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Junior World Championships in 2010. At home, the routine is to mix track and road training and racing to qualify for top World events. The squad is made up of ten young men, but this time half of the team went to Columbia and won a bronze behind Australia (“Don’t print that!” said Keith, but I have!)

The team said farewell to Harcourt on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. After returning to Britain and a short break at home they return to base in Manchester, then move to Majorca for another training ‘top-up’ before heading to Europe for more international competition. They are indeed a very fit and well-travelled bunch and we hope to see them again next year!

*Robyn Miller*

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## No. 2: Judy Holding

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.

Nestled in the dry bush of the old goldfields in Barkers Creek is the unassuming home and studio belonging to one such celebrated artist.

Art has been central to and embedded in Judy Holding's life. A self-confessed, grateful recipient of Gough Whitlam's free tertiary education, she completed a Fine Arts degree at Monash University in the late 70s before becoming an art teacher at a notorious inner northern Melbourne high school, among others.

However, it would be a chance trip to northern Australia that has shaped her artistic output since. When Judy and her husband Clyde (a newly minted member of Federal Parliament after many years in State politics) heard of plans to create a new national park in Arnhem Land, they impulsively decided to drive up to see it for themselves. Kakadu NP came into being just a few months later, but the country was already imprinted on both their hearts. Clyde became Aboriginal Affairs Minister in the Hawke government in 1983 and Judy began a long and intense affair of her own with the land and people of the region. She visited every two years without fail, often by herself and driving all the way, camping in the area around the escarpment near Jabiru/Cannon Hill.

Judy came to love the varied wildlife, the shapes, sounds and colours of that remote country. Friendships with aboriginal people, especially women, are central to this relationship and deep knowledge of culture and practice have informed her work as well as her life. Landscapes gave way over time to work concentrated on trees and birds, which continues to this day. A meticulous record keeper, her voluminous and detailed camp notebooks formed the basis of her art once she returned south. She

is known for a 'vocabulary' of forms, shapes and colours which she uses and reconfigures in many ways across a wide variety of media.

The late 90s saw Judy (and Clyde) retire to the dry goldfields country in Barkers Creek, a pragmatic choice at first but one which surprised her with the power of the (very different) bush experience. As luck would have it, the move corresponded with the first Mamunya Festival, a celebration of the Box-Ironbark forests of central Victoria. Judy quickly became intrigued with the local flora and fauna, the small birds in particular - wrens, firetails, finches and especially pardalotes feature in her later work. Their colourings and markings are incorporated into works on paper, canvas, timber and three-dimensional pieces, including large metal sculptures. Even Lego and knitting get a look in now!



Judy has exhibited extensively in group and solo exhibitions, and is represented in collections of the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra, the Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Benalla and Shepparton Regional Galleries and the State Library of Victoria, Melbourne, just to name a few.

Any time spent perusing her work at [www.judyholding.com](http://www.judyholding.com) will be richly rewarded, and Judy is represented by prestigious Alcaston Galleries in Fitzroy if you're down in the Big Smoke. She will have her first exhibition for them later this year – the Core will endeavour to let you know.

## Sports Update – Harcourt Cricket Club

The 2014/15 season has drawn to a close for the Harcourt Cricket Club. This has been a year of rebuilding and our club has been well lead by Michael and Tammy Simmins and the committee in ensuring that Harcourt Cricket Club is a welcoming club where everyone gets a go. This has started with the facilities. The outfield has been excellently maintained by the council all year to the point where we are the envy of many other clubs in the competition and are assured to host some of the competition finals over the next few weeks. Individuals have also represented Harcourt at the regional level. These include Alister Brasher (Country Week U/13), Macky Simmins (Country Week U/15), Bailey McMurtrie (Kirton Shield) and Brian Brasher (Senior Country Week).



*Kristen Beams with the U13s team*

The juniors have had a year of growth. U/13 finished with a highlight of a coaching session with the Australian Women's leg spinner Kristen Beams on Friday the 27th February. It was great to see such enthusiasm and fervour with the autographs and photos happening until well after the game.

The U/16 Team has shown great development over

the whole year in all facets of the game. The consistency of the bowling and fielding has significantly improved and all the players are now developing their scoring shots rather than just trying to survive at the crease. This improvement has been as a result of lots of training on a regular basis and on any given Tuesday and Thursday the boys have all been at the oval working hard on improving their skills.

Players are now beginning to feed through into the B Reserve team and will hopefully be the future of the club. Special mention to Mark Yensch for his fantastic leadership of this team. With accompaniment from Rod Watson, Steve Carrol and Brian O'Connor you couldn't help but enjoy yourself! The seniors have continued to add new players. David Butt and Brad Turner were late recruits into the side and have added to the growing numbers of new players that we have recruited this year. In both grades the batsmen have begun to focus on occupying the crease longer to ensure that we are more competitive for all the games in the year. Special mention to Jordan Gartside, Harley Brereton and Cooper Laragy-Walker who have now made themselves regular members of the A Reserve team. Brian Brasher also had his best season in a while with three hundreds in the year.

We will be having our end of year presentation in a couple of weeks to celebrate these successes. Looking ahead we are planning to make the club even stronger over the next few years. Part of this will be an investment in a ball machine to help with the batting training next year. So remember we will be beginning pre season in September so if you haven't played in a little while and want to get involved, keep an eye out in The Core for information early next season.

*Brian Brasher – Secretary and Coach*



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# Business Update – The Scout Hall



When Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns and Doug Falconer purchased The Scout Hall last year they had a vision of providing luxury bed and breakfast accommodation as well as making this renovated hall a venue for community functions and events.

Built in 1907, it was originally the Castlemaine North Sunday School in Barker Street where the Foundry offices are now, then a Scout Hall. It was derelict for years before being rescued, moved to Harcourt and completely restored and renovated. Jacqueline and Doug are the grateful beneficiaries of a lot of people's previous love and hard work.

After its first six months being rented as a self-contained accommodation, Doug is happy to report that "business is great, we've had guests every weekend but one. All reviews to date have been 4.5 or 5 star!"

When asked what Doug and Jacqueline like best about running their bed and breakfast they say "We enjoy knowing people love the place as much as we do. It's not a chore at all when you get the feedback we've been getting. OK, mowing the lawn is a bit of a pain."

They add that their guests are responding well to the information provided about the area, such as things to do and see, and places to visit for great wine, cider and food.

"People love the unique atmosphere and little touches like locally sourced breakfast provisions (including eggs from our own chooks). And Harcourt is a pleasant surprise for anyone not familiar with it - the combination of natural beauty and things to see and do is a clear winner."

"As word spreads about the Scout Hall, our reviews build up and we start getting repeat business, we hope we can be part of a bright future for Harcourt."


**The Scout Hall is located at 138 Victoria Road, Harcourt, 3458**

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*Genevieve Ward*





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### Tournaments

The Ladies Invitation 4s tournament held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February was deemed a huge success with 14 teams registered and many compliments given on the class of the green and the delicious food provided. Winners on the day were Castlemaine's number 2 team skipped by P O'Shea with her team of L Spears, M Fletcher and N Hufer. The team from Inglewood were runners up.



The closest to the Spider was won by Jillian Wells. The Nearest to the Ditch for Lead and Seconds was won by our own Heather Harris and Thirds and Skips was Trish O'Shea.

The Club Annual Grant Pairs Tournament was held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> with a full house. This popular event was keenly contested over three lots of eight ends amid much laughter despite the sweltering heat and humidity. There were three teams to play off for the championship but because of the heat it was decided to postpone it to Friday night 20<sup>th</sup> February.

A packed gallery of onlookers and well-wishers watched competing teams of Leo Moloney & Joan Bath; Garry Maddern & Doreen Phillips; Alan Nicholls & Moira Straw give a good display of bowling and tenacity. The Winners were Leo Moloney and Joan Bath after a tied play-off with Alan Nicholls and Moira Straw. (see photo at the top of next column). On presenting the trophy Club Secretary John Grant reminded all that this event is held in memory of his parents who were among the founding members of the club.

### Bendigo Bowls Division Super Veterans

Four members of the Club have been nominated for Super Veterans status with the Bendigo Division to be presented on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Names and photos from the Awards will be in the next edition.

### The Pennant teams

There is an air of excitement at the Club at present with



wins to one each of the Weekend and Midweek Teams taking them through to the Preliminary Finals. The outcome will be reported in the next issue.

The teams appreciated members and friends who came along to show their support and encourage them.

Congratulations to Weekend Division 3 who were able to get the better of White Hills on Saturday at Kangaroo Flat. They will face Bendigo in the Preliminary Final at Eaglehawk (Kelly).

Congratulations also to Midweek Division 4 for their win over Calivil/Serpentine on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Kangaroo Flat. They will now go into the Preliminary Final against Campbells Creek on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

The Harcourt Bowling Club is proud of the achievement of both teams.

The Grand Finals are to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March and we hope both teams are able to be there.

### Weekend Pennant elimination Finals results were

#### Division 3 –

White Hills 2/84 lost to Harcourt 16/95

Leo Moloney 26/18; Kevin Holschier 15/31; Gary Maddern 28/20; Tony Olsson 26/15

### Midweek Pennant elimination Finals Results were:-

#### Division 4

Calivil/Serpentine 2/64 lost to Harcourt 14/80

Lorna Davey 29/18; Moira Straw 33/19; Heather Braid 29/16

### Jackpot Pairs are back!

The very popular jackpot pairs has returned and will continue on Wednesday nights starting at 6.00pm sharp each week. This will consist of 3 games of 6 ends for a cost of \$7 per person.



We will be allowing for nominated pairs with provision for drawing pairs if singles register. Please have your names in at the club by Tuesday – name on the Board or phone 5474 2494.

### Final of the Sponsors Challenge

The Final of the Sponsors challenge was held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February with a good crowd to enjoy the spectacle and support the bowlers. This challenge was keenly contested over three nights and despite a spirited attempt by the runners up from ASQ and W Smith Bricklayers the winning team was B Nunn Earthmoving. (see photo below of Ron Frankling, Mick Evans, Rod Hamilton and David Jeffries)



President John Starbuck thanked all who participated for their support of the Club and encouraged them to enter again next season

### Barbeque and Bowls – Correction

The fortnightly Barbeque and barefoot bowls will continue until the end of daylight saving. The next one is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March commencing at 6.00pm. Please put your name down at the club if you are attending.

### Greens Café Returns – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Commencing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Kaye and Graeme will once again host the Greens Café to provide us with delicious affordable meals fortnightly throughout the non-bowling season.

Each fortnight there will be a set menu of 2 courses of wholesome country cooking.

To avoid disappointment bookings are required – call the Club on 54742494

### Cha Cha Changes ....

In preparation for the construction of a new deck and leveling and surfacing of the car park area, members of the club have been busy working with Peter Douglass (of Peter Douglass Excavations) in the club car park, installing drainage lines and reinstating the west retaining wall of the club.

*Christine Anderson*



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## Lowering the Road Speed in Harcourt

On behalf of the local residents, the Harcourt Progress Association has lobbied council and Vic Roads to have the speed in central Harcourt lowered. This reflects the increasing desire to improve pedestrian access and safety and is consistent with efforts being made to improve our town centre.

After months of "to and fro" between council and Vic Roads, finally we have a traffic-use counter installed which will monitor car numbers and speeds. This information will be processed to determine the appropriate speed reductions required for down town Harcourt.

The battle is not over yet....stay tuned.



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## Harcourtians - Melva Graham



Phone Melva and a cheery voice will answer, “Woop Woop.” It is the name she and her husband of 52 years, Andy, have given to the home and tourist venture they established on Blackjack Road. Over 21 years they have built a house and gallery/tea room out of Ferro cement and created an interactive sculpture garden where guests can experience aspects of Aussie lingo and slang. There are nooks and crannies where tourists can rest, enjoy a BBQ or have a rollicking laugh as they meander around the property. The sculptures, made from scavenged pipes, galvanized iron, old yard, farm and kitchen equipment are Andy’s creations, whilst the Aussie sayings they depict are all selected and compiled by Melva. A member of the Henry Lawson Society, it is Melva who writes and compiles the books available at Woop Woop and it is her art that adorns the walls of the gallery/tearoom.

‘Why Woop Woop?’ I ask. ‘It came from our kids’ Melva replies. ‘When people asked our children where the oldies were, they’d reply, *out Woop Woop*.’

As Melva, born in Mildura in 1939, tells me her story she reveals a woman with a great sense of humour and a strong connection to the land, its outback and country people and the sayings they create. There is also warmth, energy, determination and a spirit of adventure.

‘My parents met in Mildura. Mum was from Karawinna and Dad from the Goulburn Valley. Dad had made enough money from trapping rabbits and picking grapes to buy a truck. On Saturday nights he used to pick up some of the locals and take them to the dance. That’s how they met. I was one of three girls. With the war Dad worked in a munitions factory in Gawler and then joined the Airforce. I spent most of the war years with my grandparents in Karawinna.

‘After the war the family went to Bute on the SA peninsula. That’s where I went to primary school. Dad did a few jobs around Bute; he trapped rabbits, bought a few cows and started a milk run. One of the most memorable jobs he had was the school bus run. Originally, he didn’t have a bus so he converted a dodge truck to transport children. It had a masonite roof, bench seats shutters for windows and a ladder for the kids to climb up and down.

They were all dirt roads so you can imagine the dust that came in and covered everyone. No-one minded though. We went for school holidays in the bus with our pet galah.

‘Dad wanted me to do grade 8 locally and then leave school. He didn’t have the money to send me on to secondary school in Kadina, 20 miles away, where I’d have to board. Also, he wasn’t typical of a lot of fathers of his day who didn’t see much sense in educating girls. I wanted to go to secondary school and so I worked at the telephone exchange in the holidays to make the money to cover my board. By this stage I had started writing and used to send my stories to the newspaper. If they published your story you got points and after so many points they’d send you a book.

‘In 1957 I got into Adelaide Teachers’ College and trained as an infant teacher. In 1959 I started teaching in South Australia. It was at a teaching training course that I met Andy. Andy had been teaching at a one teacher school in the Mallee. We married in 1963. We were both posted to a school in Galga but I became pregnant and only taught for one term. By then Andy was keen to leave teaching so he applied to do a clerk’s certificate. He became a Council Clerk in Jamestown, was promoted to Burra and from there we went on to Kangaroo Island. During this time our children, two sons Paul and David and daughter Anne, were born.’

From Kangaroo Island Melva and Andy with their children returned to Adelaide. After several years in which Melva ran a private kindergarten, retrained as a teacher librarian, taught at a remedial education centre in Devonport, Tasmania and sold teaching aides she and Andy bought 10 acres of land at Tanunda in the Barossa Valley. Using their skills as teachers with knowledge of what would entertain children they developed and ran Storybook Cottage.

‘We took characters from children’s stories and brought them to life in our cottage’, said Melva. ‘We had talking animals and did the all the character voices ourselves. It was there I started painting as we required backdrops for our dioramas and couldn’t find anyone to produce what we needed. The place became very popular both with kids and adults and was known as one of the main tourist attractions in the area. We ran it 365 days a year from 9 to 5. When we sold it after five years we were exhausted.

‘After Storybook we move to Victoria and did a range of jobs that eventually brought us closer to Harcourt. We originally bought the land in Blackjack Road to grow flowers for export. We had the soil tested and planted banksias and proteas. All was well until a heavy rainstorm set off root rot. We lost everything virtually overnight.

‘The question was what to do next. We liked the area and the community and didn’t want to move. I was always interested in Aussie language and its sayings. Andy was good with his hands and inventive. We had been successful at running a tourist venture and so we decided



to create a fun place for adults to see illustrations of some of our Aussie sayings.

'It has worked for us. We take visitors by appointment and close for a few months in winter. I have time to research, write and get involved with the local community. More importantly we have created something which allows people to have a good laugh. Laughter, they say, is the best medicine.'

*Jenny McKenry, Dandura Alpacas*



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Castlemaine District Community Health runs Heartmoves classes in Castlemaine, Campbells Creek and Maldon. Class size is limited to



ensure maximum safety for the participants, yet vacancies are currently available.

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**When:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00 - 11.30am  
**Where:** Meet at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre and walk to Maldon Hospital  
**Who:** Led by Ray Stevenson, local historian.  
**Cost:** Free

#### Harcourt History Walk

**When:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am – 11.00am  
**Where:** Meet at Harcourt ANA Hall & Museum  
**Who:** Led by George Milford, Local historian  
**Cost:** Free



For more information call Liza Shaw at Castlemaine District Community Health on: 5479 1000  
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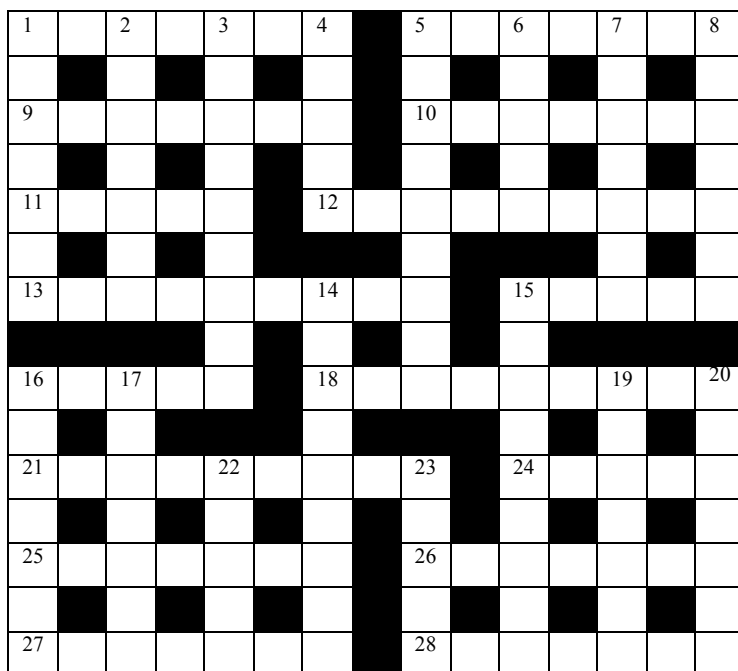


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# MARCH 2015 Xword

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## Across:

1 & 5 Result of reaping stubble, or raiding the tin for peanuts in melted sugar? (7,7)

5 see 1 and 15. (7)

9 Narrow-minded Californian city in ruins. (7)

10 Speak ill of cart due to crash... (7)

11 Let helium balloon down for painter. (5)

12 Mondays and Tuesdays seem old in these times. (5,4)

13 I pour port into early French stew. (3-6)

15 & 5 Too early to reap benefits of environmental party? (5)

16 Capacious Sufi sound? (5)

18 How the deaf suffer? (2,7)

21 Dinner of shreds and patches? (9)

24 Half-way through most, I make it damp. (5)

25 Three-way tube in chaos is a mark of respect. (7)

26 Poet lad grows legs in H<sub>2</sub>O. (7)

27 Finger gangster in modern media. (7)

28 Alone first on stage by herself. (7)

## Down:

1 Growing excitement like plaque after a while... (5-2)

2 Sometimes gained by looking into it. (7)

3 Misleading narrative on the 99<sup>th</sup> floor without the 'e'... (4,5)

4 Big bird's nest sounds weird like this. (5)

5 Random young girl as alternative to top song. (3,2,4)

6 Lane couldn't get cucumbers for this sort of money... (5)

7 Tardy, flightless... parrot? (7)

8 Arrives at main road with justification for violation. (7)

14 Jack up regions of sorrow for an extreme night out! (5,4)

15 Heavy metallic athletic dream. (4,5)

16 Widely considered to be perturbed without the rub, and further perturbed with the U back in. (7)

17 Opportunist saw one. Artist held one. Bud is doing it in spring. (7)

19 I owe Brian \$50 after confusing location in Africa. (7)

20 Wild rant with golf supporter to ask earnestly. (7)

22 Heat pure nitro-glycerine and it will blow back most of the way. (5)

23 Position suits distracted soul to a 'T'. (5)

# FEBRUARY 2015 X-word SOLUTION

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## Across:

- 1 Closer than my ken, but outside it. [Well?]
- 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 [try] local thoroughfare [St] for meeting lover. (5)
- 13 Blurred image of anti-insect & frost fire. (6)
- 14 Retain [keep] Ned's brother [Dan] mixed up in comfortable prayer or garden helper. (4-3)
- 17 Brutus' nemesis' name on the roll [Antony, M] makes its opposite. (7)
- 19 Edgar, [Poe] and a facial contraction, [tic] written in verse. (6)
- 21 The 22<sup>nd</sup> fine-print clause to keep pilots flying more missions? [Well?]
- 23 Pseudo-philosophical economist dashes to drive turbines, etc. [Well?]
- 24 At a distance [tele] producing, [genic] and well-suited for the box. (9)
- 25 Witch Tony? [Well?]
- 26 Patient out of his wits coping with multiple editions of files may be given this? [Well?]

## Down:

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



## Youth Hub for young people in the West of Mount Alexander Shire

The first session of the new Young West Youth Hub on Wednesday 11 February was well attended by local Baringhup and Maldon young people. The group made their own pizzas, created badges and watched a film.



Participants were encouraged to contribute their ideas and interests so a programme can be developed. Some ideas that were put forward include archery and screen printing.

The Young West Youth Hub is a great opportunity for young people in the West of Mount Alexander Shire to connect socially and to also take a leadership role in creating fun opportunities and activities for themselves and their peers.

Bryan McMullan, Young West Facilitator explained “We want to create a space where young people can share their interests with the group and work on ideas that will help make Maldon a more exciting place for youth to grow and develop.”

“The Maldon Neighbourhood Centre is a place for all the community of our district, there was a gap in our activities for young people so in partnership with the Mount Alexander Shire Council, we have initiated this new programme” said Amy Atkinson, Joint Coordinator of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

Young people from the whole district are welcome to come along to the next session which will be held on Wednesday 25 February from 5.30 - 8.30pm. Please email Bryan at [youngwest@maldonnc.org.au](mailto:youngwest@maldonnc.org.au) or call 5475 2093 for more information. Young people can find out more by joining the Young West Facebook group which has information on the up-coming activities. For more information:

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## Maldon Market Showcases Local Talent

The Maldon Market, which celebrated its first birthday late last year, has hit the ground running in 2015 with over 70 stalls showcasing the wide-range of quality, artisan products from our region. The next market on Sunday 8 March will feature singer-songwriter Lizanne Richards, a local talent whose self-titled debut album was launched in 2013.



“Live music creates a fantastic vibe for shoppers as well as great entertainment during lunch time” says Amy Atkinson, Joint Coordinator of the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre. “Lizanne Richards has been lying low since the birth of her second child, so we are really pleased that she is keen to perform in March”. Each month at the Maldon Market there is live entertainment in the Rotunda which is supported by a grant from the Mount Alexander Shire Council.

The Maldon Market is held on the second Sunday of every month with the next market on **Sunday 8 March**. Inviting a powerful female singer such as Lizanne Richards is a nod to International Women’s Day which is traditionally celebrated on 8 March. Local all-women a’capella group, The Blenders, will also be performing in the gardens throughout the morning, celebrating the songs and stories of women.

Live music is the perfect soundtrack for visitors to explore and shop at the Maldon Market.

“Our market showcases the amazing local talent that we have in Central Victoria, from organically produced wines, superb seasonal produce and hand-crafted jewellery” says Market Coordinator, Phillippa Schuster. “We are absolutely blessed to live in such a creative heartland, with an appreciation of good quality food and produce”

Come along to the next Maldon Market on Sunday 8 March, 9 – 2pm.

**For more information contact Phillippa Schuster, Market Coordinator, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, 5475 2093 or [market@maldonnc.org.au](mailto:market@maldonnc.org.au)**



## Pips 'n' all

Hello Garden lovers,

Over the past few months I have been watching some brilliant golden Kangaroo Paws growing in the IGA car park in Castlemaine. Although many Kangaroo Paws are frost sensitive, these have survived untroubled. They are finishing flowering now but have put on a beautiful, long display. It's not easy to be certain with so many varieties available, but I think these ones are *Anigozanthus* hybrid 'Amber Velvet'. This variety has strap-like leaves to 50cm and flowering stems to 1 metre.

Kangaroo Paws can add colour and texture to your garden and also attract nectar loving birds. They grow well in full sun to partial shade but may need protection from snails. Due to heavy local frosts, it would be worthwhile asking nursery advice if you are tempted by this magnificent Australian native plant.

If you already have Kangaroo Paws in your garden, it is a good time to give them a hard prune, now that their colour is fading. You can prune off spent flowers right down to the ground. You can also prune out some of the leaves to open up the plant and encourage growth and flowering.

Last month, I wrote a little about watering. I have also mentioned the poor water holding capacity of local soils a couple of times. The hot March weather makes these topics worth further discussion.

Our local soils have very small particles. This means that they fit tightly together leaving very little space between soil

grains. It is the spaces between the grains that hold water after rain or watering. So, if there is little space, there is little capacity for water to be held in the soil. The tight formation also means that it is difficult for water to penetrate into the soil. Both factors mean that there is little water available within the soil for plants to use.

What does this mean to us? There are ways to improve both water penetration and the holding capacity of soil. Adding a layer of mulch, means that water can be captured and slowed. This gives the water time to sit so that it can slowly penetrate into the soil rather than running off and away. Mulch also slows evaporation and water loss.

Unfortunately, even mulch and good watering techniques will not help with effective watering, if your soil is hydrophobic. Some soil, when dry becomes hydrophobic or water repellent causing water to pool or run off instead of penetrating into soil. If so, you may be watering without benefit. This is most easily fixed with a soil wetting agent that breaks down a waxy coating around soil particles and allows water to penetrate your soil.

We can also increase the pore size between grains of soil by adding organic matter. This is a slow process but a valuable one and although not the right time now, it is worthwhile starting to think about this in preparation for autumn. A faster method is to add a water-storing crystal or gel. These products absorb water and hold it making it available to plants for a longer period.

Soon it will be time to start preparing our gardens for autumn and winter. It is a good time to think about what worked in our gardens this summer and what hasn't worked to help with future planning.

### **This month we are:**

- Feeding the roses with a couple of tablespoons of Sulphate of Potash to encourage autumn flowering;
- Watering;
- Adding soil wetting agents; and
- Putting shade cloth over the blueberries.

### **This month in the woodland:**

- Variable Sword-sedge is seeding.

*Happy Gardening*  
*Janyce*



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## Plant of the Month – Salvias

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## Soils

Soils are everywhere even on stony desert ridges, on tiled roofs, in and on abandoned vehicles and after dust storms which sweep across the country, soil can even be found on the top of skyscrapers.

When conditions are right, plants grow in soils from seed, spores and even plant parts dropped in or onto the soil. The most vigorous plants are often called weeds, however, some of these can be useful and edible, as is demonstrated by those who choose to forage in wild areas.

In these parts, the soils are complex and much disturbed; the best soils have been long utilised and often support introduced plants. Many gardens are on greatly altered ground, often at great expense and maintained expensively. However, in some early gardens around ruins of simple cottages the remains of gardens long neglected can be found with some species still growing successfully.

If we choose to use plants suitable to our environment including our local soil, we can achieve a satisfying garden with less expense and maintenance.

*Ian Johnson*

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# Community Diary Dates

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

**7th March:** Applefest including Kids Karnival - Stanley Park and surrounds

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

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

**18th March:** 7pm Harcourt Progress Association Meeting, Harcourt Valley Primary

**22nd March:** Harcourt Progress Association Gourmet Barbecue stall at the final day of the Castlemaine State Festival - Botanic Gardens Castlemaine

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

**3rd April:** 9am, Good Friday Service at Uniting Church

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

**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

**24th May:** 1.30 pm Heritage Centre tour to Malmsbury, hosted by Malmsbury Historical Society

## Harcourt Trades and Business Directory

To support our local Harcourt economy and encourage people to support local businesses, the Harcourt Progress Association is publishing a HARCOURT TRADES AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Once published the directory will be printed and distributed throughout Harcourt and surrounds and be accessible on line.

Directory listings are free and low cost advertisements are available to promote your service or business.

Register your business now or find out more by emailing [harcourtprogressassociation@gmail.com](mailto:harcourtprogressassociation@gmail.com)

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in Harcourt North for approx.  
3 hours = 1 visit per fortnight.

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## 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

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

TELEPHONE: ..... EMAIL: .....

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.*



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