## HARCOURT NEWS THE CORE

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# Revamped Community Website Launched

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# Harcourt Valley Community A Growing Place Home Harcourt Tourism Business Organisation Wine/Cider Apples Events The Core Harcourt A Growing Place Harcourt

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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 modern, attractive and progressive - find out how you can use the new web site for your club or business - come to the meeting on Wednesday 15 July at 6.30 pm at the Heritage Centre, ANA Hall, High Street Harcourt.

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#### Councillor Update Harcourt Set to Boom??

Over the past forty years we have seen a very slow growth in the number of dwellings in Harcourt. In fact we lost something like forty three homes under the Calder



freeway. At current construction rates that would have put us back about three years. At this stage I think we are now seeing the benefits for the community after the bypass. We have seen subdivisions in proximity to the town centre which will allow more new dwellings being constructed and this is expected to accelerate given the road and rail access to Melbourne. As well as that, we know it is a beautiful part of the world to live. Last night I attended a session at Tread Café on The MASH 2 Solar project. Solar is a great way to generate your own electricity and the Hub Foundation under Neil Barrett have done a lot of the leg work. Every situation is different but under this program the best savings are made by using appliances during the day. The days of high buy back arrangements are gone but there are still good savings to be made. The MASH 2 project is well worth consideration for those interested in reducing the electricity bill.

At last week's Council meeting it was great to see a significant road project awarded to Leech earthmoving. There is a lot of support by the Councillors for using local contractors. We do appreciate they employ local people and the money flows through our community.

Another good news story is that the filtration equipment at Harcourt pool is being upgraded. We love our pool. Many of you will recall the opening of that fine establishment and the tireless efforts of community volunteers to keep it operational over many years. Given the expected increase in population this will support the need for our Harcourt pool.

Kangaroos continue to be a major hazard on our roads. The panel beaters are making a fortune and there does not seem to be a simple solution. I guess in the short term we all need to be careful. My ute will have a bull bar fitted shortly but that probably won't be much use if the kangaroo jumps into the windscreen or the door!!

Drive safely.

Best regards Tony

AG Cordy

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#### 40,000 Trees Project Gathering Momentum

On 11 July 2015 a very unusual landcare event will held in North Harcourt. Approx. 40,000 indigenous seedlings will be planted in a 3-hour session by volunteers. This very exciting project has been organised by the three local landcare groups of North Harcourt, Harcourt Valley and Barkers Creek with technical and financial support from Connecting Country. The seedlings will over time create vegetation "stepping stones" for birds and wildlife helping them to migrate between the Bendigo National Park, Pilchers Bridge Reserve and Mount Alexander. The habitat created will help to strengthen the rare bush birds population and ensure their survival into the future.

A project of this size needs many helping hands. Volunteers wanting to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime planting event please register now under 40000trees@eventbrite.com or visit the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/40000Trees.

#### Coliban Water Takes Back Pipeline Project

Since our last edition, where we reported that the MD of Coliban Water, Jeff Rigby was guest speaker at the Fruit Growers meeting, Coliban customers have received a letter saying that: "Coliban Water has stepped in and taken the remaining work of the Harcourt Rural Modernisation Project out of the hands of our contractor, Redline Mining and Infrastructure."

It continues: "A new plan to complete pipeline and pump station works will be implemented over coming weeks....Unfortunately the pipeline will not be completed in time for the 2015/2016 rural supply season...A new completion date is yet to be determined but project completion is expected to be prior to the 2016/2017 season."

For regular updates on the project go to <a href="www.coliban.com.au">www.coliban.com.au</a> and go to the news and updates page or search for the Harcourt Rural Modernisation Project.





#### **Harcourt Progress Association**

#### Harcourt Coliban Water at Next Meeting

Darren Heritage of Coliban Water will speak about recent developments at Coliban at the next meeting of HPA.

Other matters for the agenda are:

- Landscape Plan update,
- Swimming Pool update
- Playground update.
- HPA is also planning for another successful Twilight on the Green in November in conjunction with Tour de Bress.
- Memberships are now due a membership form is available on the back page of The Core.

All Welcome

Wednesday 22 July, 7 pm Harcourt Valley P S



#### **Tourism Forum**

Have your say in the future of tourism in the Shire

3 speakers from Regional Victoria

Tuesday July 21st

Free Entry

Nibbles and drinks at bar prices

Maldon Golf Club, Golf Links Road, Maldon

For bookings please contact Alice from Business Mt. Alexander at:

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#### Revamped Community website-ALL in the NAME

Anyone walking into the Harcourt Heritage Centre might feel that we only surround ourselves with the past. The items in the museum are certainly from the past and yes, the data base contains the information of the residents' lives from yesterday. How wrong you are to think we only deal with the past! After all, the details of today will be classified as history tomorrow. The technology on display in the museum was once the state of the art in its day. In looking to the future, the committee realized that the internet was the future; so established the **Harcourt Community** website. You could find out about the history of Harcourt, learn of the upcoming activities of community groups or find where to buy apples. The latter was top of this list for hit enquiries.

The former Harcourt website now looks dated and is also cumbersome to use compared to modern host sites. It was felt a new revamped website was needed to give the **Harcourt Community** a presence in cyberspace for tomorrow.

A revised website has been designed. Modern features and an attractive layout have been built into the site and represents Harcourt as it really is; modern, attractive and progressive.

All the information from the previous site has been transferred to this revised one; but the success of any community website always depends on the community's contribution by submitting information of which the public should be made aware.

To help achieve this aim an information session for group representatives is being held at the ANA Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30 - 7.30pm. You will find the site at the SAME ADDRESS:

www.harcourt.vic.au

We look forward to seeing you.

Harcourt Heritage Committee



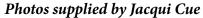


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#### Mid year School Concert

The mid-year school concert was held on the Wednesday evening before school broke up for second term. The Leisure Centre was packed with friends and family of the performers. Every grade performed and the newly formed group learning instruments had a re-hot go. Dorothy the Dinosoar even performed! The costumes were bright and colourful, and the children enjoyed the dance movements accompanying some of the numbers, especially the twist. The concert finished with the whole school performing to rousing applause.











#### Colour us in!







#### **Kinder Happenings**



#### **Cooking at Preschool**

Each friday the 4 year old children have been cooking. We all really look forward to this experience and feel it

an invaluable learning opportunity.

The children assist in measuring, pouring, weighing, sifting and stirring. This experience allows for fine motor skill practice, the sequencing of tasks and enhancing literacy development by increasing vocabulary and understanding. Afterwards we reap the rewards of our cooking in sharing our food and reflecting on the process. The children are keen to try new foods and share the recipes at home with their families. We are encouraging wellbeing and ideas for healthy snacks.

Through successful fundraising the kinder recently purchased a new stove and fridge. We are growing some seasonal vegies and herbs to also use in our cooking next term.

Through winter we have been baking bread, we prepared our mothers day morning tea, popped corn and made some simple orange biscuits for the holidays.

At the end of the year we will compile our recipes as a Christmas gift to families.

The kinder is currently taking enrolments for 2016 through the YMCA Ballarat website and prospective families are invited to come and look at the kinder on any one of our operational days; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

Lisa Gray

(Educational Leader)

#### Have Your Say on Council Open Space Strategy

The Mount Alexander Shire Council is currently developing a Public Open Space Strategy to provide a current and detailed strategic framework for the future planning, development, management and preservation of the Shire's natural environment including parklands and sports and recreational reserves. SED Advisory have been appointed to develop the Strategy and have asked that we share

#### **Open Space Strategy (cont)**

the below link to an online survey to capture the thoughts and opinions you and/or your organisation have about public open spaces. The survey should only take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Link to Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mas\_openspace

Feedback received from the survey, will be compiled with the findings of other Council strategies and plans to inform the development of a draft strategy, due to be released for public comment in Sept/Oct 2015.

Further opportunities to contribute to the Strategy will also be available throughout the development process.

If you would like more information about the Public Open Space Strategy, contact Gaynor Atkin from the Mount Alexander Shire Council at g.atkin@ mountalexander.vic.gov.au or through the council desk on 5471 1700.



by yourself and enjoy a milkshake and treat.

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#### Local Artist Talks on the Kelly Women at New Theatre



As part of Bendigo's "Festival of Kelly", Harcourt artist Janet Goodchild-Cuffley was invited to speak at the new Ulumbarra Theatre about her ambitious artistic project titled *The Kelly Women Narratives*. Concerned that the stories of the Kelly women are mostly unrecognised, Goodchild-Cuffley has created a series of imaginative and carefully-researched paintings based on her exploration of the role women played in the Ned Kelly history.



In her introductory talk, the artist showed three of these paintings and discussed the stories they contain, the implications for the women depicted, her own artistic motivations, and the Nolan legacy. Janet delivered her talk on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May (before *Ned: the musical*) and on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

The influence of Nolan is acknowledged by Janet in the following quote from her talk:

"You can probably tell I didn't seek to emulate Nolan's style. I have, in a few of the 24 works, referenced Nolan's compositional structures, and there are two paintings which contain some appropriated Nolan imagery. But the main influence is twofold: I have chosen to work to the same size (3' x 4') as Nolan's first Kelly series. And, most importantly, I have taken strength from the support Nolan provides for the concept of painting *in series* to flesh out a story. As a consequence, I have been able to include several of the well-known incidents in which women feature in this history."

She did however note that "Nolan's women were passive". Janet completed her talk by explaining the research behind the selected paintings and also explained the symbolism contained in these. One example depicts the marriage of Kelly's parents in St Francis' Church in 1850. Floating above the church is a small white figure representing Mary McKillop, who took her first communion there in the same year.

In *The Core*'s first edition in December 2013, we featured a painting from the series. At that time Janet had completed 14 paintings. She has now completed 24 and is aiming for 26. Watch this space for news about a future exhibition.

Robyn Miller





#### **Harcourt CFA**



What does a fire brigade do on a cold winter's night?
We go and play with water.
Why?

Maintaining skills and participating in training drills does not stop in winter

and hence Brigade members recently, once again, combined with Castlemaine, Campbells Creek and Maldon brigades at Campbells Creek for our bi-monthly inter brigade training. The Chewton brigade is also part of this training, but were unable to attend on the night. The exercise was to simulate supplying sufficient water for a structure fire when water was not readily available close to the scene. Hence, playing with water on a cold winter's night. The training provided valuable learning outcomes for newer members and also provides a good platform for developing better teamwork between the respective brigades. The next time it will be Harcourt's turn to run the training which will be in August. So don't be alarmed if you observe these brigades on a Thursday night driving around our town.

Along with our monthly brigade training held on the first Tuesday of each month, some members have been able to complete training courses run by the CFA Training Department to further complement the skills profile of the Brigade.

A recent garden shed fire that the Brigade attended highlighted the care required when disposing of ashes from the fire place. If you have a solid wood heater, extreme care must be taken when putting out the ashes as they can retain sufficient heat to smoulder once discarded outside and occasionally reignite back to life. Having a metal bucket to empty the ashes into, then hosing it with water is one way to limit the risk. An alternative is to have a metal container outside in which to empty the ashes and which can then be monitored. Tipping them out into a pile and not spreading them increases the risk.

Once again we see in the news where house fires have started as a result of using candles. While they look fairly harmless, they are a risk which must be continuously monitored. If you use candles, ensure that they cannot come into contact with other flammable materials like net curtains and when you leave the room, blow them out. Other recent news items have included the disastrous results of carbon

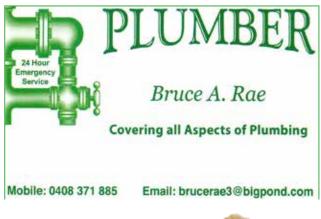
monoxide poisoning. These incidents highlighted the dangers of using non suitable methods of heating in a confined space. This highlights the importance of having adequate ventilation even on cold winter nights. It is also a timely reminder that if you use a gas fuelled heater that it should be annually checked and serviced by a qualified tradesperson to ensure that it functions correctly and also does not emit carbon monoxide into your breathing space.

Stay warm, stay safe.

Tyrone Rice Captain









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#### **Harcourt CWA**



The CWA has been in the news recently, and all for the right reasons.

The National President of the Country Women's Association of Australia was interviewed

recently on Radio National and described the CWA as "neither caterers nor fund raisers but lobbyists at the grass roots level". It was therefore not surprising that at the CWA State Conference held in Bendigo last month, family violence, fracking, medicinal cannabis and food labelling were among the many grassroots topics that were discussed.

Victorian CWA State President Dorothy Coombe said that the common misconception that the organisation was all about "tea and scones" was useful because it naturally leads to a discussion concerning the actual range of activities and interests within CWA Branches. Although the main aim of the CWA is to provide support for women and children in our members' localities, the organisation as a whole was dealing with very current and serious problems in regional areas such as depression and dementia and family violence. This is a long way indeed from the tea and scones image.

Closer to home, the ladies at Harcourt were delighted to hear that their very own Ayron Teed, has been elected to the role of Chairman ACWW / International / Community Support.

ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) links together women's organisations in 72 countries. It's the largest women's organisation in the world and one of Ayron's many passions.

I know that Ayron will embrace her new role with much enthusiasm and has already been in touch with Juliet Childs, the Projects Administrator at ACWW in London, who has given her a list of projects still in need of funding.

One of these projects is in the Western Highlands of Papua and New Guinea where the Jiwaka CWA Branch women still have to walk more than 4 kms to get water from the nearest creek, and when they get there the water is often polluted leading to all kinds of diseases. Can you imagine what that must be like?

A local construction company has been employed to drill water from underground and pump it into reservoir tanks from where the water will be pumped to surrounding villages. To us in Harcourt having clean accessible water is a given. How wonderful for

the 3000 plus people who will benefit from this ongoing project. What a difference it will make to their lives.

Well done Ayron, we at Harcourt CWA wish you well in this new role.

On a sad note, one of our sweet ladies, Marian Williams, died suddenly two weeks ago.

Marian was a much loved member, involving herself in the many fund-raising and social activities with

our Branch. She was our Branch International Officer and we learnt a lot about our Country of Study whilst she held this position. I have included a photo of her lovely display of teapots and old wares that Marian proudly displayed when we had the



Mad Hatters Tea Party and The Pioneer Women's Day. Marian was a member of VIEW and loved her voluntary position at St Vinnies.

VIEW, CWA and St Vinnies will sorely miss this sweet soul and the generosity and kindness she gave to those in need.

Our very own Poet Laureate, Melva Graham penned these lines:

For Marian

Whenever I saw her in the street,
I'd quicken my pace so we would meet.
We'd exchange a hug or two,
And talk about the things we knew.
Although the little swan's now gone,
Her smile and memory linger on.
I still can see those little feet
Of the lovely ballerina of Bowden Street.

Marian was a very special friend to us all and we will feel her loss so much.

Lyn Rule

Publicity Officer

Harcourt CWA



#### **Harcourt Valley Landcare**



This prickly pear cactus was reported to Harcourt Valley Landcare by a

keen eyed member of the Harcourt public – Margaret Tarr. The Cactus Ninjas – Trevor McKay and Philip Hopley – swung into action and it was removed.

The cactus was near the entry to the Oak Forest. The Prickly

Pear is a noxious weed and infests land around Maldon, so much so, that there is an ongoing battle with it.

Landcare encourages people to report sightings of the cactus to Landcare for removal or they can be removed on the spot. They must be dug up and every part of the cactus collected, wrapped if possible, (they have very nasty spines) and disposed of in the normal rubbish collection – they should not be put in with green rubbish.

It is likely that because one has been found in Harcourt, there are others. Well done to Margaret for finding this one.

If you spot a cactus you can contact Landcare by ringing the Secretary, Robyn Miller on 0467 670 271.







#### Maree Edwards MP

State Member for Bendigo West

Putting Community First

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#### Harcourt & District Fruit Growers Association

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#### Advocacy for Business and Horticultural Industries in Harcourt & District

President: Rob Chaplin Enquiries : Secretary Scott Harrington

Vice President: George Kyvetos <u>NEXT EVENT 31 JULY</u> - Maree Edwards MP

Treasurer: Drew Henry Guest Speaker

Membership: Mark Walters ALL WELCOME - It is not just about apples!



#### **Harcourt Uniting Church**



At a recent Sunday Service we enjoyed a visit from Endless Praise –a group of young Christian singers/musicians who travel around performing at Churches, Christian gatherings & working in schools with workshops for young people. They performed traditional & contemporary songs which were most powerful & inspiring. For those of you who are singers you would appreciate how difficult it can be to sing at 9am on a cold Harcourt morning but they were great.

A reminder that we are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Harcourt Uniting Church (which was originally the Methodist Church) on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 10am followed by a light lunch in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend – if you have family members who may have attended the Church at some time please pass on this open invitation to share in the celebrations.

Jan Jenkin

#### **MASARG** Inc

Have you ever heard about MASARG Inc? If you Google it you will come up with some interesting results – "Massage!" Well even though we all enjoy a massage- look closer. Mt Alexander Shire Accommodation and Respite Group Inc (M.A.S.A.R.G.Inc) began when a small group of parents of disabled "children" met to discuss the need for respite and accommodation for people with disabilities within our area and that includes Harcourt.

Respite means that the family of a disabled person can have a rest from caring and at the same time the person with the disability can enjoy a break from the family in a safe , familiar place with qualified staff caring for them. At the moment the only out of home respite is in the hospital or in Bendigo where there are long waiting lists. The Respite House will be for short term stays for any person with a disability no matter what age - permanent

accommodation is our next project and we've already begun planning for that!

We formed a committee (along with some community members), opened a bank account, held monthly meetings, became incorporated, gained DGR status (donations are tax deductible), developed a business plan, created a great Web site, designed a plan and set about making it happen. Sounds easy on paper!

If there's one thing we've learnt along the way it's "patience"!

Land in Castlemaine has become extremely expensive and every block we looked at was well beyond our means. The Castlemaine Lions Club was approached and they promised money to buy the land. In the meantime Bob and Eileen McDonald were subdividing their farm at McKenzies' Hill and offered to donate a beautiful block of undulating land to MASARG. What a wonderful gesture. Wow!!! that meant the Lions Club money could go towards the building of the house.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of many groups and individuals in our local community who have assisted us to raise almost \$1million through fundraising, donations, "in kind" pledges, along with grants from both the Federal and State Government.

After many years of hard work we are excited to report that building has begun with VR Builders & we hope that it will be up and running by the end of this year. \$1 million sounds a lot for a 5 bedroom home however it requires several bathrooms, extra space to manoeuvre wheelchairs plus the need for specialized equipment (such as a hoist) to cater for all disabilities.

It's been a long journey – frustrating at times, lots of paper work, learning to deal with Govt bodies, many emails between the executive, a steep learning curve, one step forward, two steps back -but we are a determined group of parents who are beginning to see that it's all been worthwhile.

So when you drive out towards McKenzies' Hill and are turning right to Maldon just gaze up to the right and see the framework of a house – that's us!!

Jan Jenkin



#### **Business Update – Harcourt Auto Wreckers**





As you drive towards Castlemaine on the Midland Highway, you'll notice on the right hand side that Harcourt Auto Wreckers have made some changes to their business. They have recently built a new showroom and office inside the newly re-fenced and expanded car yard.

Anthony Burns is the owner of Harcourt Auto Wreckers and he talks about these changes as being "the culmination of two years of planning and construction to refresh and expand the car yard due to the higher volume of cars we now sell. Because of the growing demand for our cars, we've expanded the cars in stock from 20 to over 30 at any given time, and stock a range cars and 4x4's from \$1,000 to \$10,000."

"We've also recently welcomed local mechanic Luke Mannix to our friendly team of staff, who brings many years of automotive experience to the business and is happy to help out with customer enquiries." When asked about the types of services Harcourt Auto Wreckers offers, Anthony explains:

"Our range of cars being recycled for parts is always growing with new stock arriving every day, so we have most parts for most cars. We also fit anything we sell, from a battery to a mirror to a motor, we can install it with warranty at a great price."

"Hit a kangaroo? We can supply and fit headlights, panels and bumpers for most cars, even the latest models with either recycled parts, or quality assured new, non genuine parts to suit just about any year, make and model at a fraction of the price of new genuine."

Harcourt Auto Wreckers not only deals with sales and parts. They have the latest diagnostic equipment and can recode keys and check and clear engine fault codes amongst many other things. Plus, they offer a towing service with their fully insured tilt tray tow truck. Cars, trucks, tractors, shipping containers, in fact anything up to four tonnes is no problem for Anthony; with his 16 years of towing experience he'll move your vehicle with the utmost care!

Harcourt Auto Wreckers is open Mon to Fri 8.30am til 5.30pm and Sat 9am til 1pm Midland Highway, Barkers Creek (03) 5474 2432 | www.facebook.com/ HarcourtWreckers





#### **Harcourt Bowling Club**

**Upgraded Facilities** 



Testing the new pool table

Although the green is resting during the winter break, the Harcourt Bowling Club has not been in hibernation. There has been much activity and some improvements made for the comfort of members and guests.

Our volunteers have been busy arranging the installation of new efficient heating and cooling, giving the bar area a much needed make-over and the setting up of a pool table.



Barman Mick looks the part

#### **Social Activities**

The social aspect of the Club has come to the fore with a welcoming atmosphere for members and other locals and a warm venue for Friday night social outings. The Member's draw and generous raffle prizes ensure that "everyone's a winner" – so come in and say hello.

The Greens Café for members and locals has also been very successful. Grahame and Kaye have provided us with good wholesome food and interesting themes at very affordable prices. The highlight for this month will be *Christmas in July* 

on Friday  $24^{th}$  and you will need to book! Call the club on 54742494 to reserve your place <u>before</u> Wednesday  $22^{nd}$ .

#### Member Birthday

Congratulations to Bowling member Fairlie Harmon who celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday recently. She is pictured having afternoon tea with some Bowling friends and the special cake baked by Sue Tribe.



Fairlie with cake

#### Joining our club

Harcourt Bowling Club is always keen to welcome new playing and social Members.

Annual membership fees are reasonable at \$120 for playing members and \$30 for social members. Members are reminded that Fees for the upcoming season are now due.

Christine Anderson Publicity Officer



Rod & Darrell enjoy the atmosphere



#### **Harcourt Bowling Club**

Fairlie with bowling friends



## Harcourt Valley Heritage Committee Invitation

Sunday 19th July 2015

#### Tour: Grand Design Home at Harcourt Quarry.

Built at an old granite quarry, this architect-designed home is a contemporary symmetrical cube dwelling of 450 square metres over three levels, bound at either end by historic workers cottages just like bookends. Owners Art van Dyk and Troy West have worked tirelessly to create this dream home which has been featured on Grand Designs Australia. (visit: <a href="www.lifestyle.com.au">www.lifestyle.com.au</a>) The site has a rich history; evidenced by piles of rock, quarry holes and workers buildings. The tour begins and ends at Harcourt Heritage Centre. Afternoon tea is included.

Meet at Harcourt Heritage Centre, High St, Harcourt, 1.30pm

Special pricing applies: Cost \$12 per adult (includes afternoon tea.) (Pay on the day)

For further information, phone George Milford 0400 916 527

RSVP: Email bookings to: georgeamilford@bigpond.com



#### Harcourtians - Robyn Miller



Unearthing her family history went a large way to explaining why Robyn feels so comfortable in Central Victoria.

'I am the 5<sup>th</sup> generation on the female line of my family to live in this region. The Millers, on my mother's side, came from the Robbins family who arrived in Australia on the ship the Humbolt, in 1852. They were farmers from Cranford St John in Northhamptonshire, England. The property they established at Barnadown on the Campaspe River, Ellesmere Vale, is still there although it is no longer owned by the family. My father and his relatives were also farmers who lived in Bedfordshire, England not far from Northhamptonshire. However, they arrived in Australia in 1924.'

Robyn, the person who edits and enables community news and voices to be aired in *The Core*, first made Central Victoria her home in 1976, eventually settling in Harcourt in 1990. 'I trained to be a teacher and did a teaching round in Castlemaine. I just loved it and was determined to get back to the area. After two years of teaching in Melbourne, I got a placement at Bendigo High School in 1976, where I taught until 1989. For the rest of my 38 year career in education I worked for Bendigo TAFE. I was a teacher/manager then became a full time manager of the southern campuses. In 2006 I was appointed as Head of Centre for Business and Design and then in 2008-10 was Head of Faculty of Education and Pathways. With a restructure, that position vanished and I went into a part-time Project Officer position which enabled me to keep earning and have less responsibility. Although this was a turbulent time, this major change in my work life came at a time which suited me. It enabled me to ease out of full time work into retirement.

'I was raised in Balwyn, Melbourne and remember the eastern suburbs as almost semi-rural even though we had a tramline which connected us to the city only 13 kilometres away. I saw Sputnik arc across the sky while I stood in the front yard of our house and one amazing night I saw the Aurora Australis. The skies over Melbourne were much clearer then. We swam in the Yarra and collected blackberries on its banks for jam making. Up until the early 1960s our bread and milk was delivered by horse-drawn carts. I was a very sporty kid, involved in swimming and athletics, particularly long jump and high jump. Perhaps I was too active – by the time I was twelve I had smashed both of my front teeth in separate play accidents! One of the highlights of my early teens was meeting Dawn Fraser. I was also in the Church Choir and a Church Youth Group Leader.

'My mother, Joyce Miller, and my father, Charles Ibbott, met at St Barnabas' Church, Balwyn and married during WWII. Like most women of her day Mum was at home alone during the war. After my brother was born she suffered from post-natal depression and later she was diagnosed as bi-polar. Mental illness was little understood at the time and carried social stigma. She had a difficult life but managed to work part-time in the city and enjoyed many family holidays and travelled overseas but had bouts of serious illness all her life. During WWII Dad was a Captain in the Signal Corps and was on active service in the Middle East and Greece. When he returned from the war his technical experience enabled him to secure a life-long job in the PMG, which we now know as Telstra.'

Along with sport, singing and leadership, Robyn's other creative talents were evident when she was young. 'I love writing and started when I was at school and had a couple of stories published in the annual school magazine. After finishing school I went to work for a stock broker in Collins Street. It was during the heady days of the mining boom of the late 1960s. There were no computers and the share transactions were recorded manually on cards, and then transferred for permanent records using accounting machines. To make a photocopy, I had to go to the basement of the building where the process was literally taking a photo and then developing it using a wet development process.

'No one in our family had been to university, but my father decided to ring Melbourne University to see if my matriculation marks were good enough. It turned out they were. I left work and enrolled into a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Economics and sub-majors in Psychology and Business Law. One of my lecturers was Geoffrey Blainey and his lectures were so informative and entertaining, I don't think I missed one. After my first year I was successful in being offered a studentship with the Department of Education.'

When Robyn began part-time work she decided to take up the TAFE Professional Writing Course and produced *Decoded* a book of her own poetry. She



is also keen to write the story of her husband, Nick Quirk's, maternal grandfather John Alexander Stewart who enlisted for WWI at the age of 35 after the death of his wife and child.

Robyn met Nick soon after she moved to Campbell's Creek while she was the Stage Manager for *The Music Man* produced by the Castlemaine Theatre Company. Nick who is an orchard worker and cider apple grower is also a talented, largely self-taught, blues player. 'Actually I first saw Nick at the Wesley Hill Market. He was busking, dressed as a woman, with a scarf, floral dress and lipstick. He looked a bit like Aunty Jack! It wasn't quite love at first sight, but he left a lasting impression...'

Robyn and Nick now live in Lemreway; the granite home built over twenty years by Nick's dad Trev. 'He brought the granite home from the quarry where he worked. He built around the existing timber cottage and then pulled the cottage down. I feel privileged to live in a house where so much labour and artisanship is evident. When we moved to Harcourt we shared the property with Nick's parents. It was a wonderful place for our two girls to grow up; they had their grandparents on hand and a large extended family who visited their home base frequently.

'These days I am busy with the house and gardening and I enjoy being involved with Landcare. It's great to be involved with the continuing life of *The Core* and the team from the Harcourt Progress Association which makes it possible. Something which started in a small way to improve communication in our community is now available on line and has grown to 500 hard copies with readership in Harcourt, Castlemaine and Bendigo. I have been retired for two and a half years, but I'm certainly not bored!'

Jenny McKenry, Dandura Alpacas



Young Robyn with her Dad, Mum and brother John.



Teenage Robyn, The Age, October 9, 1963.









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#### Handing Over The Olive Branch

After attending the Maldon Market from its inception, Laima and Ron of Olive Branch Preserves are retiring. The next market on Sunday 12 July will be their last.

"We've enjoyed our time at Maldon and we've enjoyed watching the market grow. The market is sure to go from strength to strength, even without us," says Ron. Laima adds "thank you to our lovely customers, without whom there would be no point in coming. Thank you also to the market management and to the other stallholders who made the second Sunday mornings friendly and fun."

BUT all is not lost. Amanda Worth, a Maldon local who has been Laima's helper for many years, will be taking over the business from August 1. The standard and quality of their products will remain just as high. Amanda will be at the Maldon Market in Olive Branch Preserves' regular spot in the top lawn on Sunday 12 July, and the second Sunday of every month.

To find out more about the Maldon Market call Market Coordinator, Phillippa Schuster, on 5475 2093 or 0477 201 654 or email market@maldonnc.org.au.

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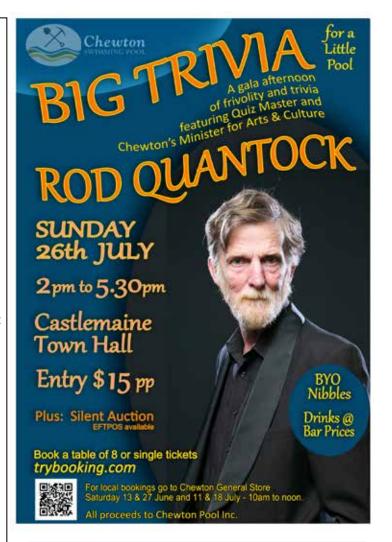
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#### Across:

- 1. This—and by itself it maketh not the whole man—is but attire. (9)
- 6. This part in a duo can create havoc, all right, at least for a bit. (5)
- 9 & 10. Go to Weatherzone if they can't supply what they advertise? (4,1,9)
- 11. Double of 28's royalty is actually not at all like her... (10)
- 12. Overdosed in Adelaide—wasn't drinking this! (4)
- 14. Proof of testament in favour of the anxious holding of breath? (7)
- 15. Sulphurous smell might say an awkward 'hi' to mollusc's home. (7)
- 17. Printer error used in psychology. (3-4)
- 19. Its blast could take 26's ace? (7)
- 20. Mac's ivory work? (4)
- 22. Loose spanakopita sounds lacking in vital ingredient. (10)
- 25. If we stay late, a bore will spell it out for us. (9)
- 26. Venusian right over property? (5)
- 27. Father any number for AFL noise. (5)
- 28. Royalty 25-ed it and removed doubt... (9)

#### Down:

- 1. Performed, so you can take over role of news boss. (5)
- 2. What burglar might do on June 29? (4,5)
- 3. I am a non-PC black woman, quite competent to comprehend the slur, but such expressions can still be conceived... (10)
- 4. Russian Heron addresses taller bird in this area? (7)
- 5. Heap haphazardly around pit for the inscription. (7)
- 6. Evil on the bench? (4)
- 7. Belief in zero street-prestige. (5)
- 8. The kit he also pulls apart with alacrity. (4-1-4)
- 13. Friskiness in angry shell with tyro to artfully draw attention to the matter. (10)
- 14. Using a circle as compass is futile. (9)
- 16. I am much inclined to be disinterested. (9)
- 18. Black & Tan? Dark tan for this mug! (7)
- 19. E-street precariously balances... (7)
- 21. On which the man I met wasn't. (5)
- 23. 15ac noise edited while we ate. (5)
- 24. French corner the market in 5c, 10c 20c and 50c pieces? (4)



#### June 2015 Xword SOLUTION

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#### Across:

- 1. Had Simon to task? (8)
- 6. Put off like Derrida? (5)
- 10. With a fair bit of Brahms, it could lead to a 22 state. [*Well?*]
- 11. <u>Provides impetus</u> while he boots prostitute... [Well?]
- 12. Luhrmann [Baz] and 2x24 [Well? I,I] mix it in western isle. (5)
- 13. Lo! Letting modern pollies have these sorts of profits is a Bad Thing! (3-6)
- 14. His chance to sing (deprived of the opportunity) what Joni Mitchell sang about seasonal grass areas [*The Hissing of Summer Lawns*]
- 15. Latin country god [faun] first appreciates animal life. (5)
- 18. Fake **adj.** a self. (5)
- 19. They persist in using canon law. (7)
- 22. Unmoving after 10 combo. [Well?]
- 25. <u>To harass thus</u> sounds like *a baby carriage* [*stork*...] (5)
- 26. Not particular, but everywhere. [Well?]
- 27. I bail him out thus? (5)
- 28. Fire [*heater*] loses point for <u>one most</u> <u>heated</u>! (5)
- 29. Collins-class confluence to go under. (8)

#### Down:

- 2. Sack Grassby for historic Oz beheading. [Well?]
- 3. How to send a large bird to Coventry?[Well?]
- 4. <u>Forebodings</u> are merely heather in pen-fuels [*ink...s*]... (8)
- 5. One of two comical black birds to give lip to pollie. [Well? Not Jeckle...]
- 6. Denigrate [dis...] business [Co] for hop? (5)
- 7. Safe about to end in slap-up tea by the sound of it. (5)
- 8. Here Brutus may daunt, or perhaps make a band play. (7)
- 9. Disturbed the shelving of small mischievous beings, but not in New Guinea. (6)
- 15. Blondes apportion justly... [Well?]
- 16. Going the wrong way [i.e. a 'down' clue!] to be outshining, but it's a way of doing it. (9)
- 17. Will orbital cab lapse for experiments *a la distance*? (5-3)
- 18. Affectedly elegant silent work in f...ish.(7)
- 20. <u>Indian</u> words of incitement to Rottweiler?
- 21. <u>Looks to mount apprehension</u>? Steps towards it, we hear. [Well?]
- 23. According to most people, 15 isn't sinister at all... [Well?]
- 24. Take the anger off [Lone R*anger*] and you end up <u>a solitary</u>... (5)



#### Walter Peeler VC

Victoria Cross winner Wal. Peeler was the subject of a talk presented at Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance on Sunday 14th June. George Milford of Harcourt Heritage Centre and Mick Hanrahan of the Western Front Association were invited to give the presentation at the Annual Pilgrimage of the 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneer Battalion Association. Returned servicemen of the Pioneers together with families and friends turned out for the pilgrimage on a fine sunny afternoon. Over 140 association members attended the ceremony, which was followed by the talk and afternoon tea in the Shrine's modern auditorium. Walter Peeler was awarded the Victoria Cross for exceptional bravery in battle near Ypres on 4th October 1917. During WW2 Wal served with the 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneers. (He had understated his age by 14 years when he enlisted in 1940 but who would blame the recruiting officer, when this decorated hero of WW! fronted up for a second go?) Wal saw service with 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneers in the Middle East and Syria and was promoted to Sergeant before being posted to Java.

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Col Hamley, the 93 year-old President of the 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneer Battalion Association, told the assembled crowd of the events that befell the battalion after it landed in Java. Col was 20 years old when the battalion was captured by the Japanese. The men were taken

by ship to Burma to work on the Burma -Siam Railway. For the next three years, at various places in northern Thailand, the young Aussie prisoners were set to work on the railway. Meanwhile, back at camp, Walter Peeler, then 55 years of age, was in charge of the camp kitchen. "Wally Peeler was very strict and very fair" said Col. "No-one stole from the kitchen and Wally insisted that you scalded your dixie in a cauldron of boiling water before and after every meal." In an interview given in 1963 Wally said "I wasn't treated too badly, apart from nearly starving. But what the Japanese did to the others on

the railway with me was pretty horrifying. "Wal's service record is silent on the years between 8th May 1942 "Reported P O W Java" -- and 20th. August 1945 "Alive in Siam, Recovered from Japanese." It was thus a privilege to hear of the role played by our hero during the years of imprisonment. The photo accompanying this article was taken on board the homeward-bound ship "Highland Castle" on 10th October 1945. "I remember that incident" said Col Hamley "There was a Dutch family, on board our ship, that had been living in the POW Camp. The little girl was just three-and-a-half"

Upon returning to Melbourne, Walter Peeler resumed his pre-war role as Custodian of Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance until his retirement at age 76. We have every reason to be proud of this man who grew up on a little orchard in Plantation Road, Barkers Creek.

The 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneer Battalion Association is arranging a group visit to Harcourt late in November 2015 to hear more about Wally Peeler and to see the scenes of his childhood. It is hoped that the group will be led by its President Col. Hamley, for he is a valued link with the events of seventy years ago and has many stories to tell of our local hero. Wally Peeler must have made a big impression. Harcourt Heritage Centre will be hosting the group tour.

George Milford







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#### Winter tasks - grafting and worm farms

Do you want to do any grafting this year? Now is the right time to be planning, well before the trees start growing again in spring, because you need to collect the grafting wood (called scions) while the trees are still dormant, then store it (in the fridge, wrapped in plastic) until the sap starts moving in your fruit trees in early spring. If you want to add new varieties to your garden by grafting on to an old tree, ask around your neighbours to find out what are their favourite and most successful varieties. That way you'll be growing something that you know grows well in our climate. There's a list of many of the varieties we grow on the farm on the front page of our website if you want to have a look at what works for us.

And if you have a worm farm, here's a tip - look after it over winter by making sure it doesn't get too cold. Add an extra layer of insulation by covering with underfelt or old carpet, or if you only have a small worm farm, move it into a shed or the laundry to provide some extra protection from the elements. Worms hate the cold, and will either die or escape if conditions get too dire! If you want to learn more we have upcoming workshops on both grafting (called Grow Your Own Fruit Trees) and worm farms (which also includes training on how to make compost tea), book through the website.

> Cheers, Katie Finlay Mount Alexander Fruit Gardens





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#### Pips 'n' all

Hello Garden lovers,

This month's cold and frosty weather makes gardening a little difficult. But when the sun comes out it is a pleasure to get outside to do a little pruning, deadheading or planting. Winter is the perfect time to prune roses. So with a little courage, clean sharp secateurs and some strong gloves we can tackle our roses.

Rose pruning can seem daunting but roses are tough and can generally be pruned quite hard. Always prune your roses with clean secateurs to avoid transfer of infection.

Firstly, remove all deadwood and then weak and straggly growth back to the stem. This will make the next part easier. For bush roses, remove all inward facing growth. Then shorten older growth by one third (or half if you are more courageous). Make cuts just above fat, healthy outward-facing buds to promote good shape. Make cuts angled to help water run-off rather than sit on stems.

If you can identify new fresh, long growth (known as water shoots) just lightly prune these as they will provide new growth and flowers next year.

Any growth coming from below the graft should be removed. These are suckers and are a different variety than your chosen rose. Remove these with a clean cut below ground level and down to the root if possible. If left, they can out-compete your roses.

When you have finished, dispose of your prunings in a plastic bag in the rubbish or by burning to avoid spread of disease.

Winter is also a good time to divide perennials. Some of ours have established well enough that we can divide some for transplanting. Some are still flowering and adding some colour, so a light prune is all they need for the moment.

This month we are:

- Planting new garden beds;
- Dividing perennials;
- Covering frost tender plants;

This month in the woodland:

Chocolate Lilies are shooting.

Happy Gardening

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#### Autumn and winter Planting

A few seeds will germinate in early autumn when the weather is still warm and then grow slowly for 90 days until flowering - the native Sticky Everlasting and poppies and wall flowers are a few examples.

As the weather cools, it is a good time to plant cuttings. Many native shrubs, osteospermums (South African Daisy), some succulents, lavenders, rosemarys and even roses can be tried. Apart from roses, the stems must be "snappable" and need not be thick or tall. Hormone powder is not needed when planting.

If you want to plant cuttings or seedlings and are uncertain about the depth of soil, try the following.

Wait until 20mm of rain has fallen then take a screwdriver and stab at the ground. It should pierce 7cm if possible and grip. Too loose is no good. Pour a small amount of water round the stab hole, if it won't soak in move on and try again.

Many cuttings can be broken off the parent plants and planted within 20 minutes. About half a cup of water is needed for each cutting. Plant early or late in the day. Use the hole made by the screwdriver and insert the cutting. Press in by stabbing near the side, leaving a stab hole and use that to add a little more water to the plant. There is no need to clear the ground around the new plant – leave as is. Survival is at least 10%, 60% - 80% is usual.

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#### Community Diary Dates

9th July: 7.30 Harcourt Valley Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall

11 July: 40,000 Trees Planting Day

**16th July:** 6.30 pm, New Community Website Meeting, Heritage Centre, ANA Hall **19 July:** Brew & Bake Competition, Barkers Creek Landcare, Barkers Creek Cricket Oval

19th July:1.30pm Heritage Centre Grand Designs Home Tour

**22nd July:** 7pm Harcourt Progress Association Meeting, Harcourt Valley Primary School.

24th July: Christmas in July at the Bowls Club. Book by 22nd. Phone 5474 2494

**26th July:** 10am, Flora Reserve Working Bee, Harcourt Valley Landcare **9th August:** 10am, 150th Anniversary of Harcourt Uniting Church

23rd August: 1.30pm Fireside Chat; "Henry Hayden, Harcourt's pioneer schoolmaster"



# Up to the end of the 1980's The ANA Hall was always the social heart of Harcourt. Carpet bowls as one of many activities that was conducted in this hall. This photo of the annual awards/dinner night taken in the 1950s shows the popularity of this event. There was certainly no room to circulate!

#### The ANA Hall - Social Centre of Harcourt



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#### **BACKGROUND STORY**

40,000 seedlings of local provenance have been propagated by enthusiastic prisoners at Middleton Prison. Unfortunately, the proposed projects for the plants did not proceed. To ensure the seedlings aren't wasted, we have taken up the challenge to get them planted.



Hooded Robin photo: Geoff Park

As we are all aware the clearing of our wood-lands has significantly altered the landscape with the result that in many local areas there is now a limited variety of habitat remaining. This process has also caused changes to soil structure and stability, water pen-

etration and overland flow, retention of organic matter, nutrient exchange and hence species diversity.

Most of our Bush Birds have suffered significant decline in their numbers and continue to be at risk as a result of this loss of habitat.

#### **EVENT SUMMARY**

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Saturday, 11 July 2015, 9.30 am - 1 pm

#### What:

Planting 40,000 indigenous seedlings to offset our carbon footprint and reintroduce habitat links for native birds and fauna.

#### Where:

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#### ON THE DAY AND GETTING TO THE EVENT

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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.

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