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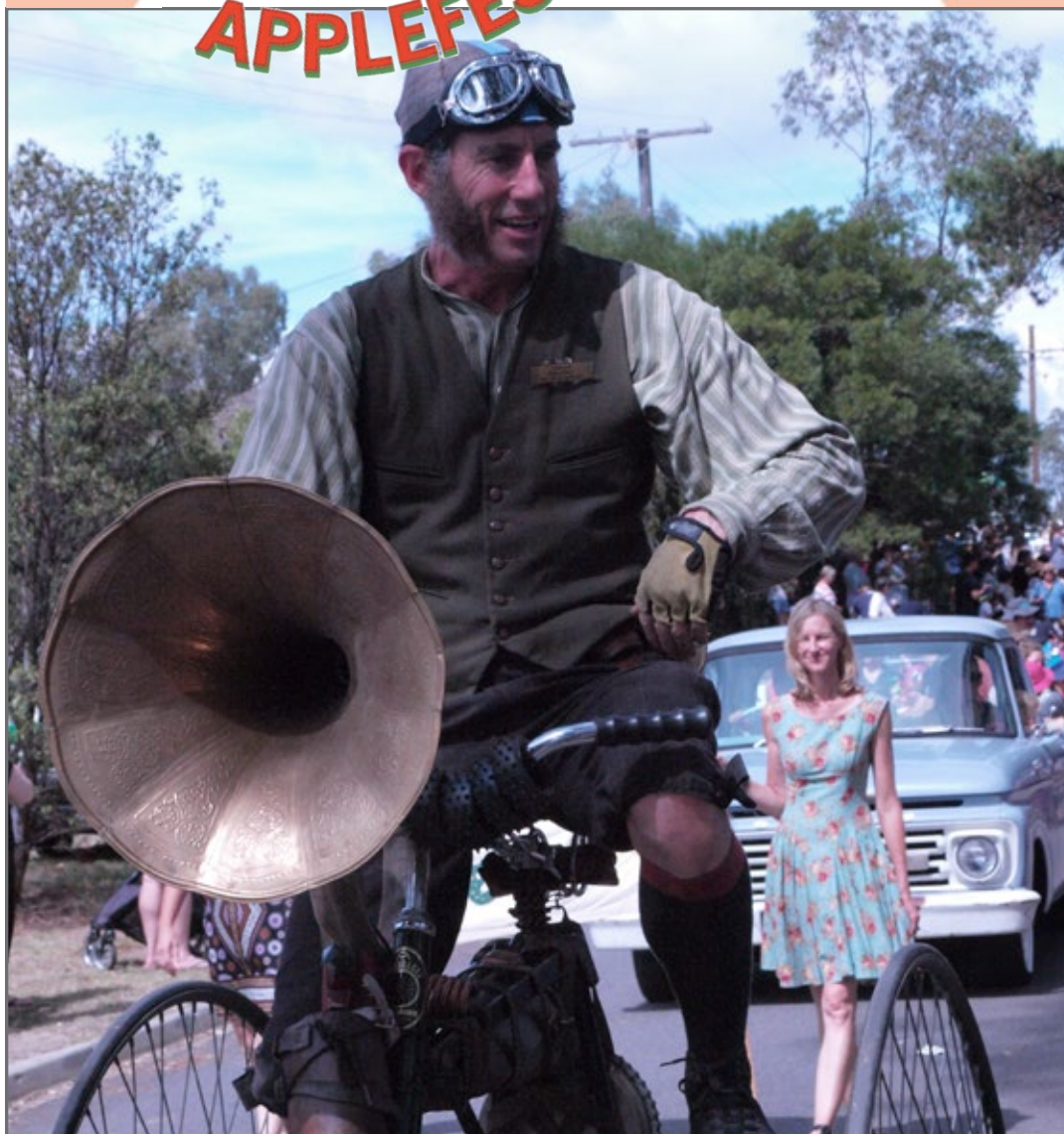


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DEADLINES & PUBLICATION DATES

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



On ya bike! This year's Applefest will feature a parade of bikes of all shapes and sizes leading the traditional Applefest street parade through central Harcourt.

Paddy, the Velocipede Improbulator, will lead a motley crew of crazy and creative bikes including the 5 seater musical transporter featuring a band on a bike! Whether you're

a casual peddler or a dedicated rider, hop on your bike, bring your family and friends and join us in the Harcourt Applefest Street Parade.

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the voice of the community

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Cyclists can then join a mass ride out to the brand spanking new Harcourt Mountain Bike Park, an easy 2 kms along a purpose built track. At the mountain bike park – officially named La Larr Ba Gauwa (“stones and mountains” in the local indigenous language) you can see for yourself the great infrastructure and fantastic new trails which have been constructed. Come and be one of the first to enjoy this great local asset. Tackle a few of the trails before heading back into the Applefest.

There’ll be an info stall and display about La Larr Ba Gauwa at the Applefest, along with members of the new Committee of Management responsible for the operations of the Park.

Meet Paddy Toasty on Saturday morning to join the big bike ride. Riders of all ages and abilities are invited to join in the parade and the mass ride. Meet up in Wright Street, opposite the ANA Hall, in Harcourt at 11.30am with a mass departure scheduled for 11.50am. Enquiries about the ride to Paddy on 0408 841 218

Applefest Fundraiser



The Harcourt Applefest held a very successful fund raising barbecue at the Castlemaine Farmers’ Market on Sunday 4 March. Granny Smith (Loretta Rice), Applefest Queen (Veronica Budnikas) and Applefest King (David Ling) “worked the crowd” handing out postcards about Applefest. Many mums and dads took photos of their little ones with the King and Queen – it’s amazing what a crown and a red cape will do!



Rotary Club of Castlemaine

Many thanks to Rotary for Applefest support

Events cost money to run and Applefest is no exception. Castlemaine Rotary is a great supporter of the Harcourt Applefest and once again have shown their commitment by donating \$1,000 to the running of the event.

Many thanks to the members of Rotary for this generous sponsorship.

We are very grateful to all our supporters and sponsors for their financial support, without it Applefest simply wouldn’t be possible.

Harcourt Applefest Sponsors

The Applefest Committee sincerely thanks the following sponsors:

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Fruit Grower’s Tent Features at Applefest

- This year’s apple and pear display in the Fruit Growers’ tent will be bigger and better than ever, showcasing more than 40 varieties of locally grown apples and pears.
- You’ll see a mix of new and heritage varieties, and will be able to have tastes of most varieties (though it’s a bit early in the season for some and they’re not quite ripe!).
- Apple recipe books will also be on sale, and you’ll be able to pick up a really useful directory of local orchardists to make it easy to buy delicious fruit direct from the grower.

Photographic Exhibition

Members of the Castlemaine U3A photographic group will present *Harcourt & Surrounds NOW in Harcourt of the PAST*.

This exhibition is displayed within the Harcourt Museum, accessible by donation at the ANA Hall for the duration of Applefest

Are you good at washing dishes and/or dealing with the public?

Fancy yourself as a “strong woman or man”?

The Applefest aims to be as environmentally friendly as possible; to avoid waste, cutlery and crockery is used, which means it has to be washed! The Kids Karnival is a huge attraction at the Applefest so there are lots of people wanting to buy tickets on the day.

Can you give one or two hours of your time during the day between 9am and 4pm to assist on the Kids Karnival ticket booth or the Wash against Waste Trailer? And there's always lots of work involved in setting up and taking down the whole shebang.

There's no money in it for you! But you will have a lovely warm feeling knowing that that you contributed to the most important annual community event in Harcourt.

Please contact: volunteers@harcourt.vic.au or phone: Robyn Miller – 0467 670 271

Applefest Art Show

The artists are putting the finishing touches to their art work, the framers are flat out, and planning for the launch of the Art Show is well advanced. The Art Show has attracted many noted and skilful artists from Bendigo right down to Woodend. The format is challenging – art works must be no larger than 40cm x 40cm. This produces high quality, wonderfully detailed, moderately-priced pieces.

The Harcourt Applefest Art Show serves a really useful purpose for local artists. Noted artist, the late Margaret Olley, wrote *“The artist never really sees his or her painting until it is taken out of the studio and put on someone else's walls. Whether the works sell or not is secondary, it just allows the artist to see their own work. Also artists mostly work in isolation, and yet paintings are meant to be seen in the way that books are meant to be read. So exhibiting is part of the process of being a painter.”*

This year's show will feature some beautiful work made by students of Harcourt Valley Primary School. We are looking forward to seeing their work on display. In addition, we are planning to exhibit a near-record number of student art pieces from young people from around the district.

The Applefest Art Show will be opened on Thursday 8th March at 7.30 pm. Guest openers are Jo Porter & Elizabeth Walsh of the Regional Centre for Culture. Award-winning artist Ben Winspear will judge the art works. In addition to being named as Victorian Artist's Society Artist of the Year 2016 Ben was awarded the A.M.E. Bale travelling scholarship and had to leave Harcourt immediately after judging last year's show in order to fly to Florence to commence his studies under the Bale Scholarship. This year Ben will not have the same time pressure and will be attending the opening to announce the winners.

The Art Show will be open to the public each day, Friday to Monday, 9th to 12th March. So, even if you are frantically busy on Applefest Saturday, and cannot get around all of the Festival attractions (and there will be a lot happening) you may still have the opportunity to see (and buy) the works.

George Milford

Xtreme Youth Projects Parkour at Applefest

GET SET! The XtremeInc Parkour Crew will be at this year's Harcourt Applefest on Saturday 10th March 10am-3pm.

Our professional instructors will be running a 40m Xtreme Parkour obstacle course with a beginner run - advanced run. You can find out more or purchase your pass at Harcourt Applefest.

See you there! #parkour #applefest #freerunning #xtremeinc #Harcourt #victoria



With Cameron MacLeman and Walk the Walls Parkour and Freerunning

Applefest Show'n'Shine James Park

This year's Show'n'Shine will be bigger and better than the inaugural Applefest 'Show'n'Shine' in 2017 which attracted twenty-three vehicles to James Park, with plenty of variety to interest the Applefest crowds.

The 2018 Show'n'Shine promises to be a very congenial event and will reveal a lot of friendly rivalry. The Applefest Committee thanks Charles Scott who will once again be the Marshall for this event.




La Larr Ba Gauwa Park Update

March 2018



The Victorian Government has built a world class mountain bike park at Harcourt, which will be open to riders from 12 noon on Friday 9 March 2018. The Park is named La Larr Ba Gauwa, which means “stones and mountain” in Dja Dja Wurrung language. La Larr Ba Gauwa is located on a former pine plantation, two kilometres east of Harcourt township and adjacent to the Mount Alexander Regional Park. The Park is expected to have a significant impact on regional tourism, while promoting the health and wellbeing of locals and visitors.

Join us for the La Larr Ba Gauwa Official Opening!



Please join
The Hon Jaala Pulford MLC, Minister for Regional Development,
The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change
and Maree Edwards MP, Member for Bendigo West, for the

Official opening of La Larr Ba Gauwa Park
9.30am - 10.30am, Friday 9 March 2018

**The Trailhead at La Larr Ba Gauwa Park, Picnic Gully Road, Harcourt,
followed by morning tea at the Oak Forest picnic area**

RSVP to Lynda Grant on 5430 4354 or email lynda.grant@delwp.vic.gov.au

Parking
If you are planning to ride the trails, please park in Harcourt and ride to La Larr Ba Gauwa Park via the off-road path that runs alongside Market Street and Picnic Gully Road.
Car parking for this event is at the Oak Forest picnic area. Walk from the Oak Forest via the signposted pathway to the Trailhead

La Larr Ba Gauwa Park Update

March 2018

Community Reference Group

The development of La Larr Ba Gauwa Park has been overseen by the Project Control Group, which was advised by the Community Reference Group (CRG). Chaired by Peter Skilbeck from Goldfields Track Inc, the CRG has played a vital role in ensuring the Park meets the needs of riders and the local community. With the Park due to open on Friday 9 March 2018, the CRG has completed its task and handed over to the newly formed Committee of Management, who will operate the Park in the future. We are indebted to the members of the CRG and thank them for their contribution. Thank you to Annette Rae; Astrea Fowler; Jarrod Coote; David Heath; Hugh Finlay; George Milford; Neil Charter; Shaun Quayle; Barry Floyd; Nick Lewis; Andy Bos; Jo Pincus; Peter Skilbeck; Rodney Carter; Tony Cordy; David Leatham; David Bannear; Robyn Miller; Simon Disler; Andrew McKenna and Dean Turner.

What's Happening?

Over the last month work has been focused on putting the final touches on the Park including:

- The off-road path connecting Harcourt township to the Park is now complete and the section closest to town is already getting plenty of use.
- Djandak has completed construction of the meeting shelter at the Park's Trailhead. This shelter was specifically designed for La Larr Ba Gauwa Park and looks terrific. Djandak has also undertaken landscaping at the Trailhead, making good use of the naturally occurring granite. Bike racks are being installed at the Trailhead.
- Promotional and directional signage is being installed at the Park, in town and along Picnic Gully Road and Market Street.
- Contractors Dirt Art are undertaking a final groom of the trails including removing branches and other debris that were blown down in recent storms.
- The new Committee of Management has met twice to prepare for taking over the management of the Park once it has opened.
- Gates have been installed across the emergency access tracks within the Park to protect the safety of bike riders, walkers and horse riders.

Park Your Car in Town and Ride to La Larr Ba Gauwa

Car parking for cyclists is in Harcourt township, opposite the CFA shed. Cycle to the Park via the 2km off-road path that runs alongside Market Street and Picnic Gully Road. There is no car parking for bike riders at La Larr Ba Gauwa Park. Riders should also note that there is no potable water at La Larr Ba Gauwa so make sure you have sufficient drinking water with you before heading off on your ride. With AppleFest taking place on Saturday 10 March, Harcourt township will be buzzing! Look out for our stall the the Applefest



Keep in touch

If you'd like more information on the La Larr Ba Gauwa Park, email harcourtmbp@delwp.vic.gov.au or

Call us on 136 186

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Chatting with Harcourt CWA

Apple Pies and Op Shops might seem unlikely partners, but the months of March and April will have the members of Harcourt CWA embracing these two household names in fundraising activities.

Applefest will be held on March 10 this year and our stall is always very popular and we enjoy the interaction with the crowds of people who pass by. As in previous years, we will have a rest area tent as in the early days of CWA when families in the bush had to travel long distances. Like then, mums today can feed their babies or put their feet up whilst the older children have fun with apple bobbing and other activities. And of course there are many lovely goodies to buy on our trading table. We are looking forward to saying hello.

Our Association Day is held in April and this year we will have the pleasure of listening to well-known Castlemaine author Robyn Annear. Those who heard Robyn talking to us about aprons a couple of years back will know what a treat she is. This time it's all about Op Shops. My mum discovered Op Shops way back in the early 1960's and I still have a beautiful beaded dress that she bought in that era. My mum was a great recycler of clothes and that is something I have also embraced during my life.

If you would like to hear about Robyn's Op Shop adventures, pop on your latest Op Shop creation and join us for a wonderful afternoon of stories, Op Shop fashions, and of course, a delightful CWA afternoon tea to follow. Everyone is welcome so bring along your own Op Shop story or purchase and join in the merriment on Thursday 5th April at 1:30 PM. Entry \$8.

Forty members of the Central Victoria Group CWA, met in Maldon last week to say Happy Birthday to the CWA of Victoria which turns ninety years old in April. Three of our members joined forces, and their cupcakes, to sing 🎵🎵🎵 Happy Birthday 🎵🎵🎵

Photo: Happy Birthday CWA of Victoria from Iris Howarth on left, Meryl Adams and Marlene Thompson.

*Lyn Rule
Harcourt CWA
Publicity Officer.*



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PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Neighbourhood Watch in Harcourt?

A Community meeting will be held at the Harcourt Bowling Club in late April to establish whether Harcourt residents are ready to adopt a strategy which will assist future-proofing our Community which is targeted for significant future growth.

This action plan is a response to:

- Ongoing theft, burglary and other offending, largely driven by drug distribution and dealing in Central Victoria.

Adoption of an established and proven Neighbourhood Watch model now utilizes the power of social media/ Facebook and online presence to log, track and reveal information which will assist Police in their investigations.

Harcourt would become one of the first Neighbourhood Watch Communities outside metro Melbourne. **Further information will be available prior to the Meeting and links advised in next Month's Edition of the Harcourt Core**

Diane Baig, Harcourt



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Harcourt CFA

Open for Applefest

The brigade will be open for public consultation on Saturday March 10th as part of Applefest. We will be supported once again by the CFA District 2 Community Education group. They will be bringing along the Little Red Fire Truck which is always a hit with the kids. The real tankers will also be on display. This is the perfect opportunity to ask any fire related questions you may have. We will also be conducting a wood raffle on the day. Make sure to take advantage of this opportunity, even if it is just to call in and say hello.

Harcourt to host District 2 Rural Fire Brigade Competitions

This year on Sunday March 25th, the Harcourt Fire Brigade will be hosting the District 2 Rural Fire Brigade Competition. The day kicks off at 9.00am at the Harcourt Recreation Reserve and will run throughout the day with a variety of events which draws on the various skills required on the fire ground. The public is most welcome, so if you are looking for something different to do on that day, come and check it out.

Fire restrictions are still in force

The end of summer has no relationship with the end of the Fire Danger Period and fire restrictions are still in force within the shires of Mount Alexander and Greater Bendigo along with many other shires. Therefore no burning off is allowed unless you obtain a permit. There is no date set yet for when fire restrictions will end, but while there is no significant rain and a change in the weather patterns, the status quo will continue. The need to continue to use extreme caution when carrying out any high risk activity that may cause a fire cannot be over emphasised. It is generally the time when people get caught out so ensure you take all precaution and prevention measures possible and don't let your guard down.

Days with strong wind are continuing which is doing further damage to trees and branches. It is important to monitor trees around your property for stress and damage and ensure vehicles and equipment are not left under trees where damage will occur if trees fall over or drop branches.

Data looked at for the Summer period by CFA for Central Victoria shows that while it was predicted that it had the potential to be a bad fire season, the combination of very hot days with strong winds and low humidity did not eventuate often. This reduced the amount and frequency of fire activity experienced. The weather pattern for March is predicted to continue to be dry so areas with fuel will continue to burn.

*Tyrone Rice
Brigade Community Safety Coordinator.*

“Doing it right”


While the renovated Harcourt General Store on Harmony Way may open a little later than originally planned, owner Annette Rae is determined that the update will be done properly.

Annette said, “Changes are being made to the inside of the building to make it totally sound and functional. The building is again being divided into three. The layout of the residence has been changed to open it up and let in more light, room layout has been enhanced and the two en-suites are being totally renovated. The residence has been isolated from the shop to ensure privacy and it will have its own drive way and garden. Where there are wooden floors, re-stumping has been done and the electricity has been completely re-worked for safety and convenience. The other sections of the Store are the kitchen and the main areas for produce display and dining. The third section of the building is being renovated as a separate retail outlet. We are excited to be able to offer this space for another business in Harcourt.”

Annette also plans the addition of a verandah across the entire front of the building. “We think the verandah will give a whole new impression of the building; people should find it more welcoming from the moment they see the exterior. And we really appreciate the support we have been getting from Harcourt residents both in person and by email. We are in the planning stages with our logo and website and will be launching that in the near future as well,” Annette said.



View looking north from the main entrance door of the General Store.



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Harcourt Heritage Centre

Ebenezer Eagle

A prominent figure in Harcourt public life.

Ebenezer (Eb) Eagle was born at South Morang in 1871, the son of Joseph Eagle and his wife Ruth (nee Jolley). Ruth and Joseph had been married in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Preston in 1864 and thus chose to give their eldest son his biblical name. Eb Eagle's uncle, William Eagle was a pioneering orchardist of Harcourt. Eb Eagle grew up at Greensborough and came to Harcourt as a young man, with his three brothers, Reuben, Harry and Ben. The brothers worked for Dr Seelenmeyer to clear most of the land along the south side of McIvor Road, North Harcourt. When the land was to be sold by Dr Seelenmeyer, Eb Eagle, at the urging of James Lang, bought 90 acres and his brother Reuben did likewise, owning the adjoining block. Both blocks were then planted with fruit trees. Eb Eagle married Bertha Gaasch. His brother Reuben married Amelia Gaasch, Bertha's sister.

Eb Eagle became a very prominent figure in Harcourt public life, being a Director of the Harcourt Cooperative Coolstores from the outset, and a founder and office-bearer of the Harcourt Fruit Growers Association when that organization was effectively Harcourt's Progress Association. He was always willing to help the underdog, particularly the new beginner in the fruit game. He was one of the advocates for the extension of the Coliban Channel system into the Porcupine area.

During the Great War Eb Eagle organized teams of orchardists to maintain the many acres of fruit trees of the young men who had gone to serve in Europe. This selfless work was carried on for over four years. Eb Eagle was a playing member of the Brooks Cricket Club and the Brooks Tennis Club. In fact he donated the land on which the Brooks Tennis Club played. He was one of the first men to own a motor car in Harcourt – a Buick.

Newspaper accounts of the many "Welcome Home" evenings for Harcourt's young men returning from service in the Great War generally state that Mr. Eb. Eagle drove the young man's family to the station to meet the returning soldier, drove them to the ANA Hall and then, after a great celebration, the young man and his parents were motored home in Mr. Eagle's car.

The orchards of Eb and Reuben Eagle were said to be among the best organized and most successful in the district. Eb and Bertha Eagle had three children, Adolphus, Kenneth and Florence. Second son Ken Eagle became prominent in Harcourt during the Second World War as the administrator of the government's Apple & Pear Marketing Authority, which had been set up to ease the plight of the growers who could not export their crops.

After retiring from fruit-growing Eb and Bertha went to Bendigo to live. Eb Eagle died 12th July 1951 aged 81 years. Bertha died 29th October 1958 also aged 81 years. Both are buried at Harcourt.

Eb Eagle has an assured place in Harcourt history as a community leader in fruit-growing and in public life in those difficult years of the first half of the 1900s – a man always willing to help the underdog.

This is the second in a series of 'thumbnail sketches' of the pioneers compiled by Hedley James, now in the care of Harcourt Heritage Centre.

*George Milford,
for Harcourt Heritage Centre.*

Love your pet? Send us a picture!

As part of the planning for this year's Applefest, the coordinator of the Harcourt Pet Parade suggested we ask people to submit a photo of their pet and a statement about why they loved them. At the Core we have taken this suggestion to heart and will now publish a regular PET OF THE MONTH.

Send your photos to the editor: news@harcourt.vic.au with a statement about why you love your pet.

Whilst this year's pet parade did not proceed as an Applefest activity we hope the parade will return in 2019. Stay tuned and in the meantime, send us a photo of your pet.

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As you will be aware, the Regional Centre for Culture in 2018 is an initiative of the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria, in partnership with the Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Clans Corporation, Central Goldfields Shire, City of Greater Bendigo, Hepburn Shire and Mount Alexander Shire. The year's activities have already kicked off with our official launch on Wednesday February 10 in Bendigo. The night's entertainment was drawn from all over the four participating municipalities, and drew couples, families and everyone else along for a party in Rosalind Park. The highlight of the evening was a moving ceremony of song and dance by Traditional Owners, the Dja Dja Wurrung and the announcement of YAPENYA, a celebratory event that will be taking place on November 17.

We are delighted to be working closely with both Visit Victoria and the ABC Central Victoria. You may have heard the ABC's live outside broadcast from Rosalind Park on February 14 during the afternoon drive program from 3pm to 4pm hosted by Fiona Parker. Visit Victoria has committed to promoted four tourist itineraries around region in March, June, August and November. We are currently working to develop the communications for these itineraries (known as "Meander") which will be focused on encouraging visits to stay in the region for 3+ nights and to move across the region sampling its cultural activities of all kinds: food, arts activities, natural wonders and more.

www.rcc2018.com is now densely populated with performances, exhibitions, markets, festivals and more – it's genuinely awe-inspiring to be able to observe the wealth of activities taking place in this inaugural Victorian Regional Centre for Culture. 2018 got going with RCC-supported events Maldon Twilight Dinner and Newstead Live. The RCC is also directly supporting Harcourt's Applefest, the Taradale Mineral Springs Festival and Arts Open. On March 3, one of the RCC's key community events will take place in Newstead. Entitled Water Hole, this event will feature a parade created by the local school children, a compliments caravan, performances by local and other artists and a performance of In the Deep End by Asking for Trouble who will perform in the Newstead and District Swimming Pool. The highlight is expected to be a community dance-off featuring the volunteer committees of Newstead.

*Best regards,
Dominika Balwin
Office & Stakeholder Liaison Manager*

Silver Banksia of Central Victoria Presentation 19 March 2018

Silver Banksias (*Banksia marginata*) once occurred in large areas across central Victoria, but are now limited to a few isolated locations. Are we at risk of losing this species from our landscape? Come along and find out.

Presentation by Dr Adam Miller
(Senior Lecturer in Aquatic Ecology and Biodiversity at Deakin University)

Monday 19 March at 7.30 pm
ANA Hall, 7 High St, Harcourt

Please RSVP to Bonnie by Thursday 15 of March
(email: bonnie@connectingcountry.org.au or phone: 5472 1594)

Tea, coffee and a light supper will kindly be provided by the Wettenhall Environment Trust.

This talk has been made possible through funding from the National Landcare Program.



The flower of the Silver banksia – immature, and mature on the right.
By JJ Harrison (@jharrison89@facebook.com) – Creative Commons

From Connecting Country Website, posted on 27 February, 2018 by Tanya Loos



Thanks to Bonnie Humphreys' (President of Harcourt Valley Landcare) involvement in the Central Victorian Banksia Network, we are fortunate to have Dr Adam Miller visit to present his findings about the future for the Silver Banksia which was once prolific in this area, particularly on Mount Alexander.

Dr Adam Miller

Senior Lecturer, Centre for Integrative Ecology, School of Life and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Science Engineering & Built Environment

Interests: Ecological genetics and genomics, wildlife conservation and environmental restoration, pest control, environmental stress and adaptation research

Dr Miller completed his PhD at Deakin University in 2006, and worked as a postdoctoral research fellow with the Centre for Environmental Stress and Adaptation Research group at The University of Melbourne, before joining the not-for-profit organisation Nature Glenelg Trust in 2015, and finally being appointed as a senior lecturer with the Centre for Integrative Ecology at Deakin University in 2017. His research has a primary focus on the ecological genetics of Australian wildlife, and the application of genetic and genomic tools for improving the management of threatened, commercially important, and pest species. He has a particularly keen interest in the evolution and conservation of rare, threatened, and ecologically important species, where he routinely draws on molecular methods to assess evolutionary trajectories to help inform conservation management.



Harcourt Bowling Club

It has been a busy year so far for Harcourt Bowling Club. We got off to a great start with the awarding of a State Government Shade Grant to Harcourt which enabled us to fulfil another goal in our Strategic Plan. The installation of new shade on every side of the green has been of significant benefit to the protection of our bowlers from the sun.

We have also been busy on the green hosting tournaments, barefoot bowls and the sponsors' challenge, and competing in club championships. Our Pennant teams have had some success representing Harcourt in both Midweek and Weekend Finals.

Pennant

In the last home and away round for this season Midweek Pennant teams had mixed success with Division five unsuccessful at Eaglehawk and Division 4 bringing home a win from South Bendigo. The win takes Division 4 into second ladder position and a spot in the finals. They were not able to get the measure of the top team Castlemaine at Kangaroo Flat on Monday 26th February in the first Final round but have a second chance against Marong on Monday 5th March.

Wins to Weekend Pennant Divisions 3 and 6 in the last home and away round for the season have them on top of their respective ladders. A disappointing 2 point loss by Division 8 has them relegated to 5th position and the loss of a spot in the finals.

Barefoot Bowls

The Club fortnightly Barefoot Bowls has proven to be popular this year and has been well supported. We will continue to hold these nights each Tuesday fortnight until the cold weather starts.

The next Barefoot Bowls will be on Tuesday 13th March 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start for 2x6 ends followed by a BBQ. To allow for team selection and catering we ask that people arrive before 6.00pm.

Please note: Should an event be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions we will post it in our website www.harcourtbowlingclub.com.au and the Club Notice Board.

Men's Fours Tournament

Perfect weather greeted the 96 bowlers who competed in the Harcourt Annual Men's Fours tournament on Sunday 4th February. This event has two fills with teams travelling from various points across the State for a day of competitive bowls, good food and camaraderie.

The first fill was all but a tie between John Grant's Composite Team and Kevin Gibson's Daylesford Team, both having two wins and a draw and on the same points. To determine the winner of the Maxi IGA first fill, Tournament organisers had to go to percentage. John Grant's (Harcourt) team with Alan

Slingo (Golden Square) Rod Fletcher (Castlemaine) Kevin O'Grady (Geelong Cementies) were declared winners over Kevin Gibson's Daylesford team of Steve Stubavski, Nick Botheras and Ken Marshall.

The second fill winners claiming the Kosmac and Clemens sponsored prize was Golly Grant's Talbot team with Addy, Peter and Jason. Runner up, taking the APIA sponsored prize, was Daryl Gale's Harcourt team with Sam Gale, Geoff Maddams and Brian Leech.



Winners 1st fill.



Winners 2nd fill.

Ladie's Fours Tournament

Harcourt Bowling Club ladies welcomed teams from Bendigo East, Campbells Creek, Castlemaine (2) Golden Square (3) Kangaroo Flat, South Bendigo, Strathfieldsaye and White Hills (2) to their Annual Fours Tournament on Thursday 15th February. This full day event was generously sponsored by Mount Alexander Funerals and is always well supported. Winners on the day with three wins and 48 points were Ruth Pearce's team from Golden Square of Yvonne Robinson, Bev Clements and Rhonda Gould. Runner Up with two wins and a draw on 40 points was Pam Fraser's Castlemaine team with Nina Hufer, Sheryl Williams and Kathy Parsons. Ditch to

ditch was won by Sheila Oxley (leads) Marian Craze (2nds) Yvonne Robinson (3rds) Meg Ross (Skips).

winners on the day with three wins and 48 points were Terry Chisholm and Heather Braid with Runners Up Joan Jenkin and Darrell Normington, also on three wins with 44 points



Winners Ladies' Fours.

Sponsors' Challenge

The last of this season's social bowls Sponsors' Challenge was held on 20th February with 12 teams competing for the inaugural Chappy's Sponsorship Trophy. This was another great night of social bowls at the Club and the winners on the night by 1 point was the Ad-Bri Masonary team of Jack, Graham, Bryan and Brian. The overall challenge winners, the Castlemaine Mitsubishi team of Kyal Tripodi, Gene Matheson, Corey McKeon and Damien Osborne, were presented with the Shield by Trevor Chaplin. The Club thanks our Sponsors for their on-going support.



Winners of Sponsor's Challenge, Castlemaine Mitsubishi with Trevor Chaplin and the shield.

The trophy was donated by last year's Sponsorship winners Chaplin's Orchards and they donated signs in memory of their brother Rob Chaplin. 'Chappy' was a keen Harcourt bowler, a valued clubman and Board member.

Annual Grant Pairs Tournament

The Annual Grant Mixed Pairs tournament was held on Sunday 25th February in memory of Charlie and Freda Grant, foundation members of the Harcourt Bowling Club. A full field of bowlers competed over 3 games of 8 ends each for an afternoon of fun and their names on the Shield. The



John Grant and Tracey (centre) with winners, Terry and Heather.

Free Hearing Screening – Friday March 9th

On Friday March 9th from 3pm an Australian Hearing Audiologist will conduct free hearing screening at the Harcourt Bowling Club. All Welcome, no need to book just turn up at the club.

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Battle of the Bands

Castlemaine Battle of the Bands winner, Maya, achieved Runner-Up in the Freeza Push Start Northern Country Regional Finals in Ballarat on Sunday 4 February.

The soulful singer-songwriter from Harcourt began writing R&B style songs in 2013. Maya has recently sung to local audiences at Rotary Christmas Carols in the Park and Australia Day celebrations. She will be performing over the Labour Day weekend at the ArtsOpen opening (Lot 19), Harcourt Applefest and Goldfields Music Festival. Maya is currently recording her original songs and performing at local and Melbourne venues.



Harcourt Valley Primary School

Harcourt Valley Primary at Applefest

The excitement is building at Harcourt Primary School as students and staff prepare for the 2018 Applefest. This year the School Choir will sing on the main stage, just before the official opening takes place. "The children and their Music teacher have been putting in a lot of practice in preparation for their performance which always includes a rousing rendition of Advance Australia Fair," said Principal Andrew Blake. "The students have also been engaged in preparing art work for the Art Show around the theme of La Larr Ba Gauwa (the name of the new Harcourt Mountain Bike Park) which means "stones and mountain" in the local Dja Dja Wurrung language," he said.

The Core doesn't want to spoil the surprise by showing these works yet, but here's an example of some art work done by Grades 2, 3 & 4 in February. Students worked with dry pastels on black paper to create a translucent "Jellyfish Bloom".



Parents at Harcourt Valley Primary have eight baking days in preparation for the Applefest. When The Core visited the school, there were three baking days left with 140 pies baked and a goal of 300 pies in total. All the ingredients for the pies are donated, included donated apples from the local orchards.

The pies cost \$12 and are often sold out quickly at Applefest, so be sure to get there early if you love apple pies.



Harcourt Football Netball Club are looking forward to once again running an Auskick program at Harcourt!

The sessions will begin in May and registrations are now open.

Go to www.aflauskick.com.au and search for Harcourt.



The HarcourtLions Club

Can you Help?

The Harcourt Lions Club has been working closely with the Castlemaine Secondary College to create a new Youth Development Program aimed at engaging and educating our secondary school students in a working and Community environment. The program will provide safe, caring, structured, and practical hands on experience in the Harcourt Community, between April and September 2018.

Students will be transported to Harcourt every Friday between 9am – 12 noon in Term 2 and 3 to partake in a variety of work experiences. For example, building and construction works at the Victorian Miniature Railway (VMR); Barista & catering work at Goldfields Café; planting and landscaping work at VMR; grape picking/pruning with local wineries.

During Term 1, the students will be involved in workplace safety training to prepare them for working in the Community. They will meet the local businesses and Community groups to get an understanding of the work experience options and to select their preferred activities. They will then complete the necessary inductions.

The number of students wishing to be involved in the program exceeds the number of volunteers we need to supervise them in the Community. So we will only be able to offer the program to 15 students, unless we have more volunteers from the local businesses and Community prepared to help us provide more opportunities to these students. We also need volunteers for just 1 – 2 hours a week over 5 weeks, to assist the selected students to complete course enrolments, medical authorities, consent forms and all the paperwork that goes with undertaking a work experience placement off Campus. Volunteers will need to provide or complete a Working with Children Check and Induction as well as confirm what time they can commit to the program.

If you are interested in offering a work experience opportunity to some local students or helping out for just a few hours on a Friday, please contact the Project Coordinator for the Harcourt Lions Club, Grant Victor-Gordon on 0410 261 338 or via email on harcourt@lions201v1-4.org.au

Grant Victor-Gordon

Blume's Bakery update

David and Jodie Pillinger are maintaining the pace of restoration of Blume's Bakery on the corner of Harmony Way and Victoria Street. Their passion is evident: as they progress with the restoration they are continually researching the history of the buildings, finding more information and using that to inform the style, materials and quality of the work.

In late February and early March tuck-pointing of the brickwork of the bakery oven and bakery internal walls should be complete. It is astonishing to learn of the lengths that David and Jodie have gone to. When they realised the oven chimney was collapsing, all the sand above the oven (which gives thermal mass to the oven) was removed to give access so the chimney could be repaired. The sand will be replaced soon. The bakery has a wooden ceiling; this is being kept and will be cleaned, repaired and re-surfaced as will the brick walls once the tuck-pointing is complete. They have even decided to keep and restore the original screen

door into the bakery room.

The oven floor is about to be re-laid with fire bricks and in order to get the best baking results they have decided to have sensors placed in between the bricks. These give feedback about the oven heat across the whole floor. The sensors are used in smelting and other high heat manufacturing processes, so are strong enough to withstand the heat in a baker's oven which is fired by wood.

At the rear of the bakery is a galvanised shed which is extremely interesting as its timber frame is external to the walls instead of being on the inside. Jodie and David have had it confirmed that this was the original meeting hall for Harcourt. It was known as the "Town Hall" and also functioned as the ANA building until the existing ANA building on High Street was built. See the pictures below: the photo on the left has been taken from the Coolstore Facebook page. The second photo shows the shed under restoration in late February this year.





Harcourt Uniting Church

As we approach Easter (one of the most important celebrations on the Christian calendar) members of many Churches celebrate Shrove Tuesday. In early times people would fast or “give up” a food for Lent. On Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) they would feast on foods such as eggs, milk, fats and meat, making a type of pancake to use up foods that wouldn’t last over the 40 days of Lent.

At Harcourt we celebrate with pancakes for morning tea after Church. We also join with the Churches in Castlemaine for a Progressive dinner. This year we “dined” at the Uniting, Catholic and Anglican Churches. All money raised supports Chaplaincy in the Castlemaine Secondary College. The pancake race is always well contested with teams from each of the Churches competing for the coveted trophy - a mini frypan nailed to a piece of wood! Harcourt wasn’t a winner this year but we had fun trying.

Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating Easter with the Good Friday service on 30th March at 9am at Harcourt Uniting Church and Easter Sunday 1st April at our outdoor service in Stanley Park at 8am followed by a BYO breakfast. You might like to bring along bacon and eggs to cook on the BBQ or just some toast and a cuppa.

You may be familiar with the saying “Bats in the Belfry”. Well, we don’t have a Belfry (a bell tower) but we do have bats living in the ceiling of the Harcourt Church. We hope to be able to persuade them to move on by covering the very small gap late at night when they’re “out for the night.” It will save cleaning up endless mess inside the Church.

Three ministers met to have lunch – the Uniting Church Minister said: “I’m having trouble with bats in the belfry. We tried fumigating them but it didn’t work.”

The Anglican Rector said: “We tried making lots of noise and trapping them to release them into the wild, but they kept coming back.”

The Catholic Priest said: “We had the same problem so I baptised them, made them members of the congregation and we haven’t seen them back since.”

Jan Jenkin



Sometime Ago ...

IN THE COUNTRY.

CONCERT AT HARCOURT.

Harcourt, 25th March.

The Harcourt State School children gave a very successful concert in the A.N.A. Hall last evening. The same concert programme was given some time ago, and was such a success that the school committee decided to repeat it. The building was packed. Cr. Pritchard, president of the Metcalfe Shire Council, presided. After the close of the concert the chairman announced that several gifts had been received, to be sold on behalf of the Belgian Fund. Cr. Pritchard acted as auctioneer. A live mope, donated by Mr. W. James, was resold several times, and finally realised £1/19/6. Fowls donated by Mr. Blume brought £1/13/9, a turkey donated by Mr. J. M. Ely £2/4/7, a pair of ducks donated by Mr. Walter 10/. A dance was held subsequently.

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Free Community Picnic Welcoming Asylum Seekers

In the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens
Saturday 7 April 11.30am - 4pm

For the fourth time, Harcourt Uniting Church, together with several other groups, will hold a community picnic in the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. Families and friends are welcome to join in this fun day out on 7 April – there's music, dancing, face painting and games, a petting zoo and lots more. Everyone is invited to contribute to the shared lunch table, and hot and cold drinks will be available.

A friendship initiative of Harcourt Uniting Church, with the assistance of Rural Australians for Refugees, Chewton CWA and Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services, the picnic brings together refugee families from Melbourne and from the local region to enjoy a relaxing day in these beautiful gardens. The kids can run around and play, and hopefully their parents can have a few hours away from the city. It's a great opportunity for local people to interact with asylum seekers and play host to people of other cultures.

A traditional Welcome to Country is offered by the local Dja Dja Wurrung elders. This particularly appealed to our asylum seeker guests last year.

Many of our local performers happily give their talents on the day – singing and playing, entertaining the children. Local businesses contribute generously with food, including icy poles. Parents help the children with their games, and join in the Tug of Peace.

The comment from the asylum seeker guests every time we hold the picnic is: it's the "best day of the year".

So please do join us as we welcome refugee and local families and friends to enjoy the hospitality of our wonderful Castlemaine community.

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Apple Harvest at Thompson's Orchard

Harvesting is in full swing in Harcourt's Thompson's Orchard. Up to 50 people have been employed in picking and carting apples and removing and replacing nets.

The first variety of apple to come off the trees is the Royal Gala and by March 2, approximately 1300 bins will have been removed.

"Musk Lorikeets are in plague proportions," said Orchard Manager Milo Bilton. "We have been removing all the early Fuji apples which aren't netted because otherwise we lose from 30% to 50% of the crop due to bird damage. The early Fujis which were netted were of excellent quality with good sugar levels and all were unmarked.

The Red Delicious and/or the Standard Fuji apples will be coming off next and finally the Pink Lady apples will be picked. We'll probably start on them in about six weeks" he said.

Thompson's fruit is transported to Shepparton and packed there. The company has contracts with every supermarket chain in Australia.



(Above) Workers go ahead of the tractor and unfasten the nets. The net is fed onto a roller at the rear of the tractor. Once removed, nets can be re-used to protect other varieties which are not yet ripe.



(Left) A photo of a section of Thompson's Orchards on Dann's Road. The photo shows where nets have been removed in preparation for apple pickers to begin work.

Harcourt's Little Library

Harcourt now has its own Little Library based at the Heritage Centre.

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The Core Editorial Team



Robyn Miller

After a forty year career in teaching and educational management, Robyn decided to try her hand at her first love – writing. This led to studying Professional Writing at Bendigo TAFE. When the need for a newspaper was identified as part of the community planning process in Harcourt, she volunteered to be the Editor of The Core. She has found the role challenging, deeply involving and enjoyable.



Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns

Raised on a dairy farm, Jacqueline moved to Melbourne as a teenager to study performing arts. She worked in publishing before moving to Sydney where she bought a cinema and managed a football merchandise store in the middle of Kings Cross. Jacqueline has worked extensively in events and hospitality and these two industries taught her marketing, promotion, customer service, budgeting and the importance of volunteers!



Genevieve Ward

Genevieve has worked on The Core as the Advertising Coordinator since mid 2014. Her role is to confirm the ads for each edition, liaise with local businesses, write the Business Update, manage finance administration and build relationships with new and existing advertisers. Gen is a Career Coach who runs The Good Life Careers and is the Executive Officer for Business Mount Alexander Inc.



David Ling

David is a comms quarterback. He runs Copy Transmission, throwing down a wonkery of words and web for brands big and small. He's got a PhD in something impressive, and writes expert perspectives for online outlets about tech, marketing and social media.

In Harcourt, David's been part of the HPA, Applefest and the La Larr Ba Gauwa committee of management. He's the guy behind the Harcourt Community website, publishing the online edition of The Core since 2014.



Bernie Schultz

Bernie has been interested in computing since his Uni days, more on the software side of things than the hardware. He also like books, and with more time available since retiring, he has been able to put his desktop publishing skills to good use helping people develop their own books and helping to lay out The Core.

Make the most of your pools

There's only a few more weeks left until local pools close for the season, so be sure to head down and cool off while you still can.

The pool season for Mount Alexander Shire's public swimming pools at Castlemaine, Newstead, Maldon and Harcourt ends at 6.00pm on Monday 12 March.

From a Shire Media Release



Councillor Comment

Hi all,

This time of the year is busy for Council with some important work to do on the budget over the next few months. How to get the best result for the overall community? That is the question. Projects that missed the cut last year - how will they stack up this year?

I was sorry to be informed of Robin Taylor's decision to resign from Council. Robin has been involved in Council matters for many years and has been a wonderful Councillor and great advocate for local business. We have not heard yet but the decision on Robin's replacement is made by the electoral commission and will most likely be from a count-back of those that contested the election for Castlemaine ward last time around. The good news is we now have the Tarrengower ward vacancy filled with the announcement that Stephen Gardner has been elected. I understand Stephen will be sworn in today and will attend his first meeting as a Councillor tomorrow.

It is a steep learning curve when you get elected to Council; it's a great place to learn about and see different sides to many complex issues. We are fortunate to have a diverse group of Councilors with such a broad range of experience. The debate is often robust and in most instances very good decisions are made.

A notice of motion dealing with holding of funeral services in public spaces was passed at Council last week. That will see further community consultation on this and the continuation of funerals in public places by agreement with Council officers. It is another example of how our community will come up with a well thought out solution.

The big news is the opening of the Mountain Bike Park is upon us. It seems only a short time since we first heard of this development. The Park will be named "La Larr Ba Gauwa" Harcourt Mountain Bike Park and will be officially opened very soon. It will be an exciting time for all of the community with the increase in visitors that will come to visit the park. I have already dusted off the bike and look forward to riding a few of the easier trails. Regardless of your age or ability the message is the same: ride safely!!

By the time you read this the preparations for the Applefest will be in full swing. I hope to see many of you there and thank the organisers for their hard work and dedication.

*Best regards to all, Tony
AG Cordy*

Look over the Farm Gate

All local farmers are invited to the free 'Look over the Farm Gate' event, to be held on Wednesday 21st of March, from 6pm to 8.30pm at the Maldon Racecourse Recreation Reserve.

Peter Baker, President of the Maldon & Baringhup Agricultural Show says that "We are hosting this event as farm life is busy, hectic and often stressful. Everyday issues like farm finances, machinery breakdowns, family and relationship pressures, or managing livestock can all be stressful. Extreme events like bushfires, droughts and floods can add even more stress."

Peter invites farmers to "learn the skills to manage stress when farming in difficult times through attending this event which will include an education session by a counsellor. The session will be based on the National Centre for Farmer Health package."

"We will be putting on a BBQ after the education session, and there will also be an opportunity to receive a health check," says Peter.

This event is a Maldon Hospital and Maldon & Baringhup Agricultural Show partnership. Funding by the Royal Flying Doctors Service means there will be no charge for participants.

For further details or bookings, please contact Leeanne Mitchell, secretary of the Maldon & Baringhup Agricultural Show. Call 0407 833 380 or email secretary@maldonshow.com.au Bookings are essential for catering purposes.



Got a Pile of Tyres?

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) is warning businesses and landholders of the hazards of keeping piles of waste tyres.

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EPA regulations allow storage of waste tyres if you have a genuine use for them, but urges you to dispose of unused waste tyres in landfill or at a recycling facility.

See www.epa.vic.gov.au for advice on what's legal, and if you suspect someone is illegally stockpiling, dumping or burning old tyres, call EPA's 24-hour hotline on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842).



Learn skills to help balance stress when farming in difficult times

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Details for this event will be changed if it occurs on a Code Red Day.



LIMERICK *by The Bard of North Harcourt*

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Grow Great Fruit Tips for Late Summer

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Here are our top three tips for successful fruit growing in March:

1. If you've drape netted your trees, get the nets off as soon as you've picked the fruit. The heavy nets can weigh down the growing tips of your trees, and make it harder to prune them into a good shape.
2. If you want to try growing your own peach trees this year (and save lots of money at the nursery!), now is a good time to be saving peach seeds. We usually use clingstone peaches, but any peach will do. At this stage all you need to do is save the seed every time you eat a peach – just let the flesh rot off them (maybe store them outside). Then store the seeds in damp sand, keep them moist over winter, and they'll be ready to plant out next spring.
3. Pears are one of the few fruit to pick before they're ripe, and then ripen off the tree (some varieties can go floury if you ripen them on the tree). However, you still need to make sure they're mature before you pick them. A great way to tell is to cut one open and look at the seeds – they should be dark brown and plump.

Hugh and Katie and Hugh Finlay run Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens, an organic mixed orchard in Harcourt – their farm shop is open every Wednesday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. They have two summer pruning workshops coming up on March 18 (10am-12.30pm) and April 14 (3pm-5.30pm) – sign up at www.mafg.com.au, or follow their Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens Facebook Page for regular news and tips."



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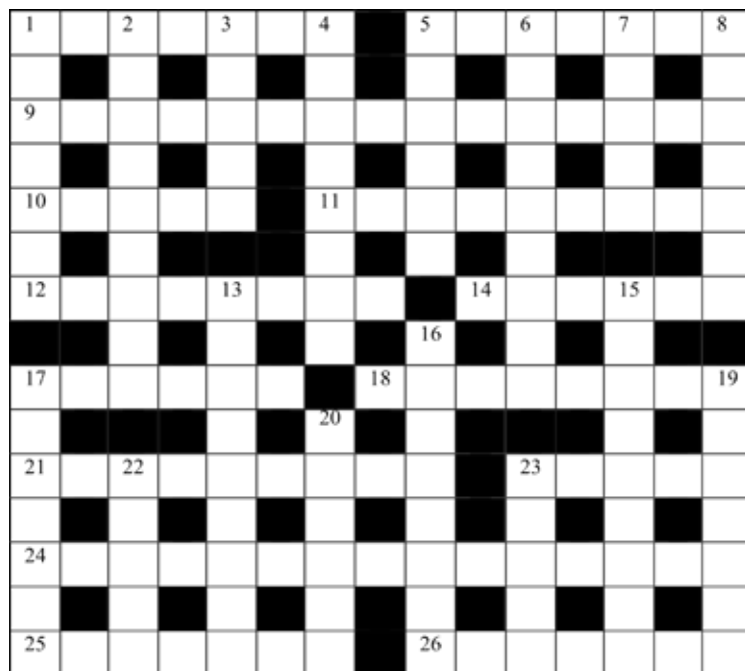



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March 2018 Xword

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Down:

1. Replace aluminium for regeneration. (7)
2. I'll take this cocktail. (9)
3. That noxious blob, by all accounts, hangs around parliament to push vested interests. (5)
4. If the ISIS man can do this, it'll put an end to tea. (8)
5. Will a mouth hum to a mighty one, keeper and driver of the large grey horde? (6)
6. Until crab problem is no longer a problem, apply unguent. (9)
7. The Irish father mixes it at the end. (5)
8. Stiff cheese if you do or don't like it... (7)
13. Older public transport for some dog? (9)
15. Valued for the fact that it had many tastes. (9)
16. Revolted, with those revolting to the fore. (8)
17. It takes little sister to spoon-feed god-child. (7)
19. You can get any role if you get in soon enough. (5,2)
20. So: get into the zone—catch forty winks... (6)
22. Buildings susceptible to podiatric wastage? (5)
23. White lie about low-GI staple? (5)

Across:

1. Spirit went off the edge of the page like thunder... (7)
5. CID mole infiltrating the MSO proves tuneful. (7)
9. Beethoven burnt a copy of his 3rd symphony, because only those who qualify can be dubbed "Eroica"... (4,3,3,5)
10. Tired tyre? (5)
11. We were, in our shed, well fed... (9)
12. Seek redress in entrance for lithium and titanium? (8)
14. Old bloke to tape things up? (6)
17. Bioethical aria-generator? (6)
18. Try what is to be tried to just see what happens? (4,4)
21. If you once chaff the dealer, there's a sliver of hope... (3-6)
23. Imperfection heard in what we stand on. (5)
24. Built to stay free, maybe now in some doubt? (6,2,7)
25. Dwell, in which you construct the dregs. (7)
26. Allies send red fire here. (7)

February 2018 Xword - solution

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Down:

1. The whole idea of a holly boa is complete nonsense... [8]
2. Perth off-course bookie [SP] could sting you. [4]
3. To long for [yearn] what begins the Beguine is confusingly close. [6]
4. Letter/city/crime involves the head. [Well?]
5. When I get into the ivy it's more unpleasantly sinister. [8]
6. Some can display lush morals at this time of day. [5,5]
7. Cause of upper-class sticky-nose? [Well?]
13. Sometimes, when rivers rose, they became quite full. [10]
16. Because of past cocoa sin, there is no coca on this feast day. [8]
18. The dish as served caused the food-writer's ratings to collapse. [8]
19. Non-metallic wood-muncher collects Merit, et al. [7]
21. Slightly review a mother of all places to hide money? [Well?]
22. Hard, in aiding those who wanted to end poverty and establish a secular state, she [Indira Gandhi] lost—had gin instead. [6]
24. 9's homonym was one, early on. [Well?]

Across:

8. A sad pen, a terrible mess, and we can write off the Superbowl. [8]
9. We heard the French version [Rimbaud] smoked his pipe upside-down and got off with a poet, but this US version is just macho... [5]
10. Failure to sit unceremoniously? [4]
11. Put up an attic to carry the hero off the field? [Well?]
12. Spikily in rut after that I finishes. [Well?]
14. Lemonade light landed without sucking anything to take the smile away. [8]
15. Arrow distance construable as warning? [Well? Shot across the...]
17. Apparently 26, or 12 without that I finish. (7)
20. Replicas of the respiratory opening in whales, etc. conjure up a winding miracle mash-up. [8]
21. Entomologically fashionable church? [Well?]
23. Anorexic's snack rather like Milton's ever-burning deluge [...of sulphur unconsumed]? (10)
24. (See 25)
25. A cool romp for Italian traveller. (5,4)
26. 12 without that I finish, or apparently 17. [6,2]

Castlemaine Bus Lines

Harcourt Services Monday to Friday

	Monday to Friday		
Morning (am) / Afternoon (pm)	am	pm	pm
Market St/Harmony Way (Harcourt)	8:55	12:10	2:25
Coolstore Rd/ Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:56	12:11	2:26
Blackjack Rd/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:57	12:12	2:27
Halford St/Barker St (Castlemaine)	9:03	12:18	2:33
Castlemaine RSL/Mostyn St (Castlemaine)	9:05	12:20	2:35
From Castlemaine to Harcourt			
	Monday to Friday		
Morning (am)/Afternoon (pm)	am	pm	pm
Castlemaine RSL/Mostyn St (Castlemaine)	8:45	12:00	2:15
Wimble St/Barker St (Castlemaine)	8:48	12:03	2:18
Blackjack Rd/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:53	12:08	2:23
Coolstore Rd/ Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:54	12:09	2:24
Market St/Harmony Way (Harcourt)	8:55	12:10	2:25

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Newstead Community Centre  

Pyrenees Hwy, 15 min from Castlemaine - over the road from Crown Hotel
Led by Fay White, Ange Mitten, Jane Thompson, and James Rigby (See program overleaf)

- 6.00 - 7.00 pm Vocal entrée - warm up and easy stuff
- 7.00 - 7.30 pm Food - Hearty soup, crusty bread, fresh fruit
- 7.30 - 8.30 pm Musical main-course - Delicious harmonies

Songs in the folk style, mostly a cappella
- no prior musical experience necessary - no need to read music

Bookings: ☎ Fay: 0447 576 642 or Kerrie: 0427 529485

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Costs

- Whole session including food - \$15 full, \$12 conc'n, \$5 children / first hour (Note re children overleaf)

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Community Diary Dates

Thursday March 8th: 7.30 pm Art Show opening at ANA Hall.

Friday March 9th: 9.30am Official opening of La Larr Ba Gauwa Harcourt Mountain Bike Park

March 9th to 12th: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Applefest Art Show.

Friday March 9th from 3pm an Australian Hearing Audiologist will conduct free hearing screening at the Harcourt Bowling Club. All Welcome, no need to book just turn up at the club.

Saturday March 10th: 9am–4pm, Harcourt Applefest, central Harcourt.

Monday March 19th: 7.30 pm, Silver Banksia Species Loss? ANA Hall.

Thursday March 22nd: Harcourt District Leisure Centre Committee meeting

Friday March 30th: 9am Good Friday Service, Harcourt Uniting Church, Buckley Street, Harcourt

Sunday April 1st: 8am Easter Sunday Outdoor Service, Stanley Park, BYO breakfast to follow.

Sunday April 1st: 11am–5pm: Harcourt Valley Easter Festival, Harcourt Valley Winery, Harmony Way, Harcourt

Friday April 6th: 6pm Harcourt Fruit Growers Extra Ordinary AGM at Goldfields Track Café followed by dinner.

Sunday April 15th: 1.30 pm Heritage Centre talk–Harcourt's first footer, William Ward, his life and times.

Bowling Club Dates: See page 10

Heritage Centre: Open every Wednesday at the ANA Hall from 10 am to 4 pm or by appointment. Call: 0400 916 527

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

Night Tennis: a social hit at 7pm every Thursday at the Harcourt tennis courts, Leisure Centre, Bingham's Road.

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

Uniting Church: Every Sunday at 9 am in the Uniting Church, Buckley Street Harcourt, followed by morning tea. All welcome.

CWA: first Thursday of the month; 1.30pm at Harcourt Leisure Centre.



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Exhibit your artwork

An exciting opportunity exists for local artists, makers, curators and groups interested in using the foyer of the Phee Broadway Theatre in Castlemaine to exhibit work.

The program offers artists the opportunity to exhibit works over a two-month block at the theatre foyer, which shares an entranceway to the Castlemaine Library.

Exhibitions will be promoted as part of the 2018 Regional Centre for Culture (RCC).

“The RCC has enabled Council to offer a local residency program at the Phee Broadway Theatre and the opportunity to use the foyer space aligns with our focus on encouraging community access and use of this key venue.”

Expression of Interest forms must be submitted by 5.00pm on Thursday 15 March.

Expressions of Interest and information sheets are available from the Supporting Our Arts page on Council's website www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Supporting_our_arts. Printed copies may be collected from the Civic Centre, Castlemaine Library or Visitor Information Centres.

For further details on the program please email arts@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or phone Vicki Anderson on 5471 1877.

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Harcourt Fruit Growers Association (HDFGA)

Notification of an Extra Ordinary Annual General Meeting for Members and Associates to be held on Friday 6th April 2018 at 6pm at the Goldfields Track Cafe with dinner to follow at the conclusion of the AGM from 7pm.

Please RSVP to The Secretary:
scott_harrington@bigpond.com
your ability/inability to attend no later than 30th March and advise of your ability to stay for dinner so a booking can be made to assist in catering.

HARCOURT CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Wednesday – 21st March 2018

Time – 7.30pm

Where – Harcourt District Leisure Centre,
Binghams Road, Harcourt.
(Kitchen/ meeting room)

All past players and interested new players most welcome to attend.

If interested in learning more about the game but unable to attend the AGM you are most welcome to come join a team on games night – no previous experience needed.

For further information and to notify your interest in the game please make contact as follows-

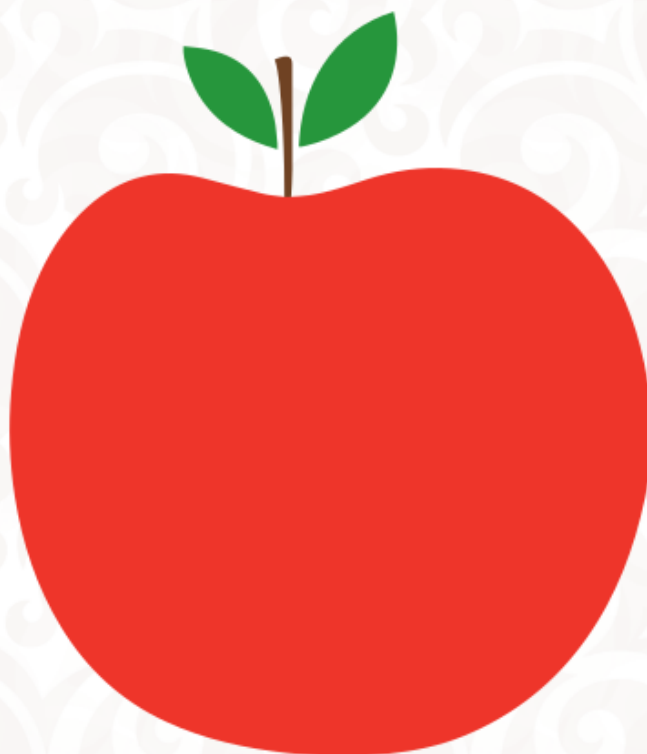
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